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### My Mission is to Make BUK a World Class University ....Chancellor Papapriye

The newly appointed Chancellor of Bayero University, His Royal Majesty, King Alfred Papapriye Diette Spiff, the *Amanyano* of *Twon Brass*, has said his mission is to see the University transformed into a world class institution.

Speaking exclusively with the Media Team on Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> November, 2015, shortly after going round two of the campuses of the University, King Alfred Diette Spiff noted that they were fulfilled that they contributed in the establishment of the second generation Universities.



*The Chancellor, Papapriye Diette Spiff (right), the Pro-Chancellor, Mahmud Yayale Ahmed (left) and the VC, Prof. Yahuza Bello (centre) inspecting projects*

According to him, already, he had started making some arrangement with a view to linking the University with some Research Centres in the area of Health Sciences for the development of a special and unique solutions to fighting some communicable diseases such as HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis, Ebola Virus, Cancer and Diabetes among others.

He said he was particularly impressed with the kind of facilities provided by the University, at its College of Health Sciences and with little funding and serious collaboration and partnership with

experts from across the world. “BUK will no doubt be able to make serious impact in the global campaign for a healthy society through the discovery and invention of highly effective medication and cure mechanism for some diseases,” he said.

Bayero University, he said is now a champion going by the infrastructures and facilities on ground as well as the standard of its teaching and research mechanism, “and as a champion, we have to come together as a team, both management, staff, students and every stakeholder to work seriously hard to maintain that standard which by extension will translate into being the champion,” he declared.

He assured the university community that, as someone who has the zeal and commitment by ensuring quality education, he will go extra mile to prove that Bayero University has gotten the right person to lead it to internationalising its operation and standard in every respect.

“My coming here to Kano and in particular, BUK is a home coming, and together we shall remodel this great institution into the global map as one of the best in terms of teaching, research and innovative discoveries in all fields of human endeavour,” he concluded.

## 1<sup>st</sup> International Confab on Doctoral Colloquium opens in BUK

The Vice-Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> November, 2015 declared open the **1<sup>st</sup> International Conference and Doctoral Colloquium** with the theme: *Development in Africa: Perspectives, Issues and Trends*. The Conference, which was organized by the Faculty of Social and Management Sciences took place at the Musa Abdullahi Auditorium, New Campus.

The Vice-Chancellor, who was represented by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Administration), Professor Sadiq Isah Radda, said the choice of the conference theme was apt because there was no continent in the world that is more challenged about development like the Continent of Africa. He challenged the participants to come up with a visible and workable strategy that would attempt to proffer solution to the issues of underdevelopment in the African Continent.

The Vice-Chancellor urged participants to find time and go round the university to see the development and modest achievements recorded within the last five years. He wished participants fruitful deliberations and a successful conference.

In his address, the chairman of the occasion, Emeritus Professor Muhammad Sani Zahraddeen, the Grand Imam of Kano, thanked the organizers for choosing him to chair the

occasion, adding that corruption has been the major problem causing underdevelopment in most African countries. He hoped that this conference would do everything humanly possible to make their positive contributions on how to make the current fight against corruption a huge success.

Also speaking, the Dean, Faculty of Social and Management Sciences, Professor Bashir Tijjani, said the conference was expected to reflect on developmental issues in Africa and beyond and would bring together academics and practitioners to present their researches on developmental issues in Africa.

He added that the conference would provide an opportunity for participants to present their current researches, develop their academic network and an opportunity for professional bodies and publishers to meet with academics and promote dialogue among them.

Mr. Perry Calderwood, the Canadian High Commissioner to Nigeria, was one of the lead paper presenters and spoke extensively on the efforts of the Canadian Government’s assistance to Nigeria on maternal, child and newborn health, as well as on Girl-Child Marriage. Sarah Chayes, a Senior Associate, Democracy and Rule of Law Programme, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace (Washington, D.C.) spoke on the linkage between corruption and violence, saying that ‘corruption can only be eradicated if it is jointly fought along with violence. Fighting corruption alone will not lead to achieving the desired objectives. It must be fought along with terrorism,’ she opined.

