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VC, Prof. M. Y. Bello (1st right), Kano State Governor Dr. Abdullahi Umar Ganduje (centre), admiring one of the furniture in the classroom during the visit

## Governor Ganduje Inspects Newly Donated Centre for Qur'anic Studies, Says BUK Custodian of Knowledge

By Lamara Garba

Governor Abdullahi Umar Ganduje of Kano state has said his government would continue to respect and give special attention to Bayero University, describing it “as a wonder University” that is always in tune with contemporary realities.

Speaking on Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> October, 2016 during an inspection visit to the newly donated Centre for Qur'anic Studies, the Governor, while commending the management of the University for their foresight and commitment to the socio-economic development of the state, in particular, and the country, in general, said his administration held BUK in high esteem.

“It is my submission that Bayero University is not just a place of learning but indeed it personifies knowledge in both western and Islamic education,

therefore I hereby nickname it as the *Khadimul Ilmu* (custodian of knowledge) not only here in Nigeria but in the entire African continent,” he said. He explained that this was so, because of its unique approach and rapid response to finding solutions to contemporary issues bedeviling the society.

Dr. Ganduje, who expressed confidence that the university would undoubtedly make proper utilization of the gigantic edifice donated to it, pointed out that the donor, Khalifa Ishaq Rabi'u had donated the building to a most deserving institution and would go a long way in making his dream turn to reality.

Earlier, the Vice Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello, said Nigerian society had abandoned the product of local Qur'anic Schools, which, he said

had been one of the major obstacles to the socio-economic development of the country.

He said it was on discovering the existing lacuna, that the management of the university came up with the idea of establishing the Centre for Qur'anic Studies with a view to according recognition to the product of *tsangaya* schools through the introduction of some short courses in order to certify them for eventual integration into the mainstream.

The Vice Chancellor, who was accompanied to the venue by the Director of the Centre, Professor

Ibrahim Muhammad, commended Khalifah Ishaq Rabi'u for the donation of the multi-billion Naira building and said the University would forever remain indebted and do everything possible to ensure that the building was properly utilized in line with the waqf for the donation.

The building comprises seven hostel blocks with 57 rooms each an auditorium, a dining hall, about 50 classrooms, an administrative block as well it has about 150 toilets and bathrooms at the student hostels in addition to a laundry and a kitchen.

## Timetable for the Completion of 2015/2016 Academic Activities

This is to inform the University community that the Senate has approved the time-table for the completion of the 2015/2016 academic activities for the second semester examinations as follows:

S/N	DATE	ACTIVITY
1.	Wednesday, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Nov., 2016	Last Examination Paper
2.	Thursday, 3 <sup>rd</sup> to Thursday, 17 <sup>th</sup> November, 2016	Faculty Committees on Examination Misconduct and Leakage to consider all suspected cases of Examination Misconduct.* (Within 2 weeks of last paper)
3.	Monday, 21 <sup>st</sup> Nov. to Wednesday, 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec., 2016	Central Committee on Examinations Misconduct and Leakages to consider reports from Faculty committees.
4.	Thursday, 24 <sup>th</sup> Nov., 2016	Latest day for completion of marking and submission of raw marks by examiners** (Three Weeks after Last Paper).
5.	Thursday, 24 <sup>th</sup> November to 17 <sup>th</sup> December, 2016	Departmental and Faculty Boards of Examiners to Consider the Results***
6.	Monday, 19 <sup>th</sup> to Friday, 23 <sup>rd</sup> December, 2016	SBC on 2 <sup>nd</sup> Semester Examinations Results (Seven weeks after the last paper. Same as what obtained previous sessions).
7.	Wednesday, 3 <sup>rd</sup> January, 2017	Special Senate on 2 <sup>nd</sup> Semester Examinations Results

\*: Faculty Examinations Officers should notify all students accused of involvement in examination misconduct (in writing) that they should stay behind/return to defend themselves – as soon as each case arises.

\*\*: This is the latest date for this activity. Departments should encourage examiners to submit their results before this date whenever possible and level coordinators to start compiling the results as soon as some examiners submit their raw marks.

\*\*\*: Arrangements will be made for the prompt payment of External Examiners' claims. Departments are advised to complete the claim forms, so that the examiners sign them immediately on arrival. In line with the new e-payment policy, the payments will be made directly into the External Examiners' accounts.

**Note:** Departments are requested to account for all their students, graduating and non-graduating, across all levels. This is to eliminate the submission of addendum results to SBC and the Senate. On this note Departments are reminded of the Senate Decision that those servicing other Departments should hand over results, marked scripts and a photocopy of all the Attendance Sheets to the departments they serve.

