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BUK is Set for the 30th Convocation

Bayero University is set to hold the 30th Convocation ceremony for the conferment of higher Degree, Degrees, Diploma and the award of prizes on Saturday 22nd June, 2013.

Speaking at a press conference on Wednesday 19th June, 2013 the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, mni, MFR said 14,591 people would be graduated from the 2010/2011 and 2011/2012 academic sessions.

The Vice-Chancellor told the group of correspondents that on the eve of the convocation a building of Faculty of Dentistry, a twin-150 theatre at the Old Campus and another twin-649 theater at the New Campus would be commissioned.

Professor Rasheed explained that the 30th convocation ceremony would not feature a pre-convocation lecture and Chancellor's Night.

It will be recalled that the 29th convocation was held on Saturday 25th March, 2011 and the University conferred honorary degrees on the CBN Governor, Sanusi Lamido Sanusi, Dr. Kase Lawal and Major General Theopilus Danjuma (Rtd.)

V.P's Wife, Amina Sambo Seeks Bright Future for Nigerian Youth

The wife of the Vice President, Dr. Amina Mohammed Namadi Sambo, has advocated for a prosperous future for Nigerian youth through inculcating moral values in them by the teachers and parents.

Speaking at a two-day National Conference on Nurturing Youth for Nation Building organized by the Sisters' Directorate of the International Institute of Islamic Thought, Nigeria Office IIIT (N) held in Bayero University on Friday 14th June, 2013, the wife of the Vice President lamented the precarious nature of Nigerian youth who are subject to all sorts of vices that are detrimental to nation building.

Dr. Sambo called on all the stakeholders to join hands together to save the future of Nigerian youth so as to have the good leaders that would transform country.

Delivering a keynote address on **Empowering the Youth for Societal Development: An Islamic Conceptual Model for Charting a New Course and Plan of Action**, Dr. Salisu Shehu said the youth is one of the most talked about issues in the media, politics, government policies

and academic discourse and constitutes more than 50% of Nigeria's population, as attested to by the 2006 National Census Result.

Dr. Shehu, who spoke extensively on the youth, societal development and national survival, also dwelt on the Islamic perspective on the youth. He cited relevant prophetic hadiths where youthful age remains sacrosanct to the worship of Allah.

The speaker, who is the Director, Institute for Continuing Education (ICE) and the Secretary of IIIT (N), averred that the most significant contexts in the case of youth development are the family, the school, the peer group and the larger community, saying the significance of these contexts to the project of youth empowerment is that they constitute the indispensable realms within which any programme must be situated.

The ICE Director, also propounded that the youth empowerment and development programme should comprise of Three Components: religious and moral training, social responsibility and leadership training and skill development and vocational training.

The Chairman of the occasion and the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, Mni, MFR said the event marked an important milestone in the University's calendar, as issues

that would redefine the future of Nigerian youth brought to the fore.

The Vice-Chancellor appreciated the efforts of Mrs. Namadi Sambo for her various development initiatives aimed at nurturing youth to be the good leaders of tomorrow.

He appointed her as the Bayero University Ambassador for moral and intellectual values.

The convener of the conference, the Head of Political Science Department, Dr. Aishatu Isma'il, in her opening remarks earlier said the conference was organized to address the daunting challenges facing the youth in Nigeria with a view to finding out a sustainable future for them.

ALL STUDENTS OFFERING GSP COURSES

GSP C.A. TESTS FROM 24TH JUNE, 2013

This is to notify all the concerned students that the General Studies Unit will conduct continuous assessment tests for all GSP courses taught during the semester, beginning from **Monday 24th June, 2013**. The tests are going to be administered during GSP lecture slots and at each group's usual lecture venue. **"You are strongly advised to endeavor to take the tests at the stipulated time and venue, as no complaints for non-compliance would be entertained"**,

a statement from the Director GSP, Prof. Halliru Arzai, concluded.

Disposal of Unserviceable Vehicles & Equipment

The Board of Survey wishes to inform all the Deans, Directors, Heads of Department and Units to kindly surrender all unserviceable vehicles and their particulars in their domain, as well as other unserviceable items for boarding in the forthcoming boarding of unserviceable vehicles, equipment, furniture and other items in the University.

The list of the items should be addressed to the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Administration) and the Chairman, Reconstituted Board of Survey, Bayero University, Kano.

Infrastructural Transformation:

BUK Alumni Commends Prof. Rasheed led Management

Members of the Bayero University Alumni Association have described the Phenomenal development now going on in both campuses of the University as a fall out of the sincerity, dedication and selfless service given by its management led by the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed mni, MFR.

