



## Prof. Riskuwa Acknowledges the Role of Universities on Elections *-Wonders How Elections Could be Without Universities*

The Kano State Resident Electoral Commissioner (REC), Professor Riskuwa Adamu Shehu, has extolled the virtues of Nigerian universities in playing a critical role in the democratic processes, including the contributions they render during the conduct of the general elections.

Professor Riskuwa said during a courtesy visit on the Vice Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello,

day he was scared to do anything that could contravene the law.

He told the Vice Chancellor that his door was very much open for pieces of advice as he relied heavily on the contributions of Bayero University, Kano. He said the INEC would fine-tune the processes right from the selection of the ad-hock staff that will be recruited to partake in the elections.



Kano State REC, Prof. Riskuwa A. Shehu receiving a plaque from the VC, Prof. M. Y. Bello during the visit

on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February, 2018 in the letter's office that "I wonder how the elections will be without the contribution of the Nigerian universities." He said his visit to the Vice Chancellor was to seek support for making the 2019 general elections a better one.

He assured the Vice Chancellor that under his leadership, INEC in Kano state would look at the national interest. He reaffirmed that the oath of office on which he was sworn was very much closer to his bed as a constant reminder and, as such, he said, every blessing

Professor Riskuwa said the job in INEC was not for the staff of the INEC only. Other important stakeholders including members of the university community have greater role to play towards achieving the desired goal. He assured that INEC would only consider people who will not compromise good for evil.

Responding, the Vice Chancellor, Professor Bello, assured his willingness to support INEC toward conducting a hitch-free election. He said in 2015 Bayero University submitted to INEC a list of people who had no inclination to any political party.

Professor Bello urged the current INEC leadership to improve on the legacies of the former INEC Chairman, Professor Attahiru Jega, instituted at the commission, adding that the free Convocation Lecture he delivered at Bayero University ahead of the last general elections testified his willingness to revolutionise INEC and elections in the country.

He congratulated the Kano REC and challenged him to come up with the ideas that could make a difference in the conduct of the 2019 general elections.

## BUK Seeks PTFD's Solace to Rescue its Dept. of Electrical Engineering

The Vice Chancellor of Bayero University, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello, has appealed to the Petroleum Technology Development Fund (PTDF) to come to the aid of the Department of Electrical Engineering, saying the defects resulting from the soil-foundation failure threatened the Department as inhabitable.

Speaking on Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> February, 2018 when he visited the Executive Secretary of the PTDF in his Abuja office, the Vice Chancellor said the multi-million Naira

Electrical Engineering Departmental complex was constructed and donated to the University by the PTDF as part of its intervention to education.

Professor Bello said the intervention had enabled the Department to grow in terms of the number of programmes it ran, student enrolment and the number of its academic staff. He said six of the laboratories in the building had been abandoned due to the danger they pose.

The Vice Chancellor expressed appreciation to the Fund Management for its intervention in some areas, including capacity building in petroleum technology



Vice Chancellor, Prof. Muhammad Yahuza Bello

and continued to benefit from the PTDF's Overseas and Local Scholarship Schemes for its staff and students.

Responding, the Executive Secretary, PTDF, Alhaji Bello Aliyu Gusau, congratulated the Bayero University for being the first institution in Nigeria to respond to the intervention of the Fund. He assured that PTDF would look at the possibility of coming to the rescue of the Department.

Alhaji Gusau said the expansion of the Electrical Engineering Department and intervention in other institutions would go a long way in training Nigerians within the Fund's mandate and with minimum amount of funds compared to the amount being spent in foreign countries for similar purposes.

The Vice Chancellor was accompanied by the Director Public Affairs, Ahmad Shehu; the Dean of the Faculty of Engineering, Dr. A. B. Aliyu, and the Director Procurement, Dr. A. Y. Abdulfatah.

and related areas. He said the University had benefitted

## Committee on Repositioning Universities Lauds BUK's Unity, Transformation - Challenges Other Varsities to Emulate

The Chairman of the National Universities Commission (NUC) on Repositioning University Education in Nigeria, Professor Peter Okebukola, said he was amazed by the huge transformation Bayero University had recorded that enabled it to serve as an island of successes to tell others and even the world to know the cracking record.

