



## **President Buhari Scores BUK High**

### **- Expresses Willingness to Support Completion of Senate Building**

The Visitor to Bayero University, President Muhammad Buhari, has scored Bayero University high in the provision of infrastructural facilities and expressed his willingness to support the completion of the University's Ultramodern Senate Building.

The President disclosed this on Saturday, 23<sup>rd</sup> April, 2016 during the University's formal Investiture of its new Chancellor, His Royal Majesty, King Alfred Papapereye Diète-Spiff, OFR, JP, DF Seriyai II, The Amanyanabo of Twon Brass, Conferment of Honorary Degree of Doctor of Laws *Honoris Causa* on the Chancellor and Award of Higher Degrees.

The President, who was represented by the Director, Higher Education, Federal Ministry of Education, Hajiya Hindatu Umar Abdullahi, during the 32<sup>nd</sup> Convocation at the Convocation Arena, New Campus urged other Nigerian universities to borrow a leaf from Bayero University.

President Muhammadu Buhari further added "the serenity and ambience of the University are also highly commendable; we are supportive of such initiatives and innovations. I am impressed with the level of development that has taken place in the University especially in the area of the on-going and completed projects."

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello, said during the final day of the Convocation the University conferred a total of

2,507 higher degrees and postgraduate diplomas on deserving graduands; of this number, 65 graduands were conferred with PhDs; one with a Master of Philosophy (MPhil) degree; 1,603 Master's degrees and 838 Postgraduate Diplomas.

Professor Yahuza Bello said the University had sustained the practice of issuing certificates to all graduands at the Convocation venue and immediately after the ceremony. He said "my priorities are to use the solid foundation and structures built upon by my predecessors to ensuring quality in teaching and learning as well as excellence in research."

The Chancellor, His Royal Majesty, King Alfred Papapereye Diète-Spiff, OFR, Seriyai II, the Amanyanabo of Twon Brass, attested the credibility of the university, confessing that "In 2011, Bayero University became the only University in the Northwest and Northeast geographical zones of the country to obtain an "A" Grade from the Nigerian Universities Commission (NUC) in its maiden institutional accreditation exercise."

He demonstrated the commitment of the Council and Management to delivering the University's programmes at the highest level, saying "the Management and Council have worked tirelessly to secure funding for its programmes and operations from the Federal Government and other sources and they will continue to do so."

The Pro-Chancellor and Chairman of Governing Council, Alhaji Mahmud Yayale Ahmed, CFR, said Bayero University was lucky to be

endowed with seasoned leaders, the new Vice Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello, and Registrar, Hajiya Fatima Binta Mohammed, saying this was another plus to the University.

Bayero University's record of milestone, he said, was a cumulative contribution of all the stakeholders, the traditional institution, the business community, the political class and others who have been helping with their moral and financial commitments to build the University to its present status, not forgetting to mention a few of them like Alhaji Aminu Alhassan Dantata, Sheikh Khalifa Ishaq Rabi'u, Alhaji Aliko Dangote, Alhaji Abdussalam Isyaka Rabi'u, General T. Y. Danjuma, etc.

The Pro-Chancellor has singled Bayero University as being magnificent in producing men and women of high substance, who have been contributing to the development of the country and the world over, sighting instance with Professor Attahiru Jega, who, despite pressure, threats and dangers, conducted the most transparent election in the history of the country.

The Pro-Chancellor advised President Buhari to consider as a matter of priority the transformation of twelve universities, two from each Zone, into world class institutions within the next three years.

### **Gov. Masari Admonishes Politicians to Emulate Malam Aminu Kano's Virtues**

If the present crop of the nation's politicians can emulate the good virtues for which the late legendary political icon – Malam Aminu Kano of blessed memory lived and died for, Nigeria as a country would have been free from penury, senseless corruption and other social vices that currently stigmatised her.

This was stated by the Governor of Katsina State, Alhaji Aminu Bello Masari, at the 33<sup>rd</sup> annual anniversary symposium in honour of the late Malam Aminu Kano, organised by the Aminu Kano Centre for Democratic Research and Training, Mambayya House. The anniversary took place on Sunday, 17<sup>th</sup> April, 2016.

He said the late Malam Aminu Kano virtually lived a life for others to enjoy, adding 'How many politicians today live a life just for others to enjoy? How many politicians today stand firmly and fight for the emancipation of the poor? And how many sacrificed their comforts just for the downtrodden to enjoy?' he asked.

