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Postgraduate Lectures to Resume Immediately

The School of Postgraduate Studies informs the University community that following the postponement of general elections dates by INEC, Postgraduate lectures are to resume immediately. Deans, Heads of Department, Postgraduate Coordinators, Lecturers and Supervisors are also to take note of the following events up to the end of 2013/2014 session, according to a statement signed by Prof. S. B. Ahmad *mni*, Dean of School of Postgraduate Studies dated 11th February, 2015:

1. ***Lectures to end on Saturday 21st March, 2015***
2. ***2nd Semester Examinations (2 weeks)***
Wednesday, 15th April – Saturday, 25th April, 2015
3. ***Marking/Compilation of Results and External Moderation (3 weeks)***
Saturday, 25th April – Saturday, 16th May, 2015
4. ***Departmental/Faculty PG Committee and SPS Board Consideration of Results (2 weeks)***
Monday, 18th May – Saturday 30th May, 2015
5. ***Deadline for submission of Long Essays/Projects/Dissertations and Theses***
Saturday, 18th July, 2015
 - a. PGD Engineering - 2012/2013 candidates
 - b. PGD (Others) - 2013/2014 candidates
 - c. Regular Professional Masters Degree
 - Full-Time - 2013/2014 candidates
 - Part-Time - 2012/2013 candidates
 - d. Professional Masters (Special)
 - Full-Time - 2012/2013 candidates
 - Part-Time - 2011/2012 candidates
 - e. Regular Academic Masters Degree – 2011/2012 candidates
 - f. M.Phil - 2012/2013 candidates
 - g. Ph.D
 - Full-Time - 2009/2010 candidates
 - Part-Time - 2007/2008 candidates
6. ***Consideration of final results for Academic and Professional Programmes by SPS Board***
Tuesday, 28th – Friday, 31st July, 2015
7. ***Commencement of the 2014/2015 session***
Monday, 8th June, 2015.

Confab Canvasses for Political Parties Regulatory Commission, Electoral Offences Commission

The Federal Government has been urged to establish Political Parties Registration and Regulatory Commission (PPRRC) and Electoral Offences Commission (EOC) as part of the efforts to sanitize election processes in the country, a communiqué at the end of the two-day conference with theme, “INEC and the 2015 General Elections: Expectations, Prospects and Challenges”, has suggested.

The communiqué at the end of the conference which was organized by Bayero University at the Senate Chamber from Monday, 19th to Tuesday, 20th January, 2015 and signed by Professor Isma’ila Mohammed Zango and Maikudi Abubakar Zugogi, Chairman and Secretary of the Communiqué Drafting Committee, respectively, noted that INEC should expedite action and ensure that all eligible voters are issued with their PVCs, more especially with the shifting of the elections.

It says that security agencies should map out polling units, constituencies and states that pose unique security challenges and design a separate security plan for them, urging also the Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) to double their effort and be more proactive.

The communiqué added that adequate security agencies should be deployed to the polling units to play the roles of securing both the electorate and election materials in a professional and non-partisan way, saying INEC needs to further strengthen its voter education department by enhancing its channels of communication to the public.

It further advised INEC to apply and enforce the rules and procedures that govern electoral behaviour and conduct; and that the existing regulations on spending limits by candidates and political parties financing should be interrogated

with a view to tightening the existing gaps so that INEC can deal with violators.

It says that the conduct of free, fair and credible elections is a collective responsibility and not an exclusive responsibility of INEC, as elections all over the world are packaged and delivered through the joint efforts of various stakeholders and these include the election management body, the electorate, the election monitoring organizations and the security agencies.

The participants expressed concern that INEC is constrained by lack of adequate legal instruments to enforce compliance to funding cap and limits to political parties as well as campaign financing by candidates, saying also the rise of a phenomenon that has been aptly termed as ‘Third Party Campaigning’ does not only go against those recognized by law to campaign for votes but also poses serious threat to the emergence of credible candidates for elections.

