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Professor Bashir Ali Explains How Mathematical Theories Can Advance AI, Image Processing

By Dr. Nura Garba



Professor Bashir Ali delivering his lecture

A Professor of Mathematics at Bayero University, Kano (BUK), Professor Bashir Ali, has highlighted the potential of advanced mathematical theories to drive innovations in artificial intelligence (AI), machine learning, image restoration and signal recovery, stressing that abstract mathematical concepts remain fundamental to solving real-world challenges.

Professor Ali made this known while delivering BUK's 65th Professorial Inaugural Lecture on Thursday, titled *"Mathematical Generalizations: A Journey from Abstract Ideas to Building a Better World."*

The renowned mathematician explained that his decades of research in functional analysis, fixed-point theory and iterative algorithms had contributed to the development and extension of existing mathematical theories, particularly in pseudo-contractive mappings, generalised fixed-point results and iterative convergence algorithms.

According to him, these research advances have helped simplify complex mathematical problems and develop more efficient computational methods, with ongoing investigations exploring their applications in artificial intelligence, machine learning, image restoration and signal recovery.

Professor Ali further disclosed that his research team was exploring new mathematical frameworks by extending pseudo-contractive mappings and monotone variational inclusion problems to broader classes of metrically convex spaces. He expressed optimism that continued research would address existing challenges relating to computational complexity, restrictive mathematical conditions and algorithmic efficiency.

Earlier, the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Haruna Musa, fsi, who was represented by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Academics, Professor Ahmad Muhammad Tsauni, described the lecture as an opportunity to appreciate the relevance of mathematics beyond theoretical abstraction and its contribution to scientific advancement and societal development.

He expressed confidence that the lecture would deepen understanding of the subject and provide valuable insights into the research contributions of the inaugural lecturer, who has devoted decades to academic service.

In his introduction, the Dean, Faculty of Physical Sciences, Professor Umar Sani, disclosed that Professor Ali joined BUK as a Graduate Assistant in 1999 and attained professorial rank in 2016. He has supervised 11 PhD and more than 30 Master's degree candidates and published over 90 articles in internationally indexed journals. He also served as Dean of the Faculty of Physical Sciences from 2021 to 2025.

BUK Vice Chancellor Congratulates Ilorin Emir on 31st Coronation Anniversary

By Lamara Garba

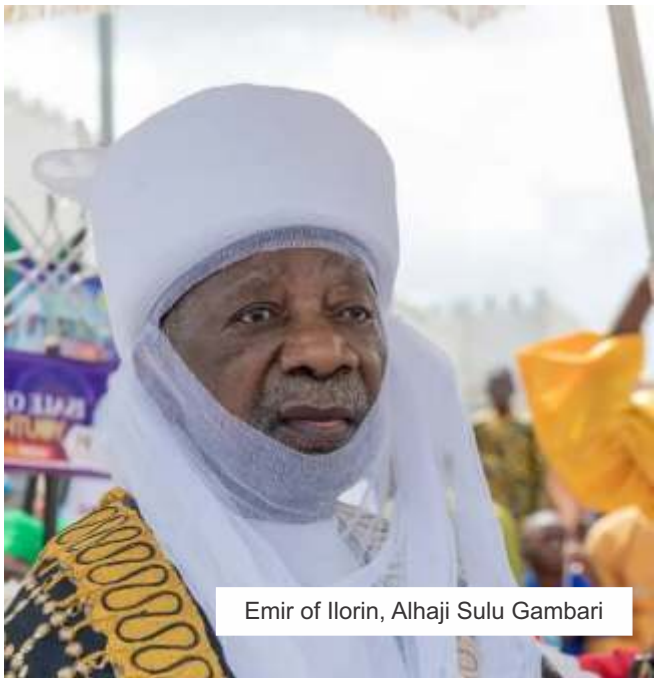
The Vice Chancellor of Bayero University, Kano, Professor Haruna Musa, has congratulated the Emir of Ilorin, Dr Ibrahim Sulu-Gambari, on the 31st anniversary of his ascension to the throne.

Professor Musa, who attended the anniversary ceremony in Ilorin, Kwara State, joined dignitaries, traditional rulers, government officials, academics and other distinguished guests in celebrating the Emir's three decades of leadership and service to the Ilorin Emirate and Nigeria.

The Vice Chancellor described Dr Sulu-Gambari as a distinguished traditional ruler and eminent Nigerian whose leadership has contributed significantly to the peace, stability and development of Ilorin and beyond.



VC, Professor Haruna Musa, fsi with Alhaji AbduR Rahim Oladimeji Igbaja, The Proprietor of Al Hikma University, Ilori



Emir of Ilorin, Alhaji Sulu Gambari

He also commended the Emir for his distinguished career in the legal profession, where he rose to become a Justice of the Court of Appeal, Lagos Division, before ascending the throne of his forefathers.

Professor Musa noted that the Emir served the nation with dignity and integrity during his years in the judiciary and had brought the same qualities to his leadership as the traditional ruler of Ilorin.

