



NUC Verification Teams Visit BUK to Evaluate 8 New Programmes

By Nura Garba

Resource Verification Teams from National Universities Commission (NUC) visited Bayero University, Kano last week to evaluate eight newly introduced academic programmes.

The programmes are: BSc Forensic Science; BSc Meteorology, B.Eng Automotive Engineering; BSc Taxation and BSc Environmental Health Sciences. Other are B.Ed Early Childhood Education; Doctor of Veterinary Medicine and B.Ed Primary Education.

Speaking on behalf of the 8 teams, the leader of Primary Education team, Professor Muhammad M. Jagaba, commended Bayero University for having eight new programmes being assessed at once, calling other universities in Nigeria to emulate the giant stride. He said it would improve access and give young Nigerians choices on many disciplines.

Professor Jagaba, who was from Usman Danfodio University, Sokoto, stated that the teams came to add value to what BUK is doing and would strive hard to

proffer far-reaching recommendations that would strengthen the commencement of the eight new programmes.

According to him, the teams were happy to be associated with this epoch-making event and that history would never forget them as those who verified the new programmes.

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas, in his remarks, said the University always welcomes verification teams as they would help the system to improve beyond what was earlier established.

He explained that the University would accept all the observations and recommendations and was ready to implement them as soon as possible.

“The beauty of University system is that we assess ourselves and members accept what has been observed. Almost everybody here will one day come back either as external examiner or member of accreditation team,” said the Vice Chancellor.



Resource Verification Teams in a group photograph with University Management

VC Charges Alumni Associations to invest in their Alma-mata ... Receives 2000 BUK-FAIS Graduates

By Bala G. Abdullahi

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas has charged members of Bayero University Alumni Association to take a cue from their counterparts globally by investing in their Alma Mata.

Professor Abbas was speaking when he received BUK-FAIS Millennium Graduates Association in his office

on a courtesy call on Wednesday 23rd December, 2020.

He said globally alumni associations are known for putting resources together not only to assist their Alma Mata but also to take over the running of such institutions as a way of giving back to the seed that produced them.



Members of Bayero University FAIS Millennium graduates Association in a group photograph with VC and management of the University

The Vice Chancellor stated that as a pioneer Director of Bayero University's Advancement Office which coordinates alumni activities, a lot was achieved not only in the area of reviving the BUK chapter of the alumni association, but also in making the association functional through enlightenment and establishment of contacts.

Professor Abbas said it would not be appropriate for a person or group of persons to be blessed after passing through an institution, only for such persons to deliberately turn their faces away when they realised that, the Alma Mata that produced them was passing through difficult times, due to financial crunch, and needed urgent assistance and support to enable it to continue to render similar services to humanity.

He said that was the more reason why 'I doff my hat for you for coming together to form this unique associations and consider assisting the University with your window's mite. I am aware there were other associations like; Class '92, Class '89 and similar others with the zeal to help Bayero University, Kano,' he remarked.

The Vice Chancellor said BUK-FAIS Millennium Graduates Association was doing exactly what alumni should be doing- giving back to the alma-mata that produced them, adding, 'let me advise you, if you want to assist the University, contact us so that we give you projects that your funds could not only afford, but one

that the University will derive maximum benefit from.'

He thanked them for their kind words and assured them that he would do everything humanly possible to justify the confidence reposed in him as the 11th Vice Chancellor of Bayero University.

Earlier, the leader of the team, Dr. Salisu Hassan had told the Vice Chancellor that they were in the University to congratulate him over his well deserved appointment as the 11th Vice Chancellor of the University and also to intimate him about the existence of the association which was aimed at promoting the welfare of members as well as undertake activities that would accelerate the growth and development of Bayero University, Kano in particular and education in general.

He said BUK-FAIS Millennium body is the amalgamation of former graduates of the old Faculty of Arts and Islamic Studies, comprising the Departments of Mass Communication, Hausa, English and European Languages as well as Islamic Studies and Arabic respectively who graduated in the year 2000.

Dr. Salisu disclosed that the association was making efforts towards rendering support to the University as a way of paying back to their Alma Mata. He said the association believed that the burden of education was too much for government alone to shoulder, hence the need for all hands to be on deck. He also revealed that the association had assisted some families of their deceased colleagues, assuring that they would continue to render service to humanity.

Teachers College Tudun Wada Old Boys Class '81 Visits VC

By Adamu Garba

The Vice-Chancellor, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas, has received the leadership of Government Teachers College Tudun Wada Dankadai Old Boys Association, Class of 1981 on a visit to felicitate with him on his appointment as the new Vice Chancellor.

