Professor Yahuza Bello Assumes Duty as the 10th VC

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello assumed duty on Tuesday 18th August, 2015 as the 10th Vice Chancellor of Bayero University, Kano, shortly after the University Governing Council’s meeting.

The Pro-Chancellor and Chairman of the Governing Council, Alhaji Mahmud Yayale Ahmed, at the handing over ceremony thanked the former Vice Chancellor, Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, for his records of achievements during his last five years as Vice Chancellor.

The new Vice Chancellor, Muhammad Yahuza Bello, on his part, extended his hand of friendship to all stakeholders and appealed to them to support him as they did to other Vice Chancellors. He thanked the Governing Council for reposing huge confidence in him, noting that following the footsteps of giants, referring to Professor Abubakar Rasheed, Professor Attahiru Jega and the late Professor Musa Abdullahi, would be herculean.

Professor Yahuza Bello said, “with the commitment of the entire University staff and University’s past leaders around, I would do my utmost best to fulfill all pledges made during the course of seeking the office of Vice Chancellor,” appealing to the Council to continue to avail him the qualitative guidance they provided to his predecessors.

Professor Yahuza Bello who promised to carry everybody along to enable both senior and junior staff in the University to contribute to the development of the University appealed to individuals, agencies and friends of the University to continue to support BUK in its quest for higher academic and research excellence. He promised to continue from where Professor Abubakar Rasheed stopped.

The former Vice Chancellor, Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed expressed gratitude to the University Governing Council, Management and members of the University Community for the support rendered to him since August 2010 when he was appointed as the 9th Vice Chancellor of the University.
Professor Rasheed said the new Vice Chancellor was a pillar of the entire transformation of the University during the last five years, describing him as a workaholic, dedicated and result-oriented person. He urged the University Community and all those who supported and contributed to the success of his tenure to extend such gesture to the new Vice Chancellor.

**BUK Inducts 49 Newly Qualified Doctors**

Bayero University has inducted 49 newly qualified medical doctors at the Faculty of Clinical Science’s 14th Induction Ceremony.

Speaking at the Convocation Arena, venue of the ceremony, the outgoing Vice Chancellor, Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, mni, MFR congratulated the graduands for passing through rigorous and hectic academic sojourn to graduate as medical doctors.

Represented by the Deputy Vice Chancellor, Administration, Professor Sadiq Isah Radda, the immediate past Vice Chancellor tasked them to be good ambassadors of the university wherever they found themselves. He called on them to be professional in discharging their duties and should at all times value the sanctity of the health of their patients and respect their senior colleagues.

The Registrar, Medical and Dental Council of Nigeria (MDCN), Dr. Abdulmunini Ibrahim, who administered the oath of allegiance to the graduands, charged them to be guided by the ethics and principles of the Council and should strive hard to avoid being caught wanting for any breach of the ethical provisions, which may lead to the confiscation of the professional licenses issued to them.

Also speaking, the Provost, the College of Health Sciences, Professor Abdulrazak G. Habib, expressed gratitude to Allah for making it possible for the college to conduct the 14th induction ceremony. He congratulated the new Doctors for their dedication and commitment and extolled the virtues of their parents for investing heavily, as well as encouraging them to reach to this level.

The ceremony also witnessed the presentation of awards to graduands who distinguished themselves in various fields of Medicine as follows:

- Tamuno Belema Isaac Tams - Best in Pathology
- Maryam Lawal Sulaiman - Best in Pharmacology
- Firdausi Abubakar Matawalle - Best in Pediatrics
- Sarah Sani Lawal - 2nd Best in Pediatrics
- Usama Ishaq Abdulrazak - 3rd Best in Pediatrics
- Dahira Sani Ya’u - Best in Obstetrics and Gynecology.
- Firdausi Abubakar Matawalle - Best in Community Medicine
- Dahira Sani Ya’u - Best in Research Project
- Firdausi Abubakar Matawalle - Best in Surgery
- Sarah Sani Lawal - Best in Medicine

Out of 49 candidates, 29 were females while 20 were males.

