



Council Appoints Dr. Auyo, University Librarian, Mal. Maitama, Acting Bursar

By Mustapha Gide

The Governing Council of Bayero University has approved the appointment of Dr. Musa A. Auyo as the University Librarian and Malam Ado Maitama as Acting Bursar.

The Council during its 13th meeting held on Thursday, 22nd December, 2016 said that the appointment of the Librarian is for a period of 5 years with effect from the date he assumes duty.

A statement signed by the Registrar and Secretary to the Council, Hajiya Fatima Binta Mohammed, also noted that the appointment of the Acting Bursar took effect from the 22nd of December, 2016.

According to the separate letters of their appointments, the Librarian, who is the Chief Library Officer of the University and the Acting

Bursar will directly be answerable to the Vice Chancellor for the day to day running of their respective offices.

The appointment of Dr. Musa A. Auyo as Librarian followed the expiration of the tenure of the former Librarian, Professor Lukman Ibraheem Diso, while Malam Ado Maitama was appointed Acting Bursar following the death of the University Bursar, Malam Buhari Musa, on Tuesday, 29th November, 2016 after a protracted illness.

Born on 20th February, 1959 in Auyo town of Jigawa State, the new Librarian was until his appointment, on secondment at Sule Lamido University, Kafin Hausa, Jigawa State as University Librarian. He graduated from Bayero University in 1985. He was a one time Dean of the Faculty of Education and Head, Department of Library and Information Sciences at BUK. He is a fellow, Librarians Registration Council of Nigeria and a member of Nigerian Library Association. He is married with children.



Dr. Musa A. Auyo, University Librarian

MAC ARTHUR Foundation Awards \$700,000 Grant To BUK's Faculty of Communication

By Lamara Garba

A renowned international humanitarian organization based in the United States of America, the John D and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation, has advanced a grant of \$700,000.00 (over N300million) to the newly established Faculty of Communication of Bayero University as part of grand design to support capacity building and enhance teaching and research.

In a letter signed by Dr. Kole Shettima, the Africa/Country Regional Director of the Foundation, dated 14th December, 2016 conveying the approval of the grant, said the money was aimed at strengthening the capacity of the Faculty of Communication of the University towards enhancing training and practice in Investigative and Data Driven Journalism in Nigeria.

"We are very excited to share the good news that the Foundation has approved your grant request of \$700,000 over three years. We are confident that your work will make significant contribution to ultimately improving the quality of lives of Nigerians", the letter reads in part.

Accordingly, it stated that the Legal Department of the Foundation was mandated to make necessary arrangements to draft an agreement, stressing that the project, which is for a three year period, is expected to commence from January 2017.

It could be recalled that the MacArthur Foundation has been a great partner to BUK over the years in which it advanced grants for fellowships, capacity building and

the purchase of teaching aids as well as other academic endeavours.

While acknowledging the receipt of the award, the Vice Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello, expressed delight at the gesture and promised to make judicious use of the money. he said, the University had been known to be very prudent in its spending.

Professor Bello explained that Bayero University and the MacArthur Foundation had a long history of collaborative work and assured that the relationship would continue to wax even stronger.

In his remarks, the Dean of the Faculty of Communication, Professor Umaru A Pate, who is also the initiator of the project, commended the Foundation

for the positive gesture, assuring that the Faculty and the University shall make the best use of the grant provided

“We are confident that the support will serve as a remarkable input in our effort to improve the quality of training and practice of journalism in the country. Please be assured that the Faculty and the University shall make the best use of the grant as provided in the application document.” He assured.

The Dean equally commended the management of the University for the huge investment in the procurement of facilities and other teaching equipment, which resulted in the upgrading of the hitherto Mass communication Department to a full fledged faculty.

BUK Shines at Universities Staff Games 2016

● Wins Football Trophy, Gets Medals in Badminton and Table Tennis

By Nura Garba

Bayero University has won the prestigious football trophy of the Nigerian Universities Staff Association (NUSSA) Games hosted by the National Open University of Nigeria (NOUN) played in Kaduna between 8th and 16th December, 2016.

Bayero University defeated University of Jos 3-1 in the final of the soccer event thus crowned the new champions of NUSSA football category.

