

## “BUK Will Soon Become a World Class Citadel of Learning”

- *Tanta University (DVC) Vice President*

The Vice President (Deputy Vice Chancellor) of Tanta University, Egypt, Professor Mohammed Ahmed Dabaon, said going by the quantum of infrastructural and facilities development now going on at both campuses of Bayero University, he was optimistic that in the next five years the University will become a world class international citadel of learning.



Vice President Tanta University, Egypt, Prof. Mohammed Dabaon presents gifts to the VC, Prof. Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, represented by Prof. Hafizu

Professor Dabaon who led two other senior academics on a facility visit at both campuses of the University on Tuesday said they were highly impressed with what they saw on the ground, saying that, “It is my belief that in the next two or three years when we will have cause to visit BUK again, we hope to see a different University.”

He said the majority of the facilities on the ground in BUK are of international standard. This, he added, made him conclude that “in the next five years

the University will surely join the league of international universities.”

The Tanta University Vice President said the visit was also part of the efforts on their part to strengthen the existing relationship with BUK, assuring that Tanta University was ready and willing to assist and cooperate with BUK to boost teaching, learning and research.

He said they were in Kano specifically to inspect facilities at the proposed Northwest University Teaching Hospital preparatory to the commencement of its MBBS programme.

Professor Dabaon thanked the BUK management led by its Vice Chancellor, Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed *mni*, MFR for the confidence they have on Tanta University.

Earlier, the Vice Chancellor of Bayero University, Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, represented by Professor Hafizu Abubakar, the Director, Centre for Biotechnology Research, took the visitors round some facilities and on-going projects at the two Campuses and told them that management was not surprised by the comments of Professor Dabaon on BUK, saying that the current Vice Chancellor, Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, did lay such a foundation and described him as the “father of modern BUK”.

Those on the facility tour along with Professor Hafizu Abubakar were the Bursar; the Librarian, the Dean, Faculty of Agriculture; the Director, General Administration; the Director, Establishment Matters and the Director, Vice Chancellor’s Office, who represented the Registrar and other senior academics.

### **BUK Alumni Association Conducts First National Convention, Elects Excos**

Bayero University Alumni Association (BUKAA) has conducted its first national convention tagged **BUKAA 2013** and elected pioneer executive officers.



Senator Ahmed Yarima (1<sup>st</sup> right) & Governor Babangida Aliyu of Niger State (2<sup>nd</sup> right) at the occasion.

The ceremony, which was conducted on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December, 2013 at the Convocation Arena brought together alumni of the University, who came from different states, for the inaugural national convention.

Declaring the convention open, the Chief Servant of Niger State, Dr. Mu’azu Babangida Aliyu CON, challenged the University’s alumni to contribute positively to the development of their *alma mater*. Dr. Aliyu, who is the Talban Minna and the Chairman of Northern Governors’ Forum, advocated the need for the alumni of B.U.K. to establish a strong endowment fund for the University’s development.

The Chairman of the occasion, Senator Ahmad Sani (Yariman Bakura), expressed his delight over the Chairmanship role given to him and said the convention would avail the alumni the opportunity to share experiences and look around the University environment they left many years ago. He said the first executive officers should be committed towards ensuring the upliftment of the University’s standard.

On his part, the Vice Chancellor, Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, *mini*, MFR welcomed the participants and told them that the University had undergone a series of academic transformations in recent times.

The Vice Chancellor explained that the University had been consistently ranked as one of the best Universities in Nigeria on National Universities Commission’s rankings and had become the most sought after University for undergraduate and postgraduate programmes.

Prof. Rasheed further appreciated the avowed commitments and unalloyed contributions of both Dr. Mu'azu Babangida Aliyu and Senator Ahmad towards the BUK Alumni Association and their goodwill gestures to the University.

Earlier, the Chairman, National Convention Committee, Mustapha Muhammad Inuwa, said members of the alumni, who were found worthy in character and learning some years back returned to the University to unite with old colleagues and design a developmental roadmap for their *alma mater*.

The Chairman commended the generosity of Governor Babangida Aliyu for sponsoring the convention.

