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Exploit Vast Opportunities in BUK – VC Urges Chadian Govt, African Countries

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello, has said that the Chadian citizens and government have a lot to benefit from the programmes offered by the Bayero University, urging also other African countries to exploit the vast opportunities in the University.

Professor Yahuza Bello who was receiving the Vice Consul Republic of Chad in Kano, Alhaji Mustapha Issakaa Mah'd, on Friday, 9th September, 2016 in his office said, apart from the programmes being offered by the Centre for Qur'anic Studies, there were a lot of opportunities in the Centre for Dryland Agriculture (CDA) amongst other Centres.

The Vice Chancellor said CDA had accessed an 8m Dollar grant for research and training and that many PhD and MSc students were trained, saying that Chad could benefit from the dryland and climate change training programmes offered by the Centre. Last year, he said some countries sent about 30 of their students.

He told the Chadian Consul that Bayero University had established the Centre for Qur'anic Studies to bridge the gap between Western and Qur'anic education, saying that when the Europeans came, they recognised the importance of Islamic Education and traditional institutions but when they left after the independence, "we were silently conquered and allowed it to be detached from the system of formal education."

Professor Yahuza Bello criticised that development removing learned people, equal to the rank of Professors, from being recognized. The University, he said, introduced the Centre to make their

education formal. "They would be trained here instead of going to Sudan to further their studies after which they would be awarded certificates."

He said that Bayero University would study the MoU signed between the Chadian government and the University of Maiduguri and also Sule Lamido University, Kafin-Hausa. He added that the University admitted many foreign students from Niger, Cameroun and from numerous countries across the world.

The Chadian Consul to Nigeria, Alhaji Mustapha Issakaa Mah'd, earlier told the Vice Chancellor that the Chadian government was interested in cooperating with Bayero University and also the Centre for Qur'anic Studies and exchange both staff and students.

The Counsel said "the government of Chad appreciates what you do to us; it is for the progress of Africa in general. We have people, we want them to be trained here so that they can go back to Chad to train our youths."

VC Impressed with CDA's Tissue Culture Lab

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello has expressed satisfaction and happiness with the Tissue Culture Laboratory established by the Centre for Dryland Agriculture, Bayero University, Kano.

The Vice Chancellor, who inspected the facilities on Friday, 9th September, 2016 said he was happy and impressed with the state-of-the-art equipment installed at the new laboratory.

The laboratory was established to provide opportunities for mass production of important wild

plant species, food and cash crops, disease elimination, plant improvement, improved nutritional value of staple crop plants and production of secondary metabolites. The laboratory will also serve as a centre for development of tissue culture protocols for production of crops.

It comprises 5 sections including a general laboratory area, a media preparation room, an inoculation room, a growth room and a molecular biology section. The media preparation room is equipped with heavy duty fully automated autoclaves for sterilization of media while the inoculation is equipped with the latest Class II Biosafety cabinets.

The growth room is furnished with air conditioners; air purifiers and variable shelf rack with lightening on each shelf. The growth room is expected to accommodate the propagation of about a hundred thousand plantlets in its full operation. Based on current information, the laboratory is the best available facility for tissue culture in the whole West and Central African sub-region.

The Vice Chancellor was accompanied by the Director, CDA, Professor Jibrin M. Jibrin, Deputy Director, Research, Dr. Kabir Mustapha Umar, Coordinator Outreach, Saleh B. Momale and new Communications Officer, Nura Garba.

Dr. Jibrin Danazumi Jibrin Appointed H.O.D Estate Mgt. & Evaluation

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello, has approved the appointment of Dr. Jibrin Danazumi Jibrin as the Head of Estate Management and Evaluation, Faculty of Earth and Environmental Sciences for a period of two- years from 3rd October, 2016.

A letter signed by the Vice Chancellor dated 14th September, 2016 called on the HOD to “give sound academic and administrative leadership to the department.”

CDA To Host Int’l Workshop on Future Resilient Farming Systems for Semi-Arid Region of WCA 27-29 Sept.

The Centre for Dryland Agriculture, Bayero University, Kano in collaboration with ICRISAT and other partners is organizing an international workshop titled “Future Resilient Farming Systems for Semi-Arid Region of West and Central Africa.”

The workshop will be hosted by the CDA from 27th to 29th September, 2016. It has the objectives of identifying the present and future drivers of crop-livestock systems value chains, as well as appropriate technologies for future resilient crop-livestock systems in the face of increasing human and livestock populations in the West and Central Africa WCA.

The workshop will provide an avenue for stakeholders to review, consolidate and chart pathways for ensuring the resilience of farming systems of the different agro-ecologies of semi-arid region of West and Central Africa.

It is expected that the lead and invited papers would address the functioning and or integration of the drivers of resilience and the components of effective technology packaging and delivery with the overall aim of increasing the production and productivity of the farming systems. In addition, the presentations and discussions will provide an avenue for prioritizing research, extension, policy and options for funding to attain large-scale impact across the region.

