



## Visually Impaired Graduand Receives VC's Special Award ... As Indigent Graduate Emerges Best in Radiography

By Nura Garba

A visually impaired graduand, Abdullahi Umar Abdullahi, received a special award of the Vice Chancellor, having graduated with Second Class Upper (2:1) from the Department of Special Education at the 35<sup>th</sup> Convocation of Bayero University, Kano.

“In spite of being physically challenged, Abdullahi, against all odds, graduated with Second Class Upper Division with a CGPA of 3.72. This shows that disability is more in mind than in the body,” Vice Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello, said.

“The achievement by Malam Abdullahi during the 2017/2018 session coincides with the achievement of one of his lecturers. Bayero University is proud to produce its first visually impaired Professor in the person of Professor Jibrin Isa Diso of the same Department of Special Education,” the Vice Chancellor added.

Meanwhile, Musa Adamu Yakubu has emerged as the best student in the Department of Radiography despite being financially challenged. He graduated as the best student in his class, winning most of the available prizes.

The graduand was presented to the Vice Chancellor, Professor Bello, for a handshake and recognition before a

mammoth gathering on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of the 35<sup>th</sup> Convocation Ceremony, which took place on Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup> June, 2019, at the famous Convocation Arena of the University.

The Vice Chancellor pointed out that a very special graduand, Musa Adamu Yakubu, of the Department of Radiography, graduated as the best in his class. “This goes to show that we can achieve whatever we set our minds to achieve, whatever the challenges. In recognition of his extraordinary achievements in the face of the challenges he faced, we have decided to award him a special Vice Chancellor's Prize. This will be given when prizes to all other deserving students are given”, the Vice Chancellor explained.

In a brief interview with *BUK Bulletin*, the celebrant thanked Almighty Allah for the great honour bestowed on him to achieve this significant milestone in his academic career despite being financially handicapped.

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Bello, congratulated the graduands after being found worthy in both character and learning for the award of the degrees, urging them to be good ambassadors of the University wherever they find themselves in the future.



The VC, Prof. M. Y. Bello reduces his height in order to have a handshake with a physically challenged graduand

## 3 BUK Academics Get N15m NCC Grant for Antenna Design, Fabrication

By Lamara Garba

Three members of the Academia from the Faculty of Engineering have secured a fifteen million Naira grant from the Nigeria Communications Commission (NCC) for the designing and fabrication of millimeter wave (mm-wave) antenna.

The letter of award signed by Mr. Ephraim Nwokonneya, Director, Research and Development, on behalf of the Executive Vice Chairman of the



Executive Vice Chairman, NCC, Prof. U. G. Danbatta (2nd left) presenting the award letter to Engr. Sulaiman Babani

Nigerian Communications Commission (NCC) Prof. U. G. Danbatta, said the grant was for the designing simulation and fabrication of millimeter wave (mm-wave) Antenna for the next generation Mobile Communication Networks (5G).

“Your proposal along site others was assessed by an inter-agency committee drawn from various stakeholders in the country and after evaluation, by the team of evaluators, your research proposal was

successful and, therefore, recommended for funding by the Commission”, said the letter of award.

It could be recalled that the trio of Suleiman Babani, Umar Musa and Abubakar Sani Ali of the Department of Electrical Engineering sometime in August, 2018, submitted a proposal to the commission in response to an advertisement for a call of Proposal for Telecommunications Based Research Innovation from Academics in Nigeria Tertiary Institutions.

The Commission, in particular, appreciates the interest shown by the trio in contributing to the development of the communication industry in Nigeria.

At a colorful ceremony in Abuja on a Wednesday to present the award letter, the Executive Vice Chairman of NCC, Professor Umar Garba Dambatta said the proposals were selected based on their merits.

He expressed delight that out of several requests received, three BUK academics scaled through and were commended for their excellent submission.

Professor Dambatta said his commission would explore more avenues for collaboration and synergy between the academia and Industry, which, he said, would go a long way in boosting the economy of the country.

Meanwhile, the Registrar, Hajiya Fatima Binta Isiaku Mohammed, has issued a letter conveying the management's acknowledgment on the selection of the award recipients and urged them to make the University proud by doing an excellent job.

