



34th Convocation: President Buhari Scores BUK High

By Mustapha M. Gide

The Visitor to Bayero University, President Muhammad Buhari, has commended Bayero University for the enormous successes it recorded on teaching and research as well as infrastructural development, urging the Nigerian universities to rally round the Federal Government in its drive to fulfil its promises towards the stimulation of the nation's economy, security and the wellbeing of Nigerians.

President Buhari, while speaking at the 34th Convocation ceremony on Saturday, 7th April, 2018 at the Convocation Arena of Bayero University, said his administration would continue to sacrifice time and

for attitudinal change. He charged Nigerian universities to accommodate the emerging changes that are going on at the global level for them to be at the forefront of participation in the global knowledge.

President Buhari disclosed his current effort in directing the National Universities Commission (NUC) to develop a blueprint for the revitalization of university education in Nigeria, saying that already the committee set up for the purpose under Professor Peter Okebukola, a former Executive Secretary of NUC, had started working.

The President urged universities to respect the rule of law in administering their affairs. He expressed displeasure about the financial recklessness rocking some universities, which, he said, the government was studying and that it would act decisively with erring officials.

The Chancellor, His Royal Majesty, King Alfred Papapereye Diète-Spiff, OFR, Seriyai II, the Amanyanabo of Twon Brass, attested to the credibility of Bayero University. He confessed that the University had contributed tremendously to the development of manpower in the country.



A cross section of the granduands at the Convocation Arena

energy until it restores the dignity of the ordinary Nigerians. He believe that quality education produced in Bayero University and some other universities could instigate changes in political, technological and other important areas the country needed for development.

The President, who was represented by the Executive Secretary, National Universities Commission (NUC), Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, said education could serve as a greater weapon in developing hope for the teeming youth in the country and expressed the need

He expressed the commitment of the Council and Management of the University towards “delivering” the University's programmes at the highest level, saying “the Management and Council have worked tirelessly to secure funding for its programmes and operations from the Federal Government and other sources and they will continue to do so”. He, however, charged that at this time of competition, we must rise up to work harder in effort to accomplish the mission.

34th Convocation Lecture: Africa Needs A Visionary & Caring Leadership to Overcome Challenges By Mustafa Ibrahim

Africa is in dire need of a visionary and caring leadership that can act, on the basis of a broadly shared vision, to promote sustainable security on the basis of projects of development, while fully respecting democratic norms and upholding the sovereignty of the people. Professor Ibrahim A. Gambari, CFR, Pro-Chancellor and Chairman of the 13th Governing Council of Bayero University gave this prescription as a solution to the challenge facing Africa of the absence “on a consistent and continuous basis of the leadership resources” it needs to overcome its development challenges.

Speaking at the Convocation Arena, on Friday 6th April, 2018, Prof. Gambari while delivering the Convocation Lecture entitled, *Leadership, Security, Democracy and development Challenges in Africa: Reflections by a scholar Diplomat*, said lack of such a caring leadership had “generated, contributed to, or aggravated the problems of insecurity, instability, underdevelopment, and authoritarianism that has bedeviled the African continent for way too long.” Therefore “overcoming the challenges will require a rethinking of leadership in Africa with a view to imbuing it with a vision of state and nation that is at peace, developmental, democratic.”

The former Minister of Foreign Affairs, one-time Nigeria's Permanent Representative to the UN and former United Nation Under-Secretary General, as well as Founder and Chairman of the Savannah Centre for Diplomacy, Democracy and Development (SCDDD) in a critical appraisal of the topic of the lecture, had observed that “the security of a state and its peoples cannot be separated from the processes of development which they experience and the system of governance by which public affairs is administered.” Adding that leadership is that nexus which binds security, development and democracy into a workable recipe for the upliftment of any human society.

The Pro-Chancellor had earlier disaggregated the various components of the Convocation Lecture topic in a holistic way and defined leadership as “that capacity that exists in society and which is exercised by those entrusted with public office at various levels to drive policy and politics to ensure the long-term security of state and society through

an admixture of measures that include the pursuit of development and the enhancement of citizenship.” Security according to him, “includes but also goes beyond military security to include a human security dimension immediately compels us to marry geo-politics and various attributes of state military and defence capacity with socio-economic indicators of development, including the welfare of citizens.”

His understanding of development, “which goes beyond economic growth figures and other macroindicators such as the rate of inflation, finds a meeting point with security through attention to such concerns as employment, the purchasing power of incomes, and other measures of sustainability and inclusivity that make the task of securing the nation easier in important respects.”

