



BUK Emerges 3rd in National Mathematics Competition

Bayero University has emerged 3rd during this year's National Mathematics Competition, which took place from 3rd to 9th April, 2016. This was disclosed by the Head of Mathematics Department, Dr. Bashir Ali.

A letter with reference number BUK/SCI/MTH/NMC/020, dated, 4th May, 2016 noted that the competition, which was organised by the National Mathematics Centre, Abuja, was an annual event being participated by students across Nigerian Universities.

According to the statement, Federal University of Technology, Akure became first while University of Ilorin and University of Uyo jointly emerged second out of the 24 universities that participated in the competition.

The statement added that the Bayero University team consisted of Dahiru Abdurrahman-SCI/12/MTH/00002, who got a Gold Medal and took third position out of 96 participants while Sahura Badamasi Muhammad-SCI/12/MTH/00027 and A'isha Ibrahim Sulaiman-SCI/12/MTH/00126 bagged a Silver Medal each after emerging 9th and 27th, respectively.

Also, Ibrahim Abdulfatah-SCI/12/MTH/00002 bagged a Bronze Medal after he emerged 38th in the competition. The leader of the team, according to the statement, was Dr. Ma'aruf S. Minjibir.

Sa'adatu Rimi College Matriculates New Undergraduate Students

Sa'adatu Rimi College of Education, Kumbotso has matriculated 412 undergraduate students for the 2015/2016 academic session. This is the third set of students admitted to undergo the college degree programme in affiliation with Bayero University, Kano.

Speaking at the occasion, the Vice Chancellor of Bayero University Kano, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello, who was represented by the University's Registrar, Hajiya Fatima Binta Mohammed, *mini* congratulated the new students for securing admission into Bayero University, which he described as one of the best universities in Nigeria.

"The matriculation exercise today initiates you into the Bayero University family. You should familiarize yourself with the General Examinations and Academic Regulations (GEAR) especially the rules governing examinations and good conduct," the Vice Chancellor added.

Professor Yahuza Bello called on the new students to shun any form of cultism or examination misconduct. "You should jealously guard the honour and reputation of the university and present yourselves as good ambassadors of the University."

The Provost of the College, Dr. Sule Musa, who was represented by the Deputy Provost, Dr. Kabir Ahmad Gwarzo, said this matriculation exercise was the third since the college, started

to run degree programmes in affiliation with Bayero University, Kano.

Dr. Sule Musa thanked the university for the cooperation and support extended to the college which he said contributed a lot towards the successes being recorded by the college in academic activities.

Dr. Abdulwahab Lawan Appointed Dean Faculty of Computer Science and Information Technology

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello has approved the appointment of Dr. Abdulwahab Lawan, as Dean, Faculty of Computer Science and Information Technology based on the decision of the 339th Senate meeting of 17th February, 2016.

According to the Senate's decision signed by the University Examinations Officer, Amina Umar Abdullahi for Registrar, Fatima Binta Mohammed, the appointment is for two years.

ANUPA BUK Elects New Executive Officers

The Association of Nigerian Universities Professional Administrators (ANUPA), Bayero University Chapter has elected new executive officers to steer the affairs of the association for the next two years, even as the Registrar, Hajiya Fatima Binta Mohammed, assumed her automatic position as the president of the chapter.

By convention, the office of the chapter president is automatically occupied by the Registrar of the University, as the position is specifically reserved to the office of the Registrar.

Addressing the maiden congress of the association, which took place at the University Senate Chamber, on Thursday 28th April, 2016, the Registrar, Hajiya Fatima Binta Mohammed, said the tenure of the former executives of the association had expired. Hence, a decision was taken to dissolve them with a view to electing new officers.

She reminded members that BUK chapter of ANUPA had not been active for a very long time, a development which adversely affected its involvement in the national affairs of the association.

The Registrar explained that her mission was to revive the association and make it very active and strong for the benefit of the teeming members.