He further acknowledged Dr Sulu-Gambari's leadership as Chancellor of Bayero University, Kano, noting that his guidance has contributed to the development of the institution.

The Vice Chancellor also noted the role of the Emir as Chairman of the Kwara State Council of Traditional Rulers, noting that he had provided purposeful leadership while preserving the dignity, heritage and traditions of the Ilorin Emirate.

A major highlight of the anniversary ceremony was the launch of a book titled Traditional Governance, Palace Culture and Conflict Management in Ilorin Emirate, written by Abdul-Raheem Muritala, PhD, a distinguished academic and scholar of repute.

Professor Musa described Dr Muritala as a scholar who has exemplified scholarship, perseverance, humility and loyalty, while demonstrating the transformative power of education. He noted that the book provides an important academic perspective on traditional governance, palace culture and conflict management within the historic Ilorin Emirate, as well as the role of traditional institutions in preserving culture, promoting peaceful coexistence and managing conflicts.

Professor Musa congratulated the Emir on the milestone and prayed for continued good health, wisdom and strength for him to sustain his service to the people of Ilorin, Kwara State and Nigeria.

He also expressed his appreciattion for the opportunity to join other distinguished guests in celebrating the Emir's 31 years on the throne.



VC, Professor Haruna Musa, fsi with Alhaji Engr. A. Sulaiman Danmasani Ilori

CDA, ACReSAL Train Community Groups on Business and Cooperative Leadership

By Hauwa Mustapha Ahmad & Halima Muhammad Aminu

The Centre for Dryland Agriculture (CDA), Bayero University, Kano in collaboration with the Agro-Climatic Resilience in Semi-Arid Landscapes (ACReSAL) Project, has commenced a three-day capacity-building training programme for Community Interest Groups (CIGs) on Business and Cooperative Leadership, aimed at strengthening participants' entrepreneurial skills, financial management capacity and ability to manage sustainable community-based enterprises.

The training, which commenced on Monday, November 9, 2026, at the Conference Hall of the Centre for Dryland Agriculture, BUK is being organized under the IITA-ACReSAL Technical Assistance initiative and ended on



Participants at the CDA workshop

Wednesday, November 11, 2026.

Speaking during the opening session, the Director of the Centre for Dryland Agriculture, Professor Sanusi Gaya Mohammed, welcomed participants and explained that the ACReSAL Project was designed to address critical environmental and land-use challenges while promoting sustainable livelihoods and economic opportunities within communities.

He noted that the project extended beyond conventional agricultural activities by introducing participants to essential business skills, improved practices and opportunities for community and commercial development.

Professor Gaya emphasized the importance of active participation, urging the trainees to pay attention, ask questions and take the training seriously. He further encouraged them to share the knowledge and skills acquired with members of their respective community groups to ensure that the benefits of the programme extended beyond the immediate participants.

In her welcome address, the representative of AYEA-IITA, Chioma Okolo, encouraged participants to take advantage of the opportunity by engaging actively in the sessions, asking questions and contributing to discussions.

One of the presentations, delivered by the Deputy Director of CDA, Professor Amina Mustapha, focused on changing agricultural trends, value chains, marketing and strategies for maximizing business profitability.

She explained that understanding agricultural value chains, from input supply and production to processing, marketing and distribution, was essential for farmers and marketers seeking to improve their earnings and access better markets.

Professor Amina stressed the importance of understanding production costs and prevailing market prices before negotiating with buyers. She also highlighted the benefits of group selling and product aggregation, noting that collective bargaining could strengthen farmers' negotiating power and enable them to secure better prices.

She further discussed the importance of proper storage, strategic pricing and market timing, alongside the four Ps of marketing: Product, Price, Place and Promotion.

On branding, she encouraged community groups to develop recognizable business identities through appropriate brand names, logos, consistent product quality and proper registration, explaining that these elements could improve customer confidence and market recognition.

Another presentation, delivered by Dr. Mu'azu H. Mu'azu, focused on Entrepreneurial Mindset and Financial Literacy, examining the attitudes, knowledge and financial management skills required for successful business and cooperative leadership.

He emphasized that entrepreneurship required critical thinking, responsibility, calculated risk-taking, resilience and the willingness to adapt to changing business environments.

The presentation also highlighted the importance of financial literacy in cooperative management, particularly members' savings, profit management, resource mobilization and proper financial tracking.

Dr. Mu'azu encouraged participants to develop the patience and determination required to overcome business challenges, noting that sustainable success depends on informed decisions, continuous learning and effective management of available resources.

The sessions also featured interactive discussions during which participants examined challenges affecting their respective cooperatives, including the management of members' contributions, business expansion and financial accountability.

The three-day programme, running from November 9 to 11, 2026, is supported by the International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA), the Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research (CGIAR), the Centre for Dryland Agriculture (CDA) and the World Bank.

The initiative is expected to strengthen the capacity of Community Interest Groups to manage their businesses effectively, improve agricultural value chains, enhance cooperative leadership and promote sustainable livelihoods in semi-arid communities.

