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BUK Justifies Our Confidence

*Director, MacArthur Foundation Commissions CDA
Office Complex*

The Country/African Director, the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation, Dr. Kole Shettima says Bayero University, Kano, has justified the confidence of the foundation by judiciously utilizing all the funds released to it for the purposes meant for them.

Dr. Shettima, who spoke shortly after a facility tour to see for himself various on-going projects in the University, said “from what I saw on ground, it is my belief that if every institution in the country can manage resources like BUK management does, our country would have today been a better place to live.”



*Dr. Kole Shettima, Country/African Director, MacArthur Foundation
Commissions CDA New Ultra Modern Office Complex*

The MacArthur Foundation Country/African Director was in Bayero University to commission the multi-million Naira Centre for Dry land Agriculture office complex.

He said one of the main reasons why BUK was experiencing colossal transformation was because the university had in the last 15 years been blessed with

committed, sincere and honest leadership which often emerged through smooth and transparent processes devoid of acrimony and rancour.

2013/2014 Academic Session Admission

This is to inform all successful candidates that their admission letters will be sent to them through their e-mail addresses, according to a statement by Fatima Binta Mohammed Director, (DEAR).

Thereafter, they should pay Three Thousand Naira (₦3,000.00) only, acceptance fees in any of the Banks within the two (2) Campuses and report to the Directorate of Examinations, Admissions and Records (DEAR) for screening and issuance of registration numbers from Monday, 3rd – 17th March, 2014. Those who do not have e-mail addresses should report to the Directorate on 5th March, 2014 for the Original copy of the admission letter.

Dr. Shettima observed that some institutions often get mired in too much “politics” especially during leadership succession bid and ended up without good governance, but said ‘in the case of BUK, its staff often relegated to the background all issues of politics and often had a smooth and rancour free succession which culminate into the emergence of committed and focused leadership,’ he noted.

He said MacArthur Foundation was not the only intervention agency that has observed the good management disposition of the university, saying that President Goodluck Jonathan had in one of their several meetings had this to say about BUK; ‘we made the best investment in BUK. We invested little and it is well utilized’, he said.

He urged the BUK management to maintain the tempo, saying that posterity would really not forget in a hurry the present management’s contribution to the transformation of the University.

Earlier, the Vice Chancellor, Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed *mni*, MFR represented by the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academics), Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello, said BUK had a long history of association with MacArthur Foundation which he said dated back to the year 2000, saying that within that period the foundation had intervened in the university to the tune of over eleven million Dollars (\$11 million).

He said the intervention funds were used for staff development with about 250 academic staff trained in various PhD. Programmes, and part of the funds spent on capital projects which are visible for all to see.

The Vice Chancellor thanked the foundation’s country/African Director for his understanding and support which he said assisted tremendously towards cementing the existing cordial relationship between the university and MacArthur Foundation.

BUK’s CDA Upgraded to Africa Centre of Excellence

Bayero University has secured a World Bank facility of 8 million US Dollars to upgrade and consolidate the existing framework of the Centre for Dry Land Agriculture into an African Centre of Excellence in Dry Land Agriculture, Vice Chancellor, Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed *mni*, MFR has announced.

The Vice Chancellor who spoke shortly after the commissioning of the multi-million Naira permanent office complex of the CDA on Monday 17th February, 2014 said the university through the CDA applied for the facility to the World Bank through the Association of African Universities and went through a rigorous screening exercises along with over 15 other universities from the West African sub-region.

Professor Rasheed who was represented by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academics), stated that the selection of BUK’s Centre for Dry Land Agriculture for upgrade into Africa Centre of Excellence was the best choice because according to him since the establishment of the centre in 2012, several linkages and Memoranda of Understanding have already been established with a number of international, regional and national institutions to facilitate strong collaborations with CDA in teaching, research and outreach towards addressing

the development challenges facing the West African dry lands.

