



New Faculties of Pharmaceutical Sciences & Communications Take-off

Two new Faculties of Communications and that of Pharmaceutical Sciences have taken off with admission of pioneer students for the 2015/2016 academic session, the Vice Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello has announced.

Speaking at the matriculation ceremony for the new intake on Thursday, 24th March, 2016, the Vice Chancellor said this year's matriculation ceremony included pioneer students from the newest faculties of Communication and Pharmaceutical Sciences.

According to him, the establishment of the two new Faculties was part of the deliberate policy of the management to expand the academic horizon.

Professor Yahuza Bello explained that gradually the University is trending towards Science and Technology programmes, this has now resulted in more than 50 % of the students studying science based courses.

“The most remarkable improvement is in the science to arts ratio. Out of the students being matriculated today, 5,049 (52%) are in science based disciplines, while 4,609 (48%) are in arts based areas”, he declared.

He pointed out that the impact of this became clearer if one considers that previously only about 20% of the University's students used to be in the sciences, explaining that Bayero University was moving along with the contemporary realities.

The Vice Chancellor, who congratulated the inductees described them as the luckiest persons considering how admission into the University had become very competitive. According to him the University admitted only 9,658 out of 28,703 applicants that sought admission this year.

“Secondly, you are lucky to be admitted into one of the best and highly regarded Universities in the nation. Bayero University is one of only eight Nigerian Universities that scored ‘A’ grade in the only institutional accreditation exercise conducted by the National Universities Commission,” the Vice Chancellor added.

Professor Yahuza also said Bayero University took pride in the national and international spread of its staff and student populations. He said, “each state of the federation including Abuja has a representation in our student and staff population.” He further stated that the university has students from 14 African, Asian and South American countries and staff members from other parts of the world.

Going by the gender mainstreaming, he said in this year's admission exercise, about 2,902 female students represented thirty percent of the total population of the student were admitted as against the previous years where less than twenty percent of female got admitted.

While administering the oath of allegiance to the new intake, the Registrar, Hajiya Fatima Binta Mohammed charged them to be of good conduct and character and to make use of the good opportunity offered to them. She also called on the students to live by the rules and regulation of the University.

Mother Tongue Preserves Our Culture - - Governor Ganduje

Kano state Governor, Dr. Abdullahi Umar Ganduje has described the mother tongue as one significant way of preserving societal culture and norms.

The Governor made the remark while declaring open the 5th International Conference on Fulbe Language organized by the Centre for Research in Nigerian Languages and Folklore, Bayero University Kano with the theme **Fulbe Language, Literature and Culture** on Tuesday 29th March, 2016 held at Musa Abdullahi Auditorium.

He said the most important language we can learn is our mother tongue, as it is one of the most basic parts of our identity. He expressed dismay over the negligence of the mother tongue, in which parents now prefer to speak with their children in foreign language. Though, as he said, foreign languages too are equally important.

“My fellow kinsfolk let us preserve our culture through promoting the use of our mother tongue in all aspects of our daily activities at the personal, group, and governmental levels.” said the Governor.

Dr. Ganduje, who delivered his address in Fulfulde expressed regret that Fulbe language is becoming backward in terms of usage which also resulted in the decline of Fulbe culture. He urged the participants to bring out possible ways that would help the language regain its past glory.

Earlier, the Vice Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello said the University through its Centre for Research in Nigerian Language and new Department of Linguistics

and Foreign Languages would do everything humanly possible to promote researches on all Nigerian languages.

“Fulfulde is dear to us because of its historical antecedent. We will do all it takes to preserve maintain and promote the language. Posterity will not be fair to us if we do not protect the legacy of our founding leaders. The name Bayero alone is enough to remind us of our responsibility towards this language. We may not have to do this job alone but collectively we can, particularly getting the helping hand from our traditional institution.” Vice Chancellor added.

The Vice Chancellor, while welcoming the participants who came from different parts of the world urged them to discuss and proffer solutions to challenges facing the fulbe language not only in this country but across the world.

Lamidon Adamawa, Alhaji Dr Muhammadu Barkindo Aliyu Mustapha, who was represented at the occasion by Galadiman Adamawa, Alhaji Mustapha Aminu, thanked the management of Bayero University Kano for organizing the conference which he described as a way forward in the promotion of Fulbe language. He promised to give his contribution towards that direction.

The Director of Centre for Research in Nigerian Language and Folklore, Bayero University Professor Sammani Sani expressed appreciation to all those who contributed in making the conference a reality.

Folklore Contributes to Moral Regeneration - Prof Yahuza

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello has described folklore as one of the best channel of promoting moral armament

and regeneration among youths for a better society.

Speaking on Wednesday, 30th March, 2016 while receiving members of the national executive committee of the Nigerian Folklore Society, who paid him a courtesy visit in his office, said, African folklore taught morality and good conduct which help in building a just society.

