



## BUK Maintains Prestige, Records Academic, Administrative Milestones – VC Tells Congregation ... Commends Kano, Jigawa, Katsina, Kaduna State Governments

By Nura Garba



Vice Chancellor, Prof. Sagir Adamu Abbas addressing members of the congregation

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas disclosed that Bayero University, Kano had maintained its prestige as one of the best Universities in Nigeria based on the global Universities ranking. The University has in the recent times recorded massive transformations in academic and administrative matters.

Speaking at the 57<sup>th</sup> Congregation Meeting held on Saturday, 30<sup>th</sup> December, 2023, Prof. Sagir Abbas explained that for the second time in the last couple of months, BUK sustained its top ranking status among Universities in the country.

He said in the global 2023 ranking of the world universities conducted by the *Times Higher Education* (THE) of the United Kingdom, BUK emerged as the 5<sup>th</sup> best in the country and in its 2024 World University Ranking (WUR) report released in September it ranked BUK as the second best in Nigeria in terms of international outlook.

The Vice Chancellor noted that BUK was also ranked as the 3<sup>rd</sup> best Value University for international students and that the University emerged amongst the top 1,000 universities in the world by the South Korea based universities database assessor, *Study Abroad Aide*.

In terms of administrative matters, the Vice Chancellor explained that the 2023 promotion exercise was a huge success, as the Committee of Appointments and Promotions Exercise at its 192<sup>nd</sup> meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> September, 2023 approved promotions of 38 senior academics to the rank of Professors and 51 others as Associate Professors. He said four Principal Assistant Registrars in the Registry Department were promoted to the Ranks of Deputy Registrar.

“As I have stated consistently, no staff of the University-teaching and non-teaching-would be denied their promotions without any justification,” he added.

Prof. Abbas told the Congregation that in an effort to rejuvenate and boost research in the University's centres for high impact, the management decided to inject N500,000 each to six-top performing centres as a take-off research grant as part of a deliberate move to revitalize the quality of the research output of the University.

“Provision of water in our campuses is among the top priorities of the management by making sure that all water stations get enough diesel to generate water for use, (tankers are in good working condition) and by striking a deal with KEDCO to provide electricity at night so that water would be generated,” he said.

The Vice Chancellor also harped on the achievements recorded in terms of municipal services, healthcare provisions and security. He commended the Government of Kano State for paying over six hundred million naira for registration fee for the students of state as well as Kaduna, Jigawa and Katsina State for similar gestures.

Equally the VC commended the philanthropic gestures of some wealthy individuals and organizations for paying the registration fees of indigent students. He further commended Senator Barau Jibrin for donating 500 solar street lights to the University in addition to the Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development for

donating two Vet clinics to BUK.

He told the Congregation that BUK has recently won a grant to improve patients with sickle cell through its College of Health Sciences.

“Distinguished members of Bayero University Congregation, the University is moving ahead positively. This has been possible as a result of the collective efforts of the staff, friends and well-wishers. I honestly appreciate all of you. Staff unions in the University have also demonstrated their obligation and love for the growth of the university,” he concluded.

## BUK Class 1987 Celebrates Grand Reunion, Plans to Support Research and Development

By Nura Garba



Members of class 1987 in a group photograph

The Bayero University, Kano class 1987 has conducted its reunion to foster deepening and mutually beneficial relationship among members, as well as to set up an agenda for supporting research and development in the University.

Presenting a keynote address at the event held on Sunday, December 31, 2023, the Executive Governor of Jigawa State, Malam Umar Namadi, FCA, said “the grand reunion is yet another once-in-a-while opportunity to reunite with classmates and course mates with whom we have spent one of the most memorable times of our existence.”

Governor Namadi, who was a member of class 1987, added that: “Reunions such as this are good enough to make us happy, to make us ponder on the ups and downs of life, and above all, to give gratitude to our Creator, who spared our lives to this moment, hale and hearty, thriving to make a living and positively impacting on the lives of

others.”

Malam Namadi who was represented by Alhaji Bello Ballama Birniwa proposed that the class 87 should set up fund specifically to support members of their cohort who may be in dire need due to circumstances of life or to the families of the deceased members. He also proposed to the larger BUK Alumni to set up a fund to incentivize Research and Development in Bayero University as a grand way to pay back to the *alma mater*.

