



38th Convocation: VC, Prof. Abbas Lauded Over BUK's Academic Excellence, International Ranking

By Nura Garba

Scores of people have taken to social media to praise the Vice Chancellor, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas over what they termed as revolutionary move to change the landscape, skyscape and knowledge scape of Bayero University, Kano over the last three years.

The Vice Chancellor was described as committed, revolutionary and exemplary leader, whose administration has hit the ground running and taken the University's pendulum swinging among the international universities.

Speaking separately through Bayero University's official Facebook page at www.facebook.com/buk_nigeria, several people commented on the University's recent international accreditation, in which BUK was ranked 5th best University in Nigeria and among the 1000th best in the world by the Times Higher Education (THE) of the United Kingdom.

Majority of the comments showered praises on the Vice Chancellor, the management team and other staff of Bayero University, Kano for their selfless services, immense contributions and invaluable sacrifices to impact positively on the BUK's rising academic profile in the world.

The Vice Chancellor was particularly commended on Bayero University's successful conduct of the 38th Convocation ceremony, in which a total of 11,284

graduands were convoked and where President of Africa Development Bank (AfDB), Dr Akinwumi Adesina and Deputy Senate President, Barau Jibrin were conferred with honorary doctorate degrees.

One comment from an alumnus of the university said: Outstanding performance by the Management of Bayero University, Kano. Congratulations to both staff, students and the community of BUK. We are proud of our *alma-mater*.

Another comment said: He is committed, dedicated and industrious, while another one said: His performance is very commendable and I can rate him with excellent, 100%.

"I have been proud of Bayero University Management in particular and staff and students in general," one comment praised.

While many other comments kept saying excellent, *the best, outstanding, very excellent*, one comment said: *Masha Allah, kudos to VC and BUK generally*.

Similarly, several comments were reported to have showered praises on the Vice Chancellor and the management over the successful hosting of the 38th Convocation ceremony. Many described it as the best in recent times.

Kano Assembly to Mediate in BUK's Land Dispute

By Fausat A. Opayomi

Kano State House of Assembly is to wade in the lingering land tussle between Bayero University and some of its host community with a view of resolving the impasse once and for all.

The assurance was given by Hon. Mudassir Ibrahim, the Chief Whip and team leader of special delegation on a fact finding mission constituted by the State House of Assembly.

Honourable Mudassir who spoke on Monday, 11th March, 2024 when they paid a visit to the Vice Chancellor, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas in his office disclosed that they were assigned by the Speaker of the House to hear from the Management of the University over a letter of complaint submitted to the House by some members from the surrounding University community.

According to his as an impartial arbitrator, the House decided to visit the University Management for a discussion so as to find out the truth about the situation before taking any action regarding to land dispute.

Responding, the Vice Chancellor, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas welcomed the members and commended the Kano State House of Assembly for its proactive measure in

trying to find a lasting solution to the land dispute, which, he said, lingered for too long.

He said the University land was being encroached by some individuals from the host community and that all efforts by the University to stop them yielded little or no result. He, therefore, appealed to the Kano State Government to take decisive measure so as to put an end to the dispute.

The Chief Whip was accompanied during the visit by Alhaji Suleiman Mukhtar Madobi, Chairman, House committee on Education and Alhaji Hafizu, Chairman House committee on Land and Physical Planning.



BUK Management in a group photograph with visiting Kano Legislators

BUK TETFund Sponsored Trainees Invent Waste Sorting Machine

By Sabitu M. Jinjiri

A five-person team comprising three professors and two other academic staff had been sponsored by TETFund to attend Batch 17 R4i initiative workshop in January. The report was submitted to the Vice Chancellor on Wednesday, 13th March, 2024 at the Vice Chancellor's office to intimate him with the outcome of the research training they had received.



TETFund Trainees displaying the invented waste sorting machine in a group photograph with the University Management

Batch 17 R4i initiative workshop is a research training workshop organized by Innov8 Hub, Abuja, to impart participants with promising research skills that lead to possible invention, innovation and commercialization of research. Bayero University, Kano happened to be one of the five selected institutions of learning to take part in the research for impact training workshop. The other

participating institutions were University of Nigeria, Nsukka; University of Lagos, Akoka; Delta State Polytechnic, Otefe-Oghana and Ramat Polytechnic, Maiduguri.

