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### **Uphold the Ethics of Your Profession if You Want to Excel – VC Charges MLS Graduands**

The Vice-Chancellor of Bayero University, Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, *nni*, MFR has charged Medical Laboratory Science graduands to endeavour to uphold the ethics of the profession, as well as drink from the wealth of experience of their senior colleagues, if they want to excel in their chosen careers.

Professor Rasheed gave the advice when he spoke through the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academics), Professor Sagir Abbas, at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Induction Ceremony of the 2013/2014 Medical Laboratory Science graduands, which took place on Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> June, 2015 at the Musa Abdullahi Auditorium, new Campus.

The Vice-Chancellor stated that the world of practice is entirely different from conventional classroom experience, saying that in the conventional classroom a student might excel as an individual, but in the world of practice, a practitioner/professional requires the tutelage and the experiences of senior colleagues to enable him/her to carve a niche in their chosen career.

He also enjoined them to be good ambassadors of Bayero University, as well as their parents and their community, saying that ‘whatever you do in the course of discharging your duties as scientists, remember your Alma Mata, your parents that sacrificed so much for you and lastly your society that will always be proud of your achievements. If you behave contrary to the ethics of the profession, you would have

succeeded in rubbing all your efforts and that of those mentioned above.’

Professor Rasheed said in the last five years management has invested so much in the field of medical sciences, saying that the transformation of the Faculty of Medicine into a College of Health Sciences and the creation of four new faculties were beginning to yield the desired objectives, adding that ‘today we are witnessing the 2<sup>nd</sup> Induction of Medical Laboratory Science graduands. God willing in the very near future the ratio of Science to Humanities in BUK will move from the current 45% to 55% to reach 60% to 40%.’

He congratulated the graduands and wished them Allah’s blessings as they venture into the world of practice.

Earlier in his address, the head of department, Dr. A.S. Kumurya, said today a total of 16 graduands were being inducted into the Medical Laboratory Science profession, having successfully completed their course of study, adding that this induction was the 2<sup>nd</sup> since the transformation and upgrade of the medical health sciences by the management into a college and the creation of four new faculties, including that of the Allied Health Sciences which they belong.

He thanked the Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed-led management for investing so much in the medical health science, saying that apart from the provision of infrastructure, equipment, there was staff development. ‘And because of this development, in the next two years the department will be blessed with 10 new PhD holders,’ he remarked.

Dr. Kumurya drew the attention of the graduands to the oath they subscribed to, saying that ‘the oath ceremony is not a jamboree, but is a very serious exercise which is the backbone of the profession of Medical Laboratory Science, for you to excel in the profession you must abide by the ethics,’ he counselled.

Also speaking, the Registrar/Chief Executive Officer of the Medical Laboratory Science Council of Nigeria (MLSCN), represented by the Director of Education, Alhaji AbdulAzeez, said he was happy to be at the occasion to share the joy of the graduands as they marked their entry into the prestigious Medical Laboratory Science Council of Nigeria (MLSCN). ‘You will now have your name written in the register of the council as practitioners of the profession. I congratulate you on this feat and hope you will not relent in your effort towards success at all times as you step into the larger world.’

He enjoined them to key into the compulsory continuous professional development programme (CPD) to enhance proficiency and remain updated in their profession and course, for renewal of their licenses.

Nasiba Sani Babale emerged the overall best graduating student.

### **Take Northwest Varsity to the Next Level, BUK Charges Prof. Mustapha Isa**

Bayero University has charged the newly appointed Vice Chancellor of Northwest University, Professor Mustapha Isa, to use his wealth of experience and good leadership qualities to transform the institution into a competitive centre of excellence.

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Abubakar Rasheed made this charge at a send-forth ceremony organized by the Faculty of Arts and Islamic Studies (FAIS), in honour of Prof. Isa.

Represented by the Deputy Vice Chancellor, Academics, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas, the Vice Chancellor advised him to spend much of his time working with other management staff in tandem in order to bring about positive changes.