The opening ceremony will hold on Tuesday, 27th September, 2016 and there will be goodwill messages from ARCN, ICRISAT, IITA, ILRI, IWMI, BMGF, USAID, AFDB, DFID and FAO.

Miscellaneous Problems in English Usage (6)

With Sheriff Ahmed

- The meeting was held on Monday, 8th August, 2016 at ten o'clock in the morning in the Staff Training Committee Room.

This is the kind of construction you find in minutes and notices of meeting. The arrangement is not correct, for the following reason. Take a second look at the four underlined expressions: “Monday, 8th August, 2016”; “ten o'clock”; “in the morning”; “Staff Training Committee Room”. The first three expressions refer to time, while the last refers to place. In English it is illogical (or absurd) to place *adverb of time* ahead of *adverb of place*, as in the sentence above. Similarly, it is unacceptable to place *adverb of place* before *adverb of manner*, except in certain circumstances. I shall explain it later. The order is usually like this: *adverb of manner* – *adverb of place* – *adverb of time*.

The correct arrangement, therefore, is as follows:

The meeting was held in the Staff Training Committee Room on Monday, 8th August, 2016 at ten o'clock in the morning.

NOTE: It is incorrect to say/write: “at 10:00 a.m. in the morning” [‘a.m.’ means *ante meridiem* (Latin); that is before noon]. It is either *at 10 a.m.* **OR** *at 10 in the morning*. It should also be noted that ‘a.m.’ should be separated from ‘10’. It is not correct to write: **10a.m.** It is equally incorrect to write: **10am.** The only correct way is: **10 a.m.** Let us not fashion out our own way of writing; let us do it the conventional (usual or established) way.

- The “The meeting which will hold tomorrow in Abuja is to enable both parties present their points of agreement...”

The expression ‘will hold tomorrow in Abuja’ is awkward. ‘Will hold’ should be corrected to read **will be held**. Again, as we discussed earlier, it is incorrect to mention time (‘tomorrow’) before place (‘in Abuja’). In other words, **where** the meeting will

be held should be mentioned first before **when** it will take place.

Again, the *verb* ‘present’ should be preceded (necessarily) by **to**. This is because it is used after the *verb* ‘enable’. The verb ‘allow’ is also followed by ‘to’ + infinitive, as in:

1. *This will **allow** us **to deliberate** on the matter.*
2. *It will **enable** both parties **to present** their points of disagreement.*
3. *She would not **permit** herself **to look** at them.*

Correct: *The meeting, which **will be held in Abuja tomorrow**, is to **enable** both parties **to present** their points of agreement.*

The verb **let**, however, is always followed by infinitive without **to**. Study the following examples:

1. *You should **let** him **explain** what happened.*
2. *I won't **let** anything **get** in the way of us living a happy life together.*

*I never **let** myself **worry** about the future.*

This column will take a break for a couple of weeks.

SEMINARS:

The following Faculties/Departments/Centre invite the University Community to their seminars:

Department of Physics: Seminar Presentation

Presenter 1: Dr. Bello Idrith Tijjani

Topic: (ii) Analysis of Auroral Electrojet Magnetic Indices, (ii) Statistical Analysis of the Meteorological Data of Yola Adamawa Stat.

Chairman: Dr. U. M. Gana

Presenter 2: Idris Ahmad (SPS/12/PPY/00004)

Topic: Calculations of Excitation Functions of Radionuclide by Charge and Neutral Particle Induced Nuclear Reactions for the Production of Medical Radioisotopes using EXIFON Code.

Chairman: Dr. Fatima S. Koki

Date: 22nd September, 2016

Time: 10:00am

Venue: Physics Research Laboratory

DEPARTMENT OF BIOCHEMISTRY: **Topic:** Biopeptides in the management of chronic diseases.

Postgraduate Seminar:

M. Sc. COMPLETION SEMINAR

Presenter: Kabiru Abubakar Musa
(SPS/13/MBC/00048)

Topic: Association between ACE and eNOS gene polymorphisms with malaria and hypertension in malaria-infected patients attending some selected hospitals in Kano metropolis, Kano-Nigeria.

Supervisor: Dr. Mansurah Abdulazeez

PhD Course work Seminar

Presenter 1: Aliyu Abba Muhktar
(SPS/15/PBC/00012)

Topic: Effects of environmental factors on indices of oxidative stress and mitigating role of antioxidants: A Review

Presenter 2: Nura Lawal (SPS/15/PBC/00004)

Topic: Role of natural antioxidants as therapeutic agents in the management of metabolic syndrome

Presenter 3: Zinat Saulawa Muhd
(SPS/15/PBC/00011)

Presenter 4: Hajara B Yusuf (SPS/15/PBC/00013)

Topic: A review of stress early warning signals and biochemical indices of Newcastle diseases virus

Presenter 5: Amina S. Muhd (SPS/15/PBC/00009)

Topic: Dietary phytochemicals in cancer chemoprevention-targeting molecular pathways

Chairman: Dr. Binta Kurfi

Date: Tuesday, 20th September, 2016

Venue: PG Class Biochemistry Department.