Joseph Goeshalong gave the Unijos an early lead when he tapped in a simple finish at the expense of BUK's defensive blunder, however, ten minutes after, Rabi'u Mohammed Sagir made a superlative pass to Abdulmajid Mohammed, who rounded Unijos goalkeeper to score a fantastic goal that restored BUK's hopes.

Two minutes after the equalizer, Murtala Garba received an inch- perfect pass from the majestic midfielder, Isa Jibrin (Rabah Madjer) to score a superb goal and put BUK into a driving seat.

At the resumption of the second stanza, Unijos mounted pressure on BUK team searching for an equalizer but the water- tight defense marshaled by Umar Lazy thwarted all efforts and the introduction of talismanic and physical Sulaiman Garba in the midfield made the situation worse for the Josites.

Midway into the second half, it was another celebration galore for Bukites as Murtala Garba scored his 2nd goal of the match and the 4th in the tournament to give BUK a comfortable 3-1 lead.

Enroute to the historic trophy win Bayero University beat Federal University, Lokoja 1-0, thrashed Delta State

University 4-0 and walloped IBB University Lapai 2-0 in the quarter final. At the semi-final, BUK escaped by the whiskers following a narrow defeat of the host University 5-4 in the penalty shootout after the match ended 1-1.

Bayero University also won Gold medal at the male single in Badminton, as Shehu Abdullahi became the talk of the town when he hammered all his opponent universities by two straight wins in each match to qualify



BUK players jubilating the trophy

for the final. In the final, he defeated the University of Ilorin, the defending champions of NUSSA, to be crowned the new champion of Badminton single and wrote the name of Bayero University in gold.

Similarly, Bayero University won bronze medals in table tennis and badminton mixed doubles.

The Director of Sports, Professor Rabi'u Mohammed, expressed appreciation to the Vice Chancellor for the support in terms of sports development. He described the BUK's success as the will of God.

Australian Govt to Assist BUK in Dryland Agric, Qur'anic Studies

By Abubakar Yusuf

The Australian High Commissioner to Nigeria, Mr. Paul Lehmann has promised that his country would assist Bayero University, Kano to meet its desired goals.

Mr. Paul Lehmann disclosed this on Tuesday 13th December, 2016 when he paid a courtesy call on the Vice Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello, in his office. He said the Australian government would assist the University most especially in the area of Dryland Agriculture and Qur'anic Studies.

According to the High Commissioner, said his country had been leading in the field of Dryland Agriculture and assured Bayero University that it would look into the

possible ways of assisting the University in that respect.

He expressed happiness over the physical development that took place in the University within the last couple of years. This, according to him, showed that Bayero University was ready to be a partner in progress.

In his response, Vice Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello commended the High Commissioner for the gesture and promised to do everything humanly possible to ensure collaboration between the Bayero University and Australian Government, so that the University would benefit from their wealth of experiences.

CQS Marks International Day of the Arabic Language

By Bala G. Abdulahi

The Centre for Qur'anic Studies in conjunction with the Egyptian Centre for Cultural and Educational Affairs of the Egyptian Embassy held a two-day International Conference as part of the activities marking this year's International Day of the Arabic Language. The occasion took place on Monday 19th December, 2016 at Theatre F, Faculty of Earth and Environmental Science (New Campus).

The United Nations had set aside the 18th of every December as International Day of the Arabic Language.

In his address, Egyptian Consul-General, Dr. Ibrahim Abdulbasit, urged the Muslim Ummah to endeavour to learn the Arabic language as doing that would enable proper understanding of the Islamic religion.

He said the Holy Qur'an, which was revealed to Prophet Muhammad (SAW), was in Arabic. Therefore, understanding Arabic, especially by the adherents of Islam was a plus and a quick route to the proper understanding of the religion.

The Consul-General commended Bayero University, Kano for establishing a Centre for Qur'anic Studies, saying that he wished the university would enter into collaboration with similar centres in Egypt for the purpose of the cross fertilization of ideas and experiences for the benefit of the two countries.

