



## Governor Ganduje Drums Support for BUK's 33<sup>rd</sup> Convocation

*By Nura Garba*

**K**ano State Governor, Dr. Abdullahi Umar Ganduje, OFR, has thrown his weight behind Bayero University, Kano's wish to hold a successful convocation ceremony, just as he expressed state government's determination to continue its symbiotic partnership with the university.

Governor Ganduje was speaking on Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> March, 2017, when the Principal Officers of the university, led by the Vice Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello, paid him a courtesy call ahead the 33<sup>rd</sup> Convocation Ceremony.

He explained that Bayero University became a training ground for Kano indigenes. Therefore, the state government would continue to explore more collaborative opportunities with the university. He also expressed his commitment to attend the ceremony.

Earlier in his remark, the Vice Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello, told the governor that the university was planning to hold the 33<sup>rd</sup> Convocation Ceremony for the award of First Degrees and Higher Degrees, as well as for the conferment of Honorary Doctorate Degrees on two prominent Nigerian

personalities, Sheikh Isyaka Rabi'u and Mr Man Loong Lee.

The Vice Chancellor noted that Sheikh Isyaka Rabi'u was an international scholar of high repute and a philanthropist, who has for many years, contributed immensely to the growth and development of the society while Mr. Lee was an entrepreneur, who invested so much in Kano and Jigawa states and who assisted on creating jobs and contributing to Nigeria's economy.

He said, "Despite the fact that a letter of invitation was sent to you, we deem it necessary to come and inform you physically on our activities of the convocation, as a mark of respect."

The Vice-Chancellor stated that the university had been enjoying a good working relationship with Kano State Government and would continue to sustain the cordial relationship.

Other management staff in the courtesy call entourage were the DVC Academics, Professor Sagir Abbas, DVC Admin, Professor Adamu Idris Tanko, Registrar, Fatima Binta Mohammed and Director Public Affairs, Ahmad Shehu.



VC, Prof. M. Y. Bello (left), receiving a bag with the portrait of the Governor Abdullahi Umar Ganduje containing survenier

# Be Morally and Ethically Upright VC Charges Students

*By Lamara Garba*

**S**tiff sanctions awaits any student or member of the university community who engages in any form of unethical, immoral acts and other social vices, the Vice Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello, has announced.

“The BUK family is renowned for its good character. Thus, the University is free of cultism and other social vices. The University Management and Senate take engagement in these vices very serious. Violators are

sanctioned appropriately and severely”, he warned.

Speaking at the matriculation ceremony of the 2016/2017 new intake, at Musa Abdullahi Auditorium, on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February, the Vice Chancellor, noted that degrees are awarded not only based on learning, but as well after due satisfaction of one's character. Therefore, anybody found to be undermining the principle of morality and decency, he would certainly have no business being in our midst.



Cross section of the matriculating students

## New Students of FCSIT Urge to Emulate Faculty's Graduating Students, Morally, Academically

*By Mustapha M. Gide*

**T**he Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Administration, Professor Adamu Idris Tanko, has commended the Faculty of Computer Science and Information Technology (FCSIT) for the outstanding performances of their students, expressing hope that the new students of the faculty would emulate the pattern of character and learning exhibited by the returning students.

Professor Idris Tanko, while speaking during the 2016/2017 orientation exercise of the Faculty on Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> March, 2017 at Musa Abdullahi Auditorium, said Bayero University is one of the best Universities in the world, having topped the list of accreditation among the Nigerian Universities in the recent past.

The Dean of the Faculty, Dr. Abdulwahab Lawan, in his address, said out of the 57 graduating students, who got



Academic staff of FCSIT in a group photograph

first class degrees from the University, 11 students came from the Faculty of Computer Science and Information

Technology. He said the overall student with the highest CGPA in the University also graduated from the Faculty.

Dr. Abdulwahab Lawan said out of the total number of 129 graduands of the Department of Computer Science, 11 graduated with First Class Honours, 56 with Upper Second Class Honours and 54 with Lower Second Class Honours. Only 7 students graduated with Third Class Honours and one with Pass Degree.