BUK Students Elect Haruna Sani Nura as SUG President in e-Voting Exercise

By Suleiman Salihu & Murtala Ibrahim

Students of Bayero University, Kano (BUK) have elected Haruna Sani Nura (Danbatta) as the new President of the Students' Union Government (SUG) for the 2026/2027 academic session following a successful electronic voting exercise conducted by the Bayero University Kano Independent Electoral Commission (BUKIECO).

The election, held on Thursday, 12 November 2026, saw students vote electronically to elect executive officers and students representative assembly (SRA) for the new academic session.

Announcing the results at the Boardroom of the Directorate of Academic Planning, second floor of the Senate Building, New Campus, the Chairman of BUKIECO, Comrade Aliyu Sise Lawan, disclosed that a total of 13,537 votes were cast during the election.

Presenting the results of the e-voting exercise, Comrade Lawan announced that Haruna Sani Nura (Danbatta) was elected President of the Students' Union Government after securing 5,874 votes to defeat three other contestants. Ibrahim Abdulsalam Muhammad came second with 4,228 votes, while Anwar Ahmad Ali polled 1,466 votes and Yusuf Mahmoud secured 1,041 votes.

The Chairman also announced the following executive officers elected into various positions:

Zarah Husseina Isma'il was elected Vice-President with 7,450 votes, while Usman Wakili Sani emerged Secretary General with 7,914 votes. Tesla Lawal was elected Public Relations Officer with 6,243 votes, Umar Farouk Ibrahim emerged Welfare Director with 6,308 votes, Ibrahim Bala Kabiru was elected Social Director with 6,669 votes, and Sidi Jabir Mustapha won the position of Sales Director with 6,569 votes.

Others elected include Naqeeya Abdulhameed, who emerged Food and Environmental Director with 8,028 votes; Musa Abubakar Idris, who was elected Treasurer with 8,399 votes; Khadija Muhammad, who won the position of Financial Secretary with 5,632 votes; Aliyu Garba Muhammad, who emerged Sport Director with 6,200 votes; and Shamssiya Onize Usman, who was elected Assistant Secretary General with 4,426 votes.

Speaking after the announcement of the results, the Dean of Student Affairs, Professor Mukhtar Ridwanu Bunza, congratulated all the contestants and commended the smooth conduct of the electronic voting process. He assured students that the official results would also be shared on the students' platform and expressed appreciation to everyone who contributed to the successful conduct of the election.



Chairman of BUKIECO, Comrade Aliyu Sise Lawan, presenting the election results, assisted by the Dean of Students' Affairs, Prof. Mukhtar Ridwan Bunza.



Dean of Students' Affairs, Prof. Mukhtar Ridwan Bunza, in a group photograph with the Chairman of BUKIECO, Comrade Aliyu Sise Lawan, and other members of the electoral committee.

I Won't Stop Until Every Kano Youth Is Educated' — Senator Barau Jibrin

By Lamara Garba

The Deputy President of the Senate, Senator Dr Barau I. Jibrin, has reaffirmed his determination to expand access to quality higher education for young Nigerians, declaring that he will not relent in his efforts until every child and youth in Kano has the opportunity to become educated.

Barau made the declaration in Kano while presenting admission letters to 85 beneficiaries of the first batch of the Barau I. Jibrin Foundation (BIJF) domestic postgraduate scholarship programme at Bayero University, Kano.

The scholarship programme, he said, was part of his broader vision of investing in human capital by providing young Nigerians, particularly those from Kano North Senatorial District, with opportunities to acquire advanced education and specialised skills capable of transforming their lives and contributing to national development.

"I will not stop this struggle until every child, every youth, in Kano becomes educated," Barau declared, stressing that education remained one of the most important investments any society could make in its future.

He explained that the foundation had previously sponsored Nigerian students to pursue postgraduate studies in India and other foreign countries, but decided to expand the initiative to reputable universities within Nigeria after discovering that some specialised programmes available abroad were also offered by Nigerian institutions, including Bayero University, Kano.

According to him, the decision was aimed at widening access to advanced education while strengthening local institutions and ensuring that beneficiaries could acquire specialised knowledge and skills without necessarily having to travel abroad.

The 85 beneficiaries are undertaking postgraduate programmes in specialised fields including Engineering, Computer Science, Cybersecurity and Climate Change, among others.

Barau said the choice of programmes reflected the foundation's commitment to supporting disciplines critical to Nigeria's technological advancement, economic transformation and future competitiveness.

He described investment in education and human capital development as a global priority that should not be left to government alone, stressing the need for individuals, organisations and other stakeholders to complement government efforts in developing the nation's human resources.

The Deputy President of the Senate said the scholarship was not merely about paying tuition fees, but about giving young people the opportunity to acquire knowledge, specialised skills and the capacity to become productive contributors to society.

He therefore urged the beneficiaries to take their studies seriously, acquire relevant skills and prepare themselves for opportunities beyond conventional government employment.

Barau encouraged them to embrace entrepreneurship and self-employment, noting that the changing global economy requires graduates to become creators of opportunities rather than depend solely on government jobs.