Also speaking, the guest speaker, Professor Sammani Sani, who is the Director Centre for Research in Nigerian Languages & Folklore, said it had become necessary for the Hausa people, who are predominantly Muslims, to learn the Arabic language, adding that it was the only way for proper understanding of the Qur'an, including its recitation and *tafsir*.

He said Sciences today, including Medicine and Engineering were being taught in Arabic, adding that 'we in the Centre for Research in Nigerian Languages & Folklore are currently working to translate the holy Qur'an into Hausa language. We want to request the assistance and support of the Centre for Qur'anic Studies in that regard.'

The Director of CQS, Professor Ibrahim Muhammad, expressed appreciation to the Egyptian government for the confidence it has on the Centre and BUK, adding that currently BUK and the Centre were into collaborating with some Institutions in Egypt and hoped that such collaboration would be sustained.

Countries that participated in the conference included: Turkey, Sudan, Chad, Niger, Egypt and the host country, Nigeria.

Professor Abdallah Conferred with Igbo Chieftaincy Title

By Mustapha M. Gide

The Chairman of the Enugu State Council of Traditional Rulers and Chancellor, National Open University of Nigeria (NOUN), HRH, the Egwe, Eze Ogbunehendo of Ezema Olo, Ambassador Lawrence O. C. Agubuzu, has conferred on Professor Abdalla Uba Adamu, Vice Chancellor, NOUN with the chieftaincy title of Nze Okaa Omee Enugu (He Who Stands by His Words).

The Igwe disclosed during the conferment ceremony on Saturday, 17th December, 2016 that Professor Adamu was given the title for his revolutionary achievements in the NOUN, especially in the areas of “entrenching transparency, openness, encouraging aggressive scholarship and using ICT infrastructure to bring about complete system reform in the university.”

The Vice Chancellor was decorated with a red cap (dara), signifying his entry into the traditional leadership of the area. Speaking shortly after the occasion Prof. Abdalla disclosed that his great-great grandfather was Abdullahi Maje Karofi, the Emir of Kano from 1855 to 1882. He thanked HRH, the Egwe, for the honour done to him.



Prof. Abdalla Uba Adamu, the Nze Okaa Mee Enugu

CDA Conducts 2nd International Conference on Drylands

By Nura Garba

Scholars from different parts of the world gathered at the 2nd International Conference on Drylands organized by the Centre of Dryland Agriculture, Bayero University, Kano to discuss and deliberate on agricultural diversification with a view to fine-tuning sustainable strategies to address food insecurity in the drylands of the sub-Saharan Africa.

At the opening ceremony on Tuesday, 13th December, 2016, the Director of the Centre, Professor Jibrin M. Jibrin, who delivered the opening remarks, said the CDA was promoting the sustainable use of the fragile natural resources of the drylands through the training of high level manpower that would work in the private sector, as well as various agricultural research, training and development organizations to address the problems and realize available opportunities.

“The research activities of the centre are interdisciplinary, focusing on climate change and the dryland cropping and animal production environment aimed at understanding complexities of the interaction,” he said.

In his welcome address, the Chairman of the Local Organizing Committee, Professor Adamu Idris Tanko, said the increasingly serious situation relating to climate

change and the global decline of water resources had amplified the enormity of global food crises that several global efforts were being made to address the issues that related to these. He added that in Africa, “we believe in collective approach and we are here to collectively present our efforts that focus efficient water use, water conservation and general agricultural challenges in the global drylands.”

Declaring the conference open, the Vice Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello, said the gathering of scholars, administrators, policy makers, practitioners, investors and other stakeholders in the field of agriculture and related discipline was again to address critical issues of agricultural development.

The Vice Chancellor explained that the 2nd International Conference taking place within two months after the earlier one showed the commitment of Bayero University in advancing the course of sustainable development through training and research in diverse fields of human endeavor.

Delivering a keynote address titled: “The End of Diversification? Current Trends in Dryland Research,” Professor Mike Mortimore of Drylands Research, U.K.

said, despite an increasingly sophisticated understanding of dryland environments and societies, the uses now being made of the diversification concept in parts of Asia exhibited many of the shortcomings of the earlier work done in Africa. He said it took scientists more than decades to transform a perceived desertification crisis in the Sahel into a non-event.

