



## **SPECIAL EDITION**

### **Prof. Muhammad Yahuza Bello Emerges 10th VC of BUK**

The 12<sup>th</sup> Governing Council has announced Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello as the 10<sup>th</sup> Vice-Chancellor of Bayero University, Kano. In an unprecedented, brief, formal but emotional ceremony at the Council Chamber, the Pro-Chancellor and Chairman of the Council, Mahmud Yayale Ahmed CFR, *Ajiyan Katagum*, broke the news to the new Vice Chancellor and handed over to him an appointment letter. The appointment is for a period of five years, starting from 18<sup>th</sup> August, 2015. The Chairman immediately personally led the Council in prayer, for Divine guidance and assistance to enable Prof. M. Y. Bello to discharge the burden of his new office.



*Prof. M. Y. Bello (1<sup>st</sup> right) receives his letter of appointment from Pro-Chancellor and Chairman of Council, Mahmud Yayale Ahmed (1<sup>st</sup> left) as the Registrar looks on (2<sup>nd</sup> left).*

The Pro-Chancellor explained that while they will join the outgoing Vice Chancellor, Prof. Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, *mnti*, MFR, in celebrating a successful tenure, it is their duty to fervently seek Divine assistance to

enable his successor to achieve the same success. The *Ajiyan Katagum* further advised the new VC to hold on to his values of humility, firmness and knowledge and to accord dignity to every single human being he comes into contact with.

The new Vice-Chancellor went round the chamber to shake the hands of the members, before delivering a short acceptance speech. He expressed appreciation to the Council for finding him worthy of the responsibility and promised to carry everyone along. “Leadership is a collective responsibility,” he said, “so that we can build on what has been done”. Prof Bello was particularly happy that the Council has been spared the recent dissolution of FG agencies and bodies, and that he would be guided by their wisdom and experience, in addition to the advice of members of the wider University Community.

The new Vice-Chancellor began to show his exceptional educational talent in 1977 when he emerged as the best graduating student at Government Secondary School Gaya. In 1979/80, Professor Yahuza won a Federal Scholarship for exceptional performance in undergraduate studies in Bayero University. The alpha scholar capped it, when in 1981, he not only emerged as the best graduating student in the Bayero University faculty of Education; he also won the Alhaji Aminu Dantata Prize. His name was in 1988 included in the Graduating School Dean’s List for obtaining ‘A’ in all courses during his PhD programme at the University of Arkansas, United States of America.

Born in 1959 at Kawo Quarters of Nassarawa Local Government Area of Kano State, young Yahuza began his elementary education in 1967 at Giginyu Primary School, Kano. On successful completion in 1973, he gained admission at Government Secondary School, Gaya and having graduated with flying colours in his WAEC/GCE in 1977, he was admitted into Bayero University, Kano in 1977 to study B.Sc (Education Mathematics). He graduated in 1981 and 1982 he was retained as Graduate Assistant. Professor Yahuza went to the University of Arkansas, USA from 1985-1988 where he obtained a PhD in Mathematics.

Professor Yahuza’s taste was wetted in 1988, when he started teaching and research in Mathematics and Computer Science. The erudite scholar has been teaching Mathematics and Computer Science at all levels from 1982 to date. He has supervised and graduated five PhD Mathematics candidates and 32 MSc Mathematics and MSc Computer Science candidates. He is currently supervising one (1) PhD Mathematics candidate and five (5) MSc Computer Science candidates.

Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello had held several academic leadership positions in the University including; Head, Department of Mathematical Sciences; 1991 to 1999; Dean, Faculty of Science; 1995 – 1999 and Director, Centre for Information Technology, 2003-2007, as well as Dean, School of Postgraduate Studies, 2009-2010.

From 1999 -2003, he served two terms as Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academics) in the administration of Professor Musa Abdullahi of blessed memory. Professor Yahuza was again appointed Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academics) in the administration of the incumbent Vice-Chancellor, Professor Rasheed for two terms, 2010 – 2014. This makes him the first and longest serving Deputy Vice-Chancellor in the history of Bayero University.

The new Vice-Chancellor is a member of several professional bodies, among them; Nigerian Mathematical Society, Mathematics Association of Nigeria, Nigerian Institute of Mathematical Physics and Africa Mathematics Forum (an Internet-based group).