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Civic Participation, Citizen **Education behind Success of 2015 Elections – Paul Unongo**

A former minister of Steel and Mines in the second republic, Watarengh Paul I. Unongo, has attributed the success of the just concluded 2015 general elections to civic education and citizen participation.

Speaking at the 32nd Aminu Kano Annual Memorial Lecture organized by the Center for Democratic Research and Training (AKCDRT) on Saturday, 25th April, 2015, Paul Unongo stressed that individuals participate in democratic processes not only because they possess the requisite socio-economic resources or favorable attitudinal dispositions, but also because they are asked to participate, either by political parties, groups with which they are affiliated, family, friends or others in their social networks.

The former minister, who delivered a lecture titled. "Political Education for Democratic Consolidation: The Need for Redefining Politics in Nigeria", argued that since the beginning of civilian rule in 1999 after a long military reign, Nigeria has experienced a stable transition to democratic rule, culminating in the peaceful transfer of power from the ruling PDP to the APC in 2015. "This dramatic change can be attributed to citizen participation in deciding their fate through an established institution, the INEC", he stated.

He added that earlier attempts in Nigeria at In his speech, the Vice Chancellor, Professor crafting institutions from above did not succeed Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, mni MFR said the since citizens did not have faith in these AKCDRT

institutions, and, therefore, did not engage in large numbers to assert their rights to selfgovernance.

Paul Unongo believed that the performance of the political class and their electoral institution, the INEC in the 2015 National Election, showed that Nigeria is ready for a paradigm shift in polity, as it relates to participatory democracy.

The guest speaker added that the masses in Nigeria rebelled in the 2015 election and consequently began the process of redefining politics in Nigeria by voting out the PDP, which has substantially governed Nigeria since 1999.

In his paper entitled "Malam Aminu Kano: The Reflections on the Life and Struggle of a Revolutionary Politician," Dr. Muhtari Ahmadu Kura, the second speaker, dwelled extensively on the life, politics and struggles of the late Malam Aminu Kano on the emancipation of the masses and women.

Dr. Kura, who is a veteran NEPU activist and political associate of the late Malam Aminu Kano, said in the early 1950s Malam had made it a habit to always make a point that liberating the country from the colonial as well as feudal stranglehold would never be complete without liberating our women-folk from the clutches of illiteracy and un-Islamic bond of slavery, as practiced by many feudalistic leaders. He said Malam Aminu Kano lived an exemplary life of humility and dedication to the political ideology of democratic humanism.

had been in the forefront of

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pursue the democratic project. He explained that the centre had played a significant role in sensitizing the people, especially from the North West and North East, on peaceful election and the result had shown that the two regions had the least cases of electoral violence at the just concluded elections.

While commending the INEC for conducting one of the freest and fairest elections in the history of Nigeria, Prof. Rasheed said glowing tributes must be paid to the late political icon, Malam Aminu Kano, for his struggles and efforts to redefine politics in Nigeria.

The Chairman of the occasion, AVM Mukhtar Muhammed (rtd) expressed displeasure over the absence of some political top shots at the occasion who benefitted immensely to the struggles of the late Malam Aminu.

The Director of the Center, Professor M. D. Sulaiman, in his vote of thanks commended the two guest speakers for having time to present papers and expressed gratitude to the Vice Chancellor and the members of the university management for supporting the center.

He also thanked the staff of the centre for their untiring efforts and the members of the public who came from far and near to grace the occasion.

NUASA Gets New National Officers

Vice Chancellor of Bayero University, Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed mni, MFR has charged the newly elected officials of the Nigerian Universities Accounting Students Association (NUASA) to do everything humanly possible to lead the association in accordance with the principles of the accounting profession.

at the National Delegate conference of the community that the Alumni Association of

sensitizing and mobilizing people in its quest to association held in Bayero University Kano's Centre for Information Technology on Tuesday, 28th April, 2015.

> The Vice-Chancellor, who was represented by Prof. Abdalla Uba Adamu of the Department of Mass Communication, urged the newly elected officials to inculcate the values of the profession by maintaining ethical code of conducts, which is honesty and transparency.

> He called on them to do a self-examination and also learn from their past mistakes in order to forge ahead and move the association forward.

> Professor Rasheed congratulated the Department of Accounting for the successful hosting of the Delegate conference.

