Bayero University has hosted the 26th National Executive Council meeting of the National Association of Academic Technologists (NAAT) with delegates from universities across the country in attendance.

At the opening ceremony on Thursday, 25th June, 2015, the Vice Chancellor, Professor Abubakar Rasheed, mni, MFR said the function of academic technologists in the affairs of university system was very crucial. He said NAAT members assist greatly in producing Doctors and Engineers, calling on them to strive hard to advance the frontiers of their knowledge if they wanted to remain more relevant in the scheme of things, as well as meet the challenges of the technologically advanced world.

The Vice Chancellor challenged them to equip themselves with the skills of operating modern machines and charged them to upgrade themselves through formal study or improved research.

Professor Rasheed told the NAAT delegation that Bayero University in its 2020 Strategic Plan had shifted focus from building structures to modern equipment and facilities, saying within the next two years the university would add more sophisticated equipment for better efficiency in teaching, learning and research.

The Vice Chancellor donated the sum of N3m to NAAT, BUK branch to assist it in building its new secretariat.

In his remark, the ASUU National President, Dr. Nasiru Isa Fagge, said over the years in Bayero University, there had been a cordial working relationship among all the four staff unions. He tasked the NAAT members to work assiduously in delivering their university mandate.

Dr. Fagge expressed dismay that Nigerian universities hardly ranked among 3,000 in the world or the 50 in the African continent, saying, however, that with improved standards and quality assurance the deficit would be overturned.

Also speaking, the SSANU Chairman, Comrade Kabiru Baba, told the NAAT delegates that they should in this changing world train their members to know and...
differentiate rights and privilege, especially as they related with their various university management. He added that if they had a courageous, versatile and transparent Vice Chancellor like Professor Rasheed, their universities would have been better managed.

In his remark, the NAAT President commended Bayero University for producing eminent and purposeful leaders like the INEC Chairman, Professor Attahiru Muhammad Jega, and ASUU National President, Dr. Nasiru Fagge, who have demonstrated prowess in their leadership.

Earlier in his remark, the NAAT Chairman, Malam Aliyu Abba, said the NEC meeting was to bring together members of the union to deliberate on issues affecting the union, the university system and the country at large and take far-reaching decisions that would benefit their members and improve the standard of university education.

He said NAAT had recognized the role played by Professor Rasheed in promoting a cordial working relationship among the unions and also for creating an enabling environment for them to see themselves as partners in progress.

6 Student Athletes Depart South Korea for World Universities Games

Six students of Bayero University are in University of Ibadan preparatory to their departure to South Korea for the World Universities Games billed to commence from 3rd to 14th July, 2015.

The athletes were released by the Student Affairs Division and visited the Vice Chancellor last week in company of the Director of Sports, Malam Ahmed Tijjani Salisu Sa’id, and the Treasurer of NUGA, Professor Musa Garba Yakasai.

Former African Badminton champion and 2014 NUGA gold medalist, Ruth Ebere of Physical and Health Education, who is among the contingent, is set to reclaim her title at the international stage.

Other athletes are: Serah Samuel, Badminton, S.T.E; Rebecca John, Judo, P.H.E; Eniafe Alabi, Judo, P.H.E; Abdulrahman Abubakar, Taekwondo, Mechanical Engineering and Gideon U. Idoku, P.H.E also Taekwando.

The Director of Sports said the BUK contingent would meet with other athletes at the University of Ibadan whom were selected at the last NUGA games held at the University of Obafemi Awolowo, Ile-Ife last year.

Similarly, BUK Taekwando coach, Ibrahim Yahuza, was selected by NUGA officials to lead the country’s Taekwando team at Gwanju, South Korea.

2015 Teacher’s Workshop: VC Doles Out ₦1m to Staff School

Ahead of the 2015 Teachers’ Workshop, the Vice Chancellor, Professor Abubakar Rasheed has donated the sum of One Million Naira to the Staff Primary School to facilitate the smooth conduct of the workshop.