They further lamented that delay in concluding the legal framework (electoral law) and the non-release of funds could undermine INEC’s effort, notwithstanding the proactive measures to enhance the integrity of the electoral process, and the reassurances at the highest level of the commission, the distribution of PVCs is still generating controversies.

The conference commended the effort of the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) for the successful conduct of the biometric data registration and subsequent cleaning up and deletion of over 4 million multiple registrations, increased voter education and general public enlightenment as well as constant engagements with stakeholders towards improving the conduct of elections and its concerted effort to conduct elections in insurgency-prone states.

It further commended INEC on the delimitation and mapping of Internally Displaced Persons

(IDPs) with a view to capturing them in the coming elections and the use of tertiary institutions staff, NYSC members and final year students as electoral staff; noting that Nigeria is in the process of conducting one of the most critical general elections in its history in 2015.

Weekly *Bulletin* reports that at the opening ceremony, the Chairman of INEC, Professor Attahiru Muhammadu Jega, commended the foresight and courage of Bayero University for organizing the timely and topical conference on the forthcoming general elections. He stressed that the conference might not have taken place at a more appropriate time, with the 2015 General Elections being not only the most talked about but also one which promised to be the most hotly contested in the recent history of elections in Nigeria.

Director CQS, Prof. Ibrahim Muhammad, Now NANS 5-Star General

... Dedicates Award to BUK

The Director, Centre for Qur'anic Studies, Bayero University, Kano, Professor Ibrahim Muhammad, was last Monday, 9th February, 2015 honoured by the national leadership of the National Association of Nigerian Students (NANS).

He was bestowed with the Award of *Epitome of Good Leadership* which carries the Association's *Five Star General* for distinguishing himself in the service of the society and human development. The investiture took place at the Boardroom of the Centre.

Speaking on the occasion, former Vice-Chancellor of the University of Maiduguri, Professor Abubakar Mustapha, who is also the chairman of the occasion commended the foresight of the student union for identifying a hard-working, honest leader and an erudite

scholar, Professor Muhammad, for the prestigious award.



Director CQS, Prof. I. Muhammad being honoured with a 5-Star General by NANS Asst. Sec-Gen. Com. Baballe Ibrahim. He is being assisted by Prof. Abubakar Mustapha former UNIMAID VC

Professor Mustapha who went down memory lane told the students that he was among those who established NANS in 1976 then as a student after the proscription of National Union of Nigerian Students, following the nationwide student riots of Ali Must Go, saying that as leaders of the new NANS, they did all in their powers not only to detach the association from politics, but also 'to resist any overtures by politicians in order to make us assume partisan postures politically,' he explained.

He said they operated as a neutral body for throughout their period and advised the present leadership of the association to endeavour to do the same, adding that he believed the award given to Professor Muhammad was well deserved and congratulated the student body for making the best choice.

Earlier, in his address, while giving reason for the choice of Professor Ibrahim Muhammad for the award, NANS Assistant National Secretary, comrade Baballe Ibrahim, said the association which is the umbrella body of the over 40 million Nigerian students including those in diaspora usually searches and often identifies people who distinguished themselves in the services of humanity, especially in the academia and recognize them by way of honouring them with the association's prestigious *Five Star General Award*.

He said the award has one unique condition, saying that ‘if awardees flout its condition at any point in time, the award could be withdrawn’. The condition he explained is that all recipients of the ‘Five Star General’ award must be seen to jealously guard and uphold the good conduct and exemplary leadership, used by the Association as criteria for giving him the award, and that any negative change would lead to the withdrawal of the award.

Comrade Baballe said the award on Professor Muhammad was the third bestowed on distinguished Nigerians and congratulated the recipient on a well deserved honour.

In his address, the celebrant, Professor Ibrahim Muhammad, expressed gratitude to the student body for recognizing his good work, assuring that the award would go a long way towards gingering him to continue to do more for humanity.

Professor Muhammad said the honour was not for him alone, but also for his colleagues at the Centre and Department of Islamic Studies and Shari‘a, by extension to BUK as a whole, because according to him ‘we work as a team and family.’