## 20m Nigerians Infected with Hepatitis Virus ... Professor Borodo

By Adamu Garba

Over 20 million Nigerians are reported to have been infected with the Hepatitis ‘B’ and ‘C’ virus in Nigeria, a community health physician, Professor Musa M. Borodo, has revealed.

Professor Borodo made this known at a one-day annual workshop on **Burden and Screening for Viral Hepatitis** organized by the late Captain Ismail Yadudu Foundation on Saturday, 8<sup>th</sup> June, 2019 at Dangote Business School, Bayero University, Kano.

The combined 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> annual workshops were jointly organized by the Foundation, Aminu Kano Teaching Hospital and Bayero University, Kano, in collaboration with the Phillips Pharmaceuticals Nigeria Limited in honour of the late Captain Yadudu,

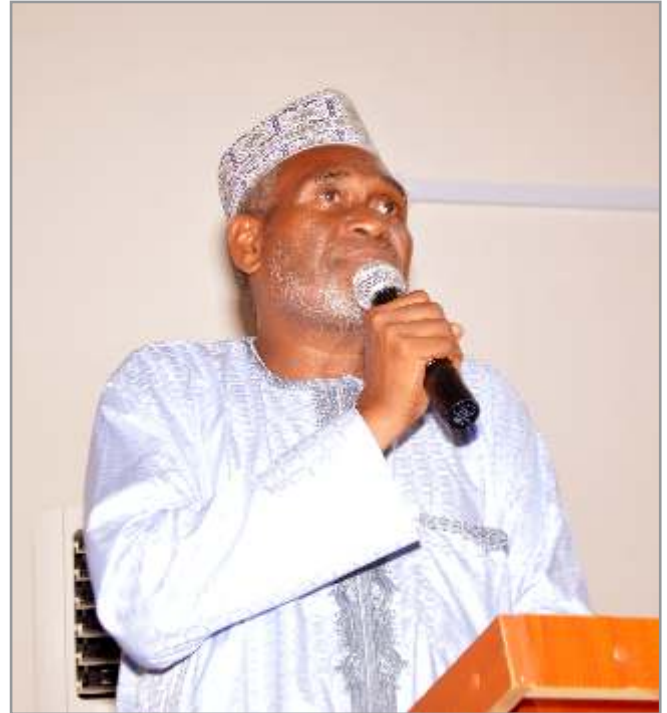
who died on the 19<sup>th</sup> March, 2008 as a result of a Hepatitis disease.

Professor Borodo, who acted as Chairman of the Occasion and Guest Speaker, said in his paper, titled: **Burden and Screening for Viral Hepatitis** that chronic viral hepatitis remained an important avoidable cause of illness and death in a large number of people, particularly in the developing world, including Nigeria.

He said that, recently, serious attention had been drawn to this global epidemic by the WHO with the target of eliminating the problem by the year 2030. Therefore, Nigeria should consider the spread of the virus a national emergency, “seeing that the prevalence rate of



Professor Auwalu Hamisu Yadudu Chairman of the Foundation delivering his speech



The Guest Speaker, Prof. Musa M. Borodo delivering his paper

this disease is on the increase and the nation and the world should take note.”

He further dwelled on how the foundation came into being as a result of the death of Captain Yadudu and also the efforts made in order to save his life but to no avail.

The co-presenter, Professor Isa Sadeeq Abubakar from the Department of Community Medicine, AKTH, stated in his paper, titled: ***Prevention of Viral Hepatitis*** that “prevention is much better than cure,” that several diseases and injuries are preventable and could be managed much better if identified earlier on. He further said “a regular check-up with your doctor helps them to assess your overall health and to identify your risk factors for disease”.

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello, while declaring the workshop open, said the theme of this year's workshop was very apt considering the fact that people were not aware of the silent-killer-diseases. He commended the Yadudu Foundation for the job well done, which he described as unprecedented in our society.

He stressed the need for all stakeholders to partner with the foundation in the fight against viral hepatitis disease especially in the Northern region, adding that success could only be achieved through effective synergy. He ensured that Bayero University and

Aminu Kano Teaching Hospital would continue to support the foundation for its sustainability.

