



## BUK VC Urges Philanthropists to Support Indigent Students

By Nura Garba

**T**he Vice Chancellor, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas has called on wealthy individuals and corporate bodies to support the needy students under its policy of indigent scholarship scheme.

Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas, who spoke on Tuesday, 8th August, 2023 when he visited Alhaji Auwalu Abdullahi Rano in his office, said increasing the registration fee for students was not the will of the University, but out of necessity.

He said the University was spending huge amount of money on electricity, outsourced security, water, fueling of generators, buying diesel, among many other things and what the government gives as overhead cost is nothing to write home about.

According to the Vice Chancellor as at now only half of the students paid their registration fee in view of the recent removal of fuel subsidy which led to the hike in the prices of goods and services.

The Vice Chancellor said he embarked on a mission of contacting philanthropists to come to the aid of indigent students, saying that the Almighty Allah would reward them generously.

He said everyone is aware of the generosity and philanthropic gestures of the AA Rano in terms of humanitarian support and education development, adding that the beneficiaries would significantly appreciate the support in their entire life.

In his part, Alhaji Auwalu Rano said it was his tradition to assist the less privilege in the society through his philanthropic programme in the rural and urban areas. He said he was happy with the proposal of the Vice Chancellor to help the indigent students, saying that was the only way to save their studies.

The CEO of AA Rano while commending the Vice Chancellor for this laudable initiative, said he would be willing to pay for the scholarship of the identified indigent students, who will be carefully selected through a screening procedure.

He said he would welcome a joint effort between his representative and that of the University to workout modalities of selecting the beneficiaries.

Members of the BUK Team that accompanied the Vice Chancellor were the Deputy Vice Chancellor, Academics, Professor Sani Muhammed Gumel, Head of Public Affairs, Lamara Garba, Malam Maulud, Nura Garba and Ismail Abba.

# Registration Fee Hike: Hundreds of BUK Students Get Indigent Scholarship

By Lamara Garba

Hundreds of students of Bayero University are to benefit with the indigent scholarship scheme from corporate bodies and other wealthy individuals to pay for their registration.

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas disclosed this on Thursday, 10th August, 2023 when he received members of the Kano State Nigeria Union of Journalists Correspondent's Chapel in his office. He noted that many wealthy individuals have responded to solicitations made by the Management on the need to come to the aid of the needy students.

"As at last count over 500 students have gotten sponsorships from various individuals and corporate



Members of Kano NUJ Correspondent's Chapel in a group photograph with VC and Mangt. of BUK

bodies, notable among whom are the Senator representing Kano Central, Senator Rufa'i Sani Hanga, who pledged to pay for 200 students. He said Alhaji Auwalu Abdullahi Rano, a business mogul also promised to sponsor students from the three senatorial districts of Kano State.

The Vice Chancellor added that a member representing Bichi Federal Constituency, Honourable Kabiru Abubakar Kabir has been sponsoring over 100 students over the years, in addition to Honorable Alhasan Ado Doguwa, who promised to sponsor many students," said the VC.

Professor Abbas explained that the decision to increase the registration fee was necessitated by the current economic realities and high cost of running the institution.

He noted that, contrary to the insinuation against the

## VC Receives International Islamic Centre Report

By Salisu Inusa Ismail

The Vice Chancellor Prof. Sagir Adamu Abbas has received a comprehensive report from the Committee on International Islamic centre at his office on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> August, 2023.

The committee, under the chairmanship of Emeritus Prof Muhammad Sani Zahradddeen consisted of erudite scholars and notable personalities of impeccable characters submitted its final report to the University

university authority over the new charges, Prof Abbas explained that BUK charges the least registration fee in the entire northern Nigeria.

He further explained that the University management spends over N100 million monthly on electricity, water supply, security among other municipal services to run the university and keep teaching and learning at its best, explaining that there was no deliberate plan to make life difficult or deny students access to education.