According to her, due to inactive association, members had not been benefitting from the numerous professional training programmes and other conferences, saying it was regrettable that ANUPA, which ought to have been leading other Unions and Associations in the University was now relegated to the background.

Hajiya Fatima Mohammed declared that her administration would give all the necessary support with a view to regaining the lost glory of the Association. She also disclosed that the association had about N1.6 million in its account. She pleaded with members to cooperate with the executives with tangible advice and suggestions on how best to govern the affairs of the association.

She disclosed that the membership had now increased from just 45 in 2012 to about 140 in 2016, saying that, initially only a handful of members had been paying their monthly dues. However, she said now all the 140 members would have their monthly dues deducted beginning from the month of May.

She equally appealed to the new executives to be up and doing, pointing out that any officer who reneged on his responsibilities would be shoved out.

The newly elected officers are: Malam Mijinyawa Sabo, the Director, General Administration as the Vice President 1, Hajiya Altine Maryam Ali from Students Affairs elected as Vice President 11, Hajiya Binta Yahaya Kofar Na'isa of the Directorate of Examinations, Admissions and Records emerged as Secretary while Malam Naziru Bello from the College of Health Sciences is to serve as the Assistant Secretary.

Others elected into the executive committee included Malam Shehu Galadima from the School of Continuing Education as Treasurer, Malam Adamu Saleh Yanganau of the Micro Finance Bank is the Financial Secretary and Kabiru Abdullahi was elected as Legal Adviser. Malam Lamara Garba of the Directorate of Public Affairs was unanimously elected as Public Relations Officer while Malam Sheriff Ahmad from the General Administration is to serve as Editor-In-Chief.

Prof. M.K. Atiku Gets NANS Award of Excellence

The Dean, Faculty of Biomedical Sciences, Professor Muhammad Atiku Kano, has bagged the National Association of Nigerian Students' (NANS) A-Class Award of Excellence as "Epitome of Good Leadership." The investiture was presented to him on 3rd May, 2016 by a 10-man committee from the national and zonal secretariats.

According to NANS Award Committee Chairman, Comrade Adela Kassim, Professor M.K. Atiku was the sixth person in history to bag this NANS prestigious award of excellence. He said the name of Prof. Atiku was unanimously nominated and endorsed for the award at the last executive/senate meeting of the association held at Bayero University, Kano.

Muslims Urged To Be Brothers Keepers

An erudite scholar at Al-Azhar University Egypt, Professor Rabi' Muhammad Gom'ah, has urged the Muslim Ummah to always be their brothers' keepers and tolerate as well as respect individuals religious belief.

Professor Rabi' Muhammad, who is a senior lecturer at the university, was speaking at a public lecture on peaceful co-existence from the Qur'anic perspective, organized by the Centre for Qur'anic Studies (CQS), Bayero University Kano. The lecture took place on Thursday, 28th April, 2016 at Musa Abdullahi Auditorium.

He said Islam encouraged peace and tolerance among various religious beliefs, adding that respecting fellow human beings, whether Muslims or not, was tantamount to obeying Allah's command. He said Islam 'teaches its followers the importance of living in peace, respect for one another and upholding the sanctity of human life.

Professor Rabi' Muhammad said Islam had instructed its followers to love each other. "When Prophet Muhammad (SAW) migrated from Makkah to Madina, the first thing he did after building a Masjid was to encourage a harmonious relationship between the Muslims that came with him from Makkah and those he met at Madina."

He also urged Muslims to always exhibit good and exemplary conduct, because, according to him, good conduct remained the fastest way of encouraging non-Muslims to accept Islam.

In his address, the Vice Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello, who was represented by Professor Abubakar Mustapha of the Department of Islamic Studies and Shariah, described the relationship between Bayero University and Al-Azhar University, Egypt as very cordial with a very old history.

The Director, Centre for Qur'anic Studies, Professor Ibrahim Muhammad, thanked the Ulama that came from Egypt to Bayero University. He hoped that more avenues would be created for the two universities to benefit from each other.

