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Amir Abdullahi Bags Best Student Award at Universiti Teknologi, Malaysia

Amir Abdullahi Bature of the Department of Electrical Engineering has bagged the best student award at the Universiti Teknologi, Malaysia (UTM) after he successfully completed his PhD program.

The certificate of the award signed by the Dean, School of Graduate Studies, UTM, Prof. Dr. Zaidatun Binti Tasir, read: It is hereby certified that the University's Graduate Studies Academic Committee has conferred Best Student Award, Doctor of Philosophy (Electrical Engineering) on Amir Abdullahi Bature based on excellent academic achievement in conjunction with the 56th Convocation Ceremony 2016.

Dr. Amir Abdullahi, in addition, got the Merit Thesis Award and Certificate of Excellence (Grade B1) in PhD Thesis. The thesis is titled: *Control of Two Wheeled Inverted Pendulum Mobile Robot Using Composite Non-Linear Feedback Control Approach*.

The Bayero University Management has congratulated Dr. Bature for making the university proud.

Prof. Dahiru Yahaya Nominated for 2016 African Achievers Award

Professor Dahiru Yahaya of the Department of History has been nominated for the 2016 African Achievers Award by the members of the

Board of Directors and entire management team of AAA, for his contributions to the development of intellectual history and history of ideals in Africa.

The forthcoming African Achievers Awards is scheduled to hold this year at the International Conference Centre, Abuja on 22nd July, 2016.

AAA has constantly rewarded and honoured great achievers from African leaders, young achievers, to captains of industries across the continent. The journey has seen the award ceremony move from London to Kenya to Ghana and now to Nigeria.

The award ceremony has fast become established as one of the biggest gatherings of influential and global African achievers on the continent. It is rated by Forbes Magazine and Channels Television as one of the most prestigious award ceremonies that represent the whole of the African continent.

GENERAL CIRCULAR: Appointment of Contract, Sabbatical & Visiting Staff

The University has been facing serious challenges with respect to the payment of salaries and allowances since December 2015. The challenges arise from the grossly inadequate provision for, and release of, funds for personnel costs from Abuja.

In view of these challenges, the Management has decided as follows until the situation improves:

- a) All fresh appointments either regular or contract have been suspended.
- b) Appointments and renewals of the appointment of retired staff on contract have been suspended.
- c) Sabbatical appointments of staff members from other universities to the University have been put on hold.
- d) There will be no appointments or renewals for visiting and part-time staff members.

Exemption will only be given in **very exceptional** cases (such as for new programmes/departments with inadequate full-time staff members).

In a statement, the Registrar, Fatima Binta Mohammed, advised all the affected staff members to take note accordingly.

Dr. Hadiza Ibrahim Appointed Sub-Dean (Facilities), Faculty of Comm.

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello, has approved the appointment of Dr. Hadiza Ibrahim as the Sub-Dean (Facilities), Faculty of Communication for the period of two years with effect from 12th July, 2016.

The letter of appointment was signed by the Registrar dated 12th July, 2016.

Dr. Umar Sani Koki Appointed Deputy Dean, Student Affairs

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello, has approved the appointment of Dr. Umar Sani Koki as the Deputy Dean, Student Affairs (Old Campus) for the period of two years with effect from 12th July, 2016.

The letter of appointment was signed by the Registrar dated 12th July, 2016.

Dr. Hajara Umar Sanda Appointed Deputy Dean, Student Affairs

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello, has approved the appointment of Dr. Hajara Umar Sanda as the Deputy Dean, Student Affairs (New Campus) for the period of two years with effect from 12th July, 2016.

The letter of appointment was signed by the Registrar, Fatima Binta Mohammed, dated 12th July, 2016

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The Caretaker Committee of the Senior Staff Club wishes to inform the University community that the Club will soon commence operation and will provide services for the comfort and relaxation of the senior staff members.

The Club will provide you with decent food that includes suya, tea and coffee and fish for your comfort. It acquires different types of sporting facilities for your choice that include Basketball, Tennis, Table Tennis, Badminton, Squash, Ludo, and Draft.

Those who want to hold marriage ceremonies and other events can come and rent for indoor or outdoor purposes.

Provision is made for female staff members who want to engage in any form of exercises and toilets as well as a dressing room, which is provided for such female members.

The committee will soon come out with the modalities of registration.

Note that the Club will not entertain the drink or sell of alcohol in any form.

For more information, you can contact the Chairman, Professor E.U Essiet in the Old Faculty of Agriculture or the Secretary, Nura Garba at the Information and Publications (Bulletin Office).

DAAD/MIPLC LL.M. Scholarship

The Directorate of Research, Innovation and Partnership wishes to inform the University Community of the call for application for the 2017/2018 DAAD/MIPLC LL.M. Scholarship. The Munich Intellectual Property Law Center (MIPLC) is part of the “Development related Courses” program of the Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst (DAAD) calls for application for scholarship in that context for admission into LL.M. The scholarship package covers monthly stipends, travel allowance, health and insurance payments. For more information visit <https://www.miplc.de/llm-ip/admissions/how-to-apply/> Deadline: October 15, 2016.

Distorted Idiomatic Expression (2) With Sheriff Ahmed

This week we shall discuss six distorted idiomatic expressions. We shall attempt to explain the sayings (or the idioms) with examples where necessary.

- The army officer was quoted as saying: “He who plays the piper dictates the tune.” This is what you often hear people say. It is not correct. In the first place, the word ‘plays’ is not

the appropriate word. The correct word is *pays*. Even at that the idiom is distorted.

Correct: *He who pays the piper calls the tune.*

This English saying means the person who provides the money for something can also control how it is spent. Please take note of the key words in the saying: ‘pays’ and ‘calls’ (not ‘plays’; not ‘dictates’ as commonly used).

A related idiom: *pay the piper*, meaning to take the consequences for something.

- Head or tail?

This idiom is incorrect. The correct idiom is *heads or tails?* The idiom is used to ask somebody which side of a coin they think will be facing upwards when it is tossed in order to decide something by chance. For example:

Toss the coin: heads I win, tails you lose.

Compare: 1. *Better be the head of a dog than the tail of a lion* (meaning it is better to hold a high position at a lower level than to hold a low position at a high level).

2. *Make heads or tails (out) of something*, meaning to understand something, as in:

- a. *The way the document was worded was incredibly complicated - no one could make heads or tails out of it.*
- b. *I can't make heads or tails of Nigerian politicians.*
- c. *No one can make heads or tails of this problem.*

Usage note: The idiom is almost always used in the negative.

- The taste of the pudding...

The expression ‘the taste of the pudding’ is a misrepresentation of the precise English saying *the proof of the pudding (is in the eating)*. It means you can only judge if something is good or bad when you have tried it.

- The APC politician said, “As things stand, Saraki is **at crossroad** and seeking the way out.”

Correct: *As things stand, Saraki is at the crossroads.*

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Please do not omit the article ('the' or 'a'). The idiom means at an important point in somebody's life or development.

- "If you feel so strongly about a national conference, why do you want to eat your cake and have it?"

This idiom has been mistreated by many Nigerians including prominent citizens, well-read individuals, teachers, journalists and other writers.

Correct: *If you feel so strongly about a sovereign national conference, why do you want to have your cake and eat it?*

It should be noted that the idiom 'eat your cake and have it' is an old saying, which has now become (in both British and American English) old-fashioned. In modern English, the correct thing to say is *have your cake and eat it (too)*. Some people still believe the two variations are interchangeable. The idiom means to try to enjoy the advantages of two things, each of which tends to make the other impossible.

- "He cannot spell his name correctly; talk less of write a composition."

Note that the expression 'talk less of' is Pidgin English. The correct expression or idiom to use is *let alone*. This idiom is used after a statement to emphasize that because the first thing is not true or possible, the next thing cannot be true or possible either. In other words, the idiom is used to introduce something that is even less likely or probable than what has just been mentioned. For example:

- There isn't enough room for us, let alone any guests.*

- He cannot spell his name correctly, let alone write a composition.*

UNESCO International Centre for Technical and Vocational Education & Training

Bayero University advises interested staff to check this website www.un-univocal.org for UNESCO International Centre for Technical and Vocational Education and Training, which has published the adverts for some positions in its newsletter.

The following Grade Level P4 positions are advertised:

1. Programme Officer (PO), Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Change Response
2. PO, Education for Sustainable Development
3. Agricultural Officer
4. Procurement Officer
5. Media and Communications Officer
6. Reviser (French)
7. Legal officer
8. Transport Officer
9. Finance and Budget Officer
10. Accountants




Deadline – all opened till when filled.

For further enquiries can be directed to the NUC or Nigerian National Commission for UNESCO, FME, (natcom.unesco@education.gov.ng; +2348033358578).

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Announces the

7th Annual Ibadan Sustainable Development Summit (ISDS, 2016)

21 – 26 August, 2016

Keynote Speakers:

Aminu J. Mohammed, Honourable Minister of Environment, Federal Republic of Nigeria.

Walter J. V. Vermeulen, President, International Sustainable Development Research Society.

THEME: Making the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) Work for People in Africa.

Date: 21 – 26 August, 2016 (21 – Arrival and 26th – Departure)

Venue: Opening Ceremony: Trenchard Hall, University of Ibadan.

Technical Sessions: University of Ibadan Centre for Sustainable Development, 20 Awolowo Avenue, Old Bodija, Ibadan, Nigeria.

SEMINARS

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

Faculty of Engineering: Faculty Seminar

Presenter: Prof. M. H. Bichi

Topic: *The Potentials of Moringa Oleifera Trees as a Natural Raw Material for Development.*

Chairman: Engr. D. R. H. M. Alhassan

Date: 26th July, 2016

Time: 11:00am prompt

Venue: Faculty of Engineering Conference Room

Department of Mathematical Sciences: Departmental Seminar Series

Presenter: Dr. Sammani D. Abdullahi

Topic: *An Algorithm for Goldbach Conjecture.*

Chairman: Dr. Ibrahim Idris

Date: Friday, 15th July, 2016

Time: 9:00am

Venue: Departmental Computer Lab.

Department of Linguistics & Foreign Languages: Departmental Seminar

Presenter 1: Ibrahim Garba Gwammaja (SPS/14/PLG/00001)

Topic: *Morphosyntax of Hausa Sign Language.*

Presenter 2: Maijidda Ahmad Shu'aibu (SPS/14/PLG/00002)

Topic: *Language and Gender: A case of Hausa Females in Kano.*

Presenter 3: Abdulkadir Abubakar Zailani (SPS/14/PLG/00003)

Topic: *Politeness in Hausa.*

Presenter 4: Yahaya Mohammed Ahmed (SPS/14/PLG/00004)

Topic: *A Morphosyntactic Study of Fulde Pronouns.*

Presenter 5: Abdullahi Aliyu *Senior Secondary School Students of Kano Metropolis.*
(SPS/14/PLG/00005)

Topic: *A Morphosyntactic Analysis of Hausa Adverb Ordering: A Universal Hierarchy Approach.*

Chairman: Professor Mukhtar A. Yusuf

Date: Tuesday, 19th July, 2016

Time: 10:00am

Chairman: Prof. Salisu Shehu

Date: Wednesday, 20th July, 2016

Time: 10:30am

Venue: SCE Theatre

Appreciation from Dr. Bala Sale Dawakin Tofa

Presenter 6: Danladi Abdu
(SPS/14/PLG/00006)

Topic: *A Comparative Linguistics of Aliyu Kamal's King of the Boys and Abubakar Gimba's Sacred Apple.*

Presenter 7: Umar Husaini
(SPS/14/PLG/00008)

Topic: *A Morphological Study of Fulfulde Verbonominals.*

Presenter 8: Babangida Magaji Isa
(SPS/14/PLG/00009)

Topic: *Morphosyntax of Hausa Sign Language.*

Presenter 9: Aliyu Umar (SPS/14/PLG/00010)

Topic: *Societal Forces and Language Change: A Case of Hausa.*

Presenter 10: Fatima Umar Sanda
(SPS/14/PLG/000011)

Topic: *Language Endangerment: A Case Study of Pia Language.*

Chairman: Professor Bello A. Salim

Date: Wednesday, 20th July, 2016

Time: 10:00am

Venue: Departmental Conference Room

School for Continuing Education: Seminar

Presenter: Idris Salisu Rogo

Topic: *Impact of Rational Emotive Behaviour Therapy (REBT) on Conduct Disorder Among*

With gratitude to the Almighty Allah, I wish to thank all those who travelled to Dawakin Tofa Local Government to condole me over the death of my father, Alhaji Saleh Dawakin Tofa, who passed away at 101 years on 2nd July, 2016. In particular, I would like to thank the delegation of the University Management Committee (UMC) led by the DVC Academic, Professor Sagir Abbas, the delegation of the ASUU BUK, various members of the University community, who in groups and individually made their way to Dawakin Tofa to condole the bereaved. I also extend my appreciations to all those who through text messages and by late information called to condole me. I remain indebted and grateful.

May the Almighty Allah SWT reward all of you abundantly, amin.

LOST ITEMS

A bag containing credentials belonging to Mukhtar Muhammad Sheriff of M. Eng. Civil Engineering has been lost containing all his credentials, including the NYSC discharge certificate, first degree certificates, etc.

If found please forward it to the Information, Publication and documentation Division (Bulletin Office) or contact the owner at 08036308214.



**DEPARTMENT OF MICROBIOLOGY
BAYERO UNIVERSITY, KANO
2015/2016 SESSION (FIRST SEMESTER) M.SC FINAL
SEMINAR**

Date: Tuesday 19th July, 2016

Chairman: Dr. A.M. Magashi

TIME: 9:30am

VENUE: MICROBIOLOGY PG CLASS II (Near Undergraduate Microbiology Laboratory)

S/N	Reg. Number	Name	Supervisor	TOPIC
1	SPS/13/MMB/00006	Stephen Chagudu Alkali	Dr. Yusuf Mohammed	Study on total Aflatoxin contents of wheat sold in Kaduna and Kano States, North west Nigeria.
2	SPS/13/MMB/00036	Usman Adamu	Dr. Muhammad Yusha'u	Antibacterial potential of <i>C. occidentalis</i> , <i>C. sinensis</i> and <i>E. camadulensis</i> against clinical isolates of <i>S. typhi</i> and <i>S. paratyphi</i>
3	SPS/13/MMB/00035	Abdulrazak Mohammed Hussaini	Dr. Muhammad Yusha'u	Evaluation antibacterial activity of some leaves extracts against clinical isolates of salmonella species.
4	SPS/13/MMB/00011	Khadija Sheshe Isah	Dr. Shamsuddeen Umar	<i>In vitro</i> antimicrobial activity of some plant essential oils/extracts against organisms of UTI and meat origins

Date: Wednesday 20th July, 2016

Chairman: Dr. Muhammad Yusha'u

TIME: 9:30am

VENUE: MICROBIOLOGY PG CLASS II (Near Undergraduate Microbiology Laboratory)

S/N	Reg. Number	Name	Supervisor	TOPIC
1	SPS/13/MMB/00002	Abdulkabir Rabi'u Salisu	Dr. Shamsuddeen Umar	Biodegradation potential of some bacterial spp and fungal biomass on textile dye effluent.
2	SPS/13/MMB/00031	Nafisatu Baita	Dr. Sani Yahaya	Antagonism and <i>in vitro</i> probiotic evaluation of Lactic acid bacteria isolated from some fermented product.
3	SPS/13/MMB/00007	Rabi'a Ibrahim Karaye	Dr. Aishatu Ibrahim Aminu	Nutritional and microbiological analysis of some locally made beverages in Kano metropolis, Nigeria
4	SPS/14/MMB/00005	Hamidu Umar Puma	Dr. Shamsuddeen Umar	Occurrence of methicillin resistant <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> (MRSA) from environmental sources
5	SPS/13/MMB/00023	Shamsuddeen Abdullahi	Dr. Aishatu Ibrahim Aminu	Detection of methicillin resistance <i>Staph. aureus</i> from commonly used Hospital instruments

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