Also speaking at the occasion, the Australian High Commissioner to Nigeria, Mr. Paul Lehman, likened Nigeria to Australia in terms of politics, climatic change and socio-cultural differences. He called for effective institutional collaborations to address the food crisis.

There were goodwill messages from Professor Jesse Njoka, the Director, African Drylands Institute for Sustainability, University of Nairobi, Kenya, Prof Issouffou Amadou from the Department of Crop Production, University of Maradi, Professor Dauda Kone

from University of Cote d' Ivoire and a representative of ICRISAT, Dr. Hakeem Ajeigbe.

In a communiqué issued at the end of the conference, it was recommended that there was the need for greater coordination, partnership and collaboration among all the stakeholders in crops and livestock production in the formulation and implementation of policies and programmes directed at increasing agricultural resilience and productivity.

The communiqué called for increased research and innovation on water and soils management as a key driver for the sustainable production of crops and livestock, as well as for the mitigation of the impact of climate change.

The conference was themed “Agricultural Diversification: A Panacea to Food Insecurity.”

CBN Donates Books to BUK

By Mustapha Gide

Bayero University, Kano has concluded plans to create a “Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) Corner” in the Departmental Library of the Economics Department amidst the collection of 373 books donated by the bank.

Presenting the books to the Vice Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello, on Thursday, 15th December, 2016, in his office, the Director, Monetary Policy Department, CBN, Mr. M. K. Tule, said the decision to create such a corner was commendable given the new policies and concepts that are being reviewed and contested periodically by the bank.

Representative of the Director and Principal Economist at the CBN, Dr. Umar N. Bida, said creating a special corner in the library would enable CBN to showcase its publications in BUK. He added that the books would help the academia to bridge the existing gap in the scholarly environment, apart from effective collaboration in terms of training and research.

Mr. Tule said the collections of the publications were

sourced from the various departments of the CBN such as the Monetary Department, Financial Market Department, Research Department, Banking Supervision Department, Banking and Payments Department as well as other Departments of the bank.

The Vice Chancellor, who was represented by the Deputy Vice Chancellor, Administration, Professor Adamu Idris Tanko, commended CBN for providing such credible resources of different volumes of books. He appealed for additional books for use in the Central Library.

Professor Yahuza Bello said the first intervention from the CBN had come to the University in a big way and in terms of a massive structure, the Centre of Excellence, which if completed will serve as a big resource to the University.

The Head of Economics Department, Dr. Ahmad Muhammad Tsauni, said that part of the intention for the request of the books was to create the CBN Corner in the Department of Economics in addition to updating the knowledge of both staff and students.

Fed. Min. of Environment's Public Display on the Environmental Safeguards Draft Report

This is to bring to the notice of the University Community that the Federal Ministry of Environment has provided information on Public Display Exercise pertaining to Environmental Safeguards Audit for the West Africa Agricultural Productivity Programme (WAAPP)–Nigeria.

The Honourable Minister of Environment has,

therefore, approved a Twenty-One (21) Working Day Public Display Exercise Draft Report on the Environmental Safeguards. Any interested member from the University Community can come forward to the Publication and Documentation Division and precisely from 8: am to 4: pm daily for stakeholders /public information and comments on the Draft Report.

SPORTS

VC Receives Giant NUSSA Trophy

By Nura Garba

The Director of Sports, Professor Rabi'u Mohammed has formally presented the football trophy won by Bayero University at the just concluded Nigerian Universities Staff Association



Director of Sports, Prof. Rabi'u Mohd (3rd right) presenting the trophy to the VC, Prof. Yahuza Bello (4th left) while DVC Admin, Prof. A. I. Tanko (2d right), Registrar, Fatima Binta Mohd (1st left), Director Public Affairs, Ahmad Shehu (right) and captain of staff team Kabiru Mai Unguwa stand in

Games hosted by the National Open University of Nigeria (NOUN).

The Vice Chancellor commended the victorious BUK Staff for their commitment and spirit in winning the

trophy where 39 of the Nigerian Universities competed. The Vice Chancellor, in appreciation to what the athletes did donated the sum of N500,000.00 to serve as

motivation. Earlier, in his remark, the Director of Sports, Professor Rabi'u Mohammed told the Vice Chancellor that BUK won two gold medals in Football and Badminton single, in addition to two bronze medals in Table Tennis and Badminton mixed doubles.

