



DVC (Admin), Prof. A. I. Tanko (left) declaring the conference open while VC, Kano University of Science and Technology, Wudil, Prof. Shehu Alhaji Musa presenting his lead paper

## Proffer Workable Solutions to the Nation's Food Insecurity

- VC Challenges Varsity Agric Deans

*By Bala G. Abdullahi*

The Vice Chancellor of Bayero University, Kano, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello, has challenged Deans of Agriculture in Nigerian University to come up with not only a workable solution but also a practical breakthrough that would address the issue of food insecurity, which remains a major stumbling block to the much desired development of the country.

The Vice Chancellor, who was represented by the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Administration), Professor Adamu Idris Tanko, was speaking at the opening ceremony of a 4-Day Annual General Meeting/Conference of the Association of Deans of Agriculture in Nigeria University (ADAN), which opened on Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> July, 2018 at the Faculty of Agriculture's Auditorium.

Professor Bello was worried that, despite the

abundance of arable land in the country coupled with the fact that a lot of people had responded to the present administration's call to return to farm, yet people were still hungry. 'Why should this be so?' he queried.

He said the above scenario called for concerted efforts on the part of experts in the field of agriculture to team up with the government to find solutions to these food challenges facing the country. 'This is the more reason why the theme of the Conference; **Stimulating Local Agricultural Production towards Food Security in Nigeria** became apt. 'I urge you to take the bull by its horns and put heads together to come up with a possible way out,' he appealed.

The Vice Chancellor told the participants of the successes recorded by the University in the area of infrastructural development, research and scholarship, particularly on dryland agriculture through the

university's Centre for Dryland Agriculture, and stated that 'BUK's door is open for collaboration with universities and all research centres in the country'.

He thanked the Association for choosing BUK to host the AGM/Conference and advised the participants to spare time and go round the campuses of the University to see things for themselves.

In her welcome address, the National President of the Association of Deans of Agriculture in Nigerian University (ADAN), Professor Folusho M. David-Abraham, had told the participants that this AGM/Conference was the 62<sup>nd</sup> in the series of AGM's being held by the association. She said initially only AGM's were being held and because of the realization that young academics in the field of Agriculture needed to be groomed, the association decided to arrange for the Conference to be held simultaneously with the AGM.

Professor David-Abraham stated that this year's AGM/Conference would focus on the ways to improve the participation of Faculties/Colleges of Agriculture in addressing the problem of food availability, accessibility, stability and adequacy.

She also said the struggle of professionalism of Agriculture would form a major part of their

deliberations, while the problems of unemployment and underemployment of the graduates from Universities would be extensively discussed. She thanked the management of BUK for not only accepting to host the programme, but also for their hospitality.

In his address, the Chairman of the occasion, Ado Abdullahi, represented by Alhaji Umar Mohammed Kura, observed with satisfaction that the gathering was the engine room of agricultural development, adding that it was his hope that participants would brainstorm with a view to finding solutions to key problems of agriculture in the country. He then wished the participants a happy and hitch-free AGM/Conference.

Earlier, the Dean of the Faculty of Agriculture, Bayero University, Professor Ahmed Bakori Mohammed, had traced the history of BUK's Faculty of Agriculture to 2002, which, he said, started with only three Departments and today had matured with about eight Departments. He commended the management of the university under the leadership of Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello for all the supports in ensuring that all their undergraduate and postgraduate programmes maintain excellent academic records and secure full accreditation status from the NUC.

## Training:

*By Mustapha M. Gide*

# DG ITF Eulogises BUK's Management

**D**irector General and Chief Executive Officer of Industrial Training Fund (ITF), Sir Joseph N. Ari, has eulogised the foresight of Bayero University Management for training its 166 drivers on driving and automobile mechanic repairs that exposed them to driving skills and technical knowhow, saying

moved to the automobile mechanic workshop in event of electrical or mechanical challenges.

Speaking at the closing of a 5-week training for the University's drivers on Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> June, 2018 at the ITF office in Kano, he charged other universities and organisations to emulate Bayero University. He said, for the first time in ten years, ITF had witnessed unique encouragement by the University, which no other organisation had demonstrated.

The Director General, who was represented by Alhaji Hashim bn Umar, on behalf of the ITF Training Manager, Kano, Alhaji Umar Auta Ibrahim, described Bayero University drivers as a disciplined contingent, which needed to be emulated by others, adding that the training was conducted in 7 batches from 14<sup>th</sup> May to 29<sup>th</sup> June, 2018.

He said ITF would continue to monitor the drivers for some time through visits to the University, having also handed over training packages and modules to all the beneficiaries. In addition, he called on the University Management to extend such



BUK drivers in a photograph with Registrar, Fatima Binta Mohammed, alongside some officials of BUK and ITF shortly after the training

that they were acquainted with the techniques of life saving and first aid to impaired vehicles before being

patronage to other staff of the University.

The Head of Automobile Mechanic and Workshop Coordinator, Alhaji Salisu Muhammad Jinjiri, said the drivers were engaged in practical and theoretical aspects of auto-mechanic repairs and driving skills that exposed them to distinct learning. He added that "ITF has been training drivers from different parts of the country; however, we have seen what we were expecting of a University during this particular training."

