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BUK Conducts National Conference on Perspectives of Election

olitical scholars from different parts of Nigeria and other important dignitaries trooped into Bayero University for a two-day national Conference on the Perspectives of Election and the Challenges for Democracy in Nigeria.

The conference, which took place on 8th and 9th January, 2013 at the Musa Abdullahi Auditorium, was chaired by Marafan Katsina, Alh. (Dr) Ahmadu Kurfi.

In his opening remarks, the Vice Chancellor, Professor Abubakar Rasheed, mni, MFR said the central idea behind the conference was to raise and answer a lot of questions about the conduct and practices of elections and the best practices needed to address the fundamental challenges of realizing free, fair and credible outcomes of elections in Nigeria.

Prof. Rasheed said the irksome nature of the democratic principles in conducting elections has for a long time eluded Nigeria as successive elections were sometimes devoid of free and fair practices.

On his part, the Chairman of the occasion, Alh. (Dr) Ahmadu Kurfi OFR, said in the search for political stability, Nigeria should examine the methods and manner of elections with a view to improving the management of the electoral process, which had been practiced on the country for the past sixty years from 1951 – 2011.

Dr. Kurfi expressed the hope that the participants of the conference would address the failures of Nigeria's elections in their deliberations.

Delivering a keynote address, the INEC Chairman, Professor Attahiru Jega OFR, said Nigeria must go beyond designing free and fair elections, but should aspire to provide a platform for the relationship between election and democracy

Represented by his Special Assistant, Professor M. J. Kuna, the INEC Chairman said partisan use of state resources, the unilateral monitoring of primaries by the respected parties, topography and the combination of



the legal system were the major problems in identifying the relationship between election and democracy.

Professor Jega emphasized that for political processes in Nigeria to thrive, there was a need to address the challenges of poverty and deprivation, as well as legal and constitutional frameworks, particularly sections 31 and 87 of the Electoral Act.

Speaking theoretical on the perspectives of elections, the former ASUU President and President of Political Science Association Nigeria, Dr. Abdullahi Sule Kano, challenged political parties and INEC from parading criminals and crooks for elections and advocated the need closing the poor economic condition and intellectual gap in the country.

On his part, the Kano State Governor, Dr. Rabi'u Musa Kwankwaso, who was represented by the Commissioner of Special Duties, General A. A. Dambazau (Rtd), expressed confidence that the conference would be beneficial to Nigeria's democracy.

The H.O.D. Political Science and the Chairperson LOC, Dr. Aisha Isma'il, delivered the vote of thanks.

Some of the important dignitaries that graced the occasion were the former Vice Chancellor of BUK, Prof.

Dandatti Abdulkadir, Air Vice Marshal Mukhtar Muhammad, and the Chairman, Kano State Hisbah Board, Sheikh Aminuddeen Abubakar.

Security Division Organizes An In – House Training

An in – house training is ongoing in the Security Division for enhanced efficiency and effective service delivery in line with the current reformation agenda of the present administration.

At the opening ceremony on 7th January, 2013 in the presence of the Vice Chancellor, Professor Abubakar Rasheed, mni, MFR, the Director of Security, Colonel A. A. Mohammed (Rtd), said senior officers would be trained aimed at raising a strong team of instructors for corporate security.

He said the training would focus on crime prevention and detection, public relations, inter-communication and intelligence gathering, saying most of the personnel have undergone one training or the other.

Speaking at the event, the Vice Chancellor expressed delight over the new initiative, which he said would boost competence and confidence in the personnel.

Professor Rasheed challenged the Security Division to protect the



territorial integrity of the University and do more on internal security.

The Vice Chancellor further said the management would continue to provide all the necessary equipment needed for the security personnel and promised to buy a complete set of track-suit with canvas for the 20 training officers.

Earlier, the Deputy Director of Security, Col. Mukhtar Garba (Rtd), said the purpose was to organize training for officers with potential who would later train others in order to have a functional and effective division.

He said the idea was not to give them military training or a para-military one, but was tailored to meet the local needs. Col. Garba added that it was a two-week training from $7^{th} - 18^{th}$ January, 2013.

Revised Calendar of Events For Postgraduate Programmes in the 2011/2012 Academic Session

The Secretary of the SPS, Malam Mijinyawa Sabo, has issued a notice concerning the Revised Calendar of events for Postgraduate programmes for the 2011/2012 academic session as follows:

- 1- Monday 23rd July Saturday 20th October, 2012 1st Semester Lectures (13 weeks).
- 2- Monday 22nd October Saturday 3rd November, 2012

 1st Semester Examinations (2 weeks).
- 3- Monday 5th November Saturday 17th November, 2012 Marking/Compilation and Processing of Results (2 weeks).
- 4- Monday 5th November Saturday 10th November, 2012. *Break (1 week)*.
- 5- Monday 12th November, 2012 Saturday 9th February, 2013. 2nd Semester Lectures (13 weeks).
- 6- Monday 11th February Saturday 23rd February, 2013.

 2nd Semester Examinations (2 weeks).
- 7- Monday 25th February Saturday 16th Mach, 2013.

