



The University Librarian, Dr. M. Auyo receiving the donated books from the Chairman, PSN, Kano Chapter, Pharm. Ghali Sule

BUK Library To Become a Modern Repository of Knowledge – Dr. Auyo *By Bala G. Abdullahi*

The Bayero University Library will be reorganized and restructured to make it not only more easily accessible to both students and academic staff, but also more of a modern academic repository of knowledge.

This was disclosed by the new Librarian, Dr. Musa Auyo, when he represented the Vice Chancellor and received books worth over N700, 000 donated to the university's Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences by the Kano State Chapter of the Pharmaceutical Society of Nigeria.

He said, 'I came with a vision and mission to restructure the library with a view to modernizing its operation and usage in terms of both hard and e-books, create a faculty library to complement the library performance as well as support the initiative and efforts of faculties and departments to encourage students cultivate the eroding culture of reading.'

Dr. Auyo said all these excellent dreams that he came with would only come to fruition if faculties, departments and centres supported and cooperated with the library management by compelling their students to make use of the university library in carrying out assignments.

He commended the Kano State Chapter of the Pharmaceutical Society of Nigeria for donating such useful books, which would go a long way to ease students' quest for reading and research materials in the cause of

their training programmes. 'I am so happy that Kano State chapter of PSN is very active and, at the same time identify with our new Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences. I believe that is how it should be. The Vice Chancellor asked me to assure you that the books will be judiciously utilized.'

Earlier, the Dean of the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Science, Dr. Baheer A. Zubair, had introduced the Kano Chapter Chairman of PSN and told the representative of the Vice Chancellor that the books donated were among the best reference books any Pharmaceutical training institution would require for the training of both undergraduate and postgraduate students.

Also speaking, the Kano State Chapter Chairman of PSN, Pharmacist Ghali Sule, said the Society was happy to be part of the initiative to canvass for the establishment of the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Science in BUK. 'Thank God. Our struggle does not go in vain. Today, we have a whole Faculty of Pharmaceutical Science. We will do everything humanly possible to support the growth and development of the faculty to full maturity,' he assured.

The present donation by the society is just the beginning. The society will, on an annual basis look at the requirements of the faculty in terms of academics and render assistance in that regard.

Universities and COREN are Partners in Progress - Eng. S. A. Umanah

By Abubakar Yusuf

Nigerian Universities and the Council for the Regulation of Engineering in Nigeria (COREN) are partners at ensuring that products of engineering programmes in Universities are sound, functional and meet the challenges of the society and compete favourably with their counterparts anywhere in the world.



COREN accreditation team in a group photograph with BUK management

The leader of COREN accreditation visit team to Bayero University, Kano Engr. Sunday A. Umanah, disclosed

this when he paid a courtesy visit to the Vice Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello, in his office on Monday, 13th February, 2017.

He said the aim of the accreditation was for partnership and growth, not for witch-hunting or destruction; but it was also a very strict process, firm but fair. "A team of experienced, skilled and highly knowledgeable professionals have been put together from the industry and academia to carry out this exercise," Engr. Umanah added.

Engr. Umanah said they were at the University for a re-accreditation Visitation to the Mechatronic, Chemical and Petroleum Engineering programmes. He promised that meticulous work would be done.

The team leader said that after the exercise, they would reconvene to brief the Vice Chancellor on their observations. However, it is only the COREN that can give the verdict of the visitation," he said.

In his response, the Vice Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello, who was represented by the University Librarian, Dr. Musa Auyo, gave the team the assurance of getting the University's maximum cooperation to help achieve the desired goal.

Registrar Awarded Diploma in Higher Management by Galilee Institute, Israel

By Nura Garba

The Registrar, Fatima Binta Mohammed, has successfully completed the 37th International Seminar on Management of Higher Education Institutes held at the Galilee International Management Institute, Israel.

Having been satisfied with her performance, the management of the Institute awarded the Fatima Mohammed its prestigious certificate signed by the President, Dr. J. Shevel, and the Dean, Dr. N. Tirosh.

The seminar took place between 26th January and 6th February, 2017.



Registrar, Fatima Binta Mohammed (right) after receiving her certificate from the Charge d' Affairs of Nigeria to Israel, Mrs. Frankie Obianagba (middle), while President of Galilee Institute, Dr. J. Shevel, watches with keen interest

West African Health Examination Board Visits BUK For Accreditation Exercise

By Rabi'u M. Sagir

Accreditation team from West African Health Examination Board have arrived Bayero University to accredit Public Health Programme in the Nursing Department.