The Chairman, who was the former NUC Executive Secretary, disclosed that they were in Kano to study BUK as an example of how to run a modern university with a view to fuse the document into the system for others to emulate.

Professor Okebukola said as part of the mandate given to the Committee by the NUC, Bayero University was among the institutions selected as a case study. He said the Federal Government set-up the Committee in order to have a befitting system that could finetune education across Nigerian universities. He mentioned that some four years back when his research group decided to use a report of committees to revitalise education in Nigeria; he extracted all the resolutions of the summits on education by stakeholders and found that 85 percent of the conclusions were the same.



Members of the committee in a group photograph with BUK management staff after a courtesy visit to the Vice Chancellor

He narrated his experience on the conference of UNESCO Global Universities Network for Education in 1989 that set-up the artwork on how universities could keep to innovations. He said currently there were 1902

universities across the African Continent under the leadership of Vice Chancellors, Rectors, Presidents, etc as applicable to different countries.

He said the mandate was also to look at unique angles and grasp to show examples on how people were able to make a difference. Bayero University, he said, had done it.

He expressed delight that, on arrival at the airport, members of the Committee were served with a document in which for every term of reference of their assignment, Bayero University had put its input to it. The document contained all the units in the University and answered the questions they proposed to ask. He said this singular attribute BUK had should be enjoyed by other universities.

The Chairman expressed delight that the impasses experienced in other universities, including misunderstanding between Vice Chancellors and their Deputies or between the Management and Unions or Management and University Councils, were not experienced in Bayero University.

He disclosed the composition of the Committee as follows: the former Minister of Education, Professor Rukayya Ahmad Rufa'i and former Vice Chancellors, including Professor Attahiru Jega, and some Directors from the NUC.

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza

Bello, congratulated NUC for including people in the Committee, acknowledging that if anybody could make a difference, there was no better committee than this one with this composition.

He said, "We are overwhelmed, we are apprehensive, BUK acted on the terms of reference to see if there is any gap". He added, "We want to see if we can build a system that can stand time, the one that can be sustained".

Professor Bello said, "Let us learn the good practices from each other here in Nigeria, learning in Nigeria will be good due to environmental reason but the global one is also relevant if we are to make headway".

The Vice Chancellor disclosed the cordial relationship that exists between the Management and unions and between Council and Management and also between the teaching and non-teaching staff as well as between the University Management and students.

BUK *Bulletin* reports that after extensive discussion of about four hours on how BUK was being run, the Committee went for a tour of all the campuses. In the New Campus, they inspected CDA, Faculty of Agriculture, the Moot Court in Faculty of Law, Faculty of Education and some other places, including some new projects. The members overwhelmingly commended the University management and expressed the hope that other universities would achieve similar development.

## **STATE UNIVERSAL BASIC EDUCATION BOARD, KANO** *Repository for Patronage Whenever the Need Arises*

The Education Sector Support Programme in Nigeria (ESSPIN) is an initiative by an International Donor Partner (IDP). The main aim of the programme is to offer the necessary assistance to some selected Basic Education schools, Local Government Authorities (LGEAs) and SUBEB's that will improve their standards, so as to serve as models for possible adoption by the Federal and State Governments. Moreover, the programme is jointly sponsored by the Department and the Nigerian Government. In essence, six states, including Kano State, were selected to benefit from the intervention through the ESSIPIN office in each State, while the ESSPIN main office operates within the Universal Basic Education Commission (UBEC) Office, Abuja.

It is worthy to note that the eight – year programme, which commenced operation from the year 2018 to the year 2017, focuses its activities mainly in the following areas:

I. Disburses Direct School Fund (DSF) for minor repairs and purchase of learning materials in some

- schools.
- ii. Provides water and sanitation through construction of boreholes and toilets in some of the selected schools.
- iii. Prints Lesson Plans for Grade I to 6 on Literacy and Numeracy.
- iv. Establishes the State Cadre of LGEA Trainers, including, the School Support Improvement Teams (SSITs) AND the School Support Officers (SSOs).
- v. Draws the Mid-Term Sector Strategy (MTSS) for Kano State.
- vi. Ensures the conduct of Annual School Census exercise, within the programme period.
- vii. Strengthens the School Based Management Committee (SBMC) in all schools and the 44 LGEAs in the State.
- viii. Ensure the conduct of the Girls Summer Camp academy.
- ix. Assists in the conduct of Teacher Skills Programme (TSP) in the State.