The Vice Chancellor announced the donation on Tuesday, 23rd June, 2015 at the Senate Chamber in a meeting with some senior teachers of the school, led by the Chairman of the Board, Professor Dawood, and Principal, Malam Mohammed Haruna Shanono.
Prof. Rasheed told the delegation that the University had been making efforts to improve the standard of the staff school, citing an eighty four million naira (₦84m) road construction in New Campus Staff School. He said a similar one would be constructed at the Old Campus. He said there were challenges in these projects because government agencies or individuals hardly gave money meant for staff schools. “Most of these projects in staff schools are being done through internally generated revenue,” he stressed.

The Vice Chancellor challenged the staff school to be more creative in designing some meaningful projects through the judicious utilization of generated revenue that would impact positively to the school.

Earlier, in his remark, the Chairman of the Staff Primary School Board, Professor Dawood, expressed appreciation to the Vice Chancellor for the school’s rapid progress and transformations in terms of infrastructures and staff development.

He presented to the Vice Chancellor the national Mathematics Competition Award received from Turkish International College Annual Mathematics Competition organized by the National Mathematics Centre, Abuja on 24th January, 2015.

Also presented to the Vice Chancellor were Malam Sule O. Ademo’s certificates of Honour Award from the Institute of Youth Development, Sani Abacha Youth Centre and the Mathematics Quiz Competition award between Old and New Campus staff schools, which the former won.

Professor Dawood explained that the school was preparing for the 2015 Teacher’s Workshop in order to keep up with the current global best practices towards the improvement of teaching and learning.

In his part, the Principal, Malam Haruna Shanono, expressed gratitude to the Vice Chancellor and said Bayero University would always be proud of the numerous progress and development witnessed during his tenure.

**BUK is so Many Steps Ahead of its Contemporaries – NAAT President**

The National President of National Association of Academic Technologists, Alhaji Sani Suleiman, has said the Vice-Chancellor of Bayero University, Kano, Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, mni, MFR has turned the University into a role model such that whoever succeeds him would have a herculean task awaiting him.

Alhaji Suleiman spoke on Wednesday, 24th June, 2015 when he led other members of the National Executive Council of the association on a courtesy call on the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, mni, MFR in his office.

He said it was not the first time he visited BUK, but that when he came this time around, he was at a lost whether it was the same BUK he knew 10 years ago, adding, ‘we are overwhelmed by the quantum of infrastructural development across the two campuses of the university. This has definitely put BUK far ahead of its contemporaries,’ he remarked.

The NAAT President charged other university administrators in the country to emulate the judicious utilization of resources from the BUK Vice-Chancellor, saying that ‘we believe posterity will definitely be kind to you wherever you find yourself.’

He said the NAAT national body was not surprised by the harmonious working relationship between the BUK chapter of the union and management and commended Professor Rasheed for being a true leader and father to all.
Alhaji Sani Suleiman appealed to the Vice-Chancellor to help build a secretariat for the BUK chapter. He also thanked the Vice-Chancellor for accepting to host the National Executive Council Meeting of the Union and assured him that NAAT would continue to support and cooperate with him in his determined efforts to elevate BUK to international standards.

Responding, Professor Rasheed thanked the national leadership of the union for giving BUK the opportunity to host the NEC meeting of the union, saying ‘we in BUK have enjoined peaceful working relationship with NAAT. Since I assumed duty as Vice-Chancellor about five years ago, I never had friction with any of the four unions, because we operate open door policy and often involve them in our activities.’

Professor Rasheed did not only promise to build the BUK chapter secretariat, but also assured that NAAT’s National President would perform the foundation laying ceremony of the structure. He wished the union a successful NEC meeting.

Vice Chancellor Appoints Four HODs for School of Continuing Education

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, has approved the appointment of four Heads of Department for the School of Continuing Education (SCE) for a period of two years each, effective from 15th June, 2015.

The appointment letters dated 11th June, 2015 and signed by the Vice Chancellor, noted that the new Heads of Departments had been appointed based on the terms and conditions applicable to the University.

Those appointed are: Dr. Salihu Lawal, Head of Department of Arts and Humanities and Professor Junaidu Na’Aliya, Head of Department of Science.