Members who took turn to air their views at a meeting it held with the University Management last Tuesday

said they were happy with the physical infrastructural transformation now on course and urged the management to maintain the tempo.

Out of appreciation, the alumni pledged to do everything humanly possible to toe the line of the management by attracting support to the University.

On the issue of the alumni association, members called on the urgent need to convene a national convention of the association to ratify its draft constitution and elect national officers to run its affairs in line with the convention. They argued unanimously that given the prevailing situation where the Association was being run by steering committees, “goes contrary to the principle of managing a vibrant and serious minded association”, they remarked.

In his address, the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed represented at the meeting by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academics), Professor Yahuza Bello thanked members of the Alumni Association for scheduling a meeting with the University which he said had afforded them the opportunity to see physically the efforts the management was putting to transform the University.

He assured them that Bayero University under the leadership of Professor Rasheed would not relent but pursue vigorously the on-going

development strategy aimed at making the University a centre of excellence both in academic and discipline.

AGRA Donates Toyota Helux to BUK

The Faculty of Agriculture last week Friday took delivery of a brand new



Prof. Jibrin Jibrin, Director CDA (L), Prof. Auwal, Dean Faculty of Agric., Sani Ibrahim Amin (Registrar) and Alhaji Abdullahi Isyaku Raba, Desk officer KNARDA after the presentation of a Toyota Helux Van donated to BUK by AGRA.

Toyota Helux Pick-Up Van donated to it by the Alliance for a Green - Revolution in Africa in fulfillment of an earlier promise made by the organization.

The Registrar of Bayero University, Sani Ibrahim Amin MNIM, who received the vehicle on behalf of the University Management at a brief ceremony, thanked the International Agency for the gesture.

Alhaji Abdullahi Isyaku Raba Desk Officer overseeing AGRA Project Implementation on behalf of Kano State Agricultural and Rural Development Authority (KNARDA) presented the vehicle.

It could be recalled that at the beginning of the implementation of the 3-year (2010-2013) AGRA sponsored Soil Health Project by the Faculty of Agriculture, BUK with strong collaboration from KNARDA, International Institute of Tropical Agricultural (IITA) and a Kano based Seed Company, SEED Project, AGRA did promise to donate a Toyota Helux Pick-Up Van to the Faculty of Agriculture, BUK at the end of the project.

It is in fulfillment of the promise that last week Friday it handed over the vehicle to BUK Management.

IIIBF To Hold a Public Lecture

The International Institute of Islamic Banking And Finance (IIIBF), Bayero University wishes to invite members of the University Community to its Public Lecture scheduled as follows:

Title: *Islamic Finance in Nigeria: "Opportunities and Challenges"*

Presenter: Alhaji Hassan Usman, Acting Managing Director, Ja'iz Bank, Plc.

Chairman: Prof. Kabiru Isa Dandago
Department of Accounting, BUK.

Date: 27th June, 2013

Venue: Musa Abdullahi Auditorium,
New Site. **Time:** 10.00am

The Vice-Chancellor, Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed mni, MFR will be the Chief Host.

A Level 300 Student Dies in Auto Crash

The death has occurred of Mubarak Isah Maiwada a Level 300 student of the Department of Pure and Industrial Chemistry.

A statement signed by the Head of Department, Dr. Muktar Atiku Kurawa said Mubarak died on Saturday 15th June, 2013 in a fatal motor accident on his way to his home town, Katsina.

The statement prayed to Allah to grant the deceased aljannatu firdaus and his parent the fortitude to bear the loss.

SUG Asks NASS to Stop ASUU Strike

The Students' Union Government (SUG) of Bayero University, on behalf of the entire students has called on members of the National Assembly to intervene in the impending nationwide strike to be embarked upon by the Academic Staff Union of Universities (ASUU).

Speaking at a one-week orientation for new students, the President of the Union, Comrade Sani Sa'id Ibrahim, said it is disheartening to BUK students in particular and Nigerian students in general that ASUU is planning to go on strike over some

issues which the Federal Government has hitherto failed to address.

In a paper titled: "*Challenges, Prospect of the Federal Parliament*", the Guest Speaker, who is also the Deputy Minority Leader, Honourable Abdulrahman Kawu Sumaila, mentioned subsequent changes in the leadership of the two chambers based on different allegations of corrupt practices as part of some of the challenges of the parliament and the passage of the freedom of information bill, which guarantees Nigerian's free access to information.

