



Julius Berger Donates 100 Computers to BUK, Pledges More Support

The construction giant, Julius Berger PLC, has donated 100 desktop computers with tables to Bayero University as part of its corporate social responsibility to support and boost the University's I.T. infrastructure.

The company's Executive Director (Administration), Alhaji Zubairu Bai who announced the donation during a courtesy call on the Vice Chancellor, on Thursday 18th July, 2013 said Julius Berger would in future explore other avenues to assist the university. He said the assistance became necessary considering Bayero University's rising academic profile in the scheme of education in the country.



The VC (left) receiving a copy of Julius Berger book from the E.D, Admin, Alh. Zubairu Bai

Responding, the Vice Chancellor, Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, *mni*, MFR thanked the management of Julius Berger for supporting the university's I.T system. He said the computers will be installed at a new

Students e-Resources Facility close to the students' hostels to enable them have easy access.

The Vice Chancellor further explained that the computer facilities would be available for students even after the closing hours of the main library.

The Executive Director along with Sectional Heads of I.T. and Furniture of the company were taken round the proposed e-Resources facility for assessment by the Vice Chancellor and other members of the management.

The three man delegation's visit reciprocates an earlier visit, as part of efforts made by the University to partner with international organizations to solicit their support to strengthen teaching and research in the University.

Welcoming the delegation earlier, Professor Rasheed said, Bayero University has established a good reputation within and outside the country which made national and international institutions and philanthropic individuals to assist it in different ways.

"For the last 11 to 12 years, we have secured over 11mill9 ion US dollars for staff development from Mac Arthur Foundation and trained over 100 staff to PhD level in and outside this country. We used part of the money to develop IT infrastructure as well as Faculty of Agriculture, Dentistry and Nursing Programmes", he mentioned.

He said the good reputation with which the university is known came about through high

quality work, and as a testimony, the Faculty of Engineering for example, is one of the best in Nigeria by the rating of COREN and National Universities Commission, NUC.

Professor Rasheed stated that so many Universities in Europe, America, and the other parts of the world have written letters of commendation to Bayero University over the quality of its products pursuing Masters or PhDs in their Universities. He remarked that over 99 per cent of Doctorate students sent abroad through the grant came back home within the stipulated three years to bolster the university's academic strength.

The Vice Chancellor commended Julius Berger for its support and contribution towards the development of education in the country.

Members of the University management present at the occasion were: the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academics), Professor Muhammad Y. Bello; the Registrar, Sani Ibrahim Amin; the Bursar, Alhaji Buhari Musa; Director, CBR, Prof. Hafiz Abubakar; Director, General Administration, M.D Nasiru; Director, Physical Planning Unit, Arc. Sani Ali; Director, Advancement Office, Ahmad Shehu; Ag. Director, Maintenance Services Department, Engineer Bashir Dan'umma; Dean, Student Affairs, Prof. Mohammed O. Bhadmus and Barrister Abubakar Umar, the Director, Vice Chancellor's office.

BUK Muslim Forum Donates 1,300 Iftar Meals to Prison Inmates

A delegation of the Muslim Forum (MF-BUK) of Bayero University has visited the Central Prison Kano, and donated food and drink items to the prison inmates, for *iftar*

(breaking the Ramadan fast). The nine member delegation, led by Dr. Junaidu Na'aliya, Secretary of the MF-BUK Welfare Committee, was on Saturday 13th July, 2013, received at the prison gate by the Imam of the Prison (appointed from outside), Malam Nasiru Abdullahi Umar, who led them to pay a courtesy call on the Deputy Controller (DCP) in charge of the Prison, A.U. Diso.

Malam Usman M. Shu'aib, who introduced the delegation to the DCP, said although the visit was the first, it will not be the last and was aimed at making a contribution to the rehabilitation and positive change of attitude of the inmates, before their eventual integration into society after their release. In his welcome remarks, DCP Diso said globally religion is seen as a powerful force that could reform habits. He attributed the plight of most inmates to lack of education of any sort, hence a sense of right and wrong, noting that except for one final year geology undergraduate student and one *Hafiz* (memoriser of the Qur'an), almost all the other prisoners are lacking in both the Western and Islamic education, such that there is not even a diploma holder amongst them.

