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Emir of Kano Muhammadu Sanusi II Commissions, Lauds New Projects in BUK

The Emir of Kano, His Royal Highness, Muhammadu Sanusi II, while commissioning new projects in the Faculties of Agriculture and Computer Science and Information Technology has extolled the landmark achievements of the Vice Chancellor, Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed *mni*, MFR in transforming the university.



The Emir of Kano, Muhammadu Sanusi II (front row, 1st right) cuts the tape at the occasion, as the VC, Prof. A. A. Rasheed (front row, 1st left) looks on

The Emir, who spoke separately at the Faculties of Agriculture and Computer Science and Information Technology on Saturday, 21st February, 2015 commended the university for the giant strides and assured that the emirate council would continue to partner with the university in uplifting the quality of life of the society.

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Abubakar Rasheed told Muhammadu Sanusi II that in its effort to expand access and improve the quality of teaching and learning, Bayero University has been creating more lecture theatres, laboratories and offices.

2014/2015 Postgraduate Admission List Out

The Board of the School of Postgraduate Studies (SPS) has at its 141st Meeting approved provisional admission of the 1st batch of applications for the 2014/2015 session. The Secretary, SPS, M. T. Jikamshi in a signed statement, invites all applicants and the general public to check SPS, and Faculty Notice Boards for details. The list has also been posted on the University Website, particularly for applicants outside the vicinity of the University. Dates of collection of admission letters, screening and registration will be announced later.

Application portal is still open, so those wishing to apply can still do so within the next few days.

The statement warned all prospective applicants to be wary of fraudsters. All enquiries on Postgraduate matters should be addressed to the Dean or Secretary of the School of Postgraduate

In another development, the Emir of Kano conducted a meeting with Islamic scholars from the Center of Qur'anic Studies and Department of Islamic Studies and Shariah. The meeting discussed extensively on some societal challenges especially in the Northern States of Nigeria.

The Emir frowned at the high rate of divorce and domestic violence in the Northern States of Nigeria and said he has been looking for an opportunity to discuss with Islamic scholars on how to deliberate and come up with workable solutions to the problems.

The Royal Father questioned why Muslim men that are expected to accord high respect and dignity to their wives fail to uphold and abide by the teachings of Allah and Prophet Muhammad (S.A.W)? He lamented that women are being victimized by the men folk and subjected to all forms of maltreatment.

Emir Sanusi challenged the Ulamas to fine-tune ways of addressing some contemporary issues that affect the management of Zakat (alms) and perceptions of western education. He advised the university to invite a international Islamic scholars to come to the University for an International Conference; to share different perspectives and deliberate on such issues with a view to coming up with credible and acceptable solutions that would address such contemporary challenges based on the teachings of the Quran and Hadith.

Earlier, the Vice Chancellor, Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed recalled that the Emir had been urging him to organize a forum with Islamic scholars to discuss some challenges facing the society in order to elicit solutions.

Some Islamic scholars like Malam Nasidi Abubakar Goron Dutse, Sheikh Aminuddeen Abubakar, Professor Kabir Yunus, Dr.

Abubakar Makari and Dr. Ahmad Murtala also shared their encomiums on the issues raised by the emir and supported the idea of organizing an international conference.

Prof. Rasheed Gives Reasons Why Nigerian Universities are Excelling

Bayero University along with other Nigerian Universities excel in teaching and research because of the role of the NUC in providing guidance and protection through sincere advise and routine accreditation and re-accreditation exercises, Vice-Chancellor, Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, *mni*, MFR has said.

Speaking when he received a team from the National Universities Commission (NUC) in his office on Friday 20th February, 2015, the Vice Chancellor said 'we in BUK will continue to be grateful to the NUC for all its support and encouragement and for the good work it has been doing to protect and make us sit up'.

Professor Rasheed stated that if not for the constant curriculum reappraisal embarked upon by the NUC to ginger University administrators aimed at maintaining standard, most universities in the country today would have been graduating not only half baked graduates but graduates with sub- standard and in some instances with "fake" certificates.