The Head of Department of Software Engineering, Dr. Bashir S. Galadanchi told the new students that there was no substitute for hard work. As such, they should work hard to earn the best degrees and knowledge, advising them not to be deceived by bad friends, who may drag them towards anti-social habits, such as drug abuse.

Dr. Galadanchi told the students to aim for the first class

degree or second class upper due to the scarcity of jobs in the country and the large number of students graduating annually from the universities.

He urged them to work hard and become the best computer programmers, designers, and analysts from the Faculty and the University would be proud of them.

Others who spoke during the orientation event included the Director of Health Services, Dr. Maryam Waziri, who counselled the new students on health related matters; the Deputy Registrar, DEAR, Hajiya Amina Umar Abdullahi, who acquainted them with the rules and regulations of academic activities in the University; the Head of Computer Science Department, Malam Mansur Babagana, who spoke on examination misconduct and Malam Auwal Shehu Ali, who briefed them on CGPA Grading.

## Science & Technology Education Student Construct Quarter Guard for Securities At Faculty of Education

*By Rabi'u M. Sagir*

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello, represented by his Deputy DVC Administration, Professor Adamu Idris Tanko, commissioned a quarter guard building constructed by Students of Science and Technology Education on Monday, 27<sup>th</sup> February, 2017.

Professor Bello commended the efforts of the students for building the quarter guard, which would add value as well as prevent any unauthorized person from entering the park, which was provided for the staff of the faculty. The management of Bayero University was always ready to approve any meaningful project that would add value and upgrade the level of standard of our education as part of graduation requirements in any department, he assured.

The Dean, Faculty of Education, Professor Ali Tijjani, described the project as a dream come true because spaces that our staff had been provided with at the park were being occupied by unauthorized persons which makes it necessary to provide a workable solution.

Mallam Lawan Ali Beli, the supervisor of the students, expressed that they really worked hard by showing



commitment and determination towards completing the project as planned without having any problem throughout. Professor Olubadewo, Dr Bello A. Bello, Dr. Ali Idris, Dr. Suwaiba and many other dignitaries were in attendance during the event.

## Prof. Hafizu Miko Yakasai, Re-appointed HOD, Nigerian Languages

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello, has approved the re-appointment of Professor Hafizu Miko Yakasai as Deputy Director, Centre for Research in Nigerian Languages, Translation and Folklore.

An appointment letter signed by the Vice Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello, dated 3rd March, 2017, states that the re-appointment is for two more years, with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> March, 2017. All conditions stated in the first appointment letter remain the same.



Delegation from Department of Library &amp; Infor. Sci.



Delegation from Federal College of Education (FCE), Kano

## Solidarity Visit, To University Librarian from Dept. of Lib. & Infor. Sci., B.U.K. & F.C.E. Kano

The University Librarian had received two delegations on felicitation visit from department of Library and Information and F.C.E. Kano on 11<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> February, 2017 respectively.

The teams paid a solidarity visit to him over his new appointment as the new University Librarian, B.U.K. The delegation of the department of Library and Information Science led by Prof. S.O. Bello recalled the achievements recorded by the substantive librarian as an H.O.D. Library and Information Science, Dean, Faculty of Education and University Librarian, Kafin Hausa and was certain that with these records he would transform the Bayero University Library into one of the best libraries in the country. Other members of the delegation were also optimistic that the new librarian had the required qualifications and experiences of uplifting the

library. The team finally prayed for Allah's guidance.

The second team, which came from FCE, Kano, was led by Dr. Umar Garba Gama. In his speech, he described the new librarian as a seasoned administrator and an academic with demonstrated vast experience in leadership.

The leader of the FCE team conveyed a goodwill message on behalf of the provost and the entire staff of F.C.E. Kano.

In his remarks, Dr. Auyo CLN thanked the delegation for the visit and described it as rare for such a delegation from a sister institution for such kind of appointment. He assured them of his commitment to develop the Library.

## NAEAP Organizes Its 1<sup>st</sup> National Conference

*By Rabi'u M. Sagir*

The Kano state chapter of National Association of Educational Administration and Planning conducted its 1<sup>st</sup> National Conference with the theme "Community participation in the provision and management of Education in Nigeria" on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup>, March, 2017 at Musa Abdullahi Auditorium.