CHANGE OF DATE FOR SUBMISSION OF SALARY INPUTS

This is to inform members of the University Community that the Federal Government has graciously approved that salaries should be paid by 25th of every month. According to a statement signed by Bursar, Buhari Musa, "you are advised to submit all salary inputs on or before 10th of every month to enable us finish with the preparations of salaries before the deadline given by the Federal Government on payment of salaries.

REVERSAL OF UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP FOR 2014/15 SESSION

This is inform the University Community that Jummai Audu (SMS/13/MAC/00370) is not the correct candidate with the highest CGPA in level 200 of the Department of Mass Communication. The correct candidate is Rufa'i Omeize (SMS/13/MAC/00416).

Also, Maryam Umar Sa'id (SMS/12/ECO/00622) is not the candidate with the highest CGPA in the Department of Economics but Zuwera Yunusa (SMS/13/ECO/00145).

According to a statement signed by Amina Umar Abdullahi, Deputy Registrar, Directorate of Examinations, Admissions and Records (DEAR), the Directorate regrets any inconveniences that this new development might have caused.

2014/15 ACADEMIC SESSION UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP

The names of following level 200 students of Physiotherapy Department, Dalha Garba Muhammad (MED/13/PHY/00153) and Faruk Hassan Ibrahim (MED/13/PHY/00156) who scored the highest CGPA of 3.80 respectively have been forwarded for the payment of the University's Scholarship Award of ₦30,000:00

A statement signed by the Deputy Registrar, Directorate of Examinations, Admissions and Records (DEAR), Hajiya Amina Umar Abdullahi, said the two candidates' names were omitted from the lists of candidates who won the University's Scholarship on account of scoring the highest CGPA.

The statement requested the University Bursar to pay the two students the amount of ₦30,000:00 each as the approved University Scholarship Award.

The students are expected to present their I.D. cards and the letter of Award for verification.

Qur'anic Tahfeez Course for Students

Interested students of the University from all Departments and Faculties are hereby informed that the Centre for Qur'anic Studies has concluded arrangements for Qur'anic Tahfeez Course. The course would enable students memorize the Qur'an during their presence in the University at the end of which they would be awarded a Certificate of memorization.

Application Forms are available at the CQS at the rate of ₦500 (Five Hundred Naira) only per session.

Inter-Faculty Games to Hold Aug 8

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

At a meeting held on Tuesday, 26th April, 2016 and chaired by Dr. Musa Darma, the committee decided that 2nd -27th May, 2016 were slated for entries while draws would take place on Tuesday, 31st May, 2016.

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

GUIDE TO BETTER GRAMMAR

With Sheriff Ahmed

Commonly Misused Expressions (5)

The rules for speaking or writing a particular language – or an analysis of the rules of a particular aspect of language – must be respected. In other words, we should come to grips with the spoken or written form of language that somebody uses with regard to accepted standards of correctness. Next week, God willing, we'll discuss another interesting aspect of grammar. Until then, let's discuss the following three grammar points:

- The **surrounding** was grassy.

Please note that 'surrounding' is an adjective, meaning nearby, adjacent, neighbouring, etc. It is not appropriate in the context above. It is usually used before a noun, as in:

- a. *the surrounding village*
- b. *the surrounding area*

The correct word in the sentence above is **surroundings**, meaning environs, environment, scenery, etc. It is a plural noun. Study the following correct sentences:

- c. *The Dean commended the workers for keeping the **surroundings** neat and tidy.*
- d. *Make sure you keep the **surroundings** spick and span (that is, in perfect condition).*

Usage Note: The adjectives 'neat' and 'tidy' may be used as synonyms, but can be used together as in example (c), just as it is correct to say 'neat and clean'.

