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BUK Resumes New Session 31st March, 2013

The Senate at its 308th meeting held on Tuesday 29th January, 2013 approved the resumption date for the 2012/2013 Academic Session as Sunday 31st March, 2013, according to a statement by the Director Academic Affairs, Hajiya Fatima Binta Muhammad.

The statement added that the Senate also approved the calendar of Academic Activities for the 2012/2013 Academic Session as follows:

S/N	DATE	ACTIVITY
1	Monday 18 th March – Saturday, 6 th April, 2013	Registration for Fresh Students.
2	Monday, 1 st – Saturday, 6 th April, 2013	Registration for Returning Students.
3	Monday, 8 th April – Saturday, 13 th July, 2013.	1 st Semester Lectures (14 weeks).
4	Monday, 15 th – Saturday, 27 th July, 2013	1 st Semester Examinations (2 weeks).
5	Sunday, 28 th July – Sunday 11 th August, 2013	1 st Semester Break
6	Monday, 12 th August – Saturday, 16 th November, 2013	2 nd Semester Lectures (14 weeks).
7	Monday, 18 th – Saturday, 30 th November, 2013	2 nd Semester Examinations (2 weeks).

Egyptian Professors To Teach in Faculties of Nursing, Dentistry

Egyptian Professors will teach in the Faculties of Nursing and Dentistry as part of the ongoing collaboration between Bayero University Faculty of

Medicine and Faculty of Nursing of Tanta University, Egypt.

Professor Rahma Soliman, the Dean, Faculty of Nursing, Tanta University, who presented parts of the collaboration details on Monday 24th March, 2013 at the Vice Chancellor's office, said the Egyptian University

would offer PhD and Masters degree training to BUK staff, as part of the exchange programme among staff and students of the two Universities.



VC Prof. Rasheed (m) receiving a plaque from President of Tanta University (r) while Prof. Rahma Soliman (l) looks on

Speaking during a courtesy call, the Vice Chancellor, Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, *mni*, MFR, appealed to Tanta University to assist BUK in the area of Nursing and Dentistry. He said the University was highly committed to establishing strong and vibrant faculties, all in an effort to upgrade its medical health programmes.

Prof. Rasheed told the Egyptian visitors that Bayero University, as part of the linkage, would welcome senior academics from Tanta University to spend some time teaching in the Faculties of Nursing and Dentistry. He said the University would provide a conducive environment for the visiting lecturers.

The Vice Chancellor explained the University's resolve to fully sponsor BUK staff for Masters and PhD training

in different areas of Nursing, as proposed in the collaboration.

He charged the Faculty of Medicine to study the proposed collaboration and submit its appropriate suggestions to the management.

Earlier, the President of Tanta University, Dr. Abdul-Hakim Abdel Khalik, presented a short documentary of the University. The documentary showed that Tanta University is situated in Egypt's 5th largest city with 100,000 undergraduate students and 23,000 Postgraduate and diploma students. He further explained that the Faculty of Law has 1000 Professors, Associate Professors and PhD holders.

Meanwhile, the visit by the Egyptians is in response to the earlier one paid to Tanta University by a team from Faculty of Medicine, led by the Registrar, Sani Ibrahim Amin recently.

BUK To Support Inaugural Lecturer with ₦250,000

Bayero University says it will empower any Professor with ₦250,000 to prepare and plan for his inaugural lecture as part of its drive to promote scholarship.

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, *mni*, MFR made the pledge at the 10th Professorial Inaugural Lecture delivered by Professor Muhammad Sani Sule on Saturday 23rd March, 2013.

He debunked the “baseless talk” that BUK Professors were not serious about presenting their inaugural lectures, because presently 16 Professors were eager to present and many others have shown their interest to do so.

He said henceforth during inaugural lectures, a roll call will be conducted to ensure that all the members of that department are in attendance.

Prof. Rasheed explained that the inaugural lecture represented an essential component of the University calendar of events and all the necessary support would be given to the committee.

He commended the Biochemistry Department for being the centre of attraction and attention, and congratulated Prof. Sule for the quality paper he presented.

Professorial Lecture **Irradiation Solution To Loss of Food After Harvest – Prof. M. S. Sule**

Food irradiation has been described as an effective and viable alternative to carcinogenic insecticides and fumigants used against agents that cause the loss of food after harvest, according to Professor Muhammad Sani Sule.