He said the centre had recorded tremendous progress in teaching and research, saying that given its present status as expected, the Centre would strengthen Postgraduate programmes for a regional student body, offer specialized courses for industry professionals in the region and establish a regional staff body, improve their staff and attract additional top-level staff.

The Vice Chancellor said the choice of Dr. Kole Shettima, Country/Africa Director of MacArthur Foundation to commission the CDA office complex was part of the resolve of the University to underscore the huge contributions of the foundation to the university's transformation and development.

He thanked MacArthur Foundation and Dr. Shettima in particular for all the support extended to the university which he said had assisted BUK to reach where it is today among its peers and beyond.

In his address, Dr. Kole Shettima stated that Bayero University was not the only university in Nigeria which received intervention funds from the Foundation, but stated that BUK stands tall among the rest in terms of utilization as could be seen from the quality of work it is executing.

He assured the management that the foundation would continue to support and assist the university to enable it achieve greater heights and urged them to maintain the tempo.

Also speaking, the Director of the CDA, Professor Jibrin Jibrin thanked the Vice

Chancellor and the university management for the support the centre has been receiving which he said assisted towards securing the World Bank facility for the upgrading of the CDA into an Africa Centre of Excellence and other academic feats achieved by it.

After commissioning the new CDA office complex, Dr. Shettima also declared open a Training Workshop on use of Statistics and Statistical software in Agricultural Research for Development organized by the Centre.

Business Admin, Paediatrics Get New H.O.Ds

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, *nni*, MFR has approved the appointment of Dr. Abdu Ja'afaru Bambale as the substantive Head of Department of Business Administration and Entrepreneurship for two years with effect from 17th February, 2014.

The Vice Chancellor also approved the appointment of Dr. Zubaida L. Farouk as the new Head of Paediatrics Department for two years. The appointment will take effect from 18th March, 2014.

In separate letters of appointment signed by the Vice Chancellor, the new HODs were urged to give sound academic and administrative leadership to their departments.

Prof. Yusuf Adamu First African to Feature in American Geographers Website

Professor Yusuf Adamu has become the first African Geographer to appear in the

website of the Association of American Geographers (A.A.G) spotlight.

AAGs Spotlight brings to light Geographers who have distinguished themselves in other areas of endeavor different from academic Geography.

In a statement signed by the Head of Geography Department, Dr. M. A. Yusuf, the following brief was published in the spotlight profile.

Yusuf Adamu epitomizes the multidisciplinary tradition of Geography. An Associate Professor of Geography and Head of the Strategic Planning Unit of

Bayero University in Kano, Nigeria, he is also a bilingual novelist and poet who has published works in the Hausa and English Languages.

A 2011 interview with Sentinel Nigeria reveals how Adamu's training as a medical geographer influences his "poetry of place." He notes that "Geography gives me the knowledge of places, the understanding of man's relationship with his environment, and fuels my imagination."

The statement said readers were referred to http://sentinelnigeria.org/online/issue_8_november_2011_january_2012/interviewsof_geographer_and_poet_an_interview_with_yusuf_m_adamu/ for the detailed interview with the Geographer_poet

GUIDELINES FOR SPONSORSHIP OF ACADEMIC STAFF FOR TRAINING

The Governing Council at its meeting held on 12th February, 2014, has considered and approved a submission from the Vice Chancellor on the review of Guidelines for Sponsorship of Academic Staff for Training. As conveyed by the Chairman of the CDD, Prof. Muhammad Yahuza Bello, who is also the DVC (Academics), they are as follows:

1. Criteria for Sponsorship

- a) Only confirmed staff members could be awarded University sponsorship abroad (such as TETFund grant). Such staff members also qualify for study fellowship abroad.
- b) Unconfirmed staff members do not qualify for sponsorship abroad, but could be awarded study fellowship abroad provided the studies are going to be funded by external bodies, such as scholarships, specially sourced TETFund grants, sponsorship by parents, etc. (Until recently, only confirmed staff members qualified for study fellowship abroad.) The exception to the rule about non-sponsorship of unconfirmed staff members is for those in new programmes, where local postgraduate training may not be available.

