



Channel Knowledge Towards Addressing Nigeria's Socio-economic Crisis ...Tinubu Challenges Academia

By Bala G. Abdullahi

Minister of Education, Prof. Tahir Mamman delivering a speech at the Convocation

Nigerian universities should channel their knowledge, through research towards solving the socio-economic and other challenges confronting the nation with a view to ensuring sustainable growth and development of the country.

President Bola Ahmed Tinubu who stated this in his address at the grand finale of the 38th Convocation ceremony of Bayero University on Saturday 2nd March, 2024 at the University's Convocation Arena , New Campus.

The President was represented by the Minister of Education, Professor Tahir Mamman, noted that the intellectual scholarship of universities should be used as a solution to reduce poverty to the barest minimum.

He said universities as citadels of learning and scholarship are expected to serve as reservoir of knowledge through defining their roles, designing of programmes that would assist the government in poverty reduction, creating employment opportunities, promoting health, applying new technologies, protecting the environment, sustaining democracy and upholding good governance to align with global sustainable development goals.

President Tinubu emphasized the need for universities to adapt to the modern world by repositioning themselves as centers of education that drive development. He said the determination of his administration's resolve to continue to support the upgrade of infrastructure, research equipment and teaching materials in universities are not in doubt.

The President stated that while supporting all facets of education, government, he said “will specifically focus on skill, technology and vocational education as fundamental pillars of the educational system with the aim of preparing graduates for both employment and entrepreneurship,” he assured.

He said to show commitment towards vocational education, his administration would build 24 skills and vocational hubs in Polytechnics and entrepreneurship centers in the universities. Additionally, he disclosed that 91 vocational schools are under construction in secondary schools nationwide to ensure that all levels of education benefit from these policies.

The government, according to the President is reviving the 970 *Tsangaya* centers for use as integrated learning aimed at developing *Almajiri* education across the country.

As part of the administration's commitment, the President said tertiary institutions were removed from the IPPIS platform and there was an increase in the allocation to the education sector for 2024 and the operationalization of the student loan scheme among other initiatives.

He said recently, the Federal Executive Council had approved guidelines for good governance and emphasized adherence to financial regulations, saying that observing the regulation in breach would attract serious consequences.

The President congratulated the graduands and also commended Bayero University Management for the groundswell of infrastructure and its maintenance culture.

Earlier, the Vice Chancellor, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas had outlined some of the modest achievements recorded by the University to include improvement in ranking to being the 5th best university in country. It was also ranked 3rd Best Value University for International Students in Nigeria.

Professor Abbas also said BUK emerged amongst the top 1,000 in the world. He disclosed that the University made history on Thursday 30th November, 2023 when it graduated the first set of Doctors of Pharmacy (Pharm D) in Nigeria." Indeed, BUK is the first university in Nigeria to achieve this milestone," he emphasized.

The Vice Chancellor also revealed the research breakthroughs recorded by the University to include the e-motive research by Africa Center of Excellence for Population Health and Policy (ACEPHAP), which addressed the menace of postpartum hemorrhage (excessive bleeding after child birth), which had been the major cause of maternal mortality. The e-motive research work was able to reduce maternal mortality by 60%.

He also mentioned Centre for Dryland Agriculture's (CDA) research breakthrough. He said the CDA research outcome was able to identify the sexes of date palm (male and female). This research discovery had been able to increase dates yield by over 70 per cent and addressed the challenges faced by farmers of date palm in Nigeria.

The Vice Chancellor appealed to the President to provide perimeter fence around the New Campus of the University to address the menace of security challenges the University was grappling with.

Meanwhile, a total of 5,432 candidates were conferred with Higher Degrees and Postgraduate Diplomas at the grand finale.

Out of which 317 received PhD, and 3,770 received Master's Degrees, while Postgraduate Diplomas were conferred on 1,345 candidates. The Vice Chancellor urged them to be worthy ambassadors of the University.

38th Convocation Edition:

African Development Bank Partners CDA on Food Security, Agricultural Technology

By Nura Garba



AfDB President, Akinwumi Adesina (2nd right) discussing with VC, Prof. Sagir Abbas (centre) and the Director CDA, Prof. Jibrin Muhammad Jibrin (left)



VC, Prof. Prof. Sagir Adamu Abbas and AfDB President, Akinwumi Adesina (center) in a group photograph with other management of CDA and graduands of the Centre's PhD and Masters's programmes

The African Development Bank (AfDB) has expressed its determination to partner with Bayero University's Centre for Dryland Agriculture on food security and agricultural technology with the aim of addressing the challenges facing farming system across Africa.

This was disclosed by the President of the African Development Bank (AfDB), Dr Akinwumi Adesina when he visited the Centre for Dryland Agriculture (CDA) on Saturday, 2nd March, 2024.