 Marking/Compilation of Results and External Moderation (3 weeks).
- 8- Monday 18th March Saturday 30th March, 2013.

 Departmental/Faculty Boards
 Consideration of Results (2 weeks).
- 9- Monday 8th Saturday 13th April, 2013.

 Consideration of Results by the SPS Board.



- 10- Deadline for submission of Long Essays/Projects/Dissertations and Theses 25th May, 2013.
- a) PGD Engineering 2010/2011 candidates.
- b) PGD (Others) 2011/2012 candidates.
- c) Regular Professional Masters Degree: Full-time – 2011/2012 candidates Part-time – 2010/2011 candidates
- d) Professional Masters (Special) Full-time – 2010/2011 candidates Part-time – 2009/2010 candidates
- e) Regular Academic Masters Degree – 2009/2010 candidates
- f) M.Phil 2010/2011 candidates
- g) Ph.D Full-time – 2007/2008 candidates Part-time – 2005/2006 candidates
- 11- Consideration of final results for Professional Programmes by the SPS Board. *Monday* 10th Thursday 13th *June*, 2013.
- 12- Commencement of the 2012/2013 session.

Monday 15th April, 2013.

VC Appoints 2 HODs

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Abubakar Rasheed, mni, MFR has approved the appointment of Prof. Akintade Oyedele Dare, as the new Head of Radiology Department and Dr. Muhammad Yalwa Gwarzo as the HOD, Medical Laboratory Science of the Faculty of Medicine.

All the appointments took effect from January 1, 2013 for a period of two years.

Dr. Muhammad Mijinyawa & Aisha Haruna Appointed Ag. HODs

Dr. Muhammad Mijinyawa and Hajiya Aisha Haruna have been appointed as Acting Heads of the Department of Nursing Science & Public Law, respectively.

A statement signed by the Vice Chancellor stated that the appointment of Dr. Mijiyawa commenced from January 1, 2013 for a period of 2 years, while that of Aisha Haruna took effect from January 7, 2013 for a period of six months.

Dr. Ali Abdullahi Appointed Member of FG C'ttee on the Integration of Out of School Children

The Federal Government has appointed Dr. Ali Tijjani Abdullahi of the Department of Special Education as a member of the Committee on the Integration of out of School Children from the South/South and South/East states into the Basic Education System.

According to a letter signed by the Permanent Secretary, Federal Ministry of Education, Dr. Macjohn



Nwaobialu, the constitution of the committee was part of the efforts of the ministry to advance the implementation of the President's recent directive on the provision of basic education for the out of school children.

Dr. Abdullahi was a former Head of the Department of Special Education, BUK and the Department of Special Needs Education, Kampala International University.

Fire Outbreak At Female Hostel An Accident – the Dean, Student Affairs

The Dean, Student Affairs, Professor Mohammed O. Bhadmus, has attributed the fire incident at the female hostel (Ramat) to an accidental electrical fluctuation, rather than negligence.

In an interview, Professor Bhadmus explained that the fire started in the early hours of Tuesday 8th January, 2013 and was later put off by student volunteers before the arrival of the BUK fire control personnel and the state fire fighters.

However, in a separate interview, a female student whose room was affected by the inferno said "the fire was seen coming out from a bathroom. It spiraled to our rooms and destroyed our properties, as well as some credentials".

1st National Conference on Hausa Language

The Centre for the Study of Nigerian Languages organizes the first national conference on Hausa Language, Literature and Culture under the chairmanship of Professor Dandatti Abdulkadir OFR scheduled as follows:

Special Guest of Honours:

His Excellency, Dr. Rabi'u Musa Kwankwaso FNSE, Kano State Governor.

His Excellency, Alh. (Dr.) Sule Lamixo CON, Executive Governor of Jigawa State.

His Excellency, Barrister (Dr.) Ibrahim Shehu Shema CON, Executive Governor of Katsina State.

Chief Host:

Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed mni, MFR, Vice Chancellor, Bayero University, Kano.

Royal Fathers of the Day:

Alhaji (Dr.) Ado Bayero LLD, CFR, JP, Emir of Kano.

Alhaji Umar Faruk Umar CON, Emir of Daura.

Alhaji Najib Hussain Adamu CON, Emir of Kazaure.

Host:

Professor Lawan Danladi Yalwa Director, CSNL, Bayero University, Kano.



Date: Monday 14th January, 2013

Time: 10:00am

Venue: Centre for Democratic Research and Training, Mambayya House, Gwammaja, Kano.

MIS Relocates to CIT Building

The University community is hereby informed that the MIS Unit has relocated to the left wing of the ground floor of the CIT building.

Department of Electrical Engineering

The Department of Electrical Engineering invites the University community to its PhD seminar, which is scheduled as follows:

Candidate: Haruna Musa (SPS/07/TEC/03749)

Title: 'Particle Swamp Optimization (PSO) — Based Distribution Generation (DG) Sizing for Improvement of Voltage Stability Index in Radial Distribution System'.

Chairman: Dr. Mohammed Ajiya

Supervisor: Dr. S. S. Adamu

Date: 22nd January, 2013

Time: 10:00am

Venue: Department of Electrical Engineering Seminar Room.

