



Dr. Y. Y. Deeni, Director, School of Science, Engineering & Technology, Abertay University, Dundee Scotland, UK, delivering his paper

## Disconnection Between Academia and Industries Bane of Innovative Research

*By: Lamara Garba*

The disconnection between members of the academia and the industries, on one hand, and with the wider society, on the other, has been identified as the greatest impediment to providing innovative thinking as well as to conducting researches that would create avenues for economic buoyancy and growth with a view to launching Nigeria into the comity of advanced economies.

Delivering a keynote paper, titled *Bridging the Academia, Industrial and Societal Gaps: The Nigerian Case* at the first International Science Conference organized by the Faculty of Physical Sciences of Bayero University, which took place at the Conference Hall of Yusuf Maitama Sule University, City Campus, Kofar Nassarawa, on Monday, 28<sup>th</sup> August, 2017, Dr. Y.Y Deeni, the Director, School of Science, Engineering and Technology, Abertay University, Dundee, Scotland, UK, noted that, sadly Nigeria is far behind in terms of innovation and research, which, he said, are the key elements that stimulate growth and development of any society.

“We are really far behind in terms of research and innovation for development. However, as a way out of this bondage, we need a fundamental restructuring, repositioning and refocusing. We must also reform our

learning process in order to strengthen our ability beyond the elastic limit so that we can transform and then bring about the needed change,” he suggested.

Earlier, while declaring the conference open, the Vice Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello, said the timing of the gathering was apt, in view of the desire of Nigerians to proffer solutions out of the current predicament.

He said it “is my hope and prayer that the proceedings of this an all-important conference would translate into a blueprint that would facilitate the bridging of this gap.”

In his opening remarks, the Chairman of the occasion and Vice Chancellor of Yusuf Maitama Sule University, Professor Mustapha Ahmad Isah, disclosed that academics and the larger society should work hand in hand to provide the needed development strategies by supporting research.

The Dean of the Faculty of Physical Sciences, Professor Sani Muhammad Gumel, in his welcome address, explained that the conference aimed at identifying the causes as well as proffering solutions towards the disconnection among research institutes, industries and society.

## Emir Sanusi II Commends BUK, Promises More Linkages and Support By: Lamara Garba

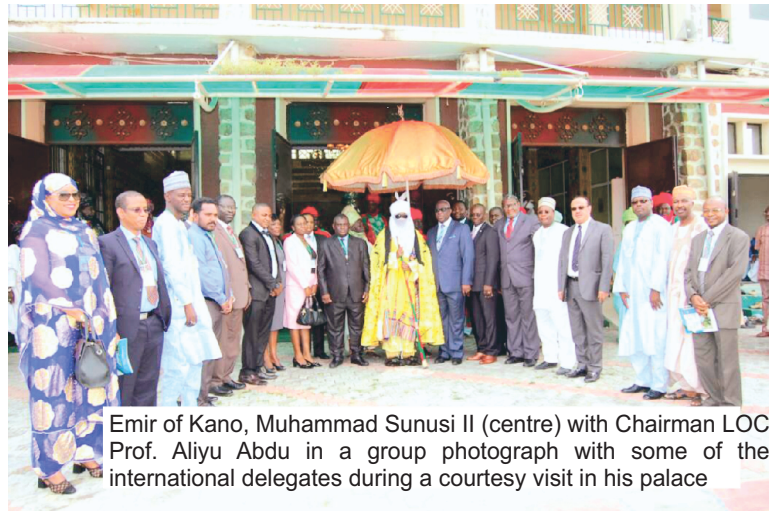
The Emir of Kano, Malam Muhammad Sanusi II, has commended the efforts of the management of Bayero University for its initiative towards connecting with the outside world in the advancement and promotion of learning and research, even as he promised to render all necessary support and assistance by way of creating and opening more windows of opportunities for international networking.

Speaking while receiving international delegates to the First International Conference on Organ Transplantation in his palace, Emir Sanusi II explained that his desire was to ensure that Bayero University becomes a leading institution not only in Nigeria but also in the global academic arena.

