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FG, Others Fund BUK's Projects - VC

Vice Chancellor of Bayero University, Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed has said that apart from the 12 projects which were either commissioned or the foundation laying ceremony performed by the Vice President, Arc Mohammed Namadi Sambo, the university has benefitted from other projects funded by various state governments, donor agencies and friends of the university.



Vice President, Arc Namadi Sambo (2nd right), commissions the new Faculty of Education, Bayero University; while the Minister of Education, Malam Ibrahim Shekarau (3rd right); and the Pro-Chancellor; Mahmud Yayale Ahmed (1st right) look on; and Vice Chancellor Prof. Abubakar Rasheed (1st left) introduces the facilities in the complex.

Professor Abubakar Rasheed, while shedding more light on the projects, told the Vice President, Arc Namadi Sambo, who was in the university on Monday 9th March, 2015 at the Senate Building that the 'Alhaji Ahmadu Adamu Mu'azu Mini-Stadium' commissioned by the Vice President was funded by the TETFund to promote sporting activities among staff and students.

He said the Faculty of Education Complex, also financed by a special TETFund grant has amongst others 134 staff offices, 17 lecture rooms and four laboratories while the administration building is housing the Dean's office and the offices of senior

academics in the faculty, adding that it also consists of the Libraries in the Faculty, boardroom and a number of classrooms. Professor Rasheed said other facilities in the faculty include laboratories, workshops, additional lecture rooms, offices of the heads of departments, a 350-seater Theater built with part of 3 billion Naira special high impact projects intervention by TETFund as well as the Department of Physical and Health Education.

At the foundation laying of the International Conference Center project, the Vice Chancellor said it is being financed by Senator Bello Hayatu Gwarzo's 2014 constituency project allocation. He added that the centre when completed would have 1,500 seater auditorium, a number of syndicate rooms, chalets, restaurant and other facilities that will make the center of international standard.

The Vice Chancellor said, following the agreement signed between the Federal Government and University Staff Unions, funds are

being released to the public universities for them to address some of the problems identified by the Needs Assessment Evaluation, saying one of the problems being addressed with the first allocation is the provision of the additional students' hostels, and with its allocation Bayero University has decided to construct three hostels with a capacity of 360 bed spaces each, making a total of 1080 bed spaces.

A the site of hostel foundation laying at the New Campus, Prof. Rasheed said two of the hostels are for the female students, one in the New Campus and the other one in the College of Health Sciences at AKTH while the third is the male hostel at the New Campus. Adding further that the university has utilized 500 million Naira from the 3billion Naira Special High Impact Projects Intervention to construct, furnish and equip two departments in the Faculty of Biomedical Sciences, that is the Department of Anatomy and the Department of Physiology.

Professor Rasheed said the university decided to construct a number of multipurpose science laboratories, and that in the first instance the university has with TETFund grant constructed, equipped and furnished a 500-seater

Multipurpose Laboratory for the Faculty of Science in the Old Campus, adding that three similar laboratories with capacities of 240 each are being constructed for the Faculties of Agriculture, Engineering and Biomedical Sciences.

Speaking at the Aminu Kano Teaching Hospital, the Vice Chancellor further enumerated that a befitting College of Health Sciences, consisting of four faculties has been established, an effort which transformed the university to be on the path of becoming a Center of Excellence in medical education.

He said the university also decided to establish two research centers to address the morbidity and mortality problems caused by infectious diseases, hence the effort to establish Center for Infectious Diseases Research and Center for Advanced Medical Research. The Center for Advanced Medical Research will carry out advanced researches into many areas of medicine, with special attention to bio-medicine and molecular-medicine, non-communicable diseases, health system policy and maternal and child health.

TETFund: FG Expend 644 Billion Naira to Tertiary Institutions

The Federal Government has expended 644 billion Naira through the Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund) in the institutions of higher learning across the country in pursuit of academic excellence in the Nigerian universities, Vice President, Arch Mohammed Namadi Sambo, has disclosed.



Vice President, Arch Mohammed Namadi Sambo (1st right) performing the foundation laying of a female hostel at the New Campus

The federal government he said will spend 1.5 trillion Naira to improve the standard of education in the next five years at both federal and state owned institutions of higher learning across the country under the Presidential Support Programme, the NEEDS programme.

The Vice President, who was in Bayero University on Monday 9th March, 2015 for the commissioning of eight federal government projects and foundation laying ceremony of four projects in the New Campus, Old Campus and College of Health Sciences, AKTH, said the federal government will not relent in its effort to ensure quality education.

He said from 2011 to date, the Federal Government has established 14 new Universities with nine allocated to the northern states and an additional one, a degree awarding Police Academy in Wudil has also taken off, saying this is the first time in the history of Nigeria when 14 universities were established in the country at the same time.

The Vice President further said, from 2010 to 2015 the federal government has injected 297 billion Naira to primary education, the monies he said were spent on infrastructural development, provision of teaching facilities and capacity building, amongst others.

Arc Namadi Sambo also said, the sum of 31.2 billion Naira had been spent by the federal government in the federal and state government owned higher institutions across Kano state with a view to facilitating efficiency in the education sector at all levels of higher education in the state.

He said Bayero University has benefitted with about 40 projects at the cost of 11.9 billion Naira, adding that the Kano state higher institutions have benefited a lot under the federal

government transformation agenda, which includes provision of facilities and interventions. He said the agenda includes amongst others, academic training and development, capacity building, conferences, research development, academic journals, institutional based researches, institutional libraries and e-learning libraries and a lot of other programmes and initiatives that will make Nigerian universities places to be reckoned with.

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, said the visit offered a unique opportunity for members of the University Community to interact with the Vice President on some national developmental issues, particularly the federal government's investments in higher education.

Professor Abubakar Rasheed said, apart from the eight projects commissioned by the Vice President, four foundation laying ceremonies were performed which include that of the Ultra-Modern International Conference Center to be build, equipped and furnished by Senator Bello Hayatu Gwarzo; 360-bed female hostel and two Centers at College of Health Sciences, AKTH, Center for Advanced Medical Research and Center for Infectious Diseases.

He told the Vice President that in the last four years the university has introduced 40 new degree programmes to support the federal government's policy of expanding access to higher education and promoting Nigeria's transition to knowledge-based economy. Some of the new degree programmes he said include Mechatronics Engineering, Software Engineering, Information Technology, Architecture, Petroleum Engineering, Chemical Engineering, Nursing Science, Radiography, Anatomy, Physiology, Chemical Engineering and a host of other programmes.

Professor Rasheed said, a number of research centers and institutes were established which include Center for Biotechnology Research, Center for Renewable Energy Research, Center for Dryland Agriculture, Center for Qur'anic Science, Center for Interfaith Dialogue, Center for Advanced Medical Research, Center for Infectious Diseases Research and the International Institute for Islamic Banking and Finance.

War Against Insurgency:
Nigerian Security Forces Deserve Praise - VP Namadi

It is not true that the Nigerian Armed Forces was playing a second fiddle in the on-going routing of rebels and recovery of territory hitherto taken over by the insurgents in the North East, Vice-President Mohammed Namadi Sambo, has clarified.

He gave the clarification while responding to questions from members of the Bayero University Academic Community during an interactive session on Monday, 9th March, 2015 at Senate Chambers, New Campus.

The Vice-President who was on official visit to Bayero University, Kano to commission some projects executed through the intervention of Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund) said the fact of the matter was that Boko Haram atrocities had since assumed international dimension and that the current military onslaught against the insurgents was a joint effort between the armed forces of Nigeria, Chad, Cameroun and Niger, adding that 'for you to sit in the comfort of your office and point accusing fingers on the Nigerian Armed forces of remaining passive in the joint operation, I think it is the height of unfairness one can do to himself.'

Vice President Namadi added that so much territory has been recovered by the Nigerian

Armed forces, adding that 'these heroic efforts of the Nigerian security forces should be commended and encouraged rather than despised,' he counseled. He said the joint operation was being promoted by the African Union (AU).

He said the populace has a great role to play in complementing the efforts of the government and security forces in the on-going fight against the insurgents by making available to the security forces information on any suspicious character and activities within their communities.

On the recurrent rumour about the removal of the INEC Chairman, Professor Attahiru Jega, Vice-President Arc Namadi Sambo expressed worry, saying that Mr. President has made it categorically clear that Jega would not be removed and wondered why the insistence and the hue and cry about a none issue.

Speaking on the postponement of election, the Vice-President said what INEC was doing now which included Smart Card Reader test run and the extension of the deadline for PVC collection showed clearly that INEC was not ready to conduct the election in February, adding that the postponement had afforded the INEC chance to prepare better for the election and the security forces to reduce to the barest minimum any threat that Boko Haram might have posed for the smooth conduct of election in the North East.

Vice President restated the commitment of the federal government to ensure that the 2015 general elections are free, fair, transparent and credible.

Stanbic IBTC Opens Service Center in BUK

The Stanbic IBTC Limited has opened a new service center in Bayero University, Kano with the assurance that the Bank would offer a wide range of financial services to the community and

people of Kano. The Bank has also reiterated its commitment to maintain its consistent brand values of services and innovations.



The VC, (3rd right) Mr. Lincoln Mali (2nd right) & the Registrar (1st right) cut the cake during the commissioning ceremony

The Regional Head, Personal and Business Banking, West Africa, Mr. Lincoln Mali gave the assurance when the service center was formally commissioned on Tuesday, 10th March, 2015. He said the new center is equipped with modern technology that would satisfy the demands of Bayero University, Kano.

The Regional Head, who visited the University last year to deliver a public lecture on “Leadership in Business and Academia” praised the transformations going on in the university and averred that his bank would continue to partner with the University to explore more avenues for sustainable collaboration.

In his remark, the Vice Chancellor, Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, *mni*, MFR on behalf of the management, staff and students welcomed the new service center to Bayero University and expressed the university’s determination to form a formidable partnership with the bank.

The Vice Chancellor also extolled the virtues of Mr. Lincoln, whom he described as a realistic dreamer.

Earlier in his opening remarks, the Head of Channels, Nigeria, Mr. Biodum Badamosi said IBTC is the biggest bank in Africa with a wide

range of efficient and effective financial services. He said the bank always lived up to the expectations of its teaming customers.

The ceremony witnessed a large crowd including the Registrar, Sani Ibrahim Amin, MNIM, the Bursar, Alhaji Buhari Musa, Director, Public Affairs, Ahmed Shehu, the Managing Director of Bayero Microfinance Bank, Dr. Ahmed Mohammed Makarfi and many members of staff.

Also present were some of the key personnel of the bank, including the Zonal Head, Northwest, Bala Shehu, the Regional Manager, Kano Region, Ilyasu Garba Koshi, PBB Marketing, Bennet Frimpomg, BUK branch Manager, Bamidele Adegoke and 5 staff in the branch as well as heads of Kano branches.

The branch commenced operation immediately.

Screening and Registration for New Students Commence March 16

This is to inform members of the University community that the screening and registration for 2014/2015 academic session newly admitted students (DE and UTME) takes place from Monday, 16th March to Friday, 3rd April, 2015.

According to a statement signed by the Director, Examination Admissions and Records (DEAR), Fatima Binta Mohammed, the exercise will take place in various faculties where the new students are admitted.

The statement noted that for convenience, all newly admitted students in the College of Health Sciences will do their screening in the Physiology/Anatomy buildings (Old Campus) as done in the previous year.

Below are guidelines for collection of admission letters and screening.

Step 1:

Candidates are requested to log into Bayero University portal (www.buk.edu.ng) for printing of admission letter using their JAMB registration number and bring it to the screening venue.

Step 2:

Payment of acceptance fee of (₦5,000.00) at any Bank within the two (2) Campuses should be made after printing the admission letter. Evidence of payment of the acceptance fee should be presented at the screening point. In addition, **candidates should undertake a medical examination** at any recognized hospital and **come along with the medical report** for the screening exercise.

Step 3:

Screening at various faculties:

Materials required for the screening include;

1. Admission letter
2. JAMB Result Slip for UTME candidates and Acknowledgment Slip for Direct Entry (DE) candidates.
3. A 'level statement of result(s) for Direct Entry candidates
4. O' level statement of result(s) for UTME candidates (copies of original statement of result from issuing bodies are preferred.
5. Medical Examination report
6. Birth Certificate or Declaration of Age
7. Completed Undertaking Form
8. Candidates without original SSCE Certificates for WAEC and/or NECO or its equivalent are required to present Result Checker Card (Scratch Card) alongside their statement of results.
9. Two (2) recent passport size photographs

Step 4:

Go to www.buk.edu.ng for your online course registration from 13th April, 2015.

NATIONAL RESEARCH FUND:**TETFUND Calling all Academic Staff**

The Director of Research, Innovation and Partnerships (DRIP), Prof. Sagir A. Abbas

would like to notify the academic community of Bayero University, Kano that the TETFund has recently released a call for PROPOSALS/APPLICATIONS for the year 2015. The release is related to the NATIONAL RESEARCH FUND. See *DAILY TRUST* of Thursday, 26th February, 2015 for details.

Every lecturer in a public Tertiary Institution in Nigeria is eligible. Multidisciplinary Researches comprising of Researchers from various disciplines are allowed, (or preferred) .

Research Areas:

- a) Science and Technology and Innovation. THEMATIC AREAS: Agriculture, Food Security and Foot Technology/Processing; Health and Social Welfare; Transport; Energy and Power; ICT and Telecommunications; Engineering Construction and Building Technology; Space Science.
- b) Humanities and Social Sciences: THEMATIC AREAS: National Integration; National Security and Peace Studies; Education and Training; Economic Development and Tourism; Social Welfare; Population Studies; Tourism.
- c) Cross-Cutting Themes. THEMATIC AREAS: Entrepreneurship and Wealth Creation; Environment, Housing and Urban Development; Climate Change; Resource Governance; Science and Technology Management; Sports and Recreation Development.

Deadline for Submission of Proposal (to TETFund) is Friday, 20th March, 2015. [so all BUK proposals must be submitted latest by 18th March – Editor]

For Format/Template please visit www.tetfund.gov.ng

For Further information contact the Directorate of Research, Innovation and Partnership (DRIP) office Tagged “Professors Offices” near Main Library, behind T. Y. Danjuma Building New Campus.

Registry, Bursary, C. I. T. Staff Trained on Mybuk Application

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, *mini*, MFR has described the mybuk portal as one single innovation that will change Bayero University from what it is to what it is going to be in future.

Speaking at the Senate Chamber ceremony to mark the commencement of the training of selected 40 Registry and Bursary staff on Tuesday, 10th March, 2015, the Vice Chancellor said mybuk is the indigenous and innovative software designed by staff of B.U.K to revolutionize the entire University system.

Prof. Rasheed congratulated the C.I.T and its Director, Dr. A. B. Baffa for this I.T. revolution and said this marked the beginning of digitization revolution of the Registry and Bursary Departments.

Earlier in his remark, the Director C.I.T, Dr. A. B. Baffa said mybuk registration engine could generate all types of information and it is an application that could even be managed by non-specialist.

He said it would facilitate the harmonization of students' information and provide easy access to the data of all students from the day they write their JAMB to their graduation.

He said the selected staff would not only be trained on the myBUK software but others applications such as the use of presentation application, database, advanced excel, MS access and many others. They will also be trained how to upload information, how to generate data through query and other procedures for managing the myBUK software.

Staff Union's Tournament: SSANU Pips ASUU 2 – 1, Defeats NASU

The Senior Staff Association of Nigerian Universities (SSANU) has started its V. C. Staff Union's Tournament campaign on a bright note by recording a 2 – 1 victory over the Academic Staff Union of Universities (ASUU) at the

opening match played on Wednesday, 11th March, 2015 at the Old Campus field.

Shu'aibu Yaro of the Staff School scored the first goal from a long range that the ASUU goalkeeper, Malam Mustapha of the Physics Department could do nothing to stop it from hitting the roof of the net to give SSANU an early advantage.

In the second half, SSANU team came back stronger. The combination of Nasiru Garba of the Student Affairs, Nura Garba of the Information and Publications as well as Sunusi Popular of the Security Division was a thorn in ASUU's flesh, causing constant threat to its defense. SSANU continued to enjoy almost complete domination midway into the second half.

Nura Garba received a pass from Nasiru Garba Dan Bichi after a neat one-two and the information man curled an overhead low drive into the roof of the net beyond ASUU goalkeeper to give SSANU a 2 – 0 comfortable lead.

Sensing the prospect of being overrun completely, ASUU made some quick changes with the likes of Dr. M. Y. Waziri of Mathematical Sciences, Professor Kabir Isa Dandago of Accounting and Dr. A. B. Baffa, the Director of C.I.T. all came in.

The substitution paid off barely few minutes when Dr. Abdullahi Darki of P.H.E. chipped in a fantastic cross to the on rushing Dr. Waziri, who slotted home a cool finish.

Boosted by the goal, ASUU players put more pressure to equalize but time was no longer on their side as the centre referee blew the final whistle.

The match witnessed the presence of the Bursar, Buhari Musa, who led the kickoff, Deputy Bursar, Ado Maitama, ASUU and SSANU

executive officers, as well as many staff and students of the University.

Below is how the table stands

	P	W	L	D	GF	GA	P
SSANU	1	1	0	0	2	1	3
ASUU	1	0	1	0	1	2	0
NASU	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NAAT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

In Basketball, SSANU defeated NASU in the opening match.

SEMINARS

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

Department of Mathematical Sciences: *M.Sc Internal Defense*

Presenter 1: Ali Tijjani Waziri
(SPS/11/MMT/00024)

Thesis Title: A Minimal Repair Replacement Model with three types of Failure.

Supervisor: Prof. Bashir M. Yakasai

Presenter 2: Jewaidu Rilwan
(SPS/11/MMT/00003)

Thesis Title: Pursuit Differential Game Problem of Mixed Constraints in Hilbert Space.

Supervisor: Dr. Abbas J. Badakaya

Chairman: Dr. Suraj M. Umar

Date: Wednesday, 18th March, 2015

Time: 2:00pm

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, 14th March, 2015

Time: 7:00am

Venue: Take Off Point (New Site Stadium).

Wedding Fatiha

(1) Mariam Y. Imam cordially invites members of the University community to the wedding fatiha of her daughter Zainab Y. Imam scheduled to take place as follows:

Date: Saturday, 21st March, 2015

Time: 11:00am prompt

Venue: Aliyu Bin Abi Dalib Juma'at Mosque Zaria Road, Kano State.

(2) Bello Ahmed Muhammad of the University Library invites members of the University community to his wedding fatiha with Hafsat Kabir Ahmad of the Department of Computer Science scheduled to hold as follows:

Date: Saturday, 21st March, 2015

Time: 11:00am prompt

Venue: Residence of Alh. Garba Ahmad Dankano, Chediya Makama, Daneji Quarters by Gidan Shettima along Maiduguri Road, Near Emir Palace Juma'at Mosque, Kano.

Lost Items

- 1) A BUK identity card belonging to Sagiru Abubakar Muh'd (AIS/13/HIS/00181).
- 2) A BUK identity card belonging to Marwan M. Nasir (EDU/13/LIS/00499).
- 3) Yahaya Husaini has lost his credentials that include statement of degree result, NYSC certificate, WAEC original certificate, appointment letter and M.Ed admission letter.

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

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- That BUK consumes a lot of Energy Daily?
 - That Power Supply by PHCN 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 One Extra Hour of Air-conditioning in a Room Uses Enough Energy to Power A TV for a Year?
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- **Pillar 3 Changes in human capital, labour markets and demographic structures and their impact on social inequality in modern societies**
- **Pillar 4 Governance, institutional change and political behaviour**

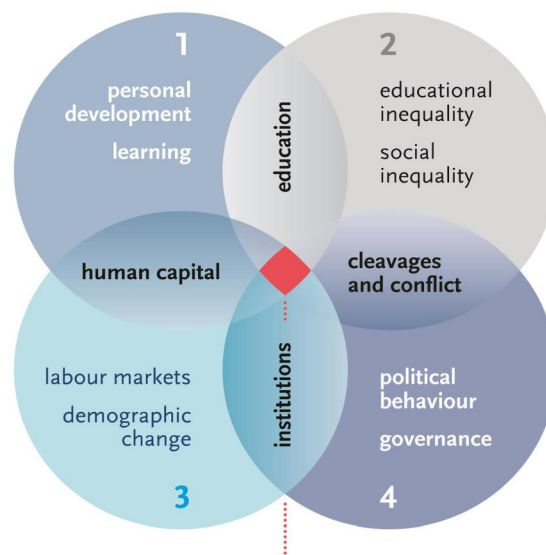
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