



33rd Convocation Lecture: Don Proffers Solutions to Economic Recession

By Nura Garba

There is good news that Nigeria will soon exit the economic recession that has seriously hampered socio-economic activities in the nation and affected almost every segment of the society.

A Professor of Economics and Director General, West African Institute for Financial and Economic Management, Lagos, Akpan H. Ekpo, has proffered solutions that would lead the country to the path of economic recovery and positive transformations.

Speaking at the 33rd Convocation Lecture of BUK on Friday, 17th March, 2017, at the Convocation Arena, in his paper titled: **The Nigerian Economy: Current Recession and Beyond**, Professor Ekpo described poor governance, lack of diversification of economy, low agricultural output, weak foreign direct investment and high inflation rate as some of the factors that caused the economic recession.

Prof. Ekpo who traced the Nigeria's economic situation to the registration of democratic rule in 1999 averred that the country depended largely in the revenue

generated from crude oil. This, he said, had negatively affected other economic sectors.

He suggested that education and economic diversification should be used as the keys to addressing the economic recession. He added that in any country's development matrix, education, economic diversification and self-reliance are the key significant variables.

Prof. Ekpo stressed that how the leadership, policy makers and technocrats maximize these crucial variables would determine the country's speed towards not just economic development but also towards the commitment to poverty reduction.

He advocated the need for counter-cyclical spending and investment, higher spending on agriculture and manufacturing, facilitation of teaching skills and acquisition for enhanced entrepreneurship as some of the strategic factors that would lead the country to exit economic recession.



Professor Akpan H. Ekpo, Director General, West African Institute for Financial and Economic Management, Lagos

BUK Celebrates International Women's Day

By Rabi'u M. Sagir

Bayero University has joined the rest of the world to celebrate the International Women's Day with a call on stakeholders by the Registrar, Fatima Binta Mohammed to promote girl-child education as a viable avenue towards societal growth and development. Equally, she explained that girl child education served as a basic tool for resolving negative issues affecting women folk in the society.



The Registrar Hajiya Fatima Binta Mohammed (left) and Prof. Hadiza Galadanci

appreciating the role of women in society, noted that there is the need for mentoring girl child so that they would have effective plans for their future. The Registrar urged the students to uphold good virtues so as to succeed in their endeavors.

Earlier, the Director, Centre for Advanced Medical Research and Training, Professor Hadiza Galadanci, in her keynote address stressed the importance of mentoring young children in the society. She expressed concern over the way many students were studying without choosing their careers by themselves. "They were just finding themselves where they are by accident," she said.

Professor Galadanci pointed out that mentoring is a significant factor in training, coaching and having consultations with young individuals that have defined their passion and goals for better self-fulfilment in the society.

The Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Administration, Prof. Adamu I. Tanko, urged the students to work hard and be committed towards uplifting the standard of women in the society.

Speaking at the International Women's Day Symposium jointly organized by BUK, Impact Nigeria Project and Chubbi Interior at M.J. Mortimore Theater, Faculty of Earth and Environmental Sciences on Saturday, 11th March, 2017, Hajiya Binta Mohammed, while

In his contribution, Prof Habu Mohammed Fagge of the Department of Political Science, advised working class women to find a way of balancing their work with domestic affairs and also to ensure mutual understanding between them and their marital partners.

Muhammad Kabiru Shittu Now Ag. Chief Internal Auditor

By Lamara Garba

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello, has approved the appointment of Mallam Muhammad Kabiru Shittu, *cna* as Acting Chief Internal Auditor. According to a statement signed by the Registrar, Hajiya Fatima Binta Mohammed said the appointment was effective from 22nd March, 2017.

"As acting Chief Internal Auditor you will directly be answerable to the Vice Chancellor for the day to day running of the auditing aspect of the University", the statement read in part.

Born in 12th August, 1962, in Danja town of Katsina State, Mallam Kabiru Shittu, a 1989 graduate of B.Sc Accounting from Bayero University, Kano holds Masters in Business Administration from Ahmadu Bello University Zaria. He is a member of the Association of National Accountants of Nigeria (ANAN).

He previously worked with the Federal Inland Revenue

Services (FIRS), National Electric Power Authority (NEPA), and Federal Polytechnic Nassarawa from 1991 to 2007 before he joined the services of Bayero University in 2007 as Chief Internal Auditor. He is married with two wives and many children.