The visitors paid the courtesy call in his office on Tuesday, 22nd December, 2020.

The Chairman of the association, Alhaji Alhassan Ahmed Musa, stated that the visit was to congratulate the Vice Chancellor and wish him a successful stay in office.

Alhaji Musa commended the Vice Chancellor for his support to the association and pleaded with him to double his efforts. He added that Professor Sagir Abbas had made substantial contributions to the progress and development of the association.

While responding, the Vice Chancellor, Professor Abbas called on all stakeholders to consider giving back to their old schools as a responsibility upon them. He thanked the visitors and assured them that he would continue to encourage the younger generations to pursue education at all cost.

Professor Abbas urged the association to encourage and motivate younger generations to further

their education because it is the bedrock of development.

The Vice Chancellor remarked that, “We have to make best use of this opportunity to mentor and counsel our younger ones to pursue the necessary requirements for admission into the University”.

He assured the association of his continued support towards ensuring that the younger generation gets a befitting admission to the university.



Tudun Wada Teachers College Old Boys Association in a group photograph BUK Management

BUK Holds Hausa Quiz Competition, As FCE Emerges 1st

By Rabi'u M. Sagir



Deputy Governor, Dr. Nasiru Yusuf Gawuna (right) presenting an award to Prof. Hafizu Miko Yakasai

Federal College of Education (FCE), Kano emerged first in a Hausa Language quiz conducted by Hausa Students Organization of Nigeria and Global Hausa People's Voice on 10th December, 2020. The occasion, which was sponsored by Kano State's Deputy Governor, Dr. Nasir Yusuf Gawuna, was held at Bayero University's Convocation Arena.

At the end of the competition, FCE Kano, Bayero University, Kano and Aminu Kano College of Islamic and

Legal Studies, took the first, second and third positions, respectively. The three participating tertiary institutions received prizes of N500,000, N300,000 and N200,000 according to their positions at the end of the quiz. Other participating institutions were given N100,000 each.

Speaking at the occasion, Kano State Deputy Governor, Dr. Gawuna expressed the readiness of Kano State to collaborate with any school or organization when it comes to advancing the Hausa Language in the world. “For this reason, I sincerely and heartily welcome this kind of event and any other possible event aimed at advancing the Hausa Language. Indeed, this language has its unique impact on the peoples of the world”, Dr. Gawuna remarked.

Also speaking at the quiz, the Director of the University's Centre for Research in Nigerian Language, Folklore and Translation (CRNLF and T), Professor Aliyu Mu'azu, revealed that the Hausa Language is a language that is impacting on the world. He, however, lamented that the Hausa People were not doing enough towards advancing the language. Professor Mu'azu cited instances of situations in which the Hausa People will not prefer to speak the native language, but will love to speak other languages instead.

According to Prof Mu'azu, it is this neglect of their native language by Hausa people that prompted his centre to translate textbooks on Chemistry and Physics into Hausa language. According to him, the rationale behind the translation was to encourage our youths to learn and teach the subjects with ease. He said they had realized that the earlier language of instruction (English) was the source of students' difficulty in comprehension, not the knowledge to be acquired.

In his address, the Vice Chancellor, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas, represented by Professor Hafiz Miko Yakasai, called on governments in the country to always provide schools, institutions and organizations with what they need to boost the learning and teaching of Hausa

Language. According to Prof Abbas, absence of such learning and teaching materials in schools is a stumbling block to the upliftment and advancement of the Hausa Language.

Prof Abbas added that Bayero University was ready to join hands together with Kano State Government in capacity building for the state's primary and secondary school teachers. He said such training will expose the trainees to modern techniques of teaching students the Hausa language with all ease.

He called on the state governments to sit up and consider accepting the subject textbooks translated into Hausa.

BUK to Collaborate with Nigeria Veterinary Medical Association

By Fausat A. Opayomi

Veterinary Medicine will go a long way to serve Nigerian communities by improving quality of life and productivity of animals. The Vice Chancellor, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas disclosed his while receiving a delegation of Veterinary Medical Association, Kano State Chapter, which paid him a courtesy visit on Tuesday, 22nd December, 2020, at the VC's Committee Room.