The final component of the topic, democracy, was understood by him “beyond elections, to encompass active citizen participation in the governance of the commonwealth, is integral to the mobilization of the legitimacy and consent required for long-term security and development.”

Prof. Gambari was very empathic that “leadership, treated as distinct from rulership, involves the harnessing of societal energies and resources on the basis of a long-term vision of state and nation”, noting in an indictment of African leadership in general that, “we have far too many rulers and so few leaders in this regard.”

The lecture was chaired by Sarkin Sudan, Alhaji Shehu

Malami and attended by the Chancellor, Members of the Governing Council, Management and staff as well as a broad section of the student body of the university, who punctuated the lecture with ovations at various points, especially where he dropped anecdotes and tit-bits from his various diplomatic assignments to illustrate his points. He also answered many questions from the audience, especially on Singapore, the island nation that transformed from a Third World to a First World under its leader/founder, the late Lee Kuan Yew.



Prof. Ibrahim A. Gambari, CFR,

BUK 34th Convocation: Use Knowledge Acquired to Make a Difference in the Society, VC Urges Graduands

By Bala G. Abdullahi

Vice Chancellor of Bayero University, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello, has challenged graduands of the institution to make a difference by bringing to bear the knowledge they acquired, so as to make the society a better haven for humanity.

Professor Bello was speaking at the opening ceremony of the 34th Convocation ceremony of the institution on Tuesday, 3rd April, 2018 at the Convocation Arena, New Campus.

The Vice Chancellor said, having passed through the four walls of the university and having successfully completed their programmes of study, the society expected much



VC, Prof. M. Y. Bello

from them, adding, 'this is the more reason why you must be exemplary in your behaviour and conduct and above all be a good ambassadors of your *alma mata*'.

'Let me congratulate the graduands who are being rewarded today on successfully completing their studies in this distinguished University. While wishing a bright future to all of you graduating today, I urge you to consider the degrees to be conferred on you as the beginning of learning. Keep in mind the motto of your *alma mata*: ... 'and above every possessor of knowledge, there is one more learned.'

He said, the overall best graduating student was Rahma Habibu Rabi'u from the Faculty of Life Sciences with CGPA 4.97 and 72 graduated with first class degrees.

A number of 5,401 graduated with 1st degrees, 70 with Ph.D's, 1833 with Masters degrees and 656 with Postgraduate Diplomas.

The Vice Chancellor stated that the innovation of staggering the convocation ceremony to span over a period of days as against the usual one-day event was as valid today as it was in the past, adding that it was designed to give more individual attention to each graduand, who the convocation was meant for.

Professor Bello disclosed that Bayero University had maintained and even improved on its record of academic excellence. He said in the last one year, all the programmes presented by the University for accreditation by regulatory and professional bodies had secured full accreditation, adding that the most recent were the 15 undergraduate and eight (08) postgraduate programmes that secured full accreditation status from the National Universities Commission (NUC).

In spite of these achievements, the University Management, according to the Vice Chancellor, was not resting on its oars, especially on the issue of academic excellence. He said the Senate had recently approved a mechanism for continuous internal quality assurance, adding that such mechanism included a quality assurance policy and the establishment of quality assurance committees at Departmental, Faculty and University levels.

The Vice Chancellor also stated that the University had, in the last one year, sustained ongoing efforts of improving the environment to make it more convenient for teaching and research, adding that a number of ongoing projects had been completed, and taken over and put to use while existing facilities were being improved.

He revealed that the ultra-modern radio and television equipment procured for the Faculty of Communication had arrived from the United Kingdom and the civil works necessary for installing them were currently going on. The university had since applied for and was waiting patiently for the operating licence to enable it to begin television broadcasting.

Management, Professor Bello said, was also working to ensure that the environment was conducive to all categories of students. This was in realization of the special needs of, and as well as the challenges faced by, female students when they wanted to use rest areas. To address these problems, female students' rest areas were being provided in strategic locations, such as a crèche and female students' reading areas.

The Vice Chancellor observed that one of the forces driving Bayero University forward was the commitment of its staff members and their belief in the BUK project. 'I therefore, wish to commend the academic, technical, administrative and other staff of the University for their commitment to duty and their support to the Management. I also wish to commend our students for their maturity and commitment to their studies.'

IIIBF Graduates 1st Set of Undergraduate Student Trainees

By Bala G. Abdullahi

The effort of Bayero University's International Institute of Islamic Banking and Finance (IIIBF) to spread the principles of Islamic Banking across the spectrum of the society received a major boost when it graduated the first set of BUK's undergraduate students, who underwent Associate Certificate training in Islamic Banking and Finance.

