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MBBS Programme: BUK Appeals for More Slots

The Vice Chancellor of Bayero University, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello, has made a passionate appeal to the Medical and Dental Council of Nigeria (MDCN) to increase the University's admission capacity for the Bachelor of Medicine/Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS) and Dentistry programmes.

Professor Bello, who made the appeal when the visitation panel from the Medical and Dental Council of Nigeria paid him a courtesy call in his office on Tuesday, 25th August, 2015, explained that the current admission quota for the two programmes granted the University by the Council was grossly inadequate.

“Bayero University has gone a long way from the last visitation of the Council some eight years ago to date”, he declared, pointing out that the decision to request for more slots became more imperative in view of the expansion of the facilities and the provision of more teaching personnel to the College of Health Sciences of the University.

“The last time the Panel inspected our facilities was some eight years ago, in which then we had only two Professors in our Medical School. But presently, there were over 20 Professors in the College while over 100 consultants are recruited from 2008 to date, this perhaps calls for the expansion of our admission capacity,” he said.

“Our desire is to transform the College of Health Sciences to be a leading centre of excellence in Medical training and research in the country, to this end, already a Centres of Advanced Medical Research and that of infectious Diseases were established,” he added.



The M.D.C.N Accreditation Team in a group photo with BUK Management Team

Earlier, the Team leader, Professor Ibrahim Abdu Agaye, said the team was here to reassess the existing facilities at the Medical School with a view to reaccrediting them where possible as well as to put eyes on the potentiality of the University.

He also commended the University Community for the peaceful transition, and congratulated the new Vice Chancellor on his appointment.

Professor Agaye lamented that Nigeria had reached a very critical stage in terms of Medical tourism, which he described

as unnecessary, stressing that with good facilities provided by Universities such as BUK, the country would go a long way in addressing the lingering health problems.

Also speaking, the Registrar of the Medical and Dental Council of Nigeria, Dr. Abdul-Mumin Ibrahim, disclosed that the visitation was part of the routine schedule of the Council to inspect facilities in Universities offering Medical programmes for reassessment and reaccreditation periodically with a view to ensuring quality and standards.

The visitation panel included the Chief Medical Director of Ahmadu Bello University Teaching Hospital and the Dean, Faculty of Medicine, Kaduna State University as well as that of University of Jos, among others.

BUK Students Honour Professor Rasheed

Bayero University students Tuesday in a grand style honoured the immediate past Vice-Chancellor of the University, Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, *mni*, MFR. The carnival-like occasion which took place at the Convocation Arena on Tuesday, 25th August, 2015 was attended by large crowd of students and staff of the university including Principal Officers led by the new Vice-Chancellor, Professor

Muhammad Yahuza Bello, Deans and Directors.



SUG President Abdulaziz Yuguda Kabir (1st left) poses with the new VC Prof. M. Y. Bello (middle) and former VC, Prof. A. Rasheed

The students under the auspices of Student Union Government (SUG), which organized the reception to give honour to whom is due, according to its President, Comrade Yuguda Abdulaziz Kabir, said the reception was only a token of appreciation for what Professor Rasheed did to the university and members of its community.

Comrade Abdulaziz stated that Professor Rasheed's foot- print in BUK would never be forgotten; instead it would continue to be remembered and cherished for a long time to come. "Kudos to our father and the father of Modern BUK."

He said all BUK students were proud to be associated with the celebrant (Professor Rasheed). 'A man of conviction, a great achiever, an erudite scholar and an administrator per excellence, who combined scholarship and leadership acumen to single handedly change the BUK skyline for which posterity would forever be kind to him,' he remarked.

Also speaking the new Vice-Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello, thanked the students for honouring the former Vice-Chancellor, adding that the sacrifice and commitment to the cause of BUK, which Professor Rasheed symbolized in the last five years, was really a source of inspiration to him, and assured both the students and staff that he would take a cue from the Rasheed's excellent example and continue from where he stopped.

“I want to follow Professor Rasheed’s footsteps. I shall by the grace of Allah continue with his development zeal, give priority to students/staff welfare and operate an open door policy where union leaders would be taken along.”

Responding, the celebrant, Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, who could not hide his joy, expressed gratitude to the students and the leadership of the Student Union Government for organizing this reception to honour him.

Professor Rasheed said this was one of the greatest honours done to him since he left office, because, according to him, ‘It is coming from the greatest students of the greatest University in Nigeria.’

Professor Rasheed was presented with a plaque by the students as a mark of honour and reward for his dedication and commitment to the cause of BUK.