Earlier the chief host and the Vice Chancellor, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas, said the purpose of the gathering was to see one another to exchange pleasantries and to remember days as students which are significant “towards solidifying and cementing the cordial relationship. It was also to know the current position of the University,” VC added.



The Vice Chancellor, who is also a member of Class 1987, informed the gathering that BUK had metamorphosed into one of the best Universities in the world with 6 campuses, 16 research centres and directorates, 18 faculties, 97 departments, over 190 programmes and over 40,000 students population.

He explained that BUK is now the 5<sup>th</sup> best university in Nigeria according to the United Kingdom based 2023 Times Higher Education (THE) ranking and 2<sup>nd</sup> in terms of international outlook behind only Covenant University, a privately owned university. He urged members of Class 1987 and others to keep sending their children and wards to BUK for its exceptional pedigree and quality in teaching and research.

## BUK to Erect Open Air Reading Facilities for Students

By Sabitu M. Jinjiri

Bayero University Management is to construct open air reading structures for the use of students. The Vice Chancellor, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas, disclosed this when Ilorin Emirate Students Union BUK Chapter paid him a courtesy call in his office on Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> December, 2023.

Among the requests made by the Students Union was building of an open air reading “hut” for student use in the University. The Vice Chancellor, Professor Abbas, divulged that BUK Management also had the motive of erecting open air reading structures similar to their own.

President of the Ilorin Emirate Student's Union, Oba Aliyu Abdussalam said the proposed reading faculty is to be named Sheikh Alimi Reading Hut. According to the him, the reading faculty is expected to provide shade and protection from the sun. It is also meant to serve as a learning environment and as a place of relaxation for BUK students.

Speaking further of the project, the “Oba Aliyu Abdussalam was full of appreciation of all the good things the University Management had been doing to his union and the University Community in general.

“Oba” Abdussalam explained that his Union members had benefited from the University's indigent and other scholarship programmes. The University's on campus job initiative was another venture, according to the “Oba”, which benefited his union.

Responding to the visiting team, the Vice Chancellor, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas, welcomed the “Oba and his council of chiefs” to his office. He also thanks them for the visit.

The acting Registrar, Hajiya Amina Umar Abdullahi, also a member of the class and Secretary, Caretaker Committee, expressed appreciation over the participation of members and commended members of the caretaker committee for their commitment and sacrifice towards ensuring the success of the reunion.

The Class 1987 later unanimously elected the caretaker committee to serve as substantive executives with Alhaji Umar Garin Babba Musa as Chairman.

The Chairman, in his acceptance speech, thanked all members for reposing confidence in them. He said the executives would do their best to transform the Class 1987 chapter.

In response to their request of constructing Sheikh Alimi Reading Hut, the VC said it was a proposal worthy of consideration and possible approval. He even revealed that the University had the intention of providing structures similar to the proposed Sheikh Alimi Reading Hut.

In connection with the Ilorin Emirate Union's proposal of organizing an annual cultural event, the VC said the University Management would look into its laws in relation to such events and possibly pave way for the event



President of Ilorin Emirate Student Union, Oba A. Abdussalam (left) presenting a model to Vice Chancellor, Prof. Sagir Adamu Abbas (middle)

to take place. He further called on the potential organizers to ensure that if approved, the event be a peaceful one and does not disturb others.

In attendance at the Ilorin Emirate Students Unions familiarity visit to the Vice Chancellor were the DVC (Management Services), Professor Mahmud Umar Sani; the University Librarian, Dr Kabir Dahiru Abbas; Dean, Student Affairs, Prof Shamsuddeen Umar; the University's Acting Registrar, Hajiya Amina Umar Abdullahi; Director, Vice Chancellor's Office, Malam Sherrif Ahmad and Deputy Registrar, Public Affairs, Malam Lamara Garba.

# ACEPHAP Collaborates with JSPHCDA ... Conducts Training for Reproductive Health Officers in Jigawa State

By Bala G. Abdullahi

The Africa Center of Excellence for Population Health and Policy (ACEPHAP) in collaboration with the Jigawa State Primary Healthcare Development Agency (JSPHCDA), with the (UNICEF-Supported PHC Challenge Fund) organized a three-day training on Maternal, Reproductive, Child Health, and Nutrition (MR-CHaN) for reproductive health officers and Matrons in Jigawa State.