Dr Adesina said he was impressed with the achievements of the CDA especially its milestones in winning the World Bank grants and impacts made on researches. He promised to establish collaboration with the CDA for improved agricultural activities.

“I was very impressed with what the University does in all areas and in particular the rigour they actually approach their work. I am delighted to be here at this centre, they are doing fantastic work.”

“Why this centre is very important is that we live in an era of climate change and we get only three per cent of agriculture under irrigation therefore the issue is we have to help our farmers to make decisions according to weather and situations. Farmers need to be helped and have access to technologies that allow them to be able to produce crops and to be resilient in the face of climate change.

According to him the African Development Bank will dip in the work that they are doing in may be, three to four ways. First, we will work with them to become one of the key centres to get technology such as water-efficient maize, and heat-tolerance wheat varieties to farmers at the scale of millions.

Dr. Adesina also hinted that the bank will work with CDA to also become a centre which “we can use in modelling work so that we can know how to predict weather patterns and get that information to farmers so that they can plant better and the Bank will work with them through a program we call Africa Disaster Insurance Facility which supports farmers in countries in the face of climate change.

The third area that AfDB think is going to be important is Agric pitch for people to develop their business ideas and get 120,000 dollars. The major thing is to adapt to climate change. We will support them to be able to do more and

also to be able to have a significant amount of more resources to be able to do more for those that actually win.

In addition, the AfDB boss promised that BUK's CDA will be given priority by the global centre on adaptation which he serve as a board member together with the former UN Secretary General, Banki Moon “because you are doing exactly what we want to see – supporting farmers in the face of climate change,” he said.

In his remarks, the Vice Chancellor, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas, told the visiting AfDB boss that the university is very much proud about the successes of the CDA and ACEPHAP which he said have made the university proud through their activities.

Professor Abbas said he prayed to have a collaboration between the university and the Bank especially in the area of agriculture, health and renewable energy in which the university had centres of excellence in the areas.

The Vice Chancellor thanked the president of the AfDB for finding time to visit the CDA which is one of the proud World Bank funded Centres of Excellence in Africa.

Earlier, the Director of the Centre, Professor Jibrin Mohammed Jibrin, in a brief presentation gave the historical evolution of the Centre, which he said was established in 2012 by the University before it won a World Bank grant of \$800,000. In 2016, subsequently, the Centre won a competitive grant of \$8m to become a regional Africa Centre of excellence in dryland agriculture.

He explained that in 2019, CDA won another \$5 million under the ACEIII project (Africa Centre of Excellence for Development Impact) He said in 2019, the CDA became one of the only 7 host universities for PASET PhD programmes in Africa after its programme of Climate Change was competitively selected among 144 institutions that competed.

38th Convocation Edition:

Prof. Hadiza Galadanci, Two others Emerges Winner of Maiden VC's Innovation Award 2024

By Lamara Garba

Professor Hadiza Shehu Galadanci, the Director of Africa Centre of Excellence for Population Health and Policy (ACEPHAP) was awarded the overall winner of the maiden edition of the Vice Chancellor's Innovation Award 2024.

The award was presented by the Vice Chancellor, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas, on Saturday, 2nd March, 2024 during the grand finale of the 38th Convocation ceremony.

The Professor of Gynecology was recognized for her ground breaking research breakthrough in Randomised Trial of Early Detection and Treatment of Postpartum Haemorrhage (E.MOTIVE Trial).

In her research methodology, the E-MOTIVE Trial compared the use of a multicomponent clinical intervention with the usual care for the detection and treatment of postpartum haemorrhage in patients having vaginal delivery.



Prof. Sagir A. Abbas (left) presenting a plaque to Prof. Hadiza Shehu Galadancias the winner of the Maiden VC innovation award

Through her discovery, the world health Organisation has developed new guidelines and recommendations on Management of PPH incorporating the E-MOTIVE findings which means that the recommendation will now be used throughout the world.

It could be recalled that, Professor Galadanci was in the year 2023 bestowed with a Heroine of Health Award by an International Organisation the Women in Global Health in which spectacular women across the world were recognized for the award which took place in Kigali Rwanda.

Others recognized include Mrs Amina Sulaiman Rajah of the Department of Nursing Science in the Faculty of Allied Health Sciences who emerged as second winner. Through her research work, she invented re-usable Menstrual Pads for women.

The recycle pad could last for over a year, which saves cost as against the disposable ones women are using now.

The third prize goes to Professor Muhammad Auwal Hussaini of the Department of Agronomy in the Faculty of

Agriculture. His research discovery on whether increasing rotational diversity improve crop productivity in intensively managed lowland had a positive impact on agricultural activities which will provide food security and sufficiency in the region if properly applied.

Speaking during the presentations of the awards at the grand finale of the 38th convocation ceremony, the Vice Chancellor, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas said the university was very much proud with the recipients.