Deputy President of the Senate, Dr. Barau I. Jibrin presenting a letter of admission to one of the beneficiary, (far left) is the Chairman Barau Jibrin Foundation Academic Committee, Professor Muhammad Ibn Abdallah



Postgraduate Scholarship beneficiaries in a group photograph with Deputy President of the Senate, Dr. Barau I. Jibrin

He also encouraged female students to take advantage of the scholarship opportunities and pursue postgraduate education without hesitation, stressing the importance of women's participation in the development of society.

The Deputy President of the Senate announced that the foundation would sponsor another batch of postgraduate scholarship beneficiaries in subsequent admission exercises, indicating that the programme was designed to be sustained and expanded.

Barau commended the Vice Chancellor of Bayero University, Kano, Professor Haruna Musa, for what he described as his open mindedness, commitment to education and continued support for initiatives aimed at advancing educational opportunities for young Nigerians.

He said Professor Musa had consistently supported the foundation's initiatives and had also provided useful guidance on how best to manage and sustain the education support programme to ensure that the beneficiaries derived maximum benefit from it.

Barau said the Vice Chancellor's approach had made it easier for the foundation to implement its scholarship initiatives at the university, describing his support and advice as valuable to the success of the programme.

Beyond the scholarship programme at Bayero University, Barau also spoke about his broader educational vision for Kano, particularly the Federal University of Science and Technology, Kabo.

He said the institution had recorded significant progress within a short period, with the provision of modern laboratory equipment and other facilities creating the foundation for the introduction of programmes such as Medicine and Engineering.

He pledged to facilitate the acquisition of additional equipment that would enable the university to introduce emerging fields such as Artificial Intelligence, robotics and other advanced technologies.

Barau said his ambition was to help position the institution among the leading universities in Northern Nigeria, reflecting his wider belief that the region must develop strong educational and technological institutions capable of producing the human capital required for its transformation.

He also commended the management of Bayero University, Kano, for embracing the scholarship initiative and providing the necessary support for the successful admission of the beneficiaries.

As part of his support to the scholars, Barau donated computers to each of the 85 beneficiaries to further equip them with the tools required for their postgraduate studies.

Earlier, the Dean of the BUK College of Postgraduate Studies, Professor Tijjani Hassan-Darma, commended Barau for supporting postgraduate education and helping parents shoulder the financial burden of providing quality education for their children.

He assured the foundation of the university's continued cooperation and said the institution would work towards accommodating some specialised programmes proposed by beneficiaries that were not available during the initial admission process.

The Special Adviser to the Deputy President of the Senate on Youth and Sports Development, Kabiru Ado-Lakwaya, also described the scholarship as another demonstration of Barau's commitment to youth development.

He urged the beneficiaries to justify the confidence reposed in them by the foundation through hard work, discipline and academic excellence, noting that the programme would contribute to producing skilled graduates.

BUK Reaffirms Commitment to Academic Standards as NUC Assesses Two Programmes

By Hauwa Mustapha Ahmad

Bayero University, Kano (BUK) has reaffirmed its commitment to maintaining high academic standards and strengthening quality assurance as the National Universities Commission (NUC) conducts accreditation assessments of its Bachelor of Laws (LLB) and Mechatronics Engineering programmes.

The Vice-Chancellor, Professor Haruna Musa, fsi, gave the assurance on Tuesday, November 10, 2026, while receiving two NUC accreditation teams at the University. He was represented by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Academics, Professor Ahmad Muhammad Tsauni.

Professor Tsauni described accreditation as a critical mechanism for sustaining the quality, relevance and credibility of Nigerian universities, noting that the exercise provides institutions with opportunities to assess their performance and identify areas requiring improvement.

He commended the NUC Executive Secretary, Professor Abdullahi Yusuf Ribadu, for sustaining the accreditation process, which he described as essential to maintaining academic standards and institutional credibility.

The Deputy Vice-Chancellor assured the visiting teams of the University's full cooperation, stressing that BUK remained open to external observations and recommendations that could add value to its academic programmes.

He further pledged that recommendations arising from the exercise would receive the necessary attention to facilitate improvements in teaching, learning and programme delivery.



NUC Accreditation Team in a group photograph with BUK Management

Earlier, the leader of the LLB accreditation team, Barrister Pascal A. Eruaga, explained that accreditation was a peer-review exercise designed to establish the extent to which academic programmes complied with prescribed standards, rather than an exercise in fault-finding.

He said the assessment would involve verifying information supplied by the University through its self-study forms, interacting with academic staff and students, and examining available facilities.

Barrister Eruaga urged the University to present its actual situation transparently, noting that objective observations and recommendations would contribute to strengthening its academic programmes.

Similarly, the leader of the Mechatronics Engineering accreditation team, Professor Muhammad Dauda, emphasised that accreditation was essential to preserving the credibility and international recognition of Nigerian university qualifications.

He noted that regular quality assurance assessments enabled universities to identify weaknesses, address deficiencies and ensure that graduates acquired qualifications that met acceptable academic and professional standards.

