BUK to Consider Public Private Partnership on Hostel Construction

The Management of Bayero University is mulling the idea of entering into a Private Public Partnership (PPP) on the construction of more hostels within the campuses with a view to easing the problems associated with accommodation for its teeming students.

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello, who disclosed this while receiving a delegation from the Nigerian-Turkish International Colleges who paid him a courtesy call, on Wednesday 20th January 2016 said the University would be willing to collaborate with private developers on hostel accommodation on the principle of build, operate and transfer (BOT).

According to him, the PPP arrangement may become necessary in view of the lean resources from the Government and the shortage of facilities especially in the area of students’ hostel.

“For a very long time, we have been thinking over the idea of partnering with private organizations, philanthropist or foundations, on the need to come up with an acceptable agreement for the building of a hostel and after some years of recouping their expenses they will later transfer the ownership of the facility to the university permanently,” said the Vice Chancellor.

Professor Bello, noted that in view of the security situation, however, the management would have to thoroughly screened any group or individual who might approached it for the arrangement.

He solicited the cooperation of the NTIC Foundation to channel part of its scholarship funds in order to collaborate with the University’s internal students support scheme, explaining that “BUK and NTIC Foundation would help greatly in expanding educational access of many indigent students.”

Together, he said “we shall bail many a poor family from abject poverty if we assist the poorest with scholarship to undergo their educational programme.”

Professor Yahuza Bello who described the visit as timely however, commended the management of Nigerian-Turkish International Colleges for their commitment to human development especially in the area of education, water provision and health care delivery, and urged them to continue with this laudable initiative.

Earlier, the leader of the delegation and principal of the Nigerian-Turkish International Colleges, Kano Campus, Mr. Bilal Saglam, said they were in the University to renew their relationship as well as to congratulate the Vice Chancellor on his appointment.

According to him NTIC and Bayero University had a long standing relationship and pray that it should continue and wax even stronger.

He gave a brief history of the NTIC Foundation in Nigeria which he said started in 1988 with just 5 students in only one campus, now has grown to have about 18 Colleges in Nigeria with over 5000 students.

Mr. Saglam, disclosed that the foundation would seek the approval of the University to build a hostel accommodation under certain terms and condition acceptable to the University management.

Obi of Onitsha Donates Books To BUK

His Royal Majesty, the Obi of Onitsha, Nnaemeka Alfred Ugochukwa has donated two sets of books to Bayero University Kano.

Presenting the books in a colourful ceremony at the palace of the Emir of Kano, Muhammadu Sanusi II,
His Majesty Nnaemeka Alfred who is also the Chancellor of Ahmadu Bello University (ABU), Zaria said one of the books contained selected speeches he made in the last ten years in his capacity as the Obi of Onitsha which he believed should be consigned to academic library for posterity.

The remaining books, according to His Majesty contained the historical background of Onitsha Kingdom and his good and enterprising people. He said the books would be useful to an academic institution like Bayero University, Kano especially for students of history.

Receiving the books, the Vice Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello who was represented by the University’s Librarian, Professor Lukman Diso thanked His Majesty for the gesture and promised that the books would be judiciously utilized.

The Obi was at the palace of the emir of Kano, Malam Muhammedu Sanusi II on a courtesy call, before proceeding to Zaria to attend Ahmadu Bello University’s convocation ceremony slated for Saturday 30th January, 2016.

Dr. Ibrahim Magaji Barde Appointed Head, Department of Accounting

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello, has approved the appointment of Dr. Ibrahim Magaji Barde as the Head of Department of Accounting for two years from 1st February, 2016.

A letter signed by the Vice Chancellor dated 25th January, 2016 called on the HOD to “give sound academic and administrative leadership to the department.”

Dr. Aliyu Mu’azu Reappointed Head, Department of Nigerian Languages

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello, has approved the reappointment of Dr. Aliyu Mu’azu as the Head of Department of Nigerian Languages for two years from 14th January, 2016.