- x. Ensures the conditional Cash Transfer (CCT) to the selected less privileged school girls.
- xi. Produces Handbooks for Head-Teachers (H/Ts) and the SSOs.
- xii. Initiates the establishment of Islamiyya, Qur'anic and *Tsangaya* Education (IQTE).

A letter signed by Zakari I. Bagwai, Executive Chairman, says at the end of the Project period, the ESSPIN manager established the ESSPIN Repository

within the SUBEB Headquarters, presently located at Audu Bako Secretariat, Kano. The repository was equipped with the hard copies as well as the corresponding soft copies of the publications connected with the programme. The publications are indeed viable reference materials that will help in the conduct of research related to Basic Education matters.

In light of the foregoing, he would request to bring to the notice of staff and students of the institutions.

## National Association of Academic Technologists (NAAT) Secured Plats of Land with Tofa LG Letter of Grant

This is to inform all NAAT members and other sister unions' members that NAAT BUK branch has secured plots of land with Tofa Local Government Letter of Grant.

The plots are to be sold on loan basis to interested members and other colleagues in the University. The land is located at Tashar Kadiri, Janguza town, Tofa Local Government Area, Kano State. The size of a plot is

50 x 50 for Seven Hundred and Twenty Thousand (720,000) Naira each, to be paid within the for a period of 24-months.

A letter signed by Balarabe Nuhu Dalhat, Branch Secretary, said any interested person should obtain the form at NAAT Secretariat, BUK Old Campus or call the following phone numbers: 08068926291, 08034508950, 07012700010.

## Academic Staff Union of Universities ASUU-BUK Branch Election

The Congress of Academic Staff Union of Universities BUK branch has on 13<sup>th</sup> February, 2018 elected new EXCO's to serve at the following respective positions for the period of two years, effective from 13<sup>th</sup> February, 2018. The Exco names and their positions are as follows:

1. Dr. Ibrahim Magaji Barde - Chairperson

2. Dr. Suleiman M. Yar'Adua - Vice Chairperson
3. Dr. Yusuf Umar Madugu - Secretary
4. Dr. Mainara Y. Kurfi - Assistant Secretary
5. Dr. Ibrahim Tafida - Treasurer
6. Dr. Muhammad Aminu Isa - Financial Secretary
7. Dr. Kabiru Haruna Isa - Welfare Officer
8. Dr. Halima Rabi'u Abdullahi - Internal Auditor

## Appointments Sub-Deans, HOD and Deputy Directors

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello, has approved the appointment of some Sub-Deans, an HOD and Deputy Directors.

The letters of appointment signed by the Registrar, Fatima Binta Mohammed, indicates that all their appointments are for two years. The names of the Sub-Deans, the HOD and the Deputy Directors as follows:

S/N	NAME	APPOINTMENT	FACULTY/DEPT/CENTRE	EFFECTIVE DATE
1	Dr. Nuruddeen Abba	Appointed Sub-Dean, Dangote Business School	Dangote Business School	20 <sup>th</sup> February, 2018
2	Prof. Aminu Kado Kurfi	Appointed Sub-Dean (Research and Innovation)	Dangote Business School	20 <sup>th</sup> February, 2018
3	Dr. Ali Abdullahi	Appointed Head of Department	Agricultural Economics and Extension	8 <sup>th</sup> March, 2018
4	Dr. Tijjani Zubairu Rabi'u	Appointed Deputy Director	Centre for Qur'anic Studies	16 <sup>th</sup> February, 2018
5	Dr. Usman Sani Abbas	Appointed Deputy Director	Centre for Qur'anic Studies	16 <sup>th</sup> February, 2018
6	Dr. Sani Umar Rijiyar Lemo	Appointed Deputy Director	Centre for Islamic Civilization and Interfaith Dialogue	16 <sup>th</sup> February, 2018
7	Dr. Nura Abdullahi	Appointed Deputy Director	Centre for Islamic Civilization and Interfaith Dialogue	16 <sup>th</sup> February, 2018

