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### **Monetary Value Never a Yardstick for Self Contentment - Dr. Iguda**

A lecturer in the Department of Mass Communication, Bayero University, Dr. Sanusi Iguda, has said that the accumulation of wealth should not be regarded as the yardstick for self satisfaction, rather how one is contented with the little he/she possesses.

Dr. Iguda stated this while delivering a paper entitled "International Poverty Indices, Media and Psyche of Common Man: Trends and Implications," during a monthly seminar organized by the International Institute of Islamic Thought (IIIT) on Sunday, 19<sup>th</sup> April, 2015 at the Conference room of the Faculty of Law, Bayero University.

He said the majority of people have deviated from the actual indices by which they are to measure self contentment, saying monetary worth only forms a portion to self contentment, while other important indices are there, including being healthy, intelligent, physically fit and the rest of them.

He said the creative purpose of human beings is to worship God, be grateful to Him at all the times and submit to His Will and predestination, saying however people from Africa and Asia have forgotten the fact that they constitute the majority of Muslims but for the fact that they are living below poverty line, which made them to inadvertently overlook the favors done to them by God.

Dr. Iguda stated that scholars and Muslim economists, sociologists, psychologists and media practitioners should explain to the people that one could be contented and prosperous if his psyche reflects on the non monetary indices, pointing that another person could be rich but less prosperous or even depressed to the extent of attempting to commit suicide, if his worldview only reflects on trivial or material and monetary values excluding the spiritual dimension of life.

He cited a saying from the Holy Prophet (PBUH) that 'who ever wakes up physically sound, possessing a meal for that day and being peaceful among his kinship, is just like the one who possesses the whole world with its ornaments'.

While conceptualizing the theoretical framework, he said field researches and findings on poverty in the third world are still valid, and the injustices relayed by the authorities in diverting public funds to less critical issues is invariably widening the scope of poverty among people.

He cited instances from the World Development Report of 1994 which indicates that one billion people in the developing countries still lack clean water, adequate sanitation and ample nutrition, saying that preventable infectious diseases accounted for an estimated one third of all death in the world, that is 16.4 million out of 51 million, citing Maidugu: (2005) who said more than 99 percent of the death from infectious diseases occurred in developing countries.

Dr. Iguda said that because of lack of contentment, suicide rate is higher in the world richest countries, saying the World Health Organization has estimated that in every 40 seconds someone commits suicide and that over one million people take their own lives per year, adding that the number of those who commit suicide is expected to exceeds one and a half million people within the next few years.

Dr. Iguda used Media Determinism and Media Hegemony theories to back his contention, the former stipulates that media affect people's habit of perception and thinking while the later states that the idea of the ruling class in society becomes the ruling idea for the fact that the mass media are seen as controlled by the dominant class in the society.

## **Jamil Salim to Oversee Directorate of Establishment Matters**

The newly appointed Registrar of the North West University, Kano, Malam Muhammad Sani Aminu said he would forever remain grateful to the management of Bayero University, Kano for the opportunity given him to serve as a Director in the institution.

Malam Aminu who was the Director of the Directorate of Establishment Matters of BUK before his recent appointment as Registrar of North West University, Kano was speaking at the handing over ceremony of the activities of the Directorate on Thursday April 16<sup>th</sup> 2015 at the Staff Training Conference Room.

He said the position of Director he held for the past three years had gone a long way to mould and prepare him 'for the higher position of responsibility at the North West University' assuring that he would bring to bear the experiences and lessons learnt from BUK by being a good and worthy ambassador of the university.

The new Registrar stated that all the successes he achieved while serving as Director of the Directorate of Establishment Matters were as a result of the support and cooperation he got from his colleagues and urged them to extend similar support to his successor.

He said all the decisions and actions he took or implemented either for or against any staff while in office was done within the ambit of the laws governing the university and with the best of intentions and should be taken as such, adding however 'if in the course of carrying out my duties I have consciously or unconsciously offended or trampled on the right of any staff, I appeal for forgiveness. As for me, I have forgiven all,' he remarked.

Malam Muhammad Sani Aminu said he was directed to hand over the affairs of the Directorate to Malam Jamil Salim, a Deputy Registrar, saying that he has the confidence that Malam Jamil is equal to the task and competent of piloting the affairs of the Directorate and urged the staff to support and cooperate with him.