The accreditation exercise forms part of BUK's sustained efforts to promote academic excellence, strengthen institutional quality assurance and ensure that its programmes meet the standards prescribed by the NUC.

VC Tasks Librarians on AI, Digital Skills, Curriculum Reforms

By Muhsinat Nu'uman Habeeb

The Vice-Chancellor of Bayero University, Kano (BUK), Professor Haruna Musa, fsi has challenged academics and information professionals to embrace emerging technologies and strengthen digital competencies to reposition Library and Information Science (LIS) education and practice for contemporary societal demands.

Professor Musa, represented by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Academics, Professor Ahmad Muhammad Tsauni, made the call while declaring open a four-day National Conference organised by the Department of



Dignitaries and other conference participants in a group photograph with BUK Management

Library and Information Science, held at the CBN Centre of Excellence, Bayero University, Kano, from November 8 to 11, 2026.

Speaking on the theme, *"Reimagining Library and Information Science in Nigeria: Bridging Curriculum, Competencies and Community Realities,"* the Vice-Chancellor described the conference as timely, given the rapid transformation of the information landscape through artificial intelligence (AI), big data and digital platforms.

He observed that although these technological developments posed challenges to traditional librarianship, they also presented significant opportunities for innovation, professional growth and improved information services.

Professor Musa urged academics and researchers to keep pace with emerging technologies to effectively guide students and prepare graduates capable of functioning in an increasingly digital and technology-driven environment.

He emphasised the need to equip graduates with relevant competencies in digital information management, data governance, research support, information literacy and the ethical application of emerging technologies.

The Vice-Chancellor further stressed that the relevance of Library and Information Science education should be measured by its capacity to address practical societal needs. He therefore challenged participants to develop actionable recommendations that would bridge the gap between university curricula, professional competencies and community realities.

Earlier, the Chairman of the Department of Library and Information Science, Dr Hayatudeen Adamu, explained that the conference was organised to address the growing gap between the knowledge imparted in universities, the skills acquired by graduates and the changing demands of the information profession.

He called for a broader understanding of librarianship, urging information professionals to explore emerging opportunities in healthcare, education, government, research, business, industry and the digital economy.

The conference featured Professor Abdullahi Ibrahim Musa as keynote speaker and Professor Abdulwahab Olarewaju Issa of the University of Ilorin as lead paper presenter.

Responsible Filmmaking Will Drive Africa's Orange Economy – BUK VC

By Dr. Nura Garba

The Vice-Chancellor of Bayero University, Kano (BUK), Professor Haruna Musa, fsi, has called for responsible filmmaking that promotes Africa's cultural heritage and indigenous languages as a catalyst for unlocking the continent's orange economy and creating sustainable opportunities for young people.

Represented by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Academics, Professor Ahmad Muhammad Tsauni, the Vice-Chancellor made the call while declaring open the 2026 Kano Indigenous Languages of Africa Film Market (KILAF) Conference, at Bayero University, Kano, on 10 November 2026.

The conference, themed "Indigenous Language Films of Africa and the African Orange Economy: A National Approach for Optimum Utilisation of Opportunities," brought together academics, filmmakers, media practitioners and industry stakeholders to discuss the future of indigenous language films in Africa.



DVC Academics, Prof. Ahmad Muhammad Tsauni assisted by the Dean, Faculty of Communication, Prof. Mainasara Yakubu Kurfi and other dignitaries unavailing a plague to declare the conference open

The Vice-Chancellor noted that indigenous language films are not merely a form of entertainment but powerful instruments for preserving Africa's cultural identity, promoting local languages, creating employment and stimulating economic growth. He urged filmmakers to produce responsible and culturally relevant content capable of projecting Africa's rich heritage to global audiences while contributing meaningfully to national development.

He reaffirmed Bayero University's commitment to supporting initiatives that bridge academia and the creative industry, describing the conference as a strategic platform for knowledge exchange, innovation and collaboration.

Earlier, the Dean, Faculty of Communication, Professor Mainasara Yakubu Kurfi, expressed appreciation to the Vice-Chancellor for his exceptional support towards the successful hosting of the conference. He disclosed that Professor Haruna Musa provided ₦1.5 million for the students' film competition, approved the use of the conference venue at no cost, donated three buses for transportation and ensured adequate security throughout the event.

Professor Kurfi said the University's support reflected its commitment to nurturing student creativity and strengthening engagement with the creative sector.

Speaking on the conference theme, the Dean explained that the African orange economy offers immense opportunities through indigenous language films by preserving culture, documenting history, strengthening identity and creating jobs for writers, actors, directors, editors, translators, marketers and distributors.

He observed that Africa's linguistic diversity remains one of its greatest assets, noting that stories told in indigenous languages resonate more deeply with communities, preserve collective memory and communicate authentic African perspectives to audiences both within and outside the continent.

According to him, achieving the full potential of indigenous language filmmaking requires sustained investment in training, production facilities, funding, professional networks and reliable distribution channels. He also stressed the importance of collaboration among universities, creative organisations, industry practitioners, public institutions and local communities.