HONOURING KHALIFAH ISHAQ RABI’U: Participants Call for Parallel Funding of Western, Qur’anic Education

Participants of the three-day International Conference organized by the Centre for Qur’anic Studies, Bayero University in honour of Khalifah Ishaq Rabi’u (Khadimul Qur’an) have ended the conference with a call on federal, states and local governments to adopt parallel funding of Western and Qur’anic education with a view to ensuring the integration of the educational system.

A communiqué read by the Director, Centre for Qur’anic Studies, Bayero University, Professor Ibrahim Muhammad called for the review of the steps taken in the integration process to include curriculum improvement, classification, qualifications and the certification of graduates of the Qur’anic education.

The conference held from Thursday, 13th to Saturday, 15th August, 2015 with the theme ‘The Qur’an: Past, Present and the Future’ urged the Centre to work in cooperation with other stakeholders towards a harmonized, unified and standardized curriculum and stratum for recognizable qualification and certification of Qur’anic education.

According to the communiqué, Professor Ibrahim Muhammad, said proceeds from Zakat and Waqf should be channelled into Qur’anic schools, and the Centre for Qur’anic Studies should collect and archive the handwritten Qur’an, document the biographies of some of the prominent reciters and mount extensive research and studies with a view to publishing journals, books etc.

The conference called for unity among Muslims, ensuring peaceful coexistence among religious bodies and expressing regret on the disunity among Muslims in particular and inter and intra-religious misunderstanding, leading to conflicts.

During both opening and closing ceremonies of the conference, Khalifah Ishaq Rabi’u advised Bayero University Management to constitute a committee that will collate and compile all the papers presented at the International Conference.

The former Vice Chancellor, Professor Abubakar Rasheed described Khalifah Ishaq Rabi’u as a leading benefactor, founder and supporter of Bayero University Centre for Qur’anic Studies; the Centre he described as the key solution to many problems in Africa.

Professor Muhammad Sani Zahraddeen, the Grand Imam of Kano, said Bayero University, Kano was built on Islam and it had its root from Faculty of Arts and Islamic Studies, saying all those who led the University had tremendously built into the system.

He commended the former Vice Chancellor, Professor Abubakar Rasheed, for establishing the Centre which Khalifah Ishaq Rabi'u generously built. He described the efforts as 'sadaqatuljariya,' urging all Muslims to read the Qur'an and be guided by it.

At the closing ceremony, the Director of the Centre, Professor Ibrahim Muhammad, announced the conferment of Garkuwan Mahaddatan Qur'ani on the former Vice Chancellor, Professor Abubakar Rasheed.

He called on all memorizers of the Holy Qur'an to pray for the elevation of Khalifah, because of his devotion to Qur'an is a testimony to his faith, added that he memorizes and recites it beautifully', thanking him for the support and efforts in the sustenance of the Centre.

Staff Primary School Holds Career Day

As part of its effort to develop and stimulate interests in young pupils and prepare them for future academic career, the Staff Model Primary School has organized a Career Day for Primary six pupils.

According to the Principal, Malam Muhammad Haruna Shanono, career guidance is necessary right from the primary school because it is the root of education. He said even before the children enter secondary school, the career talk would expose them to a brief background of the profession they will aspire for.

The Principal added that the school had revived the Career Day after abandoning it some years back, adding that it would continue to be an annual event in the school's calendar.

The School Counselor, Mrs. Beatrice Ezugwu, who coordinated the programme, said Career Day is crucial to the lives of nursery, primary and secondary pupils as it would avail them the opportunity to meet and interact with professionals in various fields.

Five different resource persons spoke on their professions: Dr. I. B. Ahara of University Clinic spoke on Medicine; Barrister Kabiru Abdullahi of the Legal Unit on Law; Nura Garba of Information and Publications on Journalism; Major S. Abbah Tukur of Janguza Barrack on the Nigerian Army while the school's Vice Principal, Academics, Malam Sule Ademoh, gave his career talk on education.

In his vote of thanks, Malam Sule Ademoh expressed gratitude to the resource persons and tasked the children to start developing interest in the area of their choice and use the lessons learnt during the career talk.

Recognize Product of Local Qur'anic Schools (Tsangaya) - *Vasities Urged*

The Vice Chancellor of Bayero University, Kano, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello, has suggested that universities and other tertiary institutions in the country should accord recognition to the products of local Qur'anic (Tsangaya) schools.

Professor Yahuza Bello made the call in his office when the Coordinator of IIIT in East Africa, Mr. Abdulhamid Slatch and his team paid him a courtesy visit on Friday, 21st August, 2015.