The Managing Director of Nigeria Deposit Insurance Corporation (NDIC), Alhaji Umaru Ibrahim, represented by a Director in the Corporation, and Alhaji Mounir Halliru Gwarzo,

the Director-General, Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) all spoke extensively on the services rendered by their organizations.

### Facilitate Collaboration Between BUK & Canadian Varsities, VC urges Envoy

Vice-Chancellor of Bayero University, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello, has urged the Canadian High Commissioner to Nigeria, Mr. Perry Calderwood, to facilitate collaboration between BUK and Universities in Canada.

The Vice-Chancellor made the request when he received the Canadian High Commissioner in his office during a courtesy call on Tuesday, 16<sup>th</sup> November, 2015.



*The VC, Prof. M. Y. Bello sharing a point with the envoy, Mr. Perry Calderwood*

He said BUK would be very much willing to enter into collaboration with Canadian Universities in the areas of staff exchange, development and research, adding that both institutions stood to benefit from such symbiotic relationships.

Professor Bello observed with happiness that this was the second time the High Commissioner would visit BUK in this year (2015), saying that ‘this says a lot about the interest you have for the development of the university.’

The Vice-Chancellor listed a lot of academic staff of BUK that studied in Canadian universities to include the former Vice-

Chancellor, Emeritus Professor, Muhammad Sani Zahraddeen, who did his Doctoral Degree, adding that BUK shared a lot with Canadian universities and that this linkage could be exploited to the advantage of both countries. He thanked the envoy for the visit.

Earlier, Mr. Perry Calderwood had told the Vice-Chancellor that he was in the university to serve as guest speaker in the two-day 1<sup>st</sup> International Conference and Doctoral Colloquium organized by the Faculty of Social and Management Science.

He said the invitation extended to him to serve as guest speaker showed the respect and confidence the university had for him, assuring that he would do everything humanly possible to attract support and assistance for BUK from Canadian government.

The envoy assured BUK that he was willing to offer any form of assistance to BUK to enable the university to excel in teaching and research.

**Be a Worthy Ambassador, BUK Registrar Urges Sani Aminu** hardworking, committed, humble and disciplined administrator.

The Registrar of Bayero University, Sani Ibrahim Amin, *FNIM* has charged staff of the University serving at management level across tertiary institutions in the country to, continue to keep the BUK flag flying by being good and worthy ambassadors of the institution.

The Registrar was speaking during a reception in honour of the former Director of Establishment Matters, Muhammad Sani Aminu, who is now the substantive Registrar of the North West University, Kano. The occasion took place on Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> November, 2015 at the conference room of Human Resource Unit.

He said the appointment of Sani Aminu, like most of his colleagues serving in similar capacities in various tertiary institutions across the country, did not come to him as a surprise, because, according to him, Sani Aminu had during his stay in BUK distinguished himself as a

The Registrar advised other staff of the Registry to emulate the good work of ‘this worthy ambassador,’ saying that ‘hard work, patience and honesty will always pay those who imbibe such virtues both here and hereafter.’



*The Registrar, Sani Ibrahim Amin (right) in a handshake with the celebrant, Muhammad Sani Aminu (left) after presenting a gift to him*

He said the send off was solely organized by the Registry to honour an individual who made a lot of sacrifices to the university and urged him to continue to spread the dictates of hard work, honesty and perseverance wherever he found himself.

In their separate goodwill messages, the Directors, General Administration, Barrister Abubakar Umar, Examinations, Admissions and Records, Hajiya Fatima Binta Mohammed, described the celebrant as a disciplinarian and an epitome of hard work and patience, a virtue which they said paid off with his well deserved appointment as Registrar. They congratulated him and wished him Allah’s protection and a successful tenure.

Also speaking, Deputy Registrars, Mustapha Zahraddeen, Hajiya Anisa Uwais and A.B. Shehu, congratulated the new Registrar and advised him to be wary of the antics of politicians. ‘You should at all times endeavour to do the right things and do not allow politicians to intimidate you. Always remain focused and be diplomatic in responding to request from them,’ they counselled. They prayed for him and wished him a blissful tenure of office.

Responding, the Northwest Registrar, Alhaji Muhammad Sani Aminu, who was overwhelmed with joy said he could not describe how grateful he was for this rare honour, an honour he said he would continue to cherish throughout his life time.