Mallam Muhammad Kabiru Shittu, Acting Chief Internal Auditor

BUK Inducts Graduands of Medical Laboratory Sciences, Radiography & Physiotherapy

By Nura Garba & Rabi'u M. Sagir

Bayero University, Kano has inducted 69 graduands of Medical Laboratory Sciences, Medical Radiography and Physiotherapy from Faculty of Allied Health Sciences, College of Health Sciences. It was the 4th Induction ceremony for graduands of Medical Laboratory Sciences and Medical Radiography and 20th for Bachelor of Physiotherapy, held on Monday, 13th March, 2017 at the Musa Abdullahi Auditorium.

The Deputy Governor of Kano State, Professor Hafiz Abubakar, who was the chairman of the occasion, congratulated the graduands and charged them to abide by the rules and regulations governing the conduct of health practice in the country. He also expressed his gratitude and appreciation to the management of BUK for finding him worthy to chair the occasion.

The Vice-Chancellor Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello, urged the students to work with the codes of conduct and ethics in their profession and to be good ambassadors of Bayero University. Professor Bello represented by his Deputy, Professor Sagir Abbas, assured the Registrar of Physiotherapy of providing a rehabilitation centre so as to bridge the gap and upgrade the standard of physiotherapy department in Bayero University, Kano.

The Provost of College of Health Sciences Professor Sani Usman Alhassan represented by the Deputy Provost, Academics, Professor Mahmoud Umar Sani, lauded the commitment and determination shown by the immediate past Vice-Chancellor Professor A.A. Rasheed, who worked tirelessly to see that the college was established in 2014. Professor Sani also commended the positive impact and the vital role played by the current administration under the leadership of the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello towards achieving set-out objectives.

In his paper titled: "Legal Implication of Negligence in Healthcare System in Nigeria," delivered at the occasion, Barrister Abdullahi Ibrahim said it was the duty of health personnel to discharge their duty professionally and to avoid negligence that may lead to criminal prosecution against them.

Also in his paper titled "Team Work in the Health Sector," Professor A.G. Habib former Provost CHS, dwelt on the significant impact of team work in the field of healthcare services, which, he said, would promote the quality care and the safety of the patients as well as provide mutual understanding among the workers of health services in the country. He added that the input of a team surpassed that of an individual.

The Registrar of Physiotherapy applauded the positive rapport between the management of Bayero University and their council, which has had positive impact on students, parents and the society. The Registrar requested the Vice Chancellor to provide a rehabilitation centre in order to bridge the gap in the field training of physiotherapy.

During the induction ceremony, some graduating students were identified to have won various awards. Ugbade Johnson Ebute from the Department of Medical radiography won the best research project award while Khadija Nuhu Salisu from the same department was the best student in RRBN Modulated Clinical Examination.

In the Department of Medical Laboratory Sciences, Usman Abdulsalam Abubakar emerged the best pre-clinical student; Abdullahi Taye Mohammed got the award of best clinical student, while Munzali Hamisu Umar was the best research project student.

Also Abdullahi Taye Muhammad emerged as overall best graduating student for Medical Laboratory Sciences while Yusuf Muhammad Ashraf and Yusuf Isa Yusuf were the overall best graduating students for Medical Radiography and Physiotherapy, respectively.

BUK Active Citizens Donates Books to Primary Schools In Kano

By Bala G. Abdullahi

Active Citizens, Bayero University, Kano Chapter with the support of the British Council has donated instructional materials to 10 primary schools in Kano State for the English literacy-learning club and life skills activities.

Active Citizens is a non-governmental and non-profit organization partnering with the British Council with

the sole aim of promoting community cohesion through civic engagement and volunteerism. The organization runs programmes that encourage peer-to-peer relation across cultural, geographic and political boundaries and engages local youth and community leaders towards achieving sustainable development locally and globally.

A statement signed by the Deputy Dean, Student Affairs, Dr. Hajara Umar Sanda, said two schools were selected

each from five local government areas of Kano State for the programme: they are the Municipal, Dala, Gwale, Kumbotso and Ungogo.

The beneficiary schools according to the statement are: Kofar Nassarawa Special Primary, Shahuchi special Primary School, Gwale Model Primary school, Dorayi Babba Special Primary School, and Rijiyar Zaki Special Primary School. They rest are: Bachirawa Special Primary School, Yalwa Model Primary School, Dala Girls' Primary School, Chiranchi Special Primary School and Ja'oji Special Primary School.

The items donated include: Story books: *Kanu at Malaria, Not a free Gift, Lord of Paradise and Sir Ahmadu Bello, Longman Dictionary*, English textbooks for primary 4 & 5, exercise notebooks – 2A, cardboard paper, marker, glue and marking tape as well as A4 paper reams. Others are: kangaroo staplers and stapler pins, stamp pads and ink, thread rolls, post it note, flip charts



stationeries, rulers, pencils, sharpeners, cleaners and chalk together with consumable gifts for pupils, active Citizen T-Shirts, face caps, pens and long note books (for students' facilitators).

