



## BUK to Hold 33<sup>rd</sup> Convocation on 13<sup>th</sup> March, 2017

*By Bala G. Abdullahi*

**B**ayero University, Kano will hold its 33<sup>rd</sup> Convocation from 13<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> of March, 2017, the Deputy Vice Chancellor, Administration, Professor Adamu Idris Tanko has disclosed.

Professor Tanko was speaking when he led the Management staff of the University to the Palace of the University's Chancellor, His Royal Majesty, King Alfred Papapereye Diète Spiff in Yenagoa, the Bayelsa State Capital, to notify the Chancellor of the date of the 33<sup>rd</sup> Convocation.

The BUK Management team led by the Chancellor was also at the Bayelsa State Government House, where they paid a courtesy call on Governor Seriake Dickson.

Receiving the team, the governor told his guests that the State Government had concluded arrangement to establish a new University to be called 'African University.'

He said the new university would take-off, God willing, in February this year, adding that efforts would be made to make the new university not just a World-Class citadel, but also one that would lead in teaching, research and scholarship.

BUK had assumed among Nigerian Universities, in knowledge dissemination and research exploits, the state government would like to tap from the wealth of experience of BUK through collaboration especially in grooming to maturity the state's new proposed 'African University.'

Governor Seriake Dickson thanked the management of BUK for the visit and pledged to attend the 33<sup>rd</sup> convocation of the university coming up between 13<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> March, 2017.

Earlier, the Deputy Vice Chancellor Administration, Professor Adamu Idris Tanko had told the governor that the BUK management team was in Bayelsa to notify the Chancellor, His Royal Majesty, Papapereye King Alfred Diète-Spiff, Seriyai II, that the 33<sup>rd</sup> Convocation Ceremony of Bayero University had been scheduled to take off on the 13<sup>th</sup> of March, 2017. He told the governor that BUK would gladly collaborate with the state government in order to facilitate the smooth take-off of the new state university. Professor Tanko also extended an invitation to the governor to attend the BUK convocation.

Much earlier, the BUK management team was at the palace of the Chancellor, where the team leader who is also the deputy Vice Chancellor Administration of BUK Professor Adamu Idris Tanko, informed His Royal Majesty the decision of the Governing Council and the Senate to hold the University's 33<sup>rd</sup> Convocation between 13<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> March, 2017.

Responding, the Amanyano of Twon Brass, King Alfred Papapereye Diète Spiff thanked the delegation for the visit and assured them that by the Grace of God, he would personally attend the convocation.

Those on the entourage were: the Deputy Vice Chancellor, Administration, Professor Adamu Idris Tanko, the Registrar, Hajiya Fatima Binta Mohammed and the Director, Public Affairs, Malam Ahmad Shehu.



Gov. Seriake Dickson in a group photograph with the BUK delegation

The governor stated that in view of the leadership role

# Dearth of Reading Culture Worries VC ... Sets to Revive It in BUK

*By Bala G. Abdullahi*

**B**ayero University is working assiduously to revive the dying reading culture among students a menace which he observed, had impacted negatively on the ability of students to write simple and coherent essays.

The Vice Chancellor was speaking when he received donation of books worth over five Million Naira from the Chief Executive Officer of *Havilah Merchants* based in Lagos in his office on Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> January, 2017.

Professor Yahuza Bello explained that to be a good a writer, one must be a good reader, saying that it was worrisome to see students, particularly at the tertiary education level, showing lukewarm attitude towards reading and wondered how such students intended to excel in their educational pursuits.

He said that with the advent of technology and social media, things got worse, because, according to him, students became lazier and often chose to “cut and paste” instead of conducting extensive research through reading hard books.

The Vice Chancellor said BUK was currently working with specialists in the United States with a view to establishing a Reading Centre, where students would be offered counselling and be guided to develop the much desired reading culture.

'It is my belief that through this initiative, we shall revive the fast dying reading culture among our students,' Professor Bello assured.

Professor Yahuza Bello expressed the appreciation of the university to the donor and assured him that the book collection would be judiciously utilized.

Earlier, the donor, Mr. Lanre Adesuyi, said the organization decided to donate the books to BUK as part of its corporate social responsibilities, adding that “We at *Havilah Groups* are proud to be associated with the good work of Bayero University in the area of teaching, research and scholarship.”