Speaking on the training they had received, the team leader of BUK'S participating team, Prof. Maharazu A. Yusuf, informed the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Sagir A. Abbas, that BUK'S participants gained a lot from the training, Prof. Yusuf said the idea of turning research for commercial use and impact is crucial, instead of research for publication only, now it should be "research for innovation and publication" That is where research outcome can be turned to commercial valued commodity/product/service. This should be embraced by all for the good of the nation.

The team leader further disclosed that his team was able to, at the end of the research workshop, invent a machine capable of sorting wastes. The prototype of the machine was presented to the Vice Chancellor. According to Prof. Maharazu Yusuf, the machine can sort paper, metallic and plastic objects and is named "King Sorter".

Responding, the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Sagir A. Abbas, welcomed the research workshop team back to the university and expressed his happiness over what he heard as the outcome of the workshop. Prof. Sagir further explained that for any country that wants to move forward, putting research into use is indispensable. He said it is high time to shift from research for publication only to research

for consumption and/or commercialization. The Vice Chancellor then ordered for the newly invented machine to be transformed from its prototype status into a real machine that can be used and operated in this University, possibly for commercial use. He further suggested a stepdown training to other academic staff of the University.

At International Women's Day Celebration: **ACEPHAP Director, Prof. Galadanci, 5 others Honored**

By Bala G. Abdullahi

The International Women Day Celebration, which is usually celebrated annually with lectures on gender sensitivities and exhibitions globally, was observed in Kano not only with pomp and pageantry, but with the identification of few women, who distinguished themselves in their chosen careers, as well as impacted positively on humanities for recognition.

The occasion, which took place at the Coronation Hall, Government House, Kano, on Saturday 3rd May, 2024, saw the coming together of prominent women including those who made fame in politics, business, civil service and medical profession.

Of the five prominent women chosen by the organizers of the event for recognition and award of excellence, the Director of Africa Center of Excellence for Population Health and Policy (ACEPHAP), Professor Hadiza Galadanci was one of the chosen awardees.

Her choice for this prestigious award did not come as a surprise going by the groundswell of successes recorded in the ACEPHAP she is managing. Her recognition goes further to confirm what was already known of her – epitome of hard work, dedication and passion for saving lives.

It was not the first time Professor Galadanci will be recognized in the course of her medical career. She was nominated by the International Federation of Gynecology and Obstetrics (FIGO) and was awarded the prestigious HEROINE OF HEALTH Award 2023 by Women in Global Health for her extraordinary contribution to global health. She also recently emerged the winner of the Vice Chancellor's maiden edition of Innovation Award 2024.

Earlier, in her address, the Kano State Commissioner for Women, Children and Disabled, Hajiya Aisha Lawal Sadiq, had told the audience that the International Women Day celebration was an annual event usually celebrated globally with lectures and exhibition to advance the cause of women. She said this year's celebration with the theme: "Invest in Women to Accelerate Progress" would witness the recognition of a few women who distinguished themselves in their chosen careers by impacting positively on the lives of humanity.

The Commissioner named the six outstanding women chosen for the award of excellence to include; Dr. Naja'atu Bala Mohammed, Hajiya Maryam Sani Abacha, Hajiya Aisha M., Professor Hadiza Galadanci and the two wives of Kano State Governor. She said their choice followed a

The research workshop participants and inventors from Bayero University, Kano were: Prof. Maharazu A. Yusuf from Geography, Prof. Fatima Salmanu Koki from Physics Department, Prof. Muhammad Shu'aibu Abubakar from Agricultural Engineering, Mutawakkilu Muhammad from Science and Technology Education and Idris Hamza Kawo from Science and Technology, Education.

rigorous screening exercise coupled with their track record of achievements. She congratulated them and hoped that they would maintain the tempo.

Professor Aisha Ismail of Bayero University, Kano, who was the guest lecturer at the event, spoke extensively on the need to strengthen the institution of the family, saying that of recent, the fallen value of the family arising from lack of cohesion was worrisome. She said investing in women as the theme of the celebration would go a long way to accelerate the progress of families as institutions.