**Do Not Copy Blindly, Prof. Rasheed Admonishes New Varsities**

The immediate past Vice-Chancellor of Bayero University, Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, has advised new generation Universities to be selective in copying from older universities, saying that ‘copying blindly will not augur well as it will make you commit avoidable mistakes hitherto committed by your so called role model.’

Professor Rasheed spoke on Friday, 14th August, 2015 when he received the management of the North West University led by its Vice-Chancellor, Professor Mustapha Isa, on a courtesy call.
He said the mistakes most second generation universities did was copying blindly from the First Generation Universities without recourse to whether what they were copying was right or wrong. ‘But since university A adopted programme C and activities, D and E, then we must copy that, because university A is our role model.’ This is a wrong approach to learning, he added.

Professor Rasheed urged the management of North West University to be selective in what the copy from any University not only in Nigeria but anywhere else, as doing that would help them to avoid the mistakes committed by those they are copying from.

He advised them to always build a culture that is universal, be unique in their activities and selective in copying. ‘If you listen to this advice and put it in practice, definitely you will appear different from your contemporaries.’

Professor Rasheed congratulated Professor Mustapha Isa over what he called his well deserved appointment as North West Vice-Chancellor and urged him to operate an open door policy by involving all in decision making process.

He said though his tenure as the Vice-Chancellor of BUK would come to an end soon, saying that he was optimistic that his successor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello, would do everything to assist the North West University to grow.

He said the new BUK Vice-Chancellor, apart from being a member of the Governing Council of North West University, was fully involved in all the processes that led to the establishment of the University, as such would do everything humanly possible to support the development of the university.

Earlier, the North West University Vice-Chancellor, Professor Mustapha Isa, told Professor Rasheed that they were paying him courtesy call for two reasons, one to pay him homage and, secondly, to congratulate the new Vice-Chancellor over his well deserved appointment.

He also congratulated Professor Rasheed for the tremendous development he brought to BUK, adding that ‘the BUK of five years ago is not the same BUK of today.’

Professor Mustapha Isa also pleaded with the outgoing Vice-Chancellor to take up visiting lecturing appointment with the North West University to enable them tap from his milk of experience.

Firdausi A. Matawalle Emerges Overall Best Medical Graduand, Gets BUK’s Offer of Employment

Firdausi Abubakar Matawalle emerged the best overall graduating medical student for the 14th ceremony of newly qualified Medical Doctors and was offered automatic employment at the Faculty of Clinical Sciences by the university.

At the ceremony held on Thursday, 13th August, 2015, the management of Bayero University congratulated Firdausi Matawalle for her heroism and sparkling performance by emerging best in Paediatrics, Surgery and Community Medicine to claim the ultimate honour of best overall medical graduand.

The Deputy Vice Chancellor, Administration, Professor Sadiq Isah Radda, who spoke on behalf of the outgoing Vice Chancellor, Professor Abubakar Rasheed, said that as soon as she completed her NYSC and internship, she should come to complete the necessary paper work as a full fledged staff of Bayero University, Kano.
The highly elated father of Firdausi, Alhaji Abubakar Matawalle, expressed gratitude to Almighty Allah for the honour done to his family. He called the attention of parents to encourage and motivate their children to prosper in educational pursuit.

Alhaji Matawalle added that he would continue to support students and the university at large for the benefit of educational growth.

2015 Batch ‘B’ NYSC Mobilisation Exercise

This is to inform all graduating students of Bayero University, that the preliminary Mobilisation list for 2015 batch ‘B’ National Youth Service Corps (NYSC) Scheme has been pasted at the Department of Mass Communication notice board.

A statement signed by the Dean, Student Affairs, Professor Isma’ila Muhammad Zango, noted that all concerned graduating students are to check and verify the submission to avoid mistakes and errors in respect of their names and other details. The statement added that errors and mistakes should be reported to the NYSC Liaison Officer for appropriate correction.

It urged those concerned that they are given up to 31st August, 2015 to check and report mistakes and errors as this is the final chance given to them because the NYSC new policy does not give room for any correction when the school forwarded its submission.