“We are very much proud and happy with the way the management of your institution is going about its activities, particularly the hosting of international conferences, which allows for cross-fertilization of ideas as well as exporting good virtues of our country. In this respect, we shall do everything possible to link the University with other international institutions and research centres to ensure that it grows and upholds to the highest standard in learning, research and teaching,” he declared.

According to him, education is the catalyst of societal growth and development and any nation or society yearning for development must give education premium attention.

Earlier, the leader of the team, and Chairman of the Local Organising Committee (LOC) of the First College of Health Sciences International Conference on Organ Transplant and the 3<sup>rd</sup> Biennial International Conference of the Transplant Association of Nigeria (TAN), Professor Aliyu Abdu, said the visit was meant to express the appreciation of the fatherly support given to



Emir of Kano, Muhammad Sunusi II (centre) with Chairman LOC Prof. Aliyu Abdu in a group photograph with some of the international delegates during a courtesy visit in his palace

the University by the Emir.

Professor Abdu said it was also intended to brief the Emir on the conference and its importance in addition to introducing some of the international delegates who had come from United States of America, Saudi Arabia, Canada and India, among others, with a view to appreciating our religion, culture and rich history.

## FG Appoints Adamu Wangara Member, Dental Therapists Registration Board of Nigeria By: Nura Garba

The Federal Government has approved the appointment of Adamu Umar Wangara as a member of the Board of Management of Dental Therapists Registration Board of Nigeria.

In a letter with reference number DHS/873/1/66 signed by a Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Health, Mrs Binta A. Bello, said: “I write to inform you that the Honourable Minister has nominated you as a Member of the Board of Management of Dental Therapists Registration Board of Nigeria representing states in rotation for 2 years.”

The statement added that: “your nomination should be viewed as an opportunity to make useful and selfless contributions towards the upliftment of healthcare delivery in Nigeria. Congratulations, and please, accept

the assurances of the Honourable Minister's warm regards.”



Com. Adamu Wangara

Adamu Wangara is the Chief Dental Therapist in the University Health Services and the Trustee of Senior Staff Association of Nigerian Universities (SSANU) BUK Branch.

He was a one-time President, Dental Therapy Students, Federal Dental School, Enugu and once elected into the University Health Services Consultative Committee member, representing Congregation between 2012 and 2014.

## CHS, TAN Hold Int. Confab on Organ & Tissue Transplants

***By: Rabi'u M. Sagir & Sabitu M. Jinjiri***

**B**ayero University College of Health Sciences in conjunction with Transplant Association of Nigeria (TAN) has conducted its 1<sup>st</sup> international conference themed: **Organ Transplantation in Developing Countries: Challenges and Prospects**. The conference, which took place between 27<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> August, 2017, was held at

consciousness in people in relation to the importance of organ transplantation. Professor Shaheen explained this saying, “with an individual donating organs, eight recipients' lives can be saved.” The Saudi professor equally identified culture as the main factor responsible for the difference in the rates of transplants in different countries, not religion or “consent legislation”.



Professor Faissal A. M. Shaheen, The Director General, Saudi Centre For Organ Transplant (SCOT), delivering the lead paper

Also speaking at the opening ceremony, the President of TAN, Dr. E. L. Bamgboye, lamented the insufficient number of Nigerian hospitals capable of carrying out transplants. He further stated that “this is the rationale behind establishing Transplant Association of Nigeria (TAN)”

In his speech, the Chairman of the International Conference, Vice Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello, said that it would be cheaper to have organ transplants at home than abroad. Professor Bello suggested that it is “possible to pool resources together to build centres here in Nigeria to provide transplant services.” The Vice Chancellor equally suggested that TAN could have its own journal, despite the fact that it is not an old association. “We will provide our little contribution towards the realization of such a journal,” the Vice Chancellor promised.

*Bristol Palace* hotel of Farm Centre, Kano.

