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President Goodluck at 31st Convocation: “Be Self-Employed, Stop Chasing White Collar Jobs”

President Goodluck Jonathan has called on university graduates to consider the possibility of becoming entrepreneurs instead of chasing white collar jobs which are virtually scarce and in some instances not available.

Speaking at the conclusion at the 31st Convocation ceremonies of Bayero University, Kano on Saturday, 23rd May, 2015 at the Convocation Arena, the President, who was represented by the Executive Secretary, National Universities Commission, (NUC) Professor Julius Okojie, said his administration had provided the fertile ground for those willing to take to entrepreneurships.



Cross section of graduands at 31st Convocation ceremony

The President said some of the fertile ground which his administration provided to encourage willing graduate to take to entrepreneurships included the Bank of Industry, the Small and Medium Enterprise Development Agency (SMEDAN) as well as Microfinance Banks which he explained are structured to help finance “your businesses and support you as entrepreneurs.”

Dr. Jonathan advised the graduands to take advantage of these opportunities to grow their own businesses, leverage other intervention projects such as: the Graduate Internship Scheme, (GIS), Youth Enterprise with Innovation (YOU WIN) and other opportunities through the National Directorate of Employment. These initiatives according to the President might have their shortcomings, but they have demonstrated encouraging prospects and they require some restructuring.

The President commended the management of BUK for what he called heavy investment in human capital development which made it to position itself at the forefront towards achieving academic excellence: ‘I wish to encourage the University Management to sustain the effective and efficient utilization of its funds and note its ability to secure and efficiently deploy funds from other sources,’ he added.

He congratulated the Council, Management and the entire staff of BUK for the tremendous progress the University has made and the stable academic calendar it has maintained for several years.

On the conferment of the Emiriti Professorship on five erudite scholars, Dr. Jonathan congratulated the recipients for their services to the academia and as worthy ambassadors of Bayero University. 'It is my hope that this recognition will spur you to greater commitment to the service of our great Nation, Nigeria,' he said.

The President also rejoiced with the parents, guardians and benefactors of the graduands who have worked hard and provided for them during their stay in the University. He equally thanked the Kano community for providing them 'home away from home'.

Earlier in his address, the Pro-Chancellor and Chairman of Council, Alhaji Mahmud Yayale Ahmed CFR told the President that one important factor that he observed as being responsible for the greatness of BUK, was the University's style of leadership. The Vice-Chancellor, Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, *mni*, MFR has established a tradition of openness and inclusiveness by carrying along all members of

the University community and involving as many as possible in decision making, policy formulation and programme implementation.

Yayale said Professor Rasheed has succeeded in building a dynamic and harmonious system with a clear vision, and working collectively towards achieving common goal of taking the University to greater heights, adding there was unity of purpose, clear goals and direction, as well as the determination to achieve them.

The Pro-Chancellor drew the attention of the graduands and told them that they were privileged to have graduated from one of the top Nigerian Universities: 'the certificates you are going to be conferred with go with the name and reputation of this great University (BUK), I therefore urge you to tenaciously protect this name and reputation by being good ambassadors of our great University wherever you find yourselves,' Yayale said.

VOA Hausa Service Donates Training Equipment to BUK

The Department of Mass Communication has taken delivery of some communication equipment from the Hausa Service of the Voice of America as part of efforts of the International Radio Station to assist the department in the training of students and staff for better understanding of the tenets of the journalism profession.



Communication equipment donated by VOA Hausa service being presented to the DVC, (Admin) by HOD Mass Communication Department

Presenting the equipment to the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, *mni*, MFR, the Head of Department

of Mass Communications, Dr. Balarabe Maikaba said the Hausa Service of Voice of America that made the donation did so with the aim of seeking collaboration with the department in providing the platform for training of mass communication students.

He said 13 beneficiaries out of which 10 are students and along with 3 staff would participate in the initial training programme for 8 days beginning from Saturday, 30th May to 7th June, 2015, adding that Professor Murtala Sabo Sagagi would present a Keynote address.

The three staff would after the training, train others.

Dr. Maikaba added that the department would formally write the Vice-Chancellor to seek approval to enable it go into collaboration with the Voice of America. He said incidentally the Head of the VOA Hausa Service is an alumnus of Bayero University that might make the collaboration effective and useful to both parties. The HOD was accompanied by the BUK FM Station Manager, Alhaji Salisu Rabi.