Others are: Dr Muhammad Aminu Isa, Head of Department of Social Sciences, and Dr. Ahmed Iliyasu, Head of Department of Education.

New HODs Appointed

The Vice Chancellor Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed mni, MFR has approved the appointment of five Heads of Department in the Faculty of Dentistry in the College of Health Sciences of Bayero University, Kano.

The new Heads of Department are: Dr O. F. Ikusika of Department of Restorative, Professor Sonny O. Jeboda of Department of Preventive Dentistry, Dr Babatunde Bamgbose of Oral Diagnostic Sciences, Dr. Ibiyinka O. Omole of Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery and Dr. Sani Balarabe of Department of Child Dental Health

According to the letter signed by the Vice Chancellor on 11th June, 2015, the appointments are for a period of two years from 15th June, 2015.

Professor Abubakar Rashid while congratulating them for the appointments urged them to work hard to justify the confidence reposed in them.

Biological Sciences Department Others Get New HODs

Dr. Sani Ibrahim has been appointed as the new Head of Department of Biological Sciences in the Faculty of Science.

This is contained in a letter signed by the Vice Chancellor, Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, mni MFR.

Other heads of department appointed according to the letter are Dr. Amina Adamu, Head, English and Literary Studies Department, and Dr. Ibrahim L. Abdullahi to head the Plant Biology Department.
The letter stated that all appointments are for two years. Also, the tenure of the Head of English and Literary Studies and that of Biological Sciences Departments commenced from 15th June, 2015 while the tenure of Head of Plant Biology Department commenced since 30th April, 2015.

2015 Junior Staff Promotion Exercise

This is to inform the Provost, College of Health Sciences, all Deans, Directors and heads of Department/Unit that they are requested to submit to the Junior Staff Office, their recommendations for the 2015 annual promotions of Junior Staff in their Faculties, Departments/Sections/Units. The submissions should reach the Junior Staff Office not later than Friday, 10th July, 2015.

As usual, Heads of Department are requested to note the following guidelines:

1. The candidate(s) being presented for promotion should be confirmed staff and must be qualified academically and professionally. Such staff must have demonstrated exceptional performance meriting promotion.

2. He/she must have served the University for at least 3 years after his/her last promotion.

3. Candidate(s) for promotion to rank of caretaker must have at least three (3) credits in SSCE/GCE or its equivalent.

4. Trade Test Certificates from the Federal Ministry of Labour and Productivity can be presented where applicable.

5. Staff on study fellowship or who has been granted study fellowship this year could be presented for promotion.

6. Staff with a warning letter in the last 6 months should not be presented for promotion.

7. All re-designation cases (upgrading, change of cadre and conversion) should not be presented at the Junior Staff A&PC, instead it should be directed to the Registrar.

8. Departments should not re-submit cases for promotion which were earlier rejected without acquiring the needed relevant qualification.

9. Fifteen (15) copies of the attached forms should be completed and submitted in respect of each candidate.

A statement signed by A. B. Shehu, Secretary Junior Staff Appointments and Promotions Committee, said, all submissions and recommendations are to be submitted to the Junior Staff Office on or before 10th July, 2015. Late submission would not be accepted.

NB: Officers presenting candidates for promotion shall be required to come and defend their submission before the Junior Staff A & PC with their departmental files and photocopies of relevant credentials on the scheduled date.

SECURITY DIVISION: Farming Within the University Residential Area

This is to remind members of the University community that the management policy, which proscribed farming within residential areas, is still in force. Now that the rainy season has just begun, staff members who wish to plant crops MUST NOT plant stem growing crops. Any person who violates this policy would have his crops destroyed and might face disciplinary action.

A statement signed by (rtd) Col. A. A. Mohammed, Director of Security, said those planting around the borehole area up to the river bank along the fence should not plant stem growing crops inside the fence. A team of security officials will embark on house to house
search to ensure compliance with this policy. Defaulters would be arraigned before the Staff Disciplinary Committee for appropriate sanction.

