



## Semester Examinations Extended ...to Last for 3 Weeks

*By Nura Garba*



Present of SUG, Comrade Tijjani Bilal Paki (right) presenting his address to VC (left)



A group photograph of SUG executives, staff of Student Affairs & members of the University management

Semester examinations will now last for three weeks against the previously two to allow students have ample time and opportunity to cope with the pressure of examinations, beginning from the first semester of 2016/2017, the Vice Chancellor, Professor Muhammadu Yahuza Bello, has said.

This followed a request made by the Student Union Government (SUG) President, Comrade Bilal Tijjani Paki that students had complained bitterly about the two-week timeline given for semester examinations which they find difficult to cope with.

The Vice Chancellor gave the good news to the newly elected executive officers of the Students Union Government, who were formally introduced by the Dean, Students Affairs, Professor Muhammad Ismail Zango on Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> January, 2017.

The Vice Chancellor said the University was committed to ensuring that the welfare of students is improved so that they would have an environment conducive for learning and research. He told the students' representatives that the University would address the problems students faced especially with regards to reading under the street light, promising also that lockers would be provided at the University Library to allow students keep their bags appropriately.

Prof Yahuza Bello also said the University had just appointed a new Librarian and when he assumes duty in February, he would be challenged to address the

problems facing students such as the need for opening the Library on Sundays and extending the closing time.

On a request made by the SUG President on the extension of registration period for students, the Vice Chancellor said the students were duly notified since November last year and that the issue was discussed at the last University Senate meeting. He said students with some peculiar issues should write their departments who would also write to the University management to consider those students.

On the issue raised by SUG President to involve the student representatives in the selection of indigent students for scholarship, the Vice Chancellor urged the SUG to liaise with the various faculties. He said the University would soon disburse the sum of N10m scholarship for indigent students and that N40, 000 would be given to each student rather than N50, 000 earlier given to give room for more beneficiaries.

"The University has also finalized arrangement for another merit scholarship for best students who distinguished themselves in the last academic session," the Vice Chancellor added.

The Vice Chancellor also said the University would look at the possibilities of incorporating the SUG in the Fees and Charges Committee and that even if the SUG was not represented in the committee, its input would be respected.

## DVC Admin, Professor Adamu Idris Tanko Heads 33<sup>rd</sup> Convocation Committee

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello, has approved the appointment of the Deputy Vice Chancellor, Administration, Professor Adamu Idris Tanko, as the Chairman of the 33<sup>rd</sup> Convocation Committee.

The other members of the Committee are as follows:

1	Dean, Faculty of Agriculture	-	Member
2	Dean, Faculty of Allied Health Sciences	-	Member
3	Dean, Faculty of Arts and Islamic Studies	-	Member
4	Dean, Faculty of Basic Medical Science	-	Member
5	Dean, Faculty of Clinical Science	-	Member
6	Dean, Faculty of Communication	-	Member
7	Dean, Faculty of Computer Sci & Infor.Tech	-	Member
8	Dean, Faculty of Dentistry	-	Member
9	Dean, Faculty of Education	-	Member
10	Dean, Faculty of Engineering	-	Member
11	Dean, Faculty of Earth and Env Sciences	-	Member
12	Dean, Faculty of Law	-	Member
13	Dean, Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences	-	Member
14	Dean, Faculty of Sciences	-	Member
15	Dean, Faculty of SMS	-	Member
16	Dean, School of Postgraduate Studies	-	Member
17	Dean, School of Continuing Education	-	Member
18	Dean, School of General and Entrepreneurship	-	Member
19	Dean, Dangote Business School	-	Member
20	Director, IIIBF	-	Member
21	Director, Health Services	-	Member
22	Director, MSD	-	Member
23	Director, Public Affairs	-	Member
24	Director, Security Services	-	Member
25	Dean, Student Affairs Division	-	Member
26	Deputy Registrar, DEAR	-	Member

According to a letter of appointment signed by the Registrar, Fatima Binta Mohammed, “Your Committee is required to organize a modest convocation ceremony for the University to cover 2015/2016 graduates”.

The statement added that the Committee should submit proposals for the ceremony to the management as soon as possible.

