



34TH CONVOCATION:

By Lamara Garba

BUK Graduates 70 Ph.Ds, 72 First Class Candidates

A total of seventy (70) graduands are to be awarded Ph.D certificates during the 34th Convocation ceremony of the Bayero University, Kano. This is the highest number ever since the establishment of the University nearly five decades ago. The Vice-Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello revealed this while addressing newsmen on Monday, 26th March, 2018 at the Senate Chamber.

Equally, no fewer than 72 first degree graduands have obtained first class