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Dignitaries and conference participants in a group photograph

Faculty of Education at 50: A Golden Jubilee of Impact, Innovation and National Service

By Nura Garba

The Faculty of Education, Bayero University, Kano (BUK) marked its 50th anniversary on Monday, April 14, 2025 in a grand celebration that coincided with its 3rd National Conference. The milestone event brought together academia, alumni, policymakers and dignitaries to reflect on the Faculty's remarkable journey since its establishment in 1975.

In her keynote address, the Minister of State for Education, Professor Suwaiba Said Ahmad, described the golden jubilee as a testament to resilience, vision and unwavering commitment to national development through education. She praised the Faculty for its evolution into a centre of pedagogical excellence, research and innovation that has shaped education not only in Northern Nigeria but also across the country.

Professor Suwaiba Said Ahmad disclosed that the Federal Government's Sector Renewal Initiative was designed to transition Nigeria from a resource-based to a knowledge-based economy.

She highlighted that the aim of the renewal initiative consists of – Reducing the number of out-of-school children; combating learning poverty; enhancing skills

development and human capital for the labor market

Professor Suwaiba further revealed that the initiative prioritizes Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET); Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM); Digital literacy and education quality assurance.

According to her the Federal Government had disbursed over ₦35 billion to beneficiaries under the Nigerian Education Loan Fund (NELFUND), with BUK among the top beneficiaries.

She further confirmed that President Bola Ahmed Tinubu approved ₦120 billion to boost TVET programs, with plans to train 650 youths in technical, vocational, and digital skills over the next two years.

In his address, the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas, himself an alumnus of the Faculty, described the occasion as a defining moment in the University's history. He revealed that the Faculty had produced two federal Ministers, nine Vice-Chancellors, several Provosts, Rectors, university librarians and notable

personalities, including three First Ladies of Kano State. He also announced plans to upgrade the Faculty to a School of Education in the coming weeks.

“We must also express our heartfelt appreciation to Professor Ruqayyatu Ahmed Rufa'i, former Minister of Education, under whose visionary leadership this faculty underwent a transformation that has remained the bedrock of its current status. Thanks to her intervention. We witnessed the construction of Faculty of Education, an infrastructure valued at over N3 Billion. This development has enabled the Faculty to expand both in capacity and influence, and for that, we owe her a deep debt of gratitude,” the Vice-Chancellor remarked.

In his welcome remarks earlier, the Dean of the Faculty, Dr. Abubakar Ibrahim Hassan, highlighted the Faculty's rich history, dating back to 1962 as the Department of Education under Abdullahi Bayero College affiliated with Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria. Since its transformation into a full-fledged Faculty in 1977, it has expanded to include the Departments of Education, Library and Information Sciences, Adult Education and Community Services, Human Kinetics and Health Education, Special Education and Science and Technology Education. In his Lead Paper, Dr Sani Ahmad Sufi, former Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Education, praised the faculty for its high-quality graduates.

“Our pride lies not just in the number of graduates produced yearly, but in their impact across Nigeria and beyond,” he noted

He added that the faculty has produced Nigeria's largest

pool of graduate teachers many of whom hold key positions nationally and internationally.

In his acceptance speech on behalf of the awardees, the National Chairman of the All Progressives Congress (APC), Dr. Abdullahi Umar Ganduje applauded the faculty for its significant role in advancing education in Nigeria.

Highlight of the event was the presentation of awards to distinguished alumni and supporters of the faculty in recognition of their contributions to its growth. Those awarded included, former Governor of Kano state and APC National Chairman Dr Abdullahi Umar Ganduje, his wife Professor Hafsat Umar Abdullahi, VC BUK Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas, Emeritus Professor Garba Dahuwa Azare who were all alumni of the faculty among others.

The anniversary lecture, titled “*50 Years of Educational Excellence: Reflection, Celebration and Aspiration of the Faculty of Education*”, was delivered by Dr. Sani Ahmad Sufi, a former HOD and Permanent Secretary, Federal Ministry of Education. He reflected on the Faculty's legacy in teacher training and policy development, stressing the need for adaptive educational strategies.

The keynote address and conference lead papers were presented by Professor Muhammad Umar Sanda the Dean of Postgraduate Studies, Federal University Dutsin-Ma, and Professor Bala Zakari, former Deputy Executive Secretary (Technical), UBEC. Both scholars called for curriculum reforms and investment in teacher training to meet global educational demands.