The Governor stated that 'the fact is; it is not a matter of how long you live, but how well you lived. Malam symbolised honesty, perseverance, fear of Allah and always cared and stood firmly on the side of the poor masses.' He said 'a lot of people died the same year as late Malam Aminu Kano and many others after him, why were they not remembered?' he queried.

Alhaji Masari said because Malam lived a life worthy of remembrance he was always remembered. He challenged politicians of today to take a cue from what Malam lived and died for.

In his address, the Governor of Kano State, Dr. Abdullahi Umar Ganduje, represented by his deputy, Professor Hafiz Abubakar, said it was unfortunate that corruption had eaten deep into the psyche of most Nigerians. He identified it as the nation's major undoing, saying that concerted effort is needed to change people's orientation towards trust bestowed on them by the electorates.

He said that the nation's nationalists and first Republic politicians like the late Malam Aminu Kano who were opportune to acquire both formal and informal education and practised

what they learnt in their daily affairs lived and died great men.

The Governor commended the management of AKCDRT and Bayero University for sustaining the annual Malam Aminu Kano Symposium, a feat he said that was capable of encouraging today's politicians not only to learn the good virtues of past leaders like the late Malam, but also attempt to copy those good deeds.

Earlier in his welcome address, the Vice Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello, traced the history of the annual Malam Aminu Kano symposium being organized by Mambayya to 2001, adding that this year's memorial event marked the 15<sup>th</sup> conducted by the centre since the death of the late politician.

He described the late Malam Aminu Kano as a committed and honest politician whose major preoccupation during his life time was to fight for the emancipation of the downtrodden and institutionalise a system that would be at the advantage of the poor masses.

Also speaking, the daughter of the late politician, Hajiya Maryam Aminu Kano, observed with dismay that politicians of today who were supposed to be the good students of the late Malam by imbibing and practising his ideologies had abandoned all his virtues and rather concentrated on how to enrich themselves at the expense of the masses.

Two papers were presented at the memorial symposium, one by Professor Sule Bello of the Department of History, Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria and the second by the Minister of Youth and Sports, Barrister Solomon Dalung.

### **Take Advantage of Islamic Insurance to Safeguard Your Goods, VC Urges Traders.**

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello said the one-day Round-Table Discussion on Islamic Insurance promoted by the University's International Institute of Islamic Banking and Finance (IIIBF) couldn't have come at a better time than now when disasters and numerous fire outbreaks had been ravaging markets and businesses.

He was speaking when he received the officials of BUK's IIIBF and other participants to the just concluded one-day Round-Table Discussion on Islamic Insurance which took place at the New Campus of the University on Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup> April, 2016.

Professor Yahuza Bello said that working together with traders, Ja'iz Bank, the Ulama, the media and Halal Takaful to address the thorny issues of Islamic Insurance was a right step in the right direction. 'This initiative by the IIIBF is like responding to the reasons why it was established,' the Vice Chancellor added.

He said the recent fire outbreak at various markets in Kano had made it extremely necessary to educate and enlighten the traders on the importance of using the services of commercial banks and Islamic Insurance. He said information reaching them showed that, apart from losing goods to the fire disasters, some traders also lost millions of Naira in cash stashed in their market shops. 'This is most unfortunate and painful.'

The Vice Chancellor said the bone of contention was the issue of interest, which is haram in Islam, saying it was in order to address that issue that the former CBN Governor and now

Emir of Kano, Malam Muhammad Sanusi II, introduced Islamic Banking and granted license to Ja'iz Bank to spearhead, adding that it was in order to key into the new initiative that BUK established the International Institute of Islamic Banking and Finance to help to train the manpower that would take charge of the principles of Islamic Banking.

He said in this age, where businessmen could transact business running to several millions of Naira through e-platform, one might understand the initial fears expressed by the traders not to use it. But since the e-platform had proven to be safer and the most easy means of transacting businesses coupled with the unfortunate and painful colossal loss suffered by the traders during this fire disasters and with enlightenment through this Round-Table Discussion, traders might reconsider the idea of keeping raw cash in their various shops and instead patronize the services of banks.

On the issue of Insurance, which was also being considered as unIslamic, the Vice Chancellor traced the origin of Insurance to Muslim Merchants in the early centuries, who he said recognised the need to help one another in times of disaster. He explained that at that time the traders formed a group and agreed to contribute part of their profits to a single fund, adding that anytime one of them was afflicted by disaster, he was assisted from the funds to enable him to continue to remain in business. This Professor Bello believed was the origin of insurance before the West took it over and modified it to suit their present-day insurance.