In his remarks, the Chairman of the Foundation, Professor Auwalu Hamisu Yadudu and also the father of Captain Ismail, said that the foundation was collaborating with the Phillips Pharmaceuticals Nigeria Limited in the fight against viral hepatitis. He said that the collaboration was necessary so as to provide enough hepatitis vaccinations for the participants.

Others who spoke at the occasion were the representatives of the Chief Medical Director, Aminu Kano Teaching Hospital and that of the Kano State Ministry of Health, Professor Baba Shani and Dr. Shehu Umar Abdullahi respectively.

The Foundation later conducted a free screening and free distribution of hepatitis vaccinations for the participants as part of its commitment to promote healthy living and to assist in the reduction of prevalent hepatitis diseases in their focal areas. Captain Ismail Foundation was established in 2008 in memory of Captain Yadudu, as a registered non-profit organization to assist in the provision of medical assistance to the needy and to make a significant contribution to the understanding, management and treatment of patients with liver ailments.



## 35<sup>th</sup> Convocation Ceremonies: VC Urges Graduands to Make Positive Impact on Humanity

— By Sabitu Jinjiri & Rabi'u M. Sagir —

Bayero University graduands have been advised to make a positive impact on their immediate Communities, on the nation and on the entire humanity the Vice Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello gave the advice, on Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup> June, 2019, on the second day of the varsity's 35<sup>th</sup> convocation at the Convocation Arena.

The Vice Chancellor also urged the graduands to join the University Alumni Association so as to stay connected with friends and colleagues. “It is also an excellent means of contributing to shape the future of your *alma mater* for the better,” the Vice Chancellor added.

Delivering his speech on the second day of the staggered convocation, Professor Bello disclosed that the University Management had formalized its indigent students' scheme through establishing a Board of Trustees. “We commend the internal and external donors to the scheme, and urge others to come to our assistance so that we can support more of the students that are in need.”

In the second phase of the day's event, Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science degrees were conferred on graduating students from the Faculty of Arts and Islamic Studies; the Faculty of Allied Health Sciences, Faculty of Basic Medical Sciences and School of Continuing Education (SCE).

Amina Ibrahim Abdulkadir won the prize of the Best Graduating student in English. The prize for the Best Graduating student in Medical Science went to Sa'adatu Tijjani, while Salisu Isa Abdu won the Best Graduating Student's Prize in Political Science, among many others.

Out of the 9,571 graduands in the whole convocation, 2,325 graduated on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Day.

Meanwhile, Bayero University has formalized the indigent Students Scholarship Scheme to pave the way for awarding scholarships to less privileged students. This was contained in the speech of the Vice Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello on the second day of the 35<sup>th</sup> Convocation Ceremony held on Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup> June, 2019. The Vice Chancellor explained that the scholarship scheme had impacted on the performance of the beneficiary students, citing Musa Adamu Yakubu of the Department of



A cross section of graduands during the convocation

Radiography, who graduated as the best in his class.

On his part, Musa Yakubu thanked the University Management for supporting him with the scholarship, which helped him a lot and made him to be more active throughout the session. Musa urged other students with the same problem to be determined to overcome the challenges they are facing in order to graduate with flying colours.

## BUK Celebrates World Environment Day

— By Fausat A. Opayomi —

Bayero University on Saturday, 8<sup>th</sup> June, 2019 joined the rest of the world to celebrate World Environment Day.

About 7 million people die in the world annually as a result of exposure to polluted air, Professor Ibrahim Baba Yakubu said this when he delivered a keynote address at the World Environment Day jointly organized by the Department of Environmental Management and Environment Association of Nigeria,

Kano and Jigawa State Chapters at the M.J. Mortimore Theatre, Faculty of Earth and Environmental Sciences. The theme of this year's celebration was **Beat the Air Pollution**.

Professor Yakubu, in his paper, titled **Act Local to Reduce Air Pollution World-Wide**, said the world environment day was a day set aside to encourage global awareness for the protection of our environment. He said the earth, which is the only

planet with the right condition to accommodate life, does not have alternatives, hence the need to protect it from environmental degradation.

He explained that the causes of air pollution were



DVC (Academics), Prof. Adamu Idris Tanko delivering a speech at the world environment day

fumes emitting from vehicles, which had reached our threshold, smokes from open burning of trash from our residence, generator fumes and soot from inefficient cooking stove, among others.

He further said air pollution had negative effects, such as health, economic and environmental impact and, as such, caused death, reduction in the quality of life,

affected the growth and productivity of crops and increased the acidity of water body. Professor Yakubu pointed out that the only way to reduce the effect of air pollution was to find an alternative to fossil fuel, reduction of energy use by constructing energy efficient homes, planting trees to increase urban forest canopy and natural regeneration of trees by small hold farmers.

In his remarks earlier, the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academics) Professor Adamu Idris Tanko, who was the chairman of the occasion, said the celebration was an attempt to call the attention of the world on how best to handle the environment to reduce the dangerous effects of air pollution. He advised that the environment should be taken care of just the way “we take care of our homes to make it habitable for all”.

Professor Tanko said the only way to minimize the effect of carbon emission was to cultivate the habit of growing trees in our environment, which, according to him, was like giving birth to a baby, which we love to see grow to maturity. He said, “Trees are alive. Don't kill them.”

Highlight of the occasion was a tree planting campaign in the Faculty of Earth and Environmental Sciences to flag off campaign and awareness on tree planting.

## 36 Graduands Bag First Class Honors at Day 1 of BUK's 35<sup>th</sup> Convocation Ceremony

By Fausat A. Opayomi

A total of 36 students from the Faculties of Agriculture, Education and Computer Science and Information Technology had bagged First Class Honors Degrees during the Day 1 of the Bayero University's 35<sup>th</sup> Convocation Ceremony, which took place on Monday, 10th June 2019, at the Convocation Arena.

The Vice Chancellor, Professor M. Y. Bello, while congratulating the grandaunds and commending them for their maturity and commitment to their studies, urged them to be good ambassadors of their *alma matar* as they would be judged by their actions. He, advised them to act with humility and decency and be accommodating and considerate to others wherever they find themselves.

He also admonished them to contribute excellently in shaping the future of their *alma mata* by joining Bayero University Alumni Association.

Professor Bello disclosed that the National Universities Commission (NUC) had approved additional degree programmes in the areas of Software Engineering, Information Technology

and Cyber Security in the Faculty of Computer Science and Information Technology.

He also said that the Management was working tirelessly to ensure a conducive learning environment for all categories of students, citing the example of the female students' rest areas being provided in strategic locations at both the New and Old Campuses.



VC, Prof. M. Y. Bello and other Principal Officers in a group photograph with some of the first class graduands



## Traditional and Modern Medical Practitioners urged to Join hands to Improve Health Sector

By Abubakar Yusuf



Prof. Aliyu Muazu, Director CRNLT&F

The Director of the Centre for Research in Nigerian Languages, Translation and Folklore (CRNLT&F), Professor Aliyu Muazu, has urged our traditional and modern medical practitioners to join hands so as to improve the health sector of the country.

The Director disclosed this during a lecture organized by the Centre to mark the International World Day on Cultural Diversity on Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup> May 2019 at Musa Abdullahi Auditorium.

Professor Mu'azu said that since the two bodies had a common aim (which is to provide health care services), it would help a lot if they work together in advancing health services in Nigeria. Many countries in the world,

according to him, have already gone far in this direction. "Why not Nigeria," he asked.

On the Cultural Diversity Day put aside by the United Nation on every 21<sup>st</sup> day of May, the Director said the purpose of the day was to create awareness about the importance of living in harmony amidst different cultures and religions.

Presenting a paper titled *Rabe-Raben Jinin Biladama Da Tasirinsa a Jiki*, an Islamic Medical Practitioner, Dr. Isa Lawan Gwale, said Allah created people with different blood groups, which has impact on their behavior and their physical health conditions.

He said those that belong to group O are very healthy and its difficult for them to carry any sickness from somebody who is not in the same group. According to him, group O can donate blood to anybody.

In his speech, the Chairman of the occasion, who is a modern medical practitioner, Dr Munnir Suleiman, said, according to modern medicine, blood groups have nothing to do with human behavior because, human brain has the sole responsibility for human behavior.

Dr. Suleiman, who is also the officer in charge of BUK New Campus Clinic said modern technology had changed the belief that anybody with O group can donate blood to anyone. He said now it was only through investigation that they could determine who will donate blood to who.

## APPOINTMENTS

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello, has approved the appointments of the undermentioned staff into various positions.

S/N	NAME	DEPT	APPOINTMENT	EFFECTIVE
1	Dr. Bala Ibrahim Sambo	Department of Education, S.C.E.	Head, Department of Education, S.C.E.	1 <sup>st</sup> June, 2019
2	Dr. Hafiz Yusuf Imam	Department of Arts and Humanities, S.C.E.	Head, Department of Arts and Humanities, S.C.E.	1 <sup>st</sup> June, 2019
3	Dr. Aminu Abdurrahman Ahmad	Department of Social Sciences and Management, S.C.E.	Acting Head, Department of Social Sciences and Management, S.C.E.	1 <sup>st</sup> June, 2019
4	Dr. Usman Da'u Aliyu	Department of Education, S.C.E.	Sub-Dean (Academics), School of Continuing Education	1 <sup>st</sup> June, 2019

## Professor Haruna Wakili now Chairman of University ICT Development Committee (ICTCD)

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello, has approved the appointment of Professor Haruna Wakili, the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Administration), as the Chairman of the University ICT Development Committee (ICTCD), for a period of two years effective 7<sup>th</sup> June, 2019. Other members of the Committee are as follows:

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|---|---|----------------|---|-----------|
| 1. Professor Mohammed Ajiya                           | - | Director, CIT  | - | Member    |
| 2. Professor Mamman Lawal                             | - | Faculty of Law | - | Member    |
| 3. Dr. Abdulwahab Lawan                               | - | Dean, FCSIT    | - | Member    |
| 4. Dr. Bashir Galadanchi                              | - | FCSIT          | - | Member    |
| 5. Deputy Director, Strategic Planning and Monitoring | - | APU            | - | Member    |
| 6. Engr. Y.Z. Yau                                     | - | CITAD          | - | Member    |
| 7. Abbas A. Rufai                                     | - | DEAR           | - | Secretary |

## Professor Ibrahim Khaleel Abdussalam Re-appointed as Chairman of the Sports Consultative Committee

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello, has approved the re-appointment of Professor Ibrahim Khaleel Abdussalam as the Chairman of the Sports Consultative Committee for another period of two years effective, 7<sup>th</sup> June, 2019. Other members of the Committee are as follows:

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|------------------------------|---|--------------------|---|-----------|
| 1. Prof Atiku Mohammed Kano  | - | Basic Med Sci      | - | Member    |
| 2. Prof Mohammed B. Shittu   | - | Dept of Adult Edu  | - | Member    |
| 3. Dr. Abdullahi Darki       | - | Dept of PHE        | - | Member    |
| 4. Dr. Muhd Y. Waziri        | - | Dept of Math       | - | Member    |
| 5. Dr. K.I. Isa              | - | Dept of History    | - | Member    |
| 6. Dr. Ishaq A. Ismail       | - | Dept of Accounting | - | Member    |
| 7. Mrs Hauwa U. Usman        | - | Dept of PHE        | - | Member    |
| 8. Mal Kabiru Baba           | - | Advancement        | - | Member    |
| 9. Dr. Usman I. Abubakar     | - | Dept of Mass Comm. | - | Member    |
| 10. Mal. Mohammed Ahmed      | - | Dept of Geography  | - | Member    |
| 11. Mal. Nura Garba          | - | Public Affairs     | - | Member    |
| 12. Hauwa Abdullahi Dambatta | - | Health Services    | - | Member    |
| 13. Mal. Usman Salihu        | - | Sport Directorate  | - | Secretary |

## Submission on Lecturer Evaluation Evaluate your Lecturers

*What is the level of your satisfaction with your lecturers?*

The Management of Bayero University, Kano, through the Quality Assurance Unit of the Directorate of Academic Planning, is introducing for the first time a digital platform for students of the University to give feedback to the Management on the performance of their lecturers in the first semester of the 2018/2019 session. The exercise will be conducted at a pilot level for students of the Faculties of Arts and Islamic Studies (FAIS), Life Sciences, Education and Engineering. Students of these faculties will be sent a link to the template through their respective university e-mail addresses soon. Students should follow the links and complete the easy-to-fill online template, which can be done within 10 minutes.