The VC disclosed that the university received about N11 million monthly from the Federal government as overhead cost, the amount which said was only received four times in the last eight months.

"Before the university came up with the current fee, we did a general analysis of the cost of everything we dispense and the final fee is the minimum to run the system. Anything below that standard will fall short of standard and that will negatively affect the academic and administrative system.

In a related development, the national body of the Nigerian Universities Engineering Students Association (NUESA) has paid registration for 39 undergraduate students in different fields of studies.

The President of the association, comrade Umar Ibrahim Farouk, stated this on Tuesday, 8th August, 2023 when they visited the Vice Chancellor, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas and presented the list of the beneficiary students.

Comrade Farouk explained that the project has been on for many years in which members tasked themselves to generate money and pay for some indigent students across universities. It was this time that they paid about four million Naira to the BUK students.

In his response, the Vice Chancellor, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas commended the benevolence of the association and urged other bodies to emulate. He said education is the responsibility of all and that the earlier we adopt the policy of helping one another, the better for our generation and the society.

The beneficiary students are from the Faculty of Engineering, Computing, Clinical Sciences and Allies Health Sciences.

Management.

Recall that the university under the able leadership of Prof Abbas had earlier constituted a 28-man committee to among other things propose a comprehensive structure for the centre, propose objectives, sustainable sources of funds, identify source of equipping the centre's Library and advice the University Mosque Management committee on funding activities.

While presenting the Structural Design, Bill of Quantity and the Final Report, Prof. Sani Zahraddeen thanked the Vice Chancellor for the rare opportunity of finding him worthy and fit to serve in such an important committee. He then appreciated members of his team for their dedication and commitment in order for the report to see the light of the day.

Commenting, Alhaji Ibrahim Danyaro Yakasai expressed his gratitude to the University Management particularly the Vice Chancellor for selecting him from outside the university community to serve in that noble committee.

Responding, the Vice Chancellor, Prof Sagir adamu Abbas expressed delight for the team's doggedness. He informed the committee that the University will study the report and act accordingly. He then used the occasion to thank the chairman for accepting to serve again and assure them of his commitment to treat the report with utmost priority.

Other eminent members of the Committee are: Prof. Mahmud Sani Umar, Prof. Hassana Darma, Dr. Nu'uman Habib, Prof. Shehu Bustani, Musa Borodo, Prof. Usman

Dutsenma, Dr. Surayya Aminu Dantata, Engr. Sa'adu Gobir, Engr. Bashir Danumma, while Prof. Ruqayya Alkali and Arc. Bashir Hanga Join the meeting via zoom and Dr. Nura Ibrahim, secretary of the committee.



Emeritus Prof. Sani Zahraddeen (middle) presenting the Structural Design, Bill of Quantity & the Final Report to the VC, Prof. Sagir A. Abbas (1st right) while DVC Management Services, Prof. Mahmud Sani Umar looks on

## Party Manifesto is a Political Gimmick than Reality, Says Prof. Fage

By Salisu Inusa Ismail

Twenty four years into the current political dispensation in Nigeria, implementation of party manifestos is glaringly more of political gimmick than reality. Prof. Kamilu Sani Fage disclosed this at the 7<sup>th</sup> Public Lecture to Mark the 73<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary of the Northern Elements Progressive Union (NEPU).



DVC Research and Development, Prof. Abdullahi-Sule-Kano and other dignitaries at the NEPU Memorial Lecture

The event took place on Tuesday, 8<sup>th</sup> August, 2023 at Mubayya House, Aminu Kano Centre for Democratic Studies, Bayero University Kano.

While presenting his paper entitled: “Implementing Political Party Manifestos in Nigeria's Fourth Republic: Fiction or Reality”, Prof. Fage said that implantation of party manifesto has remained a major problem in Nigeria's political system due to politicians' attitude towards party manifestos as unimportant and only a means through which their vested interest could be protected. However, they joined parties only for nomination sake and if they failed to secure tickets, they leave for another party without any hesitation.

