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Fatima Mohammed Takes Over as New Registrar - Unveils Agenda

The new Registrar of Bayero University, Hajiya Fatima Bintu Mohammed, has appealed for support and cooperation from the entire University Community for her to succeed, giving the assurance that her door is open to the well-meaning staff members who have Bayero University at heart. She promised to run transparent administration, as “a counsellor and a guide” to her staff.

Hajiya Fatima Mohammed, who was speaking on Tuesday, 1st March, 2016 during the formal handing over ceremony at the Senate Chamber, said she was

(From right), Alh. Sani Ibrahim Amin FNIM, Outgoing Registrar & Incoming Registrar, Hajiya Fatima Mohammed at the handover occasion

ready to accept any meaningful suggestion and correction that would promote the development and progress of the University.

She said her new position would enable her to strengthen the capacity of the staff in the Registry Department through short trainings to enable them to become competent in the discharge of their duties.

Hajiya Fatima Mohammed said she would build from where the outgoing Registrar, Alhaji Sani Ibrahim Amin, stopped, commending him for the transformation of the Registry Department to become one of the best in the Nigerian universities. She, however, said, that because she was still on the

mandatory four-month-and-ten-day mourning and waiting period due to the death of her husband, Barrister Abubakar Sadiq Umar, she would allow one of the Directors to sit-in for her before assuming fully.

Also speaking, the outgoing Registrar, Alhaji Sani Ibrahim Amin, said he assumed office on 1st March, 2010, and spent six years as Registrar, including the one year added to his tenure. He said he was confident that the new Registrar had clear idea of her new office, having acted severally when he was on official assignments.

The former Vice Chancellor of Bayero University, Professor Adamu Abubakar Rasheed, said he was overwhelmed with the transformation of the Registry Department because it had all what it took to confront any challenge, saying the Department was one of the best among Nigerian universities.

The Director, Directorate of Public Affairs, Mallam Ahmad Shehu, described the outgoing Registrar as a

great administrator, mentor and exemplary leader. He equally described the incoming Registrar as a prominent Bayero University Alumnus, accommodating and amiable administrator.

Others who extolled the virtues of the outgoing and incoming Registrars included the Director of Administration, College of Health Science, Alhaji Sabo Mijinyawa, Alhaji Mustapha Zaharadeen, Hajiya Aisha Uba and Mallam Bello Yakasai, who confessed that the university's successes were as a result of the sound leadership from the Vice Chancellors and Registrars the University had produced.

Physiotherapy Department Honors Victorious Students for Winning the Dean's Cup

The Physiotherapy Department has honored student athletes for winning the College of Health Science's Football competition organized by the Dean, Faculty of Basic Medical Sciences, Professor M. K. Atiku. The department defeated Anatomy and Physiology 2-0 to emerge the champions.



The Captain of Physiotherapy team Presenting the trophy to the HOD Shma'ila Hanif (left)

The Head of the Department, Dr. Shmaila Hanif, said the ceremony was long overdue but, owing to some unforeseen circumstances, the department organized it this time to appreciate the exemplary performance of the athletes despite their rigorous academic activities.

She said the department was highly proud of the athletes for raising its status as champions in sports, adding that, despite the trophy, the department won prizes for the best player and best goalkeeper.

The Head of the Department also commended the Malam Muhammad Aliyu Abba led committee for the job well done.

In his opening remarks, the Dean, Faculty of Allied Health Sciences, who was represented by the Deputy Dean, Dr. Rufa'I Yusuf, expressed happiness to students for appreciating the role of physical exercise, saying it would develop their mental exertions to perform well academically.

He said the Faculty would always be proud with them for their heroics and urged them to engage themselves in physical exercises as a way of keeping their bodies healthier.

Speaking on behalf of the players, the captain, Shu'aib Sadi Shu'aib, said they were highly appreciative with the concern and support shown to them by the department, saying despite the odds, they went ahead to beat all their opponents and clinch the prestigious trophy.

The ceremony was held at the Physiotherapy Departmental Conference Room on Tuesday, 1st March, 2016.

All the nine departments in the College participated in the competition and because of shortage of players, Physiology and Anatomy formed one team.

The match, which was played at the Old Campus Football Field, attracted a large turn-out of crowd and dignitaries including the Vice Chancellor, who was represented by the Deputy Vice Chancellor, Administration, Professor

Sadik Isah Radda; the Dean, Faculty of Basic Medical Sciences, Professor M. K. Atiku; the Dean, Faculty of Dentistry, Professor R.A Adebola; the Head of Biochemistry Department, Professor Alhassan Muhammad Wudil; the Deputy Dean, Faculty of Allied Health, Dr. Idris Garba, the Head of Physiology Department, Dr. M. A. Salim and the Faculty Officer of Basic Medical Sciences, Hajiya Salamatu O. Sulaiman.

