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Nutrition Critical to National Development, Professor Darma Declares at Inaugural Lecture

By Lamara Garba



The DVC, Research and Development, Prof. Amina Mustapha; the paper presenter, Prof. Hassana Sani Darma and other Principal Officers of the University during the rendition of the National Anthem

Poor nutrition remains one of the greatest impediments to national development as it weakens cognitive ability, undermines educational attainment, reduces productivity and compromises the quality of human capital, Professor Hassana Sani Darma has declared.

Professor Darma made the assertion on Thursday, 9th July, 2026, while delivering the 61st Professorial Inaugural Lecture of Bayero University, Kano, at the CBN Centre of Excellence.

Presenting a lecture titled "Rejigging Cognitive, Behavioural and Coordination Functions: Nutrients Supplementation for Neurodivergent Disorders," the renowned scholar maintained that nutrition is far more than a matter of physical wellbeing, describing it as the bedrock upon which brain development, learning, behaviour and human performance are built.

The former Vice Chancellor of Khadija University, Majia, Jigawa State, explained that nutrition is foundational to neurodevelopment because it influences brain structure, neurological function and overall human capacity from infancy through adulthood.

According to her, neurodivergent conditions are biologically influenced, with nutritional factors playing significant roles in both their development and management.

Professor Darma observed that poor nutrition remains prevalent in Nigeria, yet many of its consequences continue to receive little attention from families, schools and policymakers.

She noted that developmental disorders, learning difficulties and behavioural challenges are frequently attributed to poor parenting or ineffective schooling without adequate consideration of the biological and nutritional factors underlying such conditions.

"Behaviour issues and learning struggles might actually come from biochemical imbalances caused by missing key nutrients," she said.

According to the professor, providing children with balanced and nutritious diets could substantially reduce many health challenges while improving classroom performance and learning outcomes.

She stressed that there is an inseparable nexus between nutrition and human functioning, noting that inadequate nutrition during the early years of life significantly limits children's intellectual potential.

Professor Darma explained that children who are deprived of adequate nutrition during critical stages of growth often exhibit weaker thinking skills, poor memory, reduced concentration and diminished learning capacity.

Rather than overcoming these disadvantages before formal education begins, she said many continue to lag behind throughout their academic journey, thereby limiting their future opportunities and productivity.

She cited scientific evidence showing that poor nutrition does not merely accompany learning difficulties but actively contributes to poor cognitive development, behavioural disorders and impaired intellectual performance over time.

The inaugural lecturer further explained that human functioning results from the coordinated interaction of the central nervous system, peripheral nerves and the musculoskeletal system.

According to her, these biological systems operate as an integrated network responsible for thinking, behaviour, movement, coordination and adaptation to environmental demands.

She emphasised that the efficiency of these interconnected systems is significantly influenced by nutritional status, particularly during periods of rapid growth and development.

Professor Darma also drew attention to Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD), noting that the condition is often misunderstood and wrongly associated solely with poor parenting or ineffective schooling.

She explained that while hereditary factors contribute to ADHD, other influences include maternal smoking, alcohol or drug use during pregnancy, oxygen deprivation during childbirth, prenatal trauma, environmental pollution, allergies and inadequate nutrition.

The professor disclosed that many children diagnosed with ADHD possess one or more nutritional deficiencies which, when properly identified and corrected, can lead to remarkable improvements in attention span, concentration, self control and overall behaviour.

She further explained that blood glucose regulation plays an essential role in cognitive performance.

According to her, fluctuations in blood glucose levels directly affect attention, memory and the speed with which the brain processes information.



Prof. Hassana Sani Darma delivering the lecture



Members of the University Senate with the Inaugural Lecture Presenter, Prof. Hassana Sani Darma (centre) in a group photograph

While low glucose levels reduce concentration and slow cognitive processing, excessive consumption of processed carbohydrates, highly processed foods and sugar sweetened carbonated drinks may result in metabolic disturbances and brain inflammation capable of impairing cognitive functions.

Professor Darma observed that the increasing preference for processed foods, packaged snacks and soft drinks, which are often regarded as symbols of affluence, convenience or modern living, is contributing to poor nutritional outcomes.

She cautioned that these products are typically rich in refined sugars, unhealthy fats and artificial additives but deficient in the essential nutrients required for healthy brain development, learning and behaviour.

According to her, replacing wholesome foods with processed meals and sugary beverages may gradually weaken cognitive performance, reduce attention span, impair memory and increase the risk of nutritional deficiencies, particularly among children and adolescents.

Professor Darma therefore advocated healthy and balanced diets rich in essential nutrients as indispensable tools for improving educational achievement, mental health and human productivity.

She argued that educational reforms would achieve only limited success if nutrition is neglected, urging governments and educational institutions to integrate nutritional support into learning programmes.

According to her, nutrition should be recognised as a strategic investment in human capital development because healthier children become more productive adults capable of contributing meaningfully to national growth.

She further called on policymakers, healthcare professionals, educators and development partners to place nutrition at the centre of educational planning, clinical practice and public health interventions.

Professor Darma maintained that sustainable national development depends on raising a generation of physically healthy, mentally alert and intellectually productive citizens, a goal that can only be achieved through improved nutrition.

Representing the Vice Chancellor, Professor Haruna Musa, fsi, the Deputy Vice Chancellor, Research and Development, Professor Amina Mustapha, said Bayero University places a high premium on research, innovation and academic scholarship.