Also speaking, the Head of English and Literary Studies, Professor Sadiya Sani Daura, said the appointment of Prof. Isa was well deserved. She described him as an honest, God-fearing, committed and hardworking academic, who could impact positive change in the University.

In his remark, the celebrant, Professor Mustapha Isa, said he emerged as the Vice Chancellor not because he was the best among the candidates but because God chose him.

While thanking them for organizing the ceremony, he assured them that he would try his utmost best to repose the confidence on him by repositioning the young University.

### **BUK Matriculates 8,212 Students**

Bayero University would not hesitate to use the sledge hammer on any student whose actions and behaviours go contrary to laid down rules and regulations, Vice-Chancellor, Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed *mni*, MFR has warned.

Speaking at the matriculation ceremony of the newly admitted students on Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> June, 2015 at the Musa Abdullahi Auditorium, the Vice-Chancellor, who was represented by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academics), Professor Sagir Abbas, said ‘you must count yourself lucky to have gained admission, because out of about 18,112 who applied only 8,212 of you were successful, you must therefore do everything humanly possible to justify this confidence by abiding by the school’s rules and regulations at all times,’ he counselled.

Professor Rasheed added that for ‘you to excel in character and in learning, you must face your

studies seriously and abide by the rules and regulations of this university that are contained in the General Examinations and Academic Regulations Handbook which was issued to you at the Directorate of Examinations, Admissions and Records at the point of screening.

He said out of 8,212 students matriculating today, 4,487 (55%) are from the Sciences and 3,725 (45%) the Arts. Also, 5,542 (67%) are males while 2,670 representing (33%) are females, saying that each and every state of the federation is represented, including three (3) foreign students.

The University in recent times introduced new programmes, such as Architecture, Estate Management, Quantity Survey, Urban and Regional Planning, Dietetics and Optometry, among others. “Being pioneer students of these programmes, I enjoin you to be good ambassadors of these programmes and prove to us that we have not made the wrong decision by admitting you into the university.”

He congratulated the students and pray that as ‘we are gathered here to witness your entry into the university, may we also in the next 4-5 years gather here to celebrate your graduation.’

### **UDU Don Distances *Bori* to the Practice of Islam**

Professor Aliyu Muhammad Bunza of the Centre for Nigerian Languages, Usman Danfodiyo University, Sokoto has distanced the practice of *Bori*, a superstitious healing cult associated with Jinn (spirit) in Hausa tradition to the religion of Islam, saying none of its major eight scholarly definitions is related to the practice of the Islamic religion.

Speaking on Tuesday, 16<sup>th</sup> June, 2015 during a one-day conference held at Musa Abdullahi Auditorium, with the theme: *Bori da Rukiyya a*

*Kasar Hausa: Addini ko Al’ada,*? he said *bori* is a long tradition of the Hausa community that is far away from the practice of the religion.

Professor Bunza said those practicing the tradition within the Hausa Community are negligible in number and, as such, had it been the practice has a religious connotation, it could have been accepted and spread to Hausa Community. He said even within the people practicing *Bori*, women constitute the majority.

The don further said that the practice being perpetuated by bokaye (magicians) or soothsayers, is the biggest Hausa culture that assimilates the practice of *bori*, saying such assimilation is necessary because the intruding of the practice of magicians into *bori* is spearheaded and connected to the Jinns (spirits).

Professor Bunza cited a lot of literature that criticizes the practice of *bori* as a component in Hausa tradition, saying that civilization and socio-cultural awareness have eroded the practice in Hausa land. He explained that *bori* associated with shirk or innovation is being killed by religious awareness.

He perceived that 95 percent of the female youths prefer being associated to Hausa film-making than the practice of *bori*, adding that women practicing it can hardly be accepted for marriage in the present Hausa society.

