



N/West is the Fastest Growing University in Nigeria – VC, Prof Rasheed

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, *nni*, MFR, has described the Northwest University as the fastest growing tertiary institution in Nigeria, in view of its take off within one year of its establishment.

Speaking on Tuesday 26th February, 2013 during a courtesy call paid to him by the Principal Officers of the University, the Vice Chancellor said the new University has within one year recorded a quantum leap by admitting more than 1000 students and introducing a number of programs, such that no new University in Nigeria could match it.

He took time to heap praise on the Kano State Governor, Dr. Rabi'u Musa Kwankwaso, for establishing the University and the versatility of the Chairman of the Implementation Committee, Prof. Hafizu Abubakar, whom he described as a quintessential scholar of high standing.

Physical Verification For BUK Old Scheme Pensioners

There will be a mandatory physical verification of all Bayero University, Kano Pensioners under the Old Scheme, scheduled for Monday 11th to Wednesday 13th March, 2013, between 10am to 4pm daily at Theatre 1 Old Campus.

According to a statement by Muhammad Bello Garba, Secretary of the Pension Verification Committee (of the Board of Trustees of Pension and Gratuities Scheme BUK), all Pensioners are required to come with completed verification forms to the venue, along with 2 passport photos, I.D card and retirement letter.

He explained that the verification forms would be distributed during the Federal Universities Pensioners Association (FUPA) meeting on Sunday, March 3, 2013. Also the same forms are available at the University Pension Unit for immediate collection, he added.

Prof. Rasheed also expressed appreciation to the Prof. Abubakar-led

committee for appointing a veteran administrator, Alhaji Faruk Yanganau, as the pioneer Registrar of the University, who had served as the Registrar in B.U.K for 10 years; at University of Jos for a couple of months and at Kwara State University, Malete, for 18 months.

The Vice Chancellor of the North West University, Professor Dato Mohammad Razali Agus, said the visit was to enhance the cordial relationship between the two institutions and to explore areas of collaboration on research and staff exchange.

Prof. Dato Agus expressed unreserved appreciation to Bayero University for ensuring the successful take off of the University through providing its staff and technical support.

On his part, the Chairman, Implementation Committee, Prof. Hafiz Abubakar, singled out Prof. Rasheed as the father of Northwest University. He said he was the brain behind the suggestion into the establish a Kano City Model University, which later metamorphosed into the NWU, when the Governor, Dr. Kwankwaso, sought his advice.

Prof. Hafiz Abubakar explained that a team of professionals was selected to design a comprehensive *modus operandi* of the NWU in line with the best practices to meet the required

standard for modern teaching and research. The essence he said is to offer people the choice of quality education.

He added that in an effort to make education affordable, the Kano Governor has introduced a scholarship of Northwest University to indigent students of Kano and set criteria for identifying the prospective beneficiaries through CRC committees in all the local government in the state.

The Registrar of the NWU, Alhaji Yanganau, attributed the University's successful takeoff to the fatherly role of Prof. Rasheed and B.U.K.

He said the University would commence with four faculties to be headed by B.U.K. staff. The former B.U.K Registrar noted that the NWU would conduct its orientation for new students next month.

The Registrar of B.U.K., Alhaji Sani Ibrahim Amin, who was represented by the Director, General Administration, Malam M. D. Nasir, wished the new University well and prayed for its success.

Service Charter for B.U.K Drafted, Submitted To V.C

An integrated service charter for Bayero University that gives details of services rendered and commitment to effective and prompt service delivery,

as well as procedures that check and review performances periodically, to ensure the quality assurance of products and services, has been drafted and submitted to the Vice Chancellor.

Members of the Servicom Unit under the Chairmanship of the Registrar, Alhaji Sani Ibrahim Amin, submitted the drafted charter to the Vice Chancellor in his office on Tuesday 26th February, 2013.

