



Dr. Janet Y. Thomas, Deputy Director, Education, USAID, signing visitors' register during her visit to the Vice Chancellor, Prof. M. Y. Bello

## USAID to Support BUK's Nigerian Centre for Reading Research

By: Abubakar Yusuf

The United States Agency for International Development (USAID) is working towards supporting Bayero University to fully develop its Nigerian Centre for Reading Research (NCRR), the Deputy Director in charge of education in the Abuja office of the Agency, Dr. Janet Y. Thomas, has disclosed.

Dr. Thomas, while speaking on Tuesday, 28<sup>th</sup> November, 2017, when she paid a courtesy call on the Vice Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello, in his office, commended the University for initiating the Centre, which, she said, had similar mission with her Agency; hence the Agency's resolve to contribute to its success.

She disclosed that her visit to the University was aimed to assess the NCRR and find ways to collaborate with her Agency to achieve the desired goal. "USAID is concerned with partnering with others in promoting education at all levels," she added.

On the request made by the Vice Chancellor, Professor Bello, on the Agency to support the University's Centre for Qur'anic Studies and Centre for Gender Studies, she promised to look into the issue and see if there were opportunities that could afford the University to apply for such support from USAID.

Professor Bello expressed his happiness over the way

USAID had been assisting Nigeria in so many areas. He also said for long Bayero University had been enjoying support from foreign agencies like USAID.

The Vice Chancellor said, from the year 2000 to date, Bayero University had received over \$200 million dollars from the Mac Arthur Foundation, which were used in creating the Faculty of Agriculture, improving the Faculty of Communication and establishing the Centre for Information Technology (CIT), amongst others.

On the creation of Nigerian Centre for Reading Research, which was established in the University through collaboration with Florida State University, he said it was aimed at reviving reading culture among the people. "The University management had formally ratified the establishment of the Centre and approved the development of six male and female senior academic fellows, comprising three Professors, to undertake the task of bringing it into operation.

The Director of Nigerian Centre for Reading Research, Professor Isma'il Tsiga, Professor Saleh Kiyawa, Professor Talatu Garba, Dr. Aliyu Mu'azu and Dr. Yakubu Magaji Azare were among the fellows of the Centre, who accompanied Dr. Janet Thomas to the Vice Chancellor's Office.

## Implementation Monitoring Committee Tours Projects in BUK

**By: Nura Garba**

The Implementation Monitoring Committee (IMC) from the National Universities Commission (NUC), TETFund and Federal Ministry of Education on Monday, 27<sup>th</sup> November, 2017 toured projects in the campuses of the University which were executed under Needs Assessment.

The committee led by Engineer Sunday A. Adefemi, had an interaction with the Budget Monitoring Committee



IMC and BMC members after inspecting one of the projects

shortly after the members paid a courtesy call on the Vice Chancellor in his office.

The Chairman of the committee said they came to see the level of compliance and assess the physical projects under the Needs Assessment, with a view to advising the University Management appropriately. He was particularly impressed with the University's compliance, saying that the work was made easier for them.

During the courtesy call, the Vice Chancellor, Prof. M. Y. Bello told the committee that Bayero University achieved 99% compliance with the Needs Assessment

projects and that more than 70% staff had completed their study abroad and returned, this include the Bursar, Alhaji Sulaiman Bello, who recently completed his PhD at the University Utara, Malaysia.

The Vice Chancellor particularly commended unions for making positive struggles to ensure the Needs Assessment projects became successful, noting that even in the university, the unions were working closely with the management to ensure best practices, citing an example of the recently paid earned allowances, which was computed in just one hour and unanimously endorsed by all the unions.

According to a brief presentation on Needs Assessment Projects at the interactive session between BUK's Budget Monitoring Committee and IMC at the Council Chambers on 27<sup>th</sup> November, 2017, there was a total of thirty-nine projects with fifteen and five in Batch A and nineteen in Batch B. Out of these projects, 28 were located at the New Campus, 5 at Old Campus, 5 at Aminu Kano Teaching Hospital and 1 at the School of Continuing Education.

On staff training, a total of 67 staff were trained 40 of whom were females and 27 males. It also shows that 34 female staff were trained in postgraduate studies in BUK and 30 staff members trained in universities abroad. The brief shows that 50 staff were trained in PhD, and 17 for Masters degrees.

Bayero University is now requesting for the balance payment of 10% in the sum of N566,740.72 to settle contractors and pay scholars their balances, since it has completed its projects and a substantial number of staff completed their studies.

## BUK's MPPA Program Designed for High Level Human Resource Devt. - Prof. Fagge

**By: Mustapha M. Gide**

The introduction of Masters in Public Policy and Administration (MPPA) by the Department of Political Science, Bayero University, Kano is aimed to provide advanced administrative training and skills for the development of manpower resources of both public and private sectors in the country and beyond.

The Head of Department of Political Science, Bayero University, Professor Habu Mohammed Fagge, who disclosed this during a dinner party organized by the 2016/2017 MPPA students on Saturday, 25<sup>th</sup> November, 2017 at Mallam Madori Road, Kano, to mark the end of their examinations, said so far the Department had served as a training ground for managerial and other high level human resource manpower that acquire



Dr. Abdul'aziz Zango, MPPA Coordinator (middle), receiving the award presented by the students



advanced knowledge in modern policy and administrative science.

Professor Fagge, who was represented by the Programme Coordinator, Dr. Abdul'aziz Zango, disclosed that so far a lot of successes had been achieved, as the programme had helped greatly in filling the managerial gap in both public and private sectors. He added that it provided training on modern policy and administrative technique that made human resources competitive in the globalised world.

One of the programme's tutors, Dr. Abdullahi Y.

## We Can Prosper Through Women Educational Empowerment ...*Prof. Salisu Shehu*

**By: Lamara Garba**

Any society aspiring to prosper must give an equal opportunity of quality education to all its members irrespective of religious, gender or age barriers, a University don, Professor Salisu Shehu, has said.

“Education is the most important instrument of change in any society,” he declared, pointing out that “any fundamental change in the intellectual and social outlook of any society has to be preceded by an educational revolution.”

Delivering a paper titled “Better Late than Never: The



Professor Salisu Shehu, Dean, SCE

Opportunities and Prospects of Distance Learning for Married Muslim Women”, at the 3<sup>rd</sup> Public Lecture series organized by the Centre for Gender Studies on Tuesday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017, Professor Shehu, in particular noted the critical contribution of women in the promotion of good values in the society as well as family cohesion.

According to him, right from ancient times, women have been very influential in the society as a result of the knowledge and level of education they acquired, explaining that no society would prosper without adequate representation of women's contributions and participation.

Professor Shehu, who is the Dean of the School of

Zainawa, felicitated with the students for the successful completion of the programme and expressed the hope that the knowledge they acquired during the period would be judiciously utilized to enhance productivity in both sectors.

*BUK Bulletin* reported that the event featured the presentation of gifts, including a Public Address System to the Political Science Department by the MPPA students. Other lecturers who attended the occasion included Professor Abubakar Jika Jiddere, Mal. Riya'u Maitama and Dr. Mukhtar Bello.

Continuing Education, however, charged women, particularly the married, to avail themselves of the opportunities that abound, most especially to utilize the Open and Distance Learning programmes offered by many educational institutions.

Although, he said, cultural barriers and/or stringent measures by many men had been the stumbling blocks to women education particularly the married ones. He said there was the need for the society to be reawakened from slumber and to empower women to acquire education and knowledge in all the aspects of human endeavour.

He regretted that the North had been lagging behind in terms of women education compared to the other regions and suggested that serious efforts must be taken in order to address the imbalance. “Muslim women that are interested in furthering their education have either been inhibited by the commitments of matrimonial obligations and responsibilities or by cost.”

“A teeming number of working Muslim women (teachers, nurses, etc.) that are also interested in acquiring additional qualifications have been entangled by the dual responsibilities and commitments of work and marriage,” he opined.

As a panacea, the University don suggested that since almost every country had its own National Open University, “we, Muslims, must therefore come to terms with this reality and avail ourselves the opportunities provided by it lest we keep lagging behind in the educational and civilizational “caravan”, he added.

Earlier speaking, the Director of Centre for Gender Studies, Professor Aisha Abdul Isma'il, who was represented by the Deputy Director of Research, Dr. Amina Lawal, said the Lecture was part of the centre's efforts to create awareness on Girl-Child/Women education.

## Productive Mind Global Initiative Honours Engr. Abubakar Mohammed

**By: Nura Garba**

The Productive Mind Global Initiative (PMGI) has honoured Engineer Abubakar Mohammed of the Civil Engineering Department with a Humanitarian Excellence Award.

PMGI is an educational, social, charitable and non-profit-making organization hinged upon the philosophy of giving back to the society.

The certificate of honour was presented to Engineer Mohammed on 25<sup>th</sup> November, 2017 and was co-signed by the Coordinator, Dr. Ashiru Aminu, and the President of PMGI, Muhammad Mustapha.

Engineer Mohammed was honoured alongside other people, who excelled in their calling, such as

Ambassador Nmaa Ahmed Abubakar from Niger State, Alhaji Nasiru Isa Mahmud, *Sarkin Dawakin Tsakar Gidan Ringim*, and Hajjiya Amina Mohammed Sagagi.



Engr. Abubakar Mohammed (right) receiving his award

## Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello Now FRSC Special Marshal

**By: Rabi'u M. Sagir**

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello has officially been honoured with a membership of special marshal of Federal Road Safety Corps. He was honoured together with Alh Aminu Dantata and PPS, to Kano State Governor, Alh. Ibrahim Muhammad Kankarofi on Tuesday, 28<sup>th</sup> November, 2017 at the Centre for Democratic Research and Training, Mambayya House.

The Vice Chancellor expressed his appreciation to Federal Road Safety Corps Special Marshal for recognizing his contribution



New Special Marshal, Prof. M. Y. Bello

towards the development of the society, as road safety was the responsibility of all. "So we have to sacrifice and commit ourselves in ensuring effective road safety on our roads", he said.

Professor Bello urged drivers to maintain a steady speed on roads so as to reduce rampant accidents that occur on a daily basis. This, he said usually caused retardation in the country's economic growth through the loss of important people and property.

Professor Bello called on Nigerians to be self-disciplined in their day-to-day activities in order to serve as models for the future generation by approaching things in a positive manner, which would help Nigeria to

regain its lost status in the eyes of the world.

## Accreditation Visits Routine Academic Exercise – Prof. M.Y.Bello

**By: Bala G. Abdullahi**

Bayero University will gladly welcome any inputs from professionals in its determined efforts to sustain and raise the newly established Department of Geology to maturity, the Vice Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello, has said.

The Vice Chancellor spoke through the Deputy Vice Chancellor, (Academic), Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas, when he received the National Universities Commission's (NUC) Accreditation team on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November, 2017.

He said accreditation exercise was a normal and routine academic self-appraisal, adding that 'we, in BUK, always welcome any team on such a visit, because we believe that inputs from professionals are needed especially on the newly introduced programmes to strengthen our academic activities and to help us sustain the programmes to full maturity.'

Professor Bello stated that the Geology Department was a newly introduced unit, saying that the university looked up to professionals in the field 'like you,

members of the accreditation team, to make your inputs to enable the Department grow to maturity,' he stated.

He assured them of the cooperation and support of the university to enable them to carry out their assignments successfully.

Earlier, the leader of the accreditation team, Professor E. A. Okosun, had told the Vice Chancellor that they were in the University for a Friendly Exercise as part of efforts of the NUC to promote excellence in academic activities by ensuring that all degree programmes being run by Universities in the country meet the NUC Basic Minimum Academic

Standards (BMAS).  
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Professor Okosun said the team would look at what was on ground, including infrastructure, facilities and academic staff vis-à-vis what was stated on paper, saying that, at the end, his team would prepare an honest report regarding their observations.

He said the accreditation exercise was an opportunity to address identified problems that need solutions. 'We will be truthful in all our findings, so that the Department will grow to maturity,' he assured.

## Accreditation Teams for Education Programmes, Urban and Regional Planning Visit BUK

*By: Nura Garba*

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello, on Monday, 27<sup>th</sup> November, 2017, received accreditation teams for five programmes in the Faculty of Education and Urban and Regional Planning (URP) programme in the Faculty of Earth and Environmental Sciences (FEES) from the National Universities Commission (NUC).

The programmes accredited in the Faculty of Education were: Education/History, Education /English, Education/Hausa, Education/Arabic and Education/Islamic Studies.

The accreditation team leaders of the programmes in the Faculty of Education and of Urban and Regional Planning, Professor Razak D. Abubakar from University of Ilorin, Department of Arabic and Professor Timothy T. Gyuse, respectively, told the Vice Chancellor that their teams came to accredit the programmes in order to improve and strengthen their

quality.

On his part, the Vice Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello, said the University took accreditation of its programmes seriously. He said it took it as a peer review process "that's why our motto, Above Every Possessor of Knowledge there is One More Learned, keeps reminding us that there is always a room for improvement. The Vice Chancellor added that accreditation was interwoven in academic systems anywhere in the world.

Prof Bello told the team for URP that accreditation was conducted on the programme five years ago. He said there were massive transformations in the last 5 years in terms of infrastructure, staffing and academic development.

Meanwhile, the teams signed the exit form on Tuesday, 28<sup>th</sup> November, 2017. They commended the University for giving them free atmosphere conducive for their



VC, (5th right) in a group photograph with Dean, FEES, some senior staff of LRP Department of Accreditation Team members after the courtesy call



## Eleven Prisons Inmates Freed by BUK Law Students

**By: Abubakar Yusuf**

The Post-graduate students of the Faculty of Law, Bayero University Kano, as part of activities lined up to celebrate their graduation, facilitated the release of eleven prison in-mates from the Kurmawa Central Prison Kano, on Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> November, 2017.



The eleven in-mates were serving various jail terms in the prison because of their inability to pay their various conviction fines. They breathed the air of freedom after the BUK Law students settled the various fines amounting to N113,000 to secure their release.

In his speech shortly after the release of the inmates, the leader of the students, Barrister Abubakar Usman Karfi, said they decided to pay the fines on behalf of the prison inmates as their contribution to the society. "We are all

aware of the problem of prison congestion in this country, which requires everybody to give his contribution in solving this problem," he added.

On the Prison inmates who regained their freedom, Barrister Karfi advised them to use this opportunity to correct their behaviour to be good people that would help the society to grow.

The leader of the students, who studied a Masters Degree in Business and Commercial Law in the year 2016/2017 in Bayero University, Kano, said the PG students would build a *masjid* in the Faculty of Law as soon as they got the University's approval.

In his response, the Deputy Controller of Prison in charge of Kurmawa Central Prison, Alhaji Ubale Haruna, thanked the students for their contribution towards decongesting the prison, which was the first of its kind by students. Kurmawa Central Prison, according to him, had the capacity of accommodating 750 inmates; but today, it had more than two thousand prisoners.

Alhaji Ubale called on other people and non-governmental organizations to emulate the students of Bayero University Kano in showing care for prison inmates.

Some of the inmates who regained their freedom thanked the students and promised not to commit any act that could take them back to prison.

## Cervical Cancer Deadly But Preventable – Dr. Umar Aliyu

**By: Fausat A. Opayomi**

Cervical Cancer has been described as a deadly virus that kills hundreds of women, but it is preventable. It is a major health, psychological and social burden for women everywhere and a leading cause of mortality among women in Nigeria.



Dr. Umar Usman Aliyu presenting his lecture

This was made known by Dr. Umar Usman Aliyu, a Consultant Obstetrician and Gynecologist from Aminu Kano Teaching Hospital (AKTH), on Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> November, 2017, at Musa Abdullahi Auditorium, New Campus.

According to him, cervical cancer is caused by the human papilloma virus, which is contracted through sexual intercourse. He described it as an abnormal growth that affects the cervix and other vital organs of the body.

He, however, explained that the common causes were early exposure to sexual intercourse, multiple sexual partners, a weakened immune system as a result of HIV and the prolonged use of contraceptives, among others.

The common symptoms, according to him, are vaginal bleeding after intercourse, offensive vaginal discharge, bleeding after menopause, rectum leakage and recurrent pain in the right abdomen, with complications, such as pus collecting within the uterine cavity, obstruction of

urinary flow, kidney failure, weight loss and recto-vaginal fistula.

Earlier, the Registrar, Hajiya Fatima Binta Muhammad, in a keynote address, described women as the backbone of any society. She further disclosed that the role of women in Nigeria dated back to pre – colonial era and that women were making positive contributions in all three tiers of government.

On her part, the SSANU Women leader, Hajiya Hauwa Abdullahi Dambatta, described the Registrar as an

inspiration to all women that her emergence as the first female Registrar in BUK showed that the sky was the limit for all women. Hauwa Danbatta explained that the aim of constituting the SSANU women wing was to bring women together in the spirit of companionship and safe guarding their welfare.

The Lecture was organized to celebrate the first SSANU Women Day with the theme: **“Cervical Cancer: Predisposing Factors and Prevention”** held at Musa Abdullahi Auditorium.

## Students Welfare is Our Priority – VC *By: Rabi’u M. Sagir*

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello, has assured the Student Union Government (SUG) that Bayero University was always ready to provide conducive learning environment to students, as

of team work existing in the University.

Professor Bello assured the SUG that his administration was determined to include student representatives in the committees directly related to students, such as academic facility maintenance, quality assurance and library development committees, among others, in order to deliberate and form concrete ideologies that would be of benefit to the students.

The Vice Chancellor also expressed his commitment towards providing reading rooms, public conveniences and sleeping materials in the hostel, which may upgrade the standard living of the students in the University.

The newly elected SUG President, Senator Khalil Sunusi Kani, expressed his appreciation to the Vice Chancellor and his management team and assured him that he was ready to join hands with University

Management in moving the university to the next level.

Senator Kani also promised the students that he would try to improve the capacity of the students in academics and welfarism as well as in providing sanity and unity among them.



students' welfare was his main priority.

Speaking on Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> November, 2017 at the Council Chambers, while receiving the newly elected SUG executives, Professor Bello urged the SUG to join hands with the University Management in moving the University forward, as that would add value to the spirit

## SSANU Motorcycle Loan

This is to inform all members of the University Community who are interested in collecting motorcycle loan from SSANU that forms are available from the following members:

1. Uzairu Idris Danbazau – Bursary Department (New

Campus).

2. Mal. Sulaiman – Directorate of Establishment Matters, New Campus.
3. Mal. Sallau Ibrahim – University Clinics, (Old Campus)

## Non-Academic Staff Union of Educational & Association Institutions (NASU)

This is to inform all NASU members and other colleagues that NASU BUK Branch has secured 75 Plots of Land with Kano State Letter of Grant. The lands have the provision of a Police Station, Fire Service Office, an Islamiya School and a Mosque, as approved by the Kano State Bureau for Land Management. The Plots are to be sold on loan basis to interested members and other members of sister Unions in the University. The land is located at Janguza/Langel town, Tofa Local Government Area, Kano State.

1. Size of the Plot 50x50 @ the rate of N850,000 (16

Months)

2. Size of the Plot 75x50 @ the rate of N1,050,000 (16 Months)
3. Duration of the payment is 16 Months

For the ongoing sale of 25x30 size plots at Kwarin Adiya, all interested staff can obtain the form as usual through the following numbers:

**07030353625, 08030449500, 07026025709**

# Research Ethics Training Workshop

The Directorate of Research, Innovation and Partnership (DRIP) and Centre for Infectious Diseases Research, College of Health Sciences invite members of the University Community to the Research Ethics Training Workshop as follows:

**Date:** 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> December, 2017

**Time:** 8am – 5pm daily

**Venue:** Lecture Theatre, Faculty of Clinical Sciences, AKTH

## Department of Physical and Health Education:

### Notice of "WALK FOR LIFE"

**Topic:** "WALK FOR LIFE"

**Date:** 9<sup>th</sup> December, 2017

**Time:** 7:00 am

**Venue:** TAKE OFF POINT (NEW SITE STADIUM)

## SEMINAR

### Department of Agronomy: *Ph.D Proposal Seminar*

**Presenter 1:** Safiyanu Ali (SPS/12/PAG/00003)

**Title of Thesis:** Response of Sweetpotato (*Ipomea batatas* (L.) lam) Genotypes to Rates of Manure and NPK Fertilizer Combinations in the Sudan Savannah of Nigeria

**Supervisor:** Prof. S. G. Mohammed

**Internal Examiner:** Prof. B.M. Auwalu

**Presenter 2:** Adamu Usman Adamu

(SPS/15/PAG/00007)

**Title of Thesis:** Improvement of Heat Tolerance of Tomato (*Solanum lycopersicon* L.) Using Agronomic Practices during the Dry/Rainy Season Transitional Period in Sudan Savanna of Nigeria

**Supervisor:** Prof. A. A. Manga

**Internal Examiner:** Prof. B.M. Auwalu

**Chairman:** Prof. M. A. Hussaini

### Ph D. Progress Seminar

**Presenter 1:** Mamadou Konate (SPS/13/PAG/00007)

**Title of Dissertations:** Growth and Yield Response of Fonio (*Digetaria exilis* Stapf) to Fertilization and Seed Rate in Sudano-sahelian Zones of Mali

**Supervisor:** Prof. A. A. Manga

**Internal Examiner:** Prof. S. G. Mohammed

**Presenter 2:** Aliyu Uba Ahmed (SPS/13/MAG/00026)

**Title of Dissertation:** Response of Tomato (*Solanum lycopersicon* L) and Onion (*Allium Cepa* L.)

Intercrops to Varying Densities, Poultry Manure and NPK in Sudan Savanna Zone, Nigeria.

**Supervisor:** Prof. B. M. Auwalu

**Internal Examiner:** Prof. S.G. Mohammed

**Date:** 6<sup>th</sup> December, 2017

**Time:** 10:00 am

**Venue:** CDA Conference Hall.

### Department of Political Science: *Ph.D Seminar & Proposal Defence*

**Presenter 1:** Goni Shettima (SPS/14/PPS/00005)

**Title of Thesis:** Evaluation of the Impact of

Contributory Pension Scheme on the Welfare of Pensioners in Federal Universities in North-Eastern Nigeria (2004-2015).

**Supervisor:** Prof. Shehu Dalhatu

**Presenter 2:** Aminu Aliyu Ibrahim

(SPS/14/PPS/00006)

**Title of Thesis:** Analysis of Civil Service Contributions in Nigeria's Democratic Dispensation (1999-2015): A Case Study of Kano State Civil Service.

**Supervisor:** Prof. Shehu Dalhatu

**Presenter 3:** Sani Umar Ibrahim (SPS/14/PPS/00015)

**Title of Thesis:** The Politics of Chinese Investment in Jigawa State: A Study of Land Acquisition by Great Northern Agribusiness Limited.

**Supervisor:** Prof. A'isha Abdul-Isma'il

**Presenter 4:** Sulaiman Mohammed Evuti

(SPS/15/PPS/00001)

**Title of Thesis:** The Role of Development Partners in the Promotion of Democratization Process in Nigeria: The Support for Elections (2011-2015).

**Supervisor:** Dr. Abubakar Jika Jiddere

**Presenter 5:** Ahmed Usman (SPS/15/PPS/00007)

**Title of Thesis:** Farmers-Hardsmen Conflict and Socio-economic and Political Development in Nigeria: A Study of Fulani-Agatu Crisis in Benue and Nassarawa States (2011-2016).

**Supervisor:** Prof. Bawa Hassan Gusau

### Ph.D First Seminar:

**Presenter 1:** Hassan Muritala Babatunde

(SPS/13/PPS/00005)

**Title of Thesis:** Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) as a Development Catalyst in a Globalized Politico-economic Milieu: The African Praxis.

**Supervisor:** Prof. Kamilu Sani Fage

**Internal Examiner:** Prof. Abdullahi Sule-Kano

**Chairman:** Prof. Habu Mohammed

**Date:** December 11-12, 2017

**Time:** 10:00am

**Venue:** Haruna M. Salihi Board Room