Participants in a group photograph

The training was aimed at enhancing the capacity of participants in the critical areas of maternal health, reproductive health, child health, and nutrition. The training took place from Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> to Friday 29<sup>th</sup> December, 2023.

Speaking at the opening ceremony, the Center's Deputy Director, Outreach and Linkages, Dr. Salisu Maiwada Abubakar, said the aim of the training was to equip participants with updated knowledge, practical skills, and strategies to improve healthcare services provided to women, infants, and children within their communities/Local Governments across the State.

He added that the training was a comprehensive endeavour aimed at empowering Reproductive Health Officers and Matrons in Jigawa State with the necessary tools and knowledge to address the multifaceted challenges in maternal, reproductive, child health, and nutrition. He said it was anticipated that the acquired skills and knowledge would be instrumental in enhancing healthcare services and promoting healthier outcomes for women, infants, and children in Jigawa State.

Dr. Abubakar added that participants would be further equipped with practical skills to implement effective interventions and counseling schemes, promote integration and encourage the integration of acquired knowledge into daily practices for improved service delivery.

In his address shortly before he declared the training open, the Permanent Secretary, Jigawa State Primary Healthcare Development Agency (JGPHCDA), Dr. Kabiru Ibrahim Aliyu thanked ACEPHAP for their support and understanding. He said the training would go a long way to educate the state health providers in their efforts to enhance healthcare services and to promote healthier outcomes for women, infants, and children in Jigawa State.

The training programme was part of the implementation of the Memorandum of Understanding signed between Jigawa State Government and ACEPHAP.

## BUK's I&J Staff Quarters Forum Visits VC, Solicits Support

By Suleiman Saliyu

The Bayero University Intermediate and Junior Staff Quarters Community Forum (New Campus) has solicited the support of the University Management in its motive to addressing the challenges facing the community.

The Chairman of the Forum, Comrade Tijani Kazeem Abiola made this call during a courtesy visit to the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas on Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> December, 2023 in his office.

Comrade Abiola expressed gratitude on behalf of the Forum to the University Management for the concern showed to the Community in bringing private water tankers for supplying water as of when due to the Community through the Director Maintenance Services Department. He explained some of the progress made by the Forum which included coming out during the nights for patrol, reach out for donation of borehole to the Community which made possible by Prof. Auwal Ladan Yola of the Department of Geology, among others. He said the aim was to give their own quota to the Community.

He expressed the security situation that some unidentified persons from neighbouring communities parade in and out of the campus in the name of fire wood cutting, hunting, etc. He then called the attention of the University in fencing the area, so as to protect the lives and property of the community leaving in the campus.



BUK's I&J Community Forum with the Management team



Comrade Abiola further explained that the campus became darker whenever light went off, and that even when there was light, the street lights could not cover vast areas which made them uneasy to come out during the nights. He said the Management should come to their rescue by mounting solar streetlights in the area.

On the issue of water supply, the Chairman of the Forum appealed to the Management to mount an overhead tank to relieve the borehole dug and for ease of fetching water.

In his response, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Sagir Adamu Abbas, said “it is through interaction like this that the Management will get to know the problem that exists.”

With regards to security situation, Prof. Abbas assured the team that the University had secured funding from National budget for the perimeter fencing of the new campus for about 14 kilometer distance. He added that with advice from the Commissioner of Police, the University had employed the services of Nigerian Hunters and Forest Security Service (NHFSS), with a view to improving security situation in the University. He said their activities had started yielding fruit, he advised the Community not to relent in reporting to the security office on any unfamiliar faces found wandering around the Campuses.

On the issue of streetlights, he informed the team that the University had applied for one thousand (1000) additional solar streetlights from Federal Ministry of Works (FMW). He said the solar panels would help to improve the security challenges in the campuses. He advised the community to give maximum protection to the panels to avoid burglary when installed.

Prof. Abbas further advised the team on the issue of mounting an overhead tank for ease of water supply. He said migrating from the dug borehole to the use of overhead tank has its own expenses and problems which included the use of booster machine, solar panel, etc and the water may be drained easily through leaving the tap open by children and the facilities connected to the tank may be easily removed. He assured the team that the University is always ready to assist the Community for the development of the University.

Other Members of the entourage included Malam Usman Lawal Saji (Vice-Chairman), Engr. Musbahu Maude Salihu (PRO), Malam Muhammad Halim Umar (Treasurer), Malam Sabo Abdullahi, Malam Ali Abdullahi and Comr. Ladi.