The Chairman of the association, Dr. Abubakar Sani Inuwa, in his remarks, congratulated the Vice Chancellor, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas on his well-deserved appointment and the University for the establishment of Faculty of Veterinary Medicine. He

have already joined the University system, so as to encourage other veterinary medical doctors to come on board.

The Director Veterinary Services, Kano State Ministry of Agriculture, Dr. Bala Bello, in his remarks, said the establishment of Veterinary Medicine in BUK was apt and timely and that his staff are willing to work in collaboration with BUK to help in creating awareness on the importance of animal healthcare delivery services and productivity.

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Abbas, in his response, thanked the association for its visit. He said he was privileged to be in a position to establish the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, which ought to have been in existence before now. In his words, "Kano State is large with 44 Local Government Areas and traditionally with large number of animals." He said the University Management would do everything possible to put the Faculty on a strong footing.



Veterinary Medical Association, Kano State Chapter in a group photograph BUK Management

said a collaboration between the association and BUK would go a long way in improving the quality of graduates and enhancing a harmonious working relationship.

Dr. Abubakar Inuwa, however, solicited for the improvement of quality of service of its members, who

Professor Abbas promised to do all that is required to improve the condition of service of the staff employed in the Faculty. He said BUK should not be different from other Institutions concerning staff welfare.

The former Vice Chancellor, Kano State University of Science and Technology, Wudil, Dr. Muhammad Ibrahim Abdullahi, in his vote of thanks, expressed gratitude to the University management for recognizing the importance of veterinary medicine and prayed to Allah to guide the Vice Chancellor, Professor Sagir Abbas throughout his tenure.

APPOINTMENTS

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas, has approved the appointments of the underlisted staff into various positions.

S/N	NAME	DEPARTMENT	APPOINTMENT	EFFECTIVE
1	Professor Salisu Shehu	Faculty of Education	Director, Centre for Islamic Civilization and Interfaith Dialogue	2 nd January, 2021
2	Professor Aliyu Musa	Department of Linguistics and Foreign Languages	Deputy Director (Nigerian Languages), Centre for Research in Nigerian Languages and Folklore	30 th January, 2021
3	Dr. Jibrin Shu'aibu Adamu	Department of Nigerian Languages	Deputy Director (Translation and Folklore), Centre for Research in Nigerian Languages and Folklore	30 th January, 2021
4	Dr. Sama'ila Suleiman	Department of History	Deputy Director, (Research and Documentation), Mambayya House, Centre for Democratic Studies	1 st January, 2021
5	Dr. Bello Ibrahim	Department of Sociology	Deputy Director, (Training), Mambayya House, Centre for Democratic Studies	1 st January, 2021
6	Professor Haruna Musa	Department of Mechatronic Engineering	Director, Directorate of Academic Planning	1 st January, 2021
7	Dr. Yusuf Garba	Faculty of Agriculture	Deputy Director (Strategic Planning and Management), Directorate of Academic Planning	1 st January, 2021
8	Professor M.S. Abubakar	Department of Agricultural Engineering	Deputy Director, (Academic Support), Directorate of Academic Planning	2 nd January, 2021

Professor M.D. Mukhtar now Chairman, Journal of Savannah and Sudanic Research

The University's Principal Officers, at their 13th (2020) meeting held on Tuesday, 15th December, 2020, approved the appointment of **Professor M.D. Mukhtar** of the Department of Biological Sciences, as the Chairman of the Editorial Board of Kano Studies, *Journal of Savannah and Sudanic Research* with effect from 2nd January, 2021 for a period of two (2) years in the first instance. Other members of the board are:

1. Professor Amina Mustapha, Department of

Agric Economics & Extension - *Editor-in-Chief*

2. Dr. Gali Saidu, Department of Adult Education - *Member*
3. Dr. Maryam U. Mukhtar, Department of Mass Communication - *Member*
4. Dr. Ibrahim M. Adamu, Department of Economics - *Member*
5. Mahfuz Z. Ibrahim, D.E.A.R - *Secretary*

Abdulyakin Ibrahim Appointed New Director of Security

The University's Principal Officers at their 13th (2020) meeting held on Tuesday, 15th December, 2020, approved the appointment of **Abdulyakin Ibrahim** as the new *University Director of Security Division*.

A letter signed by the Registrar, Fatima Binta Mohammed said, the appointment is with effective from 2nd January, 2021.