He said because of the NUC's insistence on maintaining high academic standards, and the compliance by the Nigerian Universities, most graduates from Nigeria even those who earned second class lower degrees often excelled in their postgraduate studies in foreign universities.

The Vice Chancellor also appreciated the role the NUC played which he said assisted in the choice of BUK among 9 other universities as African Centre of Excellence in Dryland Agriculture by the World Bank and Association of African Universities, assuring that 'we, on

our part will continue to play our role by respecting and abiding by the NUC's advise and directive in order to excel,' he remarked.

Professor Rasheed said BUK was currently planning to promote research and that was why 'we deliberately raised our research centres from 2 in 2010 to 14 in 2014. We shall make it mandatory for every academic staff from the rank of lecturer (I) to Professor to belong to a research group. The era of a Professor relaxing from carrying out research after attaining Professorship will be over in BUK.'

He thanked the team who are in BUK to craft a documentary on the activities of the African Centre of Excellence in Dryland and wished them success in their assignment.

Earlier the NUC team leader, Alhaji Ibrahim Usman Yakasai had told the Vice Chancellor that they were in BUK to conduct interviews with the relevant stakeholders on Dryland agriculture with a view to producing a documentary on the activities of BUK's Centre for Dryland Agriculture which was converted to African Centre of Excellence.

He said the documentary would enable the NUC to have a first-hand knowledge of the activities of the African Centres of Excellence and also to keep records of such activities.

Waqf, Islamic Microfinance for Poverty Alleviation – Dr. Dahiru

A lecturer at the Institute of Islamic Banking and Finance, Bayero University, Dr Aliyu Dahiru Muhammad has advocated the use of Waqf, an Islamic endowment and Islamic microfinance institution in the quest to drastically reduce the rate of poverty in Nigeria.

Dr. Dahiru made this suggestion on Sunday 22nd February, 2015 at the Boardroom of the Faculty of Law, Bayero University, Old Campus, when

he presented a paper titled "Integration of Waqf and Islamic Microfinance for Poverty Reduction: A Case Study of Nigeria", at a seminar organized by the International Institute of Islamic Thought (IIIT).

He said integration of Waqf and Islamic Microfinance will be more effective if a regulatory framework is provided and strengthened to allow non-interest microfinance just as there is Islamic banking regulatory framework.

Dr. Dahiru maintained that poverty dominates the agenda of developing countries and it is one of the major impediments of human progress and societal development, and as such poverty reduction remains a major goal of many societies regardless of ideological beliefs.

He said the conventional microfinance institution faces several challenges which include exploitative interest rate, limited products which only consist of microcredit, micro-insurance, transfers, savings and few other related opportunities. The system he said faces high dropout rate and non-graduation from poverty, debt trap, lack of shariah compliance and other related problems.

Dr. Dahiru said the funds to be utilized as Waqf will come through donations and in form of grants, and if the funds are judiciously utilized they would reduce the high cost of fund that the conventional microfinance banking sector is suffering from.

He said the key challenge as far as Waqf and Islamic microfinance is concern was non-availability of legal framework and that the idea being new, people have to be trained and retrained and be enlightened so that they would know how to collect and manage the funds.

Dr. Dahiru said Waqf and Islamic microfinance can uplift the people as the agent of change through vocational training and retreat, saying further that giving training before the collection of funds is much better. This, he said is the pre-requisite of the Central Bank of Nigeria, which stipulates that the pre-disbursement training is very necessary.

The discussant, Professor Garba Ibrahim Sheka also emphasized the use of Waqf and Islamic microfinance institution in the country due to the failure of the conventional microfinance banks to address incessant poverty in the country.

Professor Sheka expressed concern that Kano state has established microfinance bank in each of the 44 local government areas but ten of them have collapsed, saying that when Waqf and Islamic microfinance are established such scenario could be avoided. He said that only 10 percent of the people control about 90 percent of the economy and the rest of the population control the remaining.

BUK the Best in Developmental Activities, Projects- Registrar MDCN

Bayero University is one of the best if not the best among Nigerian universities offering Medicine. The university also tops in developmental activities and projects, the Registrar, Medical and Dental Council of Nigeria, Dr Abdulmumini Ibrahim has disclosed.