She noted that professorial inaugural lectures remain one of the University's important academic traditions through which scholars share research findings capable of addressing contemporary societal challenges.

Professor Mustapha commended Professor Darma for presenting a lecture that highlighted the vital relationship between nutrition, education, health and national development. She said the lecture demonstrated that improving nutrition is not merely a health intervention but a national development strategy capable of strengthening educational outcomes, enhancing workforce productivity and improving the quality of life of citizens.

She expressed optimism that the recommendations would stimulate further research, influence public policy and encourage governments, educational institutions and development partners to invest more deliberately in nutrition as a foundation for sustainable national development.

The lecture attracted principal officers of the University, members of the academic community, health professionals, researchers, students and other distinguished guests who described the presentation as timely, enlightening and highly relevant to Nigeria's quest for sustainable human capital development.

Five BUK Academics Selected for Elite National Faculty Development Programme

By Nura Garba, PhD

Five academic staff of Bayero University, Kano (BUK), have been selected to participate in the highly competitive 2026 Nigeria Higher Education Foundation (NHEF) Faculty Programme, a prestigious initiative designed to strengthen teaching, research, leadership and institutional development across Nigerian universities.

The selected academics are Dr. Adenekan Lanre Qasim, Dr. Adamu Rasheed Abubakar, Dr. Halima Abdulkadir Idris, Dr. Shukurat M. Bello and Dr. Shehu Ibrahim Dauda. Their selection is a recognition of their outstanding contributions to teaching, research, academic leadership and professional service within Bayero University and the broader academic community.

According to the admission letters issued by the Nigeria Higher Education Foundation, the five day residential programme is being held in Lagos from Tuesday, 7 July to Saturday, 11 July 2026. It brings together accomplished scholars, faculty members and university administrators from leading higher

education institutions across the country for intensive professional development and knowledge exchange.

Throughout the programme, participants will take part in interactive workshops, collaborative learning



Five BUK Academics selected for the Prestigious Nigerian Higher Education Foundation in a group photograph

sessions and interdisciplinary engagements aimed at enhancing teaching effectiveness, advancing research, strengthening academic leadership and promoting innovation in higher education. The

initiative also provides a valuable platform for participants to share experiences, exchange best practices and build professional networks that will support long term institutional growth.

The Foundation noted that the programme is designed to equip participants with innovative ideas, practical skills and global best practices that will enable them to make even greater contributions to teaching, research and university administration. It expressed confidence that the selected scholars would actively contribute to the programme while returning to their institutions with fresh perspectives and practical solutions for addressing contemporary challenges in higher education.

BUK, Indonesian Universities Forge Stronger Partnership in Research, Academic Exchange

By Suleiman Salihu and Halima Muhammad Aminu

Bayero University, Kano (BUK) has reinforced its growing international profile by initiating fresh discussions with two leading Indonesian universities aimed at expanding collaboration in research, academic staff and student exchange, innovation and institutional development.

The initiative came to the fore when a high powered delegation from Lambung Mangkurat University (ULM) and Universitas Airlangga (UNAIR), Indonesia, paid a courtesy visit to the Vice Chancellor of Bayero University, Professor Haruna Musa, fsi, on Friday, 3 July 2026.

In further demonstration of its commitment to advancing higher education in Nigeria, the Nigeria Higher Education Foundation is sponsoring the participants' transportation, accommodation and feeding throughout the duration of the programme, with attendance required for all sessions.

The selection of the five Bayero University academics is another reflection of the University's growing national and international reputation for academic excellence, research productivity and human capital development. Their participation is expected to enrich the University's teaching and research culture, strengthen institutional leadership and further position Bayero University as a leading contributor to the advancement of higher education in Nigeria.

The visit marked another milestone in Bayero University's commitment to fostering strategic international partnerships that advance research excellence, academic mobility and global knowledge sharing.

Receiving the delegation, Professor Haruna Musa expressed delight over the visit, describing it as a significant step towards deepening cooperation between Bayero University and leading institutions across Asia.

He said the University has continued to establish itself as a centre of academic excellence through quality teaching,



VC BUK, Prof. Haruna Musa, fsi (right) presenting a souvenir to the visiting Indonesian academics

impactful research and meaningful community engagement, earning recognition both nationally and internationally.

The Vice Chancellor noted that Bayero University is currently ranked among Nigeria's top three universities, the highest ranked university in Northern Nigeria and the nation's leading institution in international outlook. He added that the University is also placed within the 1001 to 1200 band of universities in the world.

Providing an overview of the University's history and growth, Professor Musa explained that Bayero University began as Ahmadu Bello College in 1960 before attaining full university status in 1977.

Today, he said, the institution boasts 19 faculties and 18 specialised research centres, two of which are World Bank supported Centres of Excellence. These include the Centre for Dryland Agriculture (CDA) and the Africa Centre for Population Health and Policy (ACEPHAP), which together have attracted about 12.8 million United States dollars in World Bank funding over the past decade.

According to the Vice Chancellor, the impressive growth of Bayero University reflects its determination to build an institution driven by innovation, cutting edge research and international collaboration capable of addressing contemporary global challenges.

Leading the Indonesian delegation, the Rector of Lambung Mangkurat University, Professor Dr. Ahmad Alim Bachri, expressed appreciation to the management of Bayero University for the warm reception accorded his team.

He described the visit as the beginning of what he hoped would evolve into a productive and enduring partnership between the two universities.

