



BUK Qur'anic Centre Established to Integrate Memorizers/Ulamas

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Vice-Chancellor of Bayero University, Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, *mini*, MFR said one of the reasons why the university established the Centre for Qur'anic Studies, apart from carrying out research and teaching in Qur'anic science is also to integrate ulamas who have excelled in Qur'anic Studies but lack certification that will integrate them into the nation's scheme of things.

This, Professor Rasheed argued would be achieved by way of introducing short courses in Qur'anic Sciences leading to the award of certificates, saying that through this initiative, 'our Qur'anic memorizers/ulamas who are well respected by the society could be integrated' because according to him 'such certification would earn them recognition and enable them get government employment and even make a stint in politics', he remarked.

Professor Rasheed was speaking at a meeting with representatives of the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) on ways of collaboration between the Agency and Bayero University, Kano on the development of Education across six states in Northern Nigeria.

He said Qur'anic memorizers/ulamas who have excelled in Qur'anic sciences abound in the country but that because they passed

through a non-formal system to acquire their education, they could not have certificates after graduation and as such were unable to get integrated into the nation's scheme of things, adding 'this is what we in Bayero University are trying to bridge.'

The Vice-Chancellor told USAID representatives that Bayero University would be willing to collaborate with the agency in three areas of Qur'anic education, Dryland Agriculture and Entrepreneurship development, adding that the university had already made a mark in Dryland agriculture because according to him already, BUK had won a world bank loan of 8million US Dollars to convert the center into a centre of excellence and conduct extensive research and teaching in Dryland Agriculture across Africa.

He said in the area of Entrepreneurship development, there was the need to make the people enterprising and self employed, saying that as for Qur'anic education USAID could come in to assist the university achieve the objective of integrating Ulamas/Qur'anic memorizers into a more formal system of education.

Earlier, Dr. Christopher Ashford, Director CHEMONICS, a Development Agency from Washington DC, USA said USAID was not happy with the low level of reading culture across the Northern part of Nigeria which he said contributed a lot towards the decline of educational fortune not only of the North but also all the country, saying that USAID was

willing to collaborate with universities in the North, including BUK to address the problem of education.

He said USAID has identified six states of Sokoto, Kaduna, Katsina, Kano, Jigawa and possibly Bauchi as states to focus attention on and assured the BUK management of the willingness of USAID to collaborate on those areas of Dryland agriculture, Entrepreneurship development and Qur'anic education the Vice Chancellor mentioned earlier.

Dr. Christopher promised to make available to the university next week briefs on the content of the meeting as discussed as well as other terms to enable the collaboration to be formalized.

Those who attended the meeting included the Deputy Vice Chancellors (Academics), Professor Yahuza Bello and (Administration), Professor Sadiq Isah Radda, the University Librarian, Professor Lukman Diso and the Bursar, Alhaji Buhari Musa.

NUSSA Games: BUK's Performance Remarkable

Bayero University teams were praised by many spectators and some officials for recording outstanding victories at the just concluded 11th Nigerian Universities Staff Sports Association (NUSSA) games held at the University of Benin from 3rd to 10th August, 2014.

Bayero University, which started its Basketball campaign, gave a stunning display by defeating Nnamdi Azikiwe University, Awka, 20-0, beating Obafemi

Awolowo University, Ile-Ile, 35-8, recording a 32-23 thumping against National Open University of Nigeria (NOUN) before its resounding 20-0 victory over University of Calabar.

The football team in its first outing made a sparkling display with a 3-1 victory over University of Ilorin, thanks to goals from Salisu Muhammad Kurna, Rabi'u Muhammad Sagir in the first half before Murtala Ibrahim's icing in the cake put the match beyond the North Central University, just five minutes to the end of the match.

The Chairman, the Sports Consultative Committee, Professor Muhammad Ibrahim Yakasai, who was delighted with the university's victories, commended both teams for their spirit, team work and the demonstration of sportsmanship throughout the 7-day fiesta.

Prof. Yakasai who spoke, shortly after the Basketball team was narrowly defeated by the National Open University of Nigeria (NOUN) in the race for the bronze medal spot, said if not for bad luck BUK teams could have won any medals.

He said the teams of football, badminton, table tennis, tennis and basketball have all shown the capability of going far in the tournament but the score lines turned against them, when it proved clearly that BUK teams were the best.

Prof. Yakasai, who is the Director of the Consultancy Services, expressed appreciation to the entire contingent who travelled to Benin City to represent Bayero University, saying all of them have

demonstrated a high sense of patriotism, love and commitment, and commended the Vice Chancellor, Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, for his concern and support to sports development.

