



FAIS Celebrates 7 New Professors

By: Rabi'u M. Sagir

The Faculty of Arts and Islamic Studies (FAIS) celebrated the promotion of seven senior academics to the rank of Professor on Thursday, 17th November, 2017.

In a grand reception organized in honour of the Professors by the Faculty, the Dean, Professor Jibril Hamman Yola, lauded the commitment and determination of the lecturers in the faculty for their selfless contribution towards helping the University to achieve its mission of becoming a centre of excellence.

The Dean urged them not to relent in rendering efficient and selfless services in teaching and research.

In his remark, the Vice Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello, promised that he would be fair to all and sundry and that any lecturer who earned elevation would surely be promoted.

Professor Bello urged the celebrants to maintain their good status and ensure efficiency in mentoring their students as well as becoming symbol of integrity in the society.

The Vice Chancellor also expressed his determination towards splitting classes into smaller groups in order to develop effective teaching and learning in the university.

Professor Sadiya Daura, who spoke on behalf of the celebrants, expressed their gratitude and appreciation for the reception organized by members of the faculty. She also advised her colleagues to work hard to justify the confidence reposed in them. Those promoted are: Professors U.U. Fagge, Ahmad Murtala, I. K. Abdulsalam, Sadiya Daura, Mustapha Hussain Ismail, Garba Kawu Daudu and Aliyu Musa.



The newly promoted Professors in a group photograph with VC, Prof. M. Y. Bello

BUK Happy to Collaborate with University of Tahowa, Niger Republic

By: Nura Garba

Bayero University is happy to partner with University of Tahowa Niger Republic and assured that it will do anything that will boost the relationship between the two institutions.

The two universities had a long standing academic collaboration on teaching, research, seminars and conferences.

Vice Chancellor of Tahowa University, Professor Addo Mahamane, who visited the Vice Chancellor, Bayero University, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello, on Friday, 17th November, 2017 on a courtesy call said that

he came to invite the Vice Chancellor to his university's annual celebration on the freedom of Tahowa in 1960.

According to him, a symposium was being organized to celebrate this year's anniversary with the theme: "Security, Immigration and Behaviour Change for the Development of Tahowa Region". He requested the BUK's assistance to nominate a seasoned academic staff who would be part of the panel for the discussion on the lead paper that would deliberate on culture, religion, economy, diplomacy and security situations in Niger and Nigeria.

In his response, the Vice Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello, said Bayero University would always welcome collaboration between the two universities. He pledged to honour the invitation and or send a strong representative during the symposium.

The Niger delegation was accompanied by the Head of Department of Nigerian Languages, Dr. Aliyu Mu'azu and Dr. Yakubu Magaji Azare.



VC, Prof. M. Y. Bello presenting a souvenir to the visiting VC, of Tahowa University, Prof. Addo Mohamane

BUK Nigeria's Incubator of Investigative Journalists

By Umar Jibrilu Gwandu in Johannesburg – South Africa

Bayero University's Faculty of Communication has been described as the Nigeria's hub for the production of the much-needed investigative journalists in the country.

This was made known by the Publisher of the Nigeria's leading investigative journalism online medium, the Premium Times, Mr. Dapo Olurunyomi, at the 10th Global Investigative Journalism Conference held between 16th and 19th November, 2017 at the University of Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, South Africa.

He said Bayero University, Kano and the Lagos State University were the only academic institutions of higher learning in Nigeria that had programmes on Investigative Journalism embedded in their curricula at undergraduate and/or postgraduate levels.

Mr. Dapo said Bayero University's Investigative Journalism programme was the golden standard for investigative reporting in Nigeria. "It was by far the most ambitious in terms of its preparedness, commitment and resources dedicated to it".

The University, through the Faculty of Communication, was adequately represented at the Conference by four lecturers in the Department of Mass Communication. The delegation was led by the Deputy Dean of the Faculty, who is also the Head of the Mass Communication Department, Dr. Suleiman Mainasara Yar'adua.

Other members of the team included the Deputy Dean Student Affairs and a Senior Lecturer at the Department, Dr. Hajara Umar Sanda, the Faculty of Communication's Sub-Dean Facilities, Dr. Mainasara

Yakubu Kurfi and Umar Jibrilu Gwandu.