Speaking at the graduation ceremony, which took place on Friday, 6th April, 2018 at Theatre H in the Faculty of Earth and Environmental Science, the Director of the Institute, Professor Binta Tijjani Jibrin, said the whole idea behind training the students was to catch them young and also for them to be good ambassadors of the institute by creating awareness and spreading the knowledge they had acquired to the larger society.

The Director said the benefiting students who underwent the training were selected from various disciplines, such as Medicine, Social Sciences, Engineering, etc adding that the students on graduation from the University would have elementary knowledge of the principles of Islamic Banking, as opposed to conventional banking, and would be in a position to enlighten their peers on what Islamic Banking entails.

Professor Jibril disclosed that, for a start, the institute had enrolled 127 undergraduate students from across various disciplines, saying that the training programme would continue with the second batch soonest.

She said Bayero University was the only University in West Africa that offered a programme on Islamic Banking at Postgraduate Diploma, Professional Master Degree and Academic Master Degree levels, adding that most people did not properly understand the principle of Islamic Banking, as opposed to conventional bank,

which was why it became imperative for the Institute to pursue an extensive enlightenment campaign with a view to educating the society on the importance of the system.

“In Islamic Banking there is no room for interest as is being practised in Conventional banking. Most business transactions are treated on the basis of *Muraba'a*.” The Director congratulated the graduands and urged them to be good ambassadors of the institute by helping to spread the knowledge they had gained to the members of the public.

Some of the graduands told *the Weekly Bulletin* of the University that they had gained a lot from the one-year training programme leading to the award of Associate Certificate in Islamic Banking and Finance, saying that they were now better informed about the principles of



Prof. Binta Tijjani Jibril, Director IIIBF addressing the graduands

Islamic Banking and assured the institute that they would spread the knowledge of the institute to the nooks and crannies of the society. They thanked the institute for giving them the opportunity to broaden their knowledge outside their field of study, assuring that 'with this knowledge, we will never contemplate doing business with conventional banks. Instead, our choice will always be Islamic banking.'

Koroso Dancers Decorate Chancellor's Night

The Chancellor of BUK, **His Royal Majesty, King Amanyambo of Twon Brass**, visiting members from Bayelsa State, as well as members of the University community were entertained by *Koroso* Dancers and Police Band, as the University celebrated Chancellors' Night just a day to the grand finale of the 34th Convocation Ceremonies.



His Royal Majesty, King Alfred Papapereye Diete-Spiff, OFR, JP, DF Seriyai II

The Chancellor welcomed all those who attended the ceremony, especially his kinsmen who travelled all the way from Bayelsa to witness the record making convocation ceremonies. He particularly commended the Bayelsa Commissioner of Health for gracing the occasion.

Earlier, the Vice Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello, said Chancellor's Night was usually celebrated prior to the grand finale of the Convocation, where the Chancellor eats, drinks and relaxes with people. He commended the members of the University community and the guests for being actively part of the ceremonies.

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G.G.S.S. Giginyu Appoints Prof. Yusuf Adamu as S.B.M.C Chairman

The Management of Government Girls Secondary School Giginyu has approved the appointment of Professor Yusuf Adamu, the Director of the Bayero University Press, as Chairman of its School Based Management Committee.

This was contained in a letter dated 19th March 2018 signed by the Secretary of School Based Management Committee, Hajiya Aisha Sa'ad Ahmad. The letter states that the appointment has been informed by his past and present track records of his contribution in all the fields of human endeavour.

While the Management congratulated him for the appointment, it urged him to work hard to justify the confidence reposed in him.



Professor Yusuf Adamu

Dr. Salisu Ahmed Ibrahim Now HOD Physiology

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello, has approved the appointment of Dr. Salisu Ahmed Ibrahim, of the Department of Human Physiology as the Head of Department for a period of two years commencing from 26th April, 2018.

Dr. Akinwale Efunkoya Becomes Ag. HOD Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello, has approved the appointment of Dr. Akinwale Efunkoya of the Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery as Acting Head of Department for a one year period commencing from 16th April, 2018.

