



26th Professorial Inaugural Lecture: **Prof. Isa Mukhtar Lambasts Scholars' Ineptitude to Celebrate Hausa Orthography Centenary**

Professor Isa Mukhtar of the Department of Linguistics and Foreign Languages, Faculty of Arts and Islamic Studies, Bayero University, Kano has criticized Hausa scholars globally for their ineptitude to celebrate the centenary of Hausa Orthography either in Nigeria or in Niger Republic.

Professor Mukhtar who delivered the 26th Professorial Inaugural Lecture on Thursday, 25th January, 2018 at Musa Abdullahi Auditorium, New Campus expressed concern that for the last 100 years from 1917 there were a series of meetings, workshops and conferences that devised ways to enforce Hausa orthography but yet no effort was made to celebrate the centenary.

His Inaugural Lecture, titled “Stylistic Theories and the Linguistics of Hausa Prose Texts: The System Functional Linguistics (SFL) Approach,” disclosed that the 1970 conference on orthography held at Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria and the one held in 1972 at the then Abdullahi Bayero College, now

Bayero University, Kano came up with a blueprint for a “Working Party on Hausa Orthography” with the aim to improve some aspects that centred on consonants, palatalized consonants, labials, assimilation, germination allophonic changes, vowels and vowels length, etc.

Professor Mukhtar disclosed that, at the international level, differences still existed between Nigerian and Nigerien types of orthographic practices, explaining that in 1980, OAU had sponsored a meeting of experts on the “Harmonisation of Hausa Orthography” at CELHTO in Niamey, Niger Republic between 7th to 12th January, 1980. At that meeting, he noted, the Republic of Niger dropped its Bamako 1966-inspired orthography and overall adopted the orthography practiced in Nigeria. He added that in 1981 the Republic of Niger issued a ministerial decision that suspended the Bamako 1966-inspired orthography and enforced the CELHTO harmonized orthography.



Professor Isa Mukhtar delivering his Professorial Inaugural Lecture

He also said in 1999 the Niger Republic issued another decision on Hausa orthography that suspended the 1981 decision and mandated an orthography that came even closer to the one used in Nigeria.

Professor Mukhtar disclosed that at the international level, the Academy of African Languages (ACALAN) with headquarters in Bamako convened a meeting of a “Assembly of Academics” in March 2010 at Abuja during which one of the priority activities was the development and harmonization of Hausa Orthography. He said this and subsequent workshops afforded the Hausa Commission the opportunity to address the issue.

Professor Mukhtar expressed delight, saying today Hausa has a well-developed orthography due to the efforts of previous governments and individuals. He said UNESCO should be singled out as an important organisation that supported the efforts of developing and harmonising Hausa orthography.

He disclosed that in order for the harmonised orthography to be widely used, the Hausa Commission recommended the publication of books in the new orthography, the production of manuals for the new harmonised orthography, sensitisation and advocacy in Niger and Nigeria for it organising writers workshops to ensure the books were published based on the new harmonised orthography for distribution to schools, literacy centres, health centres, etc.

Professor Mukhtar cited some topics and scholars who contributed to such topics that included Systemic Functional Grammar, Systemic Functional Linguistics and Generative Linguistics Versus Systemic Functional Linguistics as well as x-raying the works of Hausa prose writers.

He cited the book of Hafsat Abdulwaheed, titled “So Aljannar Duniya” (1981), and Zuwaira Isa, titled “Daki ba ya Tashi Ragaya ta Zauna” (1974) which were the icebreakers of Hausa fictional prose written among the womenfolk in “Kano Market Literature,” amongst others, as books that paved the way for the subsequent writing in Hausa Fiction. He said that after 45 years of male taking the lead in writing Hausa fictional prose, however, for the past 25 years, their female counterparts had been taking the lead.

Other areas covered included Language and Interpersonal Function, Textual Function, Transitivity, etc. He further discussed pre-colonial Hausa scripts in Ajami, which was in use for about 200 years before the coming of Europeans but was neglected by the youth. He advised the need to also harmonise the Ajami used in Nigeria and Niger Republic.

Professor Isa Mukhtar also expressed regret that most young academics avoid linguistic stylistics for the reason that one had to know language and literature simultaneously and effectively. He added also the need for academics to diversify and embrace Functional Linguistics, which was making a breakthrough the world over.

Faculty of Clinical Sciences:

The Faculty of Clinical Sciences wishes to invite you to the 2nd BDS and 17th MBBS Joint Induction ceremony of newly qualified Doctors and Dentists from College of Health Sciences, Bayero University,

Kano, scheduled to hold as follows:

Date: Monday, 29th January, 2018

Time: 9:00am prompt

Venue: Convocation Arena, New Campus, Bayero

National Universities Commission

Application into the Tsukuba International Academy for Sports Studies

This is to inform all members of the University Community of the letter from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs vide D1-22 Vol. VIII of 18th December, 2017, on the request for applications by suitable candidates from all Universities into its 2018 Masters Degree Programme in Sports and Olympics Studies and Masters' degree in Health and Sports Sciences by the Tsukuba International Academy for Sports Studies (TIAS), Japan.

A Statement signed by Cris J. Maiyaki on behalf of the Executive Secretary of the National Universities

Commission further stated that in preparation for the Tokyo 2020 Olympic and Paralympics Games, the Tsukuba International Academy for Sports Studies is offering complete scholarship for the courses offered.