The Vice Chancellor Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello commended the association for coming up with an important theme. He hoped that the conference would come up with some workable solutions that may attract the interest of community members in participating fully in funding and providing means for the development of education in the country. The Vice Chancellor was represented by the Dean, School of Post graduate

Studies, Professor Ibrahim Muhammad Yakasai.

The Dean, Faculty of Education Professor Ali Abdullahi Tijjani in his keynote address stated that, there was a high need of community participation in the provision and managing the affairs of Education in Nigeria.

Professor Ali urged the community members to mentor their counterpart's community members in India, USA, Gambia and others to help the government towards the development of education in Nigeria. He also remarked that government alone cannot fund the provision of Education due to the economic recession and the burden of providing other basic amenities on

her. It needed support from parents, students firms and community members to enhance and provide a good work rate towards the development of Education in Nigeria.

Dr. Bello A. Bello who is the Chairman of NAEAP, in his lead paper expressed the valuable impact that Education plays in the development of mankind so as to create professional's social and moral value that would promote the wellbeing of the society and the nation at large.

Dr. Bello urged the community members to help the government salvage the Educational Sector from total collapse by participating and providing total support to the sector so as to provide quality assurance, staff development, storage and maintenance of school facilities.

Professor A.O. Fagbemi, Professor S.O. Olubadewo, Professor Kabir Isyaku, Dr. Bello Adamu, Dr. Shehu Sa'ad Janguza, Mal Usman Garba were in attendance during the event.



NAEAP members and patron in a group photograph

## Professor M. S. Abdulkadir Bags National Honour

*By Lamara Garba*

President Muhammadu Buhari had conferred the prestigious National Productivity Merit Award on the Vice Chancellor of Kogi State University, Professor Muhammad Sani Abdulkadir.

bodies are singled out for recognition and presented with National merit award.

M.S. Abdulkadir is a renowned Professor of economics

Professor M.S Abdulkadir who began his career as a Graduate Assistant in Bayero University, served meritoriously for about 35 years without break since 1981 until 2015 when he was appointed the Vice Chancellor of the Kogi State University, Ankpa.

He was conferred the National honour in view of his exemplary leadership and selfless service to educational growth in particular and his patriotic commitment to the development of Nigeria in general.

He was decorated by the Acting President, Professor Yemi Osinbajo at the NICON Luxury hotel on Tuesday, February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017, at the commemoration of the 16<sup>th</sup> National productivity day in which some individuals, corporate organizations and



Prof. M. S. Abdulkadir receiving the National Honour from the Acting President Prof. Yemi Osinbajo, while Minister of Labour, Chris Ngige watches

history from Bayero University, Kano, before his secondment to Kogi State University.

## Engineer Anas of Civil Engineering Bags British Council Award

*By Rabi'u M. Sagir*

The British Council has honoured Engineer Anas Balarabe Yazid of Civil Engineering Department with



Engr. Anas displaying the award

an entrepreneur Award of the year. The British Council organized an award ceremony on Saturday, March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017, to recognize the contribution of students who studied in the United Kingdom 10 years ago. The award is of three categories which are categorized on professional achievements, social impact and entrepreneurial award.

Engr. Yazid obtained his M.Sc in Environmental Engineering at Imperial College, London. He presented a paper based on the areas he contributed in research development and its impact in the society, citing example of solar power projector, which was a commercialized innovation for the purpose of improving quality Education in Nigeria, training of students and youths for the betterment of the future of the country.

## BUK Staff, Dr. Maina Establishes Vertical Garden for Home Use

*By Nura Garba*

A milestone has been recorded through research outcome in the Department of Agricultural and Environmental Engineering, as Dr. Muhammad Maina has established a vertical garden with simple technology that can be used to grow vegetables in the household.

Vertical garden is a complete, easy to install and home managed garden equipment that can provide household vegetables free of toxins from polluted water, fertilizers and other chemicals.

According to Dr. Maina, the vertical garden can also be used to grow flowers and herbs.

He added that: “*vertical garden* makes it easier to grow your customized vegetables right in your homes with little water, simple control systems for irrigation, hundred percent organic soils and many more. The

plant to grow.’