He said the innovation Award was introduced as part of efforts to boost the morale of researchers and motivate them to do more. In particular, he said special recognition would be made on all those who make any breakthrough so that the university will celebrate with them.

38th Convocation Edition:

Kano State Governor Commissions Projects in BUK ...Promises Continue Support on Student's Welfare

By Suleiman Salihu

The Kano State Governor, Alhaji Abba Kabir Yusuf has said his administration would continue the support students of the State studying in various tertiary institutions across the country, just as he promised to continue rendering support Bayero University.

The State Governor who disclosed this while commissioning three gigantic Projects in Bayero University on Tuesday, 5th March, 2024 at Old Campus. The Governor further revealed that his administration has preserved and allocated 30% budget on educational sector.

This he said was in addition to the reduction of 50% registration fees to all tertiary institutions of Kano State. He said the government is working tirelessly to extend the gesture enjoyed by students of Bayero University, Kano to other higher institution of learning across the country.

“I am product of BUK and I vowed to do whatever it takes to make this university to be great so as to serve the Community diligently”, he disclosed.

The Projects commissioned included the Provost's Office, College of Natural and Pharmaceutical Sciences, Dean's Office, Faculty of Basic Medical Sciences and Dean's Office Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences.

Governor Abba Kabir while congratulating the Management of Bayero University for securing the projects, he said the edifices would improve in the area of research and training in the University.

Earlier in his address, the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas appreciated the presence of the Kano State Governor and his cabinet for the commissioning of the three gigantic projects.

He said the projects were secured in National Budget in addition to those 7 commissioned by Senator Barau Jibrin and Honourable Minister of Education, Malam Tahir

Mamman on Friday, 1st March, 2024. According to him as part of the deliberate policy, the university is gradually tilting towards collegiate system with a view to decentralizing the day to day administration of the university so that to allow the Chief executive to concentrate of sourcing of funds and provision of infrastructures.

While appreciating the Kano State Governor for commissioning the projects, he thanked him for the payment of registration fees for over 6,000 students of Kano State indigene, studying in Bayero University, Kano during the last registration exercise, which he said was the first of its kind.



Governor Alhaji Abba Kabir Yusuf (centre) assisted by the Deputy Governor, Comrade Aminu Abdussalam Gwarzo (left); SSG Dr. AB Bichi and VC BUK, Prof. Sagir A. Abbas (extreme right) cutting the tape to commission Dean's Office Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences

Professor Abbas said the university remains grateful for this spectacular gesture which he said is the manifestation of the good intent of the governor towards educational growth and development in the state.

Highlight of the event was presentation of plaque to the Kano State Governor.

38th Convocation Edition:

BUK Confers Honorary Degrees on Barau Jibrin, Adesina

By Lamara Garba

The Bayero University, Kano has conferred Honorary Degrees on Deputy Senate President, Senator Barau I. Jibrin and Dr Akinwumi Adesina, President of African Development Bank.

Speaking at the ceremony which was attended by President of the Senate, senator Godswill Akpabio and Governor's of Kano and Zamfara states, Alhaji Abba Kabir Yusuf and Alhaji Dauda Lawal, the Vice Chancellor Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas said the award was in recognition of their contribution to national development.

He noted that it was the tradition in university to single out individuals to honour them with an honorary degrees as part of the efforts to encourage community and selfless service by the citizens.

According to him, the duo have distinguished themselves in selfless service which therefore attracted the Management of the university to recognised them.

Speaking separately, after the conferment, Senator Barau Jibrin said this will further spur him to do more in the service of the society.

Senator Barau, who was full of praises and appreciation for the honour bestowed on him recognition by Bayero University, Kano, said he was overwhelm by the award.

He thanked the Senate and management of the university for the award which he said will go a long way in motivating him to do more on the little he has been doing.

The Deputy Senate President in particular reaffirm

commitment to ensure that government had done the right thing in the development of education.

He also appealed to the federal government to as a matter of priority increased funding of education particularly at tertiary level as majority of the people could not afford sending their wards to the private schools.

Also in his remarks, the President of the African Development Bank, Dr Akinwumi Adesina expressed gratitude for the award.

He vowed to continue to give his best in the development of humanity through contribution to the sustainable growth and development of education.

In particular, he charged academics to always make researchers that are relevant to



Senator Barau I. Jibrin (right) receiving the Honorary Degree certificate from VC BUK, Prof. Sagir A Abbas (left)



Dr. Akinwumi Adesina (right) receiving the Honorary Degree certificate from VC BUK, Prof. Sagir A Abbas (left)



Senate President, Godswill Akpabio, making an address during the convocation

38th Convocation Edition:

Senate President, Akpabio Commends BUK ...Charges students on Patriotism, Unity

By Lamara Garba

The President of the Senate, Senator Godswill Akpabio has commended the management of Bayero University, Kano for its judicious management of resources.