He said for long the society had invested heavily on its students, saying that the time had come for them to give back to the society what they got from the society, “hence our decision to donate the books.”

Mr. Lanre Adesuyi said Bayero University was the seventh



VC, receiving donation from CEO of Havilah Merchants Mr. L. Adesuyi



Consignment of the donated book, being presented to the VC



Mr. L. Adesuyi speaking, while the VC, Prof. M. Y. Bello listens

University to benefit from the book donation gestures, adding that six other universities had earlier benefited.

The books donated are in the field of Medical Science, Engineering, Management Sciences, Computer Science, Economics and Education.

# Unions Have Very Important Role in Governing Universities – *Prof. Yahuza Bello*

*By Abubakar Yusuf*

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello, has described Students and Staff Unions as partners in progress in the administration of Universities.

Professor Yahuza Bello, who was speaking when leaders of African Students Unions Parliament (ASUP) paid him a courtesy call in his office on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> January, 2017 said Bayero University for long had enjoyed the contribution of the unions in the University in solving so many problems that affect the students or the staff of the University.

That is why, according to him, the university management was taking the unions along so as to have knowledge of what is going on in the administration of the University” I am happy to inform you that Student Union Government of this University has a representative in our Budget implementation committee for them know how we get our money and how we spend it,” the Vice Chancellor added.

On African Students Unions Parliament, Professor Yahuza Bello urged them to work hard in uniting the African continent, not only the students, so that the countries would benefit much from each other.

He saluted the parliament for initiating a campaign against drug abuse and gave them

assurance that the Bayero University would give them all necessary support to achieve the targeted goal.

In his speech the Speaker of the Parliament Honorable Coulibaly Ahmed said the parliament which has representatives from 52 countries of Africa, was in Nigeria to hold a campaign against drug abuse, which has become a problem among the African youth. He then called on the Vice Chancellor to assist in that direction.

During the visit, the Speaker presented a certificate of honour to the Vice Chancellor of recognition of his contribution towards the development of youth, not only in Nigeria and Africa but also in the world in general.



From the left, VC, Prof. M. Y. Bello receiving certificate of honour from Speaker of African Students Unions Parliament, Hon. Coulibaly Ahmed during a courtesy visit in his office

## 50<sup>th</sup> Congregation Meeting to Take Place on 25<sup>th</sup> February, 2017

*By Sabitu M. Jinjiri*

The date for the 50<sup>th</sup> Congregation Meeting of Bayero University, Kano, has been fixed for Saturday, the 25<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2017. This was disclosed by the Chairman, Standing Committee on Congregation, Dr. Muhammad Babangida Muhammad. He explained this after the Standing Committee on Congregation had met the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello, on 12<sup>th</sup> December, 2016, to discuss the issue, amongst others. The resolution reached earlier was to hold the meeting on the 18<sup>th</sup> of February, 2017, but then this was modified following further consultations.

During the visit, the chairman informed the Vice-Chancellor that his committee had, this time around, planned to capture the attendance of the February

congregation meeting by electronic means instead of the manual method, which had been deployed for years. To facilitate this, the chairman implored the Vice-Chancellor to instruct the Centre for Information Technology to make available to his committee the database generated from the Staff Audit Exercise of 2016.

On the issue of the venue to be used for the meeting, the SCC and the Vice-Chancellor agreed that Mahmud Tukur Theatre, Old Campus, could be used again. In fact, the Vice-Chancellor mandated the committee to make use of any venue it finds appropriate.

During the interaction, the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello, talked in detail about the importance of congregation meetings in running the

affairs of universities. He described a congregation meeting as an avenue where matters affecting the University are discussed. He explained that such meetings are convened for the University Management to know the problems affecting members of the University community. With that, solutions to the anomalies are found and applied wisely.

Finally, the Vice-Chancellor lauded the Committee for

the sacrifice it had been making to make the University a better place for both staff and students. He assured continued support by the University to the Committee. He also disclosed that representatives of Congregation to UMC would be making a presentation during the University Management's Annual Retreats as from this year, 2017.

