



## BUK Promotes 9 Professors, 14 Associate Professors

By Lamara Garba

The Senate of Bayero University, Kano, at its 380<sup>th</sup> meeting held on Wednesday, 29<sup>th</sup> January, 2020 noted the promotion of nine new Professors and fourteen Associate Professors, according to a statement signed by the Director, Examinations, Admissions and Records (DEAR), Hajiya Amina Umar Abdullahi.

Among the newly promoted Professors are former Dean of the Faculty of Engineering and now Commissioner of Tertiary Education, Science and Technology, in Niger State, Dr. Abubakar Baba Aliyu now Professor of Mechanical Engineering. Others include Dr. Haruna Musa (Mechatronics Engineering); Dr Nuruddeen Yusuf (Chemical Engineering); Dr Abdullahi Audu Adamu (Mechanical Engineering) and Muntari Hajara Ali (Professor of Physics).

Also promoted are Dr. Tijjani Hassan Darma (Professor of Physics); Dr. Umar Ibrahim Gaya (Chemistry) and Dr. Muhammad Abba Suwaid as Professor of Radiography. However, Dr. Aminu Mohammed Dukku was promoted to the rank of Associate Professor of Sociology along with Dr. Nuhu Bello Rano, Associate Professor of Animal Science as well as Dr. Garba Mohammed Tofa (Adult Education) and Dr. Hadiza Sa'idu as an



Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Muhammad Yahuza Bello

Associate Professor (Medicine).

**Below is the full list of the newly promoted Professors and Associate Professors.**

### Professors

S/N	NAME	DEPARTMENT
1.	Dr. Nurudeen Yusuf	Chemical Engineering
2.	Dr. Abdullahi Audu Adamu	Mechanical Engineering
3.	Dr. Abubakar Baba Aliyu	Mechanical Engineering
4.	Dr. Haruna Musa	Mechatronics Engineering
5.	Dr. Abdul'Azeez Ahmed	Otorhinolaryngology
6.	Dr. Muntari Hajara Ali	Physics
7.	Dr. Tijjani Hassan Darma	Physics
8.	Dr. Umar Ibrahim Gaya	Chemistry
9.	Dr. Muhammad Abba Suwaid	Radiology

**Associate Professors**

S/N	NAME	DEPARTMENT
1.	Dr. Garba Mohammed Tofa	Adult Education
2.	Dr. Anas Ibrahim Yahaya	Anatomy
3.	Dr. Nuhu Bello Rano	Animal Science
4.	Dr. Mukhtar Shehu Aliyu	Business Administration
5.	Dr. Ali Muhammad Garba	Business Administration
6.	Dr. Murtala Muhammad Badamasi	Geography
7.	Dr. Abbas Abubakar El -Ta'alu	Human Physiology
8.	Dr. Aminullahi Adamu El -Gambari	Islamic Studies
9.	Dr. Abdulmuin Muhammad Ali Gedi	Islamic Studies
10.	Dr. Nafiu Hussaini	Mathematics
11.	Dr. Hadiza Saidu	Medicine
12.	Dr. Idris Dauda Adamu	Physics
13.	Dr. Aminu Mohammed Dukku	Sociology
14.	Dr. Umar Abdullahi Taura	Special Education

## Senate to Review the duration of Spillover to Five Semesters

*By Lamara Garba*

The Senate of Bayero University has set up a five-man committee to look into the possibility of reviewing the duration of spillover period of five year programmes.

“Upon consideration of a recommendation of SBC to Senate to look into possibility of reviewing the spill over period in the University from four (4) semesters to five (5) semesters for the five year programmes, Senate approved the formation of a five- man Committee to look into the possibility of adopting 5 semesters for five year programmes in the University,” said a statement issued by the Director, DEAR, Hajiya Amina Umar Abdullahi.

The Committee, which was under the chairmanship of the Director of Academic Planning Unit, Professor Bala Sidi Aliyu, has Professor Salisu Danazumi, Prof. Usman Shuaibu, Prof. Ahmad B. Mohammed and Dr. Abdul Iguda as members.

The Committee is expected to finish its assignment and submit report at the next Senate meeting, said the statement.