Staff Model Primary to Hold Career Talk August 26

As part of its effort to prepare young pupils to future academic career, the Staff Model Primary School has organized Career Day for final year primary six pupils.

The Career Day is organized in such a way that professionals in various fields are invited to briefly talk to the pupils and tell them something about their professions in order to stimulate interest and guide them in what they should become in future.

According to the Counselor of the school, Mrs. Beatrice Ezugwu, on behalf of the Principal, Malam Muhammad Haruna Shanono, the ceremony will take place on Wednesday, 26th August, 2015 at BUK Staff Model Primary School, Old Campus at 10:00 am.

WEDNESDAY NOON: Deadline for Bulletin Materials

The Publication Division reminds all that Wednesday noon is the deadline for all materials meant for inclusion in the Bulletin for that week.

Therefore, all materials for the Bulletin should reach the office of the Registrar, much earlier than Wednesday. Only routine seminars and appreciation messages should be sent directly to the Information and Publication Secretary.
11 Member Advisory Committee Inaugurated For Centre of Research In Nigerian Languages & Folklore

The inauguration of Centre for Research in Nigerian Languages and Folklore Advisory Committee took place on Friday 14th August 2015, according to press release from the Centre. In his welcome address, the Chairman of the Committee, Professor Emeritus Dandatti Abdulkadir expressed gratitude to the administration which had been supportive and responsive to the needs of the Centre. He also thanked the out-going Vice-Chancellor Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed for his support, particularly the provision of permanent building to the Centre.

In his remark, the outgoing Vice-Chancellor, Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed mni, MFR, FLAN made some important observations and suggestions which would guide the Centre in improving and expanding its research activities. These include:

- Collaborative research with sister departments in the University,
- Publishing outstanding dissertation, thesis and undergraduate projects
- Massive collection of folktales from different Nigerian Language communities and translating them into Hausa and other Languages.
- Organizing more conferences, seminars and workshops,
- Journal publication in hard and electronic forms
- Engaging in Consultancy Services to different sector of the society.
- Acquisition of skills in writing competitive research proposal.
- Conduct serious research on describing and documenting Endangered Languages

The immediate past Vice-Chancellor inaugurated the committee made up of the following:

Prof. Emeritus (Amb.) Dandatti Abdulqadir OFR, Chairman;
Malam Adamu Adamu, Professor Abdu Yahya Bichi, Professor Maikudi Qaraye, Professor Al-Amin Abumanga; Professor Abdallah Uba Adamu, Professor Mahamane Laouly Abdoulaye, Professor Graham Furniss, Professor Mukhtar Abdulkadir Yusuf, Dr. Bukar Usman, all members; and the Director, Member/Secretary.

In his contribution, the new Vice-Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello advised the Centre to:

- Make use of the new media in archiving and disseminating folktales, folk wisdom and engage in producing cartoons which are based on folk stories.
- Coordinate the activities of similar Centres,
- Produce Nigerian version of important reference materials in the field of Language, Folklore and Cultural Studies.
- Digitize all existing collections of the Centre.
The Centre also presented an award to the outgoing Vice-Chancellor for his meritorious, selfless and innovative leadership in handling the affairs of the University.

At the of the meeting the Director Dr. Sammani Sani, in his vote of thanks praised the outgoing Vice Chancellor, Professor Abubakar Rasheed and Professor Emeritus Dandatti Abdulqadir for their support. He singled out Prof. Al-Amin Abumanga and Prof. Mahamane Abdoulaye from Sudan and Niger Republics respectively for attending the meeting.

**REMEMBER: Timetable for the Completion of 2014/2015 Activities**

The attention of the University community is drawn to the following timetable for the completion of the 2014/2015 Presentation of 1st Semester Examination Result activities. The timetable is drawn based on the Senate-approved guidelines for such activities as follows:

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A statement signed by the Director, Directorate of Examinations, Admissions and Records (DEAR), Hajiya Fatima Binta Mohammed noted that:
Faculty Examinations Officers should notify all students accused of involvement in examination misconduct (in writing) that they should stay behind/return to defend themselves – as soon as each case arises.

This is the latest date for this activity. Departments should encourage examiners to submit their results before this date whenever possible, and Level Coordinators should start compiling the results as soon as some examiners submit their raw marks.

**SEMINARS**

The following department invite the University Community to its departmental seminar, scheduled as follows:

**Department of Civil Engineering: M.Eng Proposal Presentation**

The Department of Civil Engineering held its M.Eng Proposal Presentation on Wednesday, 19th August, 2015.

**GROUP A:**

**Water Resources and Environmental Options**

**Presenter 1:** Ahmed Dahun  
(SPS/13/MCE/00042)  
**Topic:** Characterization of Storm Run-off Pollution from Nonpoint Sources in a Typical Urban Area. (A Case Study of BUK New Site Kano).

**Presenter 2:** Abdulrasheed Mohammed  
(SPS/13/MCE/00043)  
**Topic:** Performance Evaluation of Wastewater Treatment Plants of Major Textile Industries in Kano.

**Presenter 3:** Abubakar Modibbo Ahmed  
(SPS/13/MCE/00034)  
**Topic:** Comparative Study on the Use of Moringa Oleifera Seed and Pod Powder for Turbidity Removal from Surface Water.

**Presenter 4:** Audu Abdulkarim  
(SPS/13/MCE/00048)  
**Topic:** Evaluations of Heavy Metals and Physico Chemical Parameters of Cement Company of Northern Nigeria Sokoto

**Presenter 5:** Musa Haruna Adamu  
(SPS/13/MCE/00028)  
**Topic:** Potentials of Rooftop Rainwater Harvesting (A case Study of Bayero University, Kano New Site).

**Presenter 6:** Habiba Abdullahi  
(SPS/13/MCE/00041)  
**Topic:** The Efficiency of Hibiscus Sabdariffa Linn in Water Treatment.

**Presenter 7:** Nasiru Abubakar  
(SPS/13/MCE/00026)  
**Topic:** Strategies for the Management of Abattoir Waste (A Case Study of Gombe Metropolis Abattoir).

**Presenter 8:** Iliya Musa Bari  
(SPS/13/MCE/00049)  
**Topic:** Hydrogeophysical and Hydrogeological Investigations of Groundwater Potential in some Selected Towns in Rogo Local Government Area of Kano State.

**Presenter 9:** Ismila Malchibi  
(SPS/12/MCE/00031)  
**Topic:** Chemical Analysis and Investigative Study of Disinfecting Properties of Moringa Oleifera Seed Pod.

**Chairman:** Dr. H. A. Daura
Group B:  
Geotechnical and Structural Engineering Options  
Presenter 10: Mahmoud Zubairu  
(SPS/13/MCE/00004)  
Topic: Characteristics of Clay Soils at Critical State  

Presenter 11: Ajayi Bashiru Abidemi  
(SPS/13/MCE/00047)  
Topic: Study on the Behavior of Laterite at Critical State  

Presenter 12: Mohammed Sani Abdullahi  
(SPS/13/MCE/00021)  
Topic: Reliability Analysis of CFRP Strengthened Reinforced Concrete Bridge Beam.  

Presenter 13: Abdulwahab Muhammad Tayyeb- SPS/13/MCE/0002  
Topic: Reliability - Based Design Format for Reinforced Concrete Folded Plates in Accordance with Eurocodes (EC 4)  

Presenter 14: Ahmed Mohammed Gimba  
(SPS/13/MCE/00005)  

Presenter 15: Abdulkarim Muhammad Auwal (SPS/13/MCE/00018)  
Topic: Corn Cob Ash as a Pozzolana in Self-Compacting Concrete (SCC)  
Chairman: Dr. Hashim M. Alhassan  

DEPARTMENTAL SEMINAR:  
Civil Engineering  
Presenter: Dr. Aaron Aboshio  
Title: Dynamic Amplification of a Poismatic Reinforced Concrete Slab.  
Chairman: Dr. E. N. Ogork  
Date: 27th August, 2015.  
Time: 10:00am  
Venue: Civil Engineering Resource Room.  

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 DUSTBIN to Dispose of all Litter.  

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