He hoped the participants would do everything humanly possible to educate the traders on the importance of Islamic Insurance, as well as enlighten them on the various services given by commercial banks that did not require payment of interest on savings.

Earlier, the Director of IIBF, Dr. Binta Tijjani Jibrin, had told the Vice Chancellor that the Institute convened a one-day Round-Table Discussion on Islamic Insurance aimed at creating awareness and educating traders on the importance of taking advantage of Islamic Insurance policy being offered by some institutions to safeguard their businesses.

She said the incessant outbreaks of fire and the attendant loss of huge resources in various markets made it necessary for this kind of forum to educate the traders to know that there is Islamic Insurance, which they could take advantage of and safeguard their investment in times of disaster.

### **VC Inaugurates Recreation Club Committee**

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello has inaugurated the University Caretaker Committee of Staff Recreation Club, with Professor E. U. Essiet of the Department of Soil Science as Chairman and Nura Garba of Information and Publications as Secretary.

Professor Yahuza Bello, on Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup> April, 2016 in his office, while inaugurating the committee, charged the members to be alive to their responsibilities in such a way that they provide the best services that could woo the University community and even outsiders to patronise the Club.

He told the committee members to start with immediate effect the registration of members, assuring that he and other Principal Officers would be the first to give their annual registration fee, assuring also “for the first year I would give my registration fee to exceed the regular amount being charged.”

Professor Yahuza Bello said that the Recreation Club had been rated as the best among the ones established by other Nigerian universities, citing an instance with the comments of the Executive Secretary, National Universities Commission, Professor Julius Okojie, who said that none of the universities in the country possessed such a Club and its facilities.

He directed the Committee to produce ID cards immediately for issuance to those coming to register whether on monthly or annual basis. He said the Club was designed in such a way that people can bring in their wives to proceed to the female section, saying also no alcohol would be allowed into the Club.

The Vice Chancellor, however, directed the committee to woo investors who could provide products and services of interest to members, pointing out that the best restaurant services, suya, fish and other varieties of foods and drinks, should be provided at affordable prices, saying also 500KVA transformer would be installed to feed the Club and some structures at the New Campus.

He assured that as soon as the committee generated funds, the University Management would come in to add to what they had, so that the Club could be run efficiently. "You should consider that a lot of members who will be regular may not necessarily be staff members, people now a days are health conscious, as such we expect many to register with the Club even for gym and other exercises", the Vice Chancellor added.

The Deputy Vice Chancellor, Administration, Professor Sadiq Isah Radda, emphasized that there would be nothing like waivers, adding "if the Vice Chancellor and all Principal Officers would pay registration fees who else can get to the Club free?"

The Chairman, Professor E. U. Essiet, said it made for the completeness of a university to have a befitting recreational club. He said it was there visitors to the university would first find a Directory to guide them and identify telephone numbers and houses, etc. adding that Dr. Rabi'u Ahmad from Faculty of Law was appointed to serve as the Legal Adviser to the committee.

Professor Essiet assured the Vice Chancellor that the committee would deliver on its mandate. He said there should be a constitution to guide the activities and events at the Club, which was being designed and very soon would be approved.

Other members of the committee are Hauwa Umar Usman, Deputy Chairperson, Dr. Ahmad Iliyasu, Shu'aibu Isma'il, Shamsuddeen Umar, Auwalu Mohammed, Hassan Ali Garko, Zikirillah Ali, Mr. Anthony Ofulu and Aminu Ali Jahun.

### **VC Extols the Virtues of the Late Ado Bayero**

Vice Chancellor Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello has described the late Emir of Kano, Alhaji (Dr) Ado Abdullahi Bayero as a great leader worth emulating.

Professor Yahuza Bello who spoke when the leaders of Ado Bayero Foundation paid him a courtesy visit in his office on Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> April, 2016 said Ado Bayero contributed a lot in the development of Kano State and the country in general.

"The kind of contribution given by our late father in development of Islamic religion and socio-economic development of his people is what made it very difficult to forget him in a hurry," Professor Yahuza Bello added.

On the Ado Bayero Foundation, the Vice Chancellor said Bayero University would be happy to identify with the Foundation and assured them of the University's assistance in seeing that they achieved the desired goal.

Earlier in his speech, the chairman of the Foundation, Alhaji Abdullahi Ado Bayero, said they were at Vice Chancellor's office to congratulate him on his appointment as the 10<sup>th</sup> Vice Chancellor of Bayero University and pray to Allah to guide him.