The goals were scored by Usman Balarabe and Adam Bashir.

Former VC Yobe State University Completes Tenure - Returns to BUK

The former Vice Chancellor of Yobe State University, Professor Musa Alabe, has completed his two-term tenure and returned to Bayero University, Kano.

In a brief but colourful ceremony, signaling his formal resumption of office at the Department of Electrical Engineering, Professor Musa Alabe described his sojourn as fruitful as well as challenging, admitting however that it was a mission accomplished.

"Alhamdulillah, it is good to be back. If my friends and colleagues might ask me today of my sojourn in Damaturu for the last eight years, I would have responded that the journey has been eventful but also challenging. We managed to build an indelible institution ranked as one of the best in the North East from barely two structures to fifty solid structures", he declared.

Professor Alabe, in particular, thanked the management of Bayero University for their understanding as well as the Government and people of Yobe state for the opportunity accorded him to make his contribution, which enables him to acquire on the field experiences in managing an institution of high repute.

Shedding more light, the former VC said in the last eight years he was able to transform the University. Already, the National Universities Commission had given full accreditation of 28 out of the 30 programmes it submitted, thereby placing it as the fastest growing institution with about 93% percent full accreditation.

“We have graduated three sets of students and floated Ordinary Diploma as well as a Postgraduate Degree program. We successfully sponsored about 30 Ph.Ds out of which about half successfully completed their studies and returned while more than 40 others have acquired their Masters Degree in various fields”. He disclosed.

Professor Musa Alabe was accompanied back to BUK by some staff of Yobe State University, well residents of Damaturu and the leadership of the University’s Alumni Association. They described him as a very committed, hard working and patriotic academic with the interest of the University and Yobe state at heart.

He was later accompanied by the Dean of the Faculty of Engineering, Professor Ado Danisa, some lectures and staff from the faculty to the office of the Vice Chancellor for a formal introduction. He was received by the sit-in VC, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas (DVC Academic).

Dr. Sale Kumurya Elected Member, European Centre for Research

The Head of Department of Medical Laboratory Science, Bayero University, Dr. Abdullahi Sale Kumurya, has been elected as member of the European Centre for Research, Training and Development in the United Kingdom (UK).

This was contained in a letter signed by the Director of the Centre, Professor Stephen M.

Jackson. The letter further stated that the membership is for a period of one year from 1st November, 2015.

Dr. Abdulhadi Kumurya, according to the letter, was elected as a result of his academic performance, considering the number of his articles published in the international publications within a very short period of time.

Dr. Abdulhadi Kumurya, in his response explained that with the membership the Centre would be able to invite him to its functions anywhere in the world at least during his tenure as member of the Centre.

In a congratulatory letter sent to Dr. Abdulhadi Kumurya by the Vice Chancellor of Bayero University, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello, he urged him to work hard to justify the confidence reposed on him by the Centre.

He also called Dr. Kumurya to be good Ambassador of Bayero University any where he found himself.

Software Update For Ford Focus Vehicles

The *Coscharis* Motors Limited is currently providing software updates and extension for the vehicles’ Transmission Control Module (TCM) on the FORD FOCUS Cars.

A circular dated 2nd March, 2016 and signed by the Director, Public Affairs, Malam Ahmad Shehu advised Deans and Directors using the FORD FOCUS Cars in the University to **immediately take their vehicles to the company’s service centre at Farm Centre, Guda Abdullahi Road, Kano for the installation of the software and the extension of the coverage for the Transmission Control Module (TCM).**

The statement further explained that the update in the software would help in continuously monitoring the TCM and provide advance notification resulting in a check engine, warning that failure to update the software may lead to a sudden break down of the vehicle, as alerts to potential malfunction may not be showing.

“On your vehicle, TCM may experience electrical circuit failures causing intermittent symptoms of loss of transmission engagement while driving, no-start or a lack of power. If this condition is present and the transmission control module has not been updated with the latest software these symptoms may become progressively worse and your vehicle may not provide a visual warning of the failure”, the statement said.

According to the circular, the Software Update Program will be in **effect from now until 11th March 2016 and is free of charge.**

“In the light of the above, the management is hereby requests all Deans, Directors using the *FORD FOCUS* to act accordingly”, said the circular.

