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## BUK, Tanta University Connection

- \* *3 Egyptians Employed for Nursing Programme*
- \* *BUK to Host Int'l Conference on Bio Technology*

The memorandum of understanding signed between Bayero University, Kano and Tanta University, Egypt has started yielding result with the appointment of three senior academics from the Egyptian University to teach in the Faculty of Nursing, B.U.K. The appointment letters were issued to them and they willingly wrote and submitted their acceptance letters.



*A group photograph of BUK contingent and management of Tanta University*

the acting Head of Department of Nursing Sciences, Dr. Muhammad Sani Mijinyawa, the two Universities reiterated their unalloyed determination to strengthen the linkage programme, especially in the area of training academic staff of B.U.K at PhD level and



*V.C. Prof. Rasheed (5<sup>th</sup> left) being presented with the plaque of Tanta University by the President Dr. Abdul-Hakim Abdel Khalil (4<sup>th</sup> right)*

In a return visit as part of the M.O.U to Tanta University by the Vice chancellor, Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, *mini*, MFR, the Registrar, Sani Ibrahim Amin, MNIM, Professor Hafizu Abubakar, Dr. Ibrahim Muhammad and

sending Egyptian academics for sabbatical.

In a telephone interview with the acting Head of Nursing Sciences Department, Dr. Mijinyawa on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> October, 2013, he said the move to shop for qualified Egyptians to teach in the Faculty of Nursing became necessary in view of the shortage of professionals in the field in Nigeria.



*BUK contingent inspecting facilities*

Dr. Mijinyawa explained that the Vice Chancellor, Professor Rasheed also led the exploration of more collaborations in the area of training BUK staff at PhD levels in Science, Engineering and Medicine. In view of this, the BUK contingent was taken round to see facilities at these faculties.

The acting HOD further told Bulletin that the two Universities agreed that BUK would host the first international conference in the areas of Engineering and Biotechnology and Vice President of Tanta University would visit Bayero University in the next three weeks on this issue.

The B.U.K. contingent also visited the Nigeria's Ambassador to Egypt, his Excellency, Lawan Gana Guba and briefed him about the linkage programmes. The envoy promised to fully assist the staff that would shuttle between the two Universities and to monitor the progress of BUK staff undergoing their masters programme in Tanta University.



*VC (1<sup>st</sup> right) in one of the laboratories*

It will be recalled that on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> March, 2013 the Tanta University delegation led by its President, Dr. Abdul-Hakim Abdel Khalil and Professor Rahma Soliman, Dean Faculty of Nursing visited Bayero University as part of academic linkage on Nursing and Dentistry programmes.

### **Tetfund Commends BUK for Timely Implementation of Intervention Projects**

The new Board member of the Tertiary Education Trust Fund (Tetfund) representing the Northwest, Alhaji Mustapha Ibrahim, has inspected some High Impact and Special Intervention Projects in Bayero University and praised the management for strict

compliance and timely implementation of the Tetfund interventions.

The Board member, who visited the University on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> October, 2013 inspected Faculty of Education Departmental Complex (H.I.P), Laboratory and Learning Resource Complex (S.I.P) Faculty of Education Administration Complex (S.I.P.) and Faculty of Education's Dean Office (S.I.P.).

Alhaji Ibrahim while inspecting the projects, expressed satisfaction with the projects and the quality of equipment installed.

Earlier, the Board member, along with the Quantity Surveyor of Tetfund, Muhammad Sani Sulaiman, paid a courtesy call on the Vice Chancellor and told him that the visit was to familiarize with the University and interact with the management on Tetfund interventions.

On his part, the Vice Chancellor, Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, *nni*, MFR said Tetfund intervention projects and others sponsored by donor agencies, state governments and philanthropists have given the University a new look.

Represented by the Deputy Vice Chancellor, (Academics), Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello, the Vice Chancellor said Bayero University has always maintained the Tetfund's emphasis on transparency and accountability, and expressed commitment to continue to work closely with the Tetfund for the betterment of education system.