Speaking further on the challenges of the parliament, Hon. Sumaila was disturbed by the rate of leadership turn out at the National Assembly, particularly the Senate during the first and second phases of the Fourth Republic (1999-2003) and (2003-2007) where individuals in quick secession emerged as leaders. According to him this was occasioned by poverty of political leadership and other inclinations, most of which were completely dirty and morally injurious to the nation.

On the positive side of the legislative functions and out-puts of the nations legislations the periods, the Deputy Minority Leader said the passage of the Freedom of Information Bill (FUI), which recently passed both houses and was signed into law by the President, Constitutional Amendment;

Anti Terrorism and Money Laundering Prohibition Bill, Sovereign Wealth Bill and the Electoral Act, amongst others, were some of the landmarks.

He emphasized the need for the legislators to set out of their systematic and self-inflicted impediments and confront the challenges they face with a view to rationally performing the functions for which they were elected.

According to him, this is particularly so in that the benefits, democratic self-fulfillment and governance of the Nigerian masses are clearly looked into in the existence of an effective non-corrupt legislature and legislative process devoid of political decadence.

Also speaking, Professor Aliyu Dauda of the Faculty of Education, who spoke on *Education as a Tool for Social Change* described education as the fundamental factor for the development of any society. He observed that on the other hand arrogance and pride are the bases of self destruction.

In his remark, the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed extolled the virtues of the minority leader for his laudable assistance to the University.

The occasion was chaired by Dr. Aisha Abdu Isma'il, Head of Political Science Department with the DVC

Admin, Prof. Sadik I. Radda, the Registrar, Alh. Sani Ibrahim Amin, the Director, C.I.T, Dr. A.B Baffa, the Bursar, Buhari Musa, the Director, Directorate of General Administration, Mal. M. D. Nasiru and members of the Academic staff in attendance.

Round Table Discussion:

V.C. Challenges Academics to Embrace Change in line with Globalization

Vice-Chancellor of Bayero University, Kano Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed mni, MFR has challenged Academic Staff to be courageous enough to embrace change in line with the fast emerging globalization.

Speaking as a Special Guest at a one-Day Round Table Discussion organized by the Directorate of Academic Planning, Prof. Rasheed stated that BUK academic staff cannot afford to continue to teach students with board markers, saying that global trend now is teaching through the use of Power-points.

He said to encourage them to change in line with the global trend, BUK Management will provide each academic staff with Ipad facilities as part of the effort to achieve smooth transition from writing on the board to using Power-points to deliver lectures.

Professor Rasheed commended the organizers of the Round Table Discussion and said such a forum in which “we will examine ourselves in the two most important rituals of matriculation and convocation”, was a welcome development.

He said the exercise was a kind of quality assessment of the various roles we played in teaching and examination conduct and called on all to participate actively and at the end of the day show improvement in their conduct.

The first paper titled:

“*Procedure For Handling Examination Malpractice*” was presented by Dr. A. B. Ahmed, Dean Faculty of Law. He said examination malpractice was nothing but the violation of the rules and regulations of the conduct of examinations set up by the University Senate, saying that “This is achieved through the attempt to gain advantage over other students by the use of unfair and unacceptable methods”.

Dr. Ahmed said it was in an effort to protect the quality of the degrees awarded by the BUK Senate that necessitated setting up rules and regulations for the conduct of examination in the University.

He said as for the procedure to handle exam malpractice, it was important to administer examinations in

accordance with the examination regulations and also keep students under continuous but un-obstructive supervision

He also suggested that the best condition be provided for all students without disruption or distraction, as well as electronic devices, such as Ipads or Radio, must not be used during examinations.

Invigilators should report actual alleged instances of student misconduct occurring in the examination halls, adding that whenever a committee of investigation is to be set-up to investigate exam malpractice, it is important that suspects be fully informed of the allegation against them, so that issues of bias will not arise.

Poor Reading Habit Bane of PG Students – DVC Academics

The last minute rush to beat deadline set by Departments/ Faculties for some PG Students as well as poor reading and writing habits have been identified as part of the factors militating against the timely completion of Higher Degrees in the University.

The assertion was made by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic), Professor Muhammad Y. Bello, while presenting a paper titled: Postgraduate

Supervision, Best Practices at a one-day Round Table Discussion organized for Deans, Heads of Departments and PG Coordinators by the Directorate of Academic Planning.

He observed that poor planning at various levels, both in admission process, registration, and lack of work plan and under utilization of Information Technology were some of the obstacles bedeviling postgraduate studies at Bayero University.

On the way forward, Professor Yahuza Bello advised students to write and submit their research proposal on time to avoid unnecessary delays, as it could lead to the extension of one's programme.

