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43rd Professorial Inaugural Lecture: Cholestoral Can be Used to Check Cardiovascular Disease ...Prof. M. K. **By Adamu Garba**

professor of Biochemistry, Professor Mohammed Atiku Kano, has disclosed that despite its negative effects in human body, serum lipid panels (cholesterol) could help in checking the risk of heart diseases or atherosclerosis.

Delivering the 43rd Professorial Inaugural lecture on Thursday, 25th July, 2019, titled: *Serum Lipids and* Lipoproteins: A Curse or a Blessing? at Musa Abdullahi Auditorium, the erudite scholar said in as much as high disturbances in lipid levels in the body leads to disease conditions, all the same, it plays an important function in the human body among which is protecting man from the risk of heart disease.

"Viewed from double-edged sword perspective, lipids may either be a blessing or a curse, depending on its functions in normal or diseased conditions respectively," he declared.

However, he said it was desirable that people should watch their lifestyle and dietary habits which did not lead to abnormal lipid levels, saying that having cholestoral without physical exercise is very dangerous to man.

As a way of ensuring a healthy body and soul, the Professor of Biochemist advised that people should be encouraged to indulge in regular physical exercise, reduction of stress levels, decrease or total abstinence from alcoholism, cigarette smoking and consumption of fat-rich food items, among others.

Professor Atiku said research had further revealed that serum lipids and lipoproteins patterns varied according to geographical, racial, age and sex differences.

In particular, he revealed that places where the consumption of groundnut oil is high may have the tendency of having people with high serum lipids as against areas that do not have such habit.

"It is surprising to find the pre-ponderance of α lipoprotein (i.e. HDL), about 43.5g of total serum lipoproteins, in healthy Nigerian subjects. The high density lipoprotein cholesterol (HDL-CH) concentrations found in apparently healthy Hausa subjects were very low when compared to HDL-CH concentrations obtained in communities in which the incidence of coronary heart disease is high." The study found the over-dependence on groundnut-oil for cooking in Hausa community dietary habits and relatively low indulgence in physical exercise, among others.

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza, who was represented by the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academics), Professor Adamu Idris Tanko, commended the Professorial Inaugural Committee for a job well-done. He said there were a series of professors waiting to present their inaugural lectures as at and when due. Professor Tanko said the University always encouraged professors to share their expertise with the university and the larger community.

Fight Unemployment with ICT ... Prof. Wakili Tells Nigerian Youth

– By Lamara Garba –

Nigerian youth can leverage on the potentialities that abound in Information and Communication Technology (ICT) to fight unemployment and become productive citizens and improve their social status in the society, the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Administration), Professor Haruna Wakili, has advised.

Speaking as the Chairman of the occasion at the Kano Social Media Influencers Summit held at the Bayero University's Aminu Kano Centre for Democratic Studies (Mambayya) House on Tuesday, 30th July, 2019, Prof. Waklil said Information and Communication Technology



(ICT) provided our youth with a number of opportunities which if properly harnessed and utilized could guarantee a prosperous future for the country.

While moderating the session, Professor Wakili opined that ICT stood a good chance for its users to develop and prosper their fortunes rather than wait for white colour jobs, which were not forth-coming. "Our life has been so much engraved with ICT now, so much that nothing will be done without it and therefore, our teeming youths could take advantage of its potentialities to advance their fortunes by securing their future."

He commended the Centre for Information Technology and Development (CITAD) for organizing such an allimportant Summit, pointing out that Nigeria, which had a large number of talented youth, stood a good chance of becoming one of the advanced economies, "if we can truly harness the many benefits of ICT".

Earlier in his keynote address, the Executive Vice Chairman of the Nigerian Communications Commission (NCC), Professor Umar Garba Danbatta, said the Commission was doing everything possible to checkmate the activities of criminals, who were using the telephone and other modern technological services, particularly kidnappers.