The event also featured award presentations to distinguished personalities, including Professor Suwaiba Said Ahmad, Professor Hafsat Abdullahi Ganduje, Dr. Abdullahi Umar Ganduje and several long-serving staff and contributors to the Faculty's development.

ASFECOM BUK Chapter Organizes a Meet and Greet Event to Celebrate Members' Achievements

By Fausat A. Opayomi

The Association of Female Congregation Members (ASFECOM), BUK chapter, organized a meet and greet event aimed at celebrating members, who had



The Minister of State for Education, Prof. Suwaiba Said Ahmad (middle) in a group photograph with other dignitaries

distinguished themselves by holding important positions within and outside the University.

The event, which took place on Saturday, 12th April, 2025 at the Convocation Arena, also aimed at fostering unity

among academic and administrative female staff of the University.

In her address, the Minister of State for Education, Prof. Suwaiba Sa'id Ahmad, who is also the Special Guest of Honour and an active member of the association, expressed happiness for the large turnout of members, saying that the forum ought to have been more active, because according to her, women were capable of changing the society for better through their voices.

She expressed her gratitude to the former Minister of Education, Prof. Ruqayyatu Rufai Ahmed, and all other senior colleagues for their mentorship and guidance, which, she said, had contributed immensely in making her what she is today.

While appealing to the organizers to make the event an annual one, the Minister said “The reward for hardwork is additional hardwork and success and it is high time to let the world know that women can do better if given the opportunity,” she remarked.

Also speaking, the former Minister of Education, Prof. Ruqayyatu Rufai Ahmed, who spoke on behalf of the

awardees, expressed gratitude for the honour. She said the forum, which started with few members, had grown with over 200 memberships.

She said as the first female Professor in BUK, she was happy that the adage that says the young shall grow was manifesting in her time, because BUK now had over 50 female Professors and that she would continue to support the association even after taking a vow from the University for its success and survival.

Earlier, the Chairperson of association, Professor Fatima Gaji Dantata, while welcoming members, emphasized the need for a regular event of this nature to celebrate and rejoice with members, who held and were still holding different positions within and outside the university. She said it was her wish to witness the advancement of the association where energy and intelligence would be utilized.

In her brief remarks, the DVC, Research & Development, Prof. Amina Mustapha, commended those who work behind the scene for the success of the event. She said the

occasion was about celebrating BUK female staff and their collective unwavering commitment to shape their future, champion each other's success and to also offer guidance in times of challenges.

The award presentation was in different categories; recognition awards to HOD's and heads of units; DVC, Provost, Deans and Directors; the former Minister of Education, Prof. Ruqayyatu Rufai Ahmed, and the Minister of State for Education, Prof. Suwaiba, Sa'id Ahmad.

Delivering the vote of thanks, Prof. Hassana Darma, former Vice Chancellor, Khadija University, Majia and the Local Organizing Committee (LOC) Chairperson, said the success being celebrated was a testament to the fact that women could break barriers when empowered as academics and administrators, adding that humility and excellence should go hand in hand to achieve success.

Prof. Darma said the gathering was long overdue because the association had been in existence for more than two decades without any formal celebration of its members' achievements.

Embrace Dialogue, Not Radicalism – VC Charges New SSANU Executives

By Sabitu M. Jinjiri

The Vice-Chancellor, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas, has advised the newly elected executives of the Senior Staff Association of Nigerian Universities (SSANU) to prioritize dialogue over radicalism in the discharge of their duties.

Professor Abbas gave the charge on Tuesday, April 15th 2025 during a courtesy visit by the new SSANU leadership led by the Chairman, Comrade Mustapha

erode the trust people have in you,” Professor Abbas cautioned.

He further encouraged the union leaders to organize professional development programs and capacity-building initiatives aimed at equipping members with relevant skills and knowledge. According to him, such efforts would not only enhance professionalism within the system but also contribute to the overall growth and stability of the university.

“Our academics rely on competent and efficient administrators to function effectively. It is, therefore, essential that we continue to build capacity and uphold best practices,” he added.

In his remarks, the new SSANU Chairman, Comrade Mustapha Aminu, said the visit was part of the union's tradition of presenting newly elected officials to the university leadership. He expressed gratitude to the management for its continued support, noting that SSANU had benefitted immensely from the administration's goodwill and cooperation.