Professor Kurfi further noted that universities have a vital role in connecting communication scholarship with the film industry through teaching, research and intellectual engagement. He expressed confidence that the partnership between the Faculty of Communication and KILAF would strengthen ties between academia and industry while promoting innovation and professional development.

He encouraged participants to engage in practical discussions on expanding the reach of indigenous language films, leveraging technology for production and distribution, and developing creative enterprises capable of providing sustainable livelihoods for African youths.

As part of the conference proceedings, the Head of the Department of Information and Media Studies, Professor Nura Ibrahim, alongside Dr Haruna Ismail, presented a paper titled "Kannywood and the Communicative City of Kano."

The presentation portrayed Kano as a communicative city, highlighting how its cultural heritage, media landscape and indigenous film industry have shaped communication, identity and socio-economic development in Northern Nigeria.

The conference continues with paper presentations, panel discussions and networking sessions aimed at advancing indigenous language filmmaking and positioning Africa's creative industries for greater economic impact.

Dr. Ikechukwu Ajiaya was the Chairman of the occasion.

E-MOTIVE Intervention Reduces Severe Postpartum Bleeding by 60% in Major Study

By Bala G. Abdullahi

A low-cost medical intervention known as the E-MOTIVE approach has been found to reduce severe bleeding after childbirth by approximately 60 per cent, offering a significant breakthrough in efforts to prevent maternal deaths, particularly in resource-limited healthcare settings.

The intervention, which combines the use of a specially designed maternal blood collection drape with early detection and immediate treatment, was evaluated in a



major clinical study involving more than 200,000 women across hospitals in Nigeria, Kenya, Tanzania and South Africa.

Nigerian obstetrician and Director of the Africa Centre of Excellence for Population Health and Policy (ACEPHAP), Professor Hadiza Shehu Galadanci, played a key role in investigating the approach, which is designed to improve the early detection and management of postpartum haemorrhage.

Postpartum haemorrhage, a condition characterised by excessive bleeding after childbirth, affects approximately 14 million women annually and accounts for about 70,000 deaths worldwide.

The E-MOTIVE approach uses an inexpensive plastic maternal drape fitted with a calibrated collection pouch to measure blood loss during childbirth. This enables healthcare workers to identify excessive bleeding promptly, rather than relying on visual estimates, which can lead to delays in recognising the severity of the condition.

Once excessive bleeding is detected, healthcare workers immediately administer a combination of established treatments, including medication to contract the uterus, intravenous fluids, uterine massage and other necessary interventions.

Findings from the study demonstrated that combining early detection with prompt and coordinated treatment significantly reduced severe postpartum haemorrhage compared with the conventional approach to managing the condition.

The intervention is particularly important in low-resource healthcare environments where shortages of medical equipment, personnel and other essential resources can make timely detection and treatment of obstetric emergencies difficult.

The effectiveness of the approach was demonstrated in Kano, where a 26-year-old mother, Husaina Balarabe, developed severe bleeding after delivering her baby. The attending midwife detected the increasing blood volume in the collection pouch and immediately initiated treatment, which helped control the bleeding and save her life.

The E-MOTIVE intervention is now being introduced through training and implementation efforts across Nigeria to strengthen maternal healthcare services and improve the management of postpartum haemorrhage.

The approach highlights the importance of combining simple, affordable medical technologies with evidence-based clinical interventions to improve maternal health outcomes and reduce preventable deaths.

Notice To Staff On Pension Data Recapture Exercise

The Office of the Registrar wishes to inform members of the University Community that a number of staff members are yet to complete the Pension Data Recapture Exercise with their respective Pension Fund Administrators (PFAs).

The exercise is necessary to enable staff to update their pension records and access relevant pension-related benefits and services, including the opportunity to apply for the 25% Retirement Savings Account (RSA) balance for residential mortgage purposes, as well as enrolment on the Consolidated Online Beneficiaries and Retirees Administration (COBRA) platform.

Consequently, all staff members who are yet to complete the Data Recapture Exercise are hereby advised to contact their respective Pension Fund Administrators and complete the process.

Thank you.

Signed:
Naziru Bello
Deputy Registrar (Pensions)
For: **REGISTRAR**

BUK Trains Staff, Students on Workplace Skills, Career Development

By Hauwa Mustapha Ahmad and Halima Muhammad Aminu

Bayero University, Kano (BUK), through its Career Service Centre, has organised a capacity-building programme to equip staff and students with essential workplace skills, enhance professional development and prepare them for the changing demands of the labour market.

The training, held on Wednesday, November 11, 2026, at the Centre for Islamic Civilization and Interfaith Dialogue (CICID), BUK, was themed *"Building Skills, Strengthening Careers, Preparing for the Future of Work."*

Declaring the programme open on behalf of the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Haruna Musa, FSI, the University Librarian, Professor Kabiru Abbas, emphasised that academic qualifications alone were no longer sufficient to guarantee professional success, as employers increasingly demanded practical competencies and the ability to add value in the workplace.

He urged participants, particularly students preparing to graduate, to take advantage of the training to acquire skills that would distinguish them in an increasingly competitive labour market.