In their welcome address, the Executive Director of the Global Investigative Journalism Network, David Kaplan, and Caxton Professor of Journalism, University of Witwatersrand in Johannesburg, South Africa said at a time the world was divulged with "challenging autocrats, purveyors of fake news and expanding criminal class, investigative journalists are on the job in a hundred countries...It is a fine example of how determined and courageous reporters could call to account the most powerful individuals and institutions.

"The Conference, in fact, is designed to encourage you to network, collaborate and learn new skills. It was put together by journalists, with emphasis on training and sharing... We are particularly pleased that the 10th global gathering has come in Africa for the first time. We have packed the programme, ranging from basics to cutting-edge technology, as well as some terrific special events said David Kaplan," he said.

The Global Investigative Journalism Conference is the world's largest international gathering, which is held every two years. It started in Copenhagen in 2001. This year's conference was attended by over 1,200 investigative journalists, newspaper editors, professionals from media-related institutes, journalism scholars and communication researchers from 130 different countries.

The conference attracted supports from 18 donors, 32 co-sponsors, and 280 speakers. Sessions included Academic, General Interest, Multi-media/broadcast, Non-profit and New Models, Data Journalism, Business/Finance, Safety & Security, Networking, and Special Events, among others.

Good Family Foundation of Responsible Society

- Emir Sanusi II Says at FOMWAN Conference

By: Rabi'u M. Sagir

The Emir of Kano, Malam Muhammadu Sanusi II, has re-affirmed his commitment to continue supporting women activities with a view to producing a responsible society.

The Emir, who was speaking at the 32nd Annual Conference of the Federation of Muslim Women's Association in Nigeria (FOMWAN) held on Friday, 17th November, 2017 at the Convocation Arena, New



Emir of Kano, Muhammadu Sanusi II, delivering his address

Campus, said good family was the foundation of a responsible society. According to him, government and community members should fully intervene in empowering women, so as to encourage them to produce a sound family with character development, respect for elders and promotion of cultural heritage of the society.

Malam Muhammad Sanusi II also called on men to strengthen their relationship with their wives, so as to help the community to grow and to support their children in schooling activities in order to place them in

No Compromise on Public Procurement Acts - Dr. Abdulfatah

By: Fausat A. Opayomi

The Procurement Unit of Bayero University, Kano, opened the Financial Bid of 3 categories of projects, on 20th November, 2017, at the Moot Court, Faculty of Law, before an assembly of Contractors and other stakeholders.

The Director, Procurement Unit, Dr. Ado Yusuf Abdulfatah, in his opening remarks, disclosed that the bid opening was in line with the Public Procurement Acts (PPA). He also told the contractors to forward CV's and phone numbers of their technical staff for enquiry and verification.

One of the contractors, Muhammad Bello, suggested that the bids should be counter-signed by all bidders; the motion was adopted as it is in line with the provisions of the Public Procurement Act, 2007, and in conformance to the guidance of the Procurement Procedures Manual.

good path that would be of positive value to the society.

Earlier, the Vice Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello, urged FOMWAN to stand up and speak with one voice in championing the cause of women folk that would be of positive impact on the society.

The Vice Chancellor, who was represented by the Registrar, Fatima Binta Mohammed, called on women to be committed and transparent in the discharge of their day to day activities, in order to become role models in the society.

The Executive Governor of Kano State, Dr. Abdullahi Umar Ganduje, stressed the commitment of his administration in supporting women activities, which he said would be of positive value to the society as well as creating avenue for upgrading and providing a healthy family that would play a vital role in promoting peaceful co-existence among individuals and community.

Dr. Ganduje, who was represented by the Commissioner of Women Affairs, Hajiya Yardada Maikano Bichi, urged women to be well determined in becoming self-reliance and actualize their dreams in educating themselves and their children to be productive.

The National Amirah of FOMWAN, Hajiya Amina Omoti, expressed gratitude to the Emir of Kano State and Vice Chancellor of Bayero University for the hospitality and warm reception accorded them throughout their stay.

Hajiya Omoti also called on FOMWAN members to be good ambassadors of Islam as their sound moral behavior would be of importance to the society.