For more information, you can visit the website below:

U n i v e r s i t y o f T s u k u b a
(<http://www.tsukuba.ac.jp/english>)

For Accommodation, visit:

I n t e r n a t i o n a l S t u d e n t C e n t e r
(<http://www.global.tsukuba.ac.jp/isc>)

Restriction on Indiscriminate Bush Burning In Campus

Due to the current dry (Hamattan) season, members of the University Community are hereby reminded to clear the surroundings of their office blocks and houses from dry grasses/weeds to guard against fire incidence. There were several reports of fire incidents from both office and residential quarter premises mostly from unknown causes. Those residing in the Campuses and the Zoo Road staff quarters are required to caution their children/wards and house-holds against the indiscriminate setting of fire either within the surrounding premises of their houses or the surrounding bush. Parents should ensure that matches/lighters are kept out of the reach of children.

Members of the University Community are to please note that it is not permissible to use bush-burning as a means of clearing surroundings or the premises of houses or Office blocks. However, small heaps of trimmed dry grass can be burnt within house premises when necessary but under strict supervision and must be burnt off completely under someone's careful supervision. Lighting fire and abandoning the site is not allowed. Any person that uses fire deliberately as a means of bush clearing, thereby causing damage or loss to University or an individual's property as a result of carelessly handling fire, in addition to any penalty that may be imposed by the University Authority, shall be held liable and surcharged for the repairs of the damage or loss of the property, as the case may be. The Security Division implored on members of the University Community to trim down and gather into heaps dry grasses/weeds and then

notify the Sanitation Unit to clear the garbage.

In a letter signed by Muhammad Babba Dan-Agundi Captain (NN) Rtd, the Director of Security said that in case of any fire outbreak or any observed security breach, Members of the University Community can reach Security Office promptly through any of the following telephone numbers:

a. **HEADQUARTERS:** 08023631747, 08094086956, 08094087024

b. **NEW CAMPUS:** (1) OIC - 08024045829 (Private), 08094086952 (2) 2IC - 08094086954 (3) DUTY ROOM - 08094086981 (4) 'A' GATE - 08094086918 (5) 'B' GATE - 08094086983 (6) 'C' GATE - 08094087021 (7) RAMATHALL - 08094086907

c. **OLD CAMPUS:** (1) OIC - 08036560145 (Private), 08094086964 (2) 2IC 08094087023 (3) DUTY ROOM - 08094086938 (4) 'A' GATE - 08094087034 (5) 'B' GATE - 08094086978 (6) NANA HALL - 08094087026 (8) I & J (OLD CAMPUS) - 08094087039

d. **OIC OUTPOST:** 08036518349 (Private), 08094086957

e. **ESSENTIAL NUMBERS:** (1) FIRE SERVICE R/ZAKI - 08037270207

(2) FIRE SERVICE H/Q - 07051246833

3. The effectiveness of the Security depends on the cooperation received from members of the community. Therefore, provide us with useful and timely security tips to serve you better.



Students' Affairs Division:

Online Hostel Application Guidelines 2017/2018 Session

- After Registering as a student
- Click on the Hostel Accommodation menu
- Select Campus, Hostel, Floor, Room and Bed
- Generate personalized payment invoice
- Go to remita and process your payments
- Generate personalized payment receipt
- Present the personalized receipt to the Hall Administrator

Block C - Level 300
Block D - level 200
Blocks E, S and Hut Level 100

2. Amina Namadi Sambo Hall - Postgraduate Students

Old Campus

A. Male Hostels:

1. Shehu Umar Hall Blocks F, G and H - Levels 100 and 200
2. Bello Kagar Hall, Blocks J and K - Levels 100 and 200
3. Ibrahim Attah Hall Blocks P, Q and R – Levels 300 and Levels 400
4. Mohammed Rumfa Hall – Postgraduate Students

B. Female Hostels:

1. Nana Hall Blocks A and B - Level 400

New Campus

A. Male Hostels:

1. Umaru Musa Yar Adua Hall – Level 100
2. Saadu Zungur Hall - levels 200
3. Alhassan Dantata Hall - Level 300
4. Idris Garba and Elkanemi Halls - level 400
5. Dangote Hall - Level 500 and Spill Over

B. Female Hostels:

1. Gambo Sawaba Hall – Level 100
2. Hasiya Hall - Levels 200 and 300
3. Ramat Hall - Levels 400 and 500
Matron's Flat – Spill Over
PG Hall - Postgraduate students

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Department of Business

Administration and Entrepreneurship:

Postgraduate Seminar Series

(1) PhD Internal Defense:

Presenter: Aisha Aminu (SPS/11/PMN/0001)

Topic: Influence of Socio-cultural Factors on Performance of Women Entrepreneurs in North – Western Nigeria.

Reviewer: Prof. Garba Bala Bello

(2) PhD Research Seminar:

Presenter: Ali Muhammad Garba

(SPS/12/PMN/0003)

Topic: Entrepreneurial Orientation, Environmental Turbulence and Performance of Manufacturing SME's in Kano: A Pilot Study

Reviewer: DR. Mukhtar Shehu Aliyu

(3) PhD Research Seminar:

Presenter: Muhammad Aminu Bello (SPS/14/PNM/0004)

Topic: Determinants of Corporate Financial Performance of Deposit Money Banks (DMBs) in the Post – Global Financial Crisis in Nigeria.

Reviewer: Dr. Bala Ado Kofarmata

(4) PhD Proposal Defense:

Presenter: Musa Abdullahi Bayero (SPS/15/PMN/00010)

Topic: Determinants of Corporate Financial Performance of Deposit Money Banks (DMBs) in the Post – Global Financial Crisis in Nigeria.

Reviewer: Dr. Murtala Aminu

Chairman: Prof. Aminu K. Kurfi

Date: Tuesday, 30th January, 2018

Time: 10:00am

Venue: Conference hall, Aminu Dantata School of Business