Delivering a paper titled: **Obstacles to Organ Transplants in Developing Countries**, at the opening ceremony of the conference, the Guest Speaker, Professor Faissal A. M. Shaheen, The Director General, Saudi Centre For Organ Transplant (SCOT) disclosed that, out of the present ailing world population in need of kidney transplants, only 10% succeed in getting them. The rest resort to dialysis or die, hence the need to raise

In his address, the Chief Medical Director, Aminu Kano Teaching Hospital, Kano (AKTH), Professor A. Zakari Mohammed, said that transplantation in Nigeria is still at its infancy stage. For this reason, Professor Zakari called for the right legislations so that transplants could be carried out without much fuss.

## Kano State Deputy Governor Commissions Fitness Equipment, Hall at BUK

***By: Rabi'u M. Sagir & Sabitu M. Jinjiri***

The Deputy Governor of Kano State, Professor Hafiz Abubakar, has in the company of Vice Chancellor Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello and other prominent dignitaries, commissioned fitness equipment and indoor hall at the Senior Staff Recreation Centre, New Campus.

Speaking at the event on Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> August, 2017, the Deputy Governor explained that the funds used to purchase the fitness equipment were approved by His Excellency, the Governor of Kano State, Dr. Abdullahi Umar Ganduje. According to the Deputy Governor, Dr.

Ganduje is always ready to support Bayero University to advance in many areas, including sports and recreation.

The Deputy Governor revealed that “it is always pleasure for me to receive any invitation to this University. I consider Bayero University, Kano, to be part and parcel of my life”.

When asked about the significance of the fitness hall, the Deputy Governor explained that the health of the university worker is “very important. The hall with all the fitness facilities installed is meant to improve the physical and the mental health of the university workers,

which should increase their productivity as well.”

In his comment, the Vice Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Y. Bello, extended his appreciation to the Deputy Governor for his support and assistance to the University. “Despite the Deputy Governor's tight schedules, he has found time to come and commission the fitness equipment and the hall in person,” the Vice-Chancellor remarked.

Earlier, in his welcome address, the Chairman, Caretaker Committee, Senior Staff Recreation Centre,

Professor E.U. Essiet, expressed the happiness of the University Community for the fitness equipment. He explained that every equipment in the fitness hall had been purchased with the financial assistance rendered by Kano State government under the leadership of Dr. Abdullahi Umar Ganduje and that the University was very grateful to the governor.

Meanwhile, the Deputy Governor donated sports kits to the University as part of Governor Ganduje's gesture to improve sporting activities in tertiary institutions and Kano State at large.



Kano State Deputy Governor, Prof. Hafiz Abubakar (2nd right), assisted by the VC, Prof. M. Y. Bello (2nd left), Registrar, Hajiya Fatima Binta Mohammed (left), and DVC Admin, Prof. A. I. Tanko (1st right) commissioning Senior Staff Recreation Centre, New Campus

## HOD Civil Engineering Relocates Office

The Department of Civil Engineering wishes to announce to the University Community and the general public that its HOD's Office has relocated to the former office of the HOD of Mass Communication Department, a statement from Dr. M.O.A. Mtallib, said.

### Health Advice from University Health Services Department: *Saving Ourselves from Malaria*

Malaria is a life-threatening disease caused by parasites that are transmitted to people through the bites of infected female *Anopheles* mosquitoes. Symptoms may include:

(1) Fever (2) Chills (3) Headache (4) Sweat (5) Fatigue (6) Nausea and Vomiting

Therefore, protect yourself from MALARIA by:

- Sleeping under mosquito impregnated bed net even during the day
- Wearing long-sleeved and light-coloured clothes
- Using screens on windows and doors to avoid exposure to mosquitoes
- Using Mosquito repellents
- Covering stored water with tightly fitted lids
- Removing stagnant water from surroundings to avoid mosquito breeding
- Clearing overgrown weeds and shrubs from surroundings
- Seeking early treatment if symptoms of high fever, nausea and body ache manifest.

### Department of Physical and Health Education: **WALK FOR LIFE**

The Department of Physical and Health Education wishes to remind staff and students of this month's “WALK FOR LIFE PROGRAMME” as follows:

**Topic:** “WALK FOR LIFE”

**Date:** 9<sup>th</sup> September, 2017

**Time:** 7:00am

**Venue:** TAKE OFF POINT (NEW SITE GYM)