He said by so doing, such category of people would be given due recognition in the society, especially in the area of job employment and the integration of their studies into the mainstream of educational policy in the country.

Professor Bello opined that the non-recognition as well as lack of certification by the educational institutions to those Tsangaya Schools had contributed to the emergence of some of the problems associated with religious doctrines, such as the Maitatsine and Boko Haram in Nigeria.

According to him, when a person spent all of his life studying the Qur'an and that the knowledge he acquired was not in any way certificated or recognised by the system in terms of employment or further studies, he would of course feel dejected by the society and, therefore, turn out to be a liability instead of being an asset, which of course, at a very little inducement he could be brainwashed by the men of evil.

The Vice Chancellor disclosed that already Bayero University had gone far in that direction with the establishment of a center for Qur'anic Studies. He said very soon the University would introduce a new programme specifically for the products of *Tsangaya* with a view to awarding them different certificates with which they could use for many purposes.

Speaking further, Professor Bello promised to pursue linkage programmes between Bayero University and the other Universities with the same objective in order to integrate *Tsangaya* Schools. He said already Bayero University was a member of Federation of Universities in the Islamic world.

The Vice Chancellor congratulated the IIIT for the successful completion of its international conference on Islamic Universities. He said Bayero University and IIIT had a cordial working relation for more than two decades now.

In his address, the IIIT Coordinator, Mr. Abduhamid Slatch, said the visit was specifically to congratulate the new Vice Chancellor on his new appointment and prayed for Allah's continued guidance and wisdom throughout his tenure.

He said plans are under way for IIIT to set up a forum in which Universities could be discussing common problems affecting the Muslim world and another forum for the committee of Vice

Chancellors of Islamic Universities. He solicited the assistance and cooperation of Bayero University to achieve the desired goals.

NHIS Organises Workshop For BUK Staff

The Bayero University workers have been urged to embrace the policy of National Health Insurance Scheme NHIS in view of its importance to the generality of Nigerians.

The Coordinator of NHIS in Kano State, Malam Abdullahi Sani, made the call during a one-day sensitization forum organized by the NHIS North West Zone at Bayero University Guest House on Wednesday, 19th August, 2015.

He said even though Bayero University had a very good policy on staff health matters, NHIS had a lot to do towards filling the existing gap as far as health related issues were concerned in the University, citing an instance with a situation whereby a staff member travelling outside Kano felt sick. The NIHS in this regard could assist him to be treated in a nearby hospital.

Malam Sani further stated that the policy of Bayero University to continuously provide free medical care to its staff and families may not be necessarily maintained, considering the persistent changes of policies by the government.

In his remark, the Chairman of the occasion, who was also the Managing Director of Wise Health Services Limited, Dr Moses Esuga, said the workshop was organized to sensitize beneficiaries of the NHIS in the University.

Dr. Esuga explained the need for people that registered with NHIS to have knowledge of the scheme, especially knowing their rights should there any problem.

In her address, the Director, Health Services Bayero University, Dr. Maryam Waziri, urged participants to use the opportunity provided by NHIS wisely, explaining that the scheme was seriously complementing in boosting the health condition of Nigerian workers.

V.C Prof. Yahuza Bello Heads IPSAS Committee

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello is to serve as Chairman, Implementation of International Public Sector Accounting Standards (IPSAS) Committee.

As contained in the National Circular on steps for successful implementation of IPSAS which makes it mandatory to ensure implementation of accrual basis in Nigeria by 2016, the appointment is made, according to a letter signed by the Registrar, Sani Ibrahim Amin.

The letter of appointment said the following are to serve as members:

- a) Malam Bahari Musa – *Bursar, Bursary Department.*
- b) Sani Ibrahim Amin – *Registrar.*
- c) Malam Suleiman M. Bello – *Chief Internal Auditor.*
- d) Dr. Muhammad Ajiya – *Director, C.I.T.*
- e) Malam Kassim Nasidi Umar – *Deputy Bursar, Contract and Services.*
- f) Malam Kabiru Maiwada – *Head, Office Budget.*
- g) Alh. A. Zubairu – *Head, Cash Office.*
- h) Eng. Gazzali Munnir – *Head, Procurement.*

- i) Malam Rabi’u Sagagi – *Chief Stores Officer.*
- j) Malam Salisu Tijjani M. – *Head, Final Accounts, Deputy Bursar, Data, Member/Secretary.*

Kabiru Baba Appointed Chair, Nursery School Board

Malam Kabiru Baba of Bayero University Staff School has been appointed Chairman, University Nursery School Board, according to a letter of appointment signed by the Registrar, Sani Ibrahim Amin, MNIM, dated 25th August, 2015.