DRIP Announces Fellowship Openings

The Directorate of Research, Innovation and Partnership wishes to announce the following:

(1) **OWSD PhD Fellowships for Women Scientists from Sub-Saharan Africa and Least Developed Countries (LDC) at Centres of Excellence in the South**, to pursue postgraduate research in a field of the natural sciences. The host institutions must be located in a developing country. The scholarship covers travel to and from the host institute, monthly

allowance to cover accommodation and meals while in the host country, study fees (including tuition and registration fees), visa expenses, a yearly medical insurance contribution and a lump sum allowance to attend international conferences during the period of the fellowship. Deadline for applications: 31 May 2016. To apply, visit <http://www.owsd.net/career-development/phd-fellowship>.

(2) The International Livestock Research Institute ([ILRI](http://www.ilri.org)), in collaboration with the German Academic Exchange Service ([DAAD](http://www.daad.de)) to offer up to eight in region PhD scholarships in 2016 through a co-funding arrangement. The ILRI graduate fellowship program targets candidates from sub-Saharan African countries to undertake quality research for development, access ILRI’s cutting-edge research facilities and receive mentorship from ILRI scientists within the following broad areas.

- a) Animal Biosciences
- b) Animal Science for Sustainable Productivity
- c) Feed and Forages Biosciences
- d) Food Safety and Zoonoses
- e) Livestock, Gender and Impact
- f) Livestock Systems and the Environment
- g) Policy, Trade and Value Chains

Successful candidates will be expected to commence their PhD programs earliest 1 September 2016. A call for applications will soon be on the website <http://news.ilri.org/2016/01/29/ilri-daad-phd-scholarships-2016/> which will include more details on the application criteria and on specific ILRI programs that will host the PhD fellows. For details, contact Joyce Maru, capacity development officer (ILRI) on +254 20 4223417 or email CapDev.recruitment@cgiar.org.

SPORTS

BUK Pips School of Nursing 3-1

Bayero University Staff football team has started its Kano State Higher Institution Staff Football Tournament campaign with a bright note.

The BUK defeated school of Nursing at the opening match by 3 - 1, courtesy of goals from Rabi'u Muhammad Sagir, Murtala Ibrahim both of Information and Publication as well as Malam Aminu.....

other results were:

College of Education (Kumbotso) -2 Northwest University - 1

Kano Poly - 1 Custom Training School - 0

Weeks 2 5th March, 2016:

School of Hygiene Vs KUST Wudil
CAS Tudun Wada Vs School of Health Tech.
College of Education Bichi Vs Immigration
School of Nursing Vs CAS Kano

6th March, 2016:

College of Education (Kumbotso) Vs KUST, Wudil
Kano Poly Vs College of Education Bichi
Custom Vs Immigration
BUK Vs CAS Kano.

TWAS Awards \$15,000 to Excelling Scientist (2016 Prize)

The World Academy of Sciences (TWAS) Prizes worth \$15,000, are awarded to individual scientists from developing countries in recognition of an outstanding contribution to scientific knowledge in nine fields of sciences

and/or to the application of science and technology to sustainable development (Agricultural Sciences, Biology, Chemistry, Earth Sciences, Engineering Sciences, Mathematics, Medical Sciences, Physics and Social Sciences). In order to improve the strategic standing of Bayero University, DRIP encourages nomination of an outstanding researcher from the University who satisfies the eligibility criteria. Visit <http://twas.org/opportunity/twas-2016-prizes>. The deadline for nominations is 29th Feb., 2016.

African Mathematics Millennium Initiative (AMMSI)-Phillip Griffiths Prize

The Directorate of Research, Innovation and Partnership (DRIP) wishes to announce the AMMSI-Phillip Griffiths Prize which is to be awarded annually, starting in 2016, to an African mathematician, living in Africa, who has made an outstanding contribution to mathematics, the application of mathematics or the promotion of mathematics, as evidenced by research and its impact. The award comprises a certificate with a citation on the winner's scientific achievement as well as a cash prize of USD 6,000. The Prize has been made possible through a grant to AMMSI by Professor Phillip Griffiths occasioned by his reception of the Chern Prize in 2014. Nominations are welcome from any part of the world. In this vein, the Directorate of Research, Innovation and Partnership (DRIP) encourages nomination from colleagues for our local academicians of the Department of Mathematical Sciences with potential to win this emerging prize. The deadline for nominations is 5th March 2016. Visit <http://www.ammsi.org/?q=node/17>