For more enquiries, members of the University community can visit the Department of Agricultural and Environmental Engineering or call **09092205217**.



Vertical garden established by Dr. M. M. Maina

## Switch-off Lights after Closing Hours

This is to inform members of the university community that it has come to the notice of the management that some offices are left without switching off light after closing hours.

This portends danger and may cause electric spark especially in the night.

Therefore, the last staff that leaves office must make sure that all electrical appliances are switched-off before closing office.

## Bill & Melinda Gates Grand Challenges Exploration Grant

The Directorate of Research, Innovation and Partnership (DRIP) wishes to bring to the notice of University Community the call for proposals for Bill & Melinda Gates Foundations latest round of Grand Challenges Explorations. Since 2008, the Grand Challenges Explorations fosters early-stage discovery research to expand the pipeline of ideas for solving our greatest global health and development challenges. Applicants can be at any experience level; in any discipline; and from any organization, including colleges and universities, government laboratories, research institutions, non-profit organizations, and for-profit companies. Initial grants will be US \$100,000 each, and projects showing promise will have the opportunity to receive additional funding of up to US \$1 million. Currently, the foundation accepts applications on the following four topics until May 3, 2017:

1. Health Systems Strengthening: Ensuring Effective Health Supply Chains.
2. New Approaches for Improving Timeliness of Routine Immunizations in Low-Resource Settings.

3. Wearables and Technology for Maternal, Neonatal and Child Health Behavior Change.
4. Innovations for Integrated Diagnostics Systems.

Applicants are encouraged to check the following:

- a) **Two blogs:**  
[https://dashboard.impatientoptimists.org/Home/Posts/2017/03/Improving-Timeliness-and-Completeness-of-Routine-Immunizations-in-LowResource-Settings-Will-Save-Lives#.WL\\_ZuzkV3K-](https://dashboard.impatientoptimists.org/Home/Posts/2017/03/Improving-Timeliness-and-Completeness-of-Routine-Immunizations-in-LowResource-Settings-Will-Save-Lives#.WL_ZuzkV3K-)  
[https://dashboard.impatientoptimists.org/Home/Posts/2017/03/Innovation-for-an-interconnected-laboratory-system#.WL\\_ZuzkV3K-](https://dashboard.impatientoptimists.org/Home/Posts/2017/03/Innovation-for-an-interconnected-laboratory-system#.WL_ZuzkV3K-)
- b) **Grand Challenges Exploration Website:**  
<http://www.grandchallenges.org>

The Directorate is readily available to coordinate the preparation of research proposals and the formation of research teams.

## SEMINARS

### Department of Islamic Law: *Departmental Seminar*

**Presenter 1:** Dr. Mansur Isa Yelwa, Department of Islamic Law, Faculty of Law, BUK

**Topic:** An Analysis of Fifty Principles of Law Derivable from Qur'an 2:282

**Presenter 2:** Ibrahim Muhammad

**Topic:** The Miraculous Inter-Connectivity of Qur'anic Verses: A Paradigm of Divinity

**Date:** 8<sup>th</sup> March, 2017

**Time:** 10:00am-12:00pm

**Venue:** New Theater II Faculty of Law

**Chairman:** Professor Ibrahim Muhammad, Director Center for Qur'anic Studies, BUK

**Centre for Effective Leadership, Development & Conciliation: 2017**

**International Women's Day**

**Date:** Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> March, 2017

**Time:** 10:30am

**Venue:** Centre for Gender Studies, Bayero University, Kano (New Campus).

## APPRECIATION

Alhaji M.D. Nasiru of Registry Department expresses his sincere appreciation to the Bayero University Community and the general public who attended, either in person or by representation, the Wedding Fatiha of Engr. Mustapha M. Nasiru and Intisar Yahya Bala Challawa held on 4<sup>th</sup> March, 2017 (5<sup>th</sup> Jumada Thani, 1438). He is also grateful to those who were unable to attend but called or prayed for the success of the Wedding. Special thanks are due to the Chairman, House Committee on Tertiary Education and Services, Comrade Aminu Suleiman Goro Fagge; Executive Secretary, National Universities Commission, Professor Abubakar A. Rasheed, mni, MFR; Vice Chancellors of SLU, Kafin Hausa, BUK, NWU, Kano and KUST, Wudil; Professor A.Y. Ribadu, Professor M.Y. Bello,