## Communiqué from the 2<sup>nd</sup> National Engineering Conference on Bridging the Gap between Academia and Industry (ACICON 2016)

The ACIC on 2016 Conference organized by the Faculty of Engineering successfully closed on the 8<sup>th</sup> December, 2016. At the end of the 3-Day event, the following key findings were made:

1. Diverse and often conflicting interests exist between Academia and Industry in relation to bridging the gap between the two parties.
2. The gap between academia and industry can be bridged only if the two parties are fully committed.
3. Academia should respond to the needs of the industry in terms of partnership in multi-disciplinary applied research and the quality of its graduates and industry should also respond in terms of openness, responsiveness and research collaboration.
4. The collaboration between Government, Industry and Academia has the potential for facilitating sustainable national development. The government should develop mechanisms for implementing policies and policy evaluation for technology transfer and commercialization of Research and Development outputs.
5. That attitudinal change by all the stakeholders is necessary if Nigeria is to benefit from the intellect that its citizens are blessed with.

### MACOSA BUK Visits 3 Radio Stations, *Daily Trust*

The Executive officers of the Mass Communication Students Association (MACOSA) of the Bayero University have visited three radio stations and the regional office of the Daily Trust Newspaper in Kano State as part of the efforts to establish a linkage between the students and media organizations in the state.

The visit, which took place on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January, 2017, was part of the initiative of the new leadership of the association to boost students' career development. The visitors were impressed by the digital switch over of

broadcasting in all the Radio Stations visited, which included Cool FM, Wazobia FM and Arewa Radio. The President of MACOSA, Abubakar Musa Abdullahi, expressed delight at the warm reception given to them during interactive sessions with the management of the Radio stations.

The MACOSA President disclosed that the purpose of the visit was to create and sustain a strong cordial relationship between Mass Communication students and the three stations, as well as to broaden their knowledge on the practical aspects of broadcasting and media practice in general.



4th from the left MACOSA President, Comm. Abubakar Musa Abdullahi and Kano Regional Editor of Daily Trust, Yusha'u A. Ibrahim along with other Exco members of MACOSA in a group photograph

“This study tour is part of our administration's commitment towards enhancing academic excellence for higher productivity in the practical aspect of journalism profession,” said the MACOSA President.

On his part, the head of the three stations, Prince Daniel Aboki, promised to support the association, adding that the management had created a program called *Campus Connect on Cool FM* in order to report the activities of students in higher institutions within its reach and charged them to properly utilize the opportunity given to them by the station.

Mr Aboki said the management was giving opportunities for internship to students in various higher institutions, which would help them know more about practical aspects of journalism profession.

He expressed joy over the association's visit, saying the management was ready to partner with them in terms of publicity and organizing shows and seminars in BUK.

Similarly, the Kano Regional Editor of *Daily Trust*

Newspaper, Malam Yusha'u A. Ibrahim, challenged the students of higher institutions, especially those studying Mass Communication, to inculcate the habit of reading and writing. He stated this when the leadership of Mass Communication Students' Association, Bayero University, Kano, paid him a courtesy visit in his office in Kano, on Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> January, 2017.

He urged the students to be sending articles for publication in the opinion page, *letters to the editor*, as well as *campus round up* of the paper's stable.

In his remark, the President of the association, Comrade Abubakar Musa Abdullahi, expressed satisfaction with the level of understanding between *Daily Trust* and Mass Communication Students of BUK. He congratulated *Daily Trust* Newspaper for winning the 2016 Nigeria Media Merit Award (NNMA), saying the award was well deserved.

The president was accompanied by the association's Public Relations Officer, Yusuf Abdullahi, the Auditor General, Shuaibu Isyaku, Aliyu Garba Karaye and others.

## Plans Underway To Modernise 'Coke Village' Commercial Area - Prof. Tanko

*By Lamara Garba*

The Management of Bayero University, Kano is working on a blueprint to give a befitting facelift to 'Coke Village' commercial layout and other business premises within the Campuses as part of a deliberate policy to modernize business operations.

This was disclosed by the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Administration) Professor Adamu Idris Tanko when members of the Coke Village Traders Association paid him a solidarity visit on Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> January, 2017 in his office. He said the new policies to be introduced would go a long way in improving the commercial activities in the demarcated areas.

He announced that it was the plan of the management to provide a modern shopping mall, introduce a sanitation policy and provide public

conveniences and other facilities that would ease doing business in the area.



DVC Admin, Prof. Adamu Idris Tanko

According to him, already a private developer was invited and negotiations were on going on the new policy, saying that the management would, however, consult widely with all the stakeholders with a view to getting their inputs for a holistic approach to the problems facing the commercial area.