## ACEPHAP Holds Hands-on Training on Whole-Genome Sequencing

By Bala G. Abdullahi

A Six-Day Hands-on Training on Whole-Genome Sequencing organized by Africa Center of Excellence for Population Health and Policy (ACEPHAP) aimed at empowering the University Researchers has ended in Kano. The training took place at the Centre's Molecular Biology Laboratory from Monday 18<sup>th</sup> to Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> December, 2023.

Speaking at the opening ceremony, the Director of the Centre, Professor Hadiza Galadanci highlighted the



Training participants in a group photograph

significance of the training, saying that the aim was to empower members of the University Molecular Research community and faculty at ACEPHAP with sequencing skills. She said the technical skills acquired during the training would go a long way in bridging the gap between theoretical knowledge and practical application.

Speaking on the importance of the Molecular Biology laboratory, Professor Galadanci said the established laboratory and its work is underscored by its efforts to sequence the entire genomes of several pathogens, adding that the laboratory had joined the ARTIC Network, a consortium of world-expert institutions, comprising the University of Cambridge, University of Edinburgh, University of Birmingham, among other universities in the United Kingdom, along with a few other leading universities across Africa.

The ACEPHAP Director emphasized the instrumental role played by the Molecular Biology laboratory team in advancing genome sequencing to its current level. “Our goal is to cultivate a cadre of skilled individuals capable of driving advancements in genomics within our community and beyond,” she revealed.

Speaking on the purpose of the training, Dr. Taiwo Amole, the Centre's Deputy Director of Research, said the training would be conducted by experienced professionals/experts, including the head of the laboratory, Dr. Isah Abubakar Aliyu. Other facilitators, she added, include; Dr. Jamilu Abubakar Bala and Dr. Aminu Abba Yusuf. She said these experts had received vast knowledge from the center's collaborators from the Universities of Cambridge and Edinburgh.

Highlighting the core mission of ACEPHAP Molecular Biology and Genomic Sequencing Laboratory, Dr. Baba Musa Maiyaki, the Centre's Monitoring & Evaluation

Officer, emphasized the laboratory's commitment to empowering Bayero University's scientific community and the entire Northern region. He said the workshop was meticulously designed to provide participants with the essential technical skills necessary to navigate and harness the power of advanced sequencing technologies. "By bridging the gap between theoretical knowledge and practical application, we aim to cultivate a cadre of skilled individuals capable of driving advancements in genomics within our community and beyond," he explained.

In his address, Dr. Isah Abubakar Aliyu, Head of the Laboratory, expressed gratitude to the ACEPHAP Director for supporting the conduct of the training. "We want this training to be a memorable one, as it is going to be rigorous

laboratory and theoretical presentations. Participants must pay more attention and be fully involved."

He announced that from inception last year, ACEPHAP's Molecular Biology and Genome Sequencing Laboratory was recognized as the best-performing laboratory among the LabNetwork in West and Central Africa under the World ARTIC Network utilizing Oxford Nanopore Sequencing Technology.

Dr. Isah also highlighted ACEPHAP's commitment to scientific excellence, technological innovation, and community empowerment, captured in the on-going groundbreaking training initiative, heralding a new era of genomics expertise in Nigeria.

## BUK Engages Nigerian Hunters and Forest Security Services

By Ibrahim Ado Saleh

The Management of Bayero University Kano has engaged the services of Nigerian Hunters and Forest Security Services to beef up the security of its campuses and surrounding communities.

The Vice Chancellor received in audience the officials of the Nigerian Hunters and Forest Security Services on a



BUK Management and Nigerian Hunters and Forest Security Services

courtesy call on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2024 accompanied by the Director Security of the University, Abdulyakin Ibrahim.

The Team Leader and State Commandant, Abdullahi Al Ameen told the Vice Chancellor that their mission is to enhance the security of this university which is the pride of Kano and Northern Nigeria.

He added that the organization started in 2016 as community hunters and after realizing there was a lot of security threat in the Nigerian forests, they changed to Hunters group of Nigeria in the year 2020. And by 2023 they had a complete structure that cut across all the 36 states of the Nigeria including Federal Capital territory.