Responding, Malam Jamil Salim congratulated the new Registrar over his well deserved appointment, praying to Allah to guide, protect and give him the wisdom to enable him excel in his new place of assignment

He said as an experienced administrator, he would not hesitate to come to him for advice on any administrative issues that are unclear to him and urged the staff of the directorate to extend similar cooperation they gave to the outgoing Director to him to enable him successfully pilot the affairs of the directorate.

In a vote of thanks on behalf of staff of the Directorate, Malam Jibrin Muhammad thanked the outgoing Director and said his new appointment as Registrar was a reward for hard work, honesty and the fear of Allah he displayed while he held sway as Director in the University and wished him Allah's guidance in all his undertakings.

## **Why We Choose BUK for Collaboration -FUG Vice-Chancellor**

Vice-Chancellor of Federal University Gashua, Professor Shehu Abdul Rahman said one of the reasons why they chose Bayero University, Kano for collaboration was because of the honest and sincere leadership disposition of the management which culminated into massive academic improvement and infrastructural development.

Professor Abdul Rahman who spoke during a courtesy call on the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, *mi*, MFR on Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> April, 2015 stated that a visitor to the BUK for the first time would be so overwhelmed not only by the quantum of infrastructure being put in place but also for the improvement, expansion and introduction of new academic programmes.

He said he was not the least surprised by the NUC's grading of BUK as one the best university in the country, adding 'that is why as a new universities desirous of achieving excellent academic success, we have decided to come to BUK to seek for collaboration in order to learn how to give the best of training to our future products.'

The Vice-Chancellor said he saw a lot of opportunities waiting to be exploited in BUK, saying that ‘with the fatherly support of the Professor Rasheed led management we shall by the grace of Allah tap from the milk of your experience to enable us stand firmly on our feet.’

Professor Abdul Rahman said the Federal University, Gashua, Yobe State would begin its academic activities this session with only two faculties, that of Sciences and Arts, Management and Social Sciences which was why he said the university urgently required collaboration with BUK in the area of academic staff to enable them start on a sound footing.

He expressed gratitude to Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed for the warm reception accorded him and his team, assuring that BUK would find Federal University, Gashua a sincere and committed collaborator in all aspects.

Responding, Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed assured his guests of the readiness of BUK to assist any university particularly those recently established like Federal University Gashua that showed extraordinary commitment and the zeal to succeed even before take-off.

He took the visitors down memory lane and told them how BUK started in 1964 as a University College and metamorphosed into what it was today through share hard work and commitment of its first generation leadership.

‘I am happy with the steps you have taken, by coming here (BUK) to seek collaboration even before you begin proper academic activities, this is highly commendable and we shall give you all the assistance, support and cooperation you will need,’ he assured.

### **No Varsity Will be Allowed to Produce Half-baked Engineer - COREN Assures**

The Council for the Regulation of Engineering in Nigeria (COREN) says no higher institutions of learning in the country can run any degree programmes in Engineering without the express approval of the Council.

Engineer Dr. Babagana Mohammed who led a team of COREN Accreditation panel to Bayero University, Kano on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April, 2015 told the Vice-Chancellor that COREN would not hesitate to use the big stick on any higher institutions that either deliberately or otherwise decided to commence any degree programmes in Engineering without COREN approval.

He said COREN’s mandate of accrediting and re-accrediting Engineering programmes in higher institutions of learning in the country was not a license given to it to witch hunt or destroy the aspirations of any citadel of learning but rather is a measure aimed at ensuring the sustenance of high academic standard and quality assurance with a view to producing competent engineers that would compete favorably internationally.

Engineer Babagana said the council about four years ago accredited Postgraduate Degree programmes in Electrical, Civil, Agricultural and Machatronics Engineering in BUK, saying that ‘today we are back as part of our mandate to re-visit institutions that got our accreditation to see the level of compliance and if we are satisfied, we can then grant re-accreditation.’

He said the main concern of COREN was to ensure the training and production of qualified and competent engineers that would culminate into achieving the aspirations of the country of producing the best engineers that would rub shoulders with their contemporaries anywhere in the world.

The team leader solicited for cooperation and support from the management of BUK to enable them carry out a thorough job.

He congratulated the Vice-Chancellor over what he called an unprecedented infrastructural development in BUK and urged the management to keep it up.

Responding, the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, *mni*, MFR thanked COREN for doing everything humanly possible to ensure that Universities offering engineering programmes in the country are compelled to run their programmes in accordance with COREN standards.

