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System (IPPIS), was done in good faith and will not in any way affect government's commitment towards funding the institutions, the Minister of Education, Professor Tahir Mamman, has assured.

"Removing Universities from IPPIS payroll will not affect government's funding of the tertiary institutions. It was just part of efforts to allow them administrative autonomy," said the Minister.

The Minister, who spoke exclusively to BUK Bulletin at Malam Aminu Kano International Airport, Kano on Sunday, 28th January, 2024, explained that, government was very much committed to improving the education sector," he assured. the funding of universities.

The minister assured universities and other tertiary institutions to feel comfortable and relax, saying that the federal government "for now has no intention to withdraw its funding."

emoving tertiary institutions from the According to him, the administration of President Integrated Payroll and Personnel Information Bola Ahmed Tinubu is desirous of making universities to play their roles in national development. I am sure his fresh ideas will propel development.

> Professor Mamman disclosed that the idea was part of the deliberate policy to grant administrative autonomy similar to that of academic granted some years ago with a view to actualizing their full autonomy for improve services.

> He assured that government will find more ways of funding the education sector, because without education there would be no development. "No matter what, government will not withdraw from subsidizing

> On Students Loan Scheme, the minister disclosed that all machineries have been put in place for the take up of the programme. He noted that government was very much committed to the loan scheme, it has sourced out funding for the outfit.

VC Honours International Students from China, Germany

By Lamara Garba

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas, on global development. Friday, 2nd February, 2024 honoured seven international He charged the students to make use of the knowledge university.

The students came from Tianjin University in the Peoples Republic of China and Hamburg University, Germany had attended a short course on Hausa culture and tradition in the department of Nigerian Languages as part of the exchange programmes between BUK and the respective universities.

Speaking during a farewell lunch hosted by the Vice



International students from China and Germany in a farewell group picture with VC, Prof. Sagir Adamu Abbas (5th from right)

Chancellor in his office, Professor Sagir Abbas said the university is always ready to collaborate with other institutions of learning for exchange programme and knowledge sharing.

According to him the essence of university is to have varied understanding and exposure on matters concerning The Vice Chancellor also presented a savonuer to all the research, teaching and innovation which are the engine for students as well as to their respective universities.

students who completed an acculturation studies in the acquired during their stay in Bayero University in particular and Kano city in general and serve as ambassadors of the university.

> He commended the conduct of the students who exhibited good morals and urged them to continue as it will propel them to many successes.

> Earlier, the Head, Department of Nigerian Languages, Professor Isa Mukhtar, told the Vice Chancellor that the students have stayed for about five months in the university undergoing an intensive training on culture, tradition and Hausa Language.

He disclosed that six of them were from Tianjin University in China while the other students came from Hamburg University, Germany.

Professor Mukhtar said the department had entered a Memorandum of Understanding with the two institutions to be sending their students to Bayero University for an acculturation programme.

Speaking separately, the students expressed delight for the way they were treated by the staff and other members of the university community. They explained that they were highly educative and learned a lot of things during their brief stay in Bayero University, Kano.

Also speaking, the Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Islamic Studies (FAIS), Professor Ibrahim Garba Satatima, said the department had collaboration with universities from Italy, Germany, China and Holand for a very long period.

The Dean commended the conduct of the students which he attested was exceptionally good.

BUK Hosts 1st International Transdisciplinary Conference on Sustainability and Ecological Resilience in the Muslim World

Faculty of Earth and Environmental Sciences (FEES), environmental sustainability is not just an ambition, but a Bayero University, Kano has organized the first lived reality." interdisciplinary hybrid conference on sustainability and ecological resilience in the Muslim world with the theme: Addressing Global and Local Environmental Crises" Islamic Perspectives and Muslim Experiences.

The workshop brought together scholars, scientists, experts, environmentalists, clerics and other stakeholders from diverse inter-disciplinary fields to discuss and brainstorm on the climate change and environmental sustainability.

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas, said inspire collective action and create a world where address its sustainability.