Other members of the board are as follows:

- a) Malam Muhammad Sani Ashraf – *Department of Mass Communications.*
- b) Malam Nura Abbas – *Directorate of Examinations, Admissions and Records.*
- c) Haj. Aisha Tsiga – *Department of Adult Education and Community Services.*
- d) The P. T. A. Chairman – *Nursery School.*
- e) The Principal – *Nursery School.*
- f) Aminu Wada Kurawa – *DEAR, Secretary.*

SEMINARS

The following departments invite the University Community to its departmental seminars, as follow:

Department of Adult Education & Community Services:

Departmental Seminar Series

Presenter 1: Usman Abba Idris

Topic: *Utilizing Asset Based Community Development to Promote Community Economic Development Initiatives in Nigeria.*

Presenter 2: Auwalu Halilu

Topic: *Utilization of Indigenous Knowledge Resources for Human Capital Development: The*

Example of Ajami Scripts in Promoting Health Literacy in Northern Nigeria.

Discussant: Aisha Umar

Chairperson: Dr. Bala Zakari

Date: Monday, 31st August, 2015

Time: 10:00am prompt

Venue: B14 Departmental Seminar

Department of Mathematical Sciences: PhD

Proposal Defense:

Candidate 1: Muhammad Mansur Zubairu (SPS/PMT/13/00001)

Thesis Title: *ON the Semigroup of Partial Contractions CP_n on a Finite Chain.*

Supervisor: Dr. Bashir Ali (NDA)

Candidate 2: Murtala Harbau (SPS/PMT/12/00001)

Thesis Title: *Approximation of Common Fixed Point of Families of Some Class of Multi-Valued Mappings and Equilibrium Problems*

Supervisor: Dr. Bashir Ali (KN)

M.Sc. Proposal Defense:

Candidate: Yusuf I. Suleiman (SPS/MMT/13/00002)

Thesis Title: *Generalized Metric Spaces and Some Fixed Point Theorems.*

Supervisor: Dr. Bashir Ali (KN)

Chairperson: Dr. Ibrahim Idris

Departmental Seminar Series:

Presenter: Dr. Bashir Ali (NDA)

Title: *on the Fibonacci Group $F(n, r)$, $F(n, r + k)$ and the Unsolved Cases and $F(8 + 5i, 5)$, $F(7 + 5i, 5)$.*

Chairperson: Dr. Ibrahim Idris

Date: Wednesday, 2nd September, 2015

Time: 11:00am

Venue: Departmental Computer Lab

Department of Physical & Health Education: Notice of Walk for Life

The Department of P.H.E. wishes to remind staff and students of this month's "WALK FOR LIFE PROGRAMME" as follows:

Topic: "WALK FOR LIFE"

Date: Saturday, 12th September, 2015

Time: 7:00am

Venue: Take Off Point (New Site Stadium)

Wedding Fatiha

(1) Sheikh Abubakar Jibril, the Chief Imam of BUK Old Site Mosque, Department of Islamic Studies and Sharia invites members of the University community to the wedding fatiha of his son, Fawaz Abubakar Jibril, and his bride, Maryam Nura Nasidi, scheduled as follows:

Date: Sunday, 30th August, 2015

Time: 11:00am

Venue: Bayero University Old Site Central Mosque.

(2) Rabi'u Muhammad Sagir of the groom, Kamal Abdullahi Usman, scheduled Information, Publications and Documentation as follows:

Division invites members of the University community to the wedding fatiha of his sister, Fatima Sagir Muhammad, and her

Date: Friday, 28th August, 2015

Time: 1:30pm after Juma'at prayer

Venue: NA ZHERA Juma'at Mosque, Gandun Albasa, Kano State.

DO YOU KNOW:

- That BUK consumes a lot of Energy Daily?
 - That Power Supply by KEDCO is Poor?
 - That The University Relies on its Generators for Power Supply at Staff Quarters, Administrative, Academic and Students Areas?
 - That The University Spends a lot of money on Diesel and Generators' Maintenance?
 - That Some Staff members Leave Offices Without Switching-off Electrical Appliances?
 - That 1 Extra Hour of Air-conditioning in a Room Uses Enough Energy to Power A TV for a Year?
- ✓ To Reduce Cost and for Safety, Help the University by Putting-off all Electrical Appliances when not in use!