(SPS/15/MHA/00004)

Topic: Nazarin Noma da Al'adunsa a Bakin wasu Makadan Baka na Hausa

Presenter 6: Hussaini Isah Muhammad

(SPS/15/MHA/00001)

Topic: Nazarin Karin Magana da Kirari da Habaici a wasu Waƙoƙin Sarauta na Haruna Aliyu Ningi

Discussants: (1) Prof. Abdulkadir Dangambo (2) Prof. Ahmadu Bello (3) Prof. Sa'idu M. Gusau (4) Prof. Isa Mukhtar (5) Prof. Usman Usaini Fagge (6) Prof. Yakubu Magaji Azare (7) Prof. Aliyu Mu'azu (8) Dr Ahmad Magaji (9) Dr Aminu Lawal Auta (10) Dr M.T. Adamu (11) Dr Umma Ado Abbas (12) Dr Umma Aminu Inuwa (13) Dr Ibrahim G. Satatima (14) Dr Halima A. Dangambo (15) Dr Murtala G. Yakasai (16) Dr Maryam Mansur Yola (17) Dr Anas Sa'idu Muhd (18) Dr Jibril Shu'aibu Adamu (19) Mal. M.S Abdullahi (20) Mal. Nura Lawal

Date: Thursday, April 19, 2018**Time:** 10:00 am**Venue:** Prof. Dangambo Departmental Board Room

Please Note: All registered PG students of the Department of Nigerian Languages are hereby invited to attend the scheduled Series 0005 presentation.

Department of Linguistics and Foreign Languages:*Postgraduate PhD Seminar/ Topic Proposal Defence***Presenter 1:** Yahaya Mohammed Ahmed (SPS/14/PLG/00004)**Topic:** Fission in Fulfulde Pronouns**Presenter 2:** Blessing Nwakaego Ejikemelo (SPS/15/PLG/00005)**Topic: Compositional Meaning of Selected MTN Print Advertisement****Presenter 3:** Isa Mohammed (SPS/15/PLG/00004)**Topic: An Ethnographic Study of Kanuri Personal Names****Presenter 4:** Abdulkadir Abubakar Zailani (SPS/14/PLG/00003)**Topic:** An Analysis of Politeness Strategies in Hausa Request Act.

Discussants: (1) Prof. Ahmadu Bello (2) Prof. Bashir Muhammad Sambo (3) Prof. Aliyu Musa (4) Prof. Sammani Sani (5) Prof. Hafizu Miko Yakasai (6) Prof. Garba K. Daudu (7) Dr. Ummulhair A. Dantata (8) Dr. Amina Adamu (9) Dr. Isa Yusuf Chamo (10) Dr. Tijjani S. Almajir (11) Dr. Halima U. Sani (12) Dr. Anas Sa'id M. Gusau (13) Maimuna A. Isma'il (14) Zahara'u I. Waya (15) Abba Tahir (16) Wakili Abubakar (17) Muhammed S. Also

Chairman: Prof. Mukhtar A. Yusuf**Date:** Wednesday, 18th April, 2018**Time:** 10:00 a.m**Venue:** Board Room**Department of Political Sciences: M.Sc Proposal Defence****Presenter 1:** Khadija Fadila Ismail (SPS/13/MPS/00029)**Topic:** A Study of the 2011 Arab Spring and Regime Change in Libya: Causes and Consequences.**Supervisor:** Professor Mahmoud M. Lawan**Presenter 2:** Sani Abubakar Sani (SPS/15/MPS/00002)**Topic:** The Impact of Economic Recession on Local Economy: A case Study of Kumbotso Town (2014-2016).**Supervisor:** Mallam M.M. Yusuf**Chairman:** Professor Habu Mohammed Fagge**Date:** 16th April, 2018**Time:** 10:00am**Venue:** Haruna M. Salihi Board Room

The families of Alhaji Shuaibu Sulaiman and Malam Muhammad Abdulrahman (Malam Bature), cordially invite the general public and the university community to the Wedding Fatiha of their children Aliyu Shuaibu of the Faculty of Computer and Information Technology

and Karimatu Muhammad which will take place as follows:

Date: 14th April, 2018**Time:** 2:30pm**Venue:** Gidan Liman No. 320 Kwarbai behind Jama'atu Clinic Fada, Along Magajiya Road, Zaria City.**Do You Know?**

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FORM FEE: Three Thousand Naira(₦3,000.00) only

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NOTE

Participants or their sponsors are to make appropriate arrangement for accommodation, feeding and transportation.

The Faculty:

Resource persons will be drawn from the Department of English and other relevant Departments in the University

APPLICATION FORM: Forms are available at Bayero University Consultancy Services, BUK old Campus, K/Kabuga/Gwarzo Road, Kano.

CLOSING DATE FOR SUBMISSION OF FORMS:..... **May 2018**

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