In his contribution, Professor E. A. Olofin of Geography Department urged PG students to always endeavour to come up with deep literature review in their studies as that would enrich their conceptual and theoretical ideas on their research programmes.

In his closing remarks, Professor, Mustapha C. Duze, Director, Directorate of Academic Planning, thanked the participant for their patience and advised the various heads at the occasion to effect positive changes as discussed.

Also speaking, Professor M. I. Yakasai of the Department of Education said a research supervisor is expected to function in many ways in the process of interacting with a student under his supervision. He added that such functions are characterized by mutual understanding, discussions, commanding and assisting the student.

Prof. Yakasai said "even though a supervisor is expected to serve as a guardian to his student, he is also expected to ensure that the researcher does not commit plagiarism". He added that providing anti-plagiarism software by management will curtail such problems and make it much easier for the academics.

Professor Yakasai, who is the Dean, Faculty of Education, explained that given that a research begins with an identification of the problem, the supervisor therefore is expected to assist the student to come up with the problem area for the study, guide learner to identify the varieties of the study and assist them in outlining the background of the study.

The Dean emphasized that research or project supervision has been an integral part of the lecturers' job and is pertinent for any lecturer to discover new knowledge and at the same time disseminate it. Project supervision he said is not an easy task

but yet compulsory to lecturers. Therefore in so doing, patience and perseverance are needed when attending to students and more time should be devoted to students being supervised so that numerous functions outlined can best be achieved.

DEPARTMENTAL SEMINARS

This is to invite members of the University community to departmental seminars as follows:

FACULTY OF ENGINEERING SEMINAR

Topic: Large Group Teaching Strategies for Enhancement of Active Learning

Presenter: Dr. Sabo Ibrahim Birnin Kudu

Chairman: Prof. Ibrahim Shehu Diso

Date: Wednesday, 26th June, 2013

Time: 2.00pm

Venue: Faculty Conference Room

DEPARTMENT OF BIOCHEMISTRY

Topic: *AGE-RELATED PECULIARITIES OF THE EFFECT OF FASTING, INFORM OF SHORT-TERM FEEDING, ON THE STRUCTURAL STABILITY OF COLLAGEN MOLECULES IN WISTAR RATS' SKIN*

Presenter: Dr. Abbas Bubakar El-Ta'alu, Department of Physiology, BUK

Discussant: Professor M. Sule, Department of Biochemistry, BUK

Date: Thursday June, 2013

Time: 10.00am

Venue: Physiology Laboratory (Old Campus), Bayero University, Kano.

Department of Education PhD SEMINAR

Presenter: (1) Hadiza Mukhtar Bugaje

Topic: Construction and Validation of and Measuring Instrument for ICT, Literacy Level, Usage and Gender Difference in Federal Colleges of Education in North West Zone Nigeria.

Supervisor: Prof. Muhammad Abdullahi

Presenter: (2) Umma Bashir Borodo

Topic: Construction and Validation of a Measuring Instrument for Examining the Impact of Public Private Partnership in the Provision and Management of Infrastructural Facilities to Basic Education in Kano State.

Supervisor: Professor G. D. Azare

Discussant: Prof. Abdulrashid Garba, Prof. M.I. Yakasai and Dr. Auwal Mohd. Lawal.

Date: 26th June, 2013

Time: 11.00am to 1.00pm

Venue: Faculty Common Room

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN PHYSIOLOGY

Topic: AGE-RELATED EFFECTS OF COPPER ON THE STRUCTURAL STABILITY OF COLLAGENE MOLECULES IN WISTAR RATS' SKIN

Presenter: Dr. Abbas Bubakar El-Ta'alu, Department of Physiology BUK

Date: Monday July 01, 2013

Venue: Physiology Laboratory (Old Campus), Bayero University, Kano

Time: 10.00am

DEPARTMENT OF MASS COMMUNICATION

MSc Viva Voce

Presenter: 1 Abdurraheem Sa'adu Dembo (SPS/08/SMS/00992)

Topic: "A Study of Public Relations Challenges and Constraints for National Examination Council (NECO)"

Supervisor: Abubakar S. Minjibir

Presenter: 2 Catherine Ozavize Suberu (SPS/08/SMS/0663)

Topic: "The Role of Crisis Communication in Resolving Organizational Crisis:

A Study of the May 2011 Coeasu Strike, FCE, Kano."

