



50th Congregation: *By Abubakar Yusuf* Staff, Students Get VC's Pass Mark

Vice Chancellor Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello has commended staff, Unions and students of the University for the co-operation and support he has been enjoying from them most especially in the recent times when the University was faced with financial challenges.

Professor Yahuza Bello made this commendation during the 50th Congregation of the University on Saturday, 25th February, 2017 at Mahmud Tukur Theatre B, Old Campus. He said since December 2015 the university had been experiencing a shortage of one hundred and twenty one million naira from salary every month. He said coping measures adopted by the University management include suspension of employment of new staff and non-renewal of contract staff, as well as a halt to sabbatical staff.

He further stated that because of the difficult situation the University could not remit deductions to the unions. But according to him the Unions showed understanding and cooperation during this trying period.

On the physical development that took place in the university in the year 2016, Vice Chancellor said he was happy to inform the congregation that the Faculty of Law, Faculty of Communication and Faculty of Earth and Environmental Sciences moved to their new locations at the New Campus.

In terms of staff welfare, Professor Yahuza Bello, said a number of staff were promoted while three female staff

were appointed into higher positions in the University administration.

“Sixty million naira was given to the University's Cooperative Society for welfare to assist staff who are in dire need of food items,” he added.

On the academic activities in the university, the Vice Chancellor, said apart from other bodies that accredit some courses the National Universities Commission (NUC) accredited twenty five programmes in the University recently.

The Vice Chancellor pledged to continue to support staff to attend conferences within and outside the country.

In his Speech earlier, the Chairman Standing Committee on Congregation, Dr Babangida Muhammad said the congregation was the first since the decision to make it twice in a year. He welcomed every member and urged them to respect the rules of the congregation.

During the Congregation, Dr Ahmed Ali Yakasai of Chemistry Department was elected to represent the congregation and complete tenure of a member promoted at the Council of the university. Dr. Saidu Ahmad Dukawa and Dr. Sani Ali Aji were elected to represent Faculty of Social and Management Science and Faculty of Clinical science respectively at the Senate of the University.



Prof. Muhammad Yahuza Bello, delivering his speech at the occasion



Members of the Congregation at the meeting

Dr Kabir Bello Dungurawa was also elected to represent the Congregation at the Central Facilities Maintenance Committee.

During the 50th Congregation twelve resolutions were made as follows:

- (a) The serialization of attendance list should be continuous so that the total number of attendees can easily be observed.
- (b) The higher number of attendance from the Faculty of Science during the previous congregation was noted and commended, and the other faculties were urged to emulate this.
- (c) Members were encouraged to be using their university-based official emails. In line of this, the e-list of attendance should be used in the future.
- (d) The Standing Committee of Congregation (SCC) was urged to provide an official email address through which apologies can be sent to by members who are unable to attend.
- (e) Input from congregation was considered on the proposed modified university logo. The issue of Qur'anic verse on the logo is of no problem as agreed by the University founding fathers and by some Islamic scholars consulted. However, more consultation is still ongoing.
- (f) It was resolved that from this meeting henceforth, 1:00pm to 1:30pm should be used for break for future congregations.
- (g) The effort of the University Admission Committee

was commended for a successful, objective conduct of the 2016 admission exercise in spite of many challenges.

- (h) Congregation expressed appreciation to the University principal officers who have successfully completed their tenures, and wished them well in their future endeavors.
- (I) Congregation expressed its delight on the appointments of its various members to head agencies of the Federal Government and institutions of higher learning and urged them to be good ambassadors of the University in their new places of assignments.
- (j) Congregation expressed satisfaction and commended the efforts of the University management for treating the case of members of staff in Staff School in a humanly manner in order to minimize disruption to their families.
- (k) A special prayer was offered to the members of the Congregation who have passed away.
- (l) Election of congregation representatives into a number of University committees was conducted and a total of 4 vacancies were successfully filled.