Professor Bello explained that the importance of folklore in the preservation of our culture as well as proper upbringing could not be over emphasized.

“Most of our folklores were teaching us how to be of good conduct, self-reliant and responsible in our undertakings, this, no doubt have impacted positively towards shaping the behavioral conduct of our youths in those days”, said the Vice Chancellor.

He regretted that the society is now in shamble and disarray as folklores were past eroding, however, he said we can make use of the new order in technology to revisit such ancient folklores through the modern devices.

He commended the members of the society for what he termed as sacrifice and commitment to the promotion of decency and positive culture in the country, explaining that Nigeria is rich in culture and positive tradition.

Earlier, the President of the Nigerian Folklore Society, Dr. Bukar Usman, said they were in the University to congratulate the Vice Chancellor on his appointment. He said the association would remain indebted to Bayero University for its laudable support and assistance which has been sustaining its activities.

“But for Bayero University, this Society would have been a history long time ago. It was established in the early 80’s, however, it went into moribund, but with support from this great University, we were able to regain our consciousness and we are now kicking well”, said the President.

He was accompanied by the Secretary General, Professor Sani Abba Aliyu from ABU, the Treasurer, Professor Abdu Yahaya Bichi (BUK) and the Public Relations Officer Dr. Babajo AK, from Kaduna State University.

University Meant to Shape the Society - *Professor Radda*

Universities are meant to complement the efforts of government towards proffering solutions to the numerous problems facing the society with a view to ensuring growth and development, the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Administration), Professor Sadiq Isah Radda, has said.

Speaking while declaring open a round table discussion titled “Devaluation of Naira in the Midst of Recession: Prospects, Implications and Challenges”, organized by the Department of Economics, Professor Radda said one of the fundamental essences of establishing Universities all over the world is to critically digest and analyse contemporary issues affecting the society and come up with workable solutions.

The Deputy Vice Chancellor who was represented by the Dean of the Faculty of Social and Management Sciences, Professor Bashir Tijjani, noted that Bayero University as a responsible institution is very much committed to supporting the ways and means of promoting the growth of the nation by always looking inward to finding solutions to the problems bedeviling the society.

He said “as members of the academia, we have the responsibility of supplementing the various efforts being made by the many stakeholders in the society.”

Professor Radda said such discussions are part of the contributions of the University in finding solutions to the problems facing the country particularly under the current economic crunch and recession.

Earlier, the Head of Department of Economics, Dr. Ahmad Muhammad Tsauni, in a welcome address, expressed gratitude to those who contributed to the success of the conference.

A renowned Economist and lecturer in the Department of Economics, Professor Garba Ibrahim Sheka delivered a paper titled Devaluation and its Effects on Economy: A Theoretical Perspective

World Oral Health Day: VC Commends Faculty of Dentistry, AKTH - *For Out-Door Enlightenment Campaign*

The Vice Chancellor of Bayero University, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello has commended the Faculty of Dentistry for organising an outdoor event to educate secondary and primary school children on how to maintain the health of their mouth as part of the activities to celebrate this year’s World Oral Health Day with the theme, ‘Healthy Mouth, Healthy Body’.

Professor Yahuza Bello was speaking on Thursday, 31st March, 2016 at the celebration of the Day at Gyadi-Gyadi Special Primary School, said the Faculty’s public education initiative to the people in Kano metropolis will go a long way towards helping dentists, saying many oral

problems could be avoided right from home by taking care of teeth and the mouth generally.

The Vice Chancellor, who was represented by the Dean, School of Postgraduate Studies, Professor Sa’idu Babura Ahmad, said Bayero University’s Faculty of Dentistry is unique and it has attracted overwhelming praise and had been accredited. He said “the Faculty works in collaboration with Aminu Kano Teaching Hospital to serve the communities of Kano and neighbouring states.”

The Dean of the Faculty, Professor Adetokumbo Ademola urged people to take the lessons of the campaign home so that they can effectively take care of their mouth. He equally appealed to the participants to spread the information to parents, friends and the society for people to curtail the scourge of mouth related ailments.

Health educators including Dr. Balarabe Sani, Hajiya Murjanatu and Mrs. Ruth appealed to the people to wash their mouth twice a day with clean water, toothpaste and brush, urging parents also to avoid giving their children sweets and juice while going to school, instead they said, the children should take fruits.

During the occasion, which was supported by the Nigerian Dental Association and Pepsodent, hundreds of tubes of school toothpaste and brushes were distributed to the students of three secondary schools, two primary schools and one nursery school invited.

The health educators demonstrated to the children and adults how to brush their mouth with half of the toothpaste liquid applied to the brush, saying the children should use soft brush and adults not very hard one, adding that each and every one should visit a dental clinic twice a year to wash his/her teeth.