According to him, BUK as a leading institution of learning and scholarship in Nigeria is committed to using its platform to bridge the gap between knowledge and action, between faith and practice. "We believe that through collaboration, dialogue, and a shared commitment to the principles of Islam, we can build a more just and sustainable future for generations to come," said the Vice Chancellor, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas.

In his remarks, the Chairman of the occasion, Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed said environment has been a "this conference is not a merely an academic exercise; it is topical issue of discussion for over two decades and is a call to action. We must harness the power of faith to being discussed at several international and national for a to Secretary of the National Universities Commission research skills without financial obligations on BUK," he (NUC), said neglecting the environment is neglecting the wellbeing the people, while protecting it, is protecting their lives.

He commended the Faculty for organizing the conference which would address one of the critical issues affecting the people. He added that environmental sustainability was firmly embedded in Islam as Our'anic verses and Prophet environmental cleanliness and protection.

The former NUC boss explained that from Islamic perspectives, God created a balanced world which must be preserved and protected by man through justice, adding that people must be environmentally conscious.

Earlier, in his welcome remarks, the Dean, Faculty of Earth



and Environmental Sciences (FEES), Professor Aliyu Salisu Barau said we are already engulfed by multiple ecological crises that amplify massive social insecurity and economic collapse that loom large everywhere. He said without necessarily sounding pessimistic, the future of human prosperity is gloomy.

He said over the decades, we have witnessed efforts put in place by governments, international institutions, universities, media and civil society to save the planet. Nevertheless, the crises keep rising steadily, deeply and irreversibly disturbing. He added that as land degradation escalates globally, droughts, foods, storms and other climate extreme events such push us off a cliff and points of no return.

The Dean noted that this year marked the 10th anniversary since the establishment of the Faculty. We are committed to repositioning this faculty to excel in the rank of the best in We have signed MoUs with prestigious universities in China and the UK. We are given slots for

Professor Rasheed who was the immediate past Executive visiting positions for our colleagues to update their added.

> "It is gladdening to add that our staff will feature at the front page of 12 books elements on climate change, three of which to be published this year by the Cambridge University Press.

The keynote speaker, Mr Kamran Shezad in a paper titled: Our'an, Sunnah and Climate Crisis: From Theology to Muhammad's (SAW) traditions (Hadiths) talked about Action, stated that it would not be a business as usual as people must change the way they do things as the world is undergoing an environmental crisis.

> While citing several Qur'anic and Hadith injunctions on the need to preserve the environment and personal hygiene, Mr Shezad advocated the need for greening the mosques and houses as part of Islamic faith.

> > Mr Kamran, who is Director, Islamic Foundation for Ecology and Environmental Society, Birmingham University, UK, said in recent times, there have been significant effort in Islamic world to change the narrative citing the example of Al-mizan that strengthens international, national and local actions that combat climate change and the threats to the planet.

> > Other initiatives to combat environmental challenges are Bahu Trust Masjid in UK, Madarassa syllabus, an Islamic inspired climate guides, Eco Conscious Guide to Ramadhan and Birmingham Qur'an academy.

> > Presenting the second keynote address, Professor Omar Hasan Kasule, said change in the behavior can significantly

impact the environment, adding that the focus should first be on individual rather than the whole society.

Prof Kasule, who is the Chairman Research Ethics Review Board, King Abdallah Bin Abdulaziz University Hospital, Riyadh, noted that the attention of the world has been shifted to acquiring sophisticated machines without corresponding balance of environmental preservations.

He stated that environmental crisis has been on for centuries and that people should turn to Quran to find the solutions to environmental challenges.

Goodwill messages were presented by the Honourable Commissioner of Environment, Kano State, Honourable Nasiru Garo and Branch Manager, TAJ Bank, Kano, Aliyu

Highlight of the opening session was a commentary of a film called Sacred Island by Professor Abdalla Uba Adamu, which was showed at the conference.

Fire Incident: VC Supports Critically Affected **Victims with N250. 000 Cash, Others Get N100, 000, N50,000**

By Muhammad Salisu Rabi'u

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas has While synthesizing with them over the incident, he charged given a monetary assistance to about 22 students whose valuables were destroyed in the female hostel following a fire incidence at Nana Hall.