Professor Bachri explained that Lambung Mangkurat University, established in 1958 and located in South Kalimantan, is one of Indonesia's foremost public

universities. He noted that Kalimantan is the world's third largest island and that the institution currently has more than 30,000 students enrolled in undergraduate, postgraduate and doctoral programmes across its 11 faculties and 145 academic programmes.

He further explained that the university's vision is centred on advancing science, technology, arts and culture while nurturing entrepreneurship rooted in the unique wetland environment of the region. He added that the institution enjoys excellent national accreditation, with 12 of its programmes already attaining international accreditation.

Professor Bachri said the delegation's mission was to identify practical areas of cooperation with Bayero University, particularly in collaborative research, staff and student exchange programmes, joint academic activities and other initiatives capable of strengthening the global outlook of both institutions.

Also speaking, the representative of Universitas Airlangga, Surabaya, Dr. Fajar Mulia, reaffirmed his university's commitment to sustaining and expanding its existing relationship with Bayero University.

He expressed optimism that the collaboration would continue to flourish through joint research, educational initiatives, community development programmes and other mutually beneficial academic engagements.

Dr. Mulia thanked the management of Bayero University for its hospitality and expressed confidence that the discussions would lay the foundation for a stronger and more enduring partnership between the participating institutions.

The visit reflects Bayero University's strategic pursuit of internationalisation through partnerships that promote academic excellence, research innovation, cultural exchange and the free flow of knowledge across continents, further consolidating its position as one of Africa's emerging globally connected universities.

Faculty of Computing Equips Fresh Students for Academic Excellence

By Hauwa Mustapha Isa and Halima Muhammad Aminu

The Faculty of Computing, Bayero University, Kano (BUK), has organized a comprehensive orientation programme for its newly admitted students to prepare them for the academic, ethical and professional demands of university education.

The orientation, held on Tuesday, 7 July 2026 at the Musa Abdullahi Auditorium, brought together university administrators, academics and industry professionals who enlightened the students on academic regulations, responsible conduct and career development opportunities within the computing profession.

Declaring the programme open, the Dean of the Faculty, Professor Faruk Umar, represented by Professor Kabir Umar, welcomed the fresh students and described the orientation as a vital foundation for a successful academic journey.

He urged the students to remain disciplined, focused and committed to excellence, stressing that success at the University requires dedication, integrity and a willingness to embrace continuous learning.

Professor Kabir also encouraged the students to actively participate in professional clubs and associations within the Faculty, including the Google Developer Group, AWS Cloud Club and other student organizations. According to him, such platforms provide valuable opportunities for industry exposure, professional networking, technical skill development and internationally recognized certifications. Delivering a keynote address, former Vice Chancellor of Bayero University, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello, congratulated the students on securing admission into one of Nigeria's leading universities.



Newly admitted students of the Faculty of Computing during an orientation programme

He advised them to familiarize themselves with the University's General Examination and Academic Regulations (GEAR), the Student Handbook and the Code of Ethics, describing these documents as essential guides for a successful and disciplined academic life.

Professor Bello further emphasized the importance of good character, self-discipline and responsible use of technology. While acknowledging the growing influence of Artificial Intelligence, he urged the students to use emerging technologies as tools for learning, innovation and problem solving rather than as shortcuts to academic achievement.

The Dean of Student Affairs, Professor Ridwan Mukhtar Bunza, highlighted the University's commitment to students' welfare through a wide range of support services, including scholarships, bursaries, healthcare, transportation, counselling, entrepreneurship and career development programmes.

He encouraged students to cultivate mutual respect in their relationships with both academic and non-teaching staff and advised them to channel complaints through established administrative procedures.

The Guest Speaker and Chief Executive Officer of Enghauser, Engineer Mustafa Habu Ringim, challenged the students to combine academic knowledge with practical skills, creativity and wisdom in order to thrive in the rapidly evolving technology industry.

He encouraged them to embrace emerging technologies, particularly Artificial Intelligence, responsibly while developing entrepreneurial competencies capable of

creating innovative solutions and employment opportunities.

Engineer Ringim also announced scholarship support for outstanding students who distinguish themselves through exceptional competence, creativity and innovation during their academic pursuit.

In her presentation, the representative of the Director of Examinations, Admissions and Records, Hajiya Zarau Wada, educated the students on the University's examination regulations and academic requirements.

She emphasized the importance of maintaining a minimum of 75 percent lecture attendance, completing course registration within stipulated periods and presenting valid student identity cards during examinations.

She also warned that possession of mobile phones or any unauthorized materials in examination halls constitutes examination misconduct and attracts appropriate disciplinary sanctions.

A major highlight of the event was the presentation of certificates to students whose team excelled at the 2025/2026 Digital Research and Innovation Programme (DRIP). Awards were also presented to the best performing Level 100 students in the Software Engineering and Computer Science programmes in recognition of their outstanding academic performance.

The orientation concluded with a renewed call on the newly admitted students to uphold the core values of Bayero University, seize available learning opportunities and pursue excellence in scholarship, character and service as they begin their academic journey.

BUK Sensitizes New Staff on Ethics, Integrity and Professional Excellence

By Suleiman Salihu

The Directorate of Anti-Corruption and Transparency Unit (ACTU) in collaboration with the Directorate of SERVICOM, Bayero University, Kano held a one-day sensitization workshop for newly employed staff of the University with the theme: **“Building a Culture of Ethics, Integrity and Professional Excellence.”**

The workshop took place on Thursday, July 2nd, 2026 at the Convocation Arena, New Campus.

