



Varsity Don Suggests “Basket Collection” for Free and Effective Medicare *By Mustapha Gide*



Prof. Muhammad Nasiru Sambo

A University Don, Professor Muhammad Nasiru Sambo, has suggested ways through which the government could pool revenue in form of 'a basket collection' from philanthropists, individual savings accounts, etc as obtained in Singapore, where every salary earner contributes 4 percent of his/her salary to a Healthcare fundin such a way that he would be treated freely in event of illness.

Professor Sambo, who was the Guest Speaker at the 2nd College Foundation Day of the College of Health Sciences on Tuesday 16th May, 2017 at Mahmud Tukur Theatre while presenting his lecture titled, “Healthcare Financing (HCF) in Nigeria, the Way Forward”, explained that the purpose of the Healthcare Financing is to make funding available for an effective healthcare delivery.

He listed the functions of HCF to include revenue mobilization, revenue pooling, expenditure allocation and tracking amongst others. He, however, expressed concern that uncoordinated expenditure, public sector inefficiency/waste, limited financial risk and insufficient resources in many countries were among the problems militating the smooth financing of the healthcare system.

Professor Sambo, who is also the Provost College of Health Sciences, Kaduna State University advocated for the implementation of the National Healthcare Act to amongst other benefits enable pregnant women and children access free medication treatment in all public hospitals and appeal to policy makers to understand that investments in the healthcare are never a waste and, as

such, they should implement the Act.

He also called for the repositioning of the National Healthcare Insurance Scheme (NHIS) to cover all workers and to also give room for Community Based Insurance for the entire community. He said, as funds go to the NHIS accounts, a lot of interventions would accrue.

Professor Sambo urged stakeholders to give maximum support to the development of healthcare sector. He said he had personally developed five point agenda for healthcare financing that could provide options to the funding of the healthcare in the country.

Earlier, the Provost of the College of Health Sciences (CHS), Bayero University, Kano, Professor Sani Usman Alhassan, has expressed gratitude for the achievements recorded during the last four years when the College was established and promised to fully co-opt students in the activities marking the Foundation Day of the College from the year 2018.

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According to him, the College considered the commemoration of the Foundation Day very important for being the period to assess activities and achievements recorded by the College.

Professor Sani Alhassan said the University and the College Management as well as Aminu Kano Teaching Hospital (AKTH) took the advantage of the Foundation Day to further bring together and unite the entire staff and students of the College to work as a team. He said four years ago and precisely on April 2014 the College was established and since then it has recorded, numerous achievement

CDA Participates at 7th ACE Workshop in Lagos

By Nura Garba in Lagos

The Centre for Dryland Agriculture (CDA) has participated in the 7th Africa Centres of Excellence's Workshop that took place in Lagos, along with 21 other ACEs from West and Central African countries.

Speaking at the opening ceremony, on Tuesday, 16th May, 2017, the Minister of State for Education, Prof Anthony Onwuka, who declared the workshop open, expressed the federal government's commitment to ensure the sustainability of the ACE project beyond its lifespan. The Minister reiterated that the Federal Government through the TETFUND and PTDF would ensure that the projects were sustained.

Earlier in his remark, the World Bank Team Leader, Andreas Blom, said substantial progress had been made in the ACEs compared to the last time. He enjoined the ACEs to do more on internship, international accreditation and collaboration with industries.

On his part, the NUC Executive Secretary, Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, noted that the concept of Africa Centres of Excellence as envisioned 4 years ago

had metamorphosed into serious research agenda that would address health, agricultural and other societal challenges. He commended all the key players for making the dream a reality.

Also speaking on the performance review of ACEs, Mrs Himdat Bayusuf observed that a lot needed to be done in terms of the implementation of projects. She challenged the ACEs to ensure prompt utilization of their fund.

Parallel sessions on Communication Workshop, Overcoming Key Challenges, Performance and Support Discussion, as well as M&E Verification Help Desk were held.

Highlight of the first day was the presentation of gifts to the present and immediate Executive Secretaries of NUC, Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, and Professor Julius Okojie, respectively.