Members of the Committee were:

Prof. M.D. Saeed, Pure and Industrial Chemistry

Dr. Rabia Salihu Said, Physics

Dr. Kasim Mohammed, Civil Engineering

Hindatu Salisu Abubakar, Library and Information Sciences

Muhsin Muhammad Ibrahim, Theatre and Film Studies

VC Commends Registry Department for Successful Workshop

By Rabi'u M. Sagir

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello, has commended the registry Department for its

successful workshop organized for administrative staff of Bayero University, Kano and other neighbouring universities.



The Registrar, Fatima Binta Mohammed

The Vice Chancellor was particularly appreciative of the Registrar, Fatima Binta Mohammed who spearheaded the successful conduct of the training as part of the University's initiative to boost the capacity of staff.

Prof. Bello was speaking at the 50th Congregation Meeting on Saturday, 25th February, 2017 held at the Mahmud Tukur Theatre B, Old Campus.

The commendation attracted wide applause from senior academics and non-teaching staff who converged in their hundreds to the Congregation meeting, which was the 2nd

under the leadership of Professor Muhammad Yahuza as Vice Chancellor.

The Vice Chancellor noted that the appointment of Fatima Binta Mohammed as Registrar was based on merit and competence and that the University would continue to support her.

In another development, the Registrar, Fatima Binta Mohammed said her mission was to provide a functional system of efficiency and effectiveness in the administration of the university and ensure adherence and decorum in line with the university's established policies.

The Registrar also said she was happy that her vision of

upgrading the Registry Department is becoming a reality. She added that the resuscitation of staff training through the attendance of workshops, both in-house and outside the domains of the University had really helped in sharpening the skills of the Registry staff for optimal productivity.

She was speaking in her office on 1st March, 2017 when she clocked one year in office.

The Registrar explained that, "improving the welfare of staff and students became utmost priority for the University management 'that is why we are working hand in hand with staff unions and the SUG."

Vice Chancellor Inaugurates Board Members of DRIP

By Abubakar Yusuf

Vice Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello has inaugurated Board Members of Directorate of Research, Innovation and Partnership and called on them to look into possible ways to assist staff on fellowship in the University.

Professor Yahuza Bello while inaugurating the Board Members on 28th February, 2017 at the Senate Chamber expressed his dismay over the way staff on fellowships face many challenges regarding their research work. He said this would not be unconnected with the fact that such staff are not enjoying the privilege of research grants like their counterparts who are on fellowships overseas. This, according to him became a serious obstacle to their research work.

"I urge you to explore means and find possible ways to support such staff not only to finish their studies in good time but to come up with something meaningful that would add value to knowledge.

On the Directorate of Research, Innovation and Partnership, the Vice Chancellor said the Directorate was established in the year 2014 along with a research

policy to help guide staff and students towards advancement of research and innovation.

Professor Yahuza Bello when commended the management of the Directorate for the success they record from inception to date with all the challenges they are facing, and urge the board members to continue from where the management stopped.

In his speech earlier, the Director of the Directorate, Professor Abdullahi Sule Kano thanked the Vice Chancellor and his team for forming this Board which according to him would assist the Directorate to achieve its desired goals.

"I would like to use this opportunity to assure the Vice Chancellor that we will work hand in hand with the Board members to promote the Directorate and the University in general." Professor Sule Kano added.

The Board consists of the Provost, College Health Sciences, Director of DRIP, his three deputies and all Deans and Directors of the University.

SUG Plans Special Welfare Package for Hospitalized Students

By Nura Garba

A special package to assist hospitalized students and improve their health condition has been introduced by the Student Union Government (SUG) as part of its agenda to enhance the welfare of students.

The plan, which was in the union's constitution but not well adopted has now been reintroduced under the office of the Welfare Officer, Yasir Aminu.

According to the Welfare Officer, Yasir Aminu, this was part of the welfare scheme of the current SUG executives under the leadership of Comrade Tijjani Bilal Paki, which is determined to come up with many welfare packages for students.

He appealed to students to cooperate with the SUG

By Rabi'u M. Sagir

NSE Donates Telecomm Equipment to BUK



The Nigeria society of Engineers (NSE) Kano branch has donated telecommunication equipment to the University's Faculty of Engineering as part of its determination to improve the practice of engineering discipline.

