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Prof. Ghaji's Advocacy Restores Hope to Gada Prostitutes

The intervention of Professor Ghaji Abubakar Badawi, a Professor of Library and Information Sciences, Bayero University, has saved the lives of several prostitutes and cleared them from Gada town, thus restoring sanity to the people of Gada in Dawakin Kudu Local Government area of Kano state.

Delivering the 16th Professorial Inaugural Lecture on Wednesday, 29th July, 2015 at the Musa Abdullahi Auditorium titled: *'The Role of Public Libraries as Centers of Information to Disadvantaged Groups: A 2004-2014 Study of the Information Needs of Gada Prostitutes in Dawakin Kudu Local Government Area of Kano State, Nigeria,'* the erudite scholar's advocacy over 10 years has succeeded in opening up Gada town to both government and non-governmental intervention.

The town now boasts of health centres, public schools and other social amenities, and that most of the notorious prostitutes and head pimps have been rehabilitated and gainfully employed by the local government administration.

She said her findings in Gada town, which is popularly known as *Gadar Tamburawa*, before the intervention, showed that the town was notorious for prostitution and child abuse and that the other prostitutes are between the ages of 20 and 25. They were all illiterates and poverty stricken and that the other town could not boast of a health centre or school, with nearly zero social amenities.



Prof. Ghaji Badawi (1st right) poses with the Vice Chancellor, Prof. A. A. Rasheed mni, MFR, shortly after her Professional Inaugural Lecture

Professor Ghaji added that because of the high level of illiteracy, the prostitutes were exploited and when they fell sick they were abandoned by their boyfriends. She said her findings also showed that because of illiteracy and lack of awareness, majority of the prostitutes practiced unprotective sex and often died of AIDS and other complications arising from Sexually Transmitted Diseases STD.

She said, to add salt to injury, there was no public library in Gada, saying that library did not only mean reading in an enclosed room, the existence of banners, posters and other information leaflets could also inform, because they disseminate information and educate the populace. Professor Badawi linked the success of her research work to the role of libraries in her 10 - year Gada research work (2004-2014), which was the fulcrum of her inaugural lecture and

added that public libraries are community builders and they work for the peoples' good especially in deprived neighborhoods. Libraries she further stated are also public service centers where all classes of the community could drop in any time they need information on health, education, vocation and leisure.

When she made a return trip to Gada town 10 years after the research work, she discovered a new Gada town with public schools, health centres and other social amenities, with most of the prostitutes rehabilitated and some gainfully employed. One could also see large bill boards conspicuously displayed at strategic places warning people against the scourge of AIDS.

Earlier, in his welcome address, the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, *mini*, MFR expressed worry over what he called the unwillingness of professors to take their turn to deliver Professorial Inaugural Lecture.

He said for a University with close to 200 professors, but only 15 have so far delivered professorial lecture, 'it does not speak well of us as professors,' he fumed. He said in other Universities professors had to join a queue to enable them take their turn, but here the reverse is the case where professors were being chased by the Inaugural Lecture Committee to come and take their turn, hoping that the situation would change for the better. He commended Prof. Ghaji for being the first female Professor to deliver her inaugural lecture.

NUC'II Continue to Uphold Academic Excellence – Accreditation Panel

The National Universities Commission (NUC) will continue to keep University management on their toes as part of its determined efforts to ensure that the right things are done in the area of quality assurance so that graduates of the nation's universities compete favourably with their peers internationally.

This was disclosed by Professor K. K. Agu, the team leader of NUC's two accreditation panels that visited BUK to accredit four courses in the College of Health Sciences.

He said accreditation exercise was never a witch hunting outing, saying that management of Universities have no cause to be jittery, rather they should open their hearts and accept the team by giving them all the necessary support and cooperation.

He said the two teams were in the university to look at four programmes, Nursing Science, Radiography, Dentistry and Medical Laboratory Science, adding that this was the first time the programmes are being looked into with a view to carrying out accreditation, after they passed through a resource verification exercise earlier.

Professor Agu assured his host that the team would be objective and fair in carrying out its assignment, and solicited for understanding and cooperation.

He said the few hours they took to go round the university and see things for themselves left them with the impression that the Vice-Chancellor and his management team have succeeded in making BUK a role model in the area of infrastructural development among the nation's universities. 'We say well done Mr. Vice-Chancellor,' he concluded.

Earlier, the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, *mini*, MFR told his guest that when the university introduced Dentistry with no structure on ground most people thought that they were joking and concluded that 'we are bound to fail, but, because of our commitment, today the Dentistry and all other medical science programmes we introduced had finally found their feet.'

He told the accreditation team that they should expect problems and that "what we need from you were constructive criticisms, advice and above all solutions to the problems.

Professor Rasheed assured the team of the university's maximum support and cooperation to enable them carry out their assignment successfully.

University Health Service

This is to inform the University community that the newly built and commissioned In-Patient Faculty at the New Campus Clinic has a Labour Room, which operates 24 hour service for normal delivery of booked pregnant mothers. The facility attends to 2nd to 4th deliveries, according to a statement issued and signed by the Director, Dr. Maryam S. Waziri.

Novelty Football Matches

Staff Team Vs Community Team Staff Champions (NASU) VS Student Champions (FAIS)

This is to inform the University community that there are novelty football matches organized as follows, according to the Deputy Director, Games, Dr. M. Y. Waziri.

Match No 1: Staff Team VS Community Team

Date: Wednesday, 5th August, 2015

Time: 4:00pm

This match is organized to congratulate Nura Garba of the Information and Publications on the occasion of his wedding, which is scheduled to hold on Friday, 7th August, 2015 at Uthman Bin Affan Mosque, Gadon Kaya, immediately after Jumu'at prayer at 1:15 pm.

Match No. 2: Staff Champions (NASU) VS Student Champions (FAIS).

Date: Thursday, 6th August, 2015

Time: 4:00pm

The second match is organized by the Sports Directorate in conjunction with the Student Union Government.

All the matches will be played at the BUK Old Site Football field at 4:00 pm.

On BATOPAS Plagiarized Article

The Editorial Board of Bayero University of Pure and Applied Sciences (*BAJOPAS*) came across a published paper titled **Assessment of Healthcare Waste Generated by Government Hospital in Agra City, India** by a journal *Our Nature* (2007) 5: 25-30, which was authored by a **Khajuria and A. Kumar** both of the Department of Environmental Studies, School of Life Sciences, Khandari Campus, Dr. B. R. Ambedkar University, Agro-28202, U.P., India, which was very much similar to a paper titled: **Assessment of Healthcare Waste Generated by Some Selected Public Hospitals in Katsina State, Nigeria**, published by our Journal *Bayero Journal of Pure and Applied Sciences* (2009) 2(2): 13 – 15 which was authored by **Abubakar Umar** and **Audu Yaro** of the Department of Geography, Umaru Msa Yar'adua University, Katsina and **Babangida Abdulkarim** of the Department of Biology, Umar Musa Yar'adua University, Katsina.

Centre for Dryland Agriculture Sales of Eggs

The Centre for Dryland Agriculture Bayero University, Kano has commenced the sale of fresh poultry eggs.

Price per crate is six Hundred Naira only (₦600)

Sale will be on cash and carry basis.

For bookings and purchase, contact: Auwalu Tijjani Ahmad on 08138009027 or 08079815500.

The farm is located adjacent to the Camel shed in which would not exceed 150 words, should be forwarded to the Chairman L.O.C., General Coordinator or the Secretary or the Secretary L.O.C or contact Group Chairman not later than 24th July, 2015. Participants should submit 20 copies of completed paper at workshop registration point on arrival. Each paper which should be typed in double line spacing shall not be more than 12 pages of A4 paper, the latest APA format should be adopted. Workshop fee ₦3,000 per school.

School of Postgraduates Studies **Updated List of Programmes**

The School of Postgraduate Studies wishes to inform all Heads of Department that it is making preparations for the sale of Application Forms for the 2015/2016 Academic Session. In the light of this development, Departments running Postgraduate Programmes are kindly requested to send the updated list of their programmes. This is to avoid omission or mistakes.

A statement signed by M. T. Jikamshi, Secretary, School of Postgraduate Studies, said the updated list should please reach the office of the Secretary, School of Postgraduate Studies on or before 3rd August, 2015.

Staff Model Primary School, Bayero University, Kano *In Collaboration with* **Faculty of Education BUK** *Are Jointly Organizing the* **2nd Teachers' and School Administrators Workshop 2015**

On

Theme: *Improvement of Primary Education Standard in Nigeria: The Role of University Staff Schools in Organizing Training Programmes at Bracing up with the Challenges of the 21st Century in the Teaching Profession in line with the 9 year UBE Scheme in Nigeria.*

Date: Thursday, 6th & Saturday, 8th August, 2015

Time: 8:30am daily

Venue: Staff Model Primary School

Call For Papers:

Papers are invited from interested participants in any of the sub-themes. A copy of the abstract

forwarded to the Chairman L.O.C., General Coordinator or the Secretary or the Secretary L.O.C or contact Group Chairman not later than 24th July, 2015. Participants should submit 20 copies of completed paper at workshop registration point on arrival. Each paper which should be typed in double line spacing shall not be more than 12 pages of A4 paper, the latest APA format should be adopted. Workshop fee ₦3,000 per school.

Quality paper assessment fee ₦1,000.

We look forward to your school's attendance and participation. For planning purpose, we would add that you limit your nominees to two (2) participants preferably, the Subject Head of Arts and Social Science who can relay the experience of the workshop to other staff on his/her return. Attendance is strictly by invitation and payment of registration fee of ₦3,000 per school.

Sub-themes:

- Use of instructional materials in enhancing teaching and learning in primary education.
- New methods and techniques for English Language teaching.
- New methods and technique^{3sw} for teaching and learning Mathematics.
- New methods and techniques for teaching and learning Religious Studies.
- New methods and techniques for teaching and learning Social Studies.
- New methods and techniques for teaching and learning Basic Science and Technology.
- New methods and techniques for teaching and learning Hausa Language.
- New methods and techniques for teaching and learning Fine Art.
- New methods and techniques for teaching and learning Civic Education.
- New methods and techniques for drawing note of lessons.

- School records as foundation of School Management.
- I.C.T. the Role in Language Teaching and Learning Techniques.
- Drop out among Nigerian Pupils in Nigerian Educational System. Causes, effect and remedies.
- Folk tales as effective means of teaching Nigerian languages in primary schools.
- Stress management among teachers in primary schools.
- Dieting as a means of enhancing productivity in the classroom.
- Coping with large classes in Nigerian schools.
- A new approach towards the improvement of foreign language in Nigerian primary school.
- Modern trends in the use of educational technology in the classroom.
- Non-governmental sources for financing primary education.
- Effects of examination malpractice in Nigerian education institution.
- Other relevant topics related to the theme.

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SEMINARS

The following departments invite the University Community to their departmental seminar, scheduled as follows:

Department of Sociology: *PhD Proposal Defense*

Presenter: Abdurraheem Anifat
(SPS/11/PSO/00001)

Topic: *The Effect of Cultural Practices and Maternal Mortality in Kano State.*

Supervisor: Dr. Mohammed Mustapha Namadi

Chairman: Dr. Maikano Madaki

Date: Friday, 31st July, 2015

Time: 10:00am

Venue: Departmental Board Room.

Department of Electrical Engineering: *Seminar*

Presenter: Usman Sammani Sani

Topic: *Design of (7, 4) Hamming Encoder and Decoder Using VHDL.*

Date: Wednesday, 5th August, 2015

Time: 2:00pm

Venue: Department of Electrical Engineering Conference Room.

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, 8th August, 2015
Time: 7:00am
Venue: Take Off Point (New Site Stadium)

Bayero University Kano Alumni Association

The Bayero University Kano Alumni Association invites members of the University community to its **FUND RAISING DINER**, scheduled as follows:

Chief Launcher: Alh. Aliko Dangote GCON

Co Launchers: Alh. Abdulsamad I. Rabi'u & Alh. Abdulmanaf of Azaman Air Services

Alh. Abdulrazaq Salihu, **Chairman Fund Raising Dinner Organization Committee**

Royal Father of the Day: HRH. Alh. Muhammadu Sunusi II, **the Emir of Kano.**

Assisted by: HRH. Alh. Auwal Ibrahim, **the Emir of Suleja** and HRH. Alh. Attahiru Sani, **the Emir of Anka**

Date: Saturday, 1st August, 2015

Time: 8:00pm

Venue: Nnamadi Azikwe Hall, NICON Luxury Hotel, Abuja.

Wedding Fatiha of Nura Garba *Information & Publications*

This is to invite members of the University community to the wedding fatiha of Nura Garba (P.R.O SSANU) of the Information and Publications Division to his wedding fatiha, scheduled as follows:

Date: Friday, 7th August, 2015

Time: 1:15pm, immediately after Juma'at prayer

Venue: Uthman Bin Affan Mosque, Gadon Kaya, Kano State.

Wedding Fatiha of Anas Abubakar Bisu Physics Department

This is to invite members of the University community to the wedding fatiha of Anas Abubakar Bisu of the Physics Department to his wedding fatiha, scheduled as follows:

Date: Saturday, 1st August, 2015
 (16/10/1436AH)

Time: 12:00pm

Venue: Habib Gwarzo Mosque, near Hotoro Juma'at Mosque, Nassarawa Kano.

SUG Grand Walima, a Success- PRO

The Students Union Government (SUG), Bayero University has expressed appreciation to the teaming students and other well-wishers that attended its Grant Sallah Walima, with the theme 'BUK-Our School-Our Home'.

A statement signed by the SUG Public Relations Officer, Mujibullah Dahiru Abdu thanked those who attended and promise that the Union will continue to support whatever will assist its members and the University.

Lost Items

A BUK identity card, ATM card, and Department I.D. card belonging to Suwaiba Salisu Lawal (EDU/13/BAE/01123).

If found, please bring the item to the Publications and Documentation Division (Bulletin Office) for onward return to the owner.