A letter signed by Amina Umar Abdullahi, Deputy Registrar (DEAR) further requested for the attention of all those concerned and take necessary action to ensure its implementation.

# New Interfaith Anti-Corruption Platform Supports Buhari's Anti-Corruption Campaign

Religious leaders from across the 19 Northern States have strongly endorsed the war on corruption being waged by President Muhammadu Buhari. They said the campaign requires the support of all Nigerians and religious leaders should become its torch bearers to make sure that the foundation he lays through all his years in power "doesn't not get demolished" in the distant future.

The leaders spoke through a newly created **Interfaith Anti-Corruption Platform** Co-Chaired by Bishop John Ninyiring, of the Catholic Diocese of Kano and Dr. Bashir Umar Aliyu, Imam of the Al Furqan Masjid Kano & Director Centre for Islamic Civilization and Interfaith dialogue (CICID), Bayero University Kano.

Support for the Federal Government's war on corruption was one of the key resolutions adopted by Christian and Muslim religious leaders at the end of a one-day workshop with the theme *The Role of Religious Leaders in Combating Corruption in Nigeria*. It was held on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October, 2016, co-hosted by the Aminu Kano Centre for Democratic Research And Training (AKCDRT), Mambayya House, Bayero University, Kano and the United States Diplomatic Mission, Nigeria.

Other members of the Central Committee of the Interfaith Anti-Corruption Platform (IAP) from the three zones of the north were: NW: Archbishop Akanya; Dr. Bashir Isyaku; Fatima Mohammad Nata'alah; NC: Pastor E.A. Ibitayo; Samuel Dali;

**By Mustafa Ibrahim**

Hajiya Fatima Ishaq; and NE: Alhaji Kadi A. Imam; Muhammad Shettima Ibrahim; Rev. Fika A. Jen. Barrister Bulama Bukarti is at act as Legal Counselor.

Some of the conference recommendations include: one, religious leaders need to be models for "lawful and uncorrupt behavior" including being accountable to their followers; two, they have responsibility to educate a broad swath of the public to uphold moral values of their faith; three, they are stronger together, to amplify good actions and publicly hold officials accountable; as well as reward good behavior while shunning corrupt officials especially proceeds of corruption donated at religious functions and projects.

Earlier the Special Representative to Muslim Communities (SRMC) from the US State Department, Mr. Shaarik Zafar told the workshop "it is a top priority of the US government to see corruption eradicated in the world and Nigeria in particular" with the assistance of all critical stakeholders, such as religious communities and their leaders. Similarly, the Senior Advisor in the Office of Religious and Global matters, US State Department, Ms. Amy Lillis had explained that having collaborated with Muslim and Christian leaders in the Southern States to set up an Anti-Corruption Alliance earlier in the year, they were in the North "to hear the voices of religious leaders on what can be done to fight corruption and promote accountability and quest for transparency not just for public officials but also within the Nigerian communities."

## Physiotherapy Dept Honours Outgoing Sabbatical Lecturer, Dr. Adesina, Wishes Him Well

**By Nura Garba**

The Department of Physiotherapy has bid farewell to Dr. Maruf Adesina, who has completed his tenure as a



sabbatical staff.

In an emotion-laden ceremony, the Head of Department, Dr. Shmail Hanif, said it was a sad and an unhappy moment for the department as it parted company with one of the most vibrant and committed lecturers whose enormous contributions would continue to be celebrated.

She said Dr. Maaruf Adesina joined the department on sabbatical leave from the Nnamdi Azikiwe University, Awka, Anambra State last year, and since then, he had proved to be a vital cog in the academic affairs of the department and the Faculty of Allied Health Sciences. On his part, the Dean, Faculty of Allied Health Sciences, Professor Mohammed Yelwa Gwarzo, said the faculty had been in the forefront of celebrating achievements, especially academic excellence. He said

the department could have retained him, but because of the current economic crisis facing the country it, had to succumb to the university's directive.

Responding to the gesture shown to him, the celebrant, Dr. Adesina, expressed his profound gratitude and appreciation to the department and faculty and all the staff for honoring him. He said he had learnt a lot during his stay in the department and the Dean of the Faculty taught him academically, socially, administratively and even culturally.

Dr. Adesina called the attention of the faculty to always invite him if the need for that arises, urging them to forgive his shortcomings during his stay.

Similarly, the department recognized some of its staff who recently got promotion.

