



Dignitaries in a group photograph at Democracy Day lecture

Our Democracy is a Failure ...Says Dr. Usman Bugaje

By Aisha Hassan

Nigerian's democracy is a total failure as the country is yet to register any development either in human capital, economic or physical development, said Dr. Usman Bugaje.

Speaking as a guest lecturer in a paper he delivered at Mambayya House, Aminu Kano Centre for Democratic Studies to mark the 2023 Democracy Day on Monday, 12th June, 2023 he opined that "it's important we revisit our democracy, what is clearly wrong with it? Why is it not giving us what other countries are getting from democracy?" he queried.

According to him some major aspects such as security, poverty, political culture, economic development which are used to measure the level of success and challenges recorded from the beginning of the democratic regime to date have been deteriorating saying it was important to go back, where it all started in 1999 not just from 2015-2023.

Dr. Bugaje said the security of the nation was in shambles the high rate of kidnapping and banditry, loss of lives and damages to property, displaced persons not accounted for. Saying even though the leaders have taken oaths to safeguard lives and properties, they have failed woefully. Instead they focus on how to allegedly enrich themselves causing more harm than good.

He further said, poverty had multiplied especially in the north where there was eighty seven percent (87%) rate. He also mentioned malnutrition in children which was so widespread, saying that this syndrome could cause a poor future for them.

He also mentioned other factors that contributed to the continued underdevelopment of Nigeria to poor political culture where proper channels are not being followed in the initial stage of the primary election. The essence of politics is defeated. The politicians, he said only cared about what they could and would do to enrich them further. Bribery and corruption being another factor has taken a new dimension in Nigeria where one person is given billions of naira as bribe.

The Radical scholar equally said good leadership is the core of it all. The change should start from selection of good leaders which would lead to good governance. He further said the way forward might not be in the practice of democracy or rather the democracy is been interpreted and implemented wrongly.

In his address the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Sagir Adamu Abbas who was represented by Professor Sani Fage said the successes and failures that happened in the journey so far would be discussed to pave way for a better democratic culture.

The discussants, Dr Aminu Ismail Sagagi, Kano state Coordinator Arewa Movement for Good Governance (AM2G) and Mal Bala Gaduwama a retired Director in the Federal civil service discussed further on the topic. They both agreed on the setbacks and challenges outlined by the guest speaker, saying a leader should have the fear of God and must be just.

Also speaking, Professor Hafiz Abubakar, former Deputy Governor of Kano state earlier in his opening remarks expressed gratitude and urged the participants to reflect on the issues raised so as to strengthen our democracy.

The former Kano State Governor, Senator Ibrahim Shekarau, in his goodwill message advised the youths to be

responsible as they are the future of the society and also have a positive mindset. He further advised the electorate to vote wisely and desist from vote selling.

Comrade Umar Hamisu Kofar Naisa of SEDSAC Humanitarian Initiative said since the return of democracy from 1999 the situation he said appeared to be regressing as there was nothing much to show towards development.

In his vote of thanks, the Director of the Centre, Professor Habu Mohammad thanked the guest speaker, former Governor, Malam Ibrahim Shekarau, former Deputy Governor, Professor Hafiz Abubakar for honouring their invitation and assured that the Centre would continue to organize lectures that sought to strengthen the nation's democracy.

VC Expresses Worry Over Slow Death of French Language in Schools ...Calls for Joint Efforts to Revise the Tide

By Bala G. Abdullahi

The teaching and learning of French language in Bayero University is gradually dying as a result of lack of support and other incentives to candidates applying for admission into the University in recent times, the Vice Chancellor, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas has said.

Speaking when he received some senior officials from the French Embassy in Nigeria who paid him a courtesy call on Thursday 15th June, 2023 in his office, the Vice Chancellor said the development is of serious concern to the



VC, Prof. S. A. Abbas presenting a gift to Mr. B. Sebestien of France Embassy

University authority, adding that it would not leave any stone unturned in its determined efforts to encourage candidates to pick interest in the study of French language in Bayero University.