While presenting the charter, the Registrar, who was represented by the Director, University Health Services, Dr. M.S. Ado, said after years of research, consultations and selfless contributions by the members, the first major step to make Servicom's impact fully felt by the community has been taken.

The chairman averred that before the charter comes into force legally, it has to go through the University Management, the National Universities Commission (NUC) and the National Office of Servicom, saying the essence is to ginger the University to perform well.

On his part, the Vice Chancellor, Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, *mni*, MFR, said Servicom was established to strengthen the University's mechanism for accountability, transparency and good governance.

He said the University has improved on its quality assurance and service delivery through same day PUTME result processing and online registration, which he said has drastically reduced the suffering of students.

Prof. Rasheed assured the members of Servicom Unit that the report would be tabled before the Principal Officers on Friday before sending it to the University Management Committee. After that, it would be given a wide publicity to all stakeholders for familiarization.

The report is an eight-chapter document that contains a brief about B.U.K., the details of services provided, a list of its customers, performance targets, customer obligations, complaints/grievances and redress mechanisms, feedback mechanisms, monitoring and publishing, as well as existing limitations. If implemented, according to a member of the committee, Dr. Mohammed Isa, it would reflect the efforts of BUK that accommodate the needs of all its stakeholders in a way and manner that would elicit appreciation.

SPECIAL REPORT

**BUK @ Indo-American
Education Summit, Hyderabad,
India 2nd - 5th February, 2013**

By Dr. Salisu Shehu, Director, ICE

The Indo-American Education Summit is a global educational conference and educational expo that usually brings universities together from all parts of the



world. In most cases, not less than 200 Indian universities and hundreds of others from different countries of the world attend. The Summit is an annual event usually organized by the Indus Foundation in collaboration with the government of Andra Pradesh State of India.

Bayero University, Kano was one of the many universities that participated in the Summit. A team of four, led by the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academics), Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello, attended and represented the University in the Summit. Other members of the team were the Dean, Faculty of Engineering, Dr. Ado Dan Isa, the Dean, Faculty of Computer Science and Information Technology, Dr. Bashir S. Galadanci and the Director, Institute of Continuing Education, Dr Salisu Shehu.

It may be recalled that this is the second time BUK is participating in this kind of summit organized by the same organization. In September last year (2012), the Director ICE and the Head, Department of Open and Distance Education, Dr. Ahmed Iliyasu did attend the Indo-Global Education Summit in the same city (Hyderabad), India.

The main objective of the Indus was to provide a forum whereby universities and higher institutions of learning all over the world would meet and share experiences, exchange ideas, discover best practices in the delivery of educational services and identify patterns and means /channels of collaboration, in an increasingly digitalized and competitive world.

The Summit involved a number of sessions and activities that included panel presentations and discussions, one-on-one meetings, educational expo and visits to Indian universities and institutions within Hyderabad.

The panel sessions comprised Research Collaboration, Joint/Dual Degree Programs, Twinning and Transfer Programs, Faculty Exchange Programs, Study Abroad Programs, Distance Education Programs, Vocational and Educational Technology Programs and other forms of collaborative partnerships.

All the four delegates from BUK participated in almost all the panels but made presentations in four different ones. The DVC (Academics) made presentation in the STUDY ABROAD IN ASIA AND AFRICA PANEL; the Dean, Faculty of Engineering, Dr. Ado Dan Isa, made a presentation to the ENGINEERING AND APPLIED SCIENCES PANEL; the Dean, Faculty of Computer Science and Information Technology, made a presentation to the INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY PANEL and the Director, Institute of Continuing Education, made a presentation to the EDUCATION TECHNOLOGY AND DISTANCE EDUCATION PANEL.

The four delegates also engaged participants from other universities from other parts of the world in the ONE-ON-ONE discussion. Through the panel presentations and indeed through the one-on-one discussions, a number of opportunities for collaboration and partnerships with some foreign universities across the continents were identified. In fact, some form of

understanding and agreements for collaboration were initiated.

