



## **Use Your Training to Impact Positively on Students - Registrar Tells Technologists**

The Registrar, Sani Ibrahim Amin *MNIM*, has charged Technologists who have undergone an in-house training organized by the Human Resource Unit to use what they learned in guiding students in practicals, in line with best practices, so that they will graduate as competent and competitive products.

Speaking at the closing ceremony of a 5-day training programme, the Registrar said the in-house training was organized in order to acquaint the technologists on how to handle laboratory equipment efficiently and learn modern way of teaching students the relevant practical skills.

He tasked the trainees to take the training as an opportunity of upgrading their knowledge and skills and urged them to also ensure that students benefit maximally from the training. "This is just the beginning. "We want to conduct such training monthly so that our staff will benefit and add more value to their services", the Registrar added.

On her part, the Deputy Registrar, in charge of Human Resource, Hajiya Halima Hayat, thanked the Registrar for approving such in-house training.

Delivering the vote of thanks, the Chairman of NAAT and one of the resource persons, Aliyu Abba Mukhtar, said NAAT has competent technical staff that are ready to render such services to the university and appreciated the way trainees conducted themselves throughout the period.

Speaking on behalf of the trainees, Malam Garba Talle, of Physics Department and Hassan Audu, of Chemistry Department both thanked the University for organizing such training for them through which they learned different techniques and skills. They vowed to make an instant impact in their places of work.

The trainees were taught different issues including basic laboratory safety techniques, good laboratory practice, safe storage of laboratory chemicals and inventory; principles, application, operations and maintenance of PH meter and distillation apparatus.

## **Faculty of Communication and Media Studies Takes-off Next Year**

The University Senate has approved the upgrade of the Department of Mass Communication into a full pledged Faculty of Communication and Media Studies, the Head of the Department, Dr. Balarabe Maikaba, has said.

Speaking at a Mock Annual General Meeting organized by students of Level 300 offering MAC Lev 3, the Techniques of Public Relations on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> November, 2014, the Head of the Department explained that the Senate approved the new development at its 322<sup>nd</sup> meeting and that the Faculty would run three departments of Journalism, Marketing Communication and Visual Studies.

Dr. Maikaba reiterated his commitment and that of staff of the department to reinvigorate and initiate new changes on media and communication studies in the department. "Our aim is not only to be center of excellence but to become a mother of journalism excellence," he stressed.

Chairman of the occasion and General Manager, Freedom Radio, Umar Said Tudunwada, who was represented by a veteran broadcaster and Vice Chairman of Kano NIPR, Alhaji Usman Usman, said public relation has a herculean task to play in bridging the information gap in Nigeria, especially at this time when insecurity is threatening the socio-economic development of the country.

Speaking on New Terrain and New Audiences, Professor Abdalla Uba Adamu, said time has now come when public relations shifted focus on new media and audiences as a result of technological advancement.

He said as a result of dynamism and functions of new media the audiences can use their influence to cause meaningful changes in the country.

The Special Guest and Public Relations Officer of Kabo Air, Alhaji Aminu Hamza, commended the students for showcasing an extra ordinary talent in organizing such AGM Meeting, which he opined could go with any company. Dr. Bashir Ali thanked all the people present for gracing the occasion.

Earlier, the course tutor, Malama Ruqayya Aliyu Yusif, said it was the third AGM in the series as part of the practical teaching of level three students offering techniques of public relations. She said the students have exhibited a high sense of commitment and they have all it takes to be employed as public relations practitioners after their graduation.

Awards were presented to Barrister Solomon Dalung for being an outspoken PR practitioner; the GM Freedom, Umar Said the Tudunwada, for excellence in broadcasting; the Kano NIPR Chairman for immense contribution to PR practices; Madina Dauda for excellence in reportage and Malam Hassan Ya'u for the compassionate coordination and counseling of students.

Almost all the lecturers in the department and many others from other departments and the Director of Security, Col A.A Mohammed (rtd), as well as a large number of students, attended Musa Abdullahi the Auditorium, the venue of the occasion.

### **BUK Establishes Centre for Islamic Civilization and Interfaith Dialogue**

The Management of Bayero University has approved the setting up of Centre for Islamic

Civilization and Inter-faith Dialogue, the Vice Chancellor, Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed *nni*, MFR, has disclosed.