Faculty of Law: Monthly Seminar Presentation

Presenter: Dr. D. J. Usman

Topic: *The Dynamics of Socio-Legal Research Method in the Twenty-First Century.*

Date: 20th September, 2016 (Wednesday)

Time: 4pm

Venue: Faculty of Law Conference Room (F204)

ANNOUNCEMENT:

Academic Facilities Maintenance Committee (AFMC)

The Academic Facilities Maintenance Committee is organizing sensitization lectures for students. The lecture schedule is as follows:

- a) Faculty of Law.....[06-09-2016]
- b) Faculty of Communication.....[08-09-2016]
- c) School of Continuing Education.....[17-09-2016]
- d) Faculty of Engineering.....[19-09-2016]
- e) Faculty of Allied Health Sciences.....[21-09-2016]
- f) Faculty of Clinical Sciences.....[21-09-2016]
- g) Faculty of Dentistry.....[21-09-2016]
- h) Faculty of Science.....[22-09-2016]
- i) Faculty of Earth & Environmental Sciences.....[26-09-2016]
- j) Faculty of Agriculture.....[28-09-2016]
- k) Faculty of Social & Management Science.....[03-10-2016]
- l) Faculty of Comp Science & Info. Technology.....[05-10-2016]

In a statement signed by the Committee Secretary, Malam Sheriff Ahmed, the time for the lecture is 11:00 in the morning.



IsDB announces US\$450,000 Prizes in Science & Technology & Women Contribution to Development

Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, 10 August 2016: The Islamic Development Bank (IsDB) has announced the call for nominations to win various prizes in Science and Technology and Women Contribution to Development.

Winners of the prizes for 1438H (2017) will receive cash awards in different amounts totaling US\$450,000, during the Annual Meeting of the IsDB Board of Governors to be held in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, in May 2017.

The prizes in Science & Technology and Women Contribution to Development are in different categories. The categories under the Science & Technology Prize are:

(a) Outstanding scientific or technological contribution to the socio-economic development of a member country, (b) Outstanding contribution to any of the following scientific disciplines: Engineering; Agriculture; Medicine; Biotechnology; Information Technology; Optronics; Material Sciences; Pharmaceutical; Industrial Microelectronics; Nanotechnology and alternative Energy Sources, and (c) Scientific research institutions in IDB least developed member countries (LDMCs).

Winners of the three categories under the Science & Technology Prize will each receive US\$100,000.

For its part, the prize for Women Contribution to Development consists of two cash awards of (a) US \$50,000 for a woman or a group of women, and (b) US \$ 100,000 for an organization. The theme of this year is “Women’s Contribution to the Prevention and Control of Cancer.”

The President of IsDB, Dr. Ahmad Mohamed Ali, said, “Supporting high quality research in Science & Technology will go a long way in positioning our member countries to compete in the global economy. IsDB will continue to support universities, research institutes and individual researchers in their effort to make the world a better place.”

“IsDB recognizes the contribution of women in development. Our role is to support and inspire them in their effort to reduce poverty, inequality, promote education and give hope to the hopeless,” Dr. Ali added.

The deadline for the submission of applications is 1 Rabi Awwal 1438H (30 November 2016G). Application forms and details about each prize are available on the IsDB website: www.isdb.org



BAYERO UNIVERSITY, KANO, NIGERIA

Office of the Registrar

Directorate of Examinations Admissions & Records (DEAR)

DIRECT ENTRY SCREENING EXERCISE FOR 2016/2017 ACADEMIC SESSION.

26th September – 14th October, 2016

This is to inform all candidates who applied for Direct Entry admission into Bayero University, Kano, that there will be an **ON-LINE** screening exercise from Monday, 26th September to Friday, 14th October, 2016.

Please note that only Candidates who applied through **JAMB** for **Direct Entry** Admission and chose Bayero University as their **First Choice** are eligible for the screening.

PROCEDURE FOR THE ON-LINE SCREENING

- Step 1:** Visit www.buk.edu.ng and click Direct Entry Online Screening at the home page. Login using your **DE Number, Phone Number** and **email address**.
- Step 2:** Fill-in the Applicants' Particulars Form. Note that the photograph uploaded will be the only valid ID for all admitted candidates throughout their stay in Bayero University, Kano.
- Step 3:** Print your personalised payment invoice to make the payment of ₦2,500.00 (₦2,000 being cost of screening and ₦500 being Bank and Administrative charges) at any commercial bank nationwide via the *Remita* platform.
- Step 4:** After making the payment, return to the website, www.buk.edu.ng and login again. Your payment will be validated after which you can print your personalised acknowledgment slip. Preview and confirm your information before printing your acknowledgment slip. Note that applicants cannot print their acknowledgment slip until their payment is processed and verified.

If you have any inquiry or are encountering any difficulty, write to screening.de@buk.edu.ng

NB:

- ❖ Payment at the Banks will be closed on Friday, 14th October, 2016.
- ❖ The Portal for the ON-LINE SCREENING will be closed by mid-night on Sunday, 16th October, 2016.

Any candidate who fails to do the ON-LINE SCREENING will not be considered

Signed

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