The Vice-Chancellor who was represented by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Administration), Professor Sadiq Isah Radda said BUK never started any new programme until all facilities are in place as well as obtained approval from NUC and other relevant professional bodies saddled with the responsibility of issuing approval.

Also speaking the former DVC Academics now Chairman BUK Projects Monitoring and Evaluation, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello, told the COREN team that BUK placed high priority on its engineering programmes, saying that about 150 million Naira has been earmarked for the provision of facilities for its Department of Mechatronics.

He also said at the moment about 40 students are currently pursuing their Postgraduate degree programmes in engineering both locally and internationally all in an effort to strengthen the running of 'our engineering programmes.'

### **BUK Plans Conference on Western Education, Zakkat, Marriage and Divorce**

Bayero University is set to constitute three committees to develop concept notes leading to the hosting of an international conference, on the issues of Western Education, Marriage and Divorce as well as the Institution of Zakkat, the Vice Chancellor, Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, has disclosed.

Professor Rasheed while receiving Lisa Freeman of the office of Transition Initiatives, an arm of USAID; General Manager of Freedom Radio, Umar Sa'idu Tudun-wada, and their team members in his office on Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup> April, 2015, who were in the university to seek collaboration on a Kanuri Radio Program 'Dandal Kura', meaning 'Insurgency Discussion Forum', said Bayero University is doing a lot in the area of empowerment and security of citizens.

The Vice Chancellor said last month the Emir of Kano requested the Imams to discuss issues pertaining to insurgency. The Emir, he said, had promised to sponsor some world prominent scholars to participate in the conference.

He said on the issue of the western education, the university will invite USAID to participate and possibly provide support within its budgetary allocations in hosting the conference, adding that last year the Australian Embassy had supported the university on hosting Imams of Friday Mosques at the Centre for Qur'anic Studies for an international conference.

Professor Rasheed commended Freedom Radio for collaborating with USAID on the Kanuri programme, which discusses insurgency and other burning issues that assist victims, more especially in Maiduguri.

The Vice Chancellor said the Department of Mass Communications is undergoing a serious upgrade to a Faculty, including being equipped to meet up with the challenges of the times.

The Vice Chancellor said the world is moving towards technology and IT, Communication as well as Media will continue to be relevant in the scheme of things. He added that very soon staff will be sponsored for short trainings for them to improve on their skills.

Earlier, Lisa Freeman, team leader from the office of Transition Initiative told the Vice Chancellor that they were in the university to look for collaboration which they were jointly pursuing with the Freedom Radio on 'Dandal Kura' programme.

She expressed concern that insurgent attacks have affected Northern Nigeria, as well as Southern Niger Republic, Chad and parts of Cameroun, the areas having similar culture and tradition.

Lisa Freeman lamented what was happening in South Africa, where foreigners are being attacked including Nigerians, saying that radio can bring about peace and stability in the areas where there are instability and insurgency.

### **BUK Reviews Conference Attendance Sponsorship Guidelines**

The Vice Chancellor has approved the recommendation by the Committee of Deans and Directors to review the existing sponsorship

guidelines for conference attendance outside Nigeria. This is in view of the dwindling resources of the University in relation to the increasing number of applicants and the need for staff to make sacrifices where necessary to support their attendance.

According to a statement from the Directorate of Establishment Matters signed by a Senior Assistant Registrar, Haruna Aliyu, the following are the approved guidelines for sponsorship to conferences abroad.

- i. Henceforth the University funding for conference attendance would not cover the payment of visa processing fees.
- ii. The conference registration fees to remain a maximum of \$400.
- iii. Only the cost of most direct route economy class return ticket would be approved.
- iv. Duty tour allowances would be for three to five days, depending on actual need.
- v. If the total in ii-iv above is more than ₦500,000, University would pay only ₦500,000 and the staff is to top up the difference.
- vi. If a staff fails to attend as approved conference for whatever reasons, the funds approved would not be transferable to another conference and must be returned to the University. The staff to apply again at another opportunity.
- vii. The implementation is with immediate effect.

Meanwhile, it should be noted that any submissions for the attending of CDD should be forwarded to the Secretariat not later than a week to the date of the scheduled CDD meeting.

### **Dr. Ibrahim Khaleel Abdussalam Re-appointed HOD History**

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, *mni*, MFR has approved the reappointment of Dr. Ibrahim Khaleel Abdussalam as the Head of Department of History for another two years with effect from 29<sup>th</sup> January, 2015.