Professor Rasheed while declaring open the 3<sup>rd</sup> National Qur'anic Recitation Competition on 15<sup>th</sup> November, 2014 at Musa Abdullahi Auditorium, which was organized by the Centre for Qur'anic Studies in collaboration with NUSRET Foundation, a Turkish based NGO, said the centre will partner to with the Centre for Qur'anic Studies to carry out research on issues pertaining to the Qur'an, its philosophy and the entire Muslim life.

The Vice Chancellor, represented by the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academics), Professor Hafiz Abubakar, said the centre would ensure the deepest study and research on sociological, cultural and scientific life of Muslims and the Qur'an to be able to add to what the early scholars invented in the field of Physics, Geometry, Medicine and other scientific and technological inventions.

Professor Rasheed said Bayero University was established with a sound religious foundation, setting up of the Faculty of Arts and Islamic Studies as the first faculty, and since then it has not deviate from its initial concept, hence the resolve to establish the Centre for Qur'anic Studies, as well as the newly approved Centre for Islamic Civilization and Interfaith Dialogue.

He said Bayero University would next time convene the West African Qur'anic recitation competition and subsequently host the world in the recitation competition.

The Director of the Centre for Qur'anic Studies, Professor Ibrahim Muhammad, said

the Centre would also open up to commence competition in the writing of the Holy Qur'an manuscript, so that the learned scholars could be encouraged to write the Holy Qur'an from memory.

The Secretary-General of the Jama'atul Nasril Islam, Dr Khalid A. Abubakar, said there was nothing higher than promoting the study of the Qur'an, more especially now when the internet and social media, such as Tweeter, Facebook, WhatsApp and a host of others dominate the attention of the young, saying that the teaching and learning of the Holy Qur'an take away the anger of Allah.

Dr Khalid, said "We should inculcate the culture taught by the Qur'an and its teaching if we are to maintain our identity as Muslims. We have to thank the NUSRET in the development of Islam in this part of the world; there is no effort worth than promoting the Book of Allah".

The Chief Imam of Kano and former Vice Chancellor of Bayero University, Professor Sani Zahradeen, said there were some unscrupulous people who wanted to contaminate the Holy Qur'an, but it was protected by Allah. He urged Muslims to intensify their efforts towards mastering the manuscript, saying that the presence of the reciters, judges and all the participants at the competition venue would highly be rewarded by Allah.

Professor Zahraddeen said a female Professor in Egypt had researched and found out that whoever wants to be intelligent should learn the Holy Qur'an and that whenever a child is crying a cassette or CD containing the Qur'an should be played, as

doing so, would stop it from crying and eventually go to sleep.

The former Vice Chancellor said despite the fact that the number of Muslims is not as large as the number of Christians and Buddhists, there was no book that is being read in the world more than the Holy Qur'an. He advised Muslims to read, understand and work in accordance with the teaching of the Holy Qur'an if they are to attain greatness here and in the hereafter.

Earlier on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November, 2014 the Director of the Centre for Qur'anic Studies, Bayero University, Professor Ibrahim Muhammad, extended his gratitude to the general public, coordinators and participants for making the competition possible, saying that the competition was of two types, reciting the Qur'an through *Tangheem* and *Tajweed* and reciting it through memorization (*Tahfeez*).

### **... Also to establish Centre for Human Rights and Humanitarian Law – VC**

Bayero University will soon establish a Centre for Human Rights and Humanitarian Law as part of its efforts to encourage extensive research on humanitarian law, as well as broaden the horizon of BUK law graduates.

The Vice-Chancellor, Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, *mni*, MFR dropped the hint on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> November, 2014 when he received three accreditation panels in his office on a courtesy call.

Professor Rasheed told the panelists that Bayero University was determined not only

to train the best lawyers for the country but also produce lawyers that would confidently rub shoulders with some of the best in the world.

He said with this determination at the back of their minds, "we always welcome wholeheartedly any panel of accreditation to BUK, because we believe the NUC is trying to assist us improve and in the long run produce quality graduates who will be true ambassadors of our university," he stated.