Mambayya House Takes Anti-Corruption Crusade to Secondary School Pupils

By Adamu Garba

The Aminu Kano Centre for Democratic Studies (Mambayya House) in conjunction with Interfaith Network Against Corruption (INAC) has conducted a one-day Anti-Corruption sensitization workshop for leaders of anti-corruption clubs from selected secondary school pupils in Northern Nigeria in an effort to strengthen the capacity of students for effective management in the areas of leadership, accountability, transparency, ethics and conflict resolution.

The workshop, which held on Saturday, 12th December, 2020, tagged: **Training for Officials of Anti-Corruption Clubs in Selected Secondary Schools in Northern Nigeria** and supported by John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation, was part of a 3-year MacArthur Foundation Grant awarded to Mambayya House from January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2020 to carry out a range of anti-corruption activities using faith-based platforms in Northern Nigeria.

While presenting his paper titled: **Leadership Skills for Effective Club Administration**, the Director of Mambayya House, Professor Ismaila Mohammed Zango, stated that the workshop was aimed at training the participants on how leadership can be used to manage the anti-corruption clubs formed in various secondary schools.

He opined that the success of any club depends on the level of cohesion and cooperation among the members, adding that, the ability of the leader to mobilize is very important. He urged the participants to make good use of the qualities discussed so as to enhance the effectiveness of clubs.

In his presentation titled: **The Effects of Corruption on Nigeria and Nigerians**, the Deputy Director (Training), Mambayya House, Dr. Samaila Suleiman, exposed the participants to some repulsive images of dilapidated schools, hospitals, roads as well as insecurity challenges to illustrate the damage corruption has done to our national development.

He posited that the greatest threat to our national survival is corruption. He argued that "when monies meant for building schools, hospitals, roads and provision of security are stolen, the country would be exposed to all kinds of dangers; insecurity, poverty, disease, death and general lack of development."

Similarly, the Deputy Director (R & T), Dr. Kabiru

Bello, in his presentation titled: **Basic Conflict Resolution Methods for School Clubs**, posited that conflict is inevitable which can be found even in the anti-corruption clubs formed by the INAC. He, therefore, recommended that conflict resolution can practically be implemented by peer mediators in the best interest of all members so as to achieve progress in whatever aspect of the disagreement.

On his part, Catholic Bishop of Kano Diocese, Right Reverend John Namaza Niyiring, spoke on the dangerous ills of corruption from the Christian perspective.

He admonished the pupils to refrain from examination malpractice and report any wrongdoings or act of dishonesty by their classmates or siblings to their teachers and parents.

Other papers presented at the workshop were: *Basic Management Strategies for an Effective Organization*



From right: Prof. Ismaila A. Zango, Dr. Samaila Suleiman and Reverend John Namaza Niyiring

by Professor Mukhtar Halliru of the Department of Business Administration, BUK; *Basic Accounting Methods for Transparency in School Clubs' Management* by Professor Hannatu S. Ahmed of the Department of Accounting, BUK; *Fighting Corruption in Secondary Schools: Lessons Learned* by Murtala A. Ringim of Mambayya House. *The Challenges of Fighting Corruption by the Youths in Nigeria* by Rev. Fika Jen, CAN, Kano and Fatima Nata'ala of School for Higher Islamic Studies, Kano as well as *How I Will Raise Fund for my School Anti-Corruption Club* by Dr. Moses T. Aluaigba of Mambayya House.

Neglect of Education Sector Responsible for the Present Societal Predicament ...Says BUK VC

By Lamara Garba

The long neglect of the education sector by successive administration in the country especially here in the northern region occasioned by the lackadaisical attitude by the members of the society has been identified as the causative agent for the present predicament bedeviling the society, the Vice Chancellor, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas, has opined.

He spoke on Monday 21st December, 2020 in his office when he received members of the Bayero University Staff Primary School Old Pupils Association who paid him a courtesy visit, Professor Abbas lamented the poor

The Vice Chancellor, who frowned at the way and manner the society became so adamant in the area of proper investment in the sector, pointed out that the burden was too heavy for government alone to shoulder.

“In my opinion, all these insurgency, kidnapping and other vices which are now threatening our survival as a nation were the resultant effect of the long neglect of the education sector,” pointing out that unless urgent action is taken for proper investment in the sector, what we are witnessing now would be a child’s play in the next 15 to 20 years to come.



Bayero University Staff Primary School Old Pupils Association in a group photograph with BUK Management

Professor Abbas commended the foresight of the association and explained that in many developed nations their Colleges and Universities are being wholly funded by Alumni associations.