Prof. Rasheed noted that the University had enjoyed good working relationship with the immediate past Board Member, Professor

Hafizu Abubakar, and expressed the hope that the fruitful relationship would continue with the new helmsman.

Speaking on the High Impact and Special Intervention Projects, the Director of Physical Planning Unit, Arc. Sani Ali, said all outstanding projects would be completed by December this year.

## **BUK To Mark Golden Jubilee As Degree Awarding Institution**

Bayero University will next year mark its 50<sup>th</sup> year as a degree awarding institution, Vice Chancellor, Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed *nni*, MFR has disclosed.

The Vice Chancellor was speaking when he received a team of international experts who were in the University to evaluate the competence and the capacity of the institution to house the proposed World Bank funded African Centre of excellence project.

He said the Golden Jubilee is a great year worth celebrating, adding "we are not just going to mark the 50 year just like that, no, we are going to mark the year because the successes the University recorded in terms of infrastructure and academic breakthrough within those period are too glaring to be ignored."

Professor Rasheed explained that 50 years back was the period the institution began to award degrees in the name of Ahmadu Bello University, saying that it was in 1975 the University's name was changed to Bayero University College and that in October 1977 Bayero University College (B.U.C.) became a full-fledged University with the name Bayero University, Kano (B.U.K.). Since then he said

the institution has continued to grow both in infrastructure and academics.

He urged the visitors to squeeze time out of their tight schedules to inspect the on-going infrastructural transformation in the University's Old and New Campuses, saying "this will convince you that we in BUK are committed to academic excellence."

Professor Rasheed also stated that apart from infrastructural development, the University currently is the best and number one among Universities in the country, saying the rating was based on the accreditation exercise conducted by the National Universities Commission (NUC).

He assured that the University Management would continue to do its best not only to maintain its present record but also work to surpass it.

Responding, the team leader, Professor Daouda Kone, congratulated the Vice Chancellor and assured him that the team would carry out its assignment honestly, sincerely and in line with international best practice.

## **CDA May Be Upgraded to African Centre of Excellence**

Centre for Dryland Agriculture (CDA) of Bayero University, is in the process of being converted into African Centre of Excellence in Dryland Agriculture.

Already a team of three international experts from the Association of African Universities visited the University about three weeks ago to evaluate facilities as well as interact with members of the academics in the field of

Agriculture, Geography, Plant and Biological sciences all geared towards the elevation of CDA into African Centre of Excellence (ACE).

The three international experts were selected, sanctioned and sent by the World Bank, which is funding the African Centre of Excellence (ACE) project to visit BUK and further evaluate facilities at the proposed centre.

Earlier, in his address before the commencement of the interaction, Vice Chancellor of Bayero University, Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, *mni*, MFR told the visiting experts that the University would give them every cooperation to enable them successfully accomplish their task.

He said going by the track record of BUK both in leadership and academics coupled with the number one position the University is currently occupying due to its academic breakthrough, "I believe BUK is not only qualified but has the capacity and competence to house the proposed African Centre of Excellence."

The Vice Chancellor said the Centre for Dryland Agriculture, though established less than five years ago, had collaborated with numerous agencies and Universities and recorded major successes in the area of agriculture, especially dryland and believed that upgrading the CDA to African Centre of Excellence would be in line with the vision of the University.

Professor Rasheed wished the team of the expert fruitful and successful interaction. In his presentation during the interaction, the Director of the Centre, Professor Jibrin Jibrin,

said the CDA sometimes in August this year applied to the World Bank for a grant of 7.8million dollars to be used to upgrade CDA into African Centre of Excellence.

He said the CDA has the competence and experience both in academic and management to be upgraded to ACE.

Professor Jibrin stated that in the area of academic exploits, the centre had collaborated with some national and international institutions, prominent among them are; International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA), University of Nairobi in Kenya, University of Maradi, and Alliance for Green Revolution in Africa, among others.