## 50 Metres Desert Shuttle Walk Competition Unique & Passion – Professor Rabi'u Rabi'u M. Sagir



Director of Sports, Prof. Rabi'u Muhammad addressing Journalist on the competition

**B**ayero University Sport Directorate under the leadership of Professor Rabi'u Muhammad has come up with another unique and passion competition, 50 metres Desert Shuttle Walk for the staff of Bayero University. The walk commenced on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> January, 2017. 50 meters Desert Shuttle Walk is a competition designed for the 15 Faculties and VC's Office, which will provide two representatives that are

not below 80kg each and who will walk through their space to pick up 4 balls that are provided in a basket. The first two winners will qualify to the next stage. Professor Rabi'u Muhammad appreciated the Vice Chancellor's effort, who he described as a sport activist. "He encourages us to come up with new ideas in sports. It took him 20-30 minutes to approve our demand when the need of it arises," he disclosed.

## ASUU Secretariat A Social Gathering Spot – Professor Bello Rabi'u M. Sagir

**T**he Vice Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello, has described Academic Staff Union of Universities ASUU Secretariat as a social gathering spot that promote the day to day activities of the University.

ASUU and other Unions are the key providers of the development, progress and sound administration being enjoyed by the community of Bayero University. "We consider them as partners of progress," he said.

Professor Yahuza noted that the Senate of Bayero University consists of five former Vice Chancellors and three former National ASUU Presidents, who are working together towards achieving the same goal without much fuss. "This is not available in other



Prof. B. Ogunyemi, ASUU President, cutting the tape, while Prof. M. Y. Bello & Dr. Barde watches

universities,” he said.

The National President of Academic Staff Union of Universities, Professor Biodun Ogunyemi, commissioned the new ultra-modern secretariat of Bayero University ASSU Branch on Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> January, 2017 at Old Campus.

The main aim and objective of creating ASUU is to provide an avenue of reliable and transparent accountability in operating university system and that is what is happening in Bayero University today. “Many

of our Universities should try and learn from BUK,” the ASUU President disclosed. “ASUU BUK Secretariat is not the biggest but the finest. If not for one reason or another, we might have transferred the headquarter to BUK,” he joked. Dr. Muhammad Barde, who is the Chairman of ASUU, BUK Chapter, expressed his appreciation to Almighty Allah, who made it possible to complete this ultra-modern building. He also extended his special thanks to the Vice Chancellor for the immense contribution given towards completing the project.

## APPOINTMENTS:

### **Dr. Yusuf Mohammad, Head, Department of Medical Microbiology and Parasitology**

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello, has approved the appointment of Dr. Yusuf Mohammed as the Head of Department of Medical Microbiology and Parasitology, Faculty of Clinical Sciences.

An appointment letter signed by the Vice Chancellor Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello dated 24<sup>th</sup> January, 2017 stated that the appointment is for two years, effective from 30<sup>th</sup> January, 2017.

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

### **Dr. Ado Yusuf Abdulfatah, Head, Department of Civil Engineering**

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello, has approved the appointment of Dr. Ado Yusuf Abdulfatah as the Head of Department of Civil Engineering, Faculty of Engineering.

An appointment letter signed by the Vice Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello, dated 25<sup>th</sup> January, 2017 stated that the appointment is for two years, effective from 30<sup>th</sup> January, 2017.

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

## Directorate of Research, Innovation and Partnership

### **2017 UNU-AIS MASTERS' AND DOCTORAL the United Nations University Institute for the Advanced Study of Sustainability (UNU-DEGREE PROGRAMMES**

IAS) is accepting applications for September 2017 admission to its Master of Science in Sustainability Programme and its PhD in sustainability science programme. The application deadlines are 28/02/2017 and 28/04/2017 respectively.

Applicants must submit all application documents online. Please visit the UNU-IAS website for further **Commonwealth Scholarship**

The Association of Commonwealth Universities applications are now open for 17 commonwealth scholarship at ACU member institutions in

Bangladesh, Botswana, Ghana, Kenya, Mauritius, Pakistan, Tanzania, Uganda and at the Universities of West Indies. These Commonwealth Scholarships enable successful applicants to benefit from the expertise available at Universities at low and middle income countries around the world. They are funded primarily by the Commonwealth scholarship and fellowship plan endowment fund.