The first category was the TETFund 2015/2016 Merged



Contractors and other stakeholders in a group photograph

Intervention Projects, which were: Construction of Department of Geology, in which a total of 29 bids were received for consideration and 12 bids were pre-qualified, with an in house estimate of N206,177,666.29, with a

completion period of 40 weeks; Construction of Department of Mechatronic Engineering, in which a total of 26 bids were received for consideration, while a total of 10 bids were pre-qualified, and the in house estimate for the project was N196,513,557.65 with a completion period of 40 weeks; Construction of Department of Micro Biology, in which a total of 32 bids were received for consideration and 12 bids were pre-qualified, with an in – house estimate of N193,180,485.17 and a completion period of 40 weeks

The second category was National Health Insurance Scheme (NHIS) Project, which was Construction of Administrative Block of the University Health Services, in which a total of 26 bids were received for consideration,

Respect Road Traffic to Save Lives and Property – Says VC

By: Rabi'u M. Sagir

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello, has commended the effort of Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC) for their immense contribution towards developing positive attitudes on the drivers within the country.

Speaking on Tuesday, 21st November, 2017 in his office,



VC, Prof. M. Y. Bello presenting a souvenir to the Ag. FRSC Sector Commander, DCC, A. T. Muhammad

while receiving delegates from special marshal Road Safety Kano, Professor Bello urged drivers to respect road traffic regulations, by ensuring the protection of lives and property. “Sometimes the impatience of 20

while a total of 10 bids were pre-qualified, with an in-house estimate of N57,327,086.25 and a completion period of 25 weeks.

The current and third category was Internal Development Fund Projects, which were: Extension of Centre for Renewable Energy and Research in which a total of 13 bids were received for consideration, while a total of 4 bids were pre-qualified, with an in-house estimate of N125,254,363.00 and a completion period of 25 weeks: Construction of University Square, a total of 10 bids were received for consideration, and a total of 3 bids were pre-qualified, with an in-house estimate of N114,266,932.50 and a completion period of 30 weeks.

seconds causes the damage of property and lives, which usually leads to backwardness in our economic growth,” he added.

He said the University would establish an office for FRSC to create more enlightenment among members of the University community and to encourage them to get involved in voluntary road safety work in order to ensure sanity within our roads.

Professor Bello also expressed his appreciation to FRSC Special Marshals for honoring him with a membership status. The Ag. Sector Commander, DCC, A.T. Muhammad, described Professor Bello as a proactive man that usually participated in many activities of paramount importance to the society. “He usually assists in controlling traffic despite the high position he occupies. We have selected him among 3 personalities, Aminu Dantata and Kano PPS, to be our members,” he said.

The Sector Commander was represented by ACC M.S. Aliyu, H.O.D. Special Marshal Kano FRSC. The investiture ceremony will take place on Saturday 28th November, 2017.

APPOINTMENTS

Dr. Sani Muhammad Gwarzo Appointed HOD, Library & Information Science

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello, has approved the appointment of Dr. Sani Muhammad Gwarzo of the Department of Library and Information Sciences, as the Head of Department. The appointment is for two years commencing from January 14, 2018.

Dr. Shehu Usman Yahaya Re-appointed HOD, Agronomy

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello, has approved the re-appointment of Dr. Shehu Usman Yahaya of the Department of Agronomy, as the Head of Department for another two years commencing from December 17, 2017.

In another development, the Vice Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello, has approved the re-appointment of Mal. Mansur Babagana as Deputy Director (CIT) and Malam Baffa Sani as Deputy

Director (Research) respectively in the Centre for Information Technology for another period of two years. All appointments took effect from 1st November, 2017.

Biotechnology Means of Economic Diversification – *Professor Bilbis* By: Rabi'u M. Sagir

Professor Lawal Suleiman Bilbis of the Department of Biochemistry, Usman Danfodio University, Sokoto, has described Bio-technology as the means of economic diversification in the 21st century.

Speaking on Saturday, 18th November, 2017 at the launching of *Enzymes* magazine in honour of the



Participants in a group photo with VC, Prof. M. Y. Bello

Deputy Governor of Kano State, Prof. Hafiz Abubakar, he said, Biotechnology was a progeny of Biochemistry based on the description of the structure of DNA by Watson and Carrick, where researchers began to search for a way to cut genes from the DNA of one organism and paste them into another. This he said, led to the emergence of Genitive Engineering in 1970, where-by genes contained coded information that led to

production of proteins, which had the responsibility for creating the tracts that characterized individual organisms.