DCP Diso who was delighted with the visit, urged the larger Muslim Ummah to emulate the gesture of the BUK Muslim Forum. He said more organisations need to do charitable works of similar nature for the inmates, which other faith organisations have for long been doing.

At the prison Mosque equipped with a powerful public address system, where most of the inmates had gathered listening to a visiting preacher, the Prison Imam ushered in the delegation, with the announcement that

this is the first time in the last five years, when a special menu will be served for *iftar* that is not from the prison kitchen.

Addressing the attentive inmates, Dr. Junaidu Na'aliya introduced the Forum and explained that in a slight change of tact, it was decided to feed them instead of the usual crowd served *iftar* meal at the University mosque. He announced that 1,320 drink and 1,300 take-away food packs have been handed over to the authorities for the inmates' *iftar*, but urged them to see their plight as a test of their faith.

A member of the delegation, Dr. Muhammad Rabi'u Sa'ad urged the inmates to turn adversity to advantage, and to use the period of being away from the temptations in society, to reform themselves, develop their spiritual relationship with their Creator and "graduate" from prison as "saints".

On his part, Malam Usman Shu'aib conveyed the sympathy of the Muslim Forum to the inmates on their situation but urged them to use it as a stepping stone for spiritual growth. Using a parable from a *Hadith Qudsi* (saying of Allah narrated by the Prophet, peace be upon him, in a tradition) on the temptations, and embellishments on the path of "enjoyment" of life, the indulgence of which could lead to hell, and the suffering, trials and tribulations on the opposite path that could lead to paradise, he urged them to seek, Divine Help so as to endure their test with patience and good works, to each other and in acts of worship.

Dr Nafi'u Hussain, who acted as advance party for the visiting delegation, while speaking to the prisoners noted that most of them are young, who can use their time in

detention to learn from the few of them who are educated both in the spiritual and worldly branches of knowledge.

In his response, the prison Imam, Nasiru Abdullahi Umar prayed for Divine reward to the donors of the meal packs, with the hope that the happy event will repeat itself. Before leaving, the visiting delegation expressed their appreciation to the Head of the Prison administration for the warm reception accorded them and the opportunity to bring joy to the lives of their fellow human beings.

Using JAMB Number for NYSC Mobilization Not a New Policy, Says Dean Student Affairs

Contrary to reactions from various quarters that National Youth Service Corp Scheme (NYSC) has introduced a new policy of presenting JAMB registration number to make things difficult for prospective Corps members, the agency is only enforcing an existing policy.

Clarifying this issue on Wednesday 17th July, 2013, the Dean, Student Affairs, Professor Mohammed Bhadmus said he was aware of some people's reactions that some candidates may not be mobilized because of the new policy. He said all students must have passed the JAMB examination and must have been given a registration number, adding that for years NYSC has been asking Universities to come along with such numbers when presenting candidates for mobilization.

The Dean added that for the recent 2013 Batch B Mobilization, the NYSC insisted that JAMB registration numbers for prospective corps members must be presented by institutions, failure of which might lead to the cancelation of their mobilization.

Prof. Bhadmus noted that the only new issue introduced by the NYSC is the method of age verification. He explained that the scheme informed all respective institutions, that only the candidates' date of birth from the JAMB portal would be used, not the data submitted by institutions.

The Dean called on all stakeholders to stop disturbing the Student Affairs Directorate for age verification or correction, as this would be tantamount to corruption and cheating to which the University will not be a party to.

It would be recalled that about 3,373 candidates were recently mobilized from B.U.K. for the 2013 Batch B NYSC scheme.

BUK Staff School Wins Statewide Macmillan Competition

Bayero University Staff Model Primary School has once again emerged winner of the State Annual Macmillan primary school children competition for this year, with a Certificate of Distinction.



*Ahmed Muhammed Salisu and Rita Joseph Okolo
winners of the Macmillan competition*

The competition which involved 35 selected schools in Kano was aimed at providing the organizers an opportunity to assess pupils' performances in relation to their publications, which is expected to be in line with the National Curriculum on Education in Nigeria.

Tagged "Team success in excellence 2013" the competition was in three subjects; English Language, Mathematics and the Sciences.