Alhaji Ado Bayero said another reason for their visit was to inform the Vice Chancellor of their mission of holding a lecture in memory of Emir Ado Bayero on the 4<sup>th</sup> of June, 2016 at Musa Abdullahi Auditorium, Bayero University.

"During the lecture, which would be the second of its kind, Professor Mustapha Gwadabe from Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria is expected to deliver a paper titled: **Ado Bayero as a Symbol of Moral behavior,**" Abdullahi Bayero added.

He solicited the cooperation of Bayero University and urged them to join hands with the Ado Bayero Foundation to hold a conference on the late Emir to hold next year. According to him, after the conference a book that contained the life-style of the late Emir would be published.

### **VC NOUN Celebrates 60<sup>th</sup> Birthday**

The Vice Chancellor of the Open University of Nigeria (NOUN), Professor Abdalla Uba Adamu, celebrated his 60<sup>th</sup> birthday on Monday, 25<sup>th</sup> April, 2016, receiving several goodwill messages from students, lecturers and the Dean, Faculty of Communication, Professor Umar Pate.

Professor Pate expressed his happiness and rejoiced with him and his family for being healthy at the age of 60 and impacting positively on humanity. He wished him more prosperous years ahead to be able to inspire knowledge to the people.

The celebration was overwhelmingly attended and conducted for 15 minutes in his office shortly after his PhD lecture on 'PhD Advanced Communication Research.' It was organised by his personal assistant, Abdurrahman Abdullahi and some well-wishers from the Faculty of Communication Studies.

Abdalla, a Professor of Science Education as well as Professor of Media and Communications, expressed delight to the people who celebrated the day with him and his family, thanking the Almighty God for being alive to witness the day.

The Deputy Dean of the Faculty, Dr. Suleiman Mainasara Yar'adua, commended the organisers and wished the Vice Chancellor more prosperous years ahead just as the PhD students from the Faculty expressed their goodwill messages to him and his family, congratulating him also of his new appointment as the Vice Chancellor, a position they said was well deserved.

Also, Mustapha Gide, member of the University Media Team had on behalf of the members wished the Vice Chancellor more prosperous years ahead. Professor Abdalla celebrated the day along-side his nine year old daughter, Ifrah.

### **Dr. Usman Yuguda Ibrahim Appointed Head, Department of Ophthalmology**

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello, has approved the appointment of Dr. Usman Yuguda Ibrahim as the Head of

Department of Ophthalmology for two years from 10<sup>th</sup> May, 2016.

A letter signed by the Vice Chancellor dated 25<sup>th</sup> April, 2016 called on the HOD to “give sound academic and administrative leadership to the department.”

### **Prof. Akintade Dare Reappointed Head, Department of Medical Radiography**

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello has approved the reappointment of Professor Akintade Dare as the Head, Department of Medical Radiology for another period of two years with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2015.

The appointment letter signed by the Vice Chancellor was dated 25<sup>th</sup> April, 2016.

### **BUK To Partner With Airtel on Communication**

Bayero University Kano has promised to partner with Airtel Communication to improve the communication system in the University.

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello disclosed this on Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> April, 2016 when the North-West Zonal Manager of Airtel paid him a courtesy visit in his office.

Professor Yahuza Bello advised the Airtel officials to forward a proposal on areas where the University and the company would work together in order to have a very effective communication system in the campuses of the University.

Earlier in his address, the North West zonal head of Airtel Communications, Malam Muhammad Bashir Ibrahim, said they were at

the Vice Chancellor’s office to thank him for the opportunity given to the company to participate in the just concluded 32<sup>nd</sup> Convocation of the university.

He hoped that the University would give them more opportunities to serve the University better.

### **FSMS Conducts Workshop on Predictive Research and Regression Analysis**

The Faculty of Social and Management Sciences (FSMS) has conducted a two-day workshop on predictive research and regression analysis as part of its effort to deepen the culture of capacity building of staff.

The workshop, which took place at the Aminu Kano Centre for Democratic Research and Training (Mambayya House) on Monday, 25<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup> April, 2016 brought together academic staff from all the departments in the Faculty and was centered on predictive research (why things are happening than what is happening) and regression modeling for data analysis.

On the first day, the resource person, who is the Chief Data Officer of Talkadata and owner of Mechame STAT, Mr. Henry, dwelled extensively on choosing empirical research modeling, backward looking research writing strategy, types of regression data structure and modeling explanatory variables, among others.

According to him, modern research started by addressing three fundamental issues; what is model, what is the data and what is research design in chapter three, saying that many researchers nowadays made mistakes by starting their researches in a conventional way with chapter 1. He said once this is done, 60% of

research is complete because research is being driven by Y and X (Dependent and Independent variables).