NUC Secretary Commissions CDA's Tissue Culture Lab, New Building

By Nura Garba

The Executive Secretary of the National Universities Commission (NUC), Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, MFR has officially commissioned the Tissue Culture Laboratory and new building of the Centre for Dryland Agriculture in Bayero University, Kano.

While commissioning the Tissue Culture Laboratory,

the NUC Executive Secretary said it was the mandate of his commission being the Coordinator of the World Bank Academic Centres of Excellence to tour all the centres in the country and monitor their progress.

He recalled that while at ABU Zaria to discuss the level of progress being made on its ACE project, some highly placed senior academics drew his attention to the fact



The Deputy Director, Research and Outreach, Dr. Kabir Mustapha (left) explaining a plant at Tissue Culture Lab to the NUC Scribe, Prof. Rasheed, while the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Yahuza Bello (right) listens with keen interest

that the tissue culture laboratory in Bayero University's Centre for Dryland Agriculture is the best in the country.

The NUC Executive Secretary commended and appreciated the Centre for Dryland Agriculture for installing the state of the art facilities that would advance the conduct of researches in multi-disciplinary areas.

The NUC Secretary said many Nigerian universities would learn from the gigantic and tremendous progress made by Bayero University's Centre for Dryland Agriculture.

The Centre Leader and the Director CDA, Professor

Jibrin M. Jibrin and the Deputy Director, Research and Outreach, Dr. Kabir Mustapha took the NUC Secretary round the facilities at the tissue culture laboratory. Dr. Kabir Mustapha explained the functions and importance of the ultra-modern equipment to the NUC scribe.

Similarly, the NUC Secretary, Professor Abubakar Rasheed commissioned the new building of the CDA, where he was taken round the GIS Laboratory, Laboratory 1 and 2, Reading Room and the office of the Director.

The commissioning ceremony took place on Friday, 17th March, 2017.

BUK to Train Kano Market Traders on Modern Business

By Lamara Garba

Plans are underway by the Bayero University, Kano to introduce training programme for Kano market traders on modern business and Islamic finances, as part of the deliberate policy aimed at supporting the local traders with a view to improving on their merchandising, the Vice Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello, has disclosed.

Addressing representatives of the various Market Associations, who paid him a visit in his office, on Wednesday, 22nd March, 2017, the Vice Chancellor, said the University as a centre of knowledge is duty bound to assist its host communities not only in giving education but also in devising means of touching the lives of the populace in all aspects of human endeavour.

“We are not just a place for the award of degrees to students, but we also find a way of supporting those who could not come to us to get our certificates, and you, traders, we feel that, we have a duty to support and assist you in your chosen endeavour. This is part of our community service to our hosts,” he declared.

According to Professor Bello, over the years, the University has been thinking on how best to support the local traders, especially by teaching them the techniques of modern business as well as by exposing them to the Islamic finance, which has been proved to be the most secure way of doing business.

In addition to training in modern business, the Vice

Chancellor also hinted that the University is poised at giving the traders training on how to avoid frequent fire outbreaks in the market, pointing out that already, the management has mandated three centres to come up with a blueprint regarding this issue.

He said, Dangote Business School, the International Institute of Islamic Banking and Finance and the Centre for Qur'anic Studies have been mandated to come up with a blueprint that will aim at capturing the category of



The VC, and his team in a group photograph with Representatives of the various Market Associations

people who engage in different endeavours in a non-formal way.

He equally said in view of the large number of Kano traders doing business in China, the University is considering establishing a Chinese Language centre so as to give basic knowledge on the Chinese Language, in which traders can learn the language, and culture with ease, which will go along way in enhancing their businesses.

Earlier, the Director of the International Institute of

Islamic Banking and Finance, Professor Binta Tijjani Jibril, told the Vice Chancellor that in line with his directives, they had been meeting with the representatives of the traders' Associations, who they gave vital inputs towards the development of the curriculum for the programme. Previously, she said they met with representatives from Dawanau International commodity market and those from the GSM village market, among others.

Responding on behalf of the traders, Alhaji Abdulkadir Bala Madigawa from Muhammadu Abubakar Rimi Market (Sabon Gari Market), expressed profound appreciation to the University for this laudable initiative. He said, certainly the programme is a noble cause, which

will go a long way in removing the hitherto dichotomy between members of the academia and the traders.