The victims get N250, 000, N100, 000 and N50, 000 each depending on the degree of their losses.

Speaking on Monday, 5th February, 2024 when he received the victims of the inferno who came to thank him advised



the students to consider the incident as an act of God as well as to thank Allah that there was no human casualty.

The Vice Chancellor also admonished them to devote more time on their studies, so as to graduate with good grade at the end of their programmes.

The Female students were on thank you visit to the Vice Chancellor, over his kind gesture particularly the financial support given to them by the management to alleviate their sufferings.

them to avoid anything that will tarnish their image and that of their families. He said as students of the University, the management will do everything possible to improve their welfare, so as to leave comfortably while in the campus.

Professor Abbas said that the assistance given to them was not meant to pay them what they might have lost but to enable them to purchase some basic needs.

The Vice Chancellor also urged the students to always be security conscious and to report any suspected person to the security.

He assured that the management was doing its best to complete the renovation of the damaged rooms, saying very soon they will return to their rooms.

Also speaking, the Deputy Vice Chancellor, Research and Development, Professor Abdullahi Sule-Kano advised the students to bonded well among themselves as they may find it beneficial even after their graduation.

Earlier speaking, the leader of the students, Hafsat Muhammad Tajuddeen, said they were in Vice Chancellors office to express appreciation for the gesture and an act of benevolence towards them.

"We found it imperative to pay the courtesy call in order to thank the Vice Chancellor for his moral and financial Support to us following the fire incidence. Indeed, if not but for your support which brings succor to all of us, the situation would have been catastrophe to us," she stated.

Hafsat Muhammad Tajuddeen thanked the Vice Chancellor and his management team for improving their leaving condition, saying that this has spurred them to concentrate on their studies.

Indorama Eleme Fertilizer, ETG Agro Company Give Scholarship Awards to Students from Faculty of Agric

Bv Nura Garba

Nine undergraduate students from the Faculty of Agriculture have benefitted from the scholarship scheme of Indorama Eleme Fertilizer and ETG Agro Company Nigeria limited as part of their corporate social responsibility to boost education in Nigeria.

According to Mr Kingsley Eze of Indorama, the scholarship award was aimed at improving agriculture and livelihood in Nigeria, as well as boosting the educational development of the Nigerian youth.

He said as part of the corporate social responsibilities, the Indorama Company engages in free soil testing to farmers, trains farmers on best agricultural practices and conducts field day for them.

Mr Eze added that the company initiated girl-child education scheme in which 15,000 school bags were donated to various primary and secondary schools in



DVC Academics, Prof. Sani Muhammad Gumel, Dean, Faculty of Agric, Prof. M.A Hussain and Kingsley Eze of Indoroma presenting of N150,000 to one of the beneficiaries

addition to over 50,000 exercise books given to schools across Northern Nigeria.

Also speaking, the representatives of ETG Company, Ashish and Rajesh, said the scholarship program was aimed at recognizing the young talents who have an immense contribution to the school and the society. These brilliant students they said exhibited such qualities that will not only help them in achieving their goals, but also bring glory and success to the society at large.

"Today, as ETGIANS, we have gathered here not just to celebrate the achievements of these students, via merit scholarships, but to give due regards to our values and morals which these awardees exemplify, like discipline, compassion and zeal for learning," they said.

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas, who was represented by the Deputy Vice Chancellor, Academics, Professor Sani Muhammad Gumel, said BUK was full of joy and happiness over the scholarship awarded by the two companies.

He said the University appreciated the goodwill gesture and would continue to partner with the two companies.

The Vice Chancellor stated that he hoped this would be the beginning of more collaborative opportunities with Indorama and ETG companies, assuring them that they would never regret partnering with BUK.

He added that BUK was ranked the 5th best university in Nigeria and the 2nd best in terms international outlook by the Times Higher Education (THE) of the United Kingdom. This, he said was achieved through academic excellence and effective partnership.