A letter of appointment signed by the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Abubakar Adamu Rasheed *mni*, MFR, dated 7<sup>th</sup> April, 2015 advised the HOD to “encourage democratic participation” by his

colleagues “in running the affairs of the department.”

### **IIBF Holds 2<sup>nd</sup> International Confab April 28**

The Second International Conference of the International Institute of Islamic Banking and Finance comes up between 28<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> of April, 2015. The theme of the Conference is Islamic Banking and Finance: the Nexus with the Real Economy, while the objective is an assessment of the nexus between Islamic banking and finance and the real economy.

A statement signed by Dr. Nasir A. Ahmad, Deputy Director Research and Publication, IIBF said the papers will be presented by scholars in Islamic Banking and Finance on the relationships between the Islamic Finance with Micro Enterprises, Agriculture, Projects Development, Real Estate development, Manufacturing and Trades.

Also three (3) commissioned papers will be presented by scholars and experts from the Islamic Training Institute (IRTI), Jedda, Lotus Capital and NAICOM.

The opening ceremony of the conference which is slated for 28<sup>th</sup> April, 2015 at CIT Conference Hall will be chaired by Dr. Umaru Abdulmutalab, CON while dignitaries around the country are expected to grace the occasion.

The conference is expected to draw 200 participants from Nigeria, Malaysia, Cameroon, Sudan, Pakistan and Saudi Arabia.

### **NABDA Relocates Kano Centre to BUK**

The National Biotechnology Development Agency (NABDA) has relocated its Kano Centre Office to Bayero University New Campus to further deliver on its mandate and explore collaborative opportunities.

According to a statement signed by the State Coordinator, Kabir Mamman Yusuf, it has the capacity to engage in fish production and processing, commercial fingerlings production,

maggot production technology, indigenous fish feed technology, bio-fertilizer production, animal fattening technique and small ruminant breeding.

It said NABDA is an agency under the Federal Ministry of Science and Technology whose mandate includes development, coordination and promotion of biotechnology at the same time the institutional framework for implementation of the National Biotechnology Policy (NBP).

The BUK NABDA centre is temporarily relocated at the Old Faculty of Agriculture building.

### **Staff School: Quiz Competition**

This is to inform members of the University community that Staff Model Primary School organizes a quiz competition between the pupils of Old and that of New Campuses tagged "Mathematics Day," scheduled as follows:

**Date:** 7<sup>th</sup> May, 2015

**Time:** 10:00am

**Venue:** Staff Common Room (Old Site)

**Chief Host:** Principal, Alhaji Haruna Shanono

### **Invitation to the 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Aminu Kano Memorial Lecture:**

Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> April, 2015 marks thirty-two years since the demise of our dear compatriot, legend and political leader, Malam Aminu Kano. The Aminu Kano Center for Democratic Research and Training, Mambayya House wishes to invite members of the University community and the general public to a one-day Annual Memorial lecture in honour of the late Malam Aminu Kano scheduled to hold as follows:

**Guest Speaker 1:** Wantaregh Chief Paul Unongo

**Topic:** Political Education for Democratic Development: The Need for Redefining Politics in Nigeria.

**Guest Speaker 2:** Dr. Mukhtar Mohammed Kura

**Topic:** Malam Aminu Kano: Reflections on the Life and Struggles of a Revolutionary Politician.

**Date:** Saturday, 25<sup>th</sup> April, 2015

**Time:** 3:00pm

**Venue:** Sa'adu Zungur Auditorium, Mambayya House, Kano.

## **SEMINARS**

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

### **Department of Adult Education & Community Services Staff/Postgraduate Seminar**

**Student 1:** Auwalu Halilu

**Topic:** The Relevance of Ajami Scripts in the Development of Literacy in Kano State, Nigeria

**Student 2:** Adamu Usman Gama

**Topic:** Central Bank of Nigeria Financial Literacy Campaign: Issues, Prospects and Implications for Adult and Non Formal Education.