He argued that it is not that political parties are deficient in manifestos rather implementation has been a major concern as soon as they are voted into the positions of leadership. He emphasized that unless we hold onto 'politics of issues' which are established on principles and well-articulated party manifestos, our search for good governance will continue to be a work in futility.

He added that party manifestos are at inception were planned to fail because they are embedded with impracticable and unbelievable campaign promises that seemed to create suspicion between the politicians and the electorates.

According to the university don, to remedy the situation, he pointed out that leaders must dedicate themselves to good governance and consolidation of our democracy, multidimensional war against corruption and raising citizen's awareness to compel government to deliver on its campaign promises.

Earlier speaking, the Vice Chancellor who was represented by the DVC Research and Development, Prof. Abdullahi Sule-Kano, decried how present political parties are bereft of articulated programs. “Neither are they defined by ideologies nor are they consistent with their manifestos. The real challenge is how to bring back public purpose into party politics,” said VC.

He explained that Mubayya House as an institution of the University has a mandate to continuously pay tribute to the memories of those who contributed immensely for the development of democracy and the emancipation of the oppressed masses. It is in line with this; the Centre is upgrading Malam Aminu Kano Living History Museum and implementing the NEPU History Research Project.

In their separate remarks, attendees at the event took turn to recall with nostalgia the struggles in the formation of NEPU as the first political party in northern Nigeria and how its founding members fought for human rights and stood firmly against any form of injustice even in the face of intimidation.

While delivering vote of thanks, the Director Mubayya House, Prof. Habu Muhammad Fage, expressed gratitude

to the Speakers, family members of the NEPU founding members and everyone that honoured their invitation.

The lecture was attended by Former INEC Chairman, Prof. Attahiru Jega, Vice Chancellor Yusuf Maitama Sule University, Prof. Abubakar S. Garba, Prof. Ismaila Zango, Alh. Datti Manunfashi, Ahmadu Isah Gabari, Umaru Bidda, Family members of NEPU heroes, management staff of Mubayya and host of others.

## NAEC Conducts 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference in BUK

By Nura Garba

The National Association for Exceptional Children (NAEC) has conducted its 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual National Conference in Bayero University, Kano with the theme: Special Needs Education in the Context of Inclusive Education in Nigeria.

In his remarks at the opening session on Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> August, 2023, the Vice Chancellor, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas said the conference was apt and timely considering the fact that it would afford the participants the opportunity to strategize and come up with far reaching recommendations on inclusive education in terms of quality and content. He said inclusive education is one of the key priorities in advancing education for all which is not limited to persons with special needs.

The Vice Chancellor noted that BUK like any world class university places much premium on conference which is a platform for collaboration and research, promotion of interdisciplinary research and avenue for providing solutions and breakthrough in modern day education challenges.

He commended the NAEC for its effort in supporting educational development of persons with special needs, saying that the University is ready to partner and continue to support the association.

The National President of NAEC, Professor Ali Abdullahi Tijjani said the association is an academic and professional body which comprises academia, researchers, care givers, scholars, graduate and post graduate students, as well as representatives of non-profit organizations interested in special needs education development for sharing dynamic theoretical and practical knowledge in the problems and practices of special needs education.

“As it’s customary, we have sought for a theme that is topical, relevant, impacts on the lives and concerns of Nigerians and also has international appeal and fervor, said Prof Tijjani.

He said it was his opinion that the conference would rise with resolutions that would usher in far-reaching reforms that will rejuvenate the programmes and services in special needs Education in Nigeria.

Chairman of the occasion, Professor John Izuka Ihenacho expressed the gratitude for those who had shown interest in joining the association and thanked Bayero University for its foresight in hosting the conference.



VC, Prof. Sagir Adamu Abbas delivering his address

Keynote speaker, Professor Inuwa J. Jurmang decried that persons with disabilities face a lot of problems, stigmatization, discrimination, extermination and exploitation, saying that there is the need for inclusive education which is about diversity in schools and communities.