Earlier in his welcome address, the Dean, Faculty of Agriculture, Professor Muhammad Auwal Hussain gave a historical evolution of the faculty, which started from a humble beginning in 2001 with only three departments and metamorphosed to eight departments out of which 7 departments are offering postgraduate programmes, MSc Each beneficiary from Indorama got 150,000, while ETG and PhD in various specializations.

The Dean expressed appreciation to the Indorama Eleme Fertilizer and Chemicals Ltd and ETG Agro Company Nigeria Limited for the great initiative. He also congratulated the winners and urged them to continue the hard work they exhibited to win more awards while motivating their colleagues.

The Indorama scholarship awardees were drawn from 400 levels while that of ETG from 200, 300 and 400 levels respectively. The beneficiary students are as follows:

Indorama Eleme Fertilizer

Salimata Togola – Agronomy Dept 4.71 CGPA Suleiman Ibrahim-Agronomy Dept 4.62 Adamu Fatima Gulma-Soil Science 4.57 Abubakar Sadiq Kamilu-Soil Science 4.60

ETGAgro Company

Abdullahi Muhammad Rabi'u Level 200 with 4.82 CGPA Mariam Useni 200 level with 4.74 Shehu Alamin Bala 300 level with 4.87 Kabiru Hafasat Maisinga level 300 with 4.77 Ni'imatu Abdulrazak Yusuf level 400 with 4.84

Speaking on behalf of the awardees from ETG Company, Mariam Useni said the scholarship has inspired them to do more. She said they were highly indebted to the university, faculty, department and their family for supporting and investing in them.

SalimataTogolo, who spoke on behalf of the awardees from Indorama said their dreams have started manifesting positively. She said this symbolized brighter future ahead of them. They thanked the Indorama Company for inspiring them.

gave 505,000 to 5 beneficiaries.

VC Commends CDA for Setting Pace in Teaching, Research

.....As the Center Organises Workshop on PG Curriculum Review



The Vice Chancellor, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas, has commended the Centre for Dryland Agriculture (CDA) for setting the pace for teaching and research in the University.

Professor Abbas, who spoke at the opening ceremony of the workshop of Curriculum Review of Postgraduate Programmes of the Center held on Wednesday, 7th February, 2024.

He stated that the curriculum review was organized in response to the evolving global landscape, compounded by the challenges posed by the recent pandemic, which have adversely impacted on higher education delivery.

"I initiated a committee to review the curricula and mode of delivery of the CDA programmes. This initiative is part of the University's commitment to ensuring improved visibility, wider coverage and seamless dissemination of knowledge as well as the sustainability of the Centre and its activities," the Vice Chancellor said.

According to him with the expertise of committee members drawn from various academic units of the university, including the Deans of the School of Postgraduate Studies and the Faculty of Education; Directors of Academic Planning, Centre for Information Technology, Centre for Renewable Energy and Sustainable Transition, Laboratory Management Services, Gender Studies, and the Directorate of Research, Innovation, and Partnership, he is optimistic that this

committee has charted a new pathway for the Centre's curricula was developed in 2012/13 after rigorous future and by extension a road map for the wider university community to follow.

The Vice Chancellor said it was crucial to reflect on the Centre's journey, particularly its achievements in fulfilling its mission and vision. He noted that Significant milestones include the review and validation of the curriculum in January 2018 and the international accreditation received from the High Council for Evaluation of Research and Higher Education (HCRES) in France in September 2019, an accolade valid for five years.

"The university will leverage on the existence of our Centre for Competence in Digital Education (C-CoDE) and other critical infrastructure to support these new programmes, as we navigate to new mode of delivery," the VC said.

Earlier in his welcome address, the Director CDA, Professor Jibrin Mohammed Jibrin expressed confidence that with the high caliber of competent personalities involved, significant achievement would be recorded in the review of the curriculum of PG programmes of the

The Director stated that the first CDA programmes'

consultations nationally and internationally. The curricula was reviewed after five years in 2018/19, and now it is time for another review taking into consideration the changing

During the opening session, keynote address was presented by Professor Christine Iyetunde Ofulue, Director Regional Training and Research Institute for Distance and Open Learning (RETRIDOL), National Open University of Nigeria on Shaping a Future Ready Education System: Adaptive Digital Curriculum Design for Transformative Learning.