Professor Ismail said children and the youth who were the potential leaders of tomorrow must be given the best of training at home, adding that whatever training/knowledge



Prof. Galadanci (3rd left) receiving Her Excellence Award from Alhaji Sagagi, Chief of Staff to Governor, Engr. Abba Kabir Yusuf

imparted on the children in school would only be a continuation of home foundation.

Speaking on the award, Professor Hadiza Galadanci thanked the organizers for the recognition, saying that the award would go along way to inspire them to continue to do more for humanity.

Also speaking, Dr. Naja'atu Bala Mohammed said the honour done to them was well deserved. She urged governments at all levels to always give priority to matters that affect the welfare of women particularly girl-child education, which, she said had been experiencing decline in recent times.

She also made an appeal for women empowerment, saying that "when you empower a woman, you have empowered the family and the entire household."

Highlight of the occasion was the distribution of N20,000 each as empowerment funds to several women from across the 44 local government areas in Kano State.

ACEPHAP Holds Report Writing Workshop for BUK's Senior Administrative Staff

By Bala G. Abdullahi

Africa Center of Excellence for Population Health and Policy (ACEPHAP) organized a 5-Day Report Writing and Presentation Workshop for Senior Administrative Staff of Bayero University, Kano as part of efforts to make the University feel the impact of the center's activities, the Director of the Center, Professor Hadiza Galadanci has said.

Speaking shortly before she declared the workshop open on Monday 4th March, 2024, Professor Galadanci said the



Participants in a group photograph after the workshop

intention of the training workshop was to improve the skills of the university's administrative staff to enable them to give their best for the success of the institution.

She said last year, similar workshop was held for administrative staff to improve their computer operation knowledge, saying that at the end of the training, the feedback the center received from the participants made it possible for "us to organize another workshop, this time to enhance their report writing and presentation skills."

The Director stated that as senior administrative officers, some of their schedules and responsibilities are writing

minutes and reports writing arising from Committees' meetings and resolutions for decisions and other administrative actions to be taken for the development of the institutions, noting that to assist them master the art of report writing, "we decided to organize the workshop to build their capacities to enable them to achieve perfection."

She disclosed that over 10 administrative staff were sponsored for a foreign capacity building training, assuring that the center would continue to make its impact felt in the areas of training and retraining.

Professor Galadanci advised the participants to step-down the training to their subordinates in their various units. In that way, the impact of the training would permeate down the administrative ladder.

Speaking on the objectives of the workshop at the beginning of the training, the Deputy Director, Research of the Center, Dr. Taiwo Amole said reports are absolute necessity in any organization. Inaccurate reports inevitably lead to wrong decisions and actions.

She added that writing quality reports and presenting them effectively require certain skills and competencies, adding that it was in efforts to help bridge the gap with a view to equipping participants with the requisite knowledge, skills and competencies in report writing and presentation that the workshop was organized. Dr. Amole wished the participants a successful training.

Some of the participants expressed appreciation to ACEPHAP for the training and assured that they would step-down the training to their colleagues who didn't to attend the training.

Certificates were presented to the participants by the Director of the Center, Professor Hadiza Galadanci at the end of the training.

BUK to Institute Alumni Day for Basketball

By Nura Garba

Bayero University, Kano will institute an alumni day for Basketball every year to celebrate with its graduands who are passionate about the game of Basketball.

Vice Chancellor, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas stated this on Wednesday, 13th March, 2024, when he received a delegation of Faraj Charity Foundation in his office.

He said celebrating such a day would provide an opportunity for interaction with the alumni, which would significantly strengthen their relationship with the University.

The Vice Chancellor charged the Director of Sports, Professor Rabiuh Mohammed and Chairman, Sports Consultative Committee, Professor Musa Garba to make



Representative of Faraj Charity Foundation (4th left) presenting a new Jersey to the VC, Prof. Sagir A. Abbas (3rd right) in a group photograph with the Director of Sports, Chairman, Sports Consultative Committee, DVC Academics, DVC Management Services and other members of Faraj Charity

sure that all the necessary arrangements are done for the alumni day to take place.