He appealed to the visitors to assist the University to revive the study of French language in the University through collaboration and the conduct of some activities that would showcase the culture of the French so that students would learn. 'We hope the French Embassy will give us the desired support and assistance to revive fully the study of French language in the University, Professor Abbas said.' The Vice Chancellor stated that if the French Embassy could assist in encouraging the teaching and learning of French language in Bayero University, within the next five years, the study of French would have been fully revived.

He said part of the efforts of the University Management to revive and encourage the teaching and learning of French language in the University, was the decision to establish a new department solely for the study of French language in Bayero University. He also disclosed that last year, the University secured scholarship for 50 students to study French language in the University.

Already he said the University had secured scholarship for fifty students from Prof. Adamu Abubakar Gwarzo, the proprietor of Maryam Abacha American University to study French Language.

Professor Abbas told his guests that Nigeria was surrounded by French speaking countries, saying that for Nigerians to be able to interact, communicate and do business comfortably both at personal and national level with its close neighbours, there was need for Nigerians to take interest in the study of French language.

On the issue of collaboration, the Vice Chancellor told his guests that Bayero University had identified two universities to collaborate with, adding that a report to that effect would soon be ready for submission.

He said the University was desirous of collaboration and working on renewable energy research, because according to him, the whole world is now working on renewable energy research to address the challenge of electricity. Professor Abbas thanked the visitors and wished them a successful interaction with the University's departmental staff.

Earlier, the leader of the team, Mr. Bede Sebestien told the Vice Chancellor that the team was in the University to look at French programmes and how it was being run and see areas of support and assistance.

He said the team's main objective was to support and encourage the teaching and learning of French language at tertiary institutions, adding that the embassy was favourably disposed to granting scholarships to students who are willing to study any discipline in any tertiary institutions in France, but the study must be in French language.

BUK, Vanderbilt University Collaborates on Bio-Statistical Modelling

By Lamara Garba

Bayero University, Kano has entered into a collaborative engagement with Vanderbilt Medical University in the United States of America with a view to training researchers and scientists in bio-statistical modeling.

Speaking on Tuesday, June 13th at the opening ceremony of a workshop organized by the Vanderbilt Medical University USA, the Vice Chancellor, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas said the program which was coordinated by the Africa Centre of Excellence in Population, Health and Policy (ACEPHAP) will run for five years from now.

He commended the patriotic zeal of the facilitator of the Program, Professor Mukhtar Aliyu Daneji who is a Director at Vanderbilt Institute for Global Health, Vanderbilt University Medical Centre pointed out that the workshop which aimed at building capacity of not only in Nigeria but the whole West African region, came at the right time.

"It is gratifying to note that this collaborative work leverages on the highly successful, collaborative, and rapidly expanding portfolio of the US National Institute of Health (NIH) and other funded research in ACEPHAP and AKTH," said the Vice Chancellor.

In particular, Professor Abbas noted that expertise and support in bio-statistical modelling in Biomedical HIV research is lagging in this part of the world which makes the project unique and very important which will go a long way in establishing a research and training platform for highly skilled biostatisticians working on HIV-related research in Nigeria.

According to the Vice Chancellor, other benefit of the program entails sponsoring two Nigerian data scientists (junior investigators with PhDs or nearing completion of their PhDs) every year for a period of five years to Vanderbilt University Medical Center to undergo hands-on biostatistics training in statistics and related fields, including mathematics and computer science. At the initial stage, eligible trainees will be recruited from BUK and ABU Zaria to work with a team of biostatisticians at Vanderbilt on HIV research projects using data from AKTH.

In her address, the Director of the Africa Centre of Excellence in Population, Health and Policy (ACEPHAP), Professor Hadiza Galadanchi disclosed that the Centre, in partnership with Vanderbilt Medical University has trained over 150 staff of the University and Aminu Kano Teaching Hospital respectively.