In his presentation, Ustaz Abdullahi Idris of Danfodio Islamic Centre, Dorayi, Kano who presented a paper on ‘Rukiyya’, ‘healing and the removal of the devil from the human’s body’, said the practice has religious connotations, citing portions of the holy Qur’and Hadith of the Holy Prophet.

Ustaz Idris said to search for medicine for the cure of an ailment is allowed in the religion, as such Rukiyya, being a component of

medicament, is one way to help and cure ill persons who fall victim of the Jinns (spirits). He urged people contracted by ailment to go for Rukiyya with the belief that Allah is the sole protector, who cures ailments.

Contributing, Malam Muhammad Tahar Adam, of the Department of Nigerian Languages, said the practice of rukiyya as done in the Hausa community had totally contradicted religious practice.

Earlier in his address the Chairman of the occasion, Professor Emeritus Dandatti Abdulkadir charged the participants to use the conference and come up with something that would benefit the society.

### **My Appointment As VC Northwest University Act of God - Prof. Mustapha Isa**

The Vice Chancellor of Northwest University, Professor Mustapha Ahmad Isa, has described his appointment as a divine intervention.

Speaking at a send-forth ceremony organized by the Directorate of Academic Planning on Monday, he said he had never planned in his life to become a Vice Chancellor and that when he was approached by the search team, he was scared.

“Initially, I insisted on not applying because at the time of application I was not in town and when I came back, the search team insisted that I should apply because they saw something in me that would add value to the University.”

Professor Isa, who was a Director of Academic Planning until his appointment, said as far as he was concerned, he still has a mindset of an ordinary staff. He said, “my new office has not in anyway obsessed my thinking to be different from anybody. I treat a messenger, a security man, lecturer, student and all staff equally,” he added.

Professor Isa thanked the staff of the directorate for honouring him and charged them to give maximum cooperation to the new director.

Earlier, Mallam Salisu Abdulhamid of EMC said the staff would sincerely miss him and that the appointment was well deserved.

Also speaking, Malam Ahmed Dambatta said it was a day of mixed feelings for them because while they were celebrating his new appointment at the same time they were sad because of his exit.

The staff jointly prayed for his successful tenure and Allah’s guidance.

### **All 13 Medical Radiography Graduands Employed**

All the 13 Medical Radiography graduands have been given automatic employment at the Aminu Kano Teaching Hospital, AKTH, the Chief Medical Director, Professor Aminu Zakari, has said.

Speaking at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Medical Radiography and 18<sup>th</sup> B. Physiotherapy Induction Ceremony held last week at the C.I.T. Theatre, the CMD also said they would be the first young graduands in the whole northern Nigeria to operate the 164 Slice CT Scan machine, the digital x-ray machine and Mammography and fluoroscopy machines. He said AKTH was the first teaching hospital in the north to install these modern machines.

Similarly the Vice Chancellor, Professor Abubakar Rasheed, who was represented at the ceremony by the Deputy Vice Chancellor, Academics, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas, offered automatic employment to Wasila Habib of Physiotherapy for her exceptional performance, Wasila Habib was the best in Pre-Clinical, best in Clinical and emerged as the overall best graduating student.

She was the first candidate to get an unprecedented point since the creation of the department 18 years ago.

### **Geography, Geology, Quantity Survey, Estate Mngt. Get New H.O.Ds**

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Abubakar Rasheed, *mni*, MFR has approved the appointment of Dr. Muhammad A. Liman as Head of Department of Urban and Regional Planning.

The Vice Chancellor also endorsed Dr. Arabi Suleiman Abdullahi's appointment as new Head of Department of Geology in the Faculty of Earth and Environmental Sciences.

Similarly, Dr. Alhassan Dahiru has been appointed Head of the Department of Quantity Surveying, while Dr. Muhammad Bashir Nuhu is appointed HOD Estate Management and Evaluation.

All the above appointments are for two years from 22<sup>nd</sup> June, 2015.