He said the University contingent displayed high sense of discipline and that the spirit of cordial relationship among the athletes helped significantly in ensuring that Bayero University emerged victorious. Also speaking, the Chairman of Sports Consultative Committee, Professor Musa Garba commended the effort of Bayero University athletes for their exceptional performance. He said apart from winning medals in the games, the university emerged 2nd

at the Principal Officers' race, where he represented the Vice Chancellor. On her part, the Registrar congratulated the athletes for making the University proud. She single handedly commended Juwaira Abdussalam for winning a bronze medal.

Kano/Jigawa Universities Staff League Proposed

By Rabi'u M. Sagir

Asking in the euphoria of Bayero University's victory at the just concluded Nigerian Universities Staff Sports Association (NUSSA) games hosted by the National Open University of Nigeria (NOUN), a Deputy Director in the Sports Directorate, Dr. M.Y Waziri, has proposed for Kano/Jigawa Staff Universities League games to be competed among five universities in the two states.

Dr. Waziri, who is the Deputy Director Games, said the league would further entrench the harmonious relationship among the universities in Kano and Jigawa states, in addition to the existing collaboration in research and other academic activities.

The Deputy Director, who stated this in Ahmadu Bello University Stadium, Kaduna shortly after team Bayero University won the football trophy of NUSSA games by beating University of Jos 3-1.

"We proposed to come up with this development in order

to promote sporting activities and enhance mutual relationship among staff of the 5 universities in Kano and Jigawa states," he said.

The Director of Sports, Professor Rabi'u Mohammed welcomed the idea and said that the new development would be forwarded to the Vice Chancellor, who he said was a sports loving administrator.

The universities expected to compete in the league are: Bayero University, Kano, Kano State University of Science and Technology, Wudil, Federal University, Dutse, Sule Lamido University, KafinHausa and Northwest University, Kano respectively.

The Kano/Jigawa Universities League, if approved, will be an offshoot of the existing sports exchange programme between students of Bayero University and Kwara State University, Malette, where they compete each year in different games.

Tauraruwa TV Honours H.O.D Anatomy, Others

By Mustapha Gide

The Tauraruwa Television has honoured the Head of Anatomy Department, Dr. Anas Ibrahim Yahaya, with excellent leadership and innovation award, alongside other dignitaries.

The event took place at the Aminu Kano Centre for Democratic Research and Training, Mambayya House, on 10th December, 2016, where the Kano State Commander, NDLEA, Alhaji Hamza Umar and the spokesman of Kano State Police Command, DSP Magaji Musa Majiya were also honoured.

Others that received awards from the television station were the Chairman of Nassarawa Local Government, Alhaji Laminu Sani, a Hausa musician, Aminu Ala and Nasiru Salisu Zango of the Freedom Radio, Kano.

Dr. Anas Yahaya was also given a lifetime achievement award at Arewa House, Kaduna, this year, by the National Institute of Human and Natural Resources, Abuja and the excellent leadership award in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia.

Only Accredited Varsities Approved for Studies – A & PC

This is to inform University Staff that the Appointments and Promotions Committee at its 167th meeting held on Tuesday, 20th December, 2016 approved that any staff intending to go for further studies should seek for admission only in a recognized University which is accredited by the National Universities Commission. Staff should also note that the duration for a full-time B.Sc degree programme in Nursing is four (4) years or

five (5) years depending on the mode of entry, while the duration of a part-time B.Sc Nursing Programme is 6-7 years depending on the mode of entry as the case may be and that the degree has no classification.

A statement signed by the Registrar, Hajiya Fatima Binta Mohammed, said likewise, all those seeking for employment with a B.Sc degree in Nursing should note the above.

Management Warns Against Late Coming, Truancy

The management of the University has frowned against truancy and late coming to duty post by the staff.

“It has come to the attention of the Registrar that many of the staff abstain from duty for days or come to work late without permission”.