SEMINARS

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

Department of English & Literary Studies: Departmental Seminars Series

Speaker: Raji-Ellams, Zaynab Bolanle

Topic: *Pragmatic Humour as a Tool of Language Study.*

Chairman: Dr. Amina Adamu

Date: Thursday, 10th March, 2016

Time: 10:00am

Venue: Departmental Committee Room

International Institute Of Islamic Banking And Finance

IIIBF M.Sc Internal Defense:

CANDIDATE 1: Abubakar Salisu
(SPS/12/MIF/00003)

TOPIC: *An Assessment Satisfaction on Islamic Banking Products of Jaiz Bank Katsina Branch.*

Reviewer: Professor Garba Bala Bello

Candidate 2: Abdulrahman Habibullahi
(SPS/12/MIF/00006)

Topic: *An Explanatory Study on the Application of Usul-Figh in the Development of Islamic Banking Product and Services in Nigeria.*

Reviewer: Dr Usman Muhammad Shuaib

Candidate 3: Aminu Salisu
(SPS/12/MIF/00009)

Topic: *Potentialities of Bai-Salam Contract in Financing Agriculture Project in Kura Local Government Area, Kano State.*

Reviewer: Professor Shehu Usman Rano Aliyu.

Candidate 4: Habiba Ali Yakub
(SPS/12/MIF/00012)

Topic: *Awareness, Perception and Self-Efficacy of Commercial Vehicle Owners Towards Patronage of Motor Takaful in Kano Metropolis.*

Reviewer: Professor Garba Bala Bello

Chairperson: Dr. Binta Tijjani Jibril

Date: Thursday, 10th March, 2016

Time: 10:00am

Venue: IIIBF Conference Room

Department of Mathematical Sciences

Ph.D/M.Sc Proposal Defense:

This is to invite members of staff and students of the Faculty of Science, particularly Department of Mathematical Sciences to PH.D/M.SC Proposal Defense scheduled to hold as follows:

PH.D Proposal Defense:

Presenter 1: Bello Gimba
(SPS/12/PMT/00003)

Title: *Mathematical Models for the Dynamics and Spread of Malaria in Human Mosquito Population.*

M.SC Proposal Defense:

Presenter 2: Alhassan Ibrahim
(SPS/13/MMT/00023)

Title: *Construction of Lyapunov Function using Homotopy Continuation Method.*

Supervisor: Dr. Saminu I. Bala

Chairman: Dr. A. J. Badakaya

Date: Wednesday, 9th March, 2016

Time: 2:00pm

Venue: Departmental Computer Laboratory

International Institute of Islamic Thought (IIIT)

Invitation to a Group Discussion:

Topic: *Islamic Pillars in Qur'anic Mathematics.*

Presenter: Mallam Ibrahim Muhammad

Date: Sunday 6th March, 2016

Time: 10:00am Prompt
Venue: F204 Faculty of Law, BUK.

Faculty of Earth & Environmental Sciences

The Faculty of Earth and Environmental Sciences, in collaboration with Centre for Dryland Agriculture and Political Science Department, Bayero University Kano invite the general public to the screening of a documentary film titled: “*Nowhere to Run: Nigeria’s Climate and Environmental Crisis*” scheduled as follows:

Chairman: Professor Attahiru Muhammad Jega OFR, Department of Political Science

Chief Host: Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello

Vice Chancellor, Bayero University Kano.

Special Guest: Hajiya Amina Mohammed, Minister of Environment, Federal Republic of Nigeria.

Guest of Honour: Jacqueline Farris, Yar'adua Foundation, Abuja

Date: 7TH March, 2016

Venue: Faculty of Earth & Environmental Sciences

Time: 11:00am

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, 12th March, 2015

Time: 7:00am

Venue: Take Off Point (New Site Stadium)

College of Health Sciences Foundation Day

The College of Health Sciences, Bayero University wishes to invite the entire University community to its maiden Foundation Day events, which include oral abstract presentation; public debate and award presentation to outstanding staff in teaching, research and services; and dinner. The town hall event is scheduled to hold as follows:

Date: 17th March, 2016

Time: 8:00am - 6:00pm

Venue: Musa Abdullahi Auditorium and Convocation Arena.

A statement signed by Muhammad Abbas Liman, Assistant Registrar, on behalf of the Provost, said Foundation Day is organized to serve as an avenue to reach the wider community on some health issues and activities of the College; and to serve as a forum where the whole country may benefit from the College, through communiqué of the proceeding, which may positively influence healthcare policy.