At the first plenary session, presentations were made by Professor Sanusi Gaya Mohammed, the Deputy Director, Training of CDA on Overview of the Report of CDA Committee on Gaps Assessment; Experience Sharing on the Implementation of Modular Delivery in Nigerian Universities: Lessons from Africa Centre of Excellence -Centre for Oilfield Chemicals Research (ACE-CEFOR), University of Port-Harcourt by Professor Ogbonna F. Joel.

Other presentation was made by Professor Nebath Tanglang of NOUN, Abuja on the Effective Digital Curricula for Higher Education.

Present Additional Qualification withi Reasonable Period or Revert to Non-Teaching Cadre .VC Tells Academic Staff *To allocate 30% of TET fund to Non-Teaching Staff Development By Ibrahim Ado Saleh

The Management of Bayero University Kano will not progression in the system. hesitate to convert any academic staff to non-teaching cadre who fails to present higher degrees after a stipulated period as contained in the condition of service in the university, the Vice Chancellor, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas, has disclosed.



VC, Prof. Sagir A. Abbas addressing the newly recruit staff at the induction ceremony

The Vice Chancellor, who spoke on Wednesday 7th February 2024, during an orientation programme for the new recruited Staff, explained that the university will from now adhere strictly to the provisions of the condition of service which explicitly stated that any teaching staff recruited with a bachelors degree must present additional qualification after 3 years, failure of which would be taken back to the non-teaching cadre.

According to him the idea was to promote hard working and commitment amongst staff as well as to allow easy

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Abbas said that University is an institution where knowledge is created and imparted, and non teaching staff are integral part of the university. No University can prosper without non-teaching staff they are as important as teaching staff.

To this end, he disclosed that now BUK will be supporting Admin staff in pursuing higher Qualifications including PhD, in which 30% of TET fund training allocation will be allocated for capacity building of the non-teaching staff.

Professor Abbas added that BUK has a high reputation among the Nigerian universities, and therefore, the new staff should not in any way engaged in uncivilized behaviours that may adversely affect their reputation.

He welcomed a visiting Registrar from PAMO Medical University, Port Harcourt, Mr. Victor Onuaha, who was in BUK to observe how they operate.

In her welcome address, the Acting Registrar, Hajiya Amina Umar Abdullahi, welcomed participants and resource person to the event. She stated that the aim of this orientation is to bring the new staff on board and familiarize themselves with the new environment as well as the rules and regulations of the University.

She also reminded the new staff to be role models and keep to time which is very essential in their daily activities.

In his presentation, former Registrar, Bayero University Kano, Dr. Sani Ibrahim Amin, gave the history of evaluation of Universities in Nigeria, from preindependence to date.

He further explains the structure of a university system, from the Visitor down to the Janitor.

Also speaking in his presentation, Malam M. D. Nasir, Secretary, College of Health Sciences, in a paper titled:

"Rules and Regulations Governing Nigerian *Universities*" said the best way to achieved success in one's career is to adhere strictly to the work ethics and due process in everything.

Makarfi LG Celebrates Professors Gausu, Aisha

two of its illustrious sons, Professor Gausu Ahmad and Professor Aisha Abdulkadir.

They were honoured for their outstanding achievement and contribution to their respective fields of endeavour. Professor Gausu Ahmad of the Department of Mass Communication at Bayero University Kano and Professor Aisha Abdulkadir, Head of the Soil Science Department at the Institute for Agricultural Research (IAR) at Ahmadu Bello University Zaria, were each presented with award of excellence during separate ceremonies held at their respective universities.