Professor Tanko commended the traders of Coke Village for their contribution to the development of the university, pointing out that the history of the University would be incomplete without mention of the traders of the two Campuses.

Earlier, the Chairman of the Traders Association, Alhaji Muhammadu Ghali, disclosed

that they were in his office to pay him homage and pray

for a successful tenure. They expressed satisfaction at the cordiality between the management of the University and the Traders, on one hand, and between the Traders and the Students' bodies, on the other, saying there had been a peaceful relationship and good

understanding among them.

They appealed to the management to hasten the provision of public conveniences within the Commercial areas in both Campuses.

## **HUMAN RESOURCE DIVISION**

### **Guidelines for Sabbatical Leave for Non-Teaching Staff**

#### **INTRODUCTION**

Part of the Agreement reached between the Federal Government and SSANU in 2009, is the introduction of Sabbatical Leave for Administrative, Technical and Professional staff working in the University.

#### **SABBATICAL LEAVE**

Sabbatical is an arrangement within the University system that allows for periodic intellectual/professional development in order to enhance competence of staff and service delivery for a period of (1) year.

Sabbatical may be granted to staff after six (6) years of continuous/unbroken satisfactory service in the University.

#### **ELIGIBILITY**

An Administrative, Technical and Professional staff, not below the rank of Principal Assistant Registrar or equivalent, could be granted Sabbatical Leave.

#### **CONDITIONS FOR SABBATICAL LEAVE**

For an Administrative, Technical and Professional staff on CONTISS 13 and above to qualify for a Sabbatical Leave, he/she should fulfill the following conditions:

- a. Present an outline of an acceptable work plan.
- b. Six years of continuous and unbroken satisfactory service in the University.
- c. The Department, to which the staff belongs, must certify to the satisfaction of the University Management that the staff can be allowed to take the Sabbatical and the University will not be required to find or engage a substitute or additional staff for period of the Sabbatical Leave. The Head of Department can approve not more than two staff in a year for Sabbatical Leave depending on the capacity and strength of the Department.
- d. Following the expiration of the period of Sabbatical, the staff member shall resume duty

- e. Sabbatical Leave can be spent in a University, or any Government Institution that fits the profession of the staff (Ministry, Teaching Hospitals, Media Houses etc).
- f. A staff member granted Sabbatical shall serve the University for at least one year following the conclusion of the Sabbatical.
- g. On return from the Sabbatical, a staff member shall submit a formal report to the Registrar through the Non-Teaching Staff Training Committee, detailing the professional work done during the leave.
- h. No extension of Sabbatical Leave should be granted beyond the one year period.
- i. Those who retire/disengage from service at the end of the Sabbatical without serving the mandatory one year period should have to pay the amount spent on them during the Leave. However, the year should be counted as part of their service year.
- j. A staff member who fails to come back to his/her duty post at the end of Sabbatical should be deemed to have absconded and would have his/her case referred to the Senior Staff Disciplinary and Appeals Committee, and
- k. A staff that has no more than two years in the service should not be granted Sabbatical Leave.

#### **ENTITLEMENTS**

1. A staff on Sabbatical is entitled to his full salary and allowances, and any other entitlements.
2. You will be entitled to retain University accommodation at a normal rate.
3. A staff granted Sabbatical Leave may retain whatever additional remuneration/allowance negotiated with the host institution.

An administrative and professional staff should route his/her application to the Chairman of Non-Teaching Staff Training Committee through his/her Head of Department.

## 3rd International Confab - 19th Jan 2017

# IIIBF Hosts IDB Laurette & Former CBN Governor

The International Institute of Islamic Banking and Finance (IIIBF), BUK, will host leading global experts in Islamic Banking and Finance at its 3rd International Conference which takes place 19 -21 January 2017 insha Allah. This year, the Conference is jointly organised with the Islamic Research and Training Institute (IRTI) of the Islamic Development Bank (IsDB) Jeddah, Saudi Arabia. About 80 well researched papers are expected to be presented by scholars and practitioners from the USA, Saudi Arabia, Malaysia, Indonesia, Morocco, Nigeria, United Arab Emirates, Pakistan, Sudan, Egypt among other countries.