**Staff House Allocation & Maintenance Committee**

The Housing Allocation and Maintenance Committee wishes to bring the following information to the attention of the University community.

A statement signed by Prof. Mustapha Hassan Bichi, FNSE, Chairman said, “The University Staff Housing Allocation and Maintenance Committee is advising members of the University community occupying University accommodation to clean their roofs of tree leaves and other materials in order to minimize cases of roof leakages. This exercise was undertaken by the University management last year and that greatly reduced the cases of leakages. Any emergency cases of roof leakages should be reported to the Maintenance Officer and/or the Secretary, Staff Housing Allocation and Maintenance Committee.”

**Staff Model Secondary School:**
Ramadhan & Idil-Fitr Holidays (30 Days)

Staff Model Secondary School wishes to inform members of the University community, parents and well-wishers that the following is the breakdown of school programme for 3rd term 2014/2015 session:

1. **Ramadhan and Idil-Fitr Holidays is 30 Days:** That is Saturday, 27th June, 2015 to Sunday 26th July, 2015. All students are to resume for normal lesson on Monday, 27th July, 2015 to August, 22nd 2015.

2. The School has resolved to continue with Sales of Admission and Transfer forms still in progress.

**Admission:** ₦2,000 per student (A/C No. 1001602305)
**Transfer:** ₦3,000 per form per student (A/C No. 1001602305)

3. All Entrance examinations will come-up immediately after Sallah-Idil-Fitr. Thursday by Saturday, 1st August, 2015.
**Time:** 8:00am
**Venue:** School premises (BUKSMSS, Kano)

Please prepare and groom your wards for the altitudinal tests.

**SEMINARS**

The following departments invite the University Community to their faculties/departmental seminars, scheduled as follows:

**Department of Islamic Law:** *Departmental Seminar*
**Presenter:** Dr. Musa Usman Abubakar, Islamic Law Department
**Title:** *The Imperative of Incorporating Consequential Orders for Implied Apostasy in the Sharia Penal Codes in Nigeria.*
**Chairman:** Malam Muzammil Sani Hanga
**Date:** Wednesday, 1st July, 2015
**Time:** 10:00am
**Venue:** F204 Conference Room, Faculty of Law Bayero University, Kano.

**Department of Theatre & Performing Arts:** *Departmental Seminar*
**Presenter 1:** Dameh J. Ali
**Title:** *Historical and Cultural Re-Orientation in Kunle Afolayan’s October 1.*
**Chairman:** Prof. Abdallah Uba Adamu
**Discussant 1:** Prof. M. O. Bhadmus
**Discussant 2:** Mal. Maikudi Zukogi
**Date:** 1st July, 2015

**Presenter 2:** Rukayyat Banjo
**Title:** *The Screen and the Stage: Contrasting Media.*
**Chairman:** Prof. M. O. Bhadmus
**Discussant 1:** Malam Salihu Bappa  
**Discussant 2:** Dr. I. G. Satatima  
**Date:** Tuesday, 30th June, 2015  

**Presenter 3:** Olagoke O. Ifatimehim  
**Title:** Hollywood and Cultural Engineering: Towards a National Culture.  
**Chairman:** Malam Salihu Bappa  
**Discussant 1:** Prof. U. I. M. Buratai  
**Discussant 2:** Raji Ellams Zaynab Bolanle  
**Date:** Tuesday, 30th June, 2015  
**Time:** 10:00am  
**Venue:** Department of English Seminar Room.

**Department of Geography: Proposal Defence Seminar**

**Presenter 1:** Yusuf Mohammed Tukur (SPS/13/MGE/00025)  
**Title:** An Assessment of Domestic Energy Consumption in Kano Metropolis.  

**Presenter 2:** Suleiman Shehu Suleiman (SPS/13/MGE/00026)  
**Title:** An Assessment of Heavy Metals Concentration in Soils of Abandoned Municipal Dumpsite and its Implication for Vegetable Production at Lokoja, Kogi State.  

**Presenter 3:** Umar Shehu Sarki (SPS/13/MGE/00029)  
**Title:** Evaluation of River Water Quality and its Suitability for Fadama Irrigation Using Statistical Approach.  