2. Order of Priority for sponsorship

The following order of priority shall be followed in sponsoring qualified academic staff members for higher degree training, subject to 3, below.

- a) ***Full award of TETFund scholarship*** tenable in Nigerian universities (excluding BUK, as per TETFund guidelines).
- b) ***Split-Site (bench-work/research visit) abroad*** for PhD candidates undergoing their studies in Nigerian universities (including BUK). This would involve payment of the following for a period of up to one year: any applicable fees, cost of passages, stipend/living expenses, health insurance, etc.
- c) ***Full or partial sponsorship in reputable universities in developing countries.***

- d) **Partnership PhD studies in developed countries.** This involves pursuing PhD programme in selected universities that have signed memoranda of understanding with BUK for such purpose.
- e) **Partial sponsorship in developed countries.** To qualify for such partial support, a candidate must have evidence of support from other sources (scholarship, family, etc) covering full payment of registration fees or living expenses.
- f) **Full sponsorship for studies in developed countries.**

3. **Other Factors**

While deciding on who to support, especially in 2 (b) to (e), above, the following factors would be taken into account.

- a) **Science-based programmes:** TETFund policy for training abroad clearly states that emphasis should be given to science-based disciplines.
- b) **Programme/Departmental Needs:** The need for staff members with higher degrees within a programme/department is of paramount importance. Thus, new programmes and departments, as well as those with few PhD holders shall be given high priority.
- c) **Availability of Programme Locally:** Preference would be given to programmes that are not available locally (in BUK or in other Nigerian universities).
- d) **Number of Staff on Sponsorship/Fellowship:** Departments and programmes with many staff members on sponsorship and/or study fellowship abroad shall have low priority, especially under 1.1 (c), (d) and (e).

Staff members who have applied for sponsorship and those planning to apply for sponsorship should take note of this development. It should be further noted that there is high demand for the limited available funds. The demand, as of 10th February 2014, was for about ₦500 million, while only a fraction of that amount is available for disbursement.

In particular, applicants for sponsorship may wish to take note of the order of priority in (2) above. Lower order priority would only be considered when all higher order ones have been addressed. Thus, the chances of being sponsored for training in developed countries is very low, and an application may wait for years before being attended to.

Academic staff members pursuing PhD studies in Nigerian universities should also take note of the split-site (bench-work/research visit) opportunities. They can apply for sponsorship when they get placement/acceptance in the foreign universities.

ASUU - BUK Elects New Exco

... **Mahmud M. Lawan Re-elected Chairman**

The Congress of the Academic Staff Union of Universities, Bayero University, Kano chapter (ASUU – BUK) at its meeting held on Wednesday, 12th February, 2014 elected new executive officers to run the affairs of the union for a period of 2 - years.

A statement signed by the Secretary, Dr. Haruna Musa, said the officers elected are as follows:

- 1) Dr. Mahmoud M. Lawan, Department of Political Science - *Chairperson*
- 2) Dr. Ahmed Ali Yakasai, Department of Pure and Industrial Chemistry – *Vice Chairperson.*
- 3) Dr. Haruna Musa, Department of Pure, Industrial Chemistry – *Secretary.*

- 4) Dr. Abdullahi A. Imam, Department of Biochemistry – *Assistant Secretary*.
- 5) Dr. Ibrahim M. Barde, Department of Accounting – *Financial Secretary*.
- 6) Dr. Ibrahim Tajo, Department of Pure and Industrial Chemistry – *Treasurer*.
- 7) Dr. Muhammad Waziri Yusuf, Department of Mathematical Science – *Investment Secretary*.
- 8) Dr. Manir Kamba, Department of Library and Information Science – *Welfare Officer*.
- 9) Dr. Abba J. Badakaya, Department of Mathematical Science – *Internal Auditor*.
- Appointed by ASUU Constitution
- 10) Dr. A. B. Baffa, Department of Computer Science - *Immediate Past Chairman (IPC)*.