He was speaking in Bayero University, Kano on Saturday, 2nd March, 2024 during the grand finale of the 38th Convocation ceremony, said the university has stand out unique for its infrastructural development and academic excellence.

"I am highly impressed with what I saw here in Bayero University and what the VC has said regarding the status of the university, it is indeed quite commendable and worthy if emulation by others," said Mr Akpabio.

The Senate President promised to support Bayero University towards achieving its developmental programmes

He also charged the graduands to always put the interest of the nation over and above any other consideration. Saying any society that lacks patriotic citizens that nation is bound to fail.

The Senate President while admonishing the graduands to have the interest of the nation at heart, he also advise them never to rely on white colour jobs.

"And you should always strive to learnt some skills that will make you earn a living after graduation which you may not necessarily wait for government job," he advised.

Mr. Akpabio assured that as law makers they will make sure that they promulgate policies that would have a positive impact on national growth and development.

He congratulated the graduands and urged them to represent their Alma mata wherever they found themselves.

He also charged the youth to avoid drugs and its social vices as they will one day be the driver's of the country and this could only happen when one conducted himself with honour and dignity. "As you were awarded the degrees based on learning and character, please do not renege on this principle so that together as we are fading out, you will take over the affairs."

Ugandan 'Varsity Seeks Collaboration with BUK, MAAUN

By Lamara Garba

The Islamic University of Uganda has visited the Vice Chancellor of Bayero University, Kano seeking to establish collaboration and network for mutual benefit of the institutions.

The Vice Rector (Academic affairs) of the Islamic University of Uganda, Dr Jamil Serwanga accompanied by the Academic Registrar, Dr. Halima Wakabi Akbar while briefing the Vice Chancellor of Bayero University, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas in his office on Tuesday, 5th March, 2024 said the visit was part of the effort to identify areas of establishing working relationship for academic development.

university so as to establish a strong tie for the benefit of all.

He commended the vice Chancellor and management of BUK for all the support and mentoring rendering to MAAUN which had immensely contributed to its growth and academic excellence.

Responding, the Vice Chancellor, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas, thanked the visitors for their interest in collaboration, explaining that the doors of the university are widely open for any mutual networking.

Professor Abbas, noted that Bayero University has been



He said they heard so much about Bayero University particularly while discussing with the President of Maryam Abacha American University of Nigeria (MAAUN) Professor Adamu Abubakar Gwarzo, explained that BUK stand unique amongst Nigerian Universities for its quality and standards.

Dr. Serwanga, said the Excellence of BUK was manifested in its products in which the Registrar of his University was also an alumna of this great institution. "That is why we decided to come and explore relationship with you."

Earlier, the President of Maryam Abacha American University of Nigeria (MAAUN), Professor Adamu Abubakar Gwarzo who accompanied the team disclosed that, they came to his university for discussion and felt that, they should also come to BUK as a mother and mentor

amongst the top five best university in Nigeria in terms of quality and excellence, saying that the institution had over 40,000 students with about 200 degree programmes at both undergraduate and postgraduate studies.

The Vice Chancellor pointed out that a blueprint and memorandum of understanding will be develop for the collaboration between the institutions.

He commended the MAAUN President for the bold step, saying knowledge is universal and for any institution to grow and prosper must be ready to collaborate and establish network with sister institutions across the world.

Those on the visit included the Vice Chancellor of MAAUN, Professor Muhammad Israr; Dr Habibu Uwaisu, Registrar MAAUN; Dr Hamza Garba, Students Affairs and Dr Abdullahi Garba a Senior Lecturer.

Department of Geography: PhD Seminar

1ST PRESENTER: Sirajo Ayuba

TOPIC: Effect of Terminal Heat Stress on the Yield, Biomass and Growth of Irrigated Wheat: A Review

CHAIRMAN: Professor Adamu Idris Tanko

2ND PRESENTER: Maharazu Abdulkadir

TOPIC: Assessment of Land Quality and Crop Options for Food Security in Parts of Drylands in Kano Region

CHAIRMAN: Professor Maharazu A. Yusuf

3RD PRESENTER: Rahila Aliyu Gambo

TOPIC: An Assessment of Sustainable Mobility Challenges for Vulnerable Crops in Urban Kano

CHAIRMAN: Prof. Aliyu Salisu Barau

DATE: Thursday 14th March, 2024.

Time: 10.00 am prompt

Venue: NRM Class, **Geography Department**

NOTE: Attending seminars is compulsory to all MSc I, MSc II, PhD I and PhD II students



BAYERO UNIVERSITY, KANO

New Campus Jumu'at Masjid

RAMADAN FEEDING (IFTAR) EXERCISE 1445 AH (2024)

Bayero University New Campus Jumu'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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