The Keynote address will be presented by His Highness Sarkin Kano Muhammadu Sanusi II, CON on the theme: "Islamic Banking and Finance, Financial Inclusion and Sustainable Development". A lead paper will be presented by the 2016 Nobel Prize Winner in Islamic Finance, Prof Muhammad Kabir Hasan of the University of New Orleans, USA on " Islamic Finance: What It Is and What It Can Do".

The formal opening ceremony holds at the Musa Abdullahi Auditorium, BUK, New Campus on the 19th, from 10-12.30 am Insha Allah, under the Chairmanship of Dr. Shamsudeen Usman, former Minister of National Planning.

Other activities include exhibitions by Islamic banking and finance institutions and players.

The IIIBF is the first and only University based Islamic banking and finance training Institute in West Africa. Its programmes include MSc Islamic Banking & Finance, Professional Masters in IBF, Postgraduate Diploma in IBF, Professional Certificate in IBF (PCIBF), Associate Certificate in IBF (ACIBF) Professional Certificate in Takaful, Certificate in Islamic Business and Finance (CIBF), Professional Certificate in Islamic Microfinance (PCIMF) among others.

*You are all welcome... and invite others.*

## DRIP: Call for Papers & Socio Legal Research Opportunity

The Directorate of Research, Innovation and Partnership wishes to announce the following:

- 1) CALL FOR PAPERS: The Centre for African Studies Basel and the Swiss Society for African Studies on behalf of AEGIS (Africa-Europe Group for Interdisciplinary Studies) invites you to submit paper proposals for the 7th European Conference on African Studies ECAS 2017. Please submit your paper proposal via the conference website [www.ecas2017.ch](http://www.ecas2017.ch). The call for papers is now open and closes on **19/01/2017**. Before you propose a Paper please read the theme of the conference, the rules and the list of panels.
- 2) SOCIO-LEGAL RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES
  - I. Baldy fellowships in Interdisciplinary legal

studies. The fellowship comes with a \$1500 per month living allowance to help offset the additional cost of living in Buffalo. Applications are due February, 15. Please refer to the online application form for further details

<http://www.buffalo.edu/baldycenter/people/postdocs.html>

- II. Program Director in the law and social sciences program of the National Science Program foundation. This position was announced recently and application will close on **30/01/2017**.

Information on position is at

<https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJobs/ViewDetails/458984700>

## New Products of Bayero University Microfinance Bank 2017

### 1. Savings for Schools (Primary, Secondary, Undergraduate and Post-Graduate).

Features:

- For undergraduates and postgraduates, etc.
- Assist students to pay for registration fees.
- Minimum opening balance of N5000.00 only.
- No references needed to open an account.

Benefits:

- The bank pays the registration fees.

- Competitive rates.
- Easy access to finance.
- Flexible repayment structure.
- Client may re-apply.

### 2. SAVINGS BANK ACCOUNTS

Features

- Minimum opening /operating balance of #1000
- Normal savings interest of 2% per month
- No references are required to open this account

- 3-maximum number of withdrawals are allowed in a month to qualify for interest payment

#### Benefits

- Access to ATM card
- SMS alert on account
- Door-to-door, office-to-office collection from clients by staff

### 3. CURRENT ACCOUNTS

#### Features

- Minimum opening balance N1000
- No limits to the number of withdrawals in a month
- Attracts account maintenance fee (AMF) and other charges
- Fund transfer and bank cheques allowed on account

#### Benefits

- No restrictions on the number of withdrawals
- Can be used to access loans and overdrafts
- Access to ATM cards.
- SMS alert on account.

### 4. KIDDIES ACCOUNT

#### Features

- Account is opened in the child's name and operated by the parent/guardian
- Minimum account opening/operating balance of #1000
- Automatic transition to savings account (SB) when the child reaches the age of 18
- No references are required to open this account
- Client can leave standing orders.

#### Benefits

- Fashionable gift item for the child when the account is opened with a minimum of N100,000
- Standing payment order on the payment of tuition/ other fees
- Another trendy gift for clients who maintain an average balance N150,000 for 12 months

- Encourage savings for children is future needs.

### 5. SMEs

#### Features:

- Equity contribution.
- Minimum balance of N5000.00.
- Certificate of registration from state ministry of commerce and trade.

#### Benefits:

- Zero COT.
- SMS alert on account.
- Access to loan.
- Repayable in 365 days.
- Attracts single digit interest rate.