The Vice-Chancellor also told the panels that as part of the efforts to maintain standards, the BUK management deliberately avoided any increase in population in the last three years, because, according to him, "if you over populate the university and have over 200 students in a class, then teaching and learning will definitely be through rumours".

"Because not everybody in such a class will grasp what the lecturer teaches and as such before the content of the lecture goes round to those who could not listen and understand properly because of the population, it must have been distorted by those who attempt to pass it round to their colleagues," he fumed.

He said it was in an effort to address such a situation that BUK decided to work towards breaking classes into smaller units with few students in what they called, 'Small Group Concept'. With this concept, there would be no overcrowding, as lecturers would not have difficulties reaching the whole students in the classes and vice-versa.

Earlier, each of the three panel leaders, Professor Olu Adediran (Law), Professors Joel Eriba and Ihenacho Izuk John

(Education B and D) told the Vice-Chancellor that they were in the University to accredit programmes in Education, Education Technology and Law.

They said children are the potential leaders of tomorrow and that if they are not properly taught and trained then ‘the foundation of our future as a nation and people is definitely shaky.’

It was based on the aforementioned facts, coupled with the determination of the NUC to ensure that standards are upheld, that accreditation and re-accreditation constantly take place to put university management on their toes, he added.

They assured BUK of the objective of the exercise and solicited its cooperation and also thanked it for its hospitality.

### **Abuja, Katsina Win 3<sup>rd</sup> National Qur’anic Recitation Competition**

The 3<sup>rd</sup> National Qur’anic Recitation Competition conducted between Friday 14<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> November, 2014 ended in Bayero University with Malud M. Malud from Abuja emerging as the winner in *Tangheem* (reciting with a melodious voice) with 98.1 points followed by Saddiq Abubakar Hassan from Kano, who came second with 96.1 points.

The third, fourth, fifth and sixth positions were won by Habib Usman Abdallah of Plateau, Ibrahim Isa Umar of Borno, Murtala Abubakar of Zamfara and Abdussamad Obadyan of Lagos with 94.9 points, 94.8 points, 94.2 points and 91.4 points respectively.

In the 60 Chapters, *Tahfeez* (Memorization with Tajweed), Isa Abubakar Usman from Katsina state emerged first with 97.6 points; Mudassir Sallau Musa from Abuja came second with 96.2 points and Hussaini Zakariyya from Adamawa emerged third with 95.9 points.

Others are Muhammad Kabir Sani from Kebbi, who came fourth with 95.8 points, Abdurrahman Alhaji Bilal, fifth from Yobe with 94.9 points and Aliyu Adam Lamido from Taraba, who took the sixth position with 94.1 points.

Announcing the results, the Chairman Panel of Judges, Shiekh Gwani Danzarga said 26 states across the country participated in the competition, which was organized by the Centre for Qur’anic Studies, Bayero University in collaboration with the NUSRET Foundation, a Turkish based Educational and Cultural Organization.

NUSRET awarded prizes to the winners of both *Tangheem* and Memorization from the first to the sixth positions. The winner of the 1<sup>st</sup> position in *Tangheem* got ₦ 80,000, the second got ₦ 65,000, the 3<sup>rd</sup>, ₦ 50,000, the 4<sup>th</sup>, ₦ 35,000, 5<sup>th</sup>, ₦ 30,000 and the winner of the sixth position got ₦ 25,000.

Also, the winner of the position 6<sup>th</sup> in memorization got ₦ 30,000, the 5<sup>th</sup>, ₦ 35,000, the 4<sup>th</sup>, ₦ 40,000, 3<sup>rd</sup>, ₦ 60,000, the 2<sup>nd</sup>, ₦ 80,000 and the first ₦ 100,000.

Sheikh Isyaka Rabiou extended the prizes to the winners of both *Tangheem* and Memorization from the 1<sup>st</sup> to the 3<sup>rd</sup> positions. The person who emerged 1<sup>st</sup> in *Tangheem* got ₦ 250,000, the second,

₦ 150,000 and the third ₦ 100,000. In the Memorization category, the person who emerged 1<sup>st</sup> got ₦ 250,000, the 2<sup>nd</sup>, ₦ 150,000 and the third got ₦ 100,000.