Department of Physical & Health Education

The Department of Physical and Health Education invites the University community to its PhD Internal Defence, scheduled as follows:

Presenter: Shmaila Hanif (SPS/09/PHE/00001)

Title: 'Effect of Therapeutic Exercise in the Reduction of Postpartum Diastasis Recti in Kano'.

Chairman: Dr. Sadiq Isma'il (HOD)

Supervisor: Dr. Musa Sa'ad Muhammad

Date: 21st January, 2013

Time: 10:00am

Venue: P.H.E Department Conference Room.

NUESA Congratulates Prof. Talatu Garba

The Nigerian Universities Education Students Association (NUESA) has congratulated the Head of Education Department, Professor Talatu Garba, for her recent promotion to the rank of Professor.

A statement from the President, Habibu Ado, wished her a successful academic journey and Allah's guidance.



CPVL Organizes National Essay Competition

The Centre for Productive Visionary Leadership is organizing a national essay competition for all secondary schools, higher institutions and professionals.

Approach for the essay should be productive and visionary, and strictly for the emerging generation between 16 and 35 years.

A statement signed by the General Coordinator (CPVL), Engr. T. O. Ayinde, said the centre is a non – governmental organization and non – profit making body founded as a leadership training medium to enliven the minds of the people with the ability to be productive and expose the vision inherent in the people.

It further added that all entries (hand written) should not be more than 750 words, and together with two self-addressed stamped envelops and evidence of qualifications should be sent to: The General Coordinator, Center for Productive Visionary Leadership, 69 Effurun, Sapele Road, opposite High Court Junction, P. O. Box 341, Effurun Delta State.

The Topic: The Place of Youth in a Nations' Development and the entry started on 1st December, 2012 and closes on 18th January, 2013.

Public Lecture On Financial Planning

The Registrar, Sani Ibrahim Amin MNIM invites the University community to a public lecture on Financial Planning: A Road Map to a Secure Future to be presented by Arm Investment Centre scheduled as follows:

Date: Thursday 17th January, 2013

Time: 11:00am

Venue: Musa Abdullahi Auditorium

Lost Items

- 1) An I.D card belonging to David Orinya Pius (EDU/11/LIS/01109).
- 2) A staff identity card belonging to Abubakar Ibrahim Hassan of the P.H.E. Department.
- 3) A complete credentials belonging to Hadiza Ibrahim Abdullahi.

If found please bring them to the Publication and Documentation Division for onward submission to the owners.

Appreciation

Kabiru A. Sagagi of the University Health Services conveys his sincere appreciation and gratitude to the entire University and non-University community for attending the wedding fatiha/ceremony of his son, Engr. Muhammad Salisu Kabir, which took place on Saturday, 15th December, 2012. May Almighty Allah reward you all abundantly, amin.



Department of Sociology

PhD & M.Sc Proposal

The above department will conduct its PhD and MS.c proposal as follows:

M.Sc:

S/N	REG. NO.	NAME	TOPIC	SUPERVISOR	DATE
1	SPS/10/MSO/00013	Othman Ibrahim	Knowledge of Utilization and Insecticide Treated net	Dr. M. M.	15/01/2013
		Mohammed	on Prevention of Malaria Among Pregnant Women	Namadi	
			in Bauchi Senatorial District.		
2	SPS/10/MSO/00017	Mustapha Abdullahi	An Assessment of the Role of Women in National	Dr. M. M.	15/01/2013
		Adamu	Development: A Case Study of Lafiya Metropolis	Namadi	
			Nassarawa State.		
3	SPS/10/MSO/00004	Mageed Oshodwe Haruna	A Study on the Desirability for Community Policing	Professor S. I.	16/01/2013
			in Metropolitan Kano.	Radda	
4	SPS/10/MSO/00003	Kawu Adamu Sule	Public Perception on the Desirability for Human	Professor S. I.	16/01/2013
			Rights Education Among Nigeria Police Force	Radda	
			Personnel in Kano Metropolis.		
5	SPS/10/MSO/00014	Usman Ibrahim	A Study of the Knowledge and Practice of the	Dr. Isma'ila	17/01/2013
			Communities towards Immunization Exercise in	Mohammed	
			Awe Local Government of Nassarawa State.	Zango	
6	SPS/10/MSO/00005	Abdullahi Usman Kofar	A Sociological Analysis of Poverty Condition of the	Dr. Nu'uman	17/01/2013
		Na'isa	Youth in Kano Metropolis	Habib	

PhD:

S/N	REG. NO.	NAME	TOPIC	SUPERVISOR	DATE
1	SPS/07/SMS/03118	Mustapha Danjuma	Acceptance, Achievement and Problems of	Prof. Salisu	18/01/2013
		Hussein	Community Policing in Bauchi State: Conceptual and	Abdullahi	
			Theoretical Explanations.		
2	SPS/08/SMS/02917	Halima Modupeore Alimi	Factors Affecting Adoption of Improved Processing	Dr. Isma'ila	21/01/2013
		_	Techniques Among Rice Parboilers in Kano State.	Zango	

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