Declaring the event open, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Haruna Musa, fsi, described the sensitization workshop as vital tools capable of educating the new staff on the imperative of Ethics, Integrity and Professional Excellence.

The VC who was represented by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor Management Services, Prof. Aliyu Muazu, mni, noted that the selection and subsequent employment

would be accountable for their actions and therefore urged them to uphold work ethics by complying with industry rules and act as proud ambassadors of the university.

Earlier, in his welcome address, the Chairman, ACTU-BUK, Prof. Nu'uman Mohammed Habib, noted that ethics was the bedrock of everything, adding that any society, community or individual that failed to uphold ethics falls short of their true human potential. He stated that the University was committed to guiding its staff on the principles of academia: transparency, integrity and all the values that elevate a human being.

In his remarks, the Chairman of the occasion, and former Registrar of BUK, Dr. Sani Ibrahim, said the session marked the beginning of something much bigger than just a 'job.' 'You are stepping into a profound calling—promoting a shift from mere compliance to deep, mindful execution,' he stated.

Dr. Sani noted that “Ethics is our fundamental pillar. It is the foundation upon which this institution stands, influencing how you mentor students, manage resources and represent the university. It is up to you to drive innovation. We must maintain absolute consistency between our words and our actions. Who you are, when no one is watching defines your true integrity,” he remarked.

He urged new staff to learn as much as they could from the wealth of experience of the facilitators. He noted that coming together like this to discuss these vital topics was of utmost importance for a successful career.

In his remarks, the Registrar, Mal. Haruna Aliyu, represented by the Head Junior Staff Office, Mal Umar Ali Yakasai, hoped that the new staff would be productive as members of the university family.

He stated that the University had established clear policies and implored them to foster an environment where integrity is celebrated and excellence is the baseline. He stated that together, “we can build a university recognized for technically sound governance and uncompromising excellence, he said.

Thought provoking papers were also presented at the occasion. The first paper titled: *“Building Our University Together: Conduct, Service and Teamwork”* was presented by Prof. Sani Ibrahim, Director of SERVICOM, *“Ethics, Integrity and 21st Century Competence: Pathways to a Professional Workforce at Bayero University, Kano,”* Presented by Mal. Abdullahi Yakubu Ibrahim, Head Data Unit, Registry Department. BUK.

Other papers presented at the event included; *“Bayero University Institutional Structures and Mechanisms on Sexual Harassment”* by Prof. Aisha Abdul-Isma'il, Chairperson, Sexual Harassment Committee, BUK and



New staff of the University at an induction session organized by ACTU

of the new staff was a clear demonstration of their qualifications, competence and the unique value to advance the institutional goals in teaching, innovation and administration. He said

“today's workshop has been meticulously designed to introduce you to the professional standards and core values that define our university,” he stated.

While congratulating the new staff on their official appointments, the Vice Chancellor cautioned them to uphold the highest standards of honesty and accountability, noting that the international reputation of any university relied not just on its infrastructure, but on the character and conduct of its staff.

He therefore, urged the staff to be guided by these principles in handling their activities including examinations, student grading or general administrative practices. He also drew their attention to the fact that they

lastly *“Docked for Corruption: Real-life examples from Nigerian Universities”* presented by Prof. Nu’uman M. Habib, Chairman ACTU.