For application and more information, please visit the ACU website.

The closing date for application 18<sup>th</sup> March, 2017. Applications from students and graduates of ACU member universities are highly encouraged.

**Date:** Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> January, 2017  
**Time:** 10:00am  
**Venue:** Postgraduate Class, Department of Human Physiology, Bayero University, Kano  
**Department of Mathematical Sciences: PhD Seminar II & M.Sc Defense**  
**M.Sc Internal Defense:**  
**Candidate:** Mustapha Adamu Umar (SPS/13/MMT/00004)  
**Title:** A multi-player evasion differential games problem in IR<sup>2</sup>.  
**Supervisor:** Dr. Abbas J. Badakaya  
**PhD. Seminar II**  
**Candidate:** Murtala Haruna Harbau (SPS/12/PMT/00001)  
**Title:** Solution of Mixed equilibrium problems and fixed points of some nonlinear mappings in Banach spaces.  
**Supervisor:** Professor Bashir Ali

**Chairman:** Dr. S.I. Bala  
**Date:** Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> February, 2017  
**Time:** 2:00pm  
**Venue:** Computer Laboratory  
**Department of Medical Laboratory Science: Seminar**  
**Presenter 1:** Salmanu Hamza  
**Topic:** Establishment of Reference Values of Reticulocytes Count Among Apparently Healthy Individuals in Zaria, Nigeria  
**Presenter 2:** Nasiru Salisu  
**Topic:** Microbiology and Semen Indices of Male Patients with Infertility at Murtala Muhammad Specialist Hospital, Kano  
**Chairman:** Dr. Abdulhadi Sale Kumurya  
**Date:** 1<sup>st</sup> February, 2017  
**Time:** 11:00am  
**Venue:** Conference Room, Department of Medical Laboratory Science, BUK (within AKTH)



**Umar Musa Sani Jingau**

*Weds*

**Halimatus-Sadiya Saminu Abdullahi**

Malam Saminu Aminu Abdullahi Ja'en Makera (Vice Chancellor's Driver) of the Vice Chancellor's Office invites members of the University community to the wedding fatiha of his daughter Halimatus-Sadiya Saminu Abdullahi and her groom, Umar Musa Sani Jingau, scheduled as follows:

**Date:** Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> February, 2017

**Time:** 10:30am

**Venue:** Gidan Makera, Ja'en Dorayi.

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- Original Copy of Completed Health Services Form
- Photocopy of Admission Letter
- Photocopy of Medical Examination Certificate
- Two (2) Current Passport Photographs

# SEMINARS

## Faculty of Agriculture: *M.Sc. Proposal Seminar*

**Presenter:** Muhammad Abdullahi Waiya (SPS/14/PAG/00005)

**Topic:** Effect of Compost Rates and Irrigation Intervals on the Growth and Yield of Late Sown Onion (*Allium cepa* L.)

**Supervisor:** Dr. H.M. Isa

## M.Sc. Progress Seminar

**Presenter:** Yahaya Mukhtar Mawo (SPS/13/MAG/00010)

**Topic:** Evaluation of Quality and Agronomic Performance of Maize (*Zea mays* L.) Seeds Produced by Community seed Farmers and Seed Companies in Kano State

