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**POLY GOVERNING COUNCILS RENDER SCORE CARD**

Ahead of the expiration of the 4-year tenure of the Governing Councils of Federal Polytechnics in the country, the Chairman of the Committee of Chairmen Governing Councils of Federal Polytechnics, Mohammed Abubakar, today in Abuja, led his colleagues to the Ministry for what appears to be the valedictory working visit on Education Minister, Adamu Adamu, to render the scorecard of the body and that of individual institutions under their purview.

Speaking at the event, Abubakar said that since the current Councils came on board, the various chairmen have paid serious attention to developments in their Polytechnics while ensuring harmonious relationship between management and staff.

Abubakar said that in an effort to improve the revenue generating capacity of their institutions, members of Councils have spearheaded efforts to convert their Consultancy Units to Limited Liability Companies rather than wait on the industrial sector to commercialise their researches.

He also revealed that through the efforts of the Committee, funding of Federal Polytechnics has improved, leading to better standard of living of staff and students.

The Chairman added that in agreement with the policies of the present administration, the Committee has always ensured that members comply with the stipulations of the National Economic Empowerment Development Strategy, (NEEDS), assessment policy of government.

In line with its mandate of revitalizing polytechnics in the country, he said the Governing Councils are working closely with the Committee of Federal Rectors to foster better understanding between Councils and management in the nation's Federal polytechnics.

He expressed the Councils' excitement at the opportunity to contribute to industrial harmony by participating in various negotiations, which has led to the resolution of disputes in these institutions.

In his remarks, Education Minister, Adamu Adamu, expressed appreciation to members of the various Councils for contributing their quota to the development of the education sector.

He commended them for the huge strides they have made in the course of carrying out their duties, especially in the area of ensuring and maintaining industrial harmony in the polytechnics.

The Minister urged the Governing Boards to lay more emphasis on vocational training in the Federal Polytechnics, in an effort to make the students more self-reliant.

The tenure of the present Governing Councils will end in May 2020.

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