He promised to give all the necessary support and cooperation to the association so as to regain back the past glory of the school. It is unfortunate that our people do not have the character of paying back. We all know that without education the society is doomed.

Earlier speaking, the team leader, Professor Muhammad Sani Mijinyawa, said the association was formed with the intention to pay back to their alma-mata. He said already the association was registered with the Corporate Affairs Commission.

investment in the sector.

According to him, education is the bedrock of societal growth and development. “Any society that negates education sector to the background, certainly that society is doomed.

Professor Mijinyawa also revealed that the old pupils association would on 29th December, 2020 hold its 50th anniversary. He also said plans are underway by the association to undertake a general renovation of the school.

BUK Staff Model Primary School

The BUK Staff Primary School Old Pupils Association (BUKOPA), invites members of the University Community and the General Public to its 50th Anniversary (Golden Jubilee) and Fund Raising of the

School, scheduled to take place as follows:

Date: 29th December, 2020

Time: 10:00am

Venue: School Premises, BUK Old Campus

Notice of Central Stores Unit's 2020 Stocktaking Exercise

The University's Central Stores Unit wishes to inform the University Community that its 2020 Annual Stocktaking is scheduled to take place between 4th and 5th January, 2021. Therefore, all Deans, Directors and

H.O.D's of Faculties and Departments are to note that the stores services will be suspended during the stocktaking exercise but will resume as soon as the exercise is over.

(1) Mustafa Ibrahim Chinade, Head of Data Unit, Directorate of Establishment Matters, wishes to invite members of the University community and the general public to the wedding fatiha of his daughter, Habiba Mustafa Ibrahim with her fiancée, Engr. Sulaiman Nasir, scheduled to take place as follows:

Date: Friday, 25th December, 2020

Time: 2:00pm, after Juma'a

Venue: Central Mosque, Bayero University, Kano, Old Campus, Kano.

(2) Yakubu Muhammad Lawan (Kwalolo) of the Legal Unit wishes to invite members of the University community to his wedding fatiha with Fatima Ibrahim Yusuf Kantudu, scheduled to take place as follows:

Date: Sunday, 27th December, 2020

Time: 10:30am,

Venue: Sheikh Isyaka Rabi'u Juma'at Mosque Goron Dutse, Kano State.



Bayero University Awarded the Higher Education Partnership for Sub-Saharan Africa (HEP SSA) 2021 Grant by the Royal Academy of Engineering, United Kingdom

A team of Bayero University researchers successfully participated in the competition for the 20/21 HEP SSA grant and secured a funding to the tune of Nineteen Thousand Eight Hundred and Forty-Two Pounds (GBP 19,842.00). The project titled "Application of Anaerobic Digestion Technology for Tannery Effluent Treatment in GB Tannery Limited, Kano, Nigeria," is to be implemented over a period December 2020 to June 2021. The Project Team members are:

1. Prof. Ibrahim A. Rufai – Lead Applicant
2. Prof. Mahdi Makoyo - Department of Mechanical Engineering, BUK
3. Dr. Nurudeen Salhudeen - Department of Chemical Engineering, BUK
4. Dr. Yusuf Y. Muhammad - Department of Biochemistry, BUK
5. Dr. Jamila A. Mashi - Department of Biochemistry, BUK
6. Mr. Ibrahim A. Basirka - Department of Sociology, BUK
7. Dr. Kasim Mohammed - Department of Civil Engineering, BUK
8. Engr. Mustapha Tijjani – Production Department, GB Tannery Limited, Kano
9. Dr. Murtala S. Danbatta - Department of Mechanical Engineering, KUST Wudil
10. Dr. Sunday A. Lawal - Department of Mechanical Engineering, FUT Minna

Similarly, ten (10) Postgraduate students from the collaborating institutions are expected to participate in the project. The HEP SSA 2021 awardees institutions are:

- i. Ahmadu Bello University, Nigeria
- ii. Bayero University, Nigeria
- iii. Ibrahim Badamasi Babangida University, Nigeria
- iv. Masinde Muliro Institute of Science and Technology, Kenya
- v. Nelson Mandela African Institution of Science and Technology, Tanzania
- vi. University of Abuja, Nigeria

The Higher Education Partnerships in sub-Saharan Africa (HEP SSA) Programme, supported by the Anglo-American Group Foundation and the UK Government through the Global Challenges Research Fund (GCRF), was established by the Royal Academy of Engineering. It aims to help address the engineering skills shortage in sub-Saharan Africa and to showcase engineering's role in driving economic development in the region.