Similarly, the Center for Qur'anic Studies gave three winners of both *Tangheem* and Memorization prizes. In *Tangheem*, the person who came 1<sup>st</sup> got ₦ 70,000, the second ₦ 50,000 and the 3<sup>rd</sup> ₦ 30,000.

In memorization also, the person who emerged 1<sup>st</sup> got ₦ 70,000, the second ₦ 50,000 and the 3<sup>rd</sup> got ₦ 30,000. Also, a businessman in Kano, Alhaji Sani Saleh, donated 10 yards of shadda (brocade) to each of the winners in all the categories.

### **CDA holds 1<sup>st</sup> International Confab on Drylands**

Arrangements have reached an advanced stage for the hosting of the 1<sup>st</sup> International Conference on Drylands by the Centre for Dryland Agriculture, Bayero University, Kano, according to the Chairman, Local Organizing Committee, Professor A.I.Tanko.

He said the conference is scheduled to take place from 8<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> December, 2014.

The theme of the conference, according to the LOC Chairman, is: "*Climate Change and Food Security in the African Drylands*".

Professor Tanko, who is also the Dean, Faculty of Earths and Environmental Science, said a renowned Professor of Climatology from the University of Missouri, Kansas, the United States of America, Professor Jimmy Adegoke, would lead other international and national scholars to be part of the conference.

The Centre, for Dryland Agriculture (CDA) is one of the academic Centres and Institutes in Bayero University, Kano, Nigeria.

The Centre it could be recalled was established in 2012 with the aim of building human resource capacity and generating sustainable agricultural technologies that would increase the productivity of crops and livestock in the semi-arid and dry sub-humid environments of the West and Central African Sub-region.

In January 2014, the Centre won the World Bank and Association of African Universities grant of 8 million US Dollars to become an African Centre of Excellence in Dryland Agriculture.

### **Prof. Abubakar Adamu Rasheed is Pioneer Pro-Chancellor, Jigawa State University**

The pioneer Pro-Chancellor and Chairman of the Governing Council of Jigawa State University (JSU), Kafin Hausa, Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, *mni*, **MFR** has pledged to be "bold, courageous, innovative and responsive" in providing leadership that will stimulate rapid growth and make JSU competitive and attractive.

He further pledged "to build a University guided by global best practices with scholars that are driven by the thirst to create, re-create and disseminate knowledge".

Delivering his acceptance speech on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2014, at the inauguration of the Council at Government House, Dutse, the Pro-Chancellor who is also the Vice Chancellor of Bayero University, Kano, said

he accepted to serve “with every sense of responsibility, commitment and conviction.”

While saluting the foresight of the founder, Governor Sule Lamido, Prof. Rasheed promised to uphold the distinction between governance and management, saying “we will set the policies. We will define the directions and we will support the management as it implements those policies and decisions of the Governing Council.” He also said the Council will promote discipline, transparency, accountability and will reward hard work.

Earlier in his inaugural address, the Visitor to the University, Governor Sule Lamido, drew the attention of the Council to the model relationship between a University and its community, quoting Waziri Junaidu of Sokoto’s 1971 ABU convocation address on the University of Sankore in Timbuktu: *“The University of Sankore and the community which supported its scholars and students, were tied very closely to each other. To the authorities, the University supplied generations of administrators, judges and other functionaries of the state. To the wider community, it supplied teachers, men of religion, jurists and a class of merchants, notaries and clerks. But the relationship was more than a crudely functional one. The University was the symbol of the spirit of the community, the guardian of its morals and the formulator of its hopes and aspirations.”*

The visitor therefore charged them, “if JSU academics should add to the pool of universal wisdom and skills...they should also avail such wisdom and skills to their communities, society and nation”.

Earlier, the Chairman of the JSU Implementation Committee and

Commissioner of Education, Science and Technology, Prof. Haruna Wakili, said, at the take-off JSU would have three faculties made up of nine departments and 15 programmes and the School of Preliminary and General Studies, while at maturity after 20 years, it would have 20 faculties, 59 departments, 263 undergraduate and postgraduate programmes and two schools.