The new executives are:

Mustapha Aminu – Chairman

Mahfuz Z. Ibrahim Vice-Chairman

Nura Garba - Secretary

Kailu Umar Sa'id – Assistant Secretary

Musa A. Garba – Treasurer

Yusuf Ibn Harun – Financial Secretary

Aminu Rajja'u Anchau – PRO

Engr. Sufyanu Fari – Trustee

Farida Sani Kamba – Women Coordinator

Ma'ruf Zakariya – Ex-Officio



BUK Management in a group photograph with the new SSANU executives

Aminu, to formally introduce the newly elected executives to the University Management.

Addressing the delegation, the Vice-Chancellor reminded the union leaders that their election into office was a call to service, responsibility and trust. He emphasized the importance of integrity, professionalism and transparent leadership.

“You have been entrusted with positions of responsibility. You must always work in the best interest of your members and the University. Mismanagement of resources can

Centre for Gender Studies Strengthens Mandate to Deliver Best Practices

By Nura Garba

The Centre for Gender Studies (CGS) has reaffirmed its commitment to advanced gender-related initiatives by renewing its mandate and enhancing its human resource capacity.

The Director of the Centre, Dr. Ambassador Safiya Nuhu, made this known on Wednesday, April 16th 2025, during a



Director CGS, Amb. Dr. Safiya Nuhu (left) presenting appreciation letter to the VC, Prof. Sagir Adamu Abbas

courtesy visit to the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas.

She expressed gratitude to the University Management for approving the appointment of Deputy Directors to the Centre and used the occasion to brief the Vice-Chancellor on CGS's revitalized vision and strategic initiatives.

Dr. Nuhu emphasized that the new appointments signified the University's shared commitment to addressing pressing societal challenges through gender-focused research and

community engagement. She also disclosed that the Centre would be marking its 10th anniversary in 2025 and had intensified efforts in training programmes, research, collaborations and impactful projects.

One notable partnership is the "Knowledge for Change" initiative, a collaborative effort with universities in Canada and Uganda aimed at addressing gender-based issues through research and capacity building.

Dr. Nuhu presented her team members:

- **Dr. Adama Jibrin** (Department of Human Physiology) – Deputy Director, Research
- **Dr. Samir Halliru** (Department of Adult Education and Community Services) – Deputy Director, Knowledge Transfer
- **Dr. Maryam Liman** (Department of Environmental Management) – Deputy Director, Training
- **Dr. Zahra'u Umar Idris** (Department of Sociology) – Councillor, *Confidential Corner*, a flagship initiative of the Centre, focused on providing safe spaces for gender-related dialogues and support

In his remarks, the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas, commended the Centre for its renewed energy and initiatives. He assured the team of the University's continued support in tackling societal issues, particularly in reinforcing family values, promoting cultural heritage and instilling positive moral upbringing.

He encouraged the centre to explore innovative solutions to contemporary challenges facing women and youth, including drug abuse and to leverage its expertise in securing internal and external funding for sustainability.

Chartered Institute of Bankers Set to Host Banking Conference at BUK

By Sabitu M. Jinjiri

Following a successful accreditation exercise, a delegation from the Chartered Institute of Bankers of Nigeria (CIBN) paid a courtesy visit to the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas, for an exit briefing. The meeting took place on Tuesday, April 15th 2025 at the Vice-Chancellor's Committee Room.

Speaking during the visit, the Registrar and Chief Executive of the Institute, Mr. Hakim Morakinyo, expressed admiration for the visible impact of the Vice-Chancellor's leadership across the university. He specifically commended the University's Special Needs Section in the library, describing it as a remarkable initiative that reflected inclusivity and progress.

Mr. Morakinyo stated that the visit aimed to further strengthen collaboration between the Institute and the University by supporting BUK students in their journey to becoming chartered bankers. He noted that his team had interacted with both staff and students and found them



Chartered Institute of Bankers' team in a group photograph with BUK Management

well-prepared to meet the challenges of the profession.

He also disclosed that the Institute was planning to host a major banking conference at Bayero University, a proposal

that had received the University's full support.

In his remarks, Professor Abbas welcomed the initiative, emphasizing the importance of aligning academic training with industry expectations. "There should be no disconnect between what our students learn in the classroom and the practical demands of the banking

industry," the Vice-Chancellor said. "Otherwise, we risk wasting resources when banks are compelled to retrain graduates."

He further noted that universities must ensure their curricula were responsive to the evolving needs of industries, particularly in fields as dynamic as banking.