In a related development, the Senate, in consideration of a report submitted by its Standing Committee on

Examinations, Administration and Reporting, upheld its earlier decision of withdrawing three students for lack of merit in their appeal. The students are: Yahaya Adamu Muhammad (SMS/09/GEO/00315; Laido Saudi Muhammad (AIS/12/HIS/00021 and Maimunat



Ibrahim Abdulsalam (AIS/12/ENG/00043).

The Senate has also approved the reinstatement of two other candidates to enable them continue with their studies: They are Abdulrazaq Aliyu Gaya (SMS/12/GEO/00012) and Naziru Umar (EDU/10/BAE/01873).



Members of the Board in a group photograph with the University officials, shortly after their inauguration

## CDA Industry/Sectoral Advisory Board Inaugurated

By Nura Garba

The Vice Chancellor of Bayero University, Kano, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello on Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup> February, 2020 inaugurated the Industry/ Sectoral Advisory Board of the Centre for Dryland Agriculture (CDA) with Hajiya Karimatu Ibrahim Babangida, a Director in the Federal Department of Agriculture, as chairperson of the board.

The Vice Chancellor, who was represented by the Deputy Vice Chancellor, Academics, Professor Adamu Idris Tanko, charged the board members to use their wealth of experience to bear in the Centre's activities and to make it more relevant to the local and regional environments.

He expressed optimism that the contribution of the board would make positive impact on Bayero University and the CDA.

Speaking on behalf of the board members, the Chairperson, Hajiya Karimatu Babangida, expressed her appreciation of the management of Bayero University and CDA for appointing them to steer the affairs of the board.

According to her, climate change has affected agricultural activities negatively especially in the dryland areas, noting that the areas could turn this challenge into opportunities and become food baskets of the world.

The Chairperson stated that another area which the board would give priority was entrepreneurship in agriculture, in which students will be well prepared for industries before their graduation so that the existing gap will be bridged.

She emphasized that the board would do everything

within its powers to guide the CDA to achieve its mandate.

Speaking earlier, the Director, CDA, Professor Jibrin M. Jibrin, said inaugurating the board was part of the World Bank's requirement that the activities of the Africa Centres of Excellence (ACEs) must be aligned with the industries.

The Director noted that since the establishment of CDA in 2012, the University Management had the wisdom of designing a strategy of linking the activities of the Centre with industries. He said the CDA was lucky to have such technocrats to be at the helm of its industry board.

Other members of the board are: Mr. Subramanian Ramasubramanian Balasubramanian, Vice President, International Business Development, Jains Irrigation System, India; Alhaji Aminu Buhari, Director, Capital Agricultural Development Ltd; Alhaji Nasiru Wada, Magajin Garin Kano and Managing Director, Esoterra Investment Ltd; Dr. Lamourdia Cisse, Vice President, OCP Africa, Casablanca, Morocco; Dr Joseph Odusanya, Biocrops Biotechnology Ltd; Alhaji Safiyanu Madugu, Managing Director/CEO, Dala Foods Nigeria Ltd; Mohammed Salasi Idris, Country Representative, IFDC; Professor Sani Miko, Country Director, Sasakawa Africa Association; Professor Jibrin M. Jibrin, Director CDA (Secretary); Professor Sanusi Gaya, Deputy Director, Training, CDA; Professor Amina Mustapha, Deputy Director, Publication and Outreach, CDA and Dr. Kabir Mustapha, Deputy Director, Research, CDA, who will serve as assistant secretaries.



# Malaysian Firm Donates Boreholes to BUK's Neighboring Communities

By Lamara Garba

A Malaysian firm, Diversatech Fertilizer, has, through the intervention of the management of Bayero University, Kano, donated mechanized boreholes to two communities in the neighborhood of the University.



DVC (Academics), Prof. A. I. Tanko trying one of the taps

The multi-million naira water projects which were situated at Lengel Dididi and Doka villages in Tofa Local Government Area were aimed at alleviating the sufferings of the members of the communities in respect of provision of potable water.

Commissioning the projects, on Friday, 31<sup>st</sup> January, 2020, the Vice Chancellor of Bayero University, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello, who was represented by the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academics), Professor Adamu Idris Tanko, explained that the project was a philanthropic gesture from one of foreign friends of the University.

Professor Tanko pointed out that the firm, Diversatech, was based in Malaysia and that it had contacted the management of the University for its desire to send a

donation for the drilling of the boreholes for use by the needy communities.