‘I am very happy to be part of Bayero University, especially working at the Registry Department. I am also lucky to work under the BUK Registrar, Sani Ibrahim Aminu, whose guidance contributed immensely into preparing me for this great task.’

Alhaji M. S. Aminu assured that he would continue to remain a worthy ambassador of BUK and thanked all the Registry staff, especially the Registrar and the university management for giving him the opportunity to discover his talent and be where he was today. He prayed to Allah to reward all abundantly.

The Registrar, Sani Ibrahim Amin, presented a giant refrigerator to the celebrant as a token gift of appreciation for his selfless service to the university.

### **BUK’s MBBS Admission Quota Now 150 – Vice-Chancellor**

Bayero University, Kano has always viewed the accreditation exercise as a positive avenue through which our activities are mirrored by others in order to assist us to improve and consolidate in our quest to achieve academic excellence.

This was disclosed by the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello, when he received a team of accreditation experts from the Nursing and Midwifery Council of Nigeria in his office during a courtesy call on Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> November, 2015.

He said BUK had in the last two years accorded serious attention to the medical sciences, adding that this could be attested to by the establishment of College of Health Sciences with four faculties in place of the former Faculty of Medicine.

Professor Yahuza Bello stated that BUK’s Nursing Science programme has received great attention, adding that at the moment all that was needed for a

standard training in Medical science (Nursing Science inclusive) had been put in place, including a well equipped library. This, according to the Vice-Chancellor, was the reason why the Medical and Dental Council of Nigeria in agreement with NUC raised BUK’s MBBS admission quota from 100 to 150, second only to University of Ibadan, which has 180.

He said the ambition of BUK was to become a centre of excellence in teaching and research in Medical science, saying that with the establishment of Centres of Research in Advanced Medical Research and Infectious Diseases, BUK is gradually moving towards achieving its desire of excellence in the Medical field.

Professor Yahuza urged the accreditation team to be objective and fair in their assignment, saying that the university would give them all the cooperation and support to enable them to carry out their assignment.

Earlier, the team leader, Dr. Modupe O. Oyetunde, told the Vice-Chancellor that they were in BUK to assist the university to improve in the running of its Nursing Science programme. She said BUK deserved commendation for running the Nursing Science programme, a discipline many universities are afraid of running.

She said that was why their assignment was not a witch-hunt exercise. ‘We are not here to destroy, but to build by assisting and helping BUK to improve and consolidate in running the programme.’

Dr. Modupe said BUK was lucky to have the likes of the former INEC Chairman, Professor Attahiru Jega, a man of principle and courage as Vice-Chancellor, adding that she was convinced that a sound and transparent system of management had been institutionalized in the university.

She promised that her team would assess what they saw sincerely and objectively and tell the truth as they saw it.

## Newly Reconstituted Board of AKCDRT Inauguration Soon

### ...VC Says

The newly reconstituted Governing Board of the Aminu Kano Centre for Democratic Research and Training (Mambayya House) will soon be inaugurated, the Vice Chancellor of Bayero University, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello, has disclosed.

Speaking while receiving members of the management of the Centre during a courtesy visit in his office on Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> November, 2015, he said the Governing Board when in place would contribute to the success of the Centre.

The Vice Chancellor commended the Centre for making the University proud being among the pioneer in the institution; this made the other Centres up and doing in justifying their establishment.

Professor Bello promised to look into their complaint, particularly in respect of the Treasury Single Account policy, where Centres do receive grants from international organisations with specific instructions on the utilisation of the donated funds.

In his speech, the Director of the Centre, Professor Muhammad Dahiru Suleman, said they were at the Vice Chancellor's office to particularly congratulate him on his recent appointment as the 10<sup>th</sup> Vice Chancellor of Bayero University.

The Director enumerated lack of adequate staff, lack of transportation and non inauguration of the reconstituted Governing board as some of the challenges hindering smooth operations in the Centre.