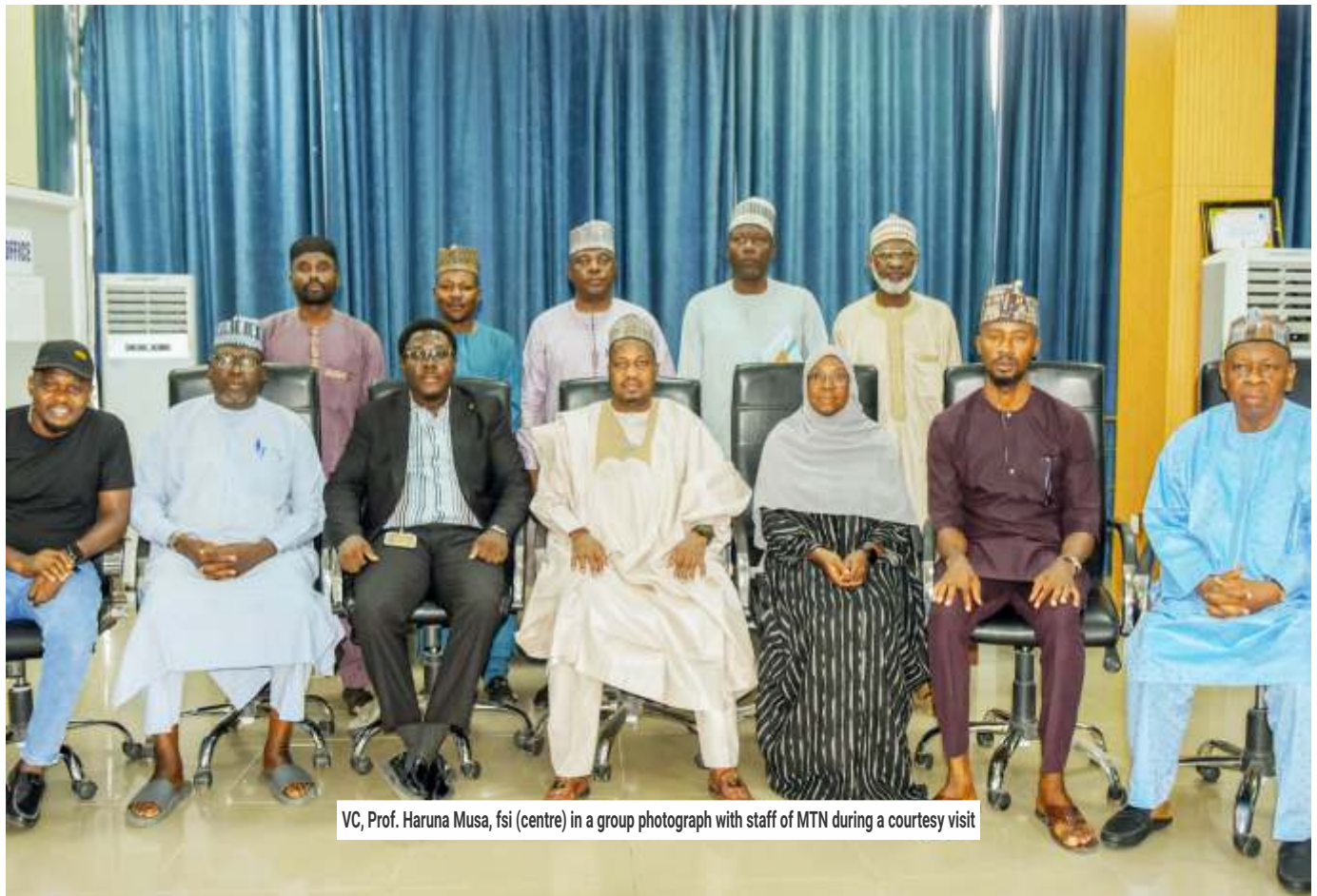
From the presentations, students were encouraged to embrace ethics, integrity and teamwork. Facilitators addressed key issues including professional conduct, 21st-

century workforce skills, the university's policies on sexual harassment and real-life cases of corruption in Nigerian universities.

The speakers emphasized that good conduct and accountability were essential for building a stronger university and preparing students for professional life.

MTN Enterprise Business Team Visits BUK to Collaborate on Improving Campus ICT Connectivity

By Suleiman Salihu



VC, Prof. Haruna Musa, fsi (centre) in a group photograph with staff of MTN during a courtesy visit

The Management of Bayero University, Kano received a delegation from Mobile Telecommunication Network (MTN) Nigeria Plc, Enterprise Business for coverage solutions.

The visit which took place on Thursday, July 2nd 2026, is aimed at partnering with the University with a view to improving digital connectivity within the campuses of the University including; internet, Microsoft and data transformation to make learning process thrive in the University.

Receiving the team in his office, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Haruna Musa, fsi, thanked the team for the visit and noted that BUK being among the top-ranking University in Nigeria, is currently the 3rd best University in Nigeria, best in the North and 1st in international outlook, among others. He stated that with all these achievements, the University was not immune from challenges, particularly on internet access across the five campuses of the University.

He said at the Management level, the University decided to engage MTN for a proper solution in that regard. The Vice Chancellor noted that before the engagement, the team would conduct facility tour, particularly Wi-Fi survey and bandwidth designed for the University.

In his remarks the Director, Centre for Information Technology, Malam Umar Sani Hanga, joined the Vice Chancellor in appreciating the team for the visit and stated that the University had an engagement with MTN in the recent past, but due to some issues, the engagement couldn't last for obvious reasons. He, however explained that this time around he was optimistic that the new collaboration would be sustainable and MTN would definitely help improve the University's connectivity.

In his remarks, the team leader and MTN Regional Manager Enterprise Business, North-west, Mr. Simon Ijepe, explained that the visit took effect from the earlier

discussion with the Vice Chancellor on connectivity and other technological concerns relating to the University's Compliance on ICT.

In a presentation titled: *"MTN Coverage Solution for Business"* by Mr. Obiodun Adewole, who noted that MTN is a technology company that transitioned from telecommunication company to telecommunication Service Company that partnered with lots of organizations to provide more technological solutions to prestigious institution like BUK and partner with the University in technology solutions and digital transformation.

He explained that part of the benefits the University would receive from the collaboration included lots of solutions included MTN Microsoft packages of 365 co-pilots through google application platform for institutions, data transformation and payment in local currency.

Other benefits include; generating Artificial Intelligence, provide real time inventory, procurement, security aspect, student tracking and management. The second presentation on *"MTN Connectivity Solutions"* presented by Mr. Daniel, noted that MTN provide more than connectivity solutions. He stated that the solution basically provides satisfied connectivity for businesses including the portal system used by the University for accessing student's registrations, admissions, information and other day-to-day operations.

Other benefits from the solution included provision of dedicated internet and MTN Enterprise, WiFi access in the entire campuses of the University for a robust, flexible and seamless connectivity.

Faculty of Basic Clinical Sciences Organises Capacity Building Workshop on Medical Education

By Nura Garba, PhD

The Faculty of Basic Clinical Sciences, College of Health Sciences, Bayero University, Kano (BUK), successfully organised a two-day Capacity Building Workshop on Medical Education on 7th and 8th July, 2026 at the College of Health Sciences Conference Room. The workshop attracted participants from within and outside the University, who attended both physically and virtually.