Dr. Aminu Bello, who recently bagged his PhD from University of Ibadan, was promoted to the Senior Lecturer; Mrs. Farida to Lecturer 1; Mr. Ali to Principal Technologist and Malam Sani to Technologist 1.

## CGS Holds Town Hall Meeting to Strengthen Women Participation in Politics

***By Bala G. Abdullahi***

The Centre for Gender Studies, Bayero University, Kano in partnership with the Organization for Community Civic Engagement (OCCEN) held a one-day Democratic Town Hall Meeting with the Theme:

That was why 'it has become imperative to do everything humanly possible to encourage our young women to go into politics and contribute their own quota towards the quest for good governance.'



Director Centre for Gender Studies, Prof. Aisha Abdul Isma'il addressing the participants

'Strengthening Young Women Participation in Politics.'

Speaking at the opening ceremony, the Director of the Centre, Professor Aisha Abdul-Ismail, said the town hall meeting was convened with the sole aim of bringing together women associations, women politicians, women from the academia, civil society organizations working on gender related issues and women journalists with a view to brainstorming on the way forward regarding young women participation in politics.

She said the fact still remained that the youth were the asset and future leaders of any nation, adding that young women, who constitute a large population of youth, had also a great role to play in the development of a nation.

Professor Isma'il stated that part of the efforts to encourage the young women to participate in politics was to first of all change the perception of women participation in politics through bringing together this calibre of women groups to put bare all the issues that had become the stumbling block to women's participation in politics, discuss them and proffer solutions.

She thanked the various women groups that attended the town hall meeting and assured them that the centre would make the best use of all their inputs during the meeting. The Director equally commended Organization for Community Civic Engagement (OCCEN) for

collaborating with the Centre to organize the meeting.

Giving a brief overview of Organization for Community Civic Engagement (OCCEN), the Kano State coordinator, Malam Ibrahim Wayya, said it was a non-profit organization dedicated to working with young people and communities across Nigeria to help them to reach their full potential through promoting good governance, human rights and inclusive democracy that worked for all.

He said they collaborated with BUK's Centre for Gender Studies in order to encourage young women to join politics to help them to reach their full potential and contribute their quota towards engendering governance.

The three speakers who bared their minds on women participation in politics at the meeting were: Hajiya Maryam Mansur Yola, a politician and lecturer in Bayero University, Hajiya Kubra Dankani, the Director, Women Affairs in the Kano State Ministry of Women Affairs and Social Development and Hajiya Hauwa Ibrahim El-Yakubu. They were all unanimous in their presentation by accusing men of doing everything humanly possible to frustrate women participation in

politics.

They said the few women who weathered the storm to participate and still remain in politics never had it easy in an environment dominated by men. They, however, said women should not be discouraged, especially young women, adding that was why this forum was convened for a thorough discussion with a view to proffering the way out.

## NASU Chairman Commends Management over Professor Tanko's Appointment As DVC Admin

**T**he Non-Academic Staff Union, BUK Chapter, congratulates the new DVC (Administration), Professor Adamu Idris Tanko, as its members paid a courtesy visit in his office on Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> October, 2016. Comrade Lawan Abdullahi Dorayi, the Chairman of NASU, described the appointment of Professor Adamu Idris Tanko as well-deserved. He said the DVC was kind to his friends and his foes-whether principal officers, other staff or students. Comrade Dorayi called the attention of the new DVC to step in the shoes of his predecessor by displaying hard work, commitment and determination towards achieving the set out objectives of the management of Bayero University, so as to continue growing from strength to strength.

In a remark, Ladi Musa, the NASU Treasurer, stated that they were at Professor Tanko's office to

***By Rabi'u M. Sagir***

congratulate him and also to seek his prayers and advice for the development of their association and to request him to leave his door open to the association whenever the need for that arises.

In his response, Professor Tanko thanked the association for the visit and promised to deliver sound administration that would respect the rules and regulations of Bayero University throughout his tenure. He charged the NASU Chairman to call on the attention of their members to take their primary assignment more seriously than any other activity in the University. He also assured the association that his door and that of the management would always remain open for any discussion that would promote the peaceful co-existence among the staff of Bayero University, Kano.



The DVC Administration, Prof. Adamu Idris Tanko (middle), NASU Chairman, Com. Lawan Abdullahi Dorayi (right) & other NASU Executives during the courtesy visit

## Dr. Ibrahim Yer'zever-Appointed as Sub- Dean

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello, has approved the appointment of Dr. Ibrahim Yer'zever as the Sub- Dean, School of Continuing Education for a period of two years from 20<sup>th</sup> October, 2016.