Department of Accounting: PhD Proposal Defence

The Department of Accounting invites members of the University community to its PhD Proposal Defence, scheduled to hold as follows:

Presenter 1: Mohammed Abba (SPS/09/PAC/00001).

Topic: *'Moderating Effect of Accountability and Transparency on the Vector of Expenditure and Internally Generated Revenue Relationship in Adamawa State Local Governments.'*

Supervisor: Prof. Aliyu Suleiman Kantudu

Reviewer: Dr. Junaidu Muhammad Kurawa

Presenter 2: Azende Terungwa (SPS/10/PAC/00004).

Topic: *'Practicability of time-Driven Activity-Based Costing and Its Impact on Customer Profitability Analysis in the Nigerian Hospitality Industry.'*

Supervisor: Prof. Aliyu Suleiman Kantudu

Reviewer: Prof. Bashir Tijjani

Presenter 3: Ormin Koholga (SPS/09/PAC/00002)

Topic: *'The Approaches of Accounting Thoughts and their application in Financial Reporting by Quoted Banks in Nigeria.'*

Supervisor: Prof. Bashir Tijjani

Reviewer: Prof. Aliyu Suleiman Kantudu

Date: Thursday, 27th February, 2014

Time: 10:00am

Venue: MTM Class

Department of Arabic: Defence Proposal

The Department of Arabic invites members of the University community to its Defence Proposal, scheduled to hold as follows:

(A) Departmental Seminar:

Presenter: Dr. Shehu Usman Ahmad

Topic: *'Al-Lugatul-Arabiyyatu wa Lugatu Hausa fil-Hakalil-Balagii Dirasatun Mukaranah.'*

Supervisor: Prof. Aliyu Suleiman Kantudu

Reviewer: Dr. Junaidu Muhammad Kurawa

Discussor: Prof. A. M. Dawood

Dr. Rabi'u Auwal Sa'ad

Date: Thursday, 27th February, 2014

Time: 10:00am

(B) M. A. Proposal Defence:

Presenter 1: Muhammad Baba (SPS/11/MAR/00021)

Topic: *'A Literary Study of Selected Art of lamentation for some Scientists in North of Yobe State.'*

Supervisor: Dr. Matabuli Shehu Kabara



Discusser: Prof. Muhammad Sani Khamisu

Presenter 2: Ibrahim Yahya
(SPS/11/MAR/00025)

Topic: *'Aspects of Exaggeration in the Elegy of Muslim Scholars in Kano during 20th Century.'*

Supervisor: Prof. Sarki Ibrahim

Discusser: Dr. Shehu Usman Kabara

Date: Thursday, 6th March, 2014

Time: 10:00am

Venue: A03

Department of Computer Science: *M.Sc Defence*

The Department of Computer Science invites members of the University community to its MSc defence, scheduled as follows:

Presenter 1: Shehu Hassan Ayagi
(SPS/08/SCI/1999)

Title: *'Determination of Bluetooth Network's performance with Wi-Fi System Interface.'*

External Examiner: Dr. Aminu Mohammed

Internal Examiner: David Airehrour

Presenter 2: Gambo Idris (SPS/08/SCI/12208)

Title: *'The Analysis of Performance of MANET Routing Protocols Using OPNET Modeler.'*

External Examiner: Dr. Aminu Mohammed

Internal Examiner: David Airehrour

Presenter 3: Sa'adatu Abubakar
(SPS/08/SCI/2233)

Title: *'Design and Implementation of LAN Personal Computer Remote Control Application.'*

External Examiner: Dr. Aminu Mohammed

Internal Examiner: Prof. M. Y. Bello

Presenter 4: Muhammad Bello Nawaila
(SPS/09/SCI/0002).