Prof. Sule, who delivered the 10th Professorial Inaugural lecture on Saturday at the Musa Abdullahi Auditorium with the theme: **Enzymology and Radiation Biology in the Understanding of Biochemistry**, said according to a World Health Organization report, the world has ample food to feed everybody and that the problem lies in the fact that large quantities of food are lost after harvest.

He explained that in Africa research has shown that the food losses are as high as 30 – 40% of the total production, hence the need for food irradiation, which he referred to “as the process of subjecting food to a dose of ionizing radiation in order to kill off bacteria and fungi, inactivate food degrading enzymes and halt the food’s natural decaying process.”



Professor M. S. Sule

Prof. Sule stated that even though the individual food components were sensitive to irradiation, they were

observed to be relatively resistant to it when present in a complex matrix of a food.

The speaker spoke about the determination of enzyme activities. He said for it to be useful in clinical diagnosis the enzyme must be present in a readily available tissue fluid, blood or urine.

Prof. Sule further explained the use of enzyme inhibition in drug development and its usage to determine the concentrations of metabolites of clinical importance.

The speaker, who is a Professor of Biochemistry, said molecules of life are not inert. “They undergo various transformation by which some of them are broken down to generate energy for life processes to take place; some of these transformations lead to biosynthesis of macromolecules, which are components of cell structures”, he concluded.

The Chairman of the occasion and the Vice Chancellor, Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, *nni*, MFR said it was an important date in the history of BUK as Prof. Sule presented his inaugural lecture, because over the last 9 years the culture of inaugural lecture had been neglected.

He said Professorial Inaugural Lecture was a platform to showcase and celebrate the University’s old and new Professors. For a new Professor he said it provided an opportunity to

present an overview of his career on current and future research plans, as well as introduce his research to a wider audience.

The Head of the Department of Biochemistry, Professor Hafizu Abubakar, commended the University for reviving the lecture and lauded the celebrant for his conviction, courage and phenomenal scholarship. He described him as a seasoned academic with a superlative track record as the first Biochemistry Professor in Kano State.

Earlier the Chairman of the Lecture Committee, Professor M. S. Abdulkadir, said the lecture was a celebration of progress and excellence in one’s academic career.

Prof. Dandatti Suggests the Use of Hausa as Lingua Franca

The former Vice Chancellor of Bayero University, Professor Dandatti Abdulkadir, has suggested the use of Hausa as Nigeria’s National language.

Speaking at a book launch, “*Hausa Mai Dubun Hikima*,” at the SMS Auditorium, New Site, last Saturday, Professor Abdulkadir, argued that Hausa is the only language in the country that is spoken far and wide and could be used conveniently for the purpose of academic teaching,

learning and research in all the fields of human endeavour.



Professor Abdulkadir who is also a former Nigerian envoy and Chairman of the occasion, stated that apart from its national spread, Hausa has worldwide acceptability, saying that its adoption as the national language in Nigeria would be a welcome development even among the developed nations of the world.

He commended the author of the book for what he said was a job well done.

In his address, the host, who is also the Galadiman Katsina, Justice Mamman Nasir (Rtd), GCON said Bayero University is the leading university in the world in the area of promoting the teaching and learning Hausa, where students from all over the globe come to learn the language.

He said the book, "*Hausa Mai Dubun Hikima*" came at the right time when efforts are being made to make the language one of the leading languages not only the Africa but also in the world.

Also speaking, the guest speaker at the occasion, Alhaji (Dr.) Yusuf Maitama Sule, the Dan Masanin Kano, lamented what he said was the relegation of the Hausa language, saying that even the colonialists promoted and used it during their era administratively, which he said accounted for the success of their administration.

The Dan Masanin Kano who is also the former Nigerians Permanent Representative at the United Nations, stated that if the colonialists could promote the use of Hausa at a time they had the monopoly of the century, there was no reason why "we will today relegate the language", he fumed.

In her address, the wife of the Vice President, Hajiya Amina Namadi Sambo, represented by Kano State Commissioner for Agriculture, Hajiya Baraka Sani, said the book would go a long way to promote Hausa and called on the Hausa to work assiduously towards the promotion of the language.