Professor M.A. Isa and Professor S.A. Musa; Honourable Commissioners of the Ministries of Education, Science and Technology (MoEST); Finance and Economic Planning and Health, Jigawa State; Hajiya Rabia Hussain Adamu Eshak; Alh Umar Muhammad Namadi and Dr. Aminu Zakari; Professor Garba D. Azare; Professor Haruna Wakili; Professor Abba A. Haladu; Permanent Secretary, MoEST, Jigawa State, Mal. Abdullahi Hudu; Hon. Farouk M. Lawan, Former Chairman, House Committee on Education; Alh Faruk M. Yanganau, Former Registrar, BUK, KWASU and NWU; Principal Officers of SLU and BUK; Alh M.S. Aminu, Registrar, NWU, Kano, Alh Sani Ibrahim Amin, Former Registrar, BUK and Dawakin Tofa Old Students Association (DOSA).



BAYERO UNIVERSITY, KANO

The Vice-Chancellor

**Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello**

On Behalf of the Council, Senate and Entire University Community  
Cordially Invites

# The General Public

## to the **33<sup>rd</sup> CONVOCATION CEREMONY** 2015/2016 SESSION

**Scheduled to take place at 9:00AM Daily at CONVOCATION ARENA, NEW CAMPUS, GWARZO ROAD, KANO**

### DAY 1 WEDNESDAY 15TH MARCH, 2017

Convocation Ceremony for Graduands of Faculties of Agriculture, Computer Science and Information Technology, Earth and Environmental Sciences, Education, Science and College of Health Sciences

### DAY 3 FRIDAY 17TH MARCH, 2017

Convocation Lecture

**TOPIC:**

The Nigerian Economy: Current Recession and Beyond

**Speaker:**

Prof. Akpan Hogan Ekpo,  
Director General, West Africa Institute of Financial and Economic Management, Lagos

**Chairman:**

Mal. Ahmed Joda, CFR

**Time:**

4:00pm

### DAY 2, THURSDAY 16TH MARCH, 2017

Convocation Ceremony for Graduands of Faculties of Arts and Islamic Studies, Engineering, Law, Social and Management Sciences, and School of Continuing Education (SCE)

### DAY 4 SATURDAY, 18TH MARCH, 2017

Conferment of Honourary Degree of Doctor of Letters (Honoris Causa) on Khalifa Sheikh Isyaka Rabi'u

Conferment of Honourary Degree of Doctor of Business Administration (Honoris Causa) on Mr. Man Loong Lee  
Award of Higher Degrees

Postgraduate Students are to pay the sum of N7,000.00 only, being cost of hiring Academic Gown, purchase of Order of Proceedings, Scroll and Certificate. Undergraduate Students are to pay N5,000.00 only being cost of the same items.

All payments are to be made through the Remita platform. Academic Gowns are to be collected from Directorate of Examinations, Admissions and Records (DEAR) as from Thursday, 9th March, 2017 (upon evidence of payment), while the Book of Order of Proceedings will be issued in the Directorate upon return of the Academic Gown.

Certificates will be issued at the Registrar's Office upon evidence of payment and submission of original Statement of Result on the convocation day.

Please note that Certificate is to be collected in person on the day of the convocation.

Collection of Certificate after convocation will attract a surcharge of N2,000.00.

Saturday, 18th March, is reserved for Postgraduate students only.

Signed  
Fatima Binta Mohammed  
Registrar

## ALUMNI Stand At the Convocation Arena

This is to bring to the attention of members of the University community particularly graduands of this great University that the advancement office will open an ALUMNI stand at the Convocation Arena for the registration of new members.

Fresh and old graduands who are yet to register are hereby invited to avail themselves the opportunity to get their membership. An identity card will be issued to all registered person instantly after filling the ALUMNI form.

**ANNOUNCER: Mustapha Zaharaddeen, Deputy Registrar, Advancement Office.**

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