Speaking to the *Bulletin*, Ahmed Muhammed Salisu and Rita Joseph Okolo both of them in primary six expressed happiness over their achievements as they attributed it to the extra efforts put in by their subject teachers in particular and the school administration in organizing extra lessons for them long ahead of the competition.

Mr. Peter Alabi Segun, a teacher in the school said that in last year's edition of the competition, BUK staff school candidates took the 1st and 3rd positions and the school has been participating in the competition over the last five years.

The Principal, Mallam Haruna Mohd Shanono a onetime Commissioner of Education in Kano State said the staff school has become a testing ground for most organizations in Kano and in all forms of competitions as the school also won laurels at this year's Maiden Edition of Children's Day Celebration Exhibition, organized by the National Gallery of Art.

Among the prizes won were Certificates, School bags and books for the school Library.

Volunteer Students Keep BUK FM Alive

In spite of the absence of students on the campuses, listeners of BUK FM 98.9 have continued to enjoy programmes of the station uninterrupted.

Unlike other conventional Radio stations, the FM operates with the help of students of the Department of Mass Communications who use the station for practical knowledge.

The station Manager, Mallam Muhammad Rabi'u Salisu in an interview on Wednesday said some students who are resident in Kano volunteered to run the station to keep busy while the strike lingers on.

According to Mallam Rabi'u the time of transmission has now been adjusted from 9:00am – 4:00pm and 7:00pm – 10:00pm to 9:00am – 4:00pm on Mondays to Fridays while the Saturday 7:00am – 10:00pm transmission has been suspended. The daily schedule of programmes remains unchanged.

He said, it is with a view to keeping listeners informed, entertained and educated especially during the month of Ramadan that informed the station's decision to continue its transmission using volunteer students.

Abdussamad M. Usman, one of volunteer students said coming to the studio during the strike enhances their training skills and will help them in future.

LOST & FOUND

1) A bunch of keys

2) A BUK I.D. card belonging to Ibrahim Amina Uba (AIS/10/DAH/00266).

3) A West African Senior School Examination statement of result belonging to Khalil Munir Mujahid.

4) A BUK Library student I.D. card belonging to Richard S. Tauna (SMS/12/SOC/00133).

5) A BUK I.D. card belonging to Dankadai Halima Mahmoud (EDU/09/BAE/00882).

6) A BUK I.D. card belonging to Owoloja Emmanuel (SCI/09/DIC/00841).

7) A Muslim Student's Society of Nigeria BUK branch's I.D. card belonging to Ibrahim Zayyad Baba.

8) A Khadija Chrome Furniture I.D. card belonging to Hamza Isa.

9) A wallet containing BUK I.D. card, Voter Registration card, ATM cards and a photograph belonging to Akintunde Yusuf Adetunji (SMS/11/ECO/01426).

10) A National I.D. card belonging to Bilkisu Imamudeen Bello

11) A BUK I.D. card belonging to Owoloja Emmanuel (SCI/09/DIC/00841).

12) A BUK I.D. card belonging to Halima Dankadai Mahmoud (EDU/09/BAE/00882)

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Operating Hours of University Generators @ Ramadan Period

This is to inform the University community that the Maintenance Services Department has issued new operating hours of University generators for residential quarters due to the Ramadan fast.

In a statement signed by Abdulmalik Dikko Aliyu, on behalf of the Acting Director, Engr. Bashir Dan'umma, generators would be switched on from 6:30pm to 10:30pm and 3:30am to 5:30am daily from the beginning of Ramadan fast to the end, at both the New and Old Campuses.

DO YOU KNOW:

- That BUK consumes a lot of Energy Daily?
- That Power Supply by PHCN is Poor?
- That The University Relies on its Generators for Power Supply at Staff Quarters, Administrative, Academic and Students Areas?
- That The University Spends a lot of money on Diesel and Generators' Maintenance?
- That Some Staff members Leave Offices Without Switching-off Electrical Appliances?
- That 1 Extra Hour of Air-conditioning in a Room Uses Enough Energy to Power A TV for a Year?
- ✓ To Reduce Cost and for Safety, Help the University by Putting-off all Electrical Appliances when not in use!