A letter signed by the Director Academic Planning, Prof. B. S. Aliyu, said the exercise is an international best practice expected of all universities and Bayero University does not want to be left behind. Kindly assist in making BUK a world renowned university in terms quality delivery.

# SEMINARS

## Department of Physics: Seminar Presentation

**Presenter 1:** Davidson Odafe Akpootu - (SPS/16/PPY/00008) - (Ph.D.)

**Topic:** Analysis of Meteorological Data across the Climatic Zones in Nigeria using Time Series and Empirical Orthogonal Transformations.

**Chairman:** Prof. U.M. Gana

**Presenter 2:** Najib Yusuf - (SPS/15/PPY/00006) - (Ph.D.)

**Topic:** Ozone Pollution and Anthropogenic Sectoral Emissions from CMIP and Dice Inventories in a Tropical West Africa.

**Chairman:** Prof. B.I. Tijjani

**Presenter 3:** Kabiru Nasiru Aliyu - (SPS/16/MPY/00035) - (M.Sc.)

**Topic:** Direction of Arrival (DOA) Estimation in Wireless Sensor Network using Deep Neural Network.

**Chairman:** Dr. M.H. Ali

**Presenter 4:** Ini Udoekpo Likpong - (SPS/16/MPY/00024) - (M.Sc.)

**Topic:** Optimization of the Electrical Physical and Optical Characterization of Silver Sulphide (Ag-S) Thin films Deposited by Successive Ionic Layers Absorption and Reaction (SILAR) Technique for Opto-Electronic Devices.

**Chairman:** Dr. T.H. Darma

**Date:** 13<sup>rd</sup> June, 2019

**Venue:** New Departmental Conference Hall

**Time:** 10:00am

## Department of Business Administration and Entrepreneurship: M.Sc. Internal Defence

**Presenter 1:** Yusuf Abubakar Saddiq (SPS/15/MMN/00025)

**Title:** Effects of dividend policy on investment decision of blue chip companies: Evidence from Nigeria stock exchange.

**Supervisor:** Dr. Mukhtar Shehu Aliyu (SPS/15/MMN/25)

**Reviewer:** Prof. Aminu K. Kurfi

**Presenter 2:** Abubakar Hamisu (SPS/15/MMN/00024)

**Title:** Determinants of dividend payout ratio among industrial listed goods companies in Nigeria

**Supervisor:** Dr. Mukhtar S. Aliyu

**Reviewer:** Dr. Muhammad Yadudu

**Presenter 3:** Halima Umar Sani (SPS/15/MMN/0004)

**Title:** The effect of employee training on organizational citizenship Behavior: A study of civil servants of selected ministries in Niger State.

**Supervisor:** Prof. Abdu J. Bambale

**Reviewer:** Dr. Ibrahim M. Garba

**Chairman:** Dr. Talatu M. Barwa

**Date:** Tuesday, June 18, 2019

## Centre for Dryland Agriculture (CDA): Vegetables and Fruits for Sale

This is to inform members of the University Community and the General Public that CDA Farm has Water Melon, Cabbage, Squash, Green Leaf, Raddish Coriander, Cucumber and Cilantro for sale.

**Interested persons should contact:** Isah Danja (08065451057), Ismail Garba (08067240738) or Ibrahim Maina (08069549658).

## Missing Wallet

Zahara'u Ibrahim Waya of the Department of Linguistics and Foreign Languages has reported the loss of her wallet.

The items inside the wallet include: (1) BUK Staff

Identity Card (2) GT Bank ATM Card (3) Permanent Voter Card (4) Driving License

Anybody who finds it should please return it to the owner at the aforementioned address or take it to the University Security Division or bring it to the Information and Publication Division.

## Do You Know?

- That BUK consumes a lot of Energy Daily?
- That The University Relies on its Generators for Power Supply at Staff Quarters, Administrative, Academic and Students Areas?
- That The University Spends a lot of money on Diesel and Generators' Maintenance?
- That Some Staff members Leave Offices Without Switching-off Electrical Appliances?
- That 1 Extra Hour of Air-conditioning in a Room Uses Enough Energy to Power A TV for a Year?
- ✓ To Reduce Cost and for Safety, Help the University by Putting-off all Electrical Appliances when not in use!