In a circular dated 19th December, 2016 signed by Director, General Administration, Malam Sabo Mijinyawa, addressed through the Provost, Directors, Deans and Heads of Departments to the staff, which

superseded a similar one dated 16th December, he said: “Please note that, from now on, a monitoring team would be dispatched without prior notice to monitor the attendance of staff and anyone found wanting will have himself or herself to blame.

“In addition, an attendance register may be introduced in order to check this unbecoming behaviour. Reporting time is 8.00am while closing time remains 4.00pm except for Fridays at 1.00pm.”

SEMINARS

Department of Physics: Notice of M.Sc Seminar Presentation

Presenter: Abbas Kado (SPS/13/MPY/00034)

Topic: Evaluation of the Effect of River Jakara Waste Discharge on Groundwater Quality in Kwakwachi Area, Kano State using Electrical Resistivity Method.

Chairman: Dr. M. Saleh

Date: Thursday 5th January, 2017

Time: 10:00am

Venue: Physics Research Laboratory

Department of Physics: Notice of Seminar Presentation

Presenter: Farida Mustapha Umar (SPS/13/MPY/00001)

Topic: The Study of Microstructure and Optical Properties of Cu₂O/ZnO Heterojunction prepared by Screen Printing Technique.

Chairman: Dr. Abdu Yunusa

Date: 29th December, 2016

Time: 10:00am

Venue: Physics Research Laboratory

DANGOTE BUSINESS SCHOOL

2016/2017 Registration Exercise

The following are the registration plans for the 2016/2017 Academic Session. Students are take note and abide by them.

Registration Procedure: The registration is still through the myBUK link. Follow the procedure as explained on the site. Any student who pays a amount from the amount different on the invoice shall not be able to continue the registration.

Time Table: the time table below will be strictly enforced:

S/N	ACTIVITY	PERIOD
1	Normal Registration for Fresh Students (1 st and 2 nd Batch)	23 rd January – 6 th February, 2017
2	Late Registration for Fresh (1 st and 2 nd Batch) with Surcharge	7 th – 14 th February, 2017
3	Normal Registration for Returning Students	7 th -21 st February, 2017
4	Late Registration for Returning Students (with Surcharge)	22 nd -28 th February, 2017

Note:

- Registration means paying the appropriate registration fees AND REGISTERING FOR COURSES.
- The Senate has directed that any student who fails to register within the specified time has to apply for suspension of studies within two weeks. Those who fail to apply for suspension of studies, within that time would be duly penalized.
- All students should submit to the Secretary BBS and to their Program Coordinators copies of all registration documents not more than 3 weeks after registration.

Central Stores and Purchasing Unit: Notice of 2016 Annual Stocktaking Exercise

I write to inform you that 2016 Annual Stocktaking Exercise is scheduled to hold between 3rd and 13th January, 2016.

In view of the above all Deans, Directors and HOD's of Faculties and Departments are reminded that normal stores services will be suspended during the exercise. Stores Services will resume as soon as the exercise is over.

Wedding Fatiha

Sunusi Yusuf weds Fa'iza Salisu Sani

(1) Malam Salisu Sani K/Naisa of the University Library invites members of the University community to the wedding fatiha of his daughter Rn. Fa'iza Salisu Sani and her groom, Sunusi Yusuf Sabi'u, scheduled as follows:

Date: Sunday 25th December, 2016

Time: 10:00am

Venue: Sheikh Mallam Abdul'aziz Mosque Kofar Na'isa Kano

Abubakar Bala Sambo weds Maryam Abdullahi Sule-Kano

Abdullahi Sule-Kano of the Department of Political Science invites members of the University community to the wedding fatiha of his daughter Maryam Abdullahi Sule-Kano and her

groom, Abubakar Bala Sambo, scheduled as follows:

Date: Saturday, 24th December, 2016

Time: 10:00am

Venue: Friday Mosque, BUK Old Campus.

Usman Nabolisi weds Fateema Mukhtar Sulaiman

Usman Nabolisi Bako (Malam) of the Department of Dentistry invites members of the University community to his wedding fatiha and his bride Fateema Mukhtar Sulaiman, scheduled as follows:

Date: Sunday 25th December, 2016

Time: 11:00am

Venue: Gidan Lagwanawa S/Dinki along Kurmi Market Road, Kano city