He called on Nigerian government to shift its interest into Biotechnology that may help the country to diversify its economy. Professor Bilbis urged government to develop right policies to harness bio-resources and attract foreign investors for industrialization and economic growth.

Speaking earlier, the Vice Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello, expressed that the importance of Biotechnology cannot be over-emphasized. He said it was one of the key points for economic diversification in the advanced economics.

Professor Bello also thanked Professor Hafiz Abubakar for a crucial and selfless contribution towards the development of the department.

The Kano State Deputy Governor, Professor Hafiz Abubakar who was a special guest, expressed appreciation to the National Association of Biochemistry Students for organizing the event. He also commended the management of Bayero University, Kano for involving him in the activities of the university, which made him happy and proud. Professor Hafiz was represented by the Director of Science and Technology, Ministry of Education, Hajiya Zainab Minjibir.

Call For Applications for the Australia Awards – *Africa Scholarships*

The National Universities Commission is in a receipt of a notification from the Australian High Commission for applications from eligible candidates for the 2018 short courses and the 2019 Postgraduate Australia Awards-Africa Scholarships. The Scholarship scheme is part of Australia's development assistance to Africa in building critical skills and knowledge, through strategic foreign policy, economic diplomacy and development objectives across key sectors.

In view of this, it is pertinent to note that the Short-term award commences in 2018, is a 1-3 month professional development training programme in specialized fields for African professionals. Eligible candidates for the short-term scholarship are Middle-Senior level professionals

with Bachelor's degree or equivalent and currently employed in a relevant field. The training is delivered in Australia and various locations in Africa.

In the same vein, the postgraduate scholarship award which commences in 2019 is specifically for Masters Degree level and is open to applicants from Public and Private Sectors as well as Civil Society Organizations. The Scholarship is aimed at providing high quality training for talented Africans who on completion are expected to return and contribute to the development of their respective nations or regions.

The Scholarship Scheme has highlighted key areas of focus for both the Short courses and Postgraduate awards,

to include; Agricultural productivity, Extractives, Public Policy etc, which provides an equal opportunity for women, people with disabilities requiring special assistance and HIV positive individuals to apply.

More information on eligibility and application forms for

interested applicants is available at www.australiaawardsafrica.org and the closing date for the postgraduate award is 15 December, 2017 while for the Short-term courses award is 15 January, 2018.

STAFF AUDIT EXERCISE

This is to draw the attention of the under-listed members of staff who were unable to participate in the last comprehensive staff audit to report to the Directorate of Academic Planning to collect their usernames and passwords. This will give them access to the Staff Audit portal on the University website where they will enter their bio-data and other details by 30th November, 2017. FAILURE TO DO SO MAY JEOPARDISE THEIR DECEMBER SALARIES.

STAFF NO.	NAME			STAFF NO.	NAME		
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P100/6677	Mahraz	M	Musa	JP13993	Sani	Yunusa	Ibrahim
P100/3378	Abdullahi		Mustapha	JP13985	Nasiru	Saminu	Isa
P100/2053	Mohammed	L.	Hassan	JP13996	Auwal		Miko
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P100/6806	Samina	Mahmud	Yayale	JP13997	Haruna		Abubakar
P100/6814	Malan	abdulazeez	hassan	JP13971	Usman		Muhammad
P100/6810	Farouk	Sani	Nas	JP14001	Jibril	Sidi	Adamu
P100/6811	Usman		Bawa	JP14003	Usman		Lawan
P100/6812	Malam	Inuwa	Abdulrashid	JP14004	Muhammad		Aliyu
P100/6794	Binta	Isyaku	Usman	JP14002	Ishak		Nuhu
P100/6827	Ibrahim	Yusuf	Ibrahim	JP14000	Ibrahim		Muhammed
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University Library Appeals for Return of Overdue Books

It has come to the notice of University Library that some users are in possession of Library books for periods beyond the due dates.

The practice is denying other potential users the opportunity of access to those books. Accordingly, the

University Library hereby appeals to those defaulters to kindly return the overdue books to the Library.

If the practice of holding overdue books persists, the University Library may resort to publishing the names of the defaulters.

Disbursement of Vehicle Refurbishing Loan

The Vice-Chancellor has approved the disbursement of vehicle refurbishing loan to ninety-four (94) staff of the University in the sum of N11,050,000.00. The Vehicle Refurbishing Loan Committee at its 68th meeting held on 8th November, 2017 recommended the disbursement as follows:

Grade Level	Amount	Beneficiaries	Total
CONUASS 5-7	N200,000	8	N1,600,000
CONTISS 12-15	N200,000	12	N2,400,000
CONUASS 1-4	N150,000	9	N1,350,000
CONTISS 6-11	N150,000	20	N3,000,000
CONTISS 2-5	N60,000	45	N2,700,000
	TOTAL	94	N11,050,000

It should be recalled that the committee had been inactive since the year 2012. However, the committee was reconstituted on 11th September, 2017 with an account balance of N11,058,726.09

University Library Opening Hours

Main Library (New Campus)	-	: Mondays – Sundays 8:00am – 10:00pm
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Agriculture Library (New Campus)	-	: Mondays – Fridays 8:00am – 6:00pm
Education Library (New Campus)	-	: Mondays – Fridays 8:00am – 6:00pm
Engineering Library (New Campus)	-	: Mondays – Fridays 8:00am – 6:00pm
Law Library (New Campus)	-	: Mondays – Fridays 8:00am – 6:00pm
SMS Library (New Campus)	-	: Mondays – Fridays 8:00am – 6:00pm
Mudi Spikin Library (AKCDRT) (New Campus)	-	: Mondays – Fridays 8:00am – 6:00pm

BUK Emerges Winner at Inter-Universities Quiz Competition

The 300 to 500 level students of the Department of Medical Laboratory Science, participated in the inter-universities quiz competition organized by the Nigerian Medical Laboratory Science Students Association (NIMELSSA), at the recently concluded NIMELSSA convention, hosted by University of Jos chapter, held

between 6th and 11th November, 2017.

Out of a total number of eight (8) Universities that participated in the competition, students of Bayero University, Kano emerged the winners, while University of Jos and Usman Danfodiyo University, Sokoto got the second and third positions respectively.

Call for Memoranda

The University Management Committee, in its effort to reorganize the University Staff Model Primary School in line with best practices has constituted a committee to properly recommend measures for reorganization.

Consequent upon that, the committee calls for Memoranda from members of the University community to that effect. Correspondences should be addressed to:

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Adamu Muhammad Majeh Passes on

This is to announce the sudden death of Adamu Muhammad Majeh of Agricultural and Environmental Engineering Department, who passed away in the early hours of Monday, the 13th November, 2017 at Funtua, Katsina State. Until his death, he was Technologist I. He has since been buried, according to Islamic rites.

Wedding Fatiha

Alhaji Lawal Aliyu Ajiya of the Department of Electrical Engineering invites the general public and the University Community to the Wedding Fatiha of his children, Alh. Sani Umar Yakasai and Saddiqatu Aliyu Lawal as well as Dr. Muhammed Ibrahim and

Ni'imatullah Aliyu Lawal scheduled as follows:

Date: Saturday, 9th December, 2017

Time: 10:30 am

Venue: Central Mosque Old Campus, Bayero University, Kano

Appreciation from Prof. Junaidu Na'aliya & Prof. Habu N. Aliyu

The HOD, Department of Sciences, SCE, Prof. Junaidu Na'aliya, on behalf of Prof. Habu N. Aliyu and the entire families, wishes to express their appreciation to members of the University Community, particularly the Vice Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello, University Librarian; Dean, School of Postgraduate Studies, other Deans, Heads of Department as well as staff and students of the University for attending the

wedding fatiha of their children at Darma Quarters, Katsina on Saturday, 18th November, 2017.

We equally appreciate those who sent their well-wishes and prayers as well as spouses of colleagues in the University for their physical and moral contributions toward the success of the event.

May Allah reward all of you abundantly with Jannatul Firdaus, amin.

24th Professorial Inaugural lecture

Presenter: Professor Adelani Wakili Tijjani

Topic: WHOLESOME ALIMENTATION-PATH TO RADIANT HEALTH

Date: Thursday, 23rd November, 2017

Time: 10:00 am

Venue: Musa Abdullahi Auditorium

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