APPOINTMENTS

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas, has approved the appointments of the underlisted staff members into various positions:

| S/N | NAME | DEPARTMENT | APPOINTMENT | EFFECTIVE |
|-----|----------------------------|--|---|--|
| 1 | Dr. Igbiks Tamuno | Department of Clinical Pharmacology and Therapeutics | Appointed as the Head, Department of Clinical Pharmacology and Therapeutics | 5 th February, 2025 |
| 2 | Adamu Jibrin Alhassan | Department of Biochemistry | Appointed as the Dean, Faculty of Basic Medical Sciences | 11 th April, 2025 to 10 th April, 2027 |
| 3 | Shabuddeen Muhammad | Department of Human Physiology | Appointed as the Deputy Dean, Faculty of Basic Medical Sciences | 11 th April, 2025 to 10 th April, 2027 |
| 4 | Mustapha Muhammad Jibril | Department of Biochemistry | Appointed as the Sub -Dean (Facilities), Faculty of Basic Medical Sciences | 11 th April, 2025 to 10 th April, 2027 |
| 5 | Mahraz M. Musa | Department of Anatomy | Appointed as the Sub -Dean (Academics), Faculty of Basic Medical Sciences | 11 th April, 2025 to 10 th April, 2027 |
| 6 | Dr. Gali Abaka Umaru | Bayero University Veterinary Teaching Hospital | Appointed as the Deputy Director (Clinical Services and Patient Care), Bayero University Veterinary Teaching Hospital | 14 th April, 2025 to 3 rd April, 2027 |
| 7 | Dr. Aliyu Musawa Ibrahim | Bayero University Veterinary Teaching Hospital | Appointed as the Deputy Director (Diagnostic and Laboratory Services), Bayero University Veterinary Teaching Hospital | 14 th April, 2025 to 3 rd April, 2027 |
| 8 | Dr. Fufa Ido Gimba | Bayero University Veterinary Teaching Hospital | Appointed as the Deputy Director (Ambulatory and Outreach Services), Bayero University Veterinary Teaching Hospital | 14 th April, 2025 to 3 rd April, 2027 |
| 9 | Dr. Adamu Abubakar Rasheed | Chemical and Petroleum Engineering | Head, Department of Chemical and Petroleum Engineering | 3 rd April, 2025 |
| 10 | Dr. Bakari Ado Hussaini | Bayero University Veterinary Teaching Hospital | Appointed as the Deputy Director (Administration and Training), Bayero University Veterinary Teaching Hospital | 14 th April, 2025 to 3 rd April, 2027 |

Suspension of Trimming/Cutting Down Trees for Firewood and for Environmental Conservation in the University

As we continue to grapple with the challenges of climate change, deforestation and environmental degradation, it has become imperative for the University to take drastic measures to protect our Ecosystem. One of such measures is the suspension of cutting of trees for firewood for domestic use and for commercial purposes.

Dangers of tree cutting: The indiscriminate cutting of trees for firewood and wood making has severe consequences on our environment. Some of the dangers

include:

1. Loss of Biodiversity
2. Soil Erosion
3. Climate Change

Engr Bashir Dan-Umma
Director, MSD

Annual General Meeting (AGM) 2024/2025 BUKHCOPS

BUK Health Services Department Staff Multipurpose Cooperative Society (BUKHCOPS) Limited is pleased to, with hearty excitement, inform its ceremonious members of AGM 2024/2025 scheduled to hold as follows:

Date: Saturday, April 26, 2025

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Venue: Chemical and Petroleum Engineering Hall, New Campus

In addition, the society would not tolerate dividend collection by proxy except in a special circumstance

deems fit, after a formal declaration by our treasured n revered Registrar, Bayero University, Kano.

Nonetheless, we would like to equally invite other co-staff (for new membership registration) to mount upon such a boat of enticing journey, to the effect.

Should you have any query or seek further information, do contact the following:

Haj. Binta Yusuf Tafinta, University Health Services , New Campus

Mal. Sarafa Olatunji, University Health Services, Old Campus

INVITATION TO THE FOOD, AGRICULTURE, TECHNOLOGY AND SUSTAINABILITY CONFERENCE AND CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

Ho Technical University is pleased to invite faculties, researchers and professionals from Bayero University to participate in the Food, Agriculture, Technology and Sustainability Conference scheduled to take place from 16th to 19th November, 2025 at Ho Technical University, Ho, Volta Region, Ghana Themed: "Rethinking the Future of Food and its Allied Systems in an Era of Sustainability and Circularity", the conference will provide a platform for scholars, industry experts and policymakers to discuss and share innovative solutions that promote sustainable food systems.