> In his speech, the Head of Department of Accounting, Bayero University Kano, Dr. Ibrahim Magaji Barde, said the conference was organized by the department in collaboration with the Institute of Chartered Accountant of Nigeria (ICAN) to revive the national body of NUASA which he said was in comatose.

> The President of ICAN, Mr. Chidi Oyeukwu, asked the Accounting students to work hard in order to succeed in their studies.

> Yusuf Rimingado from Beyero University was elected President, Dangana Chidionku (FUW) Vice President, Secretary General, Friday Prince Ucheni (BUK) and Abdurraham Ahmad Khalid (ABU) Financial Secretary, among other exco members.

> In his post election speech, the new President, Isa Yusuf Rimingado, pledged to do everything humanly possible to carry other exco members along and to lead the association in line with the ethics of the accounting profession.

Website for BUK Alumni

Professor Rasheed gave the charge in his speech This is to inform members of the university

Bayero University has launched its official 'I believe the outcome of this conference will go website, according to its national secretary, Professor Habu Muhammad Fagge.

The web address is: **bukalumni.com.** He said people could now visit the address and view the BUK alumni activities, registration of members and other related information.

2^{ND} INTERNATIONAL IIIBF **CONFAB OPENS:** *Come Up With a Workable Alternative, VC* **Urges** Participants

The 2nd International Conference of the Institute of Islamic Banking and Finance (IIIBF), Bayero University, Kano opened on Tuesday, 28th April, 2015 at the Musa Abdullahi Auditorium. The Conference's theme was, Islamic Banking And **Finance**: *The Nexus with the Real Economy.*

The conference attracted international scholars on Islamic Banking from Malaysia, Cameroon, Sudan, Pakistan and Saudi Arabia.

Speaking at the opening ceremony, the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed mni, MFR said Bayero University was proud of the breakthrough achieved by the institute in the last two years, adding that the international conference, which was the second being hosted by the institute, could not have come at a better time than now and urged the participants to make the best use of the opportunity to rub minds and interact intellectually for the improvement, advancement and development of Islamic banking in the country.

He said looking at the current economic challenges globally, such as the fallen prices of crude oil, the dwindling fortunes of the Naira, the mass movement of the people across borders and the crime rate across Africa. Asia and the banking Middle East, Islamic principles appeared to be the possible solutions, saying that

a long way to assist in that direction, so I urge you to come up with a workable and concrete alternatives/solutions.'

Speaking against the background of the absence of students at the conference because they were currently on holiday. Professor Rasheed observed that a conference of this nature did not require a huge crowd of people, saying that what it needed was a group of intellectuals and experts to rub minds, brainstorm and exchange ideas. Doing this would definitely lead to the success of the conference. 'Students' attendance is also important as a forum like this often serves as a training and learning opportunity for them.'

The Vice-Chancellor commended the management of IIIBF for organizing the allimportant conference and wished the participants fruitful deliberations.

Earlier, in his welcome address, Director of the Institute, Professor Shehu Rano, was full of praises for the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, over what he called the unprecedented transformation of the university in terms of infrastructure and academic activities in the last three years, saying that 'those of us working with him have no option but to sit up in order to take a cue from his good examples.'

Professor Rano, who traced the history of the establishment of the institute, said the issuance of an operating license to the first Islamic bank (Ja'iz) begin operation led to the to establishment of the institute to conduct research on Islamic Banking, as well as collaborate with national and international institutions involved in Islamic banking and finance, as well as train postgraduate students on the principles of Islamic banking operations.

Online Survey of Academic Freedom

This is to inform University community that the University of Lincoln has requested the management of Bayero University to encourage staff to participate in an EU funded online survey on academic freedom.

The importance of academic freedom in enabling Universities to operate effectively in the global knowledge economy has been acknowledged by the EU, which has provide funding for a Marie knowledge, experience and opinions of higher education academic staff in African states, with respect to the policies and protocols that are designed to protect academic freedom at departmental and institutional levels.

This survey can be accessed until 31st May, 2015, by going to the web page at: <u>https://www.surverymonkey.com/s/BAFADIAE</u> nglish.

The survey is designed to be as easy as possible to complete, as most of the questions just require ticks in the relevant boxes and is completely anonymous, so that the names of staff who participate and the institutions within which they work cannot be identified.

BUK Emerges 3rd at National Maths Competition

Bayero University has emerged third at the just concluded 7th National Mathematics Competition for University Students (NAMCUS) under the National category.