The award ceremony was officiated by the District Head of Makarfi, Alhaji Adamu Abdullahi, Sulikin Zazzau. He praised the professors as role models and commended their contribution to academia and community development. Alhaji Abdullahi specifically commended Professor Gausu Ahmad as an academic who has nurtured young generation to embrace journalism as profession and described Professor Aisha Abdulkadir for her commitment to advancing agricultural excellence and bridging the gap between academia and the farming community.

Alhaji Bako Mahmud Gazara, Wakilin Basin Zazzau, chairman of the committee, emphasized the tradition of honouring individuals who achieve such significant milestones. He expressed hope that their achievement would inspire the younger generation in the area.

In their separate speeches, Professor Gausu Ahmad and Professor Aisha Abdulkadir thanked Makarfi Local Government Community especially Makarfi Local Government Educational Support Committee for honouring them. They promised to continue giving their best to the educational development in Makarfi Local Government Area in particular and the country in general.

Those attended the event from BUK were Vice Chancellor, Federal University, Kashere, Professor Umar Pate, former NOUN Vice Chancellor, Professor Abdalla Uba Adamu,

Makarfi Local Government Education Support Committee Dean Faculty of Communication, Professor Umar Faruk in Kaduna State on Monday 29th January, 2024 honoured Jibril, Head of Mass Communication Department, Professor Yakubu Mainasara Kurfi, Head of Department of Information and Media Studies, Dr. Nura Ibrahim and former Ambassador of Nigeria in Brazil, Professor Muhammad Ahmad Makarfi.

> Representatives from the IAR, ABU included, Professor Ado A. Yusuf (Executive Director), Professor S.B. Abdu (Dean, Faculty of Agriculture, Professor Nafiu Abdu Deputy Director and Dr. Sharhabil M. Yahaya HOD, Agricultural Extension and Professor Lawal Saidu among others have attended the ceremony.



Prof. Gausu Ahmad receiving a survenir from the District Head of Makarfi, Alhaji Adamu Abdullahi (Sulikin Zazzau)

Submission of Unserviceable Equipment aste Papers and other Unserviceable Items

Sequel to the recently concluded disposal exercise held on 7th, 11th and 12th September, 2023, the Board of Survey has received numerous requests for unserviceable items. Based on the foregoing, I have been directed to request you to furnish the Board of Survey with a comprehensive list of all unserviceable items situated in your respective Faculties, Centres and Departments.

This is to enable the Board of Survey determine the practicability or otherwise of disposing off the items in accordance with extant regulations.

Please, take note that those that have already submitted their list or have no unserviceable items need not respond to this notice.



The Vice-Chancellor Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas, FMAN

on behalf of the Council, Senate and entire University Community



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CONVOCATION CEREMONY 2020/2021

For the Award of

HIGHER DEGREES, DEGREES AND PRIZES

Scheduled to take place by 9:00am Daily at Convocation Arena, New Campus, Gwarzo Road, Kano

Day 1

Tuesday, 27th February, 2024

Graduands of Faculties of Agriculture, Arts and Islamic Studies, Earth and Environmental Sciences, Education, Law and Pharmaceutical Sciences

Day 2

Wednesday, 28th February, 2024

Graduands of Faculties of Allied Health Sciences, Clinical Sciences, Computing, Dentistry and School of Continuing Education (SCE)

Day 3

Thursday, 29th February, 2024
Graduands of Faculties of Basic Medical Sciences,
Communication, Engineering, Life Sciences,
Management Sciences, Physical Sciences and
Social Sciences

Day 4

Friday, 1st March, 2024 CONVOCATION LECTURE:

Chairman: A. B. Mahmoud, SAN Speaker: Alhaji Aliko Dangote, GCON

Topic: The Role of the Private Sector in Building a Sustainable Knowledge Economy in Nigeria

Time: 4:00pm

Day 5

Saturday, 2nd March, 2024 (A) Investiture of The 5th Chancellor

His Royal Highness, Alhaji (Dr.) Ibrahim Sulu-Gambari, CFR,

Emir of Ilorin

(B) Award of Higher Degrees and Prizes for 2020/2021

Graduands of School of Postgraduate Studies and Dangote Business School