## Corruption is Celebrated in Nigeria - Round Table Discussion Queries

Corruption and corrupt practices are being celebrated in Nigeria through honoring and welcoming the convicted government officials after

completing their jail terms, according to a Round Table Discussion organized by the National Sociological and Anthropological Students Association (NSASA) held at the Attahiru Jega Twin Theatre, New Campus on Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> November, 2015.

Speakers drawn from the Departments of Sociology, Political Science, Business Administration, Criminology and Faculty of Law, spoke on different point of views of corruption and averred that corruption has become an endemic and eaten deep into the fabric of all sectors in Nigeria.

The speakers argued that it is quite unfortunate that some corrupt officials are being celebrated and honoured despite committing serious offenses to the country. They believed that if the country is serious in fighting corruption, all the corrupt officials must face the full wrath of the law irrespective of whose ox is gored.

The discussion which was themed: "Corruption and National Development," argued that in spite of serious corruption crimes practiced in public and private sectors, people in the society have their fair share for promoting the ailment.

The discussion also noted that favoritism during employment at the expense of qualified graduates led other applicants to engage in committing various crimes and atrocities and sometimes become vulnerable to insurgents.

They advised that for the country to wipe out corruption, the government must come up with robust policies to address poverty; provide employment and improve the wellbeing of the society. They also advocated for concerted effort by Police, EFCC, ICPC and all the relevant stakeholders to punish the culprits without any favour.

The Discussion attracted the officials of EFCC, ICPC, Nigerian Police, different associations, lecturers and large number of students.

## Avoid the Use of Cold Rooms in Staff Quarters, POs Advise Staff

Members of the University community have been advised to desist from using fabricated refrigerators, popularly known as Cold Rooms in the University staff quarters.

The advice was contained in a statement issued at the end of the (2015) 14<sup>th</sup> weekly meeting of the Principal Officers of the University held on Monday, 26<sup>th</sup> October, 2015.

The statement signed by the Director, Public Affairs, Vice Chancellor's Office, Ahmad Shehu, urged the University community to ensure compliance in their own interest.

## PENSION UNIT: Apt Pension Funds Managers Limited

Members of the University community, particularly those who registered with Apt Pension Funds Managers Limited, are invited to a Customer Interactive Forum, scheduled to take place as follows:

**Date:** Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> November, 2015

**Time:** 10:30am

**Venue:** Musa Abdullahi Auditorium, New Campus

## SEMINARS

The following Faculties/Departments invite the University Community to their seminars, scheduled as follows:

### Department of Mathematical Sciences: MS.c Mathematics Proposal Defense

**Presenter 1:** Mustapha Adamu Umar (SPS/13/MMT/00004)

**Topic:** *Multi-player Evasion Differential Game in  $IR^2$ .*

**Presenter 2:** Idris Ahmed (SPS/13/MMT/00008)

**Topic:** *A Multi-player Pursuit Differential Game on a Closed Convex Set with Mixed Constraints.*

**Supervisor:** Dr. Abbas J. Badakaya

**Chairperson:** Dr. I. Idris

**Date:** Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> November, 2015

**Time:** 2:00pm

**Venue:** Departmental Computer Lab.

### Department of Linguistics: Departmental Seminar

**Presenter 1:** Baraka Muhammad Muhammad (SPS/13/MLG/00017)

**Topic:** *The Role of Comprehension Listening Among L2 Learners of English: A Case Study of Government Girls Senior Secondary School Giginyu, Kano State.*

**Presenter 2:** Aminu Aliyu (SPS/13/MLG/00018)

**Topic:** *The Problem of English Language Teaching as a Second Language in Nassarawa Zonal Inspectorate of Kano State.*

**Presenter 3:** Zainab Muhammad Shahada (SPS/13/MLG/00019)

**Topic:** *The Use of Over Generation on Children Acquiring Hausa Plurals.*

**Presenter 4:** Salihu Adamu Aliyu (SPS/13/MLG/00020)

**Topic:** *The Phonological Challenges of Hausa Learners of Arabic as a Second Language in Selected Senior Secondary Schools of the Kano State.*