According to Dr. Surajo M. Umar, who signed a letter on behalf of the Head of Mathematical Sciences Department, 25 Nigerian Universities participated in the competition that was organized by the National Mathematical centre, Abuja.

The BUK team had Dr. Ma'aruf S. Minjibir as leader at the delegation and four students as representatives as follows:

- 1. SCI/11/MTH/00886 Rahamat Abdullahi Sani.
- 2. SCI/11/MTH/0842 Aisha Adam Aminu
- 3. SCI/10/MTH/00748 Muhammadu Salisu
- 4. SCI/10/MTH/00768 Ukashatu Abdullahi Sani

Under individual category, Rahamat Abdullahi Sani emerged 3rd in the nation out of one hundred participants, thereby bagging a gold medal. Muhammadu Salisu emerged 16th and got a silver medal, while Aisha Adam Aminu and Ukashatu Abdullahi Sani got a bronze medal each and emerged 26th and 31st respectively.

Dr. Abdulhadi Sale Kumrya Appointed HOD, Medical Laboratory Science

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, *mni*, MFR has approved the appointment of Dr. Abdulhadi Sale Kumurya as Head of Department of Medical Laboratory Science for two years from 1st May, 2015.

A letter dated 7th April, 2015 called on the HOD to "give sound academic and administrative leadership to the department."

CALL FOR PAPERS Kano Journal of History

1. Articles:

Well researched and high quality articles and reviews on history and related disciplines are invited from interested scholars and researchers for publication in the Kano Journal of History (KJH) Department of History, Bayero University, Kano.

2. Format:

- ✓ Articles should be between 14 and 16 pages including endnotes.
- ✓ Manuscripts should be typed, with 12 font size, Times New Roman, double spaced and with ample margins on A4 sized paper.



- \checkmark APA referencing style should be used.
- words.
- \checkmark Each contributor shall pay the sum of 5. Community Health Extension ▶3000.00 or \$25 for assessment.
- ✓ The sum of \aleph 12,000.00 or \$100 shall be 6. Health Administrators. paid for a paper accepted for publication. All payments should be made to Fidelity Bank – Account Number 4010895826.

3. Submission of Papers:

- \checkmark All papers should be sent electronically as an attachment to either of the following addresses: email kanojournalofhistory@yahoo.com or kanojournal@gmail.com.
- name(s), institutional affiliation(s), email and Reporting address(es) and contact phone number(s) of the author(s).
- in CD Rom should be sent by courier **TIME:** 9:00am 4:00pm Department Journal of History, Bayero University, History, Kano, Nigeria, PMB 3011.
- \checkmark For further inquiry contact the Secretary, Editorial Board through +2348066020726 or +2347083315599.

Certificate Course in Infectious Disease Epidemiology and Sustainable Control Strategies Introduced

The Bayero University Consultancy Services Limited in collaboration with the Department of Medical Microbiology and Parasitology, Faculty of Clinical Sciences commences Professional **Pension Unit: Stanbic IBTC Pension** Disease Certificate course in Infectious Epidemiology Sustainable Control and Strategies.

Eligibility: Applicant must have Credits in interactive session scheduled as follows: Science subjects. FOR WHOM 1. Community Health Officers (CHO).

- 2. Environmental Health Officers (EHO).
- ✓ Abstracts should be between 200 and 250 3. Community Development Officers (CDO)
 - 4. Public Health Nursing Officers (PHNO).
 - Workers (CHEW).

 - 7. Medical and Allied Health Professionals.

COURSE:

- 1. Infectious Agents and the Process of Infections in Human Host.
- 2. Epidemiology: Infectious Diseases.
- 3. Infectious Diseases Prevention and Control Strategies.
- 4. Project on Infectious Disease Investigations.

 \checkmark All papers should contain the title(s), **DURATION:** 12 weeks Lectures, Field work

VENUE: Aminu Kano Teaching Hospital (AKTH)

✓ If by post, two hard copies and a soft copy **LECTURE DAYS:** Fridays and Saturdays

service to the Editor-in-Chief, Kano Date for commencement of the course: 8th of May, 2015

> Form Fee: Five Thousand Naira (¥5,000.00). **Tuition Fee:** Fifty Thousand Naira (N50,000.00) **Project Fee:** Five Thousand Naira (N5,000.00)

Application form: Forms can be obtainable at Bayero University Consultancy Service Ltd, Old Site, Kofar Kabuga/Gwarzo Road, Kano.

