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Former Education Minister, Prof. Ruqayyatu Rufa'i Returns to BUK, Submits Resumption Letter

fter her completion of tenure as Minister of Education, Professor Ruqayyatu Ahmed Rufa'i, has returned to Bayero University and submitted a letter of resumption to work.

In a remark at the Vice Chancellor's Office on Monday 16th September, 2013, the former Minister told the Vice Chancellor and other Principal Officers in attendance that she was highly delighted with the reception given to her by the University Management and members of the Faculty of Education.



Prof. Ruqayyatu Rufa'i (right) submitting her letter of resumption to the DVC (Academics), Prof. M. Y. Bello

Prof. Ruqayyatu Rufa'i vowed to use her wealth of experience in contributing immensely to the University's growth and development. The former Minister, expressed gratitude to Allah for giving her the wisdom, courage and opportunity to serve the country for three and half years as Minister of Education. She also thanked President Goodluck Jonathan for giving her the opportunity to head one of the most complex and important ministries.

While submitting her letter of resumption from Leave of Absence to the Vice Chancellor, Professor Rufa'i, said after leaving the University for 6½ years she had now returned with enthusiasm to teach and serve.

Responding, the Vice Chancellor, Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, *mni*, MFR, who was represented by the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academics), Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello, on behalf of the University management, staff and students welcomed the Minister and said the entire community was delighted with her return.

Prof. Rasheed averred that during her spell as Minister of Education, Prof. Rufa'i demonstrated uncommon excellence and made a bold mark in the upliftment of education in Nigeria, a feat that elevated her to an enviable position in the country.

The Vice Chancellor noted that the Ministry of Education made tremendous impact towards improving the standard of University education, especially with interventions such as STEP B Project and TetFund whose impacts are being felt all over the country.

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He said the interventions in BUK have given the University great facilities and buildings, including a vast new Faculty of Education complex.

While applauding her adherence to the noble values of her society, culture and tradition throughout the ministerial assignment, Professor Rasheed said "your coming back will assist the University greatly and staff and students stand to gain a lot. Your exposure and experiences will enrich the University."

The Vice Chancellor described her as an upwardly mobile professional woman who achieved a lot through dint of hard work, determination and sheer doggedness. The Personal Assistant to the former Minister, Professor Sagir Abbas, who also submitted his letter of resumption expressed appreciation to the entire University Community for supporting them during their national assignment and promised to continue to serve the University diligently.

Professor Garba Dahuwa Azare, who led the former Minister and members of the Faculty of Education to the Vice Chancellor's Office, said Professor Ruqayyatu Rufa'i would always be remembered for her contributions, in addition to the role she played in the creation of 12 new Federal Universities in Nigeria.

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