**Presenter 5:** Musbahu Ahmad (SPS/13/MLG/00021)

**Topic:** *Some Aspects of Word – Formation Among Different Categories of Kulanut Sellers in Mariri Market.*

**Chairman:** Dr. Aliyu Musa

**Date:** Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> November, 2015

**Time:** 10:00am

**Venue:** A09

### Department of Sociology: MS.c Sociology Proposal Defense

**Presenter 1:** Yero Bilkisu Sani (SPS/13/MSO/00016)

**Topic:** *Knowledge, Attitude and Practices of Breast Self-Examination among Female Undergraduate Students of Kaduna State University.*

**Presenter 2:** Hadiza Usman (SPS/13/MSO/00010)

**Topic:** *Awareness and Utilization of Sex Enhancement Drugs among Married Women in Gombe Metropolis.*

**Presenter 3:** Musa Kabiru Awute (SPS/12/MSO/00007)

**Topic:** *The Influence of Socio-Economic Factors in the Practice of Sanitation and Hygiene in Billiri Town, Gombe State.*

**Date:** Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> November, 2015

**Time:** 10:00pm

**Venue:** Departmental Board Room.

**Department of Human Physiology: Seminar Presentation**

**Presenter:** Prof. M. M. Elkhashab

**Topic:** Acid – Base Balance.

**Chairman:** Dr. Muhammad I. Y. (HOD Chemical Pathology and Immunology) AKTH/BUK.

**Date:** Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> November, 2015

**Time:** 10:00am prompt.

**Venue:** PG Lecture Room, New Physiology Building (Old Campus), BUK.

**Department of Foreign Languages: Departmental Seminars & Internal Defence**

**GROUP A: Proposal presentations**

**Presenter 1:** Rabi A. Mohammed (SPS/13/MFR/00003)

**Topic:** *le pacifisme chez Giraudoux: étude de Siegfried et la guerre de Troie n'aura pas lieu*

**Supervisor:** Prof. Bashir M. Sambo

**Presenter 2:** Sulaiman Alasan (SPS/13/MFR/00006)

**Topic:** *les problèmes de l'enseignement et de l'apprentissage de la langue française au Nigeria: le cas de Kano.*

**Supervisor:** Dr. Mufutau Adewale Tijani

**Presenter 3:** Hassan Shu'aibu (SPS/13/MFR/00002)

**Topic:** *l'exploitation dans l'œuvre théâtrale de Senouvo Agbota Zinsou : la tortue qui chante et la femme du blanchisseur.*

**Supervisor:** Prof. Bashir M. Sambo

**GROUP B: Internal presentation**

**Presenter 1:** Bello Shehu Abdullahi (SPS/13/MFR/00005)

**Topic:** Étude comparative des dérivations en Français et en haoussa

**Chairman:** Professor Bashir Muhammad Sambo, Head of Department

**Date:** 26<sup>th</sup> November, 2015.

**Time:** 10:00am

**Venue:** Office of the Head of Department

**Departments of Biological Sciences, Plant Biology &**

**Microbiology: Annual Biology Week**

The Departments of Biological Sciences, Plant Biology and Microbiology invite members of the University community and the general public to their Annual Biology Week, scheduled as follows:

**Day One: 23<sup>rd</sup> November, 2015**

1. Awareness/Rally: 10:00am-12:00noon

2. Visit to the Torrey Home: 1:00pm-4:00pm

**Venue:** Tudun Maliki Torrey Home

3. Football match: Zoology VS Microbiology

**Venue:** Sport Complex

**Day Two: 24<sup>th</sup> November, 2015**

1. Rag Day/Colour Mismatch: 8:00am-2:00pm

2. Football match: Applied Biology VS Botany 2:00pm-4:00pm

**Venue:** Sport Complex

3. Slam Jams: 4:00pm-6:00pm

**Venue:** Nana Hall Car Park

**Day Three: 25<sup>th</sup> November, 2015**

1. Cultural Display Day: 8:00am – 10:00am

**Venue:** Biological Science Garden

2. Public Lecture/Exhibition 10:00am-12:00noon

**Venue:** Twin Theatre A & B

**Speaker:** Dr. Ibrahim Lawal

**Host:** Dr. Sani Ibrahim

**Chairman:** Dr. T. S. Imam

3. Football Match (Final): Award Night

**Time:** 7:00pm – 9:00pm

**Venue:** Theatre One