Kano State Governor, Abba Kabir Yusuf, who was represented by the Executive Secretary, Kano State Secondary School Board, Dr Kabiru Ado Zakirai said special needs education was part of the blueprint in the campaign processes of his administration. He said Kano State Government was planning to revive the dilapidated education sector through inclusiveness which was the theme of the conference.

## ANNOUNCEMENT

This is to inform members of the University Community that the Federal Mortgage Bank of Nigeria (FMBN) is currently uploading NHF contributions on its system for the scheme contributors to access their contributions as soon as it is remitted by their employers.

According to the Scheme's Desk Officer, Aliyu Abubakar, two different forms are available for collection namely:

- (1) Registration form for fresh applicants
- (2) Update form for registered staff but are not receiving alerts from FMBN.

Consequently, members of the University Community are to collect the form for completion at DEAR room 22 and return same for onward submission to FMBN.

### REQUEST FOR CRITICAL REPAIRS IN UNIVERSITY STAFF QUARTERS

The occupants of the University Staff Quarters are hereby informed that the University is in the process of fixing houses that are in critical conditions/need urgent repairs.

In view of the above, the occupants of staff quarters, whose houses are in critical conditions/need urgent repairs are hereby requested to submit their requests to the Secretary, Staff Housing Allocation and Maintenance Committee, Mal Naziru Bello at Pension Office, Directorate of General Administration, Abubakar Adamu Rasheed Senate building within two weeks from the date of this publication.

Please note that only houses that are in critical conditions/need urgent repairs will be considered.

**Signed,** Naziru Bello  
Secretary

### BAYERO UNIVERSITY GUEST HOUSE LTD

This is to inform members of the University Community that the Bayero University Guest House has started operating its new canteen located at the Abubakar Adamu Rasheed Senate Building, New Campus.

Assorted snacks and drinks, as well as the famous Guest House bread will be available at the canteen located on the ground floor near reception.

*Signed:*  
**Professor Binta Tijjani Jibril**  
*Managing Director, University Guest House Ltd*

## BUK MICROFINANCE BANK School Fees Loan Scheme

### REQUIREMENTS

1. Applicant must have Account with **Bayero University Microfinance Bank Ltd.**
2. Application Letter
3. Obtain a Loan Form
4. One Guarantor
5. Student Admission Letter
6. Invoice for **School Fees**
7. Maximum Tenor **6 Months**
8. Interest rate 23% P.A. to be paid by **Bayero University Kano**

*Signed:*  
Adamu I. Maigari  
*Head of Credits & Marketing*

Muhammad Kabir Ali  
*Managing Director/CEO*

# SEMINARS

## Department of Geography: *PhD Seminar*

**1<sup>ST</sup> PRESENTER:** Usman Yahya

**TOPIC:** Population Growth and Urban Sprawl: A Review

**CHAIRMAN:** Prof. Ibrahim Badamasi Lambu

**2<sup>ND</sup> PRESENTER:** Rafeal Francisco Nanelo

**TOPIC:** Assessment of Rainwater Harvesting as a Climate Resilience Strategy for Smallholder Farmers in Mabalane District, Mozambique

**CHAIRMAN:** Dr. Murtala M. Badamasi

**3<sup>RD</sup> PRESENTER:** Ja'afar Adamu Abdul Zankan

**TOPIC:** Spatial Distribution, Livelihood Enhancement and Assets Associated with Artisanal Mining in Kaduna State, Nigeria

**CHAIRMAN:** Prof. Salisu Mohammed

**DATE:** Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> August, 2023

**Time:** 10.00 am prompt

**Venue:** NRM Class, **Geography Department**

**NOTE: Attendance** to seminars is compulsory to all PGDLA, PGDSE, MSc I, MSc II, PhD I and PhD II students

## DEPARTMENT OF BIOCHEMISTRY: PG seminar

### M. Sc. Proposal Seminar

**1. Name of Presenter:** Sumayya Balarabe Suleiman (SPS/19/MBC/00043)

**Topic:** Isolation and Characterization of Microalgae with Molybdenum Reduction Potential.

**Degree in View:** M.Sc. Biotechnology

**Supervisor:** Dr. H.M. Yakasai

**2. Name of Presenter:** Aisha Abdulmalik Suleiman (SPS/19/MBC/00012)

**Topic:** Association of Dietary Diversity and some Anthropometric Indices with Oxidative stress Markers in Adolescents in Kumbotso and Tarauni Local Government Area, Kano State Nigeria.