Title: *'Digital Image Watermarking.'*

External Examiner: Dr. Aminu Mohammed

Internal Examiner: Dr. A. B. Baffa

Presenter 5: Aminu Alhaji Suleiman
(SPS/08/SCI/2262)

Title: *'Expert System for Diagnosing Car Engine Faults.'*

External Examiner: Dr. Aminu Mohammed

Internal Examiner: Dr. S. I. Bala

Date: Monday, 24th February, 2014

Time: 10:00am

Venue: CIT Conference Room

Department of Political Science: *External Defence of MSc.*

The Department of Political Science invites members of the University community to the internal defense of M.Sc Dissertations by the following candidates:

M.Sc. (Political Science)

Candidate 1: Abdulrahman Adamu

(SPS/10/MPS/00012)

Title of Dissertation: *'An Assessment of the Impact of Conditional Cash Transfer on the Standard of Living of Beneficiaries in Maiduguri Metropolis.'*

Supervisor: Aliyu A. Jibia

Internal Examiner: Fatima Oyine Ibrahim

Candidate 2: Sani Suleiman

(SPS/10/MPS/00011)

Title of Dissertation: *'Hisbah as an Institution in Islamic Governance: A Case Study of Zamfara State.'*

Supervisor: Aliyu A. Jibia

Internal Examiner: Dr. A'isha Abdul-Isma'il

Chairperson: Dr. A'isha Abdul-Isma'il

DATE: Wednesday 25th February, 2014

TIME: 10:00am

VENUE: Departmental Seminar/Conference Room.



International Institute of Islamic Banking and Finance (IIIB)

The International Institute of Islamic Banking and Finance invites members of the University community to attend a seminar, scheduled as follows:

Title: *'The Legitimacy of Paying Zakkah on Salaries and Professional Incomes, (Views of Contemporary Jurists).'*

Presenter: Dr. Warshu Tijjani Rabi'u
Chairman: Dr. Ibrahim Maibushira, HOD, Islamic Studies, BUK.

Discussant: Dr. Sulaiman Abdullahi Karwai, Dean SMS Northwest University, Kano.

DATE: Thursday, 27th February, 2014

TIME: 11:00am

VENUE: Conference Room IIIBF (New Site)

Staff Voluntary Retirement in 2015

The National Pension commission (PENCOM) is organizing verification and enrolment exercise for employees in the Federal service that are due to retire between January and December, 2015.

A statement by Muhammad Bello Garba, Senior Assistant Registrar (Pension) said staff who wants to retire voluntarily in the year 2015 should give notice of the retirement to the

Registrar before 28th February, 2014 for them to be included in the exercise.

Wedding Fatiha

(1) Professor Lawan Danladi Yalwa of the Centre for Study of Nigerian Languages invites members of the University community to the Wedding fatiha of his daughter, Khadija Lawan Danladi Yalwa, scheduled to take place as follows:

Date: Sunday, 23rd February, 2014

Time: 11:00am prompt

Venue: BUK Juma'at Mosque, Old Campus

(2) Auwal Abubakar (Rogo) of the Department of Political Science cordially invites members of the University community to his wedding fatiha with Asma'u Ahmad Bello (Madakin Karaye) scheduled as follows:

Date: Sunday, 23rd February, 2014

Time: 11:00am prompt

Venue: Hotoro Juma'at Mosque

(3) Dr. Tijjani Hassan Darma of the Physics Department cordially invites members of the University community to his wedding fatiha, scheduled to take places as follows:

Date: Sunday, 23rd February, 2014

Time: 10:00am

Venue: Masallacin Darma (Kofar Gidan Mai Unguwar Darma), behind Madakin Kano House.

Do You Know

- That the Environment Needs our Care and Attention?
- That You Have to Nurture Nature in Order to Enjoy It?
- That the Pressure on the Environment is too Great?
- That We are Losing too Many Trees, Fauna and Flora?
- That the University spends a lot of Money to Maintain the Environment?
- ✓ **Plant a Tree Today and Maintain it to Maturity.**
- ✓ **Keep Your Office and Residence Neat and Tidy.**
- ✓ **Use the DUSTBIN to Dispose of all Litter.**

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