### **Prohibition of Tinted Cars On Campus: A Reminder**

The Director Security, Col. A. A. Mohammed (rtd), in a statement, has observed with great dismay that some members of the University community are violating the rule banning the use of tinted cars on Campus.

“Recently, it was observed that there has been an influx of tinted cars of various types by some staff into both Campuses. Please note that tinted cars of whatever type are not allowed on the Campus.

“As members of the University community and knowing fully the existence of the rule banning the use of tinted cars, we must all adhere to the

rules and regulations governing our activities on the Campus. The permission granted to individuals by the Nigeria Police to tint their cars (if any) does not apply on the campuses.

“The University is autonomous with its own rules and regulations which must be observed and respected by all and sundry. Members of the University community who are violating the rule are hereby given up to the period of 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2015 within which to remove the tint in their cars.

“Please note that members of the University community who are in default are advised to remove the tint in their cars before the period given, as failure will lead to the refusal of entry into any of the Campuses.

“We look forward to your cooperation.”

### **DEPT. OF AGRIC ECON & EXT: Sale of Destoned Milled Rice (Shinkafar Tuwo)**

The Department of Agricultural Economics and Extension, Faculty of Agriculture has limited quantity but good quality de-stoned milled white rice (Shinkafar Tuwo) for sale. The price per 25kg bag is Three Thousand Eight Hundred Naira only (₦3,800). Limited quantity is available so the sale will be based on first come first served basis and on cash and carry basis.

For booking and purchases, contact U. I. Karaye on 08139745857 or Yohana Ali on 08032877508.

### **STAFF NURSERY SCHOOL: Admission! Admission! Admission!!**

The management of Bayero University Staff Nursery School Kano wishes to notify the general public that admission forms for the 2015/2016 session are now available for sales at the Old Campus.

The cost of form is ₦500 for BUK staff and ₦1,000 for non-University staff.

## Board of Survey

This is to notify the general public that the University Board of Survey has fixed Saturday, 20<sup>th</sup> June, 2015 as the date of continuation of the Vehicle Auction Exercise, which was held on 18<sup>th</sup> February, 2015.

A statement signed by Bashir Saleh Abdu, Esq said interested members of staff are hereby invited to come to Security Division, Bayero University, New Campus, Kano on the above mentioned date for participation in the exercise.

## SEMINARS

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

### Department of Agricultural Engineering: *Monthly Staff Seminar Presentation*

This seminar was held as follows:

**Presenter 1:** Dr. M. L. Attanda

**Title:** *Concept and Applications of Optimization in the Choice of Agricultural Machinery.*

**Presenter 2:** Engr. D. D. Nalado

**Title:** *Shelling Efficiency Model for Maize Dehusker - Sheller.*

**Date:** Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup> June, 2015

**Time:** 10:30am

**Venue:** Level 500 Class

### Department of Nigerian Languages: *PG Seminar Series*

The Department of Nigerian Languages informs staff and students that the PG seminar series was held as follows:

**Date:** Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> June, 2015

**Time:** 10:00am

**Venue:** Departmental Library and Board Room

**Chairmen:** Prof. Abdulkadir Dangambo & Prof. M. A. Z. Sani

## Appreciation

“I, Dr. Ado Mallam Bello of the Department of Private and Commercial Law, BUK wish to express my profound appreciation to the members of the University community for attending my wedding fatiha on 13<sup>th</sup> June, 2015. Special appreciation goes o the Vice Chancellor, Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed *mni*, MFR, who was in London but called me at the time the marriage was being solemnized to rejoice with me; DVCs, Leadership of ASUU both National and BUK chapter, Dean Faculty of Law, Director of Mambayya, Professor M. D. Sulaiman,, HODs, Professor Emeritus, Dandatti Abdulkadir and members of the business community and his Excellency, the former Deputy Governor, Katsina State (Abdullahi Garba Faskari). Thank you all and may Allah bless.”

## King of the Boys

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