"In the last two years BUK and Vanderbilt has jointly organized training staff of the university as well as that of Aminu Kano Teaching Hospital in the area of implementation Science, Systematic Review and grant

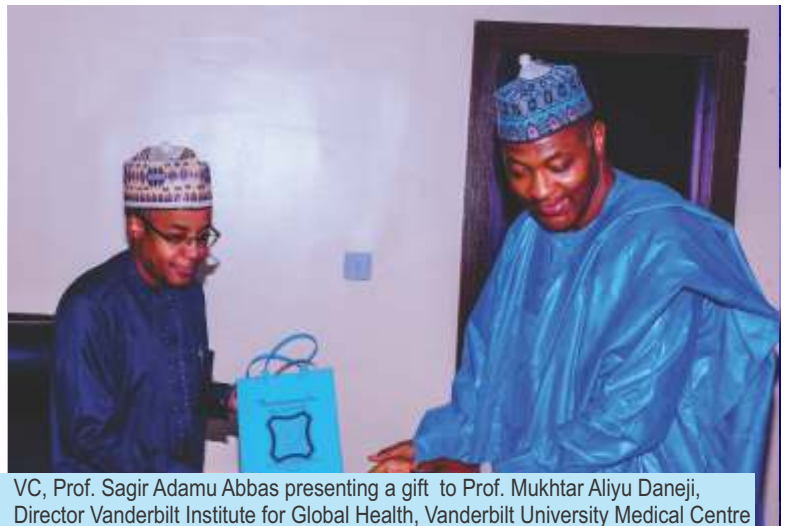
proposal writing among others," said Professor Galadanchi.

Equally, the Director revealed that ACEPHAP has managed funding it secured under the Spin Grant project for sickle cell.

Meanwhile, the Director Vanderbilt Institute for Global Health, Vanderbilt University Medical Centre, Prof. Mukhtar Aliyu Daneji has promised more collaborative engagement with Bayero University, Kano so as to make the institution grow and prosper.

He spoke on Tuesday, 13th June, 2023 when he led other American Scholars on a courtesy visit to the Vice Chancellor that they found in BUK a great institution which they can work together to help humanity especially in medical field.

Daneji, who has been based in America for over two decades, said they were in the University for a Training Program on Bio-statistics modeling organized in



VC, Prof. Sagir Adamu Abbas presenting a gift to Prof. Mukhtar Aliyu Daneji, Director Vanderbilt Institute for Global Health, Vanderbilt University Medical Centre

collaboration with the university and his institute, promising to bring more support to BUK.

Responding, the Vice Chancellor, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas expressed delight for the visit and support from Vanderbilt University, USA, pointing out that the doors of the University are always open for any collaboration.

Professor Abbas, was particularly happy with the foresight and initiative of the Director Vanderbilt Institute for Global Health, Vanderbilt University Medical Centre, Prof. Mukhtar Aliyu for bringing the project to Bayero University, promising to make judicious utilization of the resources provided for.

He said universities all over the world can only grow and prosper when they collaborate and exchange network with other institutions and corporate bodies.

College of Natural and Pharmaceutical Sciences Holds 2023 International Science Conference

By Rabi'u M. Sagir & Jamila Suleiman

College of Natural and Pharmaceutical Sciences, Bayero University, organized International Science Conference Hybrid with the aim of educating public on how to make good use of Basic and Applied scientific



Group photograph of participants

knowledge to solve practical problems.

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas, who was represented by the Deputy Vice Chancellor, Academics, Professor Sani Muhammad Gumel said

Bayero University was a problem-solving institution through which many challenges had been solved which impacted positively on the society. The conference took place at JC Ezielo Twin Theater, Old Campus, on Tuesday 6th June 2023.

The Vice Chancellor expressed the hope that the University would continue to collaborate with different institutions and centres to maintain the tempo for the betterment of Nigeria.

Delivering a keynote address titled: Trends in Basic and Applied Sciences, the Vice Chancellor, Yusuf Maitama Sule University, Professor Mukhtar Atiku Kurawa, said science and technology are key drivers for our development, because of their impact in economy, education, health and social sectors. He said technological innovation has advanced the economic capacities of many countries.

Earlier in his welcome address, the Provost of the College, Prof. Tijjani Hassan Darma commended the University Management for the support given to the College whenever it organized conferences, seminars and workshops.

CDA Organizes Orientation for its PG Students, Conducts Training on Proposal Writing

By Abdulmumin Yusuf, Maryam Tukur Yusuf, Jemila Sulaiman & Ismail Okon



CDA Deputy Director, Training, Prof. Sunusi Gaya Mohammed presenting his lecture to the students

Center for Dryland Agriculture has organized an orientation program for its postgraduate students to enlighten and acquaint them with the necessary procedures, rules and regulations governing their stay in the University.

The orientation program which took place on 13th June, 2023 at the CDA Conference Hall, was also meant to familiarize the students with the campus life, postgraduate study guidelines, available resources and the university's policies.



A group photograph of CDA Postgraduate students and facilitators

Speaking during the occasion, Prof. Sunusi G, Mohammed Deputy Director CDA, said the centre conducted short courses in which over 3000 people were recently trained on various agricultural value chains in addition to training women on fish spawning in Maradi, Niger Republic. He said just last year, the CDA conducted a short training in Ghana.

The CDA also trained its postgraduate students on proposal writing and literature review. The training was organized for students from CDA supported programmes of Natural Resources Management and, Climate Change, Crops and

Cropping Systems, Range and Livestock Management in Drylands and Livelihood and Natural Resource Economics.

The aim of the training was to equip the Postgraduate students on the methods of writing a good proposal and thesis.

Presentations were made by the Director of Directorate of Research, Innovation and Partnership, Professor I.A Rufai,

Dr. Munir Kamba, Dr. Yusuf Garba, Dr Murtala Muhammad Badamasi, Dr Muhammad Maina and Dr Kabir Umar Mustapha.

There were practical sessions to access the level of understanding of the students.

The training and orientation took place from 13th to 15th June, 2023.

DEM Aims to Strengthen Student Ability Towards Research Write-up

By Rabi'u M. Sagir Ruth Uchechi Innocent & Jamila Sulaiman

The Department of Environmental Management of the Faculty of Earth and Environmental Sciences, Bayero University, organized a one-day workshop for post graduate students with the aim of strengthening their ability to establish good relationship between students and lecturers as well as preparing to place them on a right path of having adequate knowledge and procedure of conducting acceptable research write-up.

Speaking at the workshop held on Tuesday, 30th May, 2023, Prof Ibrahim Baba Yakubu in his paper Current Trends in Environmental Management, “said any country that prepared to place itself with current trends shaping its environmental management and provides good governance should provide sustainability and good climate change strategy so as to have healthy environment that



Prof. Baba Yakubu presenting his paper

might provide carbon neutrality and sustainable products.

Earlier, in his presentation, a Medical Geographer, Prof. Yusuf Muhammad Adamu in his paper title: 'e-resources for Literature Review and Ethics of Writing 'said students and researchers should be bringing clarity and focus to their research problem as well as improving their methodology and broaden their knowledge base on their research area and contextualize their findings.

He also advised students to be using electronic resources as the University Management is spending a lot of money in subscribing to it, yet many students are not making good use of it.

In his welcome address, the Head, Department of Environmental Management, Dr. Ahmed Ali, said students in Bayero University have privilege of receiving different workshop, seminars, conferences that might prepare 1 (one) student with adequate training and knowledge of how to establish a good relationship between students and teachers as well as preparing them on how to write a good research that would be of world standard.

Also speaking, the Dean of the Faculty, Prof. Aliyu Barau said the faculty is one of the fastest growing faculties in the University that was why it was aiming to strengthen the standard requirement that might qualify a student with best post graduate degrees and can compete with any student in the world. As such I am urging student to abide by the rule and regulations governing their stay in the University as well as to be committed and show hard work towards their academics pursuit.”

BUK Loses Final Year Student

The death has occurred of Asim Ilham Yunusa, a final year student of the Department of Human Anatomy. He died on Wednesday 7th June, 2023 after a protracted illness.

According to Hajiya Maryam Sani Aikawa a Registry staff, who is an aunt to the deceased, said the late Asim has since been buried according to Islamic rites.

May Allah forgive his shortcomings and grant him *Jannatul Firdaus*, ameen.



Late Asim Ilham Yunusa

EU- ECOWAS SCHOLARSHIP MENTORSHIP PROGRAMME

...URGENT REQUEST FOR MENTORS

The British Council has introduced the EU- ECOWAS SCHOLARSHIP for Sustainable Energy programme and is seeking for mentors to its scholars from BUK.

According to Ayorinde Adebayo, the scholarship programme manager, the objective is to build the capacity of the scholars and enhance their chances of employability and career growth through access to professionals in the sector, as their mentors, during their studies.

The programme wants to connect with mentors in the sustainable energy sector from Bayero University to provide their services to its scholars. The goal, Mr. Adebayo explained was to ensure it had mentors to cover the Anglophone, Lusophone and Francophone regions, knowing the importance of language to the learning outcome of the scholars.

These mentors, he said would guide them along their career paths and form a cohort of professionals who would provide feedback to us, at difference points, to validate the relevance of the knowledge and skills acquired by the scholars.

The scholarship provides opportunity for eligible candidate a cross West Africa to complete masters degree courses in sustainable energy at a higher education Institutions in Cape Verde, Cote d'Ivoire, Ghana, Nigeria, Senegal and Togo.

The scholarship programme is being implemented in host locations and covers the Francophone, Anglophone and Lusophone regions with at least 75 students expected to acquire knowledge, skills and experience that will enable them to contribute in meeting the growing demand of professionals in the sustainable energy sector.

The overall objective of the programme is to enhance human capital development in West Africa, particularly in the sustainable energy sector.

The programme is excited about this opportunity in anticipation on what it can achieve by working with mentors from Bayero University on this unique programme.

For further enquiries please visit Ayorude.adebayo@ng.britishcouncil.org.

www.britishcouncil.org

REMINDER

To: All Provost, Deans, Directors and Heads of Department/Units

You are hereby reminded to submit your Departmental/FACulty/Directorate/Centre submission(s) for the 2023 junior staff promotions exercise (if any) on

or before Tuesday, 20th June, 2023.

Note that, there will be no further extension.

Signed

Mustapha M. Gide

Sect. Junior Staff Appointment & Prom. Committee



(1) Assoc. Prof. Hajara Umar Sanda of the Faculty of Communication invites members of the University community and general public to the wedding fatiha of her son, **Pharm. Yahya Ahmad Shehu** and his fiancée, **Dr. Aisha Muhammad Sani**, scheduled as follows:

DATE: Saturday, 17th June, 2023

TIME: 11:00am

VENUE: Uhud Juma'at Mosque Kwanar Road Safety, Na'ibawa, Kano.

(2) Prof. Jibril Isah Diso of the Faculty of Education invites members of the University community and the general public to the wedding fatiha of his children, **Hassan Jibril Isah** and his fiancée, **Halima Salisu**, and **Hussaina Jibril Isa** and her groom, **Engr. Ismai'il H. Abdullahi**, scheduled as follows:

DATE: Sunday, 14th June, 2023

TIME: 10:30am

VENUE: Prof. Jibril Isah Diso Resident, Sani Mainagge "A" Kano

(3) Malam Sabitu Muhammad Jinjiri Ta'alu of the Directorate of Examinations, Admission and Records, invites members of the University community and general public to his wedding fatiha with **Juwwairiyyah Muhammad Alhassan**, scheduled as follows:

DATE: Sunday, 11th June, 2023

TIME: 11:00am

VENUE: No. 135 Layin Mazan Kwarai, Bayan Kantin Danjammai, "Dubai" Cikin Gari

(4) Malam Nasidi Yalo Uguwar Wambai of the Registry Department invites members of the University community and the general public to the wedding fatiha of his children, **Dauda Bala Alasan (Kawu)** and his fiancée, **Marakisiyya Usman Abubakar (Maransi)** and **Adamu Nasidi Yalo Uguwar Wambai (Malam Adam)** and his fiancée, **Nafisa Hamisu Abubakar Garko (Safina)**, scheduled as follows:

DATE: Saturday, 14th June, 2023

TIME: 11:00am

VENUE: Masallacin Juma'a na Charanci Primary School, Kan Titin Dorayi Karama.

2022/2023 ONLINE SCREENING FOR NEWLY ADMITTED UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS

This is to inform members of the University community and general public that the 2022/2023 Online Screening for newly admitted undergraduate students will commence on Monday, 5th June, 2023.

According to the Acting Director, Directorate of Examinations, Admissions and Records (DEAR), Malam Aminu Wada Kurawa, the University portal had since been opened to enable the students to commence the screening exercise immediately.

Prospective candidates are advised to visit <https://mybuk.buk.edu.ng/myScreening/> for the 2022/2023 screening exercise.

Steps:

Students are expected to:

1. Clear with Jamb by accepting and printing Jamb Admission letter.
2. Login to the above address with their Jamb Number, State of origin and gender to check their Admission status.
3. Download BUK Admission letter using the provided link.
4. Generate, download and print a BUK Personalized Payment Form (BUKPPF). Acceptance fee is reflected on student's BUKPPF, to be paid using Remita e-Payments and e-Collection platform. **Make sure you carefully read, understand and follow the payment procedure, as BUK will not be liable for any loss of funds as a result of incorrect data entry**, which may lead to unnecessary delay in validating and processing of payment. Payment can be validated by the students via clicking **check payment status** on the payment page.

Note: All fees are not refundable after payment.

5. Upload the following documents in jpg format (Size must be less than 1MB):
 - o Jamb Slip
 - o Jamb Admission Letter
 - o O Level Result
 - o A Level Result (DE Candidates only)
 - o Any other relevant document(s).

Note: The above document(s) may be rejected due to poor quality or otherwise. Students are expected to re-upload a clearer copy if rejected. For inquiries/complaint(s), candidates are to use the message box icon by the right side of the site to submit all his/her inquiries/complaint(s).

6. Print Acknowledgment Slip, which contains registration number and further instruction to be followed for the registration and documentation.

Note: In step 5 above, students may experience a delay of 12 to 24 hours while awaiting documents to be approved.

7. After successful completion of the above steps, students are to proceed for registration at <https://mybuk.buk.edu.ng/ug/> for online registration exercise.

Re-Opening of Postgraduate Portal for 2021/2022 Admission

The School of Postgraduate studies wishes to inform the University community and general public that portal for postgraduate (PG) application forms which was closed on 5th May, 2023, has been re-opened.

According to Garba Abdullahi Barume PhD. Secretary,

School of Postgraduates Studies, the approval for the re-opening of the portal was granted by the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas. The PG application exercise will continue up to July 31st, 2023. Prospective applicants are advised to make use of the opportunity to apply before the final closure of the portal.

BUK STAFF MODEL SECONDARY SCHOOL

This is to inform all parents and the University community as well as interested individuals that the school management has commenced the sales of admission forms for 2023/2024 session, JSS-1 and transfer students with effect from 1st June, 2023 to August,

2023, each as **N5,000** only.

Venue: School premises.

A letter signed by Tijjani M. Adamu, the Principal, said, payment could be made through bank teller/transfer at any UBA Bank branch, **Account No. 1001602305.**



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