“Mr. Vice Chancellor, sir, prior to this initiative, we, the traders relate with members of the academia with suspicion. Anytime we see any one of you, we feel apprehensive, because the general belief is that you, in the academia treat us with disdain. But alas, we found out that an academic is a human being like any other person, easy-going and very supportive. We are indeed grateful for this offer and we shall do our best to enlighten our members because the programme will benefit us a lot especially the modern banking techniques and Islamic finance.”

Security is a Collective Responsibility - DSS *By Lamara Garba*

The Kano State Director of the Department of State Services (DSS), Alhaji Alhassan N. Muhammad, has charged that for an optimum success in stemming the security challenges in the country, every member of the society must be a stakeholder.

Speaking when he visited the Vice Chancellor, in his office on Wednesday, 22nd March, 2017, Alhaji Alhassan Muhammad, explained that security is a collective responsibility. He stressed the need for everyone to be vigilante and assist the security operatives with prompt information.

He commended the management of Bayero University for their pro-activeness and cordial relationship with the service, assuring that, it was his appreciation of the cordiality between the two organizations that prompted his visit barely a week after assumption of duty.

“Security is a collective responsibility, there is no on-

looker, and we all have a stake. We shall do our best to covertly and overtly give security cover. However, this can only be possible with the active support by the members of the public. They should assist the service by providing vital information, as we can't know everything,” said the Director.

In response, the Vice Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello, commended the Service for what he termed as proactive operations towards providing security cover to the University in the face of challenges.

“Your men and officers have been quite active or rather proactive especially given the security challenges facing the country. They always promptly address all threats, sometimes, even before we got to know about it, they nip it. In particular, the officer in charge of Ungogo is very much proactive. We are indeed grateful,” said the Vice Chancellor.

NIPOST prepares to collaborate with CBN *By Rabi'u M. Sagir*

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello, has pledged to provide additional space to NIPOST to expand its current outfit in the University. Professor Bello urged it to strengthen its services by continuing to provide more postal services as it is in UK and other countries. The Vice-Chancellor Bello assured continuous patronage of the services of NIPOST.

Earlier, Mal Dauda Musa Bdliya, Area Postal Manager, Kano Territory, NIPOST, while expressing his appreciation, informed the VC that the NIPOST in the University is a District Office which provides services to 33 Local Government Areas of the state. He further informed the VC that the other district was the main post office.

Mal. Musa explained that NIPOST was preparing to collaborate with the Central Bank of Nigeria in providing efficient financial services that may be of immense assistance to students, workers and other Nigerians in executing their day to day activities. E-commerce is another vital area which the NIPOST was working enormously to strengthen in its service delivery because it

is a medium of providing opportunities to individuals. Mal. Musa finally offered 50% discount to the Management of the University in the delivery of their



The VC, and his team in a group photograph with Representatives of NIPOST

services to the University.

COREN Accredits Mechatronics, Chemical & Petroleum Engineering Programmes

By Nura Garba

The Council for the Regulation of Engineering in Nigeria (COREN) has visited Bayero University, Kano

The visitation panel, which was at the university from 12th to 16th February, conferred Full Accreditation Status on Mechatronics Engineering while Chemical Engineering and Petroleum Engineering passed Pre-Accreditation Status.



Members of COREN during accreditation exercise inspecting one of the machines

According to the Registrar of COREN, Engineer W. Kamila Maliki, FNSE, *mni* the effective date of the accreditation is 16th February, 2017. He pointed out that Full Accreditation is valid for five years (that is mechatronic programme), while passed Pre-Accreditation Status is valid for two years (for Petrochemical and Chemical Engineering). So the validity period for Mechatronics programme commenced from February 2017 to February 2022, while for Chemical and Petroleum Engineering is from February 2017 to February 2019.

for the accreditation of Mechatronics Engineering, Chemical Engineering and Petro-Chemical Engineering undergraduate programmes.

He said there would be random visits to the University within the period to check on the state of facilities and that accreditation might be withdrawn if there is clear evidence of falling standards.

Civil Engineering Department Honoured Former HOD

By Abubakar Yusuf

Head of Civil Engineering Department, Dr. Ado Yusuf Abdulfatah has described his predecessor, Dr. Salisu Dan'azumi as a down-to-earth and dedicated leader, who worked for the development of the department.

In his speech, the former Head of Department, Dr Salisu Dan'azumi said all the successes recorded during his tenure were as a result of team work with the rest of staff

Dr. Ado Yusuf, who was speaking during the reception organized by the department in honour of former Head of Department, Dr. Salisu Dan'azumi on Wednesday, 15th March, 2017 at the Conference Hall of the Faculty of Engineering, said during the tenure of former HOD, the department recorded huge success.