CGS collaborates with CITAD, FWANET to Celebrate International Women's Day

By Fausat A. Opayomi

Bayero University Center for Gender Studies in collaboration with Center for Information Technology and Development (CITAD) and FGN Women Ambassador Network (FWANET) joined the rest of the world to commemorate International Women's Day with policy brief and book launch on Wednesday, 13th March, 2024 at the CGS Conference Room.

The Director, CGS, Dr. Suwaiba Ahmad Sa'id, in her opening remarks, described the occasion as an opportunity to celebrate the extra ordinary achievements of women and urged the society to support women so as to reach their full potentials.

She said the 2024 International Women's Day was marked with a book launch titled: "Moving from the fringes" Perspective on Gender Digital Marginality in Nigeria. According to her, CGS is a knowledge-based center for the improvement of the situation of men, women and girls by analyzing their specific problems, needs and interests. She said the center, which is multidisciplinary in nature, works with other centers, various departments, stakeholders of the university for teaching, research and training of students and members of the society on gender issues.

Dr. Safiya Aliyu of the Faculty of Law and a former Nigerian Ambassador to Romania, in her presentation titled: "**The imperative of mainstreaming gender for national development,**" outlined benefits of empowering women to include economic development, poverty reduction, improved health and education, peace and security as well as achievement of sustainable

development goals.

In her key note address, Dr. (Mrs.) Mairo Bello, who is the ED of Adolescent Health and Information Projects (AHIP) urged women to work with self- esteem so as not to be relegated to the background.



Director, CGS, Dr. Suwaiba Sa'id Ahmad (seated middle) in the midst of other participants

The Gender Technical Officer, CITAD, Zainab Aminu, disclosed that the center had trained 25 women on gender digital analysis. She said the policy recommended that government, relevant agencies and Civil societies should come up with digital inclusion agenda policy and collaborate with legislators to advance the five gender bills proposed to the 10th assembly.

Indiscriminate Rearing of Animals in the University Staff Quarters

The Principal Officers at their 1st (2024), meeting held on Thursday 1st February, 2024 observed with dismay, the indiscriminate rearing of animals by some of the occupants of the university's staff quarters

In view of the above, the affected occupants of the staff quarters, are hereby advised by the staff housing allocation and maintenance committee (SHA&MC) to please comply with the following housing regulations on rearing of animals:

- Under no circumstance, shall dangerous or poisonous animals be kept in the University housing.
- The occupants should not allow animals to stray in the University premises or to constitute nuisance to the neighboring houses. Compensation shall be paid to the University or affected persons by the owner of any animal that inflicts any damage.
- Occupants keeping livestock or intend to keep livestock in the University housing shall write to the Secretary, Staff Housing Allocation and Maintenance Committee (SHA&MC) about the livestock. The Secretary shall forward such request to the Director, University Health Services for clearance.
- Occupant keeping livestock shall erect temporary

enclosure within his premises and shall maintain full control of the animals at all time.

- The enclosure and the livestock shall be subjected to regular inspection by the University Health Services to ascertain compliance. If found to compromise standard such occupants will be advised to improve or recommend to Staff Housing Allocation and Maintenance Committee (SHA&MC) the withdrawal of permission for keeping the animals.
- Staff Housing Allocation and Maintenance Committee (SHA&MC), on the advice of the University Health Services shall ask an occupant to demolish the animal enclosure and the demolition shall be the responsibility of the occupant, and shall be completed within **14 days** of receipt of notice.
- An Occupant should be ready to produce on demand by authorized University officers, a certificate from an approved veterinary clinic or hospital indicating immunization and good health of the animals.

Henceforth, the Staff Housing Allocation and Maintenance Committee (SHA&MC) will not hesitate to apply its sanction against defaulters of the aforementioned regulations.

BUK Team Defeats Alumni in Basketball Novelty Match

By Nura Garba



Group photograph of BUK Team and Alumni Team before the novelty match

The Alumni of Bayero University Kano team suffered a 32-27 loss against students of the University in a basketball novelty match played on Saturday, 9th March, 2024 at the famous BUK Sports Complex, Old Campus.