After the summit, participants were taken round the city of Hyderabad for visits to a number of universities and higher institutions of learning. About seven of those institutions were visited by the BUK delegates. These were:

1. The Guru Nanak Institute of Technology, Secunderabad,
2. The G. Naranayanma Institute of Engineering and Technology (for Girls).
3. Maulana Azad National Urdu University.
4. Dr. R. Ambedkar Open University.
5. The University of Hyderabad, and
6. Progressive Engineering Institute

The Summit was quite beneficial, fruitful and eventful. What may, however, need to be noted is that of all Nigerian universities, the participation of Bayero University was very spectacular. It was the only university that sent up to four participants all of whom made very excellent presentations in four different panels. The name of Bayero University therefore became one of the most familiar names from Africa, as far as the participants of the Summit were concerned. In fact the organizers of the Summit resoundingly acknowledged BUK's remarkable impact in it.

Editor's Note:

Conference and Seminar participants are invited to write similar summary reports in future for publication.

Reappointment of H.O.D. Mechanical Engineering

Engineer Abubakar Baba Aliyu has been reappointed as the Head of Department of Mechanical Engineering for another two years with effect from February 22, 2013.

The letter of appointment signed by the Vice Chancellor, Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, mni, MFR urged the H.O.D. to give "sound academic and administrative leadership to the department" and "encourage democratic participation by your colleagues in running the affairs of the department".

Danjuma Mahmud Awards Scholarship to three Medical Students

Alhaji Danjuma Mahmud (Accountant General, Kano State) has come up with a scholarship scheme in order to alleviate the hardship faced by the children of the poor who got admission to study Medicine in Bayero University, Kano.

According to a statement by Dr. Abdu Yunusa of the Physics Department, who served in a committee of three that selected the pioneer winners, the scholarship is mainly for pre-clinical students.

The pioneer winners, who are BUK students, are:

- 1) Aliyu Muhammad Sani –
(MED/11/MBBS/00919.
- 2) Hassan Auwal –
(MED/08/MBBS/00405



3) Abdullahi Alh. Sani –
(MED/09/MBBS/00614)

Each of them collected the sum of Fifty Thousand Naira (₦50,000.00), for the session from Alhaji Danjuma, at a law key ceremony witnessed by the Sub-Dean of the Faculty of Medicine, Dr. Isyaku Yarube.

Dr. Abdu Yunusa explained that in future, a form will be made available to those that wish to apply for the scholarship.

Civil Engineering Honours its Staff

The Department of Civil Engineering has honoured its staff in appreciation of their selfless service to the development of the Department.

The event, which took place on Monday 25th February, 2013 in the Departmental Conference room, honoured eight staff, including the former H.O.D., Engr. H.A. Daura, who headed the Department several times and under whom a series of achievements was recorded.

The Department also honoured Mr. D. A. Abiola, a retired Chief Technologist, who served BUK for over three decades and Engr. A. R. Abdulwahab, a Chief Technologist and a former Laboratory Coordinator.

Earlier in his welcome address, the Chairman of the occasion, Dr. A. Y. Abdulfatah, said that the ceremony was organized to honour the respected senior staff of the department, who used their brain and energy to serve the department for decades.

Also, the Head of the Department, Engr. Dr. S. Dan'azumi, acknowledged the enormous contributions of the former H.O.D. under whose leadership the department witnessed a lot of development. He further eulogized the Chief Laboratory Coordinator for his long and dedicated service to the department and added that all the staff of the department were either his students or colleagues.

Other staff honoured by the department were: Malam Ashiru Abdulsalam, Malam Mukhtar Mu'azu, Malam Sama'ila Bunkure, Malam Umar Shehu and Malam Adamu Ibrahim.

Request for List of Courses for 2012/2013 Session

The DVC (Academics) and Chairman, Registration Coordinating Committee Professor Muhammad Y. Yahuza wishes to inform all Deans, Directors of Academic Units and HODs that arrangement for the 2012/2013 Registration Exercise have reached an advanced stage. Specifically, the registration 'engine' (software) has been finalized.