Chairman of NSE, Engineer Rabi'u Haruna, who donated the physical hardware GSM and cellular transmission equipment on Tuesday, 28th February, 2017 at the conference room, Faculty of Engineering said the society would send Professionals from telecommunication industry to come and train students on monthly basis. The chairman noted that there was a need to bridge the gap between the academia and the Industry through discussions, sharing of ideas and review of educational curriculum, especially what started between the Department of Electrical

Engineering of BUK and MTN.

He also said NSE was making frantic efforts to make sure that every trained engineer delivers what is expected of him in order to earn the respect of the society. Responding, the Vice Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello expressed appreciation over the gesture done to the Faculty by NSE and said the equipment would add signification value in the training of students.

The Vice Chancellor, who was represented by the Dean, faculty of Engineering, Professor Abubakar Baba Ali, said the University would be willing to collaborate in the NSE in conducting research analysis and structural test analysis of buildings with a view to eliminating or reducing constant collapse of buildings in the country.

S P O R T S

By Nura Garba

Inter-Faculty Games Commence Saturday 4th March

All is now set for the commencement of Inter-Faculty Games for students which is set to kick-off on Saturday, 4th March, 2017.

According to the Director of Sports, Professor Rabi'u Mohammed, the opening ceremony will commence on Saturday, 4th March, 2017 with a football match at the Sports Complex, Old Campus.

He said students from 16 faculties will compete in Football, Basketball, Badminton, Handball, Table Tennis, Tennis, Squash, Athletics, 50-Meters Desert Shuttle Run, Judo, Taekwondo and Chess. He said the Sports Directorate has made all the necessary arrangements to ensure a hitch-free exercises billed to last for one-week.

Dean Faculty of Communication Charges Students to Win Inter-Faculty Trophy

The Dean, Faculty of Communication, Professor Umaru Pate has charged students in the faculty who are competing for the forthcoming Inter-Faculty games to make the faculty proud by winning the giant trophy of football.

The Dean, who visited the training field of the students along with the Deputy Dean, Dr. Sulaiman Yar'adua on Wednesday, 1st March, 2017, said despite being the

youngest faculty in the University, 'you can win the football trophy based on what I saw today. I can see you bringing the giant trophy to the dinnery,' he enthused. Prof Pate expressed the faculty's determination to support the athletes in whatever means in order to promote the sporting activities in the faculty.

The Inter-Faculty games will commence on Saturday, 4th March, 2017.

Dr. Buba F. Luka, Appointed, HOD, Environmental Management

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello, has approved the re-appointment of Dr. Buba F. Luka as the Head, Department of Environmental Management, Faculty of Earth and Environmental Sciences.

An appointment letter signed by the Vice Chancellor,

Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello, dated 24th February, 2017, states that the re-appointment is for two more years, with effect from 3rd March, 2017.

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

Mid Semester Break 2016/2017 Session

The Senate at its 348th meeting held on 7th December, 2016 approved Monday, 13th to Sunday, 19th March, 2017 as the first semester break for 2016/2017 session as contained in the Academic Calendar of Events.

A statement signed by the Registrar, Fatima Binta Mohammed advised the lecturers and students to observe the break.

However, normal academic activities would resume on Monday, 20th March, 2017.

Reception in Honour of Prof. H. M. Alhassan

A reception was held in honour of Prof. Hashim Muhammad Alhassan for his recent promotion to the rank of Professor of Civil Engineering. The event was held in the Faculty of Engineering Conference Hall on 27th February, 2017 by 3.00pm. It was attended by all members of the Civil Engineering Family and well-wishers from the faculty and beyond. Also present at the event were the chairman of the occasion Prof M. H. Bichi; The Dean, Dr. A. B. Aliyu; Prof Aliyu S. Barau (HOD URP); Prof S.S. Adamu, (Electrical Eng); Prof Isa Garba (Mechanical Eng), as well as Former and Current HODs in the faculty. Prof Hashim was described as a person with an academic blood, who was tagged a Professor since



university days. It was mentioned that the professor supervised more than 100 students' projects. In his

response, the Professor thanked all that attended while describing the event as a celebration as well as a reflection of the past.