Over 50 athletes and 10 officials represented the university during the games.

Prof. Rasheed Now Pro-Chancellor Jigawa State Varsity

Governor Sule Lamido of Jigawa State has approved the appointment of Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, mni, MFR, as the pioneer Pro-Chancellor and Chairman, Governing Council of the Jigawa State University, Kafin Hausa.

This was contained in a statement by Isma'il Dutse, the Public Relation Officer, Jigawa State Ministry of Education, Science and Technology.

According to the statement, the Commissioner for Education, Science and Technology, Prof. Haruna Wakili, also announced the appointments of Professor Ruqayyatu Ahmed Rufa'i, Alhaji Aliyu Sambo and Dr. Abdulhamid Isa Dutse as members of the council.

Poor Environmental Management Cause of 2012 Floods - Prof. Jimmy

A Professor of Climatology and the Director, Center for Applied Environmental Research, University of Missouri, Kansas City, United States of America, Professor Jimmy Jimmy has traced the cause of the 2012 floods that ravaged some parts of the country to poor environmental management.

He said climate change, which was widely believed as being the major cause of the 2012 floods, was just one aspect of the causes, saying that if the environment had been properly managed, the floods would have been averted.

Professor Jimmy was delivering a lecture on the Topic '*The National Agricultural Resilience Framework: Strategies and Opportunities for Advancing Dry land Agriculture in a Changing Climate*' organized by the Center for Dry land Agriculture of Bayero University, Kano. The lecture took place on Monday 11th August, 2014 at the Training Room of the CDA.

Professor Jimmy said to show how concerned the United States is on the issue of climate and environmental change/management and its effects on agricultural development, especially in drier areas, the Rockefeller Foundation in collaboration with The United States Agency for International Development (USAID) has made available 100 million US Dollars to develop and build National Agricultural Resilience Framework with focus on the Sahelian regions, Horn of East Africa and South East Asia.

He said the North Eastern part of Nigeria is the driest part of the country brought about by the effects of climate and environmental change, saying that studies showed that between 1951 and 1980s the region experienced drier periods with unreliable rainfall patterns. He, however said in the period between 1990s and 2000s the same areas experienced wetter seasons with plenty of rainfalls.

He said in the past, rainfall cessation could be predicted by the farmer because, according to him, the rainy season often ended in between October/November, but today and because of the 1970 drought coupled with climate and environmental changes, such prediction became untenable, as the period of rainfall cessation became not only unpredictable but also unreliable.

Professor Jimmy stated that this variability and unreliability in the weather brought about by the effects of climate and environmental changes made it imperative for the creation of an Environmental Climate Change Unit, which would be used to make reliable future predictions for agricultural development.

He also suggested for the establishment of an appropriate weather station in Kano, being a major player in agricultural production in the country.

To manage the problem of weather, Professor Jimmy said farmers should adopt a multi-cropping system as well as shift to fadama farming as insurance against inadequate and the early cessation of rainfall. He also said farmers should engage in livestock rearing and that water point and grazing routes be clearly demarcated to address the lingering farmers/nomads' feud.

On Climate Smart Strategy, Professor Jimmy said drought tolerant crops, a heat resistant variety sorghum and pest resistant crops should be cultivated, adding that extension services should not only be revived, but also invigorated to make for the transfer of

technology from research centers to the farmers more successful.

In his vote of thanks, Director of CDA, Professor Jibrin Jibrin, thanked Professor Jimmy Jimmy for accepting to come all the way from the United States to talk on the topic, saying that this showed the level of respect he had not only for the center but also for Bayero University, Kano. Prof. Jibrin also expressed appreciation to Professor E.A. Olofin who chaired the occasion.

Dr. Juwairiyya Badamasuiy Appointed HOD Private and Commercial Law

Dr. Juwairiyya Badamasuiy has been appointed as the Head of Department of Private and Commercial Law for two years with effect from 11th August, 2014.

A letter signed by the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Abubakar Rasheed *nni*, MFR, dated 6th August, 2014, advised the HOD to “give sound academic and administrative leadership to the department.”

Sports Director Eulogizes VC, Donors Over Staff Games

The Director of Sports, Professor Musa Garba Yakasai, has commended the Vice Chancellor, Professor Abubakar Rasheed, for sponsoring the University contingent to the University of Benin, Benin city, the venue of the just concluded Nigerian Universities Staff Sports Association (NUSSA) games.

The Director also expressed sincere appreciation to other individuals who have

made goodwill donation to the cause of the NUSSA games.