The Vice Chancellor, Prof. Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, *nni*, **MFR**; the former DVC (Academics), Prof. Muhammad Yahuza Bello and the DVC (Academics), Prof. Hafiz Abubakar, all served in the Technical Committee and later in the Implementation Committee of the Jigawa State University.

### VEHICLE LOAN COMMITTEE

This is to draw the attention of the University Community that the Vehicle Loan Committee at its last meeting, had unanimously agreed and resolved that the committee would no longer entertain any personal request from staff members.

A statement signed by the Secretary, Vehicle Loan Committee, Hajiya Anisatu Uwais Muhammad stated that the committee had decided to adapt the ‘first come first serve’ method in the allocation of the loan for justice and fairness. Staff members who applied are therefore advised to exercise patience and wait for their turn.

#### Appreciation

The Deputy Dean, Faculty of Social and Management Sciences (SMS) Dr. Nu’uman Habibu extends his sincere appreciation to members of the University Community for attending the wedding fatiha on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> November, 2014 of his daughter,

Ghazali Habib and her groom, Malam Munir. Both families also appreciate the prayers of those unable to attend. He prayed Allah to reward the latter and the former, amin.

### Part-Time Degree Programmes Form On Sale

The Institute of Continuing Education (ICE) informs the University Community and the general public that application forms for part-time degree programmes are on sale at any branch of banks on Bayero University Campuses (Old and New Site) From Monday 17<sup>th</sup> November, 2014 to Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2014.

Applicants are to print an-Invoice and pay a non-refundable fee of 10,500. Candidates must be from 25 years old to above.

### SEMINARS

The following faculties/departments invite members of the University community to their seminars as follows:

#### Faculty of Social and Management Sciences (FSMS)

##### Faculty Seminar Series

**First Presenter:** Maude Rabi'u Gwadabe

**Title:** 'Satire in Political Journalism: An Analysis of Selected Radio Programs in Kano Nigeria

**Second Presenter:** Dr. Muhammad Hamisu Sani

**Title:** Theory and Research in Media Effects: A Synthesis of Literature

**Date:** Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> November, 2014

**Time:** 10:30am Prompt

**Venue:** Faculty conference Room (FSMS)

##### Department of Geography

**Presenter:** Abdullahi Umar  
(SPS/11/PGE/00010)

**Date:** 28<sup>th</sup> November, 2014

**Time:** 10:00am Prompt

**Venue:** A43 Geography Department

#### Biological Science: Departmental Seminar Series

The Committee for Departmental Seminar Series invites all Academic /Technical Staff of the

department who wishes to present his/her papers to follow the following guidelines:

- i. Paper should be submitted a week prior to the day of presentation.
- ii. At least ten (10) copies of the paper should be submitted.
- iii. Only PowerPoint presentation will be accepted;
- iv. Paper for presentation can be: research articles, review article, technical report, updated knowledge acquired during workshop/refresher courses etc.

*You can submit paper for seminar to the following:*

1. Dr. Tijjani Sabi'u Imam (Chairman, Departmental Seminar Committee) or to
2. Mal. Auwalu Hassan Audi (Secretary, Departmental Seminar Committee).

**NB:** Seminars are to be held quarterly (i.e. every Three (3) months)

Sociology Dept: M.Sc Internal Defence

**Presenter:** Misbahu Ibrahim Zamfara (SPS/10/MSO/00008)

**Topic:** 'Factors Responsible for the Continued Existence of the Almajiri System of Education in Gombe Local Government Area of Gombe State.'

**Internal Examiner:** Dr. Mohammed Aminu Fagge

**Supervisor:** Dr. Mohammed Awaisu Haruna

**Date:** Monday, 27<sup>th</sup> November, 2014

**Time:** 10:00am

**Venue:** Departmental Board Room

#### Physics Dept: PhD Proposal

**Presenter:** Mansur Sa'id (SPS/12/PPY/00005)

**Topic:** Simulation of the Molecular Dynamics of Icosahedvite Clusters using FHI-AIMS

**Chairman:** Dr. Tijjani H. Darma

**Date:** Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> November, 2014

**Time:** 10:00am Prompt

**Venue:** Physics Research Laboratory