Speaking on Friday 20th February, 2015 during the induction ceremony of 35 new medical doctors of Bayero University at Musa Abdullahi Auditorium, he said, if medical graduates will be rated there are indications that those who graduated as medical doctors from Bayero University will top the list.

Dr. Ibrahim told the newly inducted medical doctors that “your journey has just started, practice within the level of your competence and don’t be in a hurry to establish clinics, gain experience first, when things go beyond your limit call the attention of your seniors”.

He said the license given to them should serve as a yardstick of adherence to the ethics and maintenance of the integrity of the profession, commending the university, teachers and parents for the efforts to see the newly inducted doctors through.

The Chief Medical Director of Aminu Kano Teaching Hospital (AKTH), Professor Aminu Zakari Muhammad, represented by Dr. Gambo Jahun, said the teaching hospital offers automatic housemanship to the 35 newly inducted doctors, saying that their graduation is a landmark achievement, reminding them to work hard because they would in future turn to specialty and sub-specialty, as they continue to receive trainings.

The Medical Elder of the occasion, Dr S. A. Shu’aibu, charged the doctors to prepare for challenges, saying “what you have today may not be applicable in the next 10 to 20 years, even though there are certain standards that doesn’t change, especially issues pertaining service to the society”.

Dr. Shu’aibu charged them to expand their knowledge whether in residence or private practice and that they should elevated service to humanity above issues pertaining to finance.

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, said Bayero University would continue to boost the morale of all and sundry in an effort to maintain its high standards. He

congratulated the doctors, parents and teachers for the successes so far recorded.

The Provost, College of Health Sciences, Professor Abdurrazak G. Habib, urged the doctors to adhere to the tradition of Bayero University of upholding the standard, adding that the university expects a lot from them and as such they should remain good ambassadors and objects of pride to the university.

Registrar Honoured with Award of Excellence

The Registrar, Alhaji Sani Ibrahim Amin was on Tuesday 24th February, 2015 honoured with an award of excellence by Darussalam Al-Islamiyya, Gandun Albasa for his meritorious contributions towards the development of Islamic education.

The leader of the delegation, Malam Auwal Mohammed said the school found the Registrar as an embodiment of transformation and someone who has stamped an indelible mark in the development of education. He said the school was particularly impressed with the Registrar's goodwill gestures and expressed their unwavering determination to always identify with him.



The Registrar, Sani Ibrahim Amin (centre) holds the award plaque, surrounded by the delegation

Responding, the Registrar expressed happiness for the investiture and challenged the Islamic teachers to work assiduously towards laying a strong educational foundation to their students. He said lack of true understanding of the Qur'an and hadiths often mislead people to make distorted meanings. He urged them to adhere to the teaching curriculum in order to keep their students better informed and protect them from being conscripted by some deviant individuals.

The Registrar added that they should teach their students how to live peacefully with one another and how to associate with the people well. He charged the teachers to be forthright in their dealing with students and called on them to ensure that grassroots education is given utmost priority.

2014/2015 NAOC Tertiary Institutions Scholarship

Bayero University is hereby notifying students that the 2014/2015 Nigerian Agip Oil Company Limited (NAOC) tertiary scholarship scheme application has been open since 9th February, 2015 and it will close on 9th March, 2015.

Applications are currently being accepted from students suited for the stated categories as follows:

- (A) **Host Communities Merit Award:** This category is for applicants strictly from NAOC Host Communities in any course of study.
- (B) **National Merit Award:** For applicants from Non-Host communities studying Engineering, Geology and Geosciences only.

To qualify for consideration, applicant **MUST** be:

- ✓ A registered Full Time undergraduate in a recognized Nigerian Institution.

- ✓ A certified 100 level student at the time of application.
- ✓ Must have gained admission during the 2014/2015 academic session

NOTE: Only indigenes of NAOC Host Communities in Rivers, Bayelsa, Delta and Imo States should apply for the Host Communities Merit Award.

Applicants not from the Host Community studying Engineering, Geology or Geosciences can ONLY apply for the National Merit Award.

DEADLINE: Closing date for receipt of e-applications is strictly 9th March, 2015.