Earlier, the Director of the Career Service Centre, Professor Ahmed Iliyasu, said the programme was organised in response to changing workplace expectations, which increasingly required effective communication, critical thinking, problem-solving, teamwork, leadership, adaptability and professional ethics.

He explained that the Centre served as a platform for bridging the gap between university education and the world of work through career guidance, mentoring, employability skills development, professional networking and industry engagement. He stressed that graduate employability was a shared responsibility involving students, universities, employers and other stakeholders.

In a presentation on *"The Human Skills That Make Work,"* Professor Iliyasu identified teamwork, critical thinking and problem-solving as essential competencies for workplace effectiveness. He emphasised communication, accountability, trust and shared responsibility as key elements of successful teamwork.

Another resource person, Dr Auwal Halilu, examined communication, emotional intelligence, interpersonal relationships and leadership, stressing that effective workplace relationships depended on clarity, empathy, mutual respect and accountability. He described leadership as an act of influence and service rather than merely occupying a formal position.

In his presentation, *"The Shared Anatomy of Employability and Entrepreneurship,"* Dr Murtala Uba highlighted communication, digital literacy, critical thinking, self-management and continuous learning as essential competencies for both employees and entrepreneurs. He urged participants to embrace lifelong learning, adaptability and career self-management to remain relevant in the changing world of work.



Cross section of workshop participants

The programme was sponsored by the Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund), with Harbinger General Services Limited serving as the technical partner.

In his closing remarks, Professor Iliyasu urged participants to translate the knowledge acquired into practical improvements in their professional and personal lives, expressing optimism that the initiative would produce competent graduates, innovative entrepreneurs, responsible leaders and a skilled university workforce.

SSANU-BUK Trains 50 Healthcare Workers to Strengthen Maternal Care

By Dr. Nura Garba

The Senior Staff Association of Nigerian Universities (SSANU), Bayero University, Kano Branch, has commenced a capacity-building programme for 50 healthcare professionals to strengthen their knowledge and skills in maternal care and improve the quality of healthcare services provided to expectant mothers.

The training, which commenced on Saturday, 17 October 2026, at the University Health Services, Bayero University, Kano, brings together midwives, nurses working in the labour ward, obstetricians and medical officers involved in conducting deliveries.

Declaring the training open, the Chairman of SSANU-BUK, Comrade Mustapha Aminu, urged participants to take full advantage of the programme by acquiring new knowledge and adopting improved approaches to maternal care. He also encouraged them to share the knowledge and skills gained with their colleagues to ensure that the impact of the training extends beyond the immediate participants.

The Chairman of the SSANU-BUK Capacity Building Committee and Vice-Chairman of the Union,Comrade Mahfuz Zubair Ibrahim, said the initiative reflects the Committee's expanded approach to professional development and capacity building among SSANU members.

He explained that the Committee had previously focused largely on Information and Communication Technology (ICT) training but had now broadened its scope to include critical areas across different professions and cadres within the Union.

According to him, the maternal care training is being delivered in two streams, with 25 healthcare professionals participating in Stream One from 17 to 18 October 2026, while another 25 participants will undergo the training from 24 to 25 October 2026 under Stream Two.

Mahfuz expressed appreciation to the Director of the Africa Centre for Population Health and Policy, Professor Hadiza Galadanci, for fully sponsoring the training, describing the support as an important contribution towards strengthening the professional capacity of healthcare workers.

He said the Committee would continue to explore relevant training opportunities capable of equipping SSANU members with contemporary knowledge and practical skills in their respective professions.

The opening ceremony was attended by the Acting Zonal Secretary of SSANU, Comrade Hauwa Abdullahi Danbatta; SSANU-BUK Secretary, Comrade Dr. Nura Garba, and members of the Capacity Building Committee, including Ainau Ubale, Abubakar Kafinsoli, Ado Alhassan, Abdullahi Aliyu Abdullahi and Tijjani Shehu Inuwa.



A section of the training participants

BUK Faculty of Basic Medical Sciences Wins Football Trophy as Education Tops Interfaculty Games

By Hamza Usman

The Faculty of Basic Medical Sciences, Bayero University Kano (BUK) emerged champions of the 2026 Vice-Chancellor's Inter-Faculty Football final competition after defeating the Faculty of Management Sciences in a tense penalty shootout following a hard-fought draw in regulation time in the final played at the Ahmadu Adamu Muazu Stadium, New Site, on Saturday, 31st October 2026.

In his closing remarks, the Chairman of the Sports Consultative Committee, Prof. Abdullahi Ibrahim Darki, described the final as a day of joy, passion and gratitude to Almighty Allah for a successful competition.



Victorious football team of Faculty of Basic Medical Sciecnes with the trophy

He thanked the Vice-Chancellor, represented by Professor Abdullahi Doki, for his support despite the financial constraints facing the University, and appreciated the principal officers, Deans, Directors, Heads of Departments, coaches, Sports Directorate staff, committee members, faculty representatives, Student Union Government, media and competition officials for making the 2026 VC's Inter-Faculty Competition a resounding success.

In his vote of thanks, the Director of Sports, Prof. Rabiu Muhammed congratulated all the faculties that participated in the 19th VC's Inter-Faculty Competition.

He said the main objective of the competition is mass participation and to ginger interest among sportsmen and women in the University, noting that this year's edition witnessed mass participation and was played in the spirit of sportsmanship.

He also congratulated the Deans for mobilising their students despite their limited financial resources, and urged students to see the competition as a golden opportunity, adding that the doors of the Sports Directorate are always open to any student who wants to play or represent the University.

The 19th VC's Inter-Faculty Games 2026 came to a thrilling end as the Faculty of Basic Medical Sciences edged their opponents 5-3 in a tense penalty shootout.

Faculty of Computing emerged as champions of the male basketball event, while Education continued its impressive run by winning the female gold, as the basketball finals of the inter-faculty games came to a thrilling end.

In the male category, Computing defeated all comers to clinch the gold medal. Faculty of Education settled for silver after a strong campaign, while Social Sciences finished third to win the bronze medal.

In the female category, Education maintained its dominance, beating Agriculture to claim the gold medal. Agriculture took the silver medal, while Life Sciences secured the bronze medal after finishing third.

Also, in the female volleyball final, Education defeated Communication 2-0 to win the gold medal. Communication settled for silver, while Social Sciences finished third to take the bronze medal.

In the male category, Computing Sciences defeated Clinical Sciences 2-0 to lift the gold medal. Clinical Sciences won silver.

Earlier, in the male third-place match, Education beat Engineering 2-0 to claim the bronze medal.

Shuaib Abdulkareem of the Faculty of Computing emerged as champion of the Men's Singles, while Nakeeyah Abdulhameed of Education won the Ladies Singles title, as the Table Tennis event of the Games.

In the Men's Singles final, Shuaib defeated his brother, Hussein Abdulkareem of Communication, to clinch the gold medal Hussein settled for silver in an all-Abdulkareem final that thrilled spectators.

David Oyemikhe of Engineering and Ahmad Shehu of School of Continuing Education (SCE) both finished third to win bronze medals.

In the Ladies Singles, Nakeeyah Abdulhameed of Education proved too strong for the field, defeating Jenifer Gyang of Science to win gold. Gyang took the silver medal.

Aminah Abubakar and Madinah Mohammed, both of School of Continuing Eduction, completed the podium with bronze medals underlining SCE dominance in the ladies category.

Aisha Auwal emerged as champion of the Female Team event, while Sadiq Yahaya won the Male Team title, as the Badminton Competition of the 19th Inter-Faculty Games.

In the female category, Aisha Auwal clinched the gold medal after a commanding display. Amina Ahmed Nuhu

finished second to win the silver medal. Ummalkhairi Muhammad Bello and Quridat both finished third to win bronze medals.

In the male category, Sadiq Yahaya defeated all challengers to win the gold medal. Aliyu Salihu Usman settled for the silver medal, while Hussein Idris and Abdullahi Maitama claimed the bronze medals.

Faculty of Agriculture emerged as overall champions of the Taekwondo event after winning a total of 6 medals.

Agriculture topped the final standings with 2 Gold, 2 Silver and 2 Bronze medals to finish first. Computing came second with 1 Gold and 2 Silver medals, for a total of 3 medals, while Education finished third with 1 Gold medal. Social Sciences, Engineering and Communication all tied for fourth place, with 2 Bronze medals each.

Faculty of Engineering emerged as the overall champions of the Chess event at the 19th Inter-Faculty Games after topping the medal table with 3 Gold and 2 Silver medals.

Physical Sciences finished second with 2 Gold medals, while Computing Sciences placed third with 2 Silver and 1 Bronze.

Social Sciences finished fourth with 1 Silver and 2 Bronze, while Pharmaceutical and Education tied for fifth with 1 Bronze each.

Faculty of Education has topped the final medal table with a commanding 22 medals. Education finished first with 10 Gold, 8 Silver and 4 Bronze medals to claim the overall title.

Computing came second with 5 Gold, 6 Silver and 4 Bronze, for a total of 15 medals, while Allied Health finished third with 5 Gold and 3 Silver, for a total of 8 medals.

Communication finished fourth with 4 Gold, 5 Silver and 2 Bronze (11 medals), followed by Agriculture in fifth with 3 Gold, 3 Silver and 2 Bronze (8 medals).

Engineering placed sixth with 3 Gold, 2 Silver and 4 Bronze (9 medals), despite winning more total medals than Agriculture and Allied Health.

Management Sciences finished seventh with 2 Gold and 3 Bronze, Life Sciences eighth with 2 Gold, 1 Silver and 1 Bronze, and Physical Sciences ninth with 2 Gold and 2 Bronze.

Faculty of Arts and Islamic Sciences completed the top 10 with 2 Gold medals. At the bottom of the table, Dentistry, Law and Veterinary finished joint 17th without a medal.

A total of 19 Faculties participated in the 2026 Vice Chancellor's Interfaculty Games.

Highlight of the event was the presentation of an Award of



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