The Registrar, Hajiya Fatima Binta Mohammed, expressed gratitude to the Vice Chancellor, Professor

Muhammad Yahuza Bello, for facilitating the training. She confessed that there was no distinction between all the categories of staff in the University, hence its rapid development. She also commended ITF for the extensive training that would go a long way in saving lives and property.

One of the beneficiaries, Sabi'u Baba, said the training changed their perceptions about driving. He added "we were acquainted with the prerequisites of a real professional driver, having taught driving skills and maintenance, including solving brain box problem and many challenges of auto electricity and mechanics."

## BUK Hosts 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference of Nigerian Association of Health Educators (NAHE)

*By Fausat A. Opayomi*

**B**ayero University has provided a world class fitness centre, which will help in improving the physical and mental wellbeing of the members of the University community.

This was disclosed by the Vice Chancellor Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello, who was represented by the DVC, Admin, Professor Adamu Idirs Tanko, at the 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference of Nigerian Association of Health Educators (NAHE) themed **Health Education**

contract and sabbatical leaves to do so because the University was willing to accept them.

The lead paper presenter and the Head of Department of Human Kinetics and Health Education of Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria, Professor Mariam Adetunke Suleiman, disclosed that 10% of global diseases around the world were endemic in Nigeria, because vaccines were not potent due to lack of basic amenities and that Health Educators were saddled with the

responsibilities of educating people to make informed decisions in their physical, mental, emotional and spiritual wellbeing. She explained that the role of health educators was to create awareness, limit health disparities, fight diseases, misconceptions and improve decision making, among others.

According to her, health care in Nigeria was prone to so many problems, which were attributed to the fact that health services were in great demand but accessibility to the facilities was low.

Earlier, Professor Sunusi Abubakar of the Department of

Community Health, in his key note address, defined health as a complete state of physical, mental and social wellbeing and Physical and Health Education as the study, practices and appreciation of the art and science of human movement. He added that ill-health was on the increase because of global financial meltdown, weak health system and low budget for health.



Vice Chancellor, Prof. Muhammad Yahuza Bello

**in Contemporary Nigerian Health Problems**, hosted by the Department of Physical and Health Education on Thursday, 27<sup>th</sup> June, 2018, at Musa Abdullahi Auditorium.

Professor M. Y. Bello, while commending the efforts of the Department, added that a course in Dietics was now being offered in the University. He, therefore, urged staff and colleagues willing to come to BUK on

## Library Helpers Set to Provide Effective Services to Student

By Rabi'u M. Sagir

Bayero University will always remain focused in providing effective library services, which will provide good avenue for promoting teaching, learning and research activities through innovating new programmes that will help students to be able to access library services easily and effectively, said the Vice Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello.

Speaking on Monday, 2nd July, 2018 at his office while inaugurating a committee of library helpers that comprises of 15 students from different disciplines, who had volunteered to work for 60 hrs each within a month and the University would pay them N10,000 per month, with the mandate of helping students on how to effectively use the Library. He urged the students to discharge their duties effectively and efficiently as well as maintain and protect the facilities available in the library, as the University was spending a lot of money in maintaining and providing new facilities that would make it of high standard.

Professor Bello said the Library is a very important place in the University, which serves as a main factor of promoting and strengthening academic activity. It will help any university in producing effective graduands,

### Dr. Haruna Ismail, Now HOD, Department of Mass Communication

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello, has approved the appointment of Dr. Haruna Isma'il as the Head, Department of Mass

who would be of positive value to the society.

Earlier, the University Librarian, Dr. Musa Auyo, said the library had been enjoying special attention to do with improving the level of library since he assumed



duty as University Librarian.

Dr. Auyo urged the students to work hard in discharging their duties as the University management had a lot of hope in them. They had to carry out schedules assigned to them through commitment and determination, the University Librarian advised.

Communication for two years commencing from July 2, 2018.

## Sale of Admission Forms 2018/2019 Session in Progress

This is to write and notify the University Community, Parents and other Individuals that admission into JS1 2018/2019 session as well as transfer of students into various classes, i.e. JS1 to SS2 is still in progress. You can purchase the admission forms into JS 1 at N3,000 only per Form while transfer forms are at N5,000 only

per Form. Payable at UBA/BUK Acct 1001602305. The School Management have slated Saturday, 21<sup>st</sup> July, 2018 as the date for Entrance Examination. Venue: BUKSMSS Premises Gwarzo Road, New Site. Time: 9:00am prompt.

## Pension Unit

This is to inform staff who will attain the age of 65 (Teaching and Non-Teaching) and 70 (Professors) between January and December 2019 and who have not been served with letter informing them that their data had been submitted to National Pension Commission, (PENCOM) to report to the Pension Unit on Monday, 9th July, 2018.