He, however, charged that, as a panacea, Nigerians must cooperate with all the relevant bodies by way of ensuring full registration of all SIM Cards, so that it could be very easy for the Commission and the Security agencies to track all telephone users. That would go a long way in reducing crimes in the society.

According to him, the internet iss the fastest growing technology in which, while radio and other forms of communication took almost a whole century to be able to cover 50 million users, the internet took just some 25 years to reach more than 50 million subscribers. He also said the Nigerian Broadcasting Commission (NBC) was responsible for the control of messages in social media platforms but not his agency, as insinuated in some quarters.

He likened Communication Technology and the Internet as the fourth revolution after agriculture, steel and industrial. The conference attracted attendees from academia, human right activists, legal practitioners, bureaucrats and many others.

ACCA to institute Prize for Best Accounting Student ... Grants Professional Examination Waiver to BUK

— By Bala G. Abdullahi –

Bayero University, Kano has been granted seven (7) professional examination waivers by the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA), its Country Head, Mr. Tom Isibor has disclosed. He said Babcock University, Ilesha and Base University, Abuja were the only two privately owned Universities in the country that exceeded BUK with (8) exemptions.

Mr. Isibor was speaking during a courtesy call on the Vice Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello, on Thursday, 25th July, 2019. He also disclosed that ACCA was working towards instituting an annual prize to be given to the best graduating accounting students of Bayero University, Kano as part of the body's efforts to encourage competition among students. He explained that all undergraduate Accounting students would have to write 14-professional course examinations to enable them to become ACCA certified on graduation, adding that the 14 papers are written in three different stages. Mr. Isibor further stated that of the 14 papers, five are knowledge based; four are skills based, while the remaining are professional examinations.

Mr. Isibor added that most of the requirements of the ACCA as contained in the 14 professional course/examinations to which accounting undergraduate students would have to sit and pass before becoming ACCA certified have been covered by the department during the students' undergraduate training. 'This is the

reason why we granted students of BUK waiver of seven out of the 14. They will only sit for seven; two from skills based, none from knowledge based, and the remaining professional examinations,' he remarked.

He said apart from granting the waivers, Bayero University was one of the only five out of the over 150 universities in the country to enjoy collaboration with the body, saying that 'ACCA will be willing to expand such collaboration with BUK with a view to making it a symbiotic relationship". He revealed that ACCA was working towards expanding its membership to include other professions like Mathematics, Statistics, Economics, etc.

Responding, the Vice Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello, who was represented by the Deputy Vice Chancellor, (Academics), Professor Adamu Idris Tanko, assured that the management would continue to do more to uplift the University's infrastructure, as well as maintain quality in teaching and research.

Professor Tanko said the University welcomed the decision of the ACCA to expand its membership to include other professions, such as the graduates of statistics, saying that 'BUK does not run Statistics

programme. But I am happy to inform you that recently we got approval to start Statistics programme next academic sessions.'



DVC (Academics), Prof. I. A. Tanko presenting copies of BUK Today Magazine to Mr. Tom Isibar of ACCA

He assured ACCA that the University would continue to support its activities, such as the ACCA Summit and the Mentoring Scheme, which he believed would be beneficial to the University and its students. He also assured them of the willingness of the University to grant its request for a CBT centre.

Nigerian Universities Have Declined Irreversibly ...Prof. I. B. K.



Professor Ibrahim Bello Kano

Unless the authorities, members of the public and all other stakeholders stand with their heads above water, the quest of revitalizing the education sector, especially at the University level, would be an effort in futility, a Professor of English Literature from Bayero University, Professor Ibrahim Bello Kano, has opined.

Speaking on Monday, 29th July, 2019 at a round table programme on reviving the culture of debate and critical thinking in the Nigerian University system organized by the Centre for Information Technology and Development (CITAD), at the Conference Hall of the Faculty of Physical Sciences, the radical scholar charged that Universities had become a mere civil servant with teaching functions, thus reducing them to 'super secondary schools'. "Nigerian Universities have declined irretrievably and will never be better than they are now. I am sorry, the situation as it is beyond redemption," he further said. According to him, the system has degenerated beyond recovery with the resultant effects of poor and unqualified students; mismanagement and maladministration on the side of University administrators; lack of diversity and quality intellectuals and, above all, dubious processes in the recruitment and promotion of members of academic staff.