A letter signed by the Vice Chancellor dated 13<sup>th</sup>

October called on the Dean to 'exhibit credible academic and administrative conduct in running the affairs of the school' and 'diligence and hard work as well as exercise responsibilities, as assigned to him by the Dean, over the general affairs of the school".

## DRIP: The Grant Challenges Exploration

The Directorate of Research, Innovation and Partnership wishes to announce the deadline for the latest round of Grant Challenges Explorations.

Two-page proposals are being accepted online on the following topics:

- [Assess Family Planning Needs, Preferences and Behaviors to Inform Innovations in Contraceptive Technologies](#)

Visit

<http://gcgh.grandchallenges.org/challenge/assess-family-planning-needs-preferences-and-behaviors-inform-innovations-contraceptive-0>

- [Develop Novel Platforms to Accelerate Contraceptive Drug Discovery](#)

Visit

<http://gcgh.grandchallenges.org/challenge/develop-novel-platforms-accelerate-contraceptive-drug-discovery-round-18>

- [Design New Solutions to Data Integration for Malaria Elimination](#)

Visit

<http://gcgh.grandchallenges.org/challenge/design-new-solutions-data-integration-malaria-elimination-round-18>

- [Accelerate Development of New Therapies for Childhood Cryptosporidium Infection](#)

Visit

<http://gcgh.grandchallenges.org/challenge/accelerate-development-new-therapies-childhood-cryptosporidium-infection-round-18>

Initial grants will be US \$100,000 each, and projects showing promise will have the opportunity to receive additional funding of up to US \$1 million.

The deadline for the latest round of Grand Challenges Explorations is **November 9, 2016, 11:30 A.M. US Pacific Day Light Time.**

## Health & Safety Advice from the Health Services Department

How to minimize the unfortunate increase of fire outbreak in our houses during cold season!

- Clear all buses/grasses at least ten (10) meters away from your house.
- Evacuate all scrap within your immediate environment.
- Switch off all electrical appliances after use before sleeping and when going out.
- If you want to go out of your house, adopt the culture of switching off the main switch of your electricity.
- Ensure your kitchen roofing is concrete, as

many fire-out breaks start from there.

- Avoid using a water heater that doesn't have automatic control unless with strict supervision.
- Any child below the age of eighteen (18) should not be allowed to use a water heater, a pressing iron, a gas cooker and related materials unless under strict supervision.
- Do not leave burning candles, mosquito-coilioss, sticks and live charcoal unattended.
- Frequent this column for more interesting health and safety tips.

# SEMINARS

The following Faculties and Departments invite members of the university community to their seminar as follows:

**Department of Geography: Departmental Seminar**

**Presenter 1:** Mairo Haruna

**Programme:** PhD in Geography

**Reg No:** SPS/10/PGE/00002

**Title of Presentation:** Poverty and Social Exclusion of Children in Kano Metropolis

**Chairman:** Professor J. Afolabi Falola

**Presenter 2:** Muhammad Nuraddeen Danjuma

**Programme:** PhD in Geography

**Reg No:** SPS/12/PGE/00008

**Title of Presentation:** Vegetation Cover Dynamics in the Dryland of Northwestern Nigeria.

**Chairman:** Dr. Ibrahim Baba Yakubu

**Date:** Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November, 2016

**Time:** 10:00am

**Venue:** CB 17, Faculty of Earth and Environmental Sciences, Bayero University, Kano

**Department of Accounting: PhD & M.Sc**

**Accounting Proposal/Internal Defense**

**Presenter 1:** Hauwa Saidu (SPS/12/PAC/00003)

**Programme:** PhD Accounting

**Topic:** Corporate Tax, Dividend Policy and Financial Performance: Analysis of the Banking and Consumer

**Status:** Proposal Defence

**Supervisor:** Professor Junaidu Muhammad

**Reviewer:** Professor Aliyu Suleiman Kantudu

**Presenter 2:** Ramatu Adamu Mohammed (SPS/12/PAC/00004)

**Programme:** PhD Accounting

**Topic:** Impact of IFRS Adoption on the Financial Reporting Quality of Listed Deposit Money Banks in Nigeria

**Status:** Proposal Defence

**Supervisor:** Professor Junaidu Muhammad

**Reviewer:** Professor Bashir Tijjani

**Presenter 3:** Mohammed Bose Ahmed (SPS/14/MAC/00022)

**Programme:** M.Sc Accounting

**Topic:** Firm Attributes and Financial Performance of Listed Food Products Companies

**Status:** Proposal Defense

**Supervisor:** Professor A.S. Kantudu

**Reviewer:** Associate Professor Kabir Tahir Hamid

**Presenter 4:** Ekundayo Oyindamola Olusegun

(SPS/13/MAC/00015)

