



### **BUK to Establish Centre for Qur'anic Studies – VC**

Bayero University will soon establish a Centre for Qur'anic Studies where Qur'anic science, memorization and its interpretation will be taught.

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed *mni*, MFR who dropped the hint also said the centre would be the first of its kind in the West African sub-region.

Speaking when he received the Iranian Consul in Nigeria in his office Thursday, Professor Rasheed said the centre would also be used to encourage extensive research and scholarship in Qur'anic education.

He said Bayero University had a lot to learn from Iran, especially how their students memorize the Holy Qur'an. He gave an example of how a nine-year old Iranian boy who not only memorized the Holy Qur'an but also behaved like a computer, in the level of grasp of detail he exhibited.

“All you need to do is open any verse of the Holy Qur'an, read the first line on the page and the boy will not only continue from there but will also tell you on what page the verse is located.”

Professor Rasheed further said in the area of medical sciences, Iran had advanced tremendously which was why he said BUK would explore the possibility of sending its teaching staff for Phd programmes in Iran.

He told the Consul that BUK's Faculty of Medicine was currently undergoing academic transformation, saying that by next month, the Faculty would be further split into four: Biomedical Sciences, Basic Clinical and Clinical Science, as well as Allied Health.

The Vice Chancellor said BUK would welcome greater collaboration with Iran, especially in area of research and training.

Earlier, the Iranian Consul, Mr. Said Jabali, said he was in the University to explore possible areas of educational collaboration with his home country.

He said before the Iranian revolution, only about 20 percent of its population had acquired western education but after the revolution and greater commitment by its leaders, “Iran can now boast of about 90 percent of its citizens having acquired western education”.

Mr. Jabali said Iran produced quality graduates in all fields especially in

medical science, which was why he said government introduced a policy of restricting the number of medical student per session to 15 in order not to overstretch training facilities.

He said other science related programmes were also restricted to 25, saying that the initiative has helped Iran to produce the best graduates with qualitative education.

Mr. Jabal told the Vice Chancellor that Iran desired a strong collaboration with BUK, especially in the sciences and hoped to open “an Iran Home,” which he said, “is like a window to communicate with Iran in the field of education. It has nothing to do with religion or politics but purely educational”, he remarked.

## **Poverty is Rampant Amongst Muslims – Prof. Maiwada**

Poverty has been identified as more rampant among the Muslims in Nigeria in spite of the varied provisions of wealth distribution in Islamic injunctions and governmental poverty alleviation programmes, such as the National Poverty Eradication Programme (NAPEP), the National Directorate of Employment (NDE), Small and Medium Enterprises Development (SMEDAN), Microfinance banks/Institutions, the various agricultural programmes and women empowerment schemes.

The observation was made at the 1<sup>st</sup> Public Lecture of Northwest University, Kano by the Dean, Faculty

of Education, Professor Danjuma A. Maiwada.

He said the level of poverty among Muslims made it obvious that the wealthy and well to do are not doing enough in terms of wealth distribution, and governments do not see to it that equity prevails within the society through the enforcement, collection and distribution of alms.

Professor Maiwada, who stressed that poverty in the midst of plenty is a negation of the very principle of brotherhood which Islam enjoins on believers, further observed that Bangladesh, Iran, Pakistan, Egypt, Indonesia, Malaysia and Nigeria that are among the developing 8 (D8) with the highest number of Muslims, are the nations with a high prevalence rate of poverty, while Nigeria, Bangladesh, Pakistan and Indonesia are among the nine high populated countries that represent half of the world’s population and most of its adult illiterates.

The Northwest University Dean emphasized the need for strengthening the distribution of wealth and encouraging entrepreneurship with a view to eradicating destitution.

He said that Prophet Muhammad (S.A.W.) admonished Muslims thus, “One of you goes to the bush, behind the rocks, cuts wood and sells it: this is preferred to his begging people, perchance they give him or not”.

Prof. Maiwada described the Kano State government’s social entrepreneurship scheme for women

empowerment as laudable and worthy of emulation by other states.

According to him, some non-governmental organizations and the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) have made efforts to establish entrepreneurship training centres across the country to train the youth in ways of establishing small and medium scale enterprises.