Supervisor: Abubakar S. Minjibir

Presenter: 3 Suleiman Olanrewaju Fulani (SPS/08/SMS/00994)



Topic: "National Branding & Foreign Investment:

A Study of The Relationship Between Nigeria's Heart of Africa Branding Campaign & Foreign Investment Inflow"

Supervisor: Mustapha N. Malam Ph.D (Associate Prof.)

Presenter: 4 Ahmad Abubakar (SPS/08SMS/00117)

Topic: "Reporting Conflict on Plateau State (2008-2010)"

Supervisor: Prof. Umar Pate

Presenter: 5 Binta Muhammad Lawal (SMS/08/02130)

Topic: "Public Political Education, Awareness and Radio Political Programmes:

A Study of Kowane Gauta, Siyasar Kano Iya Ruwa"

Supervisor: Dr. Balarabe Maikaba

External Examiner: Dr. Abubakar A. Muazu

Department of Mass Communication University of Maiduguri, Borno State.

Date: 24th June, 2013

Venue: HODs Office

Time: 10.00am

ELSEVIER'S TRAINING ON SCIENCEDIRECT DATABASE

On behalf of the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Abubakar Rasheed, mni, MFR, the University Librarian wishes to invite members of the University



Community that Elsevier Science Direct, one of the BUK Library's providers of electronic information resources, is going to provide training on how to search and retrieve information from its database.

The following are specifically invited to attend:

- i. All Deans and Directors
- ii. All Heads of Departments
- iii. Chairmen and Secretaries of Staff Unions
- iv. SUG President, Secretary General and SRA Speaker

The training is scheduled to hold as follows:

Venue: Senate Chambers
Date: Thursday 27th June, 2013
Time: 11.00am – 3.00pm

To: All members of Departmental PGS Committee

Department of Arabic

INTERNAL DEFENCE

A CANDIDATES

1. Ahmad Abdullahi Sha'ali – SPS/07/AIS/00723 (Ph.D) Tittle: (The contribution Hamid Mahmud El-Hijri to the Arabic Poetry study and analysis)
2. Muhammad Bashir Muhammad – SPS/09/MAR/00009/(M.A) Title: (The Art of Elegy in Arabic poetries

of Barrister Adamu Usman. A literary analysis of selected texts)

B. SUPERVISORS

1. Prof. Sarki Ibrahim
2. Prof. Sarki Ibrahim

C. INTERNAL EXAMINERS

1. Dr. Shehu Usman Kabara
2. Dr. Rabi'u Sa'ad

Date: 27th June, 2013

Time: 10.00am

Venue: A.03 Seminar Room (New Campus)

DEPARTMENT OF PURE AND INDUSTRIAL CHEMISTRY

PhD and MSc Seminars

Presenter 1: Habiba Abdul-Azeez Umar SPS/10/MCH/00050

Topic: Assessment of some metals in ground water sources used for drinking purposes in Hadejia Local Government, Jigawa State

Presenter 2: Hadiza Bukar SPS/10/MCH/00038

Topic: Proximate composition and heavy metals determination of some commercially available poultry feeds in Kano Metropolis.

Presenter 4: Abdulmumini Ado SPS/10/MCH/00019



Topic: Preparation and evaluation of physic-mechanical properties of

Cotton fibres reinforced unsaturated polyester composites

Presenter 5: Ebere Chukwolobe
SPS/10/MCH/00039

Topic: The impact of wastes on the soils of some selected dumpsites in Kano Metropolis

Presenter 6: Hassanah Momoh
SPS/10/MCH/00042

Topic: Evaluation of the nutritive values of some mineral elements found in some fruits and vegetables present in anti-diabetic drugs

Presenter 7: Dahiru Ibrahim Malami
SPS/10/MCH/00007**Topic:** Effect of heat treatment on the lycopene content of tomato puree

Presenter 8: Abdullahi Haruna Birniwa
SPS/10/MCH/00029

Topic: Dyeing and antimicrobial activity of *Acacia nilotica* (Linn), *Aloe vera* and *Trianthema pentandra* natural dyes extracts on cotton fabric material against selected gram (-) and gram (+) bacteria

Chairman: Dr. Umar Sani

Date: Monday 24/06/2013

Time: 10.00 am

Venue: Inorganic Chemistry Laboratory

WEDDING FATIHA

The President of Student Union Government (SUG) wishes to invite all students and the entire members of the University Community to his wedding ceremony with Nabila Yakubu Comrade scheduled as follows:

Date: Sunday 30th June, 2013

Time: 10.00am

Venue: Tudun Wada Juma'at Mosque, Nassarawa Local Government, Kano.

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New Site

Time: 10.00am

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