Make Us, Parents Proud - Vice Chancellor Urges New Students

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello, has charged the new students of Bayero University to concentrate on their studies and shun vices so as to make the University and their parents proud by becoming productive members in the society.

The Vice Chancellor, who spoke at the 2015/2016 students orientation programme on Thursday, 31st March, 2016 said the purpose of being in the University is not only to have certificates but to be of good character and behavior.

Professor Yahuza Bello, who was represented by the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academics), Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas, said the purpose of the orientation was to further explain to them rules and regulation of the University, advising them to abide by these rules.

The Dean Students Affairs, Professor Ismail Muhammad Zango in his address told the new students that University management is committed towards improving their welfare. He urged the new students to exercise patience in term of accommodation because only 20% of the total number of Bayero University students can be accommodated in the campuses.

In his remark, the Deputy Dean, Old Campus, Dr. Shamsuddeen Umar, urged students to do everything humanly possible to protect the University environment, saying the University is spending huge amount of money in providing facilities which should be adequately maintained.

In her address, the Director Health Services, Dr. Maryam Waziri asked the students to as a matter of urgency register with the University clinic.

She said the University has three clinics in three campuses which are working from Monday to Saturday from 8am to 9pm.

Dr. M. Y. Waziri, who is Deputy Director Games also spoke on sports and recreation urged the new students to make good use of the available facilities provided by the University. He said the University has five Football standard pitches, four Basketball pitches and three volley ball pitches across the two campuses.

The University Director of Security, Colonel A. A. Muhammad, advised the students to promptly alert the authorities on any suspicious or clandestine movement, as a way of ensuring maximum security of lives and property.

BUK Introduces Optometry to Boost Eye Specialists in the Country - VC

The near absence of Optometry specialists from the Northern part of the country was the motivating factor that gingered the management of Bayero University to introduce the programme in order to bridge the existing gap as well as make up for the shortfall of optometrists the country was currently facing.

This was disclosed by the Vice Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello shortly before he signed a Memorandum of Understanding between the University and Mecca Eye Specialist Hospital, Kano.

He said the fact still remained that there were very few specialists in Optometry from this part of the country and even in the country generally, adding that in order to bridge the gap as well as increase the number of specialists in the country, the university thought it wise to introduce the programme so as to give more Nigerians ample opportunity to make a carrier in the field.

The Vice Chancellor disclosed that it was his predecessor, Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed who mooted the idea of introducing the programme after his return from a conference in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia where he was introduced to over 20 Optometry Specialists of Nigerian citizenship working in the Kingdom. According to Professor Bello, on close scrutiny, the former Vice Chancellor discovered that all the 20 specialists were from the Southern part of Nigeria.

After he returned to the country, it dawned on him that there was the need to do something not only to bridge the gap, but also to embark on the training of more Optometry specialists to address the need of the country.

Professor M. Y. Bello also said when the university set up a committee to study the possibility of introducing the programme, experts/specialists from Mecca Eye Specialists Hospital were made members of the committee and they assisted a great deal towards the realization of the objectives.

He said “the MoU that the two institutions are entering into today would go a long way to further cement the existing relationship between them.” He said the pioneer optometry students of the university would reap from the experiences of its specialists including benefiting from its laboratory equipment and facilities which he said might not be found anywhere in the country. They would also find readymade specialists hospital for internship.

The Vice Chancellor informed the Mecca Specialists Hospital delegation that if the MoU became fully operational, the university would surely engage some of its specialists as associate lecturers.

He thanked the management of the hospital for accepting to enter into MoU with the university, saying that the association would surely be beneficial to the two institutions.

Earlier, the leader of the team, Dr. Mahieldin Abdalla Albadawi, who is also the Regional Director of Albasar International Foundation for West Africa but resident in Nigeria told the Vice Chancellor that Mecca Eye Specialists Hospital, Kano was one of the two Hospitals being managed by the foundation in Nigeria. The second one was in Bauchi.

He said the foundation was running philanthropic services across the world with 27 hospitals in Asia and Africa, adding that it also provided mobile eye services. ‘We treated over one million eye patients and operated well over 400, 000 others through our mobile eye services across the world,’ he stated.

He said another aspect of their services was training/developing local manpower to enable them cope with the high demand of optometrists, saying that the MoU the Hospital was going to enter with BUK was in fulfillment of that aspect and the Hospital was pleased to work with BUK to train/produce more optometrists in Nigeria.

The Regional Director stated that the observation of the Vice Chancellor that there were few optometrists in the North was true and commended the management of BUK for taking the bull by the horn to introduce the all-important programme. He assured that the Foundation through Mecca Specialists Hospital would surely work with BUK to achieve the desired objectives.

Masari Appoints Dr. Salihu Lawal as Member, UMYU Governing Council

The Katsina State Governor, Alhaji Aminu Bello Masari has approved the appointment of Dr. Salihu Lawal, Head of Arts and Humanities, School of Continuing Education (SCE), Bayero University as Member of Umar Musa 'Yar'adua University (UMYU) Governing Council.

The appointment letter dated 3rd March, 2016 and signed by the Secretary to the Katsina State Government, Dr. Mustapha Muhammad Inuwa is for a tenure of four years.

According to a statement which was made available to Bayero University Bulletin, the appointment is in recognition of his selfless and dedicated service to the people of Katsina State.

2016 Emerald African Management Research Fund Award

The Directorate of Research, Innovation and Partnership wishes to announce the Call for African management research proposals awarded by the Emerald and Africa Academy of Management (AFAM), in association with INASP and the International Academy of African Business and Development (IAABD). The research grant is meant for an African project in the field of management research. The award will offer £2,500 (approximately US\$4,000 equivalent) to fund the winning research project.

All applications should address the dissemination of knowledge for the social good with a specific orientation toward benefit for Africa. At least one member of the research team must be based in Africa. The criteria for judgment of applications, the online form and the list of documents required can be accessed

from

http://www.emeraldgrouppublishing.com/research/awards/african_management.htm#sthash.H38iCIFg.dpuf

Health Tips for Fresh & Returning Students

- ✓ Keep BUK very clean
- ✓ Dispose all polythenbags and waste papers in dustbins
- ✓ Use the toilet properly and avoid open-defecations
- ✓ Wash your clothes only in laundries
- ✓ Avoid stagnation of water in front of your rooms
- ✓ Ensure proper personal hygiene
- ✓ Always check can foods, soft/battle drinks for expiry date, and NAFDAC registration number respectively. Discard if expired.
- ✓ Always dress decently and ZIP UP as HIV/AIDS IS REAL
- ✓ Visit University Health Service HIV/AIDS centre, cohabiting with ECO Bank New Campus, for free test, free counseling and referrals.

SEMINARS

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

Department of Geography: Departmental Seminar. It took place as follows:

Presenter 1: Mansur Abdul Mohammed

Topic: *Effects of Heavy Metals on chemical and biological properties of Soils in Kano Metropolis.*

Chairman: Prof. Maharazu A. Yusuf

Presenter 2: Murtala Uba Mohammed

Topic: *Location, pattern and distribution of filling stations in Kano Metropolis, Nigeria.*

Chairman: Prof. Maharazu A. Yusuf

Presenter 3: Mahmud Abba

Topic: *An assessment of existing facilities and attraction for tourism development in Rurum, Kano, Nigeria.*

Chairman: Prof. J. Afolabi Falola

Presenter: Mahmud Abba

Topic: *Urban Equity and social inclusion: the implication for development in Nigerian cities.*

Chairman: Prof. J. Afolabi Falola

Date: Friday, 24th March, 2016

Venue: Room cb-09 Faculty of Earth and Environmental Sciences

Time: 10:00 am

Department of Physics: MSc Seminar Presentation

Presenter: Mudassir Na-Allah Jega (SPS/13/MPY/00005)

Topic: *Estimation of Cloud Effect on Solar Irradiance for Nigeria.*

Chairman: Dr. Muntari H. Ali

Date: Thursday, 7th April, 2016

Time: 10:00am

Venue: Physics Research Laboratory

Department of Mathematical Science: MSc Internal Defense

M.Sc. Internal Defense:

Presenter 1: Jamilu Sabi'u (SPS/12/MMT/00019)

Topic: *Modified Conjugate Gradient Methods for Solving Symmetric Nonlinear Equations.*

Presenter 2: Lawal Muhammad (SPS/12/MMT/00017)

Topic: *On Three Term Conjugate Gradient Methods for Solving Large-Scale Nonlinear System of Equations.*

Supervisor: Dr. M. Y. Waziri

Chairman: Dr. Nafi'u Hussaini

Date: Thursday, 7th April, 2016

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, 7th April, 2016

Time: 7:00am

Venue: Take Off Point (New Site Stadium)

Appreciation From M. T. Jikamshi

Malam Mansur Tukur Jikamshi of the School of Postgraduate Studies expresses his gratitude to Allah and to the members of the University community who witnessed or prayed for the wedding of his son, Dr. Shamsuddeen M. T. Jikamshi.

His special thanks go to the Vice Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello, the DVC Academics, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas, the DVC Admin, Professor Sadiq Isah Radda, the Registrar, Fatima Binta Mohammed, the Dean, SPS, Professor Sa'id Ahmad Babura, Director, Establishment Matters, Jamilu Salim, Chief Imam Friday Mosque, New Site, Professor Auwal and all concerned members.

May Allah bless all amin.