### 6. LOANS

#### PERSONAL SALARY ADVANCE FACILITY (PESAF)

#### Features

- Client could access up to 50% of his /her salary
- Faster processing
- No equity contribution
- With minimum contribution
- Deductions made from source (bursary Department/salary)
- No security/guarantor

#### Benefits

- Competitive rates from 21%
- Easy access to finance
- Flexible repayment structure, if more than 50% of his/ her salary

#### OTHER PRODUCTS ARE:

- Non-interest banking services (NIBS)
- Term deposit (TD)
- Savings for Schools (Undergraduate and Post-Graduate).
- Asusu Account.
- Contract savings
- Scheme fund(ACGSF)
- House hold acquisition loan
- Professor's package.
- Overdraft facilities
- E –Banking.

## Inter-Faculty Staff Desert Shuttle Walk to Commence 23<sup>rd</sup> January

By Nura Garba

All arrangements have been concluded for the commencement of Staff Inter-Faculty Desert Shuttle Walk on Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup> January, 2017 with the Vice Chancellor, Professor Muhammadu Yahuza Bello, Deputy Vice Chancellors, Academics and Administration, Professors Sagir Adamu Abbas and Adamu Idris Tanko expected to feature in the 3-day event.

At a meeting of faculty representatives of the competition held on Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> January, 2017 at the Faculty of Social and Management Science, the Director of Sports, Professor Rabi'u Mohammed said all the

necessary facilities were in place for a hitch-free exercise.

He said they had earlier planned to embark on desert shuttle run but owing to some assessment they discovered that desert shuttle walk would be more appropriate especially with the type of staff that would engage in the competition.

The Director also said 2017 would be an eventful year for staff and students as the Sports Directorate had earmarked different types of competitions, assuring that a new date would be fixed for faculty representatives to make their input.

## SAMAHA Multi-Purpose Cooperative Society Invitation to First Congress Meeting:

This is to invite all the members of Samaha Multipurpose Cooperative Society to the 1<sup>st</sup> Congress meeting of the Society, which is scheduled as follows:

**Date:** Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February, 2017

**Time:** 10:00am-1:30pm

**Venue:** Musa Abdullahi Auditorium

There will be presentations on the workings and *modus*

*operandi* of the SCMS, as well as updates on the progress recorded so far. Some other very important issues will also be discussed on the future directions of the society.

Members who have not paid their registration fees can pay at the meeting venue. Those who want to join the society are also invited.

Please endeavor to attend and be punctual

## Mambayya Holds Seminar on Donald Trump Presidency

The Aminu Kano Centre for Democratic Research and Training, Mambayya House, Bayero University, Kano invites members of the University Community to the Seminar on the topic: *Trump's Presidency and the Future of the US-Nigeria Relations: Some Tentative Scenarios* scheduled to hold as follows:

**Date:** Friday, January 20, 2017

**Venue:** Sa'adu Zungur Auditorium Complex, Mambayya House, Gwammaja, Kano

**Time:** 10.00am prompt

**Speakers:** Prof. Hassan A. Saliu, Department of Political Science, University of Ilorin, Ilorin and Malam Bala Mohammed, Department of Mass Communication, Bayero University, Kano

**Chairman of the Occasion:** Dr. Siddique Abubakar Mohammed, Department of Political Science, ABU, Zaria

## SEMINARS

### Department of Physics: *Notice of Seminar Presentations*

**Presenter:** Ibrahim Yaro Getso (SPS/13/MPY/00030)

**Topic:** Effect of Calcium Hydroxide on the Purity of Biogas Produced from Cow Dung.

**Chairman:** Dr. Usman M. Gana

**Date:** 19<sup>th</sup> January, 2017

**Time:** 10:00am

**Venue:** Physics Research Laboratory

### Department of Economics: Weekly Seminar

**Presenter:** Abdulrazak Ibrahim

**Topic:** Boosting Capital Inflow into Nigeria through Carbon Finance

**Date:** Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> January, 2017

**Time:** 10: 30 am

**Venue:** Department of Economics Seminar Room



## Aliyu Haidar Abubakar weds Bilkisu Faruk Aliyu

Malam Aliyu Haidar Abubakar invites members of the University community to his wedding fatiha with his bride, Bilkisu Faruk Aliyu, scheduled as follows:

**Date:** 14th January, 2017

**Time:** 11:00am

**Venue:** Hotoro Juma'at Mosque Near Alhaji Habibu Gwarzo's Residence