The workshop was designed to strengthen the capacity of

Acting Provost of the College of Health Sciences, Professor Kamilu Musa Skaraye, served as the Chief Host. The Dean of the Faculty of Basic Clinical Sciences, Professor Ali Bala Umar, hosted the workshop, while the Deputy Dean, Professor Kabiru Abdulsalam, moderated the technical sessions.

In his welcome address, Professor Ali Bala Umar underscored the importance of continuous professional development in sustaining excellence in medical education. He explained that the workshop was carefully designed to expose academic staff to emerging trends and global best practices in curriculum implementation, student assessment, and quality assurance, in line with evolving educational standards.

Declaring the workshop open on behalf of the Acting Provost, Professor Ali Bala Umar commended the Faculty for organising the programme, describing it as a timely initiative that reflects the Faculty's unwavering commitment to academic excellence, innovation, and staff development.

In his remarks, the Chairperson of the occasion, Professor Musa Borodo, lauded the Faculty for initiating the workshop and encouraged participants to take full advantage of the learning opportunities provided. He noted that continuous learning and regular capacity development remain indispensable for maintaining high standards in medical education and producing competent healthcare professionals.

Earlier, the Chairman of the Local Organising Committee, Professor Aminu Zakari Mohamed, welcomed participants and outlined the objectives of the workshop. He highlighted the relevance of the training in addressing emerging challenges in medical education and stressed the



Professor Abdussalaam
Moderator



Chairperson, Emeritus Professor
M.M. Borodo sharing his remarks

academic staff in contemporary medical education, with particular emphasis on curriculum development, student assessment, quality assurance, and the integration of technology into examination management. Throughout the two-day programme, participants were equipped with practical knowledge and innovative skills aimed at enhancing teaching, learning, and assessment practices within the College.

The event was chaired by Professor Musa Borodo, Professor Emeritus, Faculty of Clinical Sciences, while the

need for academic staff to continually update their teaching and assessment skills. Throughout the programme, he actively guided discussions, facilitated interactive sessions, and contributed valuable insights that enhanced participants' learning experiences and ensured the smooth coordination of the workshop.

The workshop featured a series of insightful presentations



Participants in a group photograph

delivered by distinguished scholars and experts in medical education. Professor Garba Shuaibu presented a paper on *Principles, Elements and Components of Curriculum Development*, while Dr. Murtala Harbau delivered a presentation on *Principles of Assessment and Measurement*, which was followed by an intensive hands-on practical session.

Other presentations included Professor Owolabi Lukman, who spoke extensively on *The Importance and Relevance of the Core Curriculum and Minimum Academic Standards (CCMAS) in Medical Education and Quality Assurance*. Professor Akande O. Azeez also delivered a presentation on *Assessment Methods in Basic Clinical Sciences*, followed by another practical session that enabled participants to apply the concepts discussed.

The workshop concluded with a technical presentation by

BUK Consult Mourn Malam Adamu A. Umar, the Unit Driver

The Bayero University, Kano Consultancy Services Unit sadly announces the death of its Driver, Malam Adamu Alhaji Umar of *Rimin Gata*, popularly known as “Malam Ado”. A statement signed by Malam Mustafa Ibrahim, the Administrative Secretary of the Unit said he died on Saturday 4th July, 2026 at home after a protracted illness. A large number of staff of the University including Teaching and non-Teaching cadres attended his funeral which took place at *Rimin Gata* Burial ground by 10:00am the same day.

Late Malam Adamu joined the service of BUK Consult on 12th March 1997 on temporary basis. His appointment was regularized on 3rd November, 1999 as a driver. He left behind a wife, many children and grandchildren. His most senior son is, Mal. Auwalu Adamu a driver with BUK Clinic New Campus.

Engr. Umar Balarabe on the application of the BUKRES examination software. Participants received practical training on the University's electronic examination management platform, gaining first-hand experience on its effective utilisation to improve examination administration and management.

Throughout the workshop, participants actively engaged in interactive discussions, practical demonstrations, and experience-sharing sessions, creating a stimulating learning environment that encouraged collaboration and the exchange of innovative ideas on curriculum delivery, student assessment, quality assurance, and the effective use of educational technologies.

Speaking at the end of the workshop, participants commended the Faculty of Basic Clinical Sciences for organising a highly enriching and professionally rewarding programme. They noted that the knowledge and practical skills acquired would significantly enhance their teaching effectiveness, strengthen assessment practices, and improve quality assurance within the College.

In his closing remarks, Professor Ali Bala Umar expressed profound appreciation to the Acting Provost, the Chairperson of the occasion, Professor Musa Borodo, the Chairman of the Local Organising Committee, Professor Aminu Zakari Mohamed, members of the organising committee, resource persons, and all participants for their invaluable contributions towards the success of the workshop. He reaffirmed the Faculty's commitment to sustaining similar capacity-building initiatives aimed at promoting excellence, innovation, and continuous professional development in medical education.

The successful workshop represents another significant milestone in the Faculty of Basic Clinical Sciences' ongoing efforts to advance quality medical education, strengthen institutional capacity, and reinforce Bayero University, Kano's commitment to academic excellence and global best practices in health professions education.