**Programme:** M.Sc Accounting

**Topic:** Firm Attributes and Share Price of Deposit Money Banks in Nigeria

**Status:** Internal Defense

**Supervisor:** Associate Professor Ibrahim Magaji Barde

**Internal Examiner:** Dr Sadiq Rabiu Abdullahi

**Chairman:** Head of Department

**Date:** Tuesday and Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> November, 2016

**Time:** 10:00am

**Venue:** Departmental Computer Laboratory

**Department Of Mechanical Engineering: PG Seminars**

**Presenter 1:** Adamu Aliyu Shanono

**Topic:** Design, Development, and Performance Analysis of Cooking Stoves for the Combustion of Neem and Jatropha Curcas Oils

**Status:** PhD (Energy Engineering) Seminar

**Supervisor(s):** Professor I.S. Diso/Dr I. Garba

**Presenter 2:** Yusuf Rabo

**Topic:** Energy Analysis of a Single-Cylinder Four-Stroke Petrol Engine

**Status:** M. Eng (Energy) Seminar

**Supervisor:** Professor I.S. Diso

**Chairman:** Professor A.T. Abdullahi

**Date:** Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> November, 2016

**Time:** 10:30am

**Venue:** Faculty of Engineering Conference Hall

**Department of Medical Laboratory Science: Monthly Seminar**

**Topic:** Modern Contraceptive Drugs – A Risk Factor for Cervical Dysplasia and Cancer of the Cervix Uteri.

**Presenter:** Mal Magaji Idris Muhammad

**Chairman:** Dr. Abdullahi Sale Kumurya

**Date:** Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November, 2016

**Time:** 11:00am prompt

**Venue:** Conference Room, Department of Medical Laboratory Sciences, BUK (within AKTH)

**Centre for Gender Studies: Round Table**

**Discussion on Gender & Equal Opportunities Bill 2016**

The Gender Studies invites members of the University community and general public to the Round Table Discussion on the Gender and Equal Opportunities Bill 2016.

**Date:** Monday, 31<sup>st</sup> October, 2016

**Time:** 10:00am

**Venue:** Conference Room, Centre for Gender Studies, BUK

# Lost Items

I, Mikaila Muhammad, of Dean's Office, Faculty of Arts and Islamic Studies lost my wallet containing the following items:

1. Staff I.D. Card (BUK)
2. National I.D. Card
3. Cheque Book for UBA Plc

4. And pictures of me and my children

Please, help and take the wallet or any of the items, if found, to the Dean's Office, FAIS or to the Information and Publication Division of Public Affairs Directorate, BUK.



Mutawakkilu Muhammad of the Department of Science and Technology Education invites members of the University Community to his Wedding Fatiha scheduled as follows:

**Date:** Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November, 2016

**Time:** 1:30pm

**Venue:** Darul Hadith Juma'at Mosque, Tudun Yola, Kabuga, Kano

## Yadudu Weds Aisha

Prof. A. H. Yadudu of the Faculty of invites members of the University community to the wedding fatiha of his son, Muhammad Hamisu Yadudu (Abba), and Aisha Abdullahi Sidi, which will hold as follows:

**Date:** 29<sup>th</sup> October, 2016 (27<sup>th</sup> Muharram, 1438AH)

**Time:** 12:00 noon

**Venue:** Masallacin Bayan Famfo (Close to Chiroman Kano residence) Magashi, Kano.

## Bin Harun Weds Zahra

Yusuf Bn-Harun of the Bursary Department invites members of the University community to his wedding fatiha and his groom, Zahra Nasir Ali, scheduled as follows:

**Date:** Sunday, 30<sup>th</sup> October, 2016

**Time:** 11:00am

**Venue:** Jingau Quarters, Alh. Alin Baba residence

## Do You Know

- That the Environment Needs our Care and Attention?
- That You Have to Nurture Nature in Order to Enjoy It?
- That the Pressure on the Environment is too Great?
- That We are Losing too Many Trees, Fauna and Flora?
- That the University spends a lot of Money to Maintain the Environment?

- ✓ **Plant a Tree Today and Maintain it to Maturity.**
- ✓ **Keep Your Office and Residence Neat and Tidy.**
- ✓ **Use the DUSTBIN to Dispose of all Litter.**