At the end of the convention, the pioneer executive officers were elected through consensus as follows:

- 1) Muhammad Dattijo Usman – *President*.
- 2) Hajiya Binta Rabi'u – *1<sup>st</sup> Vice President*.
- 3) Dr. Nazifi Abdullah Darma – *2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President*.
- 4) Prof. Habu Mohammed – *General Secretary*
- 5) Rilwanu Ahmed Bello – *1<sup>st</sup> Assistant General Secretary*.
- 6) Habila Ibrahim – *2<sup>nd</sup> Assistant General Secretary*.
- 7) Dr. Sadiya Sani Daura – *Financial Secretary*.
- 8) Halima Musa Dangiwa – *Treasurer*.
- 9) Abubakar Bello Abdullahi – *Public Relations Officer*.
- 10) Aliyu Ado Kurawa – *Social/Welfare Officer*.
- 11) Barr. Mika Anache – *Legal Adviser*.

12) Ibrahim Usman Argungu – *Ex-Officio – North West*.

13) Ishiaku A. Ghali - *Ex-Officio – North East*.

14) Hauwa L. Yusuf - *Ex-Officio – North Central*.

15) Prince Clement Onyebor - *Ex-Officio – South East*.

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### ***Cultural Exchange & Academic Collaboration:***

#### **TANTA UNIV. DONATES 1,000 ASSORTED THESES TO BUK**

Tanta University of Egypt is giving Bayero University over 1000 copies of Postgraduate theses on Science, Technology, Arabic and Islamic Studies, in the first stage of a donation scheme that will cover many other disciplines, Dr. Ibrahim Mohammed Head of Department of Islamic Studies has announced.

Speaking at a welcome dinner organized for three visiting staff of Tanta University by BUK, on Sunday 8th December, 2013, at the Tahir Guest Place, Dr. Mohammed commended this cultural exchange and academic collaboration between the two universities, recalling that ancient Kanem-Bornu had also come to the aid of Egypt when Al-Azhar University was closed for 100 years due to political turmoil. Kanem Bornu built an alternative institution at the town of Fustat for the benefit of its students and the Egyptian intellegensia, until normalcy was restored and Al-Azhar re-opened, he recalled.

Also speaking at the occasion, the Director of the Center for Biotechnology Research and Chairman of the Northwest University

Implementation Committee, Prof. Hafiz Abubakar, said that the quality control at Egyptian Universities, as exemplified by Tanta University, and the level of investment in the education sector in that country were worthy of emulation by Nigeria.

Prof. Hafizu described the ₦200 billion ASUU is demanding to be injected into the country's University system over several years as insufficient to build one of the several campuses of Tanta University, around which they were conducted during their visit to the country. He also described the meticulous attention to detail of their quality assurance programme as worthy of emulation, along with the adherence to rules and regulations and respect for authority, no matter at what level such authority is vested.

In his remarks earlier, the Vice Chancellor Prof. Abubakar Adamu Rasheed *mni*, MFR had described the warm reception they were accorded during their visit and commended the way the administration of Tanta University was structured with three Deputy Vice Chancellors (titled Vice Presidents), one each for Student Affairs and Undergraduate Education; Postgraduate Students and Research; and Environment and Community. He noted that they tied every research to solving the problems of their communities and did not indulge in abstract research with no relevance to advancing their nation forward.

Responding on behalf of the three visiting dons, Prof. Mohammed Ahmed Abdelmohsen Dabaon, the Vice President, Tanta University, Community and Environment explained his deep

appreciation to BUK for the reception and for Northwest University for inviting them to advise on the plans for a planned teaching hospital along Dawakin Kudu Road. He explained that the exorbitant cost of American and European consultants challenged Egyptian intellectuals to strive to become self-reliant in knowledge creation and application. The two other scholars with him were Prof. Mohammed Hussain Mahmoud, a Re-enforced Concrete Structures Specialist and Architect Dr. Hosny Ahmed Dewer, Department of Architecture, Faculty of Engineering, Tanta University.

The visiting scholars were scheduled to tour Northwest University, BUK and the Jigawa State University (JSU), Kafin Hausa. Amongst the guests at the dinner were the Vice Chancellor of the Northwest University, Prof. Dato Ahmed Razali Agus, and its Registrar, Alhaji Farouk Yanganau; the Chairman of the Jigawa State Implementation Committee, Prof Haruna Wakili, who is also the Jigawa State Commissioner for Education, Science and Technology; the Registrar of the JSU, Malam M. D. Nasiru; and Barrister A. S. Umar, the Director of the VC's Office, representing the Registrar of BUK; Deans and Directors of Faculties and Centres.

### **Mass Com. Dept. Congratulates Freedom Radio at 10**

The Department of Mass Communications, Bayero University, has on behalf of its staff and students congratulated the management and staff of *Freedom Radio* on the occasion of its tenth year anniversary.