One important success recorded during Dr. Dan'azumi's tenure according to Dr. Ado Yusuf was the training of academic staff with external support. "The support came from the Petroleum Technology Development Fund (PTDF Nigeria), Universiti Teknologi Petronas (privately owned by the Malaysian National Oil Company), King Fahad University of Petroleum and Minerals, Saudi Arabia, Kwankwasiyya Scholarship and also through self-sponsorship.



From left: Dr. Ado Yusuf Abdulfatah, HOD Civil Engr. and Dr. Salisu Dan'azumi

of the department. He thanked every member of the department for the support and cooperation given to him. He urged them to do the same to his successor.



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10:00am Prompt

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Musa Abdullahi Auditorium, Bayero University, New Campus

ANNOUNCER: Professorial Inaugural Lecture Committee

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Department of Agronomy: *M. Sc Internal & Internal Examiner Defence*

First Presenter: Adam Ibrahim Raji
 (SPS/13/MAG/00005)

Title of Dissertations: Calibration and Validation of Ceres-Sorghum Model of DSSAT 4.6 for Use in Sudan Savanna Nigeria

Supervisor: Dr. Hakeem Ajegbe

Internal Examiner: Dr. S. Rufa'i

Second Presenter: Abdurrahman Umar Yunus
 (SPS/13/MAG/00002)

Title of Dissertations: Generation of Genetic Coefficients for Simulation of Potential and Water Limited Yields for Cowpea in Northern Nigeria.

Supervisor: Prof. S. G. Mohammed

Internal Examiner: Prof. A.A. Manga

M. Sc Proposal Seminar

First Presenter: Fatima Zahra Buhari
 (SPS/15/MAG/00026)

Title of Dissertations: Effect of Organic Manure, Intra-row Spacing and Staking on Growth and Yield of Cucumber (*Cucumis sativus* L.).

Supervisor: Prof. A. A. Manga

Internal Examiner: Dr. A. Lado

Second Presenter: Amina Suleman Abba
 (SPS/15/MAG/00011)

Title of Dissertation: Effect of Moringa (*Moringa oleifera* Lam) Leaf Extra and Nitrogen Rates on Growth and Yield of Lettuce (*Lactuca sativa* L.) in Sudan Savanna of Nigeria

Supervisor: Prof. B. M. Auwalu

Internal Examiner: Dr. S. U. Yahaya

Chairman: Prof. S. G. Mohammed

Date: 29th March, 2017

Time: 1:30pm

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

Department of Civil Engineering: *M.Eng Proposal Defense*

Presenter 1: Usman Ahmad Alitu (SPS/15/MCE/00055)

Topic: Properties of Laterized Concrete using Neem Seed Husk Ash as Admixture.

Presenter 2: Andrew Abah Onoja (SPS/15/MCE/00023)

Topic: Warm Mix Asphalt for Road Paving in Nigeria.

Presenter 3: Saleh Lliya Bajeri (SPS/15/MCE/00042)

Topic: Stochastic Strength Capacity Assessment of Solid Timber Columns Laminated with GFRP.

Presenter 4: Muhammad Fadlan Mahmoud
 (SPS/15/MCE/00039)

Topic: Investigation into the Practical Application of a Proposed Reinforced Concrete Fillet Beams in Construction of Slabs.

Presenter 5: Babagana Bukar Modu
 (SPS/15/MCE/00048)

Topic: Treatment of Industrial/Domestic Waste Water Effluent Using Activated Carbon Prepared from Corn Cob.

Presenter 6: Ashiru Alhassan Abdulsalam
 (SPS/15/MCE/00004)

Topic: Effect of Temperature Variations on Ashes of Rice Husk and Groundnut Shell in Soil Stabilization.

Presenter 7: Umukoro Ezekiel (SPS/15/MCE/00023)

Topic: Effect of Snail Shell Ash on the Properties of Concrete.

Chairman: Dr. A.Y. Abdulfatah

Date: Wednesday, 5th April, 2017

Time: 12:00pm prompt

Venue: Faculty Conference Room

Department of Civil Engineering: *Staff Seminar Presentation*

Presenter: Dr. Salisu Dan'Azumi

Topic: "Optimization of Runoff and Pollution Control Performance of Stormwater Detention Pond Using P.S.O".

Chairman: Dr. Abdussamad Ismail

Date: 29th March, 2017

Time: 2:00pm

Venue: Civil Engineering Resource Room

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