The Sports Director commended the former Vice Chancellor and INEC Chairman, Professor Attahiru Jega, the former Minister of Education, Professor Ruqayyatu Rufa'i, the Deputy Vice Chancellors, Academics and Administration, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello and Professor Sadiq Isa Radda, the Bursar, Alhaji Buhari Musa, the Librarian, Professor Lukman Diso, Professor Abdulrashid Garba and Professor Talatu Musa Garba.

His sincere appreciation also goes to ASUU, SSANU, NASU and NAAT, as well as some other generous individuals.

He said the Sports Directorate would continue to identify with these individuals and unions for the support to sports development.

17th Induction for Physiotherapy Graduands

The Department of Physiotherapy, Faculty of Allied Health Sciences in the College of Health Sciences invites members of the University community to the 17th induction ceremony/taking oath of Physiotherapy Practice of B. Physiotherapy graduands scheduled as follows:

Date: Thursday, 21st August, 2014

Time: 9:00am

Venue: Musa Abdullahi Auditorium

SEMINARS

The following faculties/departments invite the University Community to their departmental seminars, scheduled as follows:

Department of Economics: **Staff Seminar**
Presenter: Dr. Hassan Hassan Suleiman.
Topic: 'Oil Price Shock and Stock Market Behaviour.'

Date: Wednesday, 20th August, 2014

Time: 12-1pm

Venue: MSc/MBF Class

Faculty of Engineering: **Faculty Seminar**
Presenter: Dr. Sabo Ibrahim Birnin-Kudu
Title: 'Large Group Teaching Strategies for Enhancement of Active Learning.'

Chairman: Prof. Abdurrashid Garba

Date: Thursday, 21st August, 2014

Time: 2pm

Venue: Faculty of Engineering Conference Room

Department of Human Physiology: **MSc Defence**

Presenter: Ibrahim Suleiman (SPS/11/MHP/00012)

Topic: 'STUDY OF THE EFFECT OF ORCHIDECTOMY ON SOME HORMONES, LIPID PROFILE AND BLOOD PARAMETERS IN WISTAR RATS.'

Supervisor: Prof. M. M. El-Kashaab

External Examiner: Dr. Aliyu Muhammad

Internal Examiner: Prof. A. A. U. Dikko

Date: Tuesday, 19th August, 2014

Time: 11:00am

Venue: New Physiology Building (Old Campus) BUK.

Department of Mathematical Sciences: **Departmental Seminar Series**

Presenter: Dr. Ma'aruf S. Minjibir

Title: *'Fixed Point Theory of Multi-valued Mappings: Some Approximation Results (II).'*

Chairman: Dr. Saminu Ilyasu Bala

Date: Wednesday, 20th August, 2014

Time: 2:00pm

Venue: Seminar Room

Kungiyar Hausa Orients New Students

Kungiyar Hausa, Department of Nigerian Languages invites new students of the department to attend the forthcoming departmental orientation ceremony for the current academic session, scheduled as follows:

Date: Monday, 11th August, 2014

Time: 11:00am prompt

Venue: A04 under the Department of Nigerian Languages

MSS: Orientation Week

The Muslim Students Society (MSS) Bayero University Kano wishes to announce that it will conduct orientation programmes as follows:

Day 1: Friday, 15th August, 2014

Time: 4 – 6pm

Venue: Theatre 1 Old Campus

Day 2: Saturday, 16th August, 2014

Time: 10am – 1pm

Venue: SMS Theatre, New Campus

Day 3: Saturday, 17th August, 2014

Time: 10am – 1pm

Venue: SMS Theatre, New Campus.

Staff Model Secondary School

**Re: Entrance/Transfer Examination
2014/2015 Session**

This is to inform the University community as well as interested individual that the school Common Entrance (J.S.1) and the transfer (J.S.2 – S.S.2) examinations are scheduled as follows:

Date: Saturday, 23rd August, 2014

Time: 8:00am prompt

Venue: School Premises (BUK Staff Secondary School, Gwarzo Road)

Lost Items

- 1) A. BUK I.D. card belonging to Abubakar Jibril (EDU/12/ADE/00201).
- 2) A National I.D. card and a BUK I.D card belonging to Aina'u Nuhu (EDU/10/LIS/01027).
- 3) A brown wallet containing BUK staff I.D. card, ATM card and National I.D. card belonging to Isyaku Umar Zakari

If found please bring any or all items to the Publications and Documentation Division for onward return to their owners.

Found item

A complete credentials bearing Salisu Usman from Kabo Local Government, Kano State.

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