According to Principal Assistant Registrar,

Pension, Muhammad Bello Garba, Verification/Enrolment of Federal Government Employees who are due to retire between January and December 2019 will hold on 10<sup>th</sup> July, 2018, at Kaduna Polytechnic, Kaduna. Buses have been arranged to convey prospective retirees to the centre. The affected staff will depart at 6:00am from the VC's Parking Lodge, New Campus.

## Extension of Deadline for Submission of Degree and Non-Degree Oriented Research Application

The Directorate of Research, Innovation and Partnership (DRIP) wishes to notify you that the deadline for submission of Degree and Non-Degree-Oriented Research application has been extended from 2<sup>nd</sup> July, 2018 to 16<sup>th</sup> July, 2018. However, all the Deans and Directors concerned are advised to direct their

respective Research Committees to submit screened application forms to the Administrative Secretary, DRIP on or before the 16<sup>th</sup> day of July 2018.

**NB:** No submission will be entertained after the deadline.

## Maiden Edition of Otunba's National Essay Competition

*Notification of the Maiden Edition of Otunba (Mrs) Debola Osibodun National Essay Competition for Undergraduates of Banking and Finance in Nigeria Tertiary Institutions*

We are pleased to inform you that the Past President of the Chartered Institute of Bankers of Nigeria, Otunba (Mrs) Debola Osibogun, FCIB, in 2016 instituted a National Essay Competition for undergraduates of Banking and Finance in Nigerian Tertiary Institutions.

The objective of the Competition is to serve as a platform for broadening the knowledge as well as improving the writing skills of students studying Banking and Finance in Nigeria.

In view of the above, arrangements have been finalized to commence the competition which will be presented at the **Annual CIBN Graduates' Induction and Prize Awards** ceremony scheduled to hold on August 18, 2018.

To this end, **The Digital Revolution and the Future of Banking in Nigeria** has been approved as the topic for

this maiden edition and submission of entries will open for one month from June, 19, 2018 and close on July 18, 2018.

Entries submitted will be assessed and the first ten (10) highest scores shortlisted. The ten shortlisted students will be required to write a short essay in their various locations for the second stage, from which the best three (3) will be chosen for a final interview.

The best three (3) entrants will be invited to Lagos for an oral interview to decide the Overall Winner, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Runners up.

While noting that the entry to this Competition is free, participating students are required to submit their essay entries online via [nationalesay@cibng.org](mailto:nationalesay@cibng.org). The essay, which should be a minimum of 1000 and a maximum of 1200 words, must be original and in English Language, as plagiarized works will be detected and disqualified. *For more information, you can contact Mr. Segun Shonubi; 08033082332.*

## Lost and Found Items

**Amadi Jeremiah Chukwuebuka** a student in the Faculty of Law, with the Registration Number: **LAW/16/LLB/00451** reported the loss of his Student Identification Card (ID CARD). Please if you come across it, return to the Information, Publication and

Documentation Division.

On the other hand, an **ATM Card (Master Card) of UBA** was found with the bearer, **Muktari Lawal**. Come to the Information, Publication and Documentation Division for collection.



The Vice Chancellor, Kogi State University, Anyigba, Professor Mohammed Sani Abdulkadir, and Mallam Yahaya Mohammed cordially invite members of the University Community to the Wedding Fatiha of their respective son, Umar Olayinka Yahaya, and daughter,



Dr. Rahilat Lami Abdulkadir, scheduled as follows:

**Date:** 28<sup>th</sup> July, 2018

**Time:** 10:00am

**Venue:** BUK Old Campus Juma'at Mosque, Bayero University, Kano



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- 5) **Admission Closes:** Saturday 14th July, 2018 and  
**Lectures Begin:** 30th August, 2018

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The Admission is starting immediately” Admission is based on First come-First serve, do not be left behind.

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**Signed by Management**

## Invitation to BUK'S 15<sup>th</sup> Inter-Faculty Games for Peace and Drug Free Community

Members of the University Community are hereby informed that the Bayero University's 15<sup>th</sup> Interfaculty Games for Peace and Drugs Free Community, 2018 is scheduled to take place from 4<sup>th</sup> -11<sup>th</sup> August, 2018.

A statement signed by S. A. Usman, Deputy Director (Admin) disclosed that the games will take place at New and Old Campus.

### Do You Know?

- That BUK consumes a lot of Energy Daily?
- That Power Supply by PHCN is Poor?
- That The University Relies on its Generators for Power Supply at Staff Quarters, Administrative, Academic and Students Areas?
- That The University Spends a lot of money on Diesel and Generators' Maintenance?
- That Some Staff members Leave Offices Without Switching-off Electrical Appliances?
- That 1 Extra Hour of Air-conditioning in a Room Uses Enough Energy to Power A TV for a Year?
- ✓ To Reduce Cost and for Safety, Help the University by Putting-off all Electrical

## Appreciation from Bashir A. Kabagiwa

On behalf of myself and my family, I write to appreciate the Vice Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello, Members of the University Management and other members of the University community,

especially those that witnessed the Wedding Fatiha of my younger sister, Rukayya, as well as those that made phone calls or SMS's and Prayers.

May Allah bless all of you abundantly.



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