“So, when the Firm contacted us telling us their mission, we didn't hesitate to scout around our host communities to look for those in need, and after due consultations, we came to the conclusion that the people of Lengel Dididi and Doka were in dire need of potable water, hence our decision to cite the projects here,” said the DVC.

He advised the benefitting communities to ensure proper utilization and maintenance of the facilities with a view to serving the purpose for which they were provided.

The project comprises one million litre overhead water reservoir, a power generator and discharging water taps. The University donated some amount for the servicing and fueling of the generators.

Responding, the Village Head of Lengel, who spoke through *Wakilin Dagaci*, Alhaji Kabiru Idris, expressed delight at the gesture and commended the management of Bayero University, Kano, for considering them to benefit from the project.

Also at Doka Village, *Wakilin Mai Gari*, Alhaji Bashari Ali Doka, was full of praises to the University for the gesture. He said his community would be ready to support and cooperate with the management of the University in order to have a harmonious living.

Among the entourage during the commissioning of the project were the Registrar of the University, Hajiya Fatima Binta Mohammed, the University Librarian, Dr. Musa A. Auyo, representative of the Bursar and the Director of the Centre for Dryland Agriculture (CDA), Professor Jibrin Mohammed Jibrin.

## Kano/Jigawa Centre Emerges Best in Arts Examinations

By Rabi'u M. Sagir

Kano/Jigawa District Centre has emerged as the best Centre in West Africa in the just concluded Accounting Technicians Scheme (ATS) Examinations due to its outstanding performance exhibited by the 52 undergraduate students of Bayero University, who scored 92% and above during the examination.

Speaking on Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup> February, 2020 at the Departmental Conference Room, Professor Kabiru Isa Dandago said there was the need of producing competent and technical middle level Accounting personnel for the accounting profession so as to meet the needs of the Nigerian economy. “That is why we encourage our undergraduate students to enroll in this scheme in order to become professionals before

graduating which is yielding positive result,” he said.

In his remarks, the Head, Department of Accounting, Dr. Ishak Alhaji Ismail, said “we are really happy to celebrate the success of the students during their first diet of the examination which, we hope, they will retain and put more effort in the next diet of the examinations which will qualify them to become professional accounting technicians (AAT).

Earlier, the Vice Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello, represented by DVC (Academics), Professor Adamu Idris Tanko, said Bayero University was always ready to collaborate with philanthropists like Usman Yahya Kansila (UYK), and any other

persons in applying new principles that will help students to actualize their dreams.

Professor Tanko said any process that will help students to become professionals before graduating is a highly welcome development that will help and boost the economy of the country. "This will make the accounting system of the country more relevant and more accepted," he added.

Professor Tanko thanked Alhaji Usman Yahya Kansila for being a close friend of the University and for contributing a lot towards helping the University to sustain its relationship with host communities. Alhaji Kansila promised to build an ultra-modern hostel for the university.

In his remarks, Alhaji Usman Yahya Kansila said philanthropists had a lot of roles to play in helping Nigerian economy by supporting government in

educational sector as government alone cannot achieve the task. He also called the students to try and contribute to the development of the society within their capacity.



Members of ATS in a group photograph with VC

## SCE, DRIP Organize Workshop on Project Concept Writing

By Adamu Garba

The Department of Education of the School of Continuing Education (SCE) in collaboration with the Directorate of Research Innovation and Partnership (DRIP) Bayero University has successfully organized a workshop on Writing Research Proposal to acquaint academic staff of the Department with the technicalities involved in concept writing.



Participants at the workshop

While delivering the welcome address during the training which held on Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> February, 2020 at the Board Room of School of Continuing Education, the Dean, Dr. Lawal Salihu Malumfashi stated that the workshop was in line with the recommendation of the Vice Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello who encouraged departments to train their staff on how to source research grants from donor agencies.

The Dean urged the participants to make good use of the

opportunity afforded them and translate the knowledge acquired into practice so as to explore more ways that can improve their researches.

Presenting a paper during the workshop titled *Guidelines on the Development of Project Concept Note*, the Director of DRIP, Professor Ibrahim A. Rufa'i extensively explained the stages and technicalities involved in writing research proposal that can attract intervention of donor agencies within and outside the country.

He said some researchers and scientists are able to secure grants for their research while many others are unable due to poor proposal writing which necessitated such workshop to help them develop skills on effective method of writing research proposals that will attract national, regional and international grants. Such knowledge according to him will promote the transformation of the University to a research driven institution.