The CDA-BUK was represented at the workshop by the Director, Professor Jibrin M. Jibrin, Deputy Director, Training, Professor S.G Mohammed, Deputy Director, Publication, Dr. Amina Mustapha, and Communication Officer, Nura Garba. The workshop will end on Friday,



From left: ES NUC, Prof. Abubakar Rasheed, Prof. S. G. Mohd, Dr. Amina Mustapha, Prof Jibrin M. Jibrin & DVC Admin, Prof. A. I. Tanko at the World Bank ACEs meeting at International Hotel Lagos



Director CDA, Prof. Jibrin M. Jibrin (2nd left) in a discussion with World Bank Team Leader for 7th ACEs meeting, Mr. Andreas Blom (2nd right) & the DVC Admin, Prof. Adamu Idris Tanko (right) looks on

NASU Belongs to all Non-academic Staff- Comrade Lawan

By Rabi'u M. Sagir

The National Body of Non-Academic Staff Union (NASU) has conducted a National Conference at Federal University of Technology Minna in April, 2017. The Chairman NASU Bayero University chapter, Comrade Lawal Abdullahi Dorayi, in his discussion of a paper titled "NASU, Union of all non-academic staff," stated that non-academic staff union of educational and associated institutions came into existence on 15 August 1978 under trade union (Amendment) Decree No 22 of 1978.

According to him, the Union belongs to all non-Academic Staff employed in public and private owned education, research and associated institutions regardless of status or salary level.

"As a strong affiliate of the Nigerian Labour Congress, the principal objective of NASU is to regulate the relationship between employers and the workers as well as between

workers so as to enhance good work rate between them", said comrade lawal.

The NASU Chairman said in the light of this, therefore, membership of NASU was not in any way restricted to only junior staff as others assumed but was a union for all non-teaching staff.



From right: Lawal Abdullahi, National Secretary, Prince Peter Adeyemi (4th right) and other NASU executives members

Another BUK Academic Excels at International Conference

By Nura Garba

An Academic from Bayero University, Kano, Dr. Muhammad Maina, of the Department of Agricultural Engineering has been rated as the overall best presenter during the 6th Dubai International Conference.

Dr. Maina's paper titled "Lineament mapping for ground water exploration in Kano State – Nigeria", which he presented at the Conference for Universal Researchers

on Civil Agricultural, Biological and Environmental Sciences, was adjudged by the organizers as the session's best paper, out of the over 80 papers presented

The workshop, which was organized by the International Association of Chemical, Biological and Medical Science Researchers, took place from 10th to 11th May, 2017 in Dubai, United Arab Emirates.



Dr. Mohammad Maina (2nd right) displaying his certificate and plaque with other participants of the workshop

GTBank Affirms Commitment on Social Responsibility

By Rabi'u M. Sagir

Guaranty Trust Bank has further expressed its commitment in playing a vital role towards boosting the

awarding a second scholarship of N150,000 to Nasiba B. Muhammad. It will be recalled that two weeks ago another student emerged winner of the GT creative Students Account draw.

Mr. Hassan Lawal, Head of Operations Unit of the BUK Branch of the Bank, said that the Bank was on the track to work with the framework and suggestion for the benefit of the society.

"As part of our social responsibility GTBank is ready to help individuals and also maintain balance between the Nigerian economy and the society", he said.

Earlier, Mr. Samuel Alonge Assistant, Head of Operations, expressed his appreciation to the management of Bayero University by providing them with a conducive atmosphere in conducting their day to day activities within the university.

Nasiba Bello Muhammad, a Level Five student from Computer Engineering Department expressed her



Brother to the winner, Aliyu M. Bello with Nafisa M. Bello holding aloft the cheque

morale of young Nigerians, at a brief ceremony

appreciation to the management of GTBank for the scholarship award of N150,000, which will help her in executing her project as she promised. Earlier, the Dean of Student Affairs, Professor Ismail

Zango, thanked the management of the Bank for the award and urged all public and private sector to ensure their commitment and determination in social responsibility which would help the country to move forward.



The Winner, Nasiba Bello Muhammad with Deanery and GTB officials

BUK to Collaborate with Blended E-learning

By Rabi'u M. Sagir

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello, spoke while receiving welcomed the delegation of blended e-learning from the Amsterdam Institute for global health and development, University of Amsterdam in his office on Monday 15th April, 2017.

Professor Bello has said that BUK is always ready to collaborate with any institution that may have positive impact on its students, staff and the society at large. “Collaboration is a key element that usually makes institutions to grow from strength to strength especially

in the health sector”, he explained.

The Team Leader, Mrs Judith de Lenge, disclosed that they were in Kano for a training programme on HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis, Family health, and Global health.

The institution is committed to educating individuals on different issues as mentioned above and “we find it very useful to come to BUK to seek for a sustainable MOU for the benefit of both parties”.