He called for the establishment of large-scale farming of various sorts, including livestock rearing, poultry, fishery and horticulture as occupations for our teeming youth, given our vast land mass, as part of the measures to reduce poverty in Nigeria.

The public lecture, which was in honour of Professor Muhammad Sani Zaharadeen, the Chief Imam of Kano and former Vice Chancellor of Bayero University, Kano, had in attendance the Vice Chancellor, Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed *mni*, MFR who was represented by the Director, the Centre for Biotechnology Research and former Head of Biochemistry Department, Professor Hafiz Abubakar.

## **BUK Staff, Shabiki Jimeta Now Fellow of ANAN**

A senior staff of the Bursary Department of Bayero University, Hajiya Shabiki Shuaibu Jimeta, has been made a Fellow of the Association of National Accountant of Nigeria (ANAN).

Hajiya Jimeta, a Deputy Bursar is currently on secondment at the Gombe State University as the Bursar.

The fellowship award is the highest honour ANAN can confer on a professional and committed (Member) accountant.

According to the certificate of fellowship with membership registration number 4263 dated 7<sup>th</sup> November, 2013, Hajiya Jimeta's designation will now be "Fellow, Certified National Accountant of Nigeria" (FCNA).

## **Prohibition of Bush Burning on Campus**

Members of the University Community, especially those residing on campus, are hereby reminded to clear the surroundings of their houses to guard against fire incidence. Parents who have children or wards living with them in the staff quarters are required to caution them against indiscriminate setting of fire either within the quarters or surrounding bush.

A statement signed by the Director of Security, Col. A. A. Mohammed (Rtd), said the Harmattan Season has started and reminded members of the University Community of the dangers inherent in indiscriminate bush burning.

"It is an offence for any staff living on campus to use bush-burning as a means of clearing his premises. Any person who uses fire deliberately and causes damage or loss to University or any individual's property as a result of careless handling of fire, in addition to any punishment that may be imposed on him by the University Authority, the staff shall be surcharged for the repairs



of the damage/compensation for the lost property”, the statement said.

### **Staff Model Secondary School: Payment of ₦12,000 WAEC Registration Fees**

The Management of staff model secondary school wishes to inform members of the University Community that it has approved the payment of ₦12,000 by each SS3 student for the 2013/2014 WAEC Registration.

A statement signed by the Principal, Tijjani M. Adamu, enjoined parents to kindly cooperate and pay on time to enable the school to compile and process both the (C/A) Continuous Assessments and other records for WAEC before the end of December 2013.

### **Payment of ₦6,000 Extension Lesson Charges/fees at UBA BUK Branch, School Account Number 100602305**

The Management also has approved the payment of ₦6,000 by each SS3 student for the 2013/2014 Extension Lessons.

A statement signed by the Principal, Balarabe Hussaini, said the money would be used for the payment of subject teachers’ transport allowance to enable them to be punctual and efficient.

It is also said the lessons would commence immediately after parents effect the payments. “In fact, students will be able to treat past question papers and many specific content areas

related to WAEC/NECO 2014”, the statement added.

### **WEDDING FATIHA**

The families of Malam Sule O. Ademoh, Vice Principal Academic, Staff Model Primary School cordially invite the University Community and the general public to the wedding fatiha of his son, Abdulrazak Adamu Suleiman and daughter, Ramatu Adamu Suleiman scheduled to take place as follows:

**Date:** Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December, 2013

**Time:** 11.00am

**Venue:** BUK Old Site Juma’a Mosque

### **Loss and Found**

A car key, in a bunch of two keys, has been reported missing between the VC parking lot and the Administrative block, on Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> November, 2013. Anyone who finds it should bring same to the Publication & Documentation Division or hand it over to the Security Office

## **Do You Know:**

- That the Environment Needs our Care and Attention?
- That You Have to Nurture Nature in Order to Enjoy It?
- That the Pressure on the Environment is too Great?
- That We are Losing too Many Trees, Fauna and Flora?
- That the University spends a lot of Money to Maintain the Environment?
- ✓ **Plant a Tree Today and Maintain it to Maturity.**
- ✓ **Keep Your Office and Residence Neat and Tidy.**
- ✓ **Use the DUSTBEN to Dispose of all litter**