He asserted that most funding agencies turn down requests for funding of research from institutions as a result of poor packaging of their research proposals.

Prof. Rufa'i revealed that the workshop was also very valuable since research grants can be a vital source of human development and revenue generation for the University as such he called on University staff to take the issue of research seriously.

The workshop which was highly interactive had a practical group work on writing fundable research proposals, experiences of beneficiaries of research grants, opportunities for researchers, requirements of international donors, research ethics for success and components of acceptable research proposals. The workshop attracted members of academics from the Department of Education and School of Continuing Education.



## BUK Fitness Club Seeks Assistance of Sports Directorate, Appoints Director Usman Salihu as Patron

By Nura Garba

Bayero University Community Fitness Club has thrown its weight behind the Director of Sports, Usman Salihu, to initiate drastic changes of taking sporting activities to the next level, just as it has sought his assistance to regulate the mass turnout of people during weekend's training sessions.

The Club, which spoke through the Chairman, Salisu Mohammed, said they were worried by the intrusion into their training session at the Ahmadu Adamu Mu'azu Stadium by unknown people, who are not their registered members. He sought the assistance of the Sports Directorate to intervene by issuing identity cards to only registered members.

He said the I.D cards must be scrutinized by security personnel at entry in order not to allow the intruders, who must not be the registered members.

The Chairman, who came along with the newly executive members of the Club to pay a courtesy call on the Director and to familiarize with him, said the new executives would comply with all the university's standards, saying that 70% of the members constituted students, staff and alumni of the university.

The Chairman on behalf of the executives and members of the Club, however, appointed the Director, Usman Salihu as their patron, urging to him to find time

to visit and address the members.

In his remarks, the Director, Malam Salihu, expressed appreciation over the way and manner the club conducts its activities and congratulated the new executives for being elected to steer the affairs of the club.

The Director said he had already started discussions with the Director of Security on how to control the crowd, adding that the Directorate would ensure orderliness and decorum in the activities of the club.



Director of Sports, Usman Salihu (3rd right) in a group photograph with executives of BUK Fitness Club

## Appointments/Re-appointemnt

The underlisted staff have been elected to serve as Congregation Representatives in various Committees for a period of two years.

SN	NAME	DEPARTMENT	COMMITTEE	DURATION
1	Dr. Maikano Abdullahi Madaki	Sociology	University Management Committee	2 years
2	Dr. Aliyu Mustapha	Faculty of Law	Senate	2 years
3	Dr. Balarabe Abubakar	School of Continuing Education	Floating Member	2 years
4	Dr. Sani Safiyanu	Department of Political Science	Senate	2 years
5	Dr. Rilwanu Tasiu Yalwa	Department of Geography	Floating Member	2 years
6	Dr. Baba Yusuf	School of Continuing Education	Senate	2 years
7	Dr. Ya'u Sara	School of Continuing Education	Senate	2 years

### Professor Baffa Aliyu Umar now the Head, Department of Sociology

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello, has approved the appointment of Professor Baffa Aliyu Umar, as the Head, Department of Sociology for a period of two years commencing from January, 30<sup>th</sup> 2020.

### Dr. Ahmad Muhammad Salis, now the Head, Department of Arabic

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello, has approved the appointment of Dr. Ahmad Muhammad Salis, as the Head, Department of Arabic for a period of two years commencing from 2<sup>nd</sup> February, 2020.

### Dr. B.S. Wudil, now the Head, Department of Crop Protection

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello, has approved the appointment of Dr. B.S. Wudil, as the Head, Department of Crop Protection for a period of two years commencing from 9<sup>th</sup> February, 2020.

### Dr. Sani M. Gwarzo Re-appointed as the Head, Department of Library and Information Sciences

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello, has approved the re-appointment of Dr. Sani M. Gwarzo, as the Head, Department of Information and Library and Information Sciences, for another period of two years with effect from 18<sup>th</sup> January, 2020.