TO APPLY: Visit:
www.scholastica.ng/schemes/naocscholarships.

Dr. M. S. Abubakar Now HOD, Agricultural Engineering

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, *mni*, MFR has approved the appointment of Dr. M. S. Abubakar as Head of Department of Agricultural Engineering for two years from 29th February, 2015.

A letter dated 19th February, 2015 called on the HOD to “give sound academic and administrative leadership to the department.”

Department of Mechanical Engineering Gets HOD

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, *mni*, MFR has approved the appointment of Dr. Isa Aliyu Yola as Head of Department of Mechanical Engineering with effect from 23rd February, 2015.

A letter dated 19th February, 2015 advised the HOD to give sound academic and administrative leadership to the Department, as well as encourage democratic participation in running the affairs of the department.

Dr. A. M. Samndi Re-appointed HOD, Soil Science

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, *mni*, MFR has approved the re-appointment of Dr. A. M. Samndi as Head of Department of Soil Science for two years from 1st January, 2015.

A letter dated 19th February, 2015 called on the HOD to “give sound academic and administrative leadership to the department.”

V.C Staff Unions Tournament Kicks-off March 11

The Vice Chancellor’s Staff Unions Tournament is set to kick-off on Wednesday, 11th March, 2015 according to unanimous agreement among the unions at a meeting held on Wednesday, 25th February, 2015 at the Sports Directorate, Old Campus.

The meeting also resolved that four unions; SSANU, ASUU, NAAT and NASU are going to participate in the round-robin tournament and USSA has been excluded because the union could not raise the required number of players to play in the four-categories of the games.

The Chairman of the meeting and the Deputy Director, Technical, Malam S. A. Usman said the earlier arrangement made about the category of staff that will represent NAAT remains sacrosanct and the unions are to compete in Football, Basketball, Taekwondo (male and female) and Table-Tennis.

The meeting urged all those that are interested in participating in any of the games to start training because only screened and registered players from the unions are going to participate in the tournament. It also observed that because of the circumstances attributable to the schedule of

duties of some staff, the number of football players has been increased to 22 from 18 earlier approved and the substitutions will be 7 players per match.

In Basketball, running time will be applied whereby 7 minutes in each quarter will be used and that minor fouls may be overlooked. In Badminton, it was agreed that the competition will be based on entries and the unions have been urged to mobilize their members both male and female.

Also in Football, Monday 9th March, 2015 has been fixed as the final date for submitting the screened players while 1st March is the deadline for the submission of Table Tennis and Basketball players. It was unanimously agreed that in Badminton, a chart will be created based on entries.

... ASUU to Play SSANU in the Opening Match

The draws for the VC Staff Unions Tournament were conducted on Wednesday, 25th February, 2015 and the opening match for football event will kick start between ASUU and SSANU on Wednesday, 11th March, 2015 at the Old Campus Football field.

The ceremony had in attendance the Director of Sports, Malam Tijjani Ahmad Salisu Sa'id, Deputy Director, Technical, Malam S. A. Usman, Deputy Director, Games, Dr. M. Y. Waziri, representatives of all the unions and staff of the Directorate of Sports.

The Draws are as follows:

Match 1: ASUU VS SSANU - Wednesday, 11th March, 2015.

Match 2: NASU VS NAAT - Wednesday, 18th March, 2015.

Match 3: NASU VS SSANU - Wednesday, 25th March, 2015.

Match 4: ASUU VS NAAT - Wednesday, 1st April, 2015.

Match 5: NASU Vs ASUU - Wednesday, 8th April, 2015.

Match 6: NAAT VS SSANU - Wednesday, 15th April, 2015.

In Basketball, there should be a round robin matches among SSANU, ASUU and NASU since the NAAT could not raise a team

SEMINARS

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

Department of Islamic Law: *Seminar Presentation*

Presenters: Dr. Rabi'u Sani Shatsari & Dr. Ado Malam Bello

Topic: Adjudication as a Means of Settling Labour Disputes: A Comparison of the Industrial Courts of Malaysia and Nigeria.

Chairman: Dr. Mamman Lawan, Head of Department of Islamic Law

Date: Wednesday, 25th February, 2015

Time: 4:00pm

Venue: F204 Conference Room Faculty of Law BUK

Faculty of Agriculture: *PhD Research Proposal Presentation*

Department of Agricultural Economics & Extension

Presenter: Ibrahim Musa (SPS/11/PAE/00002)

Title: Value Chain Analysis of Quail Products in Kano State, Nigeria.

Degree in View: PhD (Agricultural Economics)

Department of Animal Science:

Presenter: Abdurrahman Salim Lawal (SPS/12/PAS/00004).

Title: Evaluation of the Nutritive Value and Utilization of Pods from Kargo (*Piliostigma reticulatum*) by Small Ruminant in the Semi-Arid Zone of Nigeria.

Degree in View: PhD Animal Science

Chairman: Prof. Abba Aminu

Date: Wednesday, 4th March, 2015

Time: 2 - 5pm

Venue: New Agric Studio (New Building), BUK

Department of Adult Education & Community Services:

Departmental Seminar

Presenter 1: Dr. Bala Zakari

Topic: Life Long Learning Outreach: A Strategy for Conflict Resolution in the Management of Primary Education in Kano State, Nigeria.

Presenter 2: Babangida Ladan

Topic: Providing Girls Retention and Transition in Basic Education Through Non Formal Education: A Case Study of UNICEF Assisted GEP's NFE Component in Katsina State, Nigeria.

Discussants: Dr. Idris Wada Aujara & Dr. Gali Sa'idu

Chairman: Professor Muhammad Bello Shitu

Date: 5th March, 2015

Time: 9:00am

Venue: Departmental Board Room, Faculty of Education

International Institute of Islamic Banking & Finance:

IIIBF M.Sc Internal Defense

Candidate 1: Bello Sani Yahuza (SPS/12/MIF/00004)

Topic: The Potentialities of Muzara'ah (Share Cropping) Mode of Agricultural Financing: A Strategy to Achieve Food Security in Kano State, Nigeria.

Supervisor: Dr. Nasir A. Ahmad

Candidate 2: Usman Abbas (SPS/12/MIF/00014)

Topic: "Sukuk-Based Power Sector Infrastructure Financing in Nigeria"

Supervisor: Dr. Aliyu Dahiru Muhammad

Candidate 3: Adamu Kuku Usman (SPS/12/MIF/00019)

Topic: Determinants of Viability of Islamic Banking Products: A Case Study of Ja'iz Bank Plc.

Supervisor: Dr. Mansur Idris

Date: Thursday, 5th March, 2015

Time: 10:00am

Venue: IIIBF Conference Room

Workshop on Academic

The Dean Faculty of SMS invites the University community to a workshop with the Theme: "Academic Mentoring: Building Future Academics"

Date: 5th March, 2015

Venue: Musa Abdullahi Auditorium

Wedding Fatiha

Dr. Bala Zakari of the Department of Adult and Community Services invites members of the University community to his wedding fatiha with his bride Ummukulsum Babanzara Hassan, scheduled to take place as follows:

Date: Saturday, 7th March, 2015

Time: 11:00am

Venue: No. 1456 Muhammad Babanzara Hassan residence, Near Dala L.G.A. Secretariat, Gwammaja – Kano City.

Appreciation

(1) On behalf of my family, I, Mrs. Beatrice K. Ezugwu, the Vice Principal Staff Model Primary School wish to express my profound and heartfelt appreciation to all people who came to sympathize with us for the passing away of our father and husband, Chief Dominic C. Ezugwu. We are equally grateful for the moral and financial support given to us by some individuals.

May the Almighty God reward you all and replenish your purse abundantly, amen.

(2) Dr. N. T. Dabo of the Microbiology wish to extend his sincere appreciation to the multitude of well wishers within and outside the University community for attending his wedding fatiha which took place on Saturday, 21st February, 2015 at Galadanchi Mosque, Kano

Staff Model Secondary School

This is to inform the University community, parents and general public that are interested in seeking admission for their children and wards that the admission for this session 2014/2015 is closed until next session 2015/2016.

A statement signed by the Principal, Tijjani M. Adamu urged people to be patient.