The Alumni roster featured notable figures such as journalist Ali M. Ali, Faruk Raji, who is a former captain of the school basketball team, Jamilu Muhammad, Usman Raji, Amos James, Coach Idanwekhai Wilson, Adewale Osubu, Mustapha Baba, and Idris Yaro.

The students' team comprised star players from the silver and bronze medal-winning male and female teams at the recent West African University Games held at the Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile Ife.

As anticipated, the initial quarter unfolded with the Alumni players showing signs of rust as they struggled to score.

Consequently, the students seized an early eight-point lead, later expanding it to 12 points, concluding the first quarter

at 14-2.

The Alumni staged a comeback in the second quarter, with Jamilu Muhammad and Mustapha Baba drawing fouls for crucial free throws.

Adewale Osubu contributed significantly, sinking a three-pointer to narrow the gap, ending the quarter at 17-9. Despite receiving more free throws in the third quarter, the Alumni converted only 3 out of 18 attempts. A pivotal moment came when Jamilu Muhammad scored four consecutive points through turnovers, propelling the Alumni into the lead at 18-17.

However, the friendly match ended 32-27 in favour of the BUK team.

The match was graced by the Chairman, Sports Consultative Committee, Professor Musa Garba and was coordinated by the University Basketball Chief Coach, Sunusi Shuaibu Badway.

Boosting Agribusiness in Kano: NAAS BUK Chapter Hosts Symposium, Launches Green Focus Magazine

The Nigerian Association of Agricultural Students (NAAS), BUK Chapter, hosted a remarkable event on Thursday, 7th March, 2024 to unveil the much-anticipated 4th edition of the Green Focus Magazine.

The occasion was marked by a symposium and a panel discussion which delved into the business opportunities awaiting students across diverse departments within the Faculty of Agriculture.

Additionally, the event featured the esteemed presentation of awards to faculty members that have continued to provide support for the association.

Exploring Agribusiness Opportunities

The symposium featured a captivating panel discussion. Lecturers from each department within the faculty explored the vast business opportunities within their fields. This session aimed to ignite entrepreneurial spirits and



Dignitaries on the high table during the Magazine launch

empower students to tap into the agricultural sector's potential.

Green Focus Magazine: A Valuable Resource

The Green Focus Magazine, a yearly publication by NAAS BUK, shines a light on the agricultural field. It features insightful articles, engaging blogs, and excerpts from interviews with prominent figures in ministries, departments, agencies, research institutions and agricultural organizations. Over the years, the magazine has established itself as a valuable resource for students and agricultural professionals alike.

Gathering of Prominent Figures

The event which attracted distinguished audience saw the attendance of Professor Yusuf D. Vice Chancellor of Capital City University, who graced the occasion with his

presence. Joining him were Professor Shehu Alhaji Musa, the immediate past Vice Chancellor of Aliko Dangote University of Science and Technology Wudil, and Professor Yusuf Garba, the Director of Academic Planning at Bayero University Kano. Faculty principal officers, staff, and students also actively participated.

The event garnered significant support, even in absentia. Notably, the Commissioner for Higher Education, Kano State, the Commissioner for Agriculture, Katsina State and the Provost of the Kano State College of Education & Preliminary Studies demonstrated their strong commitment to the initiative through sending representatives.

Department of Biochemistry: *Departmental PG Seminar Notice***PhD Proposal Seminar**

Presenter 1: Zaharaddin Halilu (SPS/19/PBC/00008)

Topic: Role of Mutations in PSEN1/2, APP and APOE Genes in the Susceptibility to Familia Alzheimer's Disease in Kano.

Degree in View: PhD Biochemistry

Supervisor: Dr. Nasiru Abdullahi

Presenter 2: Hajara Aminu Usman (SPS/20/PBC/00005)

Topic: Formulation and Clinical Evaluation of Ready to use Therapeutic Food for Treatment of Protein Energy-Malnutrition and Micro Nutrient deficiency in Kaduna State, Nigeria.