- Which is correct, **vicious circle** or **vicious cycle**? Study the following sentences:
 - a. For the long term there was the threat of a **vicious cycle** by which inadequate revenues would hinder construction, and lack of construction would keep down productivity and hence national revenues.
 - b. The condition of this pivotal agency created a **vicious economic circle** involving other public entities.
 - c. These and other crises provided further evidence of the **vicious cycle** in which Syrian politics has been caught up since 1949.

The question is: are the two expressions synonyms and, therefore, interchangeable? Well, until quite recently the invariable choice was **vicious circle**. Perhaps influenced by such phrases as 'the cycle of welfare dependency', however, the variant **vicious cycle** has been gaining ground, to the point that it is now seen almost as frequently as **vicious circle**, in virtually indistinguishable contexts, especially in the United States of America.

In British English, however, the only correct expression is **vicious circle**, as in example (b) above.

- The **couple was** married about five weeks ago.

The word 'couple', as used here, is a noun referring to two people sharing lives; two people who are married, are living together, or have an intimate relationship. If this is true, why is the singular verb ('was') used instead of the plural verb ('were')?

Note on Usage: When 'couple' refers to two partners or married people, it may be treated as singular or plural, depending on whether the 'couple' acts as a single unit or as two separate people within the relationship, as in:

- The **couple wants** to be married before the end of the year.*
- The **couple have** not reconciled, and **continue** to live apart.*

However, if a pronoun refers to 'couple', it is almost always plural (*they, them, their*), and so the verb should be plural as well, as in:

- The **couple have** [not has] repeatedly asked that **their** privacy be respected.*

In other uses, 'couple' is often followed by *of* and a plural noun, in which case it is treated as plural, as in:

- A **couple of books were** on the table.*

In informal uses the strict sense of 'two' may be expanded to 'several'. The use of 'couple' without *of* in such contexts (I bought a couple CDs) is increasingly heard but should be avoided in formal writing.

In summary, it is correct to say:

- The **couple was** married about five weeks ago.*
- The **couple were** married about five weeks ago.*

Send your contributions and observations to: ahmedsheriff22@gmail.com.

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.

SEMINARS

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

Department of Biochemistry: **PG Seminar**

M.Sc. Completion Seminar:

Presenter: Sufyan Abdullahi Umar (SPS/13/MBC/00004)

Topic: Comparative Antidiabetic Effect of *Ziziphus Maurigiana* and *Ziziphus Spinarchristi* on Alloxan-induced Diabetic Rats.

Supervisor: Prof. M. S. Sule

Ph.D Progress Seminar:

Presenter: Ezema Mathew David
Topic: Antimalarial Activities, Toxicological Studies and Characterization of Selected Solvent Stem Bark Extract of *Alstonia Boonie*.
Supervisor: Prof. M.K. Atiku

Ph.D Proposal Seminar:

Presenter: Muhammad Ibrahim Usman
Topic: Anti Hyperlipidemic and Anti Diabetic Activities of Khaya Senegalensis Solvents Fractions and Characterization of Active Fraction.
Supervisor: Dr. A. J. Alhassan
Chairman: Malam Zaafer Salim
Date: Tuesday, 10th May, 2016
Venue: Biochemistry Department

Department of Physics: Seminar Presentations

Presenter 1: Idris Salisu Sani (SPS/12/MPY/00032)
Topic: Calculation of Momentum Distributions of Fragments Using Glauber Theory.
Chairman: Dr. A. M. Nura

Presenter 2: Bello Sa'adu (SPS/13/MPY/00011)
Topic: Analysis between Mass Based on Volume based Hygroscopicity Parameters Interaction Models for Atmospheric Aerosols.
Chairman: Dr. G.S.M. Galadanci
Date: Thursday, 5th May, 2016

Presenter 3: Muhammad Abdulrahman (SPS/13/MPY/00022)
Topic: Fabrication and Study the Electrical Properties of Cu-Cu₂O Photoelectrochemical, Solar Cell with Varying Electrolytes.
Chairman: Dr. Abdu Yunusa
Date: Thursday, 12th May, 2016