The VC, Prof. M. Y. Bello (2nd right), Prof. Habib Razaq (1st right) & the visiting delegation from the Amsterdam Institute for Global Health

“Physical Examination” Trumps “High Tech Diagnostics” in CHS Debate

By Mustafa Ibrahim

With 69% marks, the proposers of the motion, “Traditional history and physical examination are more informative than high technology diagnostic examinations” won the day, in the public debate segment of the College of Health Sciences Foundation Day 2017 celebration on Tuesday 16th May, 2017, against 61.2% marks of the opposing side.

According to the Chairman, Panel of Judges, Prof. Musa M. Borodo, the sides were scored 50% for points presented and the balance of 50% points for organization, clarity, use of relevant arguments and examples. Other members of the panel were: Prof. M. Y. Gwarzo, Prof. Zubair Iliyasu, Prof. Aisha Kuliya Gwarzo.

He drew the attention of the audience, particularly the students that there were no winners or losers, but the debate was to emphasize the importance of both traditional physical examination of patients to gain information and the use of technological tools together, so as to serve the needs of the patient at all times, better.

Movers of the motion, led by Prof. Raymond Belunwu, supported by Prof. A.E. Uloko and Dr. Akinwale Efunkoya pointed out that the mere sight of a patient enables clinicians to deduce a lot of information such as age, gender and some ailments and in subsequent physical examination and interaction by listening to the patient gain valuable information to enable diagnosis. They also point out empirical research in Asia where certain indices were crafted to enable Clinicians in remote locations without any tools to accurately

diagnose some complicated medical conditions, thus the low cost and universality of physical examination.

Opposers of the motion led by Dr. Kabir Isyaku, supported by Dr. Salisu Ibrahim and Dr. Rufai Ahmad Yusuf harped on the ease with which machines and medical tools eased the task of arriving at a diagnosis starting with the humble stethoscope, the instant

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laboratory tests kits and sophisticated ones like MRI and CT scan. They argued that high tech diagnostics are objective and the internet has tools that facilitated instant diagnosis with few clicks of the mouse button.

The debate was frequently interrupted by thunderous applause, as proposers and opposers of the motion impressed the audience with their points, thus generating an atmosphere of shared experience and brotherhood.

Faculty of Allied Health Scoops Top CHS Staff Awards

By Mustafa Ibrahim

The 2017 College of Health Sciences top Staff Award has been won by Mr. Danbele Musa, of Radiography Department, Faculty of Allied Health Sciences. First runner-up was Dr. Kelvin Omoje of the Faculty of Dentistry, while the second runner-up was Dr. Nafisatu Bello, of the ENT Department, Faculty of Clinical Sciences. The awards for the three best staff were based on performance as attested to by fellow staff and students.

The awards were the grand-finale of the 2nd College Foundation Day daylong activities on Tuesday 16th May, 2017 at the Mahmud Tukur Lecture Theatre, Old Campus. The Special Guest of Honour at the occasion,

His Excellency the Deputy governor of Kano State, Prof. Hafiz Abubakar went home with the College Best Benefactor Award, “for his unflinching support to the College and service to humanity.”

Dr. Yusuf Ibrahim of the Pathology Department also emerged winner of the best poster presentation award, with Dr. Sani Balarabe and Dr. Dahiru 2nd and 3rd runners-up respectively. Faculty Awards were also given to one staff from each of the four Faculties in the CHS: Prof. Sotunde Akeem – Faculty of Dentistry; Dr. Shahzad Ahmed, Faculty of Basic Medical Science; Malam Ahmad Zubairu, Faculty of Allied Health and Dr. Patience Obiogwu, Faculty of Clinical Sciences

respectively.

In his emotional response, the Deputy Governor, Prof. Hafiz Abubakar admitted that he was as much short of words to describe his gratitude for the honour done to him, as he was surprised by the gesture. He dedicated the award to both himself and the former VC and now NUC ES, Prof. A. A. Rasheed. Making a humorous reference

to the debate that preceded he awards, he said traditional method of patient examination might not do justice in revealing how he felt at that moment and use of a high technology diagnostic tool could do a better job. He also commended the precise and “high tech” delivery of the result of the debate by the Chairman, Panel of Judges, Prof. Musa Borodo.



His Excellency the Deputy Governor of Kano State, Prof. Hafiz Abubakar being given the College Best Benefactor Award by the VC, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello

Re-Appointment of Departmental Heads

Dr. Salihu Lawal, Department of Arts and Humanities

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello, has approved the re-appointment of Dr. Salihu Lawal of the Department of Arts and Humanities, School of Continuing Education, as the Head, Department of Arts and Humanities.

A letter dated May 11th, 2017 signed by the Vice Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello said it is for another two years effective from June 16th, 2017.

Dr. Muhammad Aminu Isa, Department of Social Sciences

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello, has approved the re-appointment of Dr. Muhammad Aminu Isa of the Department of Social Sciences, School of Continuing Education, as the Head, Department of Social Sciences.

A letter dated May 11th 2017 signed by the Vice Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello said is

for another period of two years commencing from 16th June, 2017.

Professor Junaidu Na'Aliya, Department of Science

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello, has approved the re-appointment of Professor Junaidu Na'Aliya of the Department of Science, School of Continuing Education, as the Head, Department of Sciences for another period of two years commencing from June 16, 2017.

A Letter dated May, 11th 2017 signed by the Vice Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello said the appointment which is for another two years effective from June, 16th 2017.

Mal. Ado Maitama, Bursary Department

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello has approved the re-appointment of Mallam Ado Maitama of the Bursary Department as the Chairman, Vehicle Loan Committee for another period of two years with effect from 24th December, 2016.

Request for Proposals on Telecommunications – Based Research

The Directorate of Research, Innovation and Partnerships (DRIP) wishes to notify the University Community that the Nigerian Communication Commission (NCC) has called for submission of research proposals from the Academia.

Interested researchers are requested to develop competitive proposal as required by the Commission. For details, please visit the website: www.ncc.gov.ng

Please note that all submission must reach DRIP on or before **30th May, 2017**.

25th Edition of NUGA Games: Makurdi 2017

Naira Rain for BUK Contingents

... Commendation galore for Outgoing SUG Exco's

By Bala G. Abdullahi

BUK heroes and heroines who made the university proud by winning medals at the just concluded 25th Edition of Nigeria University Games Association (NUGA) fiesta in Makurdi were on Thursday 18th May, 2017 showered with Naira rain by the Vice Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello at a reception organized in their honour.

Each Gold medallist received cash reward of N50,000; Silver medallist, N30,000 and Bronze medallist, N20,000 respectively.

The Vice Chancellor, who presented the cash gifts to the deserving athletes, said the cash reward should not be considered as payment for winning the medals, saying that no amount given to the athletes would equal the sacrifices they made to make the university proud.

He said the management would continue to do everything humanly possible to support the development of sports in the university and commended the athletes and the accompanying officials including the coaching crew for the success the university recorded at the biennial fiesta. 'For you to emerge among the best 10 in a competition that had over 60 universities participating is no mean achievement,' he remarked.

Professor Yahuza Bello sympathised with those athletes who were attacked by armed robbers on their way to Makurdi, adding that, in spite of the trauma of robbery, yet the athletes remained resolute and won laurels, 'this is an extra-ordinary sacrifice which deserves special commendation.'

The Vice Chancellor added that the university management would continue to reward excellence, which, he believed, would serve as a morale booster to would-be sportsmen and women.

The reception, which coincided with the annual get together usually organised for the outgoing Student Union Government (SUG) executives and the ushering in of the new executives turned the occasion into a carnival-like ceremony with the Vice Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello showering encomium on the outgoing SUG executives.

He said the leadership of the outgoing SUG executives was unique in the sense that, apart from working harmoniously with the university management by offering useful suggestions in governance, it had also executed laudable projects that have direct bearing on the welfare of students they are leading.

He specifically mentioned the assistance the former

SUG executives solicited and got from a friend of the university, Alhaji A. A. Rano, who gave funds with which they dug two boreholes that complemented the ones dug by the management. "These had assisted a great deal in easing the problem of water supply on campus," the VC added.

The Vice Chancellor enjoined the new SUG executives to take a cue from their predecessors by initiating projects that will have direct bearing on the welfare of their members.

Speaking earlier, the Dean, Students Affairs, Professor Isma'ila Zango, had told the audience that the reception, which was being held on that day in honour of the outgoing SUG executives had become a tradition that is observed annually. This was the fourth in the series. He said the former SUG executives were being honoured for having a good working relationship with the Division and for running a smooth and successful office tenure.

Also speaking, the Chairman of Sports Consultative Committee, Professor Ibrahim Khalil Abdulsalam, told the Vice Chancellor that BUK athletes had demonstrated good conduct throughout the competition, adding that as a result they earned the commendations of the NUGA officials for their discipline and orderliness during the opening ceremony of the games.

He said the feat achieved by BUK athletes was made possible due to the support and encouragement they had received from the Vice Chancellor. Professor Abdulsalam assured the Vice Chancellor that the Committee would surely introduce policies that will promote sports development in the university.

In his address, the Director of Sports, Professor Rabiu Muhammad told the Vice Chancellor that BUK had participated in 11 games at the Makurdi NUGA games, saying that the athletes were able to win medals in 5 events. The events were: female Basketball Team, Judo, Taekwondo, Table Tennis and Athletics.

He also informed the Vice Chancellor that the university had equally participated in another competition – Agoma Championship, which took place at Sani Abacha Indoor Sports Hall, Kano. The university, he said, won 4 medals, one gold, one silver and two bronze medals.

While the BUK medalists were presented with their medals and cash prizes by the Vice Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello, the former SUG executives also received gifts of in scribed plaques as the mark of recognition for a job well done.

PENSION UNIT:

Leadway Assurance Company Limited Hosts Retirees

The Housing Secretary, Muhammad Bello Garba informs and invites staff who retired/are due to retire between 2017 and 2019 to a Retirement Sensitization/Lunch Program organized by Leadway Assurance Company Limited as follows:

Date: Tuesday, May 23, 2017

Time: 10:00am

Venue: Federal Secretariat Katsina Road (Conference Hall First Floor)

Student Affairs Division

This is to notify ALL female postgraduate students that the PG Hostel at the Old Campus is ready for allocation to interested female postgraduate students.

“For any inquiries please contact the Secretary Student Affairs Division,” a statement signed by Hajiya Altine Maryam Ali, Secretary Student Affairs Division, said.

SEMINARS

International Institute of Islamic Banking and Finance (IIIBF): M.Sc IBF

Internal/Proposal Defense

Candidate 1: Ahmad Bashir Yola (SPS/12/MIF/00017)

Topic: An Appraisal of Shari'ah Compliance of Murabaha Products of Ja'iz Bank Plc Nigeria

Supervisor: Dr. Amina Ismail

Internal Examiner: Dr. Aliyu Dahiru Muhammad

Candidate 2: Abdulrahman Ahmed Rufai (SPS/13/MIF/00002)

Topic: Relevance of Islamic Banking in Enhancing Financial Inclusion in Kano State

Supervisor: Dr. Amina Ismail

Reviewer: Professor Shehu Usman Rano Aliyu

Chairman: Professor Binta Tijjani Jibril, Director,

IIIBF

Date: Thursday 25th May, 2017

Time: 10:00am

Venue: IIIBF Conference Room

Department of Sociology: M.Sc Internal Defense

Presenter: Aisha Yusuf Adamu (SPS/12/MISO/00014)

Topic: A Study on the Factors Associated with Home Delivery and its Consequences in Gwarzo Local Government Area, Kano State

Internal Examiner: Dr. Kabir Bello

Supervisor: Dr. Aminu M. Dukku

Date: Friday, May 19, 2017

Time: 10:00am

Venue: Departmental Board Room



Yusuf Weds Fatima

The family of Mallam Ahmad Tijjani Salisu Said (TJ) of Sport Directorate cordially invites the University Community to the Wedding Fatiha of their daughter Fadima Ahmad Tijjani which will take place on Saturday 20th May, 2017 by 11:00am at BUK Old Campus Juma'at Mosque

Idris Weds Khadija

The Director, Centre for Biotechnology Research, Bayero University, Kano, Professor Auwalu Halliru Arzai, invites members of the University Community and the General Public to the Wedding Fatiha of his Daughter Khadija Auwalu Arzai to her groom, Idris Tijjani Sahabi, which will Insha'Allahu take place as follows:

Date: Sunday 21/5/2017

Time: 11:00am Prompt

Venue: Koki Juma'at Mosque, Adjacent to Alhaji Aminu Alhassan Dantata's Residence, Kano

Inusa Weds Sadiya

The families of Mallam Saidu Abdu of the Department of English and Literary Studies, Bayero University, Kano invites the University Community and the General Public to the Wedding Fatiha of his Son **Inusa Sa'idu** his bride **Sadiya Sani**, scheduled as follows:

Date: Saturday 20th May, 2017

Time: 3:30pm

Venue: Danbare, Unguwar Wanzamai, Kumbotso L.G.A. Kano State