The resource person added that research should not end with the description of the data but should go beyond that to show why things happened not what happened and also show the relationship of variables.

On the second day, the Chief Data Analyst discussed special regression, introduction to structural equation regression modeling, insight into classification of regression data using cluster analysis, discriminate multi-dimensional scaling and correspondence analysis, among others. He took time to explain and experiment time series regression modeling.

Earlier during his opening remarks, the Dean of the Faculty, Professor Bashir Tijjani, said the workshop followed after the discussions with Heads of Department because of the importance of the data analysis to research work. He said research would not be complete until meaningful analysis was done.

The Dean added that another reason for the workshop was the fallout of discussions at the Faculty's Colloquium on the need to educate members of the Faculty on how to improve their capacity on research. He said though the workshop was generic, departments would be urged to come up with their specific workshops.

## **Directorate of Research, Innovation and Partnership**

The Directorate of Research, Innovation and Partnership wishes to inform the public of the call for application for the following grants:

### **(1) 2016 AAU Small Grants Scheme**

The AAU small grants for Theses and Dissertations Programme is aimed to facilitate timely completion of postgraduate research falling within the following themes:

1. Agriculture and Food Security
2. Conflict, Peace and Security
3. Environment and Climate
4. Health
5. Higher Education

Small grants research budgets are limited to USD3,500 for PhD students and USD2,000 for Masters students. The small grants budgets may not include indirect costs (e.g. accommodation, field trips outside the country where the research is being conducted. Apply via <http://www.aau.org/smgr/>

**Deadline:** 30th June, 2016.

### **(2) Transforming Irrigation Management in Nigeria (TRIMING) Project**

Research proposals are invited by the Federal Ministry of Water Resources in line with the TRIMING project objective of achieving sustainable growth in agricultural production and productivity. The project has the following components:

1. Water resources management and dam operation improvement.
2. Irrigation development and management.
3. Enhancing agricultural productivity and support to value chains development.
4. Institutional development and project management.

The research themes are as follows:

- a) On-farm production practices.
- b) Value chains.
- c) Typha management and economic use.
- d) Land institution and irrigation development.



Research grants up to USD400,000 can be awarded per project. The research durations for each proposal should fall within 2 to 3 years.

The Directorate of Research, Innovation and Partnership (DRIP) encourages applications from cross-section of Bayero University and is ready to provide support regarding other details, proposal format, scoping and institutional collaboration.

## Health and Safety Tips from Health Services

- ❖ Are you aware that use of mosquitoes' coil may adversely constitute a health hazard to you?
- ❖ Mosquito coils are made up of toxic chemical substances.
- ❖ It does not kill mosquitoes but rather driving it away from the environment.
- ❖ It causes allergic reactions especially to people with respiratory tract problem e.g. Asthma.
- ❖ Prolong use can be a predisposing factor to some disease e.g. cancer of the lungs.
- ❖ It can cause fire outbreak if not properly used.
- ❖ Alternatively use insecticide treated mosquito net as more safer.
- ❖ Report any case of respiratory tract infection to Health Services Department for proper diagnosis and treatment.

## Inter-Faculty Games To Hold Aug 8

The Local Organizing Committee (LOC) has proposed 8<sup>th</sup> August, 2016 as the date for the commencement of 2016 Inter-Faculty Games.

At a meeting held on Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup> April, 2016 and chaired by Dr. Musa Darma, the committee decided that 2<sup>nd</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> May, 2016 were slated for entries while draw would take place on Tuesday, 31<sup>st</sup> May, 2016.

The games to be competed include: Football, Handball, Basketball, Hockey, Volley ball, Athletics, Badminton, Tennis, Squash, Chess, Scrabbles among others.

## GUIDE TO BETTER GRAMMAR With Sheriff Ahmed

### Commonly Misused Expressions (4)

In this lesson we shall study six very important usages and how to avoid some of the silly mistakes we make in our everyday English in a society where no one cares whether you say the right thing or not. Anyway, let's start the ball rolling.

- The soldiers discovered rifles, magazines and **ammunitions**.

Please note that 'ammunition' is an uncountable (non-count) noun. The plural marker ('s') must not be added to it.

Correct: *The soldiers discovered rifles, magazines and some **ammunition**.*

- The problem should not be put **at the door post** of the leaders alone...