“One of the outstanding issues for completing the registration arrangements is the list of course to be taught by various departments, faculties and other academic units. You are therefore requested to provide details about the courses to be offered by your unit in the format indicated on the form earlier sent. A separate form is to be used for each of the programmes being offered.



“To ensure timely completion of the preparations for the registration exercise, completed forms should be returned to me not later than Monday, 4th March, 2013. The submission should be in both hard and soft copies. The soft copies could be submitted on compact disks (CDs), or emailed to me at mybello.maths@buk.edu.ng or at mybello2011@yahoo.com”.

Department of Physics

PhD Seminar

The Department of Physics invites the University community to a third PhD seminar, scheduled as follows:

Topic 1: *‘Study of the Electrical Properties of Copper (I) Oxide (Cu₂O) Thin films prepared by Chemical bath deposition technique for use in solar cells’.*

Presenter: M.F Hoque
(PGS/05/SCI/02204)

Chairman: Dr. T. H. Darma.

Date: 7th March, 2013

Time: 10:00am

Venue: Physics Research Laboratory.

The Vice Chancellor

Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed,
mni, MFR,

Cordially invites the entire University community and the general public to the **Tenth [10th] Professional Inaugural Lectures** set out as follows:

Lecturer: Professor M.S. Sule.

Department: Biochemistry.

Topic: *‘Enzymology and Radiation Biology in the Understanding of Biochemistry’*

Date: Sunday, March 23, 2013

Time: 10:00am prompt

Venue: Professor Musa Abdullahi Auditorium.

Department of Mathematical Sciences

PhD Seminar

The Department of Mathematical Sciences invites the University community to its PhD seminar, scheduled as follows:

Topic 1: *‘Analysis of Stochastic Reliability Indices in Some Redundant Systems Subjected to Deterioration’.*

Speaker: Ibrahim Yusuf

Chairperson: Dr. Abdul Iguda

Supervisor: Dr. B. M. Yakasai

Date: Friday 8th March, 2013

Time: 10:00am

Venue: Departmental Computer Lab.

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1- An original statement of result belonging to Yusuf Magami Abubakar.

2- A National Identity card belonging to Imamudden Bilkisu Bello.

The owners should come and claim the items.

Appreciation

Professor Isa Mukhtar of the Department of Nigerian Languages and Linguistics wishes to convey his appreciation to the entire University community for attending the wedding fatiha of his daughter, which took place on Saturday 23rd February, 2013. May Allah reward you all abundantly, amin.

New Conference Attendance Application Form

As earlier announced the Committee of Deans and Directors (CDD) has revised the Application Form for Conference Attendance. One feature of revision is the provision of sections where HODs and Deans/Directors are required to confirm that the paper to be presented at the conference has been presented at a departmental, faculty, center or institute's seminar. Provisions have also been made for mobile phone number and email address of the applicant. While some areas of confusion /ambiguity in the previous form have also been clarified, according to a statement by the DVC Academics, Prof. Y. Bello who is also the CDD Chairman.

“Attached to the bulletin is a copy of the revised form for circulation to all staff member and an electronic copy will be sent to the official (i.e. University-based) email address of each academic staff, and will also be made available on the University website”, the statement added.

“You should noted that the requirement of presenting the paper at departmental/faculty seminar only comes into effect from July, 2013. Thus, HODs and Deans/Directors are not required to fill in items 12 and 14 on the application form for now, and should endorse the form even if the paper has not been presented at a departmental/faculty seminar.

“To facilitate the processing of the applications, especially after consideration by CDD, HODs and Deans should ensure that all relevant pieces of information are provided by applicants before endorsing the form. These include, but are not limited to, evidence of acceptance of the paper, document showing registration fees, distance of the venue from Kano, cost estimate for return air ticket (where applicable), and information on previous conference attended in the last three years”, the statement concluded.