SEMINARS

Department of Sociology: *Internal Defense*

Candidate: Mohammed Ahmad
(SPS/12/MSO/00004)

Topic: Influence of Education on Fertility among Women in Gombe Metropolis

Supervisor: Professor Ismaila M. Zango

Internal Examiner: Dr. Nu'uman M. Habib

Date: Tuesday, March 7, 2017

Time: 10:00am

Venue: Departmental Board Room

Faculty of Engineering: *Faculty Seminar*

Presenter: Dr. M.L. Atanda

Topic: Integration of Improved Rural Infrastructure in Mechanization for Sustainable Agricultural Development.

Chairman: Dr. Haruna Musa

Time: 11:00am

Date: 2nd March, 2017

Venue: Faculty of Engineering, Conference Room

Department of Biochemistry: *PhD Seminar*

Presenter 1: Abdulmumin Yunusa
(SPS/13/PBC/00010)

Topic: Medicinal properties and characterization of *Boswellia papyrifera* (Del) stem bark extracts in rats

Supervisor: Prof A M Wudil

Presenter 2: Muhammad Ibrahim Usman
(SPS/14/PBC/00008)

Topic: Hypoglycemic and hypolipidemic activity of *Khaya senegalensis* fractions on Alloxan induced diabetic and diet induced hyperlipidemic rats.

Supervisor: Dr. A. J. Alhassan

Time: 10:00 am Prompt

Date: Tuesday 7th March, 2017

Venue: PG Class Biochemistry Department.

Chairman: Dr. Aminu Muhammad (Exam Officer, Department of Pure and Industrial Chemistry)

Department of Private & Commercial

Law: Seminar Presentation

Presenter: Professor Kabiru Isa Dandago (Hon Commissioner of Finance, Kano State)

Topic: 'Revenue Generation by State Governments in Nigeria: Prospects and Challenges'

Chairman: Professor A.H. Yadudu, Private and Commercial Law Department, BUK

Discussant: Professor A.B. Ahmed, Private and Commercial Law Department, BUK

Date: Tuesday, 6th March, 2017

Time: 11:00am-1:00pm

Venue: Faculty of Law Theatre II Bayero

University, Kano

Department of Physical and Health

Education: Walk for Life

The Department of P.H.E. wishes to remind staff and students of this month's "WALK FOR LIFE PROGRAMME" as follows:

Topic: "WALK FOR LIFE"

Date: Saturday, 11th March, 2017

Time: 7:00am

Venue: New Campus Gymn (Take-off Point)

Department of Medical Microbiology and

Parasitology: M.Sc Seminar Presentation

Presenter 1: Hauwa Sani Dauda
(SPS/14/MMM/000021)

Topic: Screening of Blood Donors for Malaria Parasites by Microscopy and Rapid Diagnostic Tests at Hadejia General Hospital, Jigawa State.

Supervisor: Dr. Yusuf Mohammed

Presenter 2: Muhammad Lawal Kangiwa
(SPS/14/MMM/00020)

Topic: Helminthiasis and Anaemia in Pregnancy: A case study of the Antenatal Clinic Clients of the Usman Danfodio University Teaching Hospital, Sokoto.

Supervisor: Professor Faruk S/Fada

Presenter 3: Usman Sanusi (SPS/14/MMM/00016)

Topic: Prevalence and Species of Oral candida with their Antifungal Susceptibility profile among patients with Diabetes Mellitus in Murtala Specialist Hospital, Kano.

Supervisor: Dr Taysir Hafiz Ramadan/Dr. Yusuf Mohammed

Presenter 4: Amina M. Usman
(SPS/14/MMM/00025)

Topic: Increased Risk of Severe Malaria among Pregnant Mothers living with HIV in Kano State, Nigeria.