Degree in View: PhD Biochemistry

Supervisor: Prof. A. A. Imam

M.Sc. Completion Seminar

Presenter 3: Nuraddeen Musa Abdullahi (SPS/19/MBC/00052)

Topic: Impact of Covid-19 Loan on Household Food Security and Nutritional Status of Adolescent Girls and Children under Five Years in Municipal Local Government of Kano State.

Degree in View: M.Sc. Public Health Nutrition and Policy.

Supervisor: Prof. M. K. Atiku

Internal: Dr. A. M. Gadanya

Presenter 4: Fatima Abubakar Gana

(SPS/18/MBC/00053)

Topic: Assessment of Nutrient Composition of Complementary Food and its Effects on Malnourished Infant.

Degree in View: M.Sc. Biochemistry (Nutrition)

Supervisor: Dr. Binta G. Kurfi

Internal: Dr. Aminu Idi

Presenter 5: Ummusalma Nuhu Abdullahi (SPS/18/MBC/00145)

Topic: Isolation and Characterization of Dehalogenase Producing Bacteria Against Trichloro Acetic Acid and Dichloromethane.

Degree in View: M.Sc. Biotechnology

Supervisor: Dr. Dayyabu Shehu

Internal: Prof. A. M. Wudil

M.Sc. Proposal Seminar

Presenter 6: Muhammad Nuhu (SPS/20/MBC/00037)

Topic: Evaluation of Single Nucleotide Polymorphisms (SNPs) in Aldose Reductase (AR2) Gene in Diabetic Patients attending Abubakar Tafawa Balewa University Teaching Hospital, Bauchi.

Degree in View: M.Sc. Biotechnology

Supervisor: Prof. A. A. Imam

Chairman: Prof. Mansura Abdulazeez

Time: 10:00 am Prompt

Date: Tuesday 19th March, 2024

Call for Applications for the 2024 Degree-oriented Research Grants

The Directorate of Research, Innovation and Partnership (DRIP) wishes to inform the University community that the call for applications for Degree-Oriented Research Grants 2024 is now open. Members of staff of Bayero University, who are enrolled in local fellowship but are not under any scholarship, are eligible to apply for DOR Grant. Application package may be downloaded at:

[BUK DOR 2024 - Google Drive](https://forms.gle/Viy3R9fMXs2jgQqD7) Or <https://forms.gle/Viy3R9fMXs2jgQqD7>

All applications should be screened by the Departmental/Institute/Centre and/or Faculty/School Research Committees, where applicable. You are, therefore, advised to set a dateline to allow for corrections.

While the corrected proposals (original hard copy) should be submitted to the Secretary, DRIP; the soft copy should be submitted via the link: <https://forms.gle/Viy3R9fMXs2jgQqD7>

Applications shall be accompanied by the minutes of the Centre/Faculty/School/Institute Research Committee meeting where the proposals were considered and recommended for funding.

All applications must be submitted by April 30, 2024, at 23:59 West Africa Time.

For additional information, please contact: Tel: +2349061418944; +2348066023543, +234802945972.



BAYERO UNIVERSITY, KANO

New Campus Jumu'at Masjid

RAMADAN FEEDING (IFTAR) EXERCISE 1445 AH (2024)

Bayero University New Campus Juma'at Mosque is organizing a Ramadan Iftar feeding program for this coming Ramadan. 1445AH.

The Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) said: "Whoever gives food for a fasting person, he will earn the same reward as the one who has observed the fast without diminishing in any way the reward of the latter". It is with this understanding that we propose to conduct an Iftar feeding program to provide food to those in need during this upcoming Ramadan (1445 AH). Our goal is to serve meals at the cost of N1500 per person to approximately 200 persons daily especially undergraduate students who cannot afford to feed themselves during the blessed month of Ramadan.

To make this program a reality, we are seeking your support in the form of financial contributions/donations of food items/volunteer assistance. Any support you can provide will go a long way in ensuring the success of this Iftar program Insha'Allah.

If you are interested in supporting this initiative, please feel free to contact Professor Abubakar Jika Jiddere (08033118526) or Dr. Nura Ibrahim (08036572655) or you can make your contribution through the following account details:

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Nura Ibrahim, PhD

Secretary, Mosque Committee

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