**Supervisor:** Prof. I.B. Muhammad

**Chairman:** Prof. S.Y. Ringim

**Date:** 1<sup>st</sup> February, 2017

**Time:** 1:30pm

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

## Faculty of Engineering: *Seminar*

**Presenter 1:** Professor Adamu Idris Tanko (DVC Admin)

**Topic:** Climate Adaptation Mechanism and Africa's Energy Demands

**Presenter 2:** Professor I.A. Rufai (DD Research-DRIP)

**Topic:** Fundamentals of Effective Postgraduate Research Supervision

**Chairman:** Dr. O.A.U. Uche

**Date:** 1<sup>st</sup> February, 2017

**Time:** 11:00am

**Venue:** Faculty of Engineering, Conference Room

## Department of Physics: *Seminar Presentations*

**Presenter 1:** Saharafa Salihu Bolaji (SPS/14/PPY/00006)

**Topic:** Characterization of Atmospheric Aerosols over Sub-Sahara Africa using Modis and Aeronet Data.

**Chairman:** Dr. T.H. Darma

**Presenter 2:** Najib Yusuf (SPS/15/PPY/00006)

**Topic:** Investigation into the Impact of Nigerian Aerosols and Ozone on Global Climate.

**Chairman:** Dr. B.I. Tijjani

**Date:** 26<sup>th</sup> January, 2017

**Time:** 10:00am

**Venue:** Physics Research Laboratory

## Department of Arabic: *Internal/Proposal Defence*

### (a) INTERNAL DEFENCE

**Presenter 1:** Ibrahim Kabir (SPS/13/MAR/00008)

**Topic:** A Comparative Study of two works: Nazmuz-Zawawiyya "for Sheikh Zayyanu Jamilu bin Fa'idin azzawawi and assayyid Mohd. Bn Yahaya Daumul Ahdal

**Supervisor:** Dr. Umar Sani Fagge

**Discussant:** Professor M.T. Sayid

**Presenter 2:** Muhammad Mahmud Muhammad (SPS/13/MAR/00029)

**Topic:** Religious Intertextuality in the Poetry of Sheikh Muhammad Nasiru Kabara, A case study of the Anthology of Subhatul Anwar min Sahbatil Asrar.

**Supervisor:** Dr. Ibrahim Ahmad Makari

**Discussant:** Dr Amina Abdullahi

**Date:** Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> February, 2017

### (b) PROPOSAL DEFENCE

**Presenter 1:** Mukhtar Ahmad Usman (SPS/14/MAR/00018)

**Topic:** An Analysis of Occasional Poetry of Al-Amin a Literary Study of Selected Texts

**Supervisor:** Dr. Ahmad Muhammad Salisu

**Discussant:** Dr. Hussaini Muhammad Lawan

**Presenter 2:** Muhammad Munzali Karami (SPS/14/MAR/00022)

**Topic:** Thasa'isut Tarkiibi fi Shi'irish Sheikh Muhammad Sunusi El-Manzauhi

**Supervisor:** Dr. Muhammad Mahi Bello

**Discussant:** Dr. Muhammad Mansur Jibril

**Date:** Thursday 9<sup>th</sup>, February 2017

**Time:** 10:00am

**Venue:** Arabic Departmental Board Room (New Site)

## Faculty of Computer Science & Information

### Technology: *Seminar*

**Presenter:** Ibrahim Said Ahmad

**Topic:** The Relevance of Market and Potentials of Sentiment Analysis Research

**Date:** 31<sup>st</sup> January, 2017

**Time:** 11.am-1.00pm

**Venue:** FCSIT Conference Room

## Department of Human Physiology: *Seminar Presentation*

### M.Sc Proposal Defence:

**Presenter:** Isyaku Mukhtar Gwarzo (SPS/14/MHP/00002)

**Topic:** Assessment of Cognition and Oxidative Stress in Patients with Type 2 Diabetes Attending Murtala Muhammad Specialist Hospital, Kano Nigeria

**Supervisor:** Dr. I.U. Yarube

### M.Sc Internal Defence:

**Presenter:** Basira Idris Musa (SPS/13/MHP/00004)

**Topic:** Effect of Crude Lime Juice on Some Reproductive Parameters in Male Wistar Rats

**Supervisor:** Professor A.A.U. Dikko

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All registered students, especially fresh and direct entry students are advised to register with the University Library. The affected students should come along with the following items:

### **FOR FRESH STUDENTS:**

1. Admission Letter (Original)
2. A Photocopy of Student Information Form (S.I.F)
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2. Two recent passport photographs
3. Clearance letter from the Student's Faculty Library. Engineering Students from Engineering Library, Medical Students from AKTH Library, Agricultural Students from Agricultural Library and Old campus Students from Science Library.

**Time:** Monday – Thursday: 10:00am – 2:00pm and on Friday 10:00am – 12:00pm

**Note:** Students from Faculty of Arts and Islamic Studies, Agriculture, Education, Social and Management Science, Technology, Law, Earth and Environmental Science and Communication should go to University Library, New Site to register while Faculty of Science and College of Health Sciences should go to Science Library, Old Campus to register.

Thank you.

*Library Management*