He told the students that “we in BUK are so fortunate to be blessed with a Vice Chancellor in the person of Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, *mni*, MFR who is foresighted, committed, honest and a scholar of international repute that is currently building a new Bayero University” and advised them to take a trip round both the new and old campuses to see the quantum of development in infrastructure and academics.

Preach Against Sales of PVCs, Former VC UNIMAID Urges Imams

Former Vice Chancellor of University of Maiduguri, Professor Abubakar Mustapha, has urged imams to preach in the mosques against

the selling of Permanent Voter Cards (PVCs), describing the action as wrong step to installing a democratically elected government.

Professor Mustapha, who was the Chairman Organizing Committee of the two-day International Conference, organized by the Centre for Qur’anic Studies, Bayero University, in conjunction with the NUSRET Educational and Cultural Co. Ltd. and Hira Magazine from 11th to 12th February, 2015 at CIT Theatre, said the PVCs are the people’s right to vote for their choice.

He said Nigeria is at crossroads; it needed prayers at this time when politicians are buying voters’ cards, exploiting poverty and ignorance of the electorate. He urged Nigerians to guard against the illegal act by enlightening the society against the sale of the PVCs.

Professor Mustapha said the conference with the theme “Social Responsibility and Freedom of Expression in the Qur’anic Perspectives” had come at the right time when politicians and Journalists as part of major stakeholders in the forthcoming 2015 general elections are busy disseminating information.

The former Vice Chancellor said Allah has provided a module that thoroughly guided people’s personal conducts, emphasizing that people are being restrained to weigh and measure the words they uttered. He urged people to verify and authenticate whatever information given to them.

The Vice Chancellor of Bayero University, Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, expressed gratitude that the Centre for Qur’anic Studies collaborates with credible organizations devoted to journalism, Islam and social responsibility, to discuss very important theme that is topical today, especially in the Islamic world. He urged the participants to deliberate and bring about outcome that will help humanity.

The Grand Imam of Kano and former Vice Chancellor of Bayero University, Professor Muhammad Sani Zaharaddeen, said people should be wary of responsibilities vested on them, their families, neighbours and the rest of humanity, stressing that whatever one does must be accounted.

Ustaz Hussain Kaydir, emphasized on cooperation between Bayero University, NUSRET and Hira Magazine, which he said will yield positive results. He commended the Centre for Qur'anic Studies for its initiatives.

Dr. Nawzad Suwash of the Iran based magazine, Hira, said that the duty of Muslims go beyond talking; they have to act to ensure decency in the society, saying that "poverty, ignorance and disunity are the major enemies of Muslims, we have to fight them".

BUK, Polish Therapy College to Sign MOU on Research and Academic Linkage

The Physiotherapy Department is one of the fastest growing departments in the newly created Faculty of Allied Health Sciences, Vice-Chancellor, Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, *mini*, MFR has disclosed.

The Vice-Chancellor represented by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Administration), Professor Sadiq Isah Raddah was speaking at the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between BUK and College of Education and Therapy, Poland on Thursday, 5th February, 2015.

The signing of the MOU which was to have taken place in the office of the Vice-Chancellor, Bayero University, Kano was however shifted to a later date because, according to the representative of the Polish College, Mr. Sadiq Musa, who is the College's Director of Administration, the Polish law 'provides that all

MOU to be entered into with any institution in Poland such documents must be written both in English and Polish language,' saying that 'I will have to take the document back to Poland for translation into Polish language before a new date is fixed for the signing of the MOU', he promised.

Bayero University, according to the DVC, welcomed the linkage with the Polish College, saying that such MOU came at the right time when BUK is fast expanding its frontiers in teaching and research especially in the field of medical science.

Professor Rasheed said BUK is proud of the breakthrough of the Physiotherapy Department, saying that the management would continue to do its best not only to encourage the Department but also assist it become one of the best departments in the university.

'I must commend the Head of Department of Physiotherapy and Malam Sadiq Musa of the Polish College for facilitating the linkage, assuring that the cooperation would surely be beneficial to both institutions.'

The aim of the MOU includes academic and teacher exchange including guest lectures, training, organization of seminars, conferences, scientific workshops as well as research and education fellowships.

Those who attended the occasion included the Registrar, Sani Ibrahim Amin, and the Bursar, Alhaji Buhari Musa.

Don't Use Religion to Divide the Country - CSOs Warn Politicians

A coalition of civil society groups in Nigeria comprising CBOs, NGOs among others has critically condemned the attitude of some politicians who are bent on using religion to divide the country.

At a one-day Nigerian Youth Workshop on Electoral Violence and Inter-religious Harmony held at the Kano State College of Arts and Science (CAS), the conference observed that the youth who are potential leaders are not availed adequate training to showcase their potentialities, are unfortunately being used by politicians as agents of political violence, thuggery and malpractice.

The communiqué of the conference, which was read by the convener, Malam Idris Salisu Rogo of the Institute of Continuing Education condemns all forms of violence before, during and after elections and that Nigerians irrespective of regional, ethnic and religious differences should remain strong and united.

The communiqué while condemning the postponement of elections also appealed to INEC to resist all pressures in the process of discharging its duties and continue to remain impartial, focused and ensure that the vote of every Nigerian counts.

The Provost of the College, Dr. Sani Lawan Malumfashi, earlier in his welcome remarks, said electoral violence affects the credibility of any election. He charged the religious leaders to draw the attention of the youth against any form of violence.

The Northwest Chairman of Youth Wing (CAN), Pastor Gabriel advised Nigerians to vote for leaders that can live up to the expectations of the electorate irrespective of their religion.

During the conference, Mr. Sulaiman Dangora, Umar Jibril Gwandu of ICE, Aminu Bello of Computer Science and Information Technology presented papers.

Leaders and representatives of various groups, including Muslim Students Society of Nigeria (MSSN) A Zone, Youth Wing of Christian Association of Nigeria (YOWICAN) Northwest Zone, and National Council of Muslim Youth Organization (NACOMYO) attended the workshop.

BUK Expels 7, Rusticates 1 and Exonerates 4

Bayero University Senate at its 325th meeting held on Wednesday, 28th January, 2015 upon consideration of submission from the Senate Committee on Examinations Misconduct and Leakages approved the following, as listed in a statement signed by Amina U. Abdullahi, University Examination Officer on behalf of the Registrar:

- a) Expulsion of the following candidates for being involved in examination misconduct in accordance with category 19.17A(i, iii, vi, v & x) of the General Examination and Academic Regulations (GEAR):

S/N	NAME	REGISTRATION NO.
1	Mercy Lami David	SPS/13/MHE/00019
2	Bello Magaji Sarauniya	SCI/13/BCH/00420
3	Abee Oliver Maxwell	SCI/12/BIO/00010
4	Attah Benedict Odeh	TEC/10/MEC/00632
5	Jimoh Sodiq	TEC/08/MEC/00642
6	Hamza Garba Hamza	SCI/08/GEO/00414
7	Shu'aibu Yunusa	EDU/11/LIS/01116

- b) Rustication for two (2) semester of candidate TECH/09/ELE/00444 – Benjamin Adebayo for being involved in examination misconduct in accordance with category 19.17 B(iv) of the General Examinations and Academic Regulations (GEAR).
- c) Warning letter to candidate CST/13/COM/00488 – Ibrahim Hudu Yahaya for being involved in examination misconduct in accordance with category 19.17 C(v) of the General Examinations and Academic Regulations (GEAR).
- d) Exoneration of the underlisted candidates since a case of examination misconduct could not be establish against them:

S/N	NAME	REGISTRATION NO.
1	Ibrahim Adam Muhammad	SCI/09/MTH/00459
2	Kabiru Kassim Imam	ENG/13/COM/00214
3	Umar Faruk Ahmad	SCI/08/GEO/00306
4	Shamsu M. Lawan	EDU/11/LIS/01097

Department of Nursing Science Gets Ag. HOD

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, *nni*, MFR has approved the appointment of Dr. Adelani Tijani as Acting Head of Department of Nursing Science with effect from 1st February, 2015.

A letter signed by the Registrar, Sani Ibrahim Amin, MNIM dated 11th February, 2015 called on the Acting HOD to “give sound academic and administrative leadership to the department.”

Dr. Nasiru Fagge Now Director CRER

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, *nni*, MFR has approved the appointment of Dr. Nasiru Isa Fagge as Director, Centre for Renewable Energy Research with effect from 1st February, 2015 and for a period of two (2) years.

A letter of appointment signed by the Registrar, Sani Ibrahim Amin, MNIM, dated 11th February, 2015, urged the new Director to encourage democratic participation in running the affairs of the centre.

Nordic Africa Institute Scholarship Programme 2016: Call For Applications

The African Guest Researchers’ Scholarship Programme is directed at scholars in Africa engaged in research on/about the African continent and with a proven track record of extensive research experience. The Applicant should be placed at or affiliated with an African University or other African research institution. We would especially like to encourage women to apply for these scholarships.

The applications should be submitted to

The Nordic Africa Institute

Att: Marie Karlsson

P. O. Box 1703

SE-75147 Uppsala, Sweden

Deadline: Applications must be in by 1st April, 2015.

For more information, including directions for application and application form, please visit: <http://www.nai.uu.se/scholarships/african/>

Inquiries: marie.karlsson@nai.uu.se

AUCTION!

This is to notify the general public that the University Board of Survey has fixed **Wednesday 18th, Thursday 19th and Friday 20th February 2015** as the dates for the Public

Auction Exercise. Interested bidders are hereby invited to come to Security Division, Bayero University, New Campus, Kano on the above mentioned dates for participation in the exercise. All interested bidders must register with the cashier before they would be allowed to bid, according to a statement, signed by Bashir Saleh Abdu, Assistant Secretary, Board of Survey.

SEMINARS

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

Department of Education: Departmental Seminar

Presenter 1: Dr. Kabir Bello Dungurawa, *Mcasson, CCN*

Topic: Challenges of School Counsellors in Multicultural Settings.

Discussant: Dr. Ahmed Iliyasu

Presenter 2: Dr. Ahmad Muhammad Garba

Topic: Promoting Emotional Intelligence in Classroom Setting for Global Peace.

Discussant: Dr. A. M. Lawal

Presenter 3: Bello Shehu

Topic: National Teachers Institute (Distance Learning Program) Course Tutors Utilization of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) in Kano Study Centre.

Discussant: Prof. Sagir Abbas

Presenter 4: Nasiru Sa'ad

Topic: Analysis of Test Interpretation Skills among Senior Secondary School Teachers in Kano State-Nigeria.

Discussant: Prof. Muhammad Ibrahim Yakasai

Presenter 5: Muhammad Adamu Kwankwaso

Topic: Early Childhood Care and Education in the Northwest of Nigeria: Trends and the Major Challenges.

Discussant: Dr. A. M. Lawal

Convener: Prof. Talatu Musa Garba (HOD, Education)

Date: 16th February, 2015

Time: 10:00am

Venue: Educational Technology Centre Room, Faculty of Education.

Department of Human Physiology: MSc. Proposal Defence

Presenter: Shahzad Ahmad
(SPS/12/MHP/00001)

Topic: The Role of Oxidative Stress and Vitamin C in Cimetidine-Induced Changes in Reproductive and Haematological Parameters of Male Wistar Rats.

Supervisor: Dr. I. U. Yarube

Date: Thursday, 18th February, 2015

Time: 10:00am

Venue: Physiology Department (Old Campus), Bayero University, Kano.

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, 14th February, 2015

Time: 7:00am

Venue: Take Off Point (New Site Stadium)

Appreciation

Hajiya Altine Maryam Ali of the Directorate of General Administrative, Registry Department expresses appreciation to those who commiserated with the family over the death of Dr. Abubakar Abdullahi, a former lecturer with the Department of Mass Communication Bayero University Kano; may Allah reward you all.

To the deceased, May Aljannatul Firdaus be his final abode, amin.