Earlier, the book reviewer, Professor Sa'idu Mohammed Gusau, had told the audience that the author of the book, Malam Aliyu Muhammad Dan Hausa, spent 12 years writing the book and commended him for producing a book which he described as "well written."

He said the book contained conventional Hausa proverbs and figures of speech, which, if read by students, would enrich their vocabulary. About three million Naira was realized at the occasion.

**Tanta University, Egypt
Signs MOU with BUK
Thursday**

A formal Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is to be signed between Bayero University and Tanta University of Egypt in the presence of all the principal Officers, Deans, Directors and members of staff from the Faculty of Medicine.



The Vice Chancellor, Professor Abubakar Rasheed, disclosed this on Tuesday when the University organized a grand reception in honour of the Egyptian visitors at the Senate Chamber. He said the two Universities would sign a general MOU with particular interest on Biomedical Science, Nursing, Dentistry and other related disciplines, while more specific MOUs could follow as more faculties join the collaboration later.

On his part, the highly elated President of Tanta University, Dr. Abdul Hakim Abdel Khalik, said if signed on Thursday the MOU would open many opportunities for collaboration between Nigeria and Egypt.

International Conference on Folklore

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed *mni*, MFR, wishes to invite the entire University community to the opening ceremony of an International Conference on Folklore, National Integration and Development in honour of Professor (Ambassador) Dandatti Abdulkadir

OFR, the former VC, BUK and a one-time, President of Nigeria Folklore Society.

Date: Wednesday 3rd April, 2013

Time: 10:00am

Venue: Musa Abdullahi Auditorium

BUK, Kano Govt. To Upgrade Traditional Medical Practice

In response to the need to improve, develop, and modernise the traditional medical practice in the state, Bayero University, in collaboration with Kano State government, has organized a seminar for the first time, aimed at bringing together the traditional and orthodox medical practitioners in the state in order to work together to come out with acceptable standard in line with the best practices.

The seminar, which took place on Monday 18th March, 2013, at the Theater One Old Campus with the theme: **Integration of Traditional and Orthodox Medical Practice in Kano State** witnessed the presence of over twenty traditional and orthodox medical practitioners from different parts of the country, including the Traditional Chinese System of Medicine (TCSM).

Stressing the importance of the seminar to the public, the Senior Special Assistant to Kano State

Governor on Private Health Institutions, Dr. Salisu Ibrahim, said, “government wants traditional doctors to gain reputation worldwide. But this can only be achieved if the practitioners cooperate and accept change to improve and develop”.



fields to include Medical Laboratory Science, Nursing, Dentistry and Radiography at Degree and Masters levels. He added that Pharmacology, Public Health and Reproductive Science are offered at postgraduate level.

He added that, “the issue of NAFDAC registration is a major setback to traditional medicine considering the fact that most of them are unregistered”

The seminar was attended by the NANTMP Chairman, Kano branch, Alh. Sai'd Baban Uwa, Sarkin Askar Kano, Alh. Danbala Nabako, NDLEA Kano Deputy State Commander, Alh Sulaiman Yusuf and representative of the World Health Organization (WHO).

On his part, the Executive Governor of Kano State, Engr. Dr. Rabi'u Musa Kwankwaso, who was represented by the Commissioner of Health, Dr. Abubakar Labaran Yusuf, drew the attention of the public to the importance of traditional medicine. He emphasized the need to improve on the existing traditional medicine, following its high usage by the community.

Also the Registrar, Sani Amin Ibrahim, Deans of Faculties of Medicine and Science, as well as many senior staff of the University were present at the occasion.

The Governor cautioned the medicine sellers to exercise the fear of God in all their dealings and public health should be their utmost priority rather than money.

It was a 5-day seminar sponsored by the Kano State Ministry of Health in conjunction with the Consultancy Services Unit of the University.

In his opening remarks, the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, *mni*, MFR, said the seminar was organized to bring about synergy between the orthodox and traditional medical practitioners. He added that the University has expanded its medicine programme to different

Casual Workers' Allowance

The University Management Committee at its 52nd meeting held on 5th March, 2013 directed that henceforth the payment of casual workers' allowance should be made in good time along with the salary of regular staff.