The expression 'at the door post' is not appropriate in the context. First, note that 'doorpost' is one word (not 'door post'). Second, the correct expression is **at/on the doorstep of**, as in:

- a. *The problem should not be put **at the doorstep of** the leaders alone.*
- b. *The civilian group, in effect, waited politely **on the doorstep of** the military to be asked to participate.*

- The pet project of Prof. Dora Akunyili, christened rebranding, did not have a **smooth sailing**.

The phrase 'smooth sailing' is incorrect. The correct expression is **plain sailing** (also **clear sailing**, especially in American English), as in:

*Prof. Dora Akunyili's Rebranding Nigeria wasn't plain sailing.*

Note that 'plain sailing' means something that is straightforward and easy to do.

- Real Madrid took control of the game **from start to the end**.

The expression 'from start to the end' is incorrect. The English language, like any other language, has its peculiar linguistic characteristics. Certain words collocate (or combine) with others. In other words, some words are regularly used together for a particular effect. For example, **weak** collocates with **tea**, but **feeble** does not. Similarly, the word **start** does not collocate with **end**; it collocates with **finish**, as in:

*Real Madrid took control of the game from start to finish.*

Compare: **from beginning to end**

In both cases the definite article (the) is dropped.

The following sentence is incorrect:

It is better to **begin** the exercise **from** this point ('from' does not collocate with 'begin').

Correct: *It is better to **begin** the exercise **at** this point* ('at' and 'begin' collocate).

Correct: *It is better to **start** the exercise **from** this point* ('start' and 'from' collocate).

Note: **start from** and **begin at**

- The Kano-based politician died **at the weekend in Abuja**.

The sentence seems correct, but it isn't. The reason is simple. Please take a second look at the sentence. Let us examine two phrases: 'at the weekend' and 'in Abuja'. The former refers to TIME, and the latter refers to PLACE. When these phrases are put together, it is better to put PLACE ahead of TIME.

Correct: *The Kano-based politician died **in Abuja** (adverb of place) **at the weekend** (adverb of time).*

How does the sentence below sound to you?

'Aminu walked this morning to school.'

Following the rule above, you will realize that the sentence is incorrect.

Correct: *Aminu walked **to school** (adverb of place) **this morning** (adverb of time).*

- She visited her aunty **last week Monday**.

The expression ('last week Monday') is a common mistake in English. The correct expression is **last Monday**, as in:

- She visited her aunty **last Monday**.*
- Bobo will start work **next Monday**.*

Note that it is also correct to say:

- She visited her aunty **on Monday last week**.*

Note that in informal English (especially in North American English) it is also correct to delete the preposition 'on', as in:

- We'll meet **Monday next week**.*

*Send your contributions and observations to: [ahmedsheriff22@gmail.com](mailto:ahmedsheriff22@gmail.com).*

## **REMINDER: National Identity Card Registration Begins in BUK**

This is to bring to the attention of members of the University Community that the National Identity Management Commission (NIMC) the statutory body responsible for registering/ enrolling Nigerians for the issuance of the National Identity Card has arrived the university and has since commenced the exercise.

The Management has provided for them an office space at the Advancement Office, Musa Abdullahi Auditorium for the exercise.

Therefore, management wishes to advise members of the University community to take advantage of the presence of the NIMC officials who are in the university to get their names registered/enrolled to enable them to own the all-important National Identification card.

The itinerary of operation released by the NIMC officials shows that staff and students can visit the centre as from 9.00am to 5.00pm Mondays to Fridays to get enrolled.

This is, therefore, calling on all staff of the university, particularly students to take advantage of the exercise and get their names registered.



## SEMINARS

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

**Faculty of Health Sciences: Seminar Presentations,** The following seminar held on Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> April, 2016

**Presenter:** Ahmad Zubairu

**Topic:** Strategies for Controlling Sickle Cell Disease: A Case Study of Bayero University, Kano Students.

**Chairman:** Dr. Tijjani Adelani

**Department of Civil Engineering: M.Eng**

**Seminar/ Proposal Presentations**

**GROUP A: WATER RESOURCES ENGINEERING**

**Seminars:**

**Presenter 1:** Yusuf Lawal Yaranchi (SPS/13/MCE/00045)

**Topic:** An Appraisal of Zobe Dam Irrigation schemes in Katsina State

**Supervisor:** Engr. H.A. Daura

**Presenter 2:** Abubakar Modibbo Ahmed (SPS/13/MCE/00034)

**Topic:** Comparative study on the use of Moringa Oliefera seed and powder for turbidity removal from surface water

**Supervisor:** Dr. Kasim Mohammed

**Proposals:**

**Presenter 3:** Abdurrazak Isah Umar (SPS/14/MCE/00029)

**Topic:** Assessment of the performance of North West regional water supply schemes of Kano State

**Presenter 4:** Labaran Musa Halilu (SPS/14/MCE/00041)

**Topic:** Digital flood forecasting model and early warning system. (A non-structural approach to flood management)

**Presenter 5:** Rabilu Abdulkadir Barau (SPS/14/MCE/00039)

**Topic:** Experimental Analysis of Infiltration Capacity, Moisture content and Crop Water Requirements of Soil. (A case study of two irrigation fields of Agalawa and Wasai farms)