"In the 1960's, 70's 80's and up to the early 90's, the intellectual ferment occasioned by interdisciplinary scholarship was the order of the day, but, sadly, nowadays all those good policies have gone and gone forever," he further frowned. Professor Bello-Kano, however, took solace in the fact that for the system to regain these olden good periods, "we have to heavily rely on spirited and committed individual intellectuals, who are abound within the system as well as other independent research centres".

Dr. Kole Shettima, the Head of the MacArthur Foundation, Africa Regional Office, in his presentation advanced that, for the Nigerian University to function well, there must have a general overhaul of the basic education.

He charged that the situation did not give room for intellectualism in the young rather it is "targeted at developing their capacity to pass examination through memorization only". According to him, without reforming the grassroots, there would be no tangible result in the quest of reviving the ivory tower, saying that the workload at the lower level based on the curriculum was too much for any meaningful comprehension of the knowledge to be imparted.

The Chairman of the occasion, Malam Mu'azzam Ibrahim, of the Department of Political Science, who commended the organizers, however, took a swipe at the new policy of transforming university education through the market model theory.

"Treating students as a client in my opinion is a way of ensuring the total collapse and burial of the Nigerian University system," he warned. Malam Mu'azzam argued that other climes across the world had tried this model and didn't succeed because they discovered that it would'nt solve the problem, but rather it killed it and quickly discarded it.

In his opening remarks, the Director of CITAD, Dr. Y.Z. Ya'u, said the program was aimed at reviving true intellectualism in the Nigerian University system with a view to initiating younger academics to build a strong and virile society through knowledge and education.

Participants were drawned from the Federal Ministry of Education, National Universities Commission, the Tertiary Education Trust Fund, members of academia from Bayero University, Yusuf Maitama Sule University, Kano University of Science and Technology and FCE, Kano, among others.

NRI Team Visits BUK to Strengthen By Nura Garba Collaboration with CDA

A team from Natural Resources Institute (NRI), Greenwich University, United Kingdom, led by its Director, Professor Andrew Westby, visited Bayero University, on Tuesday, 30th July, 2019, to strengthen collaboration with the Centre for Dryland Agriculture (CDA).



NKI Otticials in a group photograph with members of the University Managemen and Centre for Dryland Agriculture (CDA) officials

The NRI has a multi-disciplinary approach that uniquely integrates capability in scientific research and technology development with capacity in agricultural economics and social science in order to achieve sustainable benefits for the developing world.

The institute has a global reach, undertaking its research through an extensive international network, which brings together funders (government, philanthropy, and business), non-governmental organizations, the private sector, research and development specialists on the ground and targeted beneficiaries in developing countries. NRI has had formal partnerships with more than 1,300 organisations including CDA since 2001.

Professor Westby, who along with Dr. Tim Chancellor, paid a courtesy call on the Vice Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello, said their visit was to strengthen collaboration with the CDA, saying that the two had a mission in common. "That's why we came to synergize on academic linkage," he said.

The leader of the team said CDA and NRI would jointly work together to be internationally competitive in order to achieve what they could not achieve separately.

> He explained that NRI focused on four thematic areas: Climate change, sustainable crop intensification, food loss and nutrition.

> In his response, the Vice Chancellor, who was represented by the DVC (Academics), Professor Adamu Idris Tanko, said BUK was pleased to receive the NRI team and was ready to provide all the necessary support to ensure that the collaboration was firmly strengthened. He explained that CDA had the best facilities which could not be found at least in the African Subregion.

> Earlier, the Director of CDA, Professor Jibrin M. Jibrin, who had earlier introduced the team, said the CDA team visited NRI in 2016 and discussed with the latter on how it could assist in reviewing its curriculum and develop a working

relationship with Greenwich University. "We also sent our existing programmes for gap assessment and we got good input from them. Based on it, we completely reviewed our curriculum," said the Director.

Prof Jibrin further explained that last year when CDA was writing a proposal for the renewal of its Academic Centres of Excellence (ACEs) programme, "we requested for a letter of support from NRI and fortunately we were successful. Similarly, when NRI was writing a proposal for E3, expanding excellence in England, we wrote a letter of support and it was equally successful," he said.

The NRI Team who went round to see facilities at the CDA were highly impressed with the state-of-the-art facilities at CDA and with the fruitful discussions on strengthening ties that would be beneficial to both parties.

Mass Comm Class 82 Holds Re-Union Meeting, plans to Introduce Indigent Scholarship

The Bayero University Mass Communication Department Class 1982 celebrated re-union for the first time in about 40 years after graduation.

The class members, led by Dr. Hadiza Isa Wada, paid a courtesy call on the Vice Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello on Thursday, 25th July, 2019 said that they planned to give back to their *almamata* having benefited tremendously from the training they received which made them what they were now, hence the reunion.

A member of the class and the Dean, Faculty of Communication, Professor Mustapha Nasir Malam, said last year they created a social media group, which helped them to interact among themselves and plan to organize the re-union meeting.

Vice Chancellor, who was represented by the Deputy Vice Chancellor, (Academics), Professor Adamu Idris Tanko, welcomed the alumni and congratulated them for reuniting after many years of graduation.

He said "You left the University when it was only in the Old Campus with a few departments and now it has metamorphosed into two colleges, 17 faculties, over 60 departments and 43,000 students".

Professor Tanko further disclosed that the old Mass Communication Department had been transformed into a faculty with three departments and had become a strong media outlet with a radio station, and soon a television studio would take off through the support of the Mac Arthur Foundation. The idea, he said, was to build a centre of excellence in media studies.

"The BUK Bulletin you famously knew in black and white format has now been totally redesigned and the unit in addition is producing a monthly magazine called *BUK Today*, which has been institutionalized since 2015", the Vice Chancellor added.



Members of Mass Comm Class `82 in a group photograph with University Management

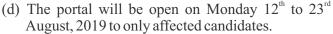
The Class 82 had in the evening organized a dinner at the University Guest House, Old Campus, where they discussed a number of issues, including the introduction of indigent students scholarship. The members agreed to contribute money annually to be given to less privileged students to support their education.

The Head of Mass Communication Department, Dr. Haruna Ismail, is also part of the Class 82.

ADD AND DROP EXERCISE: Guidelines for Undergraduate Students in the Second Semester 2018/2019 Academic Session

This is to inform all interested <u>Undergraduate</u> students willing to add/drop a course(s) for the second (2^{nd}) Semester to adapt the following procedure:

- (a) Make sure you have dully registered with the University for 2018/2019 Session.
- (b) Meet your level coordinator for guidance.
- (c) Make payment of N1000 via <u>remita</u> from 12th August, 2019.



(e) Reprint your CRF and submit to your level coordinator for documentation.

Closing date for the **ADD/DROP** IS 23rd August, 2019.

N.B. Make sure you keep a photocopy of your receipt for safe keeping.

PENSION MATTERS: Enrolment of Federal Government Employees (Tertiary Institutions) scheduled for Retirement Between January and December, 2020 under the Contributory Pension Scheme

The National Pension Commission has completed enrolment exercise for employees of Federal Government (tertiary institutions) due for retirement between January and December, 2020 under the Contributory Pension Scheme.

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University Staff who will be due for retirement within the period by virtue of attaining the age of 65 years and 70 years (Professors) and have not been served with letter of notice of enrolment should please report to the Pension Unit immediately.

Town Planners Council Visit BUK for Programme Accreditation By Adamu Garba

The Town Planners Registration Council of Nigeria (TOPREC) arrived Bayero University, Kano for the accreditation of programmes under the Department of Urban and Regional Planning.

The leader of the team, who is the President of the Council TPL, Malam I.D. Suleiman, informed the Vice Chancellor during a courtesy call in his office on Tuesday, 30^{th} July, 2019 that TOPREC was established to regulate



TOPREC officials in a group photograph with BUK Management

and control training as well as the practice of the profession of Physical Planning in all aspects and ramifications in Nigeria and determine who town planners were and the standards of training as well as the skills required for one to be a town planner.

Mallam Suleiman declared that the visit aimed at

assessing and ensuring that what Urban and Regional Planning students of Bayero University acquired could make them compete with their counterparts anywhere in the world. He added that the Council comprised of experienced teachers, consultants and practitioners in the field.

The President reiterated the determination of TOPREC to make BUK produce the best students in URP who should become members of physical planning profession.

Responding, the Vice Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello, who was represented by the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academics), Professor Adamu Idris Tanko, disclosed that the visit was part of a sustained relationship with the TOPREC.

Prof. Tanko, while welcoming the team, expressed optimism that the experiences of the TOPREC would no doubt benefit the University in its avowed determination to have a good programme. He intimated the delegation on the current status of the University, stressing that the BUK was always looking for such experience from experts for it to grow. "We are always open to accept any challenge that will put us at the core front," he declared.

Other members on the Town Planners Registration Council of Nigeria delegation included the Registrar of the TOPREC, TPL Yunusa Ibrahim, TPL I. M. Kuru, TPL A. Gwaram, TPL I.M. Yunusa and the Secretary TPL S. Abayomi, respectively.

HIFL: BUK Stallions Gets Valuable Away Draw against ABU Nobles By Nura Garba

Bayero University Football Team, known as BUK Stallions on Wednesday, 31st June, 2019 forced Ahmadu Bello University counterpart, ABU Nobles, to à 0-0 draw played at ABU Zaria main pitch at the round of 16 of Higher Institutions Football League (HIFL).

With this performance, BUK needs only one goal in the return leg and avoid conceding any to qualify to the quarter finals.

"BUK players played to the instruction and gave good account of themselves," said the Chief Coach, Ibrahim Isyaku Ibrahim, shortly after the final whistle.

The Director of Sports, Usman Salihu, who was visibly elated with the score-line, splashed money on the BUK Team from his pocket as part of motivation. The BUK team returned back to Kano to continue its preparation for the second leg, which comes up in August.

The Chairman, Sports Consultative Committee, Professor I.K. Abdulsalam, and the Director of Sports, Usman Salihu, had earlier enjoined the players to do all they could to avoid defeat in order to have the second leg advantage in BUK.

Before qualifying to the round of 16, BUK Stallions defeated Nasarawa State University, Keffi (NSUK Miners) by 1-0 and drew 3-3 against the hard fighting Benue State University, Makurdi in the group stage.

The HIFL is sponsored by Stanbic IBTC, Indomie Noodles and Premier Cool.

Appreciation from Prof. Hafiz Abubakar

Professor Hafiz Abubakar, on behalf of his family, wishes to express his sincere appreciation to members of the University community for attending the wedding fatiha of his daughter, Dr. Nusayba Hafiz Abubkar on Saturday, 27th July, 2019. His appreciation also goes to those who called, prayed or sent text messages for the success of the marriage. May Allah bless you abundantly.

USSA 2019 Election to hold on Thursday

This is to inform members of the University community particularly the members of the University Secretarial Staff Association (USSA) Bayero University Branch that the association will conduct its election of new executives as follows:

Date: Thursday, 8th August, 2019 Time: Voting starts 2:00pm and closes at 3:30pm Venue: SSANU Secretariat, Old Campus

Congratulatory Message

The Head of the Department of Mathematical Sciences, Dr. Abbas Ja'afaru Badakaya on behalf of the staff and students of Department of Mathematical Sciences, congratulates Dr. Aliyu Ibrahim Kiri for the

award of Sir Ahmadu Bello Platinum Leadership *Award* as *Achiever per Excellence* conferred an him by the Association of Northern Nigerian Students.



(1) The Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academics), Professor Adamu Idris Tanko invites members of the University Community and the General Public to the Wedding Fatiha of his younger sister Furai'ah Abdullahi Idris and her groom, Saifullahi Usman Danyaro, scheduled to take place as follows: Date: Sunday 4th August, 2019 **Time:** 11:00am Venue: BUK Old Campus, Juma'at Mosque

(2) Alhaji Abubakar Gidado (Transport Officer), Vice Chancellor's Office invites members of the University Community and the General Public to the Wedding Fatiha of his Daughter Sa'adiya Abubakar Gidado and



Abdullahi Wada Nas, scheduled to take place as follows: Date: 3rd August, 2019 **Time:** 11:00am Venue: BUK Old Campus Central Mosque

(3) Mubarak Kabiru Garba (Saraki) of the Budget Offices invites members of the University community to his wedding fatiha with Mashkurah Shareef Nafi'u, scheduled as follows:

Date: Saturday, 3rd August, 2019 **Time:** 11:00am Venue: Hadejia Road, Kwanar Dakata, behind Dakata Kawaji Juma'at Mosque, Layin Taya, Masallacin Millah

SEMINARS

Department of Theatre and Performing Arts:

Departmental Seminars Presenter 1: Dr. Ola Ifatimehin Topic: Subalternity and the Incidentality of Otherness in Nigerian Film Presenter 2: Adenekan Lanre Qasim Topic: Application of Drama Therapy for Social Re-Integration of Drug Addicts in Kano Presenter 3: Hairat B. Yusuf Topic: National Identity Concepts in Three (3) Dance Librettos Chairman: Professor Muhammad O. Badmus **Date:** Wednesday 7th August, 2019 Time: 10:00am

Venue: Theatre and Performing Arts Seminar/Boardroom, Faculty of Communication.

Department Of Business Administration And Entrepreneurship: PhD/M.Sc. VIVA session MONDAY 05/08/19 **Presenter 1:** Daniel B. Anche (SPS/13/MMN/00003)

Title: The effect of Capital Structure on financial performance of some selected service firms in Nigeria: The agency cost perspective Supervisor: Dr. Bala A. K/Mata Examiner: Prof. G. B. Bello Presenter 2: Mohammed H. Usman (SPS/14/MMN/00001) Title: Job satisfaction and organizational commitment among employees of Dutse Local Government Area, Jigawa state Supervisor: Professor Abdu J. Bambale Examiner: Dr. Baffa M. Sani Presenter 3: Fatima U. Farouk (SPS/14/MMN/00031) Title: Effect of capital structure on Financial Performance: A study of selected listed Deposit Listed Money Banks in Nigeria Supervisor: Prof. Aminu K. Kurfi Examiner: Dr. Bala A. K/Mata Presenter 4: Abba K. Sani (SPS/15/MMN/00001) Title: Determinants of Islamic Insurance (Takaful) patronage in Kano metropolis Nigeria

Supervisor: Prof. Garba B. Bello Examiner: Dr. Ahmad A. Maiyaki Presenter 5: Umar Yahaya (SPS/15/MMN/00008) Title: Effect of leverage on the value of listed manufacturing companies in Nigeria Supervisor: Prof. Aminu K. Kurfi **Examiner**: Dr. Bala A. K/Mata **Examiner**: Professor Bello Sabok Department of Banking and Finance, Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria **Date**: Monday 5th August, 2019 **Time**: 10am Prompt



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The Vice Chancellor PROFESSOR MUHAMMAD YAHUZA BELLO On behalf of the Entire University Community

Invites the General Public to the



Topic:

EXERCISE AND SPORTS FOR THE ATYPICAL PERSONS: A Multidimensional Analysis

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Vice Chancellor Bayero University, Kano

DATE: Thursday, August 8th, 2019 TIME: 10:00am Prompt VENUE: Musa Abdullahi Auditorium, New Campus, Bayero University, Kano.

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