**Student 3:** Garba Muhammad Bakori

**Topic:** Emerging Issues on IQTE in Nigeria: Lessons for Reforms in Adult and Non Formal Education.

**Student 4:** Nura Haladu

**Topic:** A Reflection on Community Health Education as a Tool for Sustainable Community Development.

**Student 5:** Muhammad Shehu Hussaini

**Topic:** Challenges of Women Access to Health Care Services: Implication for Community Development.

**Student 6:** Sadiq Abubakar Illela

**Topic:** Reforms in IQE and Transformation Among Tutors and Learners in Almajiri Learning Centres

**Date:** 30<sup>th</sup> April, 2015

**Time:** 10:00am prompt.

**Venue:** Education Technology Centre

### **Department of Geography: PhD Seminar**

The Department of Geography invites the University community to its PhD seminar scheduled on Thursday, 30<sup>th</sup> April, 2015.

**Presenter:** Muhammad Alhaji (SPS/09/PGE/00001)

**Topic:** Assessment of Air Heat Stress Conditions and its Potential Health Implications in Kano Metropolis Zones.

**Supervisor:** Dr. LF Buba

## VC Staff Unions' Tournament: NASU Dumps ASUU to 4<sup>th</sup> Place

The Non-Academic Staff Union of Universities (NASU) on Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> April, 2015 defeated Academic Staff Union of Universities (ASUU) by a resounding 4 – 0 in football category, thanks to two goals from Murtala Ibrahim of Information and Publications and one goal each from Murtala Garba of Student Affairs and Sulaiman Garba of A.P.U.

NASU now leads the table with 7 points.

SSANU with 4 points is to play NAAT with 3 points in the final match expected to play on Wednesday, 29<sup>th</sup> April, 2015.

In Basketball, SSANU team continued its sparkling form by beating NASU 31 – 23.

SSANU is to play ASUU next Wednesday.

In table-tennis, NASU defeated SSANU in round-robin matches.

This is how the football table stands

Team	P	W	D	L	GL	GA	GF	PTS
NASU	3	2	1	0	6	0	+6	7
SSANU	2	1	1	0	2	1	+1	4
NAAT	2	1	0	1	3	3	0	3
ASUU	3	0	0	3	2	9	-7	0

### Wedding Fatiha

(1) The family of Alh. Balarabe Sani Gambo cordially invites members of the University community to the wedding fatiha of their children: Rabi'ah Balarabe Sani, Salisu Sulaiman Saleh, Umaimah Balarabe Sani and Muhammad Kabeer Adamu, scheduled to take place as follows:

**Date:** 2<sup>nd</sup> May, 2015

**Time:** 1:00pm

**Venue:** Masallacin Sabilil Falah Islamiyya, Badegg.

(2) Professor Muhammad Y. Bello (former Deputy Vice Chancellor, Academics, BUK) invites members of the University community to the wedding fatiha of his son, Faruk Yahuza Bello and his bride Zainab Haruna Dahuwa, scheduled to take place as follows:

**Date:** Saturday, 25<sup>th</sup> April, 2015 (6<sup>th</sup> Rajab, 1436 AH)

**Time:** 12:00pm

**Venue:** Central Mosque, Azare, Bauchi State

### Appreciation From Prof. Murtala Sagagi

Professor Murtala Sabo Sagagi, the Dean, Business School, on behalf of the members of his family wishes to express his sincere appreciation to the members of the University community over the condolence visit paid to the family over the death of their father.

Alhaji Sabo Sagagi died on Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> March, 2015 after a protracted illness and Prof. Sagagi particularly expressed appreciation to the Vice Chancellor, Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, the Registrar, Sani Amin Ibrahim, the Bursar, Buhari Musa, the Deputy Vice Chancellors, Academics and Admin, Professor Sagir Abbas and Sadiq Isah Radda.

His appreciation also goes to the Deans, Directors, Heads of Department, ASUU, SSANU and all staff who either consoled the family, called or prayed for the repose of the soul of their late father.

May Allah reward all amin.

### Appreciation From Danladi Muhd Rabi'u

Danladi Muhammad Rabi'u of the Agricultural Engineering Department wishes to extend his sincere appreciation to the multitude of well wishers within and outside the University community especially HOD of Agricultural Engineering and staff of the department for attending his wedding fatiha which took place on Sunday, 19<sup>th</sup> April, 2015 at Babban Dandali, Kaleh, Jahun Local Government Jigawa State.

### Lost Items

- 1) A BUK identity card and Kano State Polytechnic staff I.D. card belonging to Abubakar Tijjani Ibrahim (SPS/13/MMC/00032).
- 2) A BUK staff identity card and student I.D. card belonging to Abubakar Tijjani.

If found, please bring the items to the Publications and Documentation Division (Bulletin Office) for onward return to the owners.

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