For Further Information Contact:

Bayero University Consultancy Services Ltd. Old Site, Kano.

Phone Numbers: 08095187712, 08032312738, 08065526089.

Managers

The Pension Unit informs members of the University community that Stanbic IBTC Pension Managers limited wishes to invite its clients to an

Date: Thursday, 7th May, 2015 **Time:** 2:00pm

Venue: Musa Abdullahi Auditorium

UNIVERSITY LIBRARY Notice to All Registered Students

All registered students, especially fresh and direct entry, are advised to register with the University Library. The affected students should come along with the following items:

For Fresh Students:

- 1. Admission Letter (original)
- 2. A photocopy of Student Information Form (S.I.F).
- 3. Two passport paragraphs.

For Returning Students:

- 1. A photocopy of Students Information Form (S.I.F).
- 2. Two passport photographs.
- 3. Clearance letter from the student's Faculty Engineering students Library, from Engineering Library, Medical students from AKTH Library, Agricultural students from Agricultural Library and Old Campus Chairman: Dr. U. M. Gana students from Science Library.

Time: Monday – Thursday: 10:00am – 2:00pm and on Friday 10:00am – 12:00pm.

New Commuter Service Route in New **Campus For Student Affairs Buses**

In order to case the stress faced by students whose departments are spread across the new academic area, the Deanery of Student Affairs has directed that all Student Affairs buses coming from Old Campus to New Campus are to go round the new dualised road starting from Centre for the Research of Nigerian Languages and Folklore, Sociology Department, Faculty of Education, Faculty of Social and Management Science Sciences. Political Department, Business Administration Department, BUK Microfinance Bank, Faculty of Agriculture, School of Postgraduate Studies, Faculty of Computer Science and Information Technology,

Student Affairs Division, University Clinic and finally the Bus Stop.

SEMINARS

The following faculties/departments invite the University Community to their departmental seminars, scheduled as follows:

Department of Nigerian Languages: PhD and M.A Seminar Series

Chairman: Professor Isa Mukhtar Discussants: Professor Abdulkadir Dangambo, Professor M. A. Z. Sani and Dr. M. T. Adamu

Date: Wednesday, 6th May, 2015 **Time:** 11:00am

Venue:) Departmental Board Room

Department of Physics: M.Sc Seminar Presentation

Presenter 1: Ahmadu Muhammad Aliyu (SPS/12/MPH/00030)

Topic: Ionospheric Energy Dissipation using Ostgaard's Empirical Relation.

Presenter 2: Lukman Inuwa Gani (SPS/12/MPH/00035)

Topic: Geophyscial Investigation of the Subsurface Condition of the Permanent Site of Federal University Lokoja, Kogi State. Chairman: Dr. I. D. Adamu

Date:) Thursday, 30th April, 2015

Time: 10:00am

Venue:) Physics Research Laboratory

Congregation Meeting May 6

The Steering Committee on Congregation announces to all qualified graduate staff of the University that a Congregation meeting is to hold as follows:

Date:) Wednesday, 6th May, 2015 **Time:** 10:00am

Venue:) Musa Abdullahi Auditorium

Wedding Fatiha

Malam Idris Ahmad of Physics Department invites members of the University community to his wedding fatiha scheduled to take place on Sunday, 3rd May, 2015 at 11:00am at Fagge Layin Mai Kashin Rago by I.B.B. Way, Opposite the eid mosque.

Appreciation

Professor Muhammad Y. Bello, former Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academics) wishes to express his profound appreciation to members of the

University community for honouring the invitation to the Wedding Fatiha of his son, Farouk Yahuza Bello which took place in Azare, Bauchi State, on 25th April, 2015. He is specifically grateful to the Vice-Chancellor, the Deputy Vice-Chancellors, the Registrar, the Bursar, the Librarian, Deans and Directors, and all other members of the University community who travelled all the way to Azare, or faced some challenges while attempting to go there; as well as many others who sent goodwill messages and/or prayed for the newly wed couple.

SCHOOL OF POSTGRADUATE STUDIES: Plans For 2014/2015 Registration Exercise

We would like to draw the attention of students to the following plans for registration for the 2014/2015 Session. Students should take note of the plans and abide by them.