Time: 10:00am
Venue: Physics Research Laboratory

Department of Mathematical Sciences: Departmental Seminar Series/M.Sc Internal Defence

Presenter 1: Dr. Sirajo Lawan
Topic: Application of Spline Polynomials.
Chairman: Dr. I. Idris

Presenter 2: Surakat Hamed Ishola (SPS/12/MMT/00020)
Topic: On Peano's Theorem in Infinite Dimensional Banach Spaces
Supervisor: Dr. M. S. Minjibir
Chairman: Dr. A. J. Badakaya
Date: Thursday, 12th May, 2016
Time: 2:00pm
Venue: Departmental Computer Lab.

Wedding Fatiha

Dr. Rabi'a Salihu Sa'id is pleased to invite members of the University Community to the wedding Fatiha of her son, Mustapha Shu'aibu Hassan, which is scheduled to take place as follows:

Date: Saturday 14th May, 2016
Time: 11:00 a.m.
Venue: Kuran Babban Layi, Namoriki Street, Residence of Alhaji Adamu Chiroma.
Reception: B.U.K. Staff Quarters, Zoo Road at 4:00 p.m.

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Politics is not a Money Making Venture –Prof. Sule Bello at Mambayya

Patriotic Nigerians have been called upon to resist the antics of opportunistic politicians, who have turned the noble call to provide leadership into a money making venture, even though it is supposed to be a nation-building effort. Professor Sule Bello, of the Political Science Department of Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria, made the call while presenting a paper titled “Malam Aminu Kano’s Politics: A Road Map to Independent Social, Political and Economic Changes in Nigeria.”

He vehemently condemned those who believe that “you do not need any skill to join politics, all you need is to be crafty, cafty and cunning...just so you can outwit everybody until the country falls and collapses”.

The occasion was the 33rd Anniversary Symposium in honour of the late Malam Aminu Kano, on Sunday 17th April, 2016, at the Sa’adu Zungur Auditorium of the Centre for Democratic Research and Training (AKCDRT) of Bayero University Kano, Mambayya house, at Gwammaja Quarters.

He expressed surprise at the way Nigerians take the continued existence of the country for granted, at a time global imperialism is dismembering nations to achieve their national objectives, citing the cases of Somalia, Libya, Syria and others. The Don said since our politicians are ignorant of the qualities possessed by those who waged the anti-colonial struggle, of those who built the federation and of those who set the country on the path of development and all the goodies they now enjoy, now that there is a crisis that is not entirely of our making, they do not have the skills to confront it. He urged present and aspiring leaders to learn and practice the politics of justice and uphold the right of the poor,

otherwise the citizens would be justified to join hands and fight such selfish politicians.

For his part, Barrister Solomon Dalung, Honourable Minister of Youth and Sports, in his paper *Consolidating Democracy in Nigeria through the Anti-Corruption Strategy*, said democratic consolidation in a corrupt ridden society is unthinkable, instead the values of transparency, accountability, due process, rule of law and constitutionalism must be made the guiding principles before such consolidation would be possible. He also urged Nigerians to support the federal government of President Muhammadu Buhari who is determined to fight corruption root, stem and branches, to enable democracy and the nation to survive.

Dr. Patrick Wilmot’s short but incisive tribute which was read on his behalf, said Malam Aminu Kano “embodies the essence of leadership: to protect the weak, nurture the poor and provide peace and stability to the minds of citizens”. He was of the opinion that “Malam’s political party, NEPU, was founded on the principle that the poorest of the society, the *talakawa*, the abandoned and disinherited ones needed the protective cloak of political leadership.” He contrasted this with the looters and hypocritical politicians who stash their loot in foreign bank accounts and invest in choice properties at home and abroad.

Faculty of Education Holds Orientation for New Students

The Faculty of Education has organized orientation for new level one and two students and charged them to abide by the rules and regulations of the University.

The Dean of the Faculty, Professor Ali Tijjani congratulated the new students for gaining admission into Bayero University one of the best Universities in Nigeria.