A letter signed by the Deputy Registrar, Personnel Affairs, J. A. Salim, said that all Deans and

Directors that have casual labourers working under them should submit monthly requests for the payment of casual works allowance to the office of the Registrar on or before the 13th day of every month.

29th March & 1st April, 2013 Declared Public Holiday

The Federal Government has declared Friday, 29th March and Monday, 1st April, 2013 as public holidays to mark Good Friday and Easter Monday, respectively. This was announced by the Minister of Interior, Comrade Abba Moro.

A statement signed by the Publication Secretary, Mustafa Ibrahim, said BUK staff on shift duty, emergency or essential services in various units will report for duty as usual.

Work resumes on Tuesday 2nd April, 2013.

The Vice-Chancellor, Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed *mni*, MFR sends his best wishes to all members of the University community on behalf of the management.

Staff Football Team

Call for Training

The Management of Staff Football Team hereby calls on all the players who have absconded from training to resume immediately in view of the

forthcoming Nigerian staff games and other competitions.

The Acting Coach, Dr. M. Y. Waziri, said their participation is very vital. He called on all the players to be regular in training.

Department of Agricultural Engineering

The Department of Agricultural Engineering wishes to invite members of the University community to its monthly seminar series scheduled to take place as follows:

Presenter: Dr. M. Isiaka

Title: *'Experimental Designs for Planning and Execution of Agricultural Engineering Related Research'*.

Date: Thursday, 4th April, 2013

Time: 10:00am

Venue: Musa Abdullahi Auditorium

Faculty of Agriculture

The Faculty Agriculture wishes to invite members of the University community to its PhD seminar as follows:

Presenter: Musa Abdulhamid Hamza (SPS.10/PAG/00001).

Chairman: Professor Jibrin M. Jibrin

Title: *'Effects of Biological Nitrogen Fixation (BNF) and Phosphorous on Productivity of Soybean'*.



Date: 3rd April, 2013

Time: 2pm prompt.

Venue: Agricultural Economics and Extension Department.

Department of Physics

M.Sc Seminar

This is to invite members of the University community to M.Sc seminar scheduled to hold as follows:

Presenter: Mani Tsoho
(SPS/09/MPY/0003).

Topic: *'Development of Optical Lever for Measurement of Linear Expansivity of Metals (Cu, Al, Fe)'*.

Chairman: Dr. M. O. Aku

Date: Thursday 4th April, 2013

Time: 2pm prompt.

Venue: Physics Research Laboratory.

Department of Mathematical Science

Departmental Seminar Series

The Department of Mathematical Sciences wishes to invite the University community to attend its departmental seminar scheduled as follows:

Title: *'Differential Games'*

Presenter: Dr. Abbas Ja'afaru Badakaya

Chairperson: Dr. Muhammad Waziri

Date: Wednesday 3rd April, 2013

Time: 14:00hrs.

Venue: Departmental Computer Lab.

Lost Items

- 1) A black laptop bag containing credentials, A.T.M card, clothes and digital camera charger belonging to Yakubu Abdulkarim Ateiza (EDU/12/LIS/00108).
- 2) A student I.D. card, Sky Bank ATM and NEPA card belonging to Halima Shehu Dahiru.
- 3) A Kano University Science and Technology's identity card belonging to Akilu Mudi Gano (KUST/SCI/09/2584).

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1. A student identity card belonging to Muhammad Mustapha Abdullahi (MED/04/MBBS/00803).

2. An original statement of result belonging to Yusuf Magami Abubakar.
3. A B.U.K identity card belonging to Akor Annie Salis (SMS/11/MAC/01270).
4. A Kano State Senior Secondary Schools Management Board belonging to Bilkisu Imamuddeen Bello.
5. A National I.D. card belonging to Habu Bashar.
6. National I.D. card belonging to Jibrin Isa.
7. U.B.A ATM card.
8. A bunch of keys.
9. Bayero University identity card belong to Umar Miyaheed SMS/08/GEO/00179.
10. ~~BUK identity card belonging to Kabir Sehhu Ahmad EDU/08/DLIM/00284.~~
11. A Bayero University identity card belong to Ibrahim Amina Uba AIS/DAH/00266.
12. National I.D. card belonging to Aminu Ali Hamisu of 139 Dankuru Street, Zoo Road, Kano.
13. A local government indigene of belonging to Hajiya Amina Usman Baba K.

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