Supervisor: Dr. Nura Sani/Dr. Yusuf Mohammed

Presenter 5: Abdulrazaq M. Idris
(SPS/14/MMM/00001)

Topic: Detection of Penicillin Binding Protein 2a/2 (PBP 2a/2) Antigen among Clinical Bacterial Isolates of Staphylococci in AKTH, Kano, Nigeria.

Supervisor: Dr. Sale Kumurya/Dr. Yusuf Mohammed

Chairman: Professor Azeez Oyeibanji Akande

Date: Tuesday, 7th March, 2017

Time: 10:00am

Venue: Departmental Board Room
Department of Mathematical Sciences:
M.Sc Internal Defense

Candidate: Nura Garba Khalil
 (SPS/13/MMT/00013)

Topic: Reliability Modeling of Series-Parallel System with Replacement at Failure.

Supervisor: Professor B.M. Yakasai

Chairman: Dr. Amina M. Lawal

Date: Thursday 9th March, 2017

Time: 2:00pm

Venue: Departmental Computer Laboratory

Department of Nigerian Languages: M.A Seminar Series Panel A (Literature and Culture)

Presenter 1: Samira Abdulkadir Dangambo
 (SPS/14/MHA/00015)

Topic: Hoton Rayuwar Al'ummar Hausawa cikin wasu kagaggun labarai na Hausa daga 1933-1980.

Presenter 2: Rakiya Adamu (SPS/14/MHA/00003)

Topic: Nazari kan Itatuwa da tsurrai masu dafi a kasar hausa.

Presenter 3: Fatima Hudu (SPS/14/MHA/00017)

Topic: Salon sarrafa Harshe a rubutaccen wasan kwaikwayo na Hausa: Nazari a kan tasirin rafa da baker kammalawa.

Presenter 4: Aisha Aminu Yahya
 (SPS/14/MHA/00019)

Topic: Kwatanta salo da sarrafa Harshe a littattafan wasannin kwaikwayo na gasar 2009.

M.A. Seminar Panel B

Presenter 1: Abubakar Jungudo

(SPS/14/MHA/00021)

Topic: Nazarin Salo da sarrafa Harshe cikin wasu tatsuniyoyin Hausa

Presenter 2: Hassan Mahdi Jibril
 (SPS/14/MHA/00001)

Topic: Kamanci da Bambancin Al'adun kaciya a garin kano na nijeriya da garin sebha na kasar libya.

Presenter 3: Rabi Garba (SPS/13/MHA/00001)

Topic: Nazarin Hanyoyin fadakarwa a rubutattun wakokin Garba Gashuwa.

Presenter 4: Farouq Nalele Kulo
 (SPS/13/MHA/00008)

Topic: Dani da 'yan amshi da yanaye-yanayensa a wasu wakokin baka na gargajiya.

Nigerian Association for Educational Administration & Planning (NAEAP), Kano Chapter: 1st Annual Chapter Conference BUK 2017

Theme: Community Participation in the Provision and Management of Education in Nigeria

Key Note Speaker: Professor Ali Tijjani Abdullahi, Dean Faculty of Education, BUK

Chief Host: Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello, VC Bayero University, Kano

Host: Dr. Bello A. Bello, Chapter Chairman

Date: 8th March, -10th March, 2017

Arrival Date: 7th March, 2017, **Arrival Time:** 10:00am

Venue: Musa Abdullahi Auditorium

Appreciation from Professor Isyaku Ibrahim Indabawa (Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Northwest University Kano).

I wish to express my sincere appreciation to the Vice-Chancellor (Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello), DVC Academics (Professor Sagir Abbas) ASUU Chairman (Dr. Ibrahim Barde) and his Exco on behalf of the Union, Deans, Faculties of Sciences, SMS, SCE, BMS, LAW, Clinical Sciences, SPS, CMD,

AKTH and his Staff, Director, Academic Planning, Directors, Centre for Biotechnology Research, SGES, HOD's and Staff, Faculty of Science, colleagues from other Faculties and the entire members of the University Community for visiting me in the hospital during my sickness. May Allah reward you abundantly, amin.



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

33rd 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 Bintu Mohammed
Registrar

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