**Presenter 6:** Mohammed Adamu Barka (SPS/14/MCE/00027)

**Topic:** Characterization of Storm Water Run-off Pollution at Residential Catchment. (A case study of Mubi)

**Presenter 7:** Rasheed Toyin Owolabi (SPS/14/MCE/00031)

**Topic:** Hydraulic Analysis and Optimization of Dutse Water Distribution Networks.

**Chairman:** Engr. H.A. Daura

**Date:** Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> May, 2016

**Time:** 12.00 noon prompt

**Venue:** Department of Civil Engineering Resource Room

**GROUP B: GEOTECHNICAL ENGINEERING AND STRUCTURAL ENGINEERING**

**Seminars:**

**Presenter 1:** Adamu Bakoji (SPS/12/MCE/00004)

**Topic:** Geotechnical Design of Pile Groups Based on Particle Swam Optimization Technique

**Supervisor:** Dr. Abdussamad Ismail

**Presenter 2:** Gbemiro Clement Olugbami (SPS/12/MCE/00018)

**Topic:** Stabilization of Lateritic Soil with Egg Shell Powder

**Supervisor:** Dr. T.A. Adedokun

**Presenter 3:** Murtala Sani (SPS/12/MCE/00013)

**Topic:** Assessment of Effects of Sugar Cane Mill on the Properties of Concrete

**Supervisor:** Dr. M.O.A Mtallib

**Presenter 4:** Haruna Daud Gussau (SPS/12/MCE/00005)

**Topic:** Investigation on the Effect of Partial Replacement of Coarse Aggregates with Waste Metal Bottle Caps on the Properties of Concrete

**Supervisor:** Dr. E.N. Ogork

**Proposal:**

**Presenter 5:** Muttaka Ibrahim Sani (SPS/14/MCE/00007)

**Topic:** Potential of Bio-Enzymes for Stabilization of Soft Clay Shale ( Attalulgite)

**Chairman:** Dr. A.Y. Abdulfatah

**Date:** Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> May, 2016

**Time:** 12.00 noon prompt

**Venue:** Faculty Conference Room

## **STAFF TRAINING COMMITTEE: Study Fellowship, Self-Sponsorship, Extension of Study Fellowship and Conference/Workshop Attendance**

The recommendations from the 76<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Non- Teaching Staff Training Committee held on Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> April, 2016 at Staff Training Committee room are as follows:

### **A. Study Fellowship**

The Committee recommended the following applications for study fellowship.

<b>S/N</b>	<b>Name/Staff No</b>	<b>Department</b>	<b>Programme</b>	<b>Institution</b>	<b>Duration</b>
1	Usman Muhammad Madaki P100/6518	Mathematical Sciences	B.Sc Computer Science	Bayero University, Kano	3 years
2	Nura Abdullahi Musa P100/5893	Maintenance Services Department	B. Eng. Electrical	Kano University of Science and Technology, Wudil	5 years
3	Haruna Aliyu P100/4581	Directorate of Establishment Matters	M.Sc Management	Bayero University, Kano	2 years
4	Lamara Garba P100/5930	Directorate of Public Affairs	M.Sc Mass Communication	Bayero University, Kano	2 years
*** 5	Adamu Saleh P100/4116	Bayero University Microfinance Bank	Ph.D Economics	Bayero University, Kano	3 years
6	Usman Idris Isa P100/5601	Mechanical Engineering	PGDME	Bayero University, Kano	2 years
7	Sabo Aminu Kurawa -P100/4952	Mechanical Engineering	HND	Kano State Polytechnic	2 years
8	Abdullahi Muzakkir Balan JP: 12784	Anatomy	ND Medical Lab. Technician	School of Technology, Kano	2 years
9	Hamza Sule Ali JP: 12464	Security Division	B.Sc Criminology	Bayero University, Kano	3 years
10	Tahir Danjuma P100/6536	Physiology	B.Sc Physiology	Bayero University, Kano	4 years
11	Binta Lawan Saji P100/6735	Student Affairs	M.Ed Admin and Planning	Bayero University, Kano	2 years
12	Umar Faruk Khalil JP: 12839	Pure and Industrial Chemistry	Diploma in Purchasing and Supply	Kano State Polytechnic	2 years