A statement from the Head of Department, Dr. Balarabe Maikaba, said "it is indeed a

great feat going by the excellent record of your accomplishments which is unequalled in the history of private radio broadcast in Northern Nigeria.”

The statement added that “as your name sounds, *FREEDOM*,’ your station has succeeded in bringing about positive changes in broadcasting in our society as demonstrated by your excellent programming and the freedom of expression given to the audience.”

The HOD identified with the successes recorded by *Freedom Radio*, which “were equally our success in view of the fact that majority of your staff are products of this department”.

## Publications Division Honours Outgoing Corp Member

The Publications and Documentation Division has honoured on outgoing corp member with a Commemorative Award for her meritorious services on Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> December, 2013.



*Ummi Hassan (left) receiving a plaque from the Registrar’s representative, Malam Jamilu Salim (1<sup>st</sup> right), while Publication & Documentation Secretary, Mustafa Ibrahim (centre) looks on*

Ummi Muhammad Hassan, who is a graduate of Mass Communications, BUK

completed her National Youth Service (NYSC) for 2012/2013 year in Batch C and the staff of the division pooled their resources to honour her.

Speaking at the occasion, the Registrar, Sani Ibrahim Amin, said of the 22 Batch C corp members in the University only Ummi Hassan was honoured by the office where she did her primary assignment.

He said it owed her commitment and dedication during her service year.

Represented by Malam Jamilu Salim, the Registrar tasked her to be focused and the display a high sense of commitment in her future endeavors.

Also speaking, the Publications Secretary, Mustafa Ibrahim, advised her to be guided by the principles of good leadership and skills she acquired during her one year national service.

Responding, the celebrant, Ummi Hassan, expressed gratitude to God and members of the division for recognizing her as worthy of the award and admitted that she benefitted a lot from the experience of the Publications Secretary and other staff.

Some gift items were given to her, courtesy of the division’s staff.

Representatives of the Director Establishment Matters and Director General Administration, Malam Jibrin Mohammed and Hajiya Altine Maryam Ali were present at the ceremony.

## LECTURE: Good Representation in Democratic Governance

According to a statement by Prof. Mohammed Tabi'u, the Chairman of Green Horizon Limited (GHL). The Law and Development consultancy, is organizing a public lecture titled "*Matsayin Kyakkyawan Wakilci a Mulkin Dimukaradiyya*" (The Importance of Good Representation in Democratic Governance), which will take place as follows:

**Dr. Sule Bello**, former Director General, National Council for Arts & Culture from ABU.

**Speaker I:** Dr. Usman Bugage, Member of APC

**Speaker II:** Mr. Sam Nda Isiah, Publisher, Leadership Group of Newspapers

**Speaker III:** Ambassador Fatima Balla, ADPR Code Group

**Speaker IV:** Dr. Faruk Jibril, Hon. Commissioner of Information, Kano State.

**Guest of Honour:** Alh. Tanko Yakasai, a veteran politician and elder statesman.

**Date:** Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> December, 2013

**Time:** 10:00am

**Venue:** Mambayya House, Gwammaja, Kano

## Wedding Fatiha

(1) Malam Sadi Ibrahim of Political Science Department invites the members of the University community to the wedding fatiha of his son, Abdurrahman Salisu Ibrahim (Yasayyadi), scheduled to take place as follows:

**Date:** Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December, 2013

**Time:** 11:30am

**Venue:** Kankarofi near Jalli Mosque, Balarabe Alahore's house.

(2) Muhammad Sani Safiyanu of the Political Science Department wishes to invite members of the University community to his wedding fatiha with Hauwa'u Sani scheduled to take place as follows:

**Date:** Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> December, 2013

**Time:** 2:00pm

**Venue:** No. 29 Salihu Road behind Birnin Kudu Central Mosque, Jigawa State.

## Condolence to Prof. J.A. Falola

Members of staff of the Department of Geography, BUK extend their condolences to Professor J. A. Falola over the passing away of his mother on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December, 2013 at the age of 115. They prayed to God to give the family the fortitude to bear this irreparable loss and grant her eternal rest-amin.

## Appreciation From Hajiya Halima Hayat

Hajiya Halima Hayat, the Coordinator, Staff Training Unit wishes to extend her heartfelt appreciation to the entire members of the University community for commiserating with her over the death of her mother earlier in the week in Funtua.

Special appreciation goes to the Vice Chancellor, the Registrar, the Bursar, the Directors of VC's Office, the Director General Administration, the Director Academic Affairs and the Director Establishment Matters, the Female Forum and senior and junior staff.

May Allah reward all, amin.