**Presenter 4:** Hamza Mallam Zubairu (SPS/13/MGE/00034)  
**Title:** The Impact of Deforestation on Soil Erosion in Danbatta Local Government Area.  

**Presenter 5:** Olaitan Michael Francis (SPS/13/MGE/00035)  
**Title:** Spatial Distribution and Sanitary Condition of Public Conveniences in Kano Metropolis.  

**Presenter 1:** Yusuf Mohammed Tukur (SPS/13/MGE/00025)  
**Title:** An Assessment of Domestic Energy Consumption in Kano Metropolis.  
**Chairperson:** Prof. E. A. Olafin & Prof. K. Ahmed  
**Date:** Tuesday, 30th June, 2015  

**Presenter 6:** Adeola Thomas Omotosho (SPS/13/MGE/00024)  
**Title:** Morphometric Analysis of Challawa River.  

**Presenter 7:** Karimatu Umar Adamu (SPS/13/MGE/00042)  
**Title:** Analysis of Heavy Metals and Microbial Biomass in the Soils along River Jakara Downstream.  

**Presenter 8:** Aminu Rabi’u (SPS/13/MGE/00071)  
**Title:** An Assessment of Soil types, Fertility Status and Implication for crop Yield in Tudun Wada, Kano State.  

**Presenter 9:** Binta Lawan Yusuf (SPS/13/MGE/00072)  
**Title:** An Assessment of Soil Salinity in Kadawa Sector of the Kano River Irrigation Project.  

**Presenter 10:** Dantata Danlami (SPS/13/MGE/00074)  
**Title:** Spatio-temporal Variations of Harmattan Seasons: A Review of Northeastern Nigeria.  
**Chairperson:** Prof. Adamu I. Tanko & Malam Maharazu A. Yusuf  
**Date:** Tuesday, 1st July, 2015  

**Presenter 11:** Idris Lawan (SPS/13/MGE/00021)  
**Title:** An Analysis of the Nature of Road Traffic Crashes on the Dualised Kano-Maiduguri Road.  

**Presenter 12:** Umar Abba (SPS/13/MGE/00038)
Title: An Analysis of Recreation and Tourism Facilities in Doguwa Local Government Area, Kano State.

Presenter 13: Daifuru Yahaya (SPS/13/MGE/00073)
Title: Factors Influencing the Spatial Distribution of Marriage in Kano Metropolis.

Presenter 14: Sadiya Sunusi Usman (SPS/13/MGE/00073)
Title: Socio-economic Impact of Poultry Production.
Chairperson: Prof. J. Afolabi Falola & Prof. Y. M. Adamu
Date: Thursday, 2nd July, 2015

Appreciation From Hajia Salamatu O. Suleiman
I, Hajia Salamatu O. Suleiman, on behalf of the family of the late Yunus Fatima Umar, the former lecturer of Faculty of Crop Protection, wish to express sincere appreciation to all those who paid condolence visits to the family.

My sincere appreciation goes to the Principal officers of the University, the Vice Chancellor, the Deputy Vice Chancellors Academics and Admin., the Registrar, the Bursar, the Librarian, Deans, Directors and Heads of Department.

My appreciation also goes to the Academic staff Union of the University (ASUU) and the HODs of Agronomy and Crop Protection who took the pains to stay with the family through the eve of the event and the entire staff who called through the phone or prayed for the repose of the deceased.

I also use this opportunity to thank all the members who attended my daughter’s wedding or prayed for us.

May the Almighty Allah reward all abundantly, amin.

Do You Know:
• That the Environment Needs our Care and Attention?
• That You Have to Nurture Nature in Order to Enjoy It?
• That the Pressure on the Environment is too Great?
• That We are Losing too Many Trees, Fauna and Flora?
• That the University spends a lot of Money to Maintain the Environment?

✓ Plant a Tree Today and Maintain it to Maturity.
✓ Keep Your Office and Residence Neat and Tidy.
✓ Use the DUSTBIN to Dispose of all Litter.