13	Salihu Isma'il JP: 12084	Faculty of Engineering	Diploma Carpentry and Joinery	Kano State Polytechnic	2 years
14	Ibrahim Babangida Abdullahi P100/6733	Physics	HND Electrical/Electronic	Kano State Polytechnic	2 years
15	Ashiru Alhassan Abdulsalam P100/5598	Civil Engineering	M. Eng. Civil Engineering	Bayero University, Kano	2 years

## B. Self-Sponsorship

The Committee recommended the following applications for study on Self Sponsorship.

S/N	Name/Staff No	Department	Programme	Institution	Duration
1	Rakiya Abdu Inusa P100/5566	D.E.A.R	MPPA	Bayero University, Kano	1 year
2	Binta Nasirudeen Usman P100/4107	Bursary	ANAN	College of Accountancy Kano Study Centre	2 years
3	Memuna Bamidele Falola P100/6227	Directorate of Public Affairs	MBA	Bayero University, Kano	1 year
4	Tijjani Abdulkadir Sa'id JP: 13591	Mechanical Engineering	Diploma in Law	Aminu Kano College of Islamic and Legal Studies	2 years
5	Mustapha Rabi'u Diso JP:12352	Mechanical Engineering	Diploma in Law	Aminu Kano College of Islamic and Legal Studies	2 years
6	Alhassan Yakubu Sani JP: 12191	Security Division	Diploma in Law	Aminu Kano College of Islamic and Legal Studies	2 years
7	Zainab Shu'aibu Ibrahim JP: 12446	Security Division	Diploma in Law	Aminu Kano College of Islamic and Legal Studies	2 years
8	Olorunpelu Ifedayo Olofin P100/4215	AKCDRT Mambayya, Kano	Doctor in Business Admin	Bayero University, Kano	3 years
9	Mustapha Aminu P100/2992	AKCDRT Mambayya, Kano	MPPA	Bayero University, Kano	1 year
10	Zainab El-Mustapha Imam P100/6328	Faculty of Dentistry	PGDIM	Bayero University, Kano	1 year

11	Farouk Yahuza Bello P100/6219	S.P.S.	M.BCL	Bayero University, Kano	1 year
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### C. Extension of Study Fellowship

The Committee recommended extension of study fellowship to the following:-

S/N	Name/Staff No	Department	Programme	Institution	Duration
1	Umar Balarabe P100/4898	D.E.A.R	M.Sc Computer Science	Bayero University, Kano	1 year
2	Hadiza Jummai Muhammad P100/6494	Legal Unit	L.L.M	Bayero University, Kano	1 year

### D. Extension of study on self-sponsorship

The Committee recommended extension of study on self-sponsorship to the followings:-

S/N	Name/Staff No	Department	Programme	Institution	Duration
1	Ali Umar Yakasai P100/2847	DEM	MPPA	Bayero University, Kano	1 year
2	Shehu Umar Dumbulun P100/4383	F.E.E.S	MPPA	Bayero University, Kano	1 year

### CONFERENCE/WORKSHOP ATTENDANCE

The Committee recommended the following applications to attend National Workshop/Conference:

S/N	Name/Staff No.	Dept.	Venue
1	Abdulrahman A. Nasiru - P100/4200	Bursary	Enugu
2	Musa Buhari - P100/2568	Bursary	Dutse
3	Kassim U. Nasidi - P100/2332	Bursary	Dutse
4	Celestine Emmanuel N.U - P100/2525	Bursary	Dutse
5	Suleiman M. Bello - P100/4098	Audit	Dutse
6	Hadiza Yahaya - P100/2908	Bursary	Dutse
7	Donatus Ezeji - P100/2574	Bursary	Dutse
8	Momoh Audu - P100/4106	Bursary	Dutse
9	Abubakar Zangina - P100/4411	Bursary	Dutse
10	Mustapha M. Gide - P100/5918	Public Affairs	Ibadan
11	Abba Wada Abdullahi - P100/6225	Physical Planning Unit	Abuja
12	Zahraddeen Yahaya Mahe - P100/6517	Education	Ilorin
13	Yahaya AbdulAziz - P100/6500	Theatre and Performing Arts	Ilorin
14	Muhammad Aliyu Danmaraya - P100/5771	Physical Planning Unit	Abuja
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>₦1,727,100</b>