The leader of the team, Mrs. Gladys N. Ihunda, who is also the Registrar of the board, said that the board was established in 1983 with five members countries, which include Sierra Leone, Ghana, Nigeria, Gambia and Gabon to conduct examinations on public environmental health technology, health education, hygiene and others, with the view to producing qualified manpower in public nursing.

The board has registered 114 health colleges and Universities in Nigeria. Mrs. Gladys disclosed that “We are in BUK to inspect and check the facilities that are available in the Department of Nursing so as to determine the level of desirability as per the

accreditation exercise and also to identify weaknesses, if any, for further improvement.

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello, represented by the University Librarian, Dr. Musa A. Auyo, expressed his gratitude and appreciation to Allah and welcomed the team for the accreditation to Bayero University, Kano.

“We are always ready for accreditation exercises because they help us develop and improve our research work, training of personnel and qualitative education, which is the vision and mission of our university”, the Vice Chancellor remarked.

Salome S. Tor, Dr. Florence O. Adeyemo and Professor Adelami Tijani accompanied the Registrar of the Health Examination Board to the Vice Chancellor's Office on Wednesday 15th February, 2017.

BUK Commended at IMC Retreat on Needs Assessment Projects

The BUK Team attended the 2nd IMC Retreat for Beneficiary Institutions of the Needs Assessment Intervention Project. It was held at Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria from 12-15 February, 2017. The Retreat was attended by Dr. A.B. Bappa (ES TETFund), Officials of the TETFund and Federal Ministry of Education, Prof. Biodun Ogunyemi (ASUU National President), the host Prof. Ibrahim Garba (VC A.B.U. Zaria), other Vice Chancellors and their Project Teams from 13 Beneficiary Institutions in the North-West Zone.

Bayero University made a presentation in which it indicated its success in completing its 39 different projects across its 4 major campuses and in training 67 staff members both in Nigeria and abroad (45 PhDs and 22 Masters). All these were achieved despite the difficulties in accessing the funds that were allocated to the University under this intervention scheme. The Needs Assessment's commendation was similar to those of TETFund and other funding agencies.



L-R: Muhammad Gazzali Munir (Dir. PPU), Aliyu Abba Abubakar (Rep. NAAT), Prof. Adamu I. Tanko (DVC Admin.), Dr. Ibrahim M. Barde (Chair, ASUU), Dr. Ado Y. Abdulfatah (Sec. PME&DC), Rabi'u Dauda (TETFund Accts) and Yusuf Yahaya (PME&DC Driver).

APPOINTMENTS

Dr. Mohammed Idris Yahaya, Department of Chemical Pathology

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello, has approved the re-appointment of Dr. Mohammed Idris Yahaya as the Head, Department of Chemical Pathology, Faculty of Clinical Sciences.

An appointment letter signed by the Vice Chancellor Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello dated 10th February, 2017 states that the re-appointment is for two more years, effective from 20th January, 2017.

While congratulating him, the Vice Chancellor urged him to work hard to justify the confidence reposed in him.

Engr. Dr. Isa Aliyu Yola, Department of Mechanical Engineering

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello, has approved the re-appointment of Engr. Dr. Isa Aliyu Yola as the Head, Department of Mechanical Engineering, Faculty of Engineering.

An appointment letter signed by the Vice Chancellor Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello dated 10th February, 2017 states that the re-appointment is for two more years, effective from 24th March, 2017.

While congratulating him, the Vice Chancellor urged him to work hard to justify the confidence reposed in him.

BUK Staff Emerges ANA Chairman, Kano State Branch



The New Exco in a group photograph

Zaharaddeen Ibrahim of the Directorate of Academic Planning, BUK has emerged as a new Chairman of the Association of Nigerian Authors (ANA), Kano State Branch. He was elected on 12th February, 2017 at Murtala Muhammad Library Complex, Kano during the association's AGM.

The Chairman, an Assistant Registrar, was elected along with two BUK students. They are Khalid Imam, A PG

student of the Department of Nigerian Languages, as Vice Chairman, and Bello Sagir, a final year student of the Department of Linguistics, as Legal Adviser. They are expected to work for the period of two years.

The elections was presided over by Ado Ahmad Gidan Dabino (MON) and supervised by the ANA national officers led by Isa Danmusa.