Late Malam Adamu Alhaji Umar of Rimin Gata

NCRRD Marks Milestone with Graduation of First Basic Arabic Programme Cohort

The Nigeria Centre for Reading Research and Development (NCRRD), Bayero University Kano (BUK), successfully held the Certificate Presentation Ceremony for the first cohort of its Basic Arabic Programme on Saturday, 4th July 2026. The event took place at the Conference Room of the Centre at 2:00 p.m. and marked a significant milestone in the Centre's commitment to promoting language education and literacy development.

The colourful ceremony brought together members of the university community, management staff of the Centre, academic staff, invited guests, family members, and well-wishers to celebrate the successful completion of the programme by the pioneer participants. Certificates were presented to all graduands who successfully fulfilled the academic requirements of the Basic Arabic Programme.

Speaking at the ceremony, the Director of the Nigeria Centre for Reading Research and Development, Professor Amina Adamu, expressed delight over the successful completion of the Centre's first Basic Arabic Programme. She explained that one of the core mandates of the Centre is to promote reading culture and provide language learning opportunities in major international and indigenous languages, including English, Arabic, Hausa, French, and others.

Professor Amina Adamu stated that, in line with this mandate, the Centre plans to introduce Intermediate and Advanced Arabic programmes for adult learners to enable participants to attain higher levels of language proficiency. She also reaffirmed the Centre's commitment to sustaining



Programme participants in a group photograph

The Vice-Chancellor of Bayero University Kano, Professor Haruna Musa, was represented by Professor Muhammad Rabi'u Sa'ad, who served as the Special Guest of Honour and presented the certificates to the graduands.

In his address, Professor Muhammad Rabi'u Sa'ad congratulated the graduates on their successful completion of the programme and commended the Nigeria Centre for Reading Research and Development for introducing an initiative that promotes language acquisition and lifelong learning. He emphasized that Arabic remains one of the world's most influential languages due to its historical, cultural, religious, academic, and diplomatic importance.

He explained that Arabic is widely used in international diplomacy, education, commerce, and global communication, making it a valuable language for personal and professional development. He further noted that during the time of Prophet Muhammad (SAW), Arabic served as the principal language of written communication, highlighting its rich historical heritage and enduring significance. He encouraged the graduands not to regard the Basic Arabic Programme as the end of their learning journey but as the foundation for achieving greater proficiency through continuous study and practice.

its annual summer classes for primary and secondary school students, aimed at improving reading skills, language competence, and academic excellence during school vacations.

She commended the members of the pioneer cohort for their dedication, discipline, and determination throughout the programme despite their various personal and professional commitments. She urged them to apply the knowledge and skills they had acquired, serve as ambassadors of the programme, and continue to the next stage of Arabic language learning.

The ceremony featured the formal presentation of certificates, group photographs, and interactions between the graduands, university officials, and invited guests. The event concluded on a joyful note, with participants expressing appreciation to the Centre for providing an opportunity to learn Arabic in a structured and supportive academic environment.

The successful graduation of the first cohort demonstrates the Nigeria Centre for Reading Research and Development's unwavering commitment to expanding access to quality language education and strengthening literacy development in Nigeria through innovative academic programmes.

CENTRE FOR RESEARCH IN NIGERIAN LANGUAGES, TRANSLATION & FOLKLORE - (CRNLT&F) BAYERO UNIVERSITY, KANO

Are you a speaker of any of the Nigerian Languages as well as a staff or student of Bayero University, Kano? If the answer is yes, the _Centre for the Research in Nigerian Languages_ needs your attention. The mandate of the Centre is to always promote and preserve our local indigenous Nigerian Languages.

Attached is a questionnaire for you.

The questionnaire is for all of you - BUK community!

Please spare 3-5 minutes and fill it accordingly.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScH40qYV56nCIWspYYcU2GNa1P2mf_y8mu9qUx1q_L8GOd4lw/viewform?usp=publish-editor

Thank you very much and looking forward to your kind response.

Prof. Maryam Mansur Yol0a0

Director - CRNLT&F

DEPARTMENT OF GEOGRAPHY: PHD SEMINAR

1st PRESENTER: Halima Liman

TOPIC: Drivers of Women's Land Acquisition and the Influence of Land Economy on Ownership and Utilization in Daura Emirate

CHAIRPERSON: Prof. Nuratu Mohammed

2nd PRESENTER: Lauwali Barau

TOPIC: Analysis of Fertility Differentials among Religious Sects in Sokoto Metropolis, Sokoto State, Nigeria

CHAIRPERSON: Prof. Ibrahim Badamasi Lambu

3rd PRESENTER: Abdulkadir Musa

TOPIC: Impacts of Oil Exploration and Production on Soil Health Around Kolmani Oil Well Site, Upper Benue Trough, Nigeria.

CHAIRPERSON: Assoc. Prof. Mansur Abdul Mohammed

DATE: Thursday, 9th July, 2026

TIME: 10.00 am prompt

VENUE: NRM Class, Geography Department

NOTE: Attendance to Seminar is Compulsory to all PGD, MSc I & II and PhD I & II Students.

Prohibition of Cultivation of Farm Lands Surrounding Faculties and Other Academic Environment

This is to inform you that the University's Security Advisory Community is aware that some members of the University community have commenced cultivating farmlands surrounding the Faculties and other academic areas, despite the circulars issued on **25th April and 29th May, 2025** and subsequent banning of cultivating activities at the 435th Senate Meeting dated 3rd June, 2026.

You are by this notice, notified that the University Security Advisory Committee has **banned all farming activities**

within Faculties, Departments and Centres. It should be noted that crops grown in these areas pose serious security threat to the University.