Call for Abstracts:

We encourage faculty and researchers to submit abstracts (empirical papers, systematic reviews, case and bibliometric studies) aligned with the conference's sub-themes, which include but are not limited to:

1. Sustainable Agriculture and Food Production
2. Climate Change, Food Systems, and Environmental Sustainability
3. Urban and Peri-Urban Agriculture for Food Security
4. Innovative Technologies for Sustainable Food Systems
5. Circular Approaches to Food Loss and Waste Reduction in Food Production and Supply Chains.
6. Sustainable Diets and Consumer Behaviour
7. Policy and Governance Frameworks for Sustainable Food Systems
8. Agroecology and Biodiversity Conservation in Food Systems
9. Hospitality, Tourism, Indigenous and Functional Foods
10. Sustainable and Circular business models in Food Systems
11. Innovations in Science and Technology towards increasing Agriculture Production
12. Sustainable Financing for Food Systems Key Deadlines Key deadlines include:
13. Abstract Submission Deadline: 31st May 2025 (Maximum 350 words)
14. Notification of Abstract Acceptance: 30th June, 2025
15. Full Manuscript Submission: 31st August, 2025
16. Notification of Paper Acceptance: 30th September, 2025
17. Registration and Payment Deadline: 31st October, 2025 Conference Participation The conference will be held in a hybrid format (both in-person and virtual). Registered participations will engage in keynote presentations, panel discussions, presentation of papers, networking sessions and a tour of tourist attractions in the Volta Region. Conference Registration Fees
18. Ghanaian Residents GHC 950
19. Ghanaian Students GHC 500
20. International participants \$160
21. International students \$100 Mode of Submission Abstracts and Full manuscripts should be submitted via conference website: <https://www.fatas.htu.edu.gh>.

Signed:

Jonathan Jojob Tuokumah
SENIOR ASSISTANT REGISTRAR



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5th International Conference on Drylands

Bayero University, Kano

THEME:
Promoting Sustainability and Resilience of Rangelands: Present and Future Outlooks

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

1. Prof. John F. Morton, Livelihoods & Institutions Department, University of Greenwich, United Kingdom
2. Dr. Yemi Akinbamijo, Former Executive Director, Forum for Agricultural Research in Africa (FARA)
3. Dr. Kevin Vail Pixley, Dryland Crops Program Director, International Maize and Wheat Improvement Center (CIMMYT)
4. Prof. Mark Howden, Institute of Climate, Energy & Disaster Solutions, The Australian National University (ANU), Australia
5. Prof. Susanne Vetter, Department of Botany, Rhodes University, South Africa
6. Prof. Lindsay Stringer, Department of Environment & Geography, University of York, United Kingdom
7. Prof. Andrew M. Cunliffe, Geography Department, University of Exeter, United Kingdom

For Details: Website: <https://cda-drylandconference.org/> Email: drylandsconf@buk.edu.ng Phone: +2348 0388 72599

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DATE

25th - 26th April, 2025

VENUE

Faculty of Life Sciences,
Bayero University, Kano Old Campus.

TIME

9:00 am - 4:00 pm daily

WORDSCAPE

With **Yusuf M. Adamu, PhD, MNAL, FANA, FANG (Dept. of Geography)**



LOCKED IN 2020

We are locked up in 2020
We are very tired and bored
So many horrible things
Happening within a short time
Nothing is working in the land
Politicians are out of control
People are getting too dependent
Poverty is profusely surging
We are heading for an Apocalypse

Then appeared the dreadful monster
Corona virus gave birth to Covid-19
We were warned yet we disregard
We saw it coming, yet we did not prepare
We even promote denials upon denials
This 2020 is a hell of a year.

We are now under lockdown
We feel we have gotten free time
I read as many books as I can
I wrote so much until nothing is left to write
I watched TV and listen to music until my ears hurt
I slept and rested in my garden until I got tired
I now longed to go back to the 1980s
the years of exuberance and pessimism

Or the 1970s, years of innocence
and dreams
Or even the 1990s when hope was
fueled by youth

God, make our fears and concerns be
overcome
Make things easier for us and forgive our sins

LOYALTY

For Hajiya Amina

From the tender years of innocence
We discovered ourselves effortlessly
It was love at first sight that is also endless
Through thick and thin of courtship
Across the challenges that life has posed
Our hearts remained united as one
The journey is joyous in spite of the dares
Our love is boundless and eternally blessed
You are never a person not to be loved
You are kind, patient and understanding
You remain loyal in all situations, I appreciate
My heart will remain your sanctuary
It will never be itself without you in it
Thank you for everything my dear.



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