## SEMINARS

### Department of geography: *PhD Seminar*

**PRESENTER 1:** Idris Lawan

**TOPIC:** Geographical Analysis of Traffic Flow and Road Traffic Clashes on Major Corridors in Northern Nigeria

**CHAIRMAN:** Prof. J. Afolabi Falola

**PRESENTER 2:** Isa Adamu

**TOPIC:** Assessment of Marginal Land for *Jatropha Curcas* Cultivation in Kano Region, Northwestern Nigeria

**CHAIRMAN:** Prof. Ibrahim Baba Yakubu

**PRESENTER 3:** Jamila Garba

Abdullahi

**TOPIC:** Ecological Assessment of Malaria Risk in Kano Metropolis, Kano State, Nigeria

**CHAIRMAN:** Prof. Yusuf M. Adamu

**DATE:** Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February, 2020

**Time:** 10.00 am prompt

**Venue:** CB 17, Geography Department

**NOTE:** *Attending seminars is compulsory to all MSc I, MSc II, PhD I and PhD II students*

### Department of Environmental Management: *M.Sc. Research Proposal Seminar – 10<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> February, 2020*

The M.Sc. Research Proposal Seminar for our Second Year M.Sc. Students (2018), has been scheduled to start from Monday 10<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> February, 2020. The detail is as follows:

- i. Morning Session: Time -10:00am to 1:00pm
- ii. Afternoon Session: Time -2:00pm to 4:00pm
- iii. Venue: Seminar Room Department of Environmental Management
- iv. Chairmen of the Sessions
  - : Monday – Professor IBY, HAI and AMI
  - : Tuesday – Dr. MZK, KL, and LFB
  - : Wednesday – LFB, MZK and YAY
  - : Thursday – YIG, OLO, and AMI
  - : Friday – Professor IBY, LJM and SKI

## University Dress Code Committee

### *Call for Memoranda*

The University Dress Code Committee is working on a review of the Dress Code Policy of the University. Members of staff and students of the University as well as the general public are hereby invited to submit memoranda addressing the wider

perspectives of the policy. Memoranda should be sent to Professor Muhammad Babangida Muhammad at the Centre for Qur'anic Studies, or through this email address: [dircqs@buk.edu.ng](mailto:dircqs@buk.edu.ng) latest by 5<sup>th</sup> February, 2020.

Malam Kabiru Samaila Hamza of the Centre for Gender Studies wishes to invite members of the University community and the general public to the wedding fatiha of his daughter, **Zainab Kabiru S. (Achadu)**, and her fiancée, **Hamisu Nasiru Ado**

**Baliya**, scheduled as follows:

**Date:** Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup> February, 2020

**Time:** 11:00 am prompt

**Venue:** Sheikh Ahmadu Tijjani Mosque (Kofar Mata)

# University Health Services

## *Public Enlightenment/Advisory on Lassa Fever*



- Lassa Fever is an acute viral haemorrhagic fever (VHF) caused by the lassa virus. The natural reservoir for the virus is multimammate rat. Other rodents have also been identified to carry the virus.
- Lassa Fever occurs throughout the year but more cases are recorded during the dry season i.e. November through May.
- Lassa Fever is spread through:
  - Direct contact with urine, faeces, saliva or blood of infected rats.
  - Contact with objects, household items and surfaces or eating food, contaminated with urine, faeces, saliva or blood of infected rats.
  - Person to Person transmission by contact with blood, urine, faeces, vomitus, semen, vaginal secretions, breast milk or other body fluids of an infected person.
- Sign and Symptoms of Lassa Fever:
 

Lassa Fever presents initially like any other febrile illness such as malaria but accompanied with unexplainable bleeding from ears, eyes, nose, mouth and other body openings.

The time between an infection and appearance of symptoms of the disease is 2 to 21 days. Early treatment and diagnosis increase the chances of survival.
- People most at risk are:
  - People of all age groups who come in contact with the urine, faeces, saliva or blood of rats.
  - People living in rat-infested environments, which increases their chances of coming in contact with rats.
  - People who consume potentially contaminated food stuff especially those left open over-night or dried outside in the open.
  - People who handle or process rodents for consumption.
  - People who do not observe hand hygiene when appropriate.
  - Relatives who take care of sick person with Lassa Fever at home.
- How to prevent yourself from Lassa Fever
  - Maintain personal hygiene by, among others, frequent hand washing with soap and water or use of hand sanitizers.
  - Store food in containers with lids and discard any food remnants.
  - Keep your home and surrounding clean and tidy to discourage rats and other rodents from entering.
  - Ensure proper sanitation by, among others, proper waste disposal.
  - Cook all food thoroughly.
  - Wash fruits thoroughly, vegetables and other food items before consumption.