In his remark, the Director Security Bayero University Kano, Malam Abdulyakin Ibrahim said that "we are involving the Hunters for the crisis we are facing with the neighboring settlements which are mostly herdsmen. After laying our complaints to Kano State Commissioner of Police, he suggested the involvement of the Nigerian Hunters and forest security Service," he said.

In his response, the Vice Chancellor, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas expressed his admiration on how the Forest security outfit was organized.

"Due to the nature of the University, we are faced with security challenges because we don't have perimeter fencing that is why we engage the services of Military personnel, Nigerian Police and Civil Defense Corps in order to carve out the menace of insecurity that is prevailing in the country."

The Vice Chancellor assured them the University Legal team would draft an MOU that will be extended to their National office, and he has given the approval for the request of 2 Motorcycles to ease monitoring around the University perimeter.

## APPRECIATION FROM MUSTAPHA MUHAMMAD

I, Professor Mustapha Muhammad of Department of English and Literary Studies, on behalf of my family, extend my sincere appreciation to members of the University community who witnessed the wedding fatiha of my son Abubakar Sadiq Mustapha on Sunday 24th

December 2023. I specifically convey my appreciation to the Vice Chancellor and the University Management staff and the entire University community. May Allah reward you all for honouring the family.

## Kabiru Baba Mandawari Takes Over Advancement Office

Kabiru Baba Mandawari is now the Head of Advancement Office, as approved by the Acting Registrar, Amina Umar Abdullahi.

According to a letter of posting dated November 19, 2023, Kabiru Baba Mandawari, a Deputy Registrar, should

resume as head of Advancement Office with immediate effect to take over from Malam Mustafa Ibrahim.



Kabiru Baba Mandawari

## APPOINTMENT

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas, has approved the appointment of the underlisted staff of the University:

S/N	NAME	DEPARTMENT	APPOINTMENT	EFFECTIVE
1	Dr Aminu Ali	Department of Sociology	Head, Department of Sociology	23 <sup>rd</sup> January, 2024
2	Dr Hauwa Sani Ahmad	Department of Library and Information Sciences	Head, Department of Library and Information Sciences	17 <sup>th</sup> January, 2024

## APPRECIATION FROM M. D. NASIR

I, Muhammad Danlami Nasir of the College of Health Sciences (CHS), wish to express my sincere appreciation to members of the University Community for attending the wedding fatiha of my daughter.

My special appreciation goes to the Vice Chancellor, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas, his Deputies, Principal Officers, Acting Registrar, Bursar, Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, former Executive Secretary, NUC,

Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello, former Vice Chancellor BUK, Provost of the College of Health Sciences and his Deputies, Professor Mustapha Isa, Dean School of Postgraduate Studies, Alhaji Sani Amin, former Registrar BUK, Alhaji Muhammad Sani Amin, former Registrar, Yusuf Maitama Sule University, Kano members of ASUU, SSANU, NAAT, NASU, A.Y. Ribadu and who attended, called or sent text messages. May Allah reward you all abundantly, *Amin*.

## NOTICE FOR STUDENTS ID CARDS COLLECTION

- The Directorate of Examinations, Admissions and Records (DEAR), is hereby informing all undergraduate students for 2022/2023 session that their ID Cards are ready for collection at their respective Faculties/Departments/Schools.
- It was observed that most of the students from the School of Continuing Education admitted in the 2019/2020 session, have no passport pictures on their profiles. The students affected are therefore advised to login to their respective accounts and upload their passport size pictures on or before 26<sup>th</sup> January, 2024. This will enable the Directorate to capture the pictures and produce their ID Cards.
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## APPRECIATION FROM FARIDA KAMBA

Hajiya Farida Kamba of the Directorate of Examinations, Admissions and Records (DEAR) wishes to express her sincere appreciation to the members of the University Community for attending the wedding fatiha and reception of her daughter, Rukayya.

Her special appreciation goes to the Vice Chancellor, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas, Deputy Vice Chancellors, Acting Registrar, Hajiya Amina Umar Abdullahi, Chairman SSANU, Comrade Mustapha Aminu, Deputy

Registrar, VCs Office, Haruna Aliyu and the executive members and congress members of SSANU.

Farida Kamba thanks Directors, Deputy Directors, Deputy Registrars, Deans, Heads of Department and units for their show of concern.

She also expresses appreciation to the members of ASUU, NAAT and NASU, who either attended, called or sent text messages congratulating her. May Allah reward all abundantly, *Amin*.





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