A letter signed by the Vice Chancellor dated 25th January, 2016 urged the HOD to continue to “give the department sound, academic and administrative leadership.”

Department of Linguistics and Foreign Languages Gets New Head of Department

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello, has approved the appointment of Professor Mukhtari Abdulkadir Yusuf as the Head of Department of Linguistics and Foreign Languages for two years from 1st February, 2016.

A letter signed by the Vice Chancellor dated 28th January, 2016 called on the HOD to “give sound academic and administrative leadership to the department.”

University Health Services Department: ABOUT LASSA FEVER

Lassa fever is an acute febrile illness caused by Lassa virus. The virus transmitted to human via contact with food or household items contaminated with rat urine or feces. Lassa virus can also be spread between humans through direct contact with the blood, urine, feces of a person with Lassa fever.

Symptoms of Lassa fever are:
- Fever, general weakness, headaches, sore throat, muscle pain, chest pain, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, cough, abdominal pain and bleeding from the mouth, nose, vagina etc.

Lassa Fever Prevention Tips:
- Good personal and environmental hygiene.
- Avoid contact with Rats.
- Keep your house and environment clean.
- Cover all foods and water properly.
- Cover all foods thoroughly.
- Store foodstuff in rodent proof container.
- Block all rat hideouts.
- Food suspected to have been eaten by rats should be discarded.
- Disposing of garbage far from the home, maintaining clean households.
- Family members should always be careful to avoid contact with blood and body fluids while caring for sick persons.
If you suspect Lassa Fever or have persistent fever that is not responding to standard treatment, then visit the nearest health centre for further evaluation and management.

**SEMINARS**

The following Faculties and Departments invite the University Community to their seminars, scheduled as follows:

**Faculty of Earth & Environmental Sciences: Seminar**

**Presenter:** Alan Frishman, Professor of Economics, Hobart and William Smith Colleges NEW YORK  
**Title:** The Population Growth of Kano: from its Origin to the Present.  
**Chairman:** Prof. Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, mni MFR, the Immediate past Vice Chancellor of Bayero University, Kano.  
**Date:** Monday, 1st February, 2016  
**Time:** 11:00am prompt.  
**Venue:** FEES Theatre B

**Department of Business Administration & Entrepreneurship: MSc Defence**

**Candidate:** Aisha Ahmad Ishaq (SPS/13/MMN/00024).  
**Title:** Determinants of Customer Patronage of Islamic Banking Products in Kano, Nigeria: A Study of Ja`iz Bank International Plc.  
**Supervisor:** Prof. Garba Bala Bello  
**Reviewer:** Dr. Ahmad Audu Maiyaki  
**Date:** Tuesday, 2nd February, 2016  
**Venue:** Departmental Conference Room

**Department of Social Sciences & Administration (SSA): Seminar Presentation**

**Presenter 1:** Malam Suraj Muhammad Yahaya  
**Title:** State and Globalization: A Survey of the Contending Issues and Challenges.  
**Presenter 2:** Malam Sani Umar Ibrahim  

**Department of Mathematical Sciences:**  
**Departmental Seminar**  
**Ph.D Seminar (2nd):**  
**Presenter 1:** Bashir Yusuf  
**Title:** Repair-replacement Models for Systems Subject to Different Types of Failures.  
**Departmental Seminar Series:**  
**Presenter 2:** Malam Hassan Mohammad  
**Title:** A Barzilai-Borwein Conjugate Gradient Algorithms for Large-Scale Nonlinear Equations.  
**Chairman:** Dr. Saminu I. Bala  
**Date:** Wednesday, 3rd February, 2016  
**Time:** 2:00am  
**Venue:** Departmental Computer Lab.

**Department of Medical Microbiology & Parasitology: MSc Proposal Seminar**

**Presenter 1:** Azeezat B. Adetokun (SPS/14/MMM/0013)  
**Topic:** Serotyping of Invasive Pneumococcal and their Antimicrobial Resistant Patterns in Kano Metropolis, North West, Nigeria.  
**Supervisor:** Dr. Yusuf Mohammed  
**Presenter 2:** Abdulrazaq M. Idris (SPS/14/MMM/0001)  
**Topic:** Detection of Penicillin Binding Protein 2a/2 (PBP 2a/2) Antigen Among Clinical Bacterial Isolates of Staphylococci in AKTH, Kano Nigeria.  
**Supervisors:** Dr. Sale Kumurya & Dr. Yusuf Mohammed  
**Presenter 3:** Hauwa Sani Dauda (SPS/14/MMM/0021)  
**Topic:** Potential Risk of Induced Malaria by Blood Transfusion and Sensitivity of Diagnostic Methods in North-Western Nigeria.  
**Supervisor:** Dr. Yusuf Mohammed
**Presenter 4:** Ibrahim Yusuf (SPS/14/MMM/0022)  
**Topic:** Prevalence of Intestinal protozoan Parasitic Infections among Adults Patients Living with HIV/AIDS in some Selected Hospitals in Kano Metropolis, Nigeria.  
**Supervisor:** Dr. Yusuf Mohammed

**Presenter 5:** Amina M. Usman (SPS/14/MMM/0025)  
**Topic:** Increased Risk of Severe Malaria among Pregnant Mothers Living with HIV in Kano State, Nigeria.  
**Supervisors:** Dr. Nura Sani & Dr. Yusuf Mohammed  
**Chairman:** Associate Professor Faruk Sarkinfada

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**Department of Geography: PhD & Proposal Seminars**

**PhD Seminar:**  
**Presenter:** Abubakar Ibrahim Tukur (SPS/12/SMS/00001)  
**Title:** Groundwater Suitability Evaluation and Quality Index Development for Irrigation Agriculture in Fadama Land, Semi-Arid Northwestern Nigeria.  
**Chairman:** Prof. Maharazu A. Yusuf

**Proposal Seminar:**  
**Presenter 1:** Abba Sani Abdullahi (SPS/MGE/13/00057)  
**Topic:** Awareness and Adoption of Soil in Tofa Local Government Area, Kano State or Analysis of Tree Species Retention and Cultivation in Rural Farming System in Tofa Local Government Area Kano State.  
**Presenter 2:** Nasiru Yahuza (SPS/MGE/13/00050)  
**Topic:** An Assessment of Property Rent and its Determinants in Kano Metropolis.  
**Chairman:** Associate Prof. Salisu Mohammed

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**Department of Software Engineering: Seminar**

**Presenter:** Kabir Umar, Department of Software Engineering.  
**Title:** An Improved Static Analysis for Identification of SQL Injection Hotspots in Web Application Using Enhance Pushdown Automaton.  
**Chairman:** Prof. Maharazu A. Yusuf

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**Wedding Fatiha/Daurin Aure**

(1) Farfesa Abdulkadir Dangambo Na Jam’ar Bayero, Kano, na farin cikin gayyatar ‘yan uwa da abokan arziki, zuwa wajen daurin auren dansa, Mushahu Abdulkadir Dangambo da amaryarsa Zainab Aminu, wanda za a yi kamar haka:

- **Rana:** Asabar 30 ga watan Janairu 2016 = 7/Rabiussani, 1437AH  
- **Lokaci:** 2:00 Na rana  
- **Wuri:** Masallacin Murtala, Zoo Road, Kano.

(2) Yusuf Saminu Saidu (Engr. Yakasai) a.k. (Mai Saida Shadda da Takalma) invites members of the University community and general public to his wedding fatiha with his bride, Hauwa’u Sunusi Bamalli (Maijidda), scheduled as follows:  

- **Date:** Sunday, 28th Rabiul Thani, 1437AH (7th February, 2016).  
- **Time:** 11:00am  
- **Venue:** No 938, Residence of...