Registration Procedure: The registration procedure has not been changed. A student is to login to **<u>myBUK</u>** portal, print his/her personalized Payment Invoice, pay the <u>**exact amount**</u> at any of the designated banks, then login to the portal again to register for the courses. A student who pays an amount different from what is on the Invoice <u>would not be able to continue!</u>

Registration Timetable: The following timetable will be strictly enforced:

PERIOD	ACTIVITY			
13 th April –10 th May, 2015 (4 weeks)	Screening and Registration of fresh students			
27 th April–10 th May, 2015 (2 weeks)	Registration of returning students			
11 th May –17 th May, 2015 (1 week)	Late Registration period (with N5,000 penalty)			
18 th May –29 th May, 2015	Application for Suspension of Studies for the Session for those who fail to register by 17 th May, 2015			

Senate has directed that any student who fails to register by 17th May, 2015 has to apply for <u>Suspension of</u> <u>Studies for the Session not later than Friday, 29th May, 2015</u>. Those who fail to apply for Suspension of Studies by 29th May, 2015 would be considered withdrawn from the University.

2014/2015 SCHEDULE OF FEES:

- A. Acceptance Fee of ₦10,000.00 to be paid at BUK Microfinance Bank, Ac. No. 030400079 by <u>all New</u> <u>Students</u> before screening.
- **B. Registration Fees** (Reflected on the Invoice, to be paid on presentation of Invoice at the designated Banks).

C. **					
	TOTAL FOR		TOTAL FOR NON-		
	NIGERIANS		NIGERIANS		
PROGRAMME	New	Returning	New	Returning	
	Students	Students	Students	Students	
PhD in Science, Engineering, Agriculture, Computer	N135,000	N132,000	N235,000	N232,000	
Science, Earth and Environmental Sciences (Geography),					
Physical and Health Education (PHE), and Science					
Education					
PhD in Arts, Arts Education, and Library and	N110,000	N107,000	N190,000	N187,000	
Information Sciences, Law, and Social Sciences					
MSc./M.Engr. in: Sciences, Engineering, Agriculture,	N95,000	N92,000	N155,000	N152,000	
Computer Science, Earth and Environmental Science					
(Geography), Physical and Health Education, Science					
Education, and Public Health					
MA/MSc/M.Ed./LL.M in: Arts, Arts Education, and	N80,000	N77,000	N130,000	N127,000	
Library and Information Sciences, Law, and Social					
Sciences					
Professional Masters: in MBCL, MDS, MEM, MCMP,	N100,000	N97,000	N160,000	N157,000	
MPPA, MPR, MIM, MCS, and MRM					
Professional Masters in: MTM, MBF (Part-Time), MHE,	N120,000	N117,000	N200,000	N197,000	
MAFM, MTRA and MBA Part-Time (Special and					
Regular)					
Professional Masters in: MBA Full Time (Regular and	N140,000	N137,000	N240,000	N237,000	
Special), MIBF and MBF (Full time)					
Professional Masters in Reproductive Health (MRH)	N145,000	N142,000	N245,000	242,000	
Postgraduate Diploma in Banking & Finance (PGDBF),	N100,000	N97,000	N160,000	N157,000	
Acct & Finance (PGDAF) and Health Economics					
(PFDHE)					
Postgraduate Diploma in Management (PGDM) and	N120,000	N117,000	N200,000	N197,000	
Islamic Banking & Finance (PGDIBF)					
PGD in Civil Engr., Electrical Engr., Mechanical Engr.,	N105,000	N102,000	N165,000	N162,000	
Computer Science, Science & Tech. Educ. and Agric					
Courses					
Postgraduate Diplomas: PGDPPA, PGDSPA, PGDDS,	N80,000	N77,000	N120,000	N117,000	
PGDMC, PGDA, PGDH, PGDE, PGDC&C, PGDIM,					
PGDRM, PGDCD, PGDRTM, PGDPHE, PGDTESL,					
PGDCM, PGDL and PGDT					
PGD in: Chemistry, Biology, Industrial Physics, Soil	N85,000	N82,000	N125,000	N122,000	
Evaluation, Land Admin, Environmental Management,					
and Mathematics					

D. Special Charges (To be paid only by those in the categories listed below, and in their Departments):

- MBA Students to pay Internship Fees of N7,500 to N15,000 at Department, depending on the place of internship.
- PG Students in Geography to pay Field Trip Fees of N5,000 to N20,000 (depending on programme of study) at Department.
- **E.** Hostel and Hostel Maintenance Charges (To be paid by students allocated bed spaces in University Halls of Residence): N12,090