Your strict compliance with this directive is expected.

Naziru Bello

Secretary, Security Advisory Committee

For: **Chairman, Security Advisory Committee**

APPOINTMENTS

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Haruna Musa, fsi, has approved the appointment and re-appointment of the underlisted staff:

S/N	NAME	DEPARTMENT	APPOINTMENT	EFFECTIVE
1	Dr. Hamza Sulaiman Abdullahi	Department of Mechanical Engineering	Appointed as Deputy Director (Learning Resources and IT Support, Center for Distance Learning (CDL))	26 th July, 2026 to 25 th July, 2028
2	Dr. Nafiu Bala Sanda	Department of Crop Protection	Appointed as Head, Department of Crop Protection	25 th March, 2026 to 25 th March, 2028



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NOTICE OF 62ND MEETING OF CONGREGATION

This is to invite you to the 62nd regular Meeting of Congregation, scheduled as follows:

DATE: Saturday, 18th July, 2026

TIME: 9:00 am prompt

VENUE: Convocation Arena, New Campus

DRAFT AGENDA

1. Opening Prayer
2. National Anthem/BUK Anthem
3. Adoption of Agenda
4. Welcome Address by the Chairman, Standing Committee on Congregation
5. Composition of Resolution Drafting Committee
6. Reading/Correction/Adoption of the Minutes of last Congregation
7. Matters Arising from the Minutes
8. Address by the Vice Chancellor and Chairman of Congregation
9. Bye-Election of Congregation representatives into University Committees
10. Any Other Business
11. Reading of Resolutions
12. Adjournment/Closing Prayers
13. BUK Anthem/National Anthem

NOTE: Congregation is a gathering of degree holders cutting across all categories of staff working in the University. Therefore, only eligible members are entitled to attend, please.

Signed:

Bala G. Abdullahi

Secretary, Standing Committee on Congregation

For: Registrar

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To the Deans of all Faculties,
Bayero University, Kano
Dear Sir,

ADVERTISEMENT FOR INDIGENT SCHOLARSHIP AWARD 2025/2026 ACADEMIC SESSION

The Academic Staff Union of Universities (ASUU), Bayero University Kano Branch is pleased to announce the opening of applications for the indigent scholarship scheme for 2025/2026 academic session. The scholarship aimed at supporting academically sound but financially disadvantaged students within Bayero University Kano.

In view of the above, applications are hereby invited from eligible indigent students of Bayero University, Kano.

Eligible Criteria: Applicants must

- Be bonafide students of Bayero University Kano
- Possess a minimum of CGPA of 1.50
- Provide verifiable evidence of financial need/indigence, and
- Not be beneficiaries of any other scholarship scheme (e.g., NELFUND).

Required Documents

- Application letter accompanied by the following:
 - A photocopy of the candidate's current identity card
 - A letter from the candidate's current Head of Department
 - Current candidate's CGPA for preceding academic session
 - A copy of the candidate's registration form for the 2025/2026 session
 - Two (2) current passport photographs.

All applications must be submitted to ASUU-BUK Secretariat on or before Thursday 23rd July 2026;

Deans are kindly requested to give this advertisement wide publicity within their respective Faculties.

Thank you for your usual cooperation.

Comrade Magaji Ladan
Convener

Comrade Mansur Abdul Mohammed
Secretary



The Vice-Chancellor
Professor Haruna Musa, fsi
on behalf of the Governing Council, Senate,
staff and students

Cordially invites you to the



2025/2026 ACADEMIC SESSION **MATRICULATION CEREMONY**



DATE:
16th July,
2026



TIME:
1:00pm



VENUE:
Convocation Arena,
New Campus, BUK

To: All Provosts, Deans, Directors, Heads of Departments, and Unit Heads

Please be informed that, in accordance with University regulations, the **Board of Survey** holds the **sole and exclusive mandate** to oversee the inspection, assessment, and disposal of all unserviceable, obsolete, or redundant items owned by the University.

No Provost, Director, Head of Department, Unit Head, or any other member of staff is authorized to unilaterally dispose of, sell, auction, or otherwise discard University property. Any attempt to do so outside the authority of the Board of Survey is a violation of University procurement and asset management policy.

All Heads of administrative and academic units are hereby directed to compile and submit a comprehensive list of all unserviceable items currently within their custody to the Board of survey (if any).

The University Management relies on your cooperation to ensure transparency and accountability in the management of public property. Please treat this notice with the required urgency.

Signed:

Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Management Services),
Chairman Board of Survey

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Dr. Muhammad Salihu Zubair
Head of ICT Department, University Library
For: University Librarian

Appreciation from Prof. Ado Yusuf Abdulfatah

I wish to express my heartfelt appreciation to everyone who visited, called, sent messages, or offered prayers from near and far following the passing of my beloved wife, Hajiya Maryam Ado Abdulfatah, who returned to her Creator on 5th July, 2026.

My sincere gratitude goes to our family members, friends, the Bayero University, Kano (BUK) Community,

DICOPA, SCIMET, and the general public for their overwhelming support, kindness, sympathy, and prayers during this difficult time.

May Allah (SWT) abundantly reward you all for your compassion and generosity, accept your prayers, forgive the shortcomings of the deceased, grant her *Aljannatul Firdaus*, and bless us all with a good end (Husnul Khatimah).Ameen.



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