**Degree in View:** M.Sc. Biochemistry (Nutrition)

**Supervisor:** Dr. M. A. Dangambo

**3. Name of Presenter:** Shuaibu Lawal (SPS/19/MBC/00019)

**Topic:** Effect of African Ebony (*Diospyros mespiliformis*) Fruit and Leave Extract on High Fat Diet Induced Obesed Rats.

**Degree in View:** M.Sc. Biochemistry (Nutrition)

**Supervisor:** Dr. M. M. Jibril

**4. Name of Presenter:** Aisha Lawan Usman (SPS/19/MBC/00004)

**Topic:** In-Silico Analysis and antidiabetic Potential of Phenolic Compound in *Glinus Lotoides* Methanolic Leaf Extract.

**Degree in View:** M.Sc. Biochemistry (Medical)

**Supervisor:** Dr. A. Ibrahim

**5. Name of Presenter:** Amina Salisu Bello (SPS/19/MBC/00030)

**Topic:** Investigation of Single Nucleotide Polymorphism Mutations A164L Associated with Antimalarial Resistance in Dihydrofolate Reductase Gene from *Plasmodium falciparum* Isolates.

**Degree in View:** M.Sc. Biotechnology

**Supervisor:** Dr. S. S. Ibrahim

### M.Sc. Completion Seminar

**6. Name of Presenter:** Fatima Alfa Muhammad (SPS/15/MBC/00049)

**Topic:** Effect of Chili (*Capsicum frutescence L*) Extract on the Postharvest Quality of Tomato (*Solanum lycopersicum L*)

**Degree in View:** M.Sc. Biotechnology

**Supervisor:** Prof. Y. Y. Muhammad

**Internal:** Dr. A. A. Imam

**DATE:** Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> August, 2023

**VENUE:** PG Seminar Room

**Time:** 10:00 am Prompt

**Chairman:** Prof. M. S. Sule

## CALL FOR ICESCO BIO WASTE FOOD COMPETITION-2023

This is to inform members of the University Community that the University is in receipt of a letter from the National Universities Commission (NUC) on the Islamic World Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (ICESCO) Bio Waste Food Award Competition-2023.

According to the letter signed by the Director, Directorate of the Executive Secretary's office, John Mairafi Ahmadu, the organization is inviting applications from interested institutions to submit their entries for the ICESCO Bio Waste Food Award Competition which is aimed at developing innovative and accessible technologies for extracting protein, lipid and carbohydrate to produce nutritious food bars from bio-waste.

The value of the award is \$100,000 USD and is open to young and female inventors, startups, engineering and biological schools, students and young professionals.

Therefore, all submissions should be forwarded to the Federal Ministry of Education, and soft copy to the Secretary General, NATCOM-ICESCO via e-mail: [Ibrahim.bashir.ng@gmail.com](mailto:Ibrahim.bashir.ng@gmail.com), [nigeria.natcomicesco@gmail.com](mailto:nigeria.natcomicesco@gmail.com) and [natcomicesco@education.gov.ng](mailto:natcomicesco@education.gov.ng) before the close of business on 16<sup>th</sup> October, 2023.

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**SCHEDULED AS FOLLOWS:**

**Date:** Saturday 12th August, 2023  
**Time:** 10:00 am  
**Venue:** Mosumola Omowumi Falaiye Building  
BUK Old Campus, Kano

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