The CDA Director said BUK where the centre is located is one of the leading Universities in Nigeria from the outcome of NUC accreditation, saying the centre has several linkages and collaboration experiences in managing donor funds. Close to 11 million dollars from the McArthur Foundation was judiciously managed.

Responding, the team leader, Professor Daouda Kone, said they were in BUK to carry out further evaluation regarding the World Bank funded African Centre of Excellence (ACE) in dryland agriculture project.

He said the team's goals are to investigate the leadership and management capacity of the University and the proposed Centre of Excellence, as well as to ascertain the feasibility or otherwise of implementing the proposed project giving the academic capacity and infrastructure on ground.

Prof. Kone said at the end of the exercise, they will forward their reports to the Association of African Universities and the World Bank before the final decision is taken on the ACE project.

Those who attended the interactive session were the Dean of the Faculty of Agriculture, Prof. Auwal Bindawa, and all the five Heads of Departments in the Faculty including other senior academics as well as Professors and senior academics, from the Department of Geography, Agric Engineering Plant and Biological Sciences.

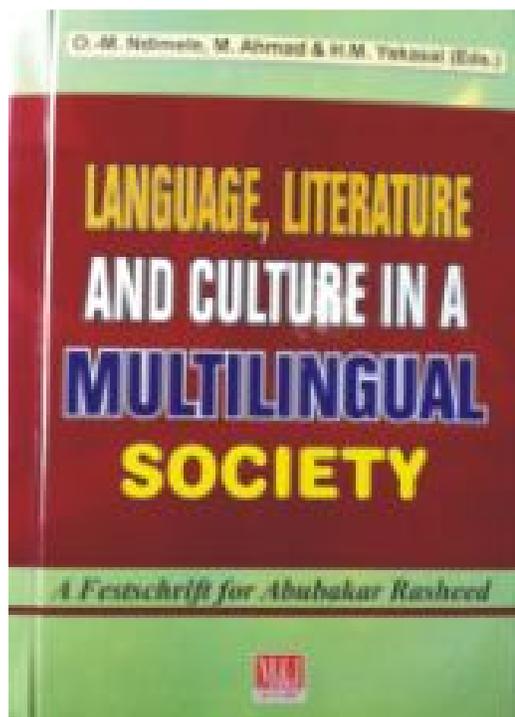
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## LAN Honours Prof. Rasheed

The Linguistic Association of Nigeria (LAN) has published a Festschrift in honour of the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, *mni*, MFR. The Festschrift, which is the 10<sup>th</sup> in the LAN Festschrift Series, and only the second to be published in honour of a linguist from northern Nigeria, contains 77 chapters and 1,118 pages. It is specifically devoted to Prof. Rasheed in his capacity as a Professor of Literary Stylistics and for



his contributions to the preservation of languages and literatures and support for the activities of LAN nationwide. The Festschrift entitled *Language, Literature and Culture in a Multilingual Society* was co-edited by Prof. Ozo-Mekuri Ndimele of the University of Port Harcourt, Prof. Mustapha Ahmad Isa of Bayero University Kano, and Dr. Hafizu Miko Yakasai of Bayero University.

It is a product of the 2011 LAN Conference that took place in Bayero University Kano, and which drew participation from around the world, including the USA, Italy, Poland and from across Nigeria. The Festschrift was presented to the Vice Chancellor at a grand ceremony during the joint annual conference of LAN and the West African Linguistic Society

in Ibadan, on 1<sup>st</sup> August 2013. The Vice Chancellor was represented at the Festschrift presentation ceremony by the Dean, School of Postgraduate Studies, Prof. Sa'idu B. Ahmad. Bayero University community congratulates the Vice Chancellor on this great achievement.

### Wedding fatiha

Alh. Usman Abubakar (T.O.) of Vice Chancellor's Office cordially invites members of the University community to the wedding fatiha of his daughter, Maryam A. Usman scheduled to take place as follows:

**Date:** Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November, 2013

**Time:** 10:00am

**Venue:** Dorayi Karshen Waya Layin Masallacin 'Yan Izala Gidan Alh. Usman Abubakar.