Responding, the Vice-Chancellor represented by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Administration), Professor Sadiq Isah Radda, thanked the Hausa Service of the VOA for the gesture which he said would go a long way to aid the training of mass communication students.

He said the management was proud of the department for attracting such very important support and collaboration, and urged the department to make the best use of the equipment.

The equipment includes, two 330 Independent Avenue SW and 10 ipons.

Convocation: BUK Confers Emeriti's, Graduates 63 Candidates with First Class Degrees

Bayero University had for the first time conferred the title of Professor Emeritus on five distinguished retired Professors of the university; they are Professor Ibrahim H. Umar, Professor Dandatti Abdulkadir, Professor Muhammad Sani Zahraddeen, Professor Emmanuel Ajayi Olofin and Professor Muhammad Munzali Jibril, the Vice Chancellor, Abubakar Adamu Rasheed has disclosed.

Speaking on Saturday, 23rd May, 2015 during the 31st Convocation ceremony for award of Higher Degrees, at the Convocation Arena, he said the university has also graduated 63 candidates with First Class Honours out of 8,875 candidates who have been awarded Bachelor's degrees from 12 faculties while 5,049 graduated with higher degrees and postgraduate diplomas out of which 80 grandaunts have been awarded PhD degrees, 3,146 Master's degrees and 1,824 Postgraduate Diplomas.

Professor Rasheed said Bayero University has come of age, as no one questions its standing as a leading teaching and research university in Nigeria, saying the university which started with ten students in 1964 today has 32,000 registered students pursuing undergraduate and postgraduate degree programmes.

He said all the degree programmes in the university have been accredited by the National Universities Commission and other relevant professional bodies, adding that the university had expanded programmes in all fields and presently it had applied to the NUC for permission to establish a Faculty of Pharmacy and School of Communication and Media Studies with effect from the next academic session.

He said the University Management has established a number of research centres to promote cutting edge research, noting that the Centre for Dryland Agriculture, the Centre for African Entrepreneurship Research and Training, the Centre for Biotechnology Research, and the Centre for Qur'anic Studies are fully operational and are enhancing the reputational capital of the university.

The Vice Chancellor said the university was lucky to access sizable funds, grants and allocations from TETFund, Needs Assessment and other sources, which enabled the fruition of ambitious but carefully designed plans to transform the university.

He commended the contributions of the Emir of Kano, Muhammadu Sanusi II, the Governor of Kano State, Engineer Rabi'u Musa Kwankwaso, contributing bodies and individuals whose efforts helped the development of the university.

Registrar Charges Cleaners On Standard

The Registrar, Alhaji Sani Ibrahim Amin, MNIM has charged cleaners in the University to improve the standard of cleanliness and exercise a high level of efficiency at all time.

Speaking at the opening ceremony of a two-day in-house training programme for University cleaners, last week, the Registrar, who was represented by the Acting Director, Establishment Matters, Malam Jamil Salim, told the participants that the seminar was organized by the University management to improve and encourage the standard of cleaning at all levels.

He said "this is the first time the management came up with this initiative aimed at improving the style of your work and ensure standard."

The Registrar added that "the management has really appreciated your services to the University and was committed to supporting you."

In line with the current changes and development going on in the University, "your improved work is essentially needed to tally with the University's quest for excellence at all levels," he added.

Six hundred and twenty two (622) staff will benefit from the training exercises which will span from four weeks. The participants were grouped into batches and each batch will spend two days in the training which commenced on Friday, 22nd May, 2015.

The facilitators include: Malam Nasir Wada, Shu'aib M. Isma'il, Tijjani Uba Isa, Hadiza Yakubu, Fatima Dogara and Mr. Anthony.

USSA: Election of New Executives

The University Secretarial Staff Association (USSA) BUK branch wishes to inform interested members that the sale of forms for the following positions has started:

1. Chairman
2. Vice Chairman
3. Secretary
4. Assistant Secretary
5. Treasurer
6. Financial Secretary
7. P.R.O.
8. Welfare Office

A letter signed by the Caretaker Secretary, Ishaq M. Ishaq said members seeking to contest for the positions are to pay a non-refundable pick-up form fee of ₦1,000 at Ali Makinta's office, Faculty of Law, Old Campus from 1st to 5th June, 2015.

THE CARD READER

For Attahiru Jega

*It is just a card
A mere plastic card
No more, no less
It is just there to count
Only those voters accredited
No more, no less
Why should anyone worry about a simple card?
Small parties should not worry
Medium opposition parties should also not worry
For the biggest party, no cause for alarm
It is just a mere card
Some people under the umbrella asked themselves
"What is this ASUU man up to?"
Can a comrade ever be trusted by the bourgeoisies?
The card will tell the truth
And the architect of the card will decode the truth
So, why should anyone really worry?
Ask its architect!*

ASUU Chemist Opened at New Campus

This is to inform the University community that ASUU-BUK has opened a chemist at University Clinic New Site, according to a statement by Investment Officer, Dr. M. Y. Waziri.

The statement said soft drinks and recharge cards are available.

SEMINARS

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

Postgraduate: Seminar Series

Department of Agronomy:

Presenter: Mamadou
(SPS/13/PAG/00007)

Konate

Title: Response of Fonio (*Digitaria Ehilis L.*) to Seed Rate Fertilization in Sudano-Sahelian Zones of Mali

Degree in View: PhD Agronomy (CCS)

Chairman: Prof. M. I. Daneji

Date: Wednesday, 3rd June, 2015

Time: 2- 5pm

Venue: New Agric Studio (New Building).

Department of Mechanical Engineering: Departmental Seminar

Presenter: Malam Saminu R. Haladu

Title: The Invasion of Electronics on Modern Automobiles.

Date: Thursday, 4th June, 2015

Time: 10:00am

Venue: Faculty Conference Room

MSSN: Islamic Political Class Programmes

This is to invite members of the University community to the Muslim Students' Society of Nigeria (MSSN) BUK chapter's Islamic Political Class Programmes at Old and New Campus as follows:

4th Week: Old Campus

Guest Speaker: Dr. Bala Muhammad
(Department of Mass Communication)

Topic: From Egypt to Syria: Muslim World under.

Chairman: Dr. Ashraf, Department of Mass Communication

Date: Tuesday, 2nd June, 2015

5th Week: Old Campus

Guest Speaker: Engr. Bashir Aliyu Adamu,
Director of Hannan International

Topic: Polygamy: Myths Vs Realities

Chairman: Dr. U. M. Shaibbu Zunnurain,
Faculty of Law

Date: Tuesday, 9th June, 2015

Venue: Mahmoud Tukur Lecture Hall (T1)

4th Week: New Campus

Guest Speaker: Dr. Bala Muhammad,
Department of Mass Communication

Topic: From Egypt to Syria Muslim World Under

Chairman: Dr. Asharaf, Department of Mass Communication

Date: Tuesday, 4th June, 2015

5th Week: New Campus

Guest Speaker: Engr. Bashir Aliyu Adamu,
Director of Hannan International

Topic: Polygamy: Myths Vs Realities

Chairman: Dr. U. M. Shaibbu Zunnurain,
Faculty of Law

Date: Tuesday, 11th June, 2015

Venue: Attahiru M. Jega Twin Theatre (IGR)

Wedding Fatiha

(1) The Chairman of SSANU, Comrade Kabiru Baba on behalf of the entire family of the late Muhammad Hassan Kofar Na'isa cordially invites members of the University community to

the wedding of Maimuna Muhammad Hassan (Umami) and her groom, Musa Adamu Labaran (both lecturers at the Department of Mass Communication, scheduled as follows:

Date: Saturday, 6th June, 2015

Time: 11:00am

Venue: Garba Amin Mosque, Kofar Na'isa

(2) Dr. Ahmad Makarfi, Managing Director of Microfinance Bank invites members of the University community to the wedding of Engineer Aliyu Idris Muhammad of the Department of Agric Engineering with his bride Samira Sunusi Galadima, scheduled as follows:

Date: Saturday, 6th June, 2015

Time: 12:00noon

Venue: Kofar Mata Juma'at Mosque, Adjacent to Sani Abacha Stadium, Kano

DO YOU KNOW:

- That BUK consumes a lot of Energy Daily?
 - That Power Supply by KEDCO is Poor?
 - That The University Relies on its Generators for Power Supply at Staff Quarters, Administrative, Academic and Students Areas?
 - That The University Spends a lot of money on Diesel and Generators' Maintenance?
 - That Some Staff members Leave Offices Without Switching-off Electrical Appliances?
 - That 1 Extra Hour of Air-conditioning in a Room Uses Enough Energy to Power A TV for a Year?
- ✓ To Reduce Cost and for Safety, Help the University by Putting-off all Electrical Appliances when not in use!