Geology Department Holds Orientation

By Rabi'u M. Sagir

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello, has urged the newly admitted students of Geology Department to be law abiding throughout their stay in Bayero University. He was speaking at the Orientation Ceremony of Geology Department on Thursday, 7th February, 2017 at the Departmental Lecture Hall of the Department.

Represented by DVC Administration, Professor Adamu Idris Tanko, Professor Bello charged the students to obtain and read the student handbooks so as to serve as a tool for personal guidance and counseling throughout their stay in the University. He congratulated the students on being admitted as BUK students.

He disclosed that the University Management had approved the building of a new Department of Geology with TETFund Intervention Funds. The new structure will contain a modern Museum, and a laboratory. He further revealed that many lecturers would be sponsored to further their education so as to take the department to a higher

level.

Earlier, the Dean, Faculty of Earth and Environmental Studies, Dr. A.S. Arabi, had urged the students to be of good conduct.

He also advised them to maintain the facilities provided by the University Management and to report any broken facilities to the right officer for appropriate action.



DVC Admin, Prof. Adamu I. Tanko, presenting his address

Reception in Honour of Deputy Director (Academic Support Services)

A reception was held in honour of Prof. Ahmad Murtala, Deputy Director (Academic Support Services), Directorate of Academic Planning, who is also the Chairman, Academic Facilities Maintenance Committee (AFMC), for his recent promotion to the Rank of Professor. The occasion was organised and witnessed by the staff of the Directorate of Academic Planning on 13th February, 2017 by 2.30pm in DAP Committee Room, according to a statement by Sunday O. Attah, the Secretary to the

Director.

Also honoured was a former Corp member, Fatima Mahmoud, who served in the Directorate and was appreciated for her dedication and seamless discharge of duties. Token gifts were presented to them accordingly on behalf of the Directorate by the Director, Prof. Bala Sidi Aliyu, the statement added.

Thirteen staff, including Professor B. S. Aliyu, were in attendance.



The celebrant, Prof. Ahmad Mustafa flanked by the Director, Academic Planning, Prof. Bala Sidi in a group photograph

Staff Housing Loan Committee (SHLC): Request for Documentation

This is to inform all applicants of the Staff Housing Loan Committee (SHLC) that the exercise for the collection of the loan is at its last stage and the following conditions must be completed before the commencement of disbursement, according to an official notice signed by Aliyu Abubakar, Secretary of SHLC.

(1) Home Renovation Loan: The Bank requires the following items on the check list attached to the forms filled by the individual applicants.

- Bank Verification Number (BVN)
- Certified Bill of Quantity
- ID Cards
- Current Pay Slip

Note that some of the items were not made available during submission of the forms to the FMBN. The SHLC wishes to inform the Home Renovation Loan applicants that their three months current Pay Slips and that of the guarantor would be retrieved from the Bursary to complete the forms. The applicants are therefore, requested to please liaise with their respective Unions to see what is outstanding in the forms submitted to the FMBN and make available all necessary requirements as soon as possible to enable the FMBN

submit the applications to their headquarters at Abuja for processing.

For applicants of the Home Renovation Loan that are yet to collect the loan forms should please exercise little patience, the forms will be made available soonest as more forms were requested from the FMBN.

(2) **House Facility:** This category of applicants of the FMBN opted for the House Facility. The loan scheme is taking a new dimension whereby a new product is at its final stage of getting approval. The new product is intended to do away with the Primary Mortgage Institutions/Banks that usually serve as intermediaries between the receiving institutions and the FMBN. The product aims at dealing directly with the FMBN and draws the loan at 100% Mortgage.

(3) **New Applicants:** This category of applicants is of those who have filled the SHLC application form but are yet to be submitted to the Bursary for the commencement of deductions. The SHLC suspended the take-off of the applicants pending clearing grounds for the existing applicants to avoid mix-up. Their names would be forwarded to the Bursary as soon as the first category starts drawing the loan from the FMBN.

Routine Sanitary Inspection by University Health Services Department

We are pleased to inform the underlisted members of staff that a team of Environmental Health Officers from Health Services Department will visit their houses for the purpose of sanitary inspection at both campuses from 20th February, 2017 to 24th February, 2017.

Old Campus:

S/N	NAMES	ADDRESS
1	Sambo Shehu	No. 20 I&J Quarters
2	Sagir Usman	No. 25 I&J Quarters
3	Saude Lawan	No. 26 I&J Quarters
4	Ali Umar Makinta	No. 27 I&J Quarters
5	Lawan Abdullahi	No. 28 I&J Quarters
6	Auwal Said	No. 36 I&J Quarters
7	Muhammad Kaigama	No. 35 I&J Quarters
8	Muktar Ahmad	No. 34 I&J Quarters
9	Jibril Musa	No. 33 I&J Quarters
10	Malam Kabiru	No. 43 I&J Quarters

New Campus:

S/N	NAMES	ADDRESS
1	Dr. Kamba	NC/635 BioBaku Road
2	Professor Umar Pate	NC/643 BioBaku Road
3	Dr. Anas Ibrahim	NC/636 BioBaku Road

4	Professor Sadiq Radda	NC/642 BioBaku Road
5	Dr. Sagir Saleh	NC/637 BioBaku Road
6	Dr. Ahmad Murtala	NC/640 BioBaku Road
7	A.A. Zubairu	NC/641 BioBaku Road
8	Dr. Ishaq Indabawa	NC/638 BioBaku Road

ASSOCIATE CERTIFICATE IN ISLAMIC BANKING & FINANCE (ACIBF) ANNOUNCEMENT

The International Institute of Islamic Banking and Finance (IIIBF) wishes to inform the Bayero University community about the commencement of its Associate Certificate in Islamic Banking and Finance (ACIBF) for the undergraduate students of the University.

The programme is conceived as a response to the growing demand for experts in Islamic finance globally. Currently, there is a demand for over 50,000 experts in Islamic banking and Finance globally. In Nigeria, the demand for employable graduates into the Islamic banking and finance industry is increasing by the day given the rapid growth in the industry with new Islamic banks, Islamic microfinance banks, Islamic insurance (*takaful*) companies, Islamic investment companies etc. are coming up in the nearest future.

The ACIBF will not only add value to the degrees of BUK graduates, but will also increase their chances of joining the Islamic finance industry with the requisite skills and certificate immediately after graduation.

At the end of the training, the students would become familiar with the basic principles, operational mechanisms and the general workings of Islamic banking and finance, as well as the efforts required towards promoting Islamic Banking and Finance in Nigeria and beyond. The course can also raise the interest and enthusiasm of the participants towards taking Islamic Finance as a potential area of specialization.

Important Details

Duration: The Course will last for two semesters; 8 weeks of lectures for each semester.

Commencement: The programme will start on 25th February, 2017.

Course Duration: 2 Semesters

Lecture Times: Saturdays 4-6 pm Registration fees:

₦7500 per Semester Students who want to join, and parents who want to register their wards can pick the form at the

International Institute of Islamic Banking and Finance (IIIBF) New Campus

For More Information: 08180380028, 07037578248 & 08060289267

SEMINARS

Department of Agronomy: *Ph.D Proposal Seminar* & MSc. Internal Defence

Presenter: Ibrahim Ali Lassa (SPS/15/PAG/00004)

Title of Thesis: Intergrated Use of Fertilizers and Intra-row Spacing in the Performance of Pumkin (*Cucubita mexima* L.) Varieties

Supervisor: Prof. B. M. Auwalu

Internal Examiner: Prof. A. A. Manga

M Sc. Internal Defence:

First Presenter: Fatima Sani (SPS/13/MAG/00024)

Title of Dissertations: Effect of *Parkia biglobosa* Fruit Powder on the Control of *Striga* (*Striga gesnerioides*) in Cowpea (*Vigna unguiculata* (L.)WALP)

Supervisor: Dr. A. Lado

Internal Examiner: Prof. A. A. Manga

Second Presenter: Reuben Solomon (SPS/13/MAG/00027)

Title of Dissertation: Influence of Nitrogen Fertilization on the Performance of Maize Hybrid under Infestation

with *Striga hermonthica* (Del.Benth) in the Savannas of Nigeria

Supervisor: Prof. I.B. Mohammed

Internal Examiner: Dr. S.U. Yahaya

Third Presenter: Hussaini Aliyu Garko (SPS/13/MAG/00003)

Title of Dissertation: Evaluation of Weed Control Strategies on the Performance and Yield of Sweet Sorghum (*Sorghum bicolor* L. Moench) in Sudan Savanna Ecology of Nigeria

Supervisor: Dr. A. Lado

Internal Examiner: Dr. S.U. Yahaya

Chairman: Prof. M. A. Hussaini

Date: 22nd February, 2017

Time: 1:30pm

Venue: Agric Economics and Extension Studio, Faculty of Agric, New Campus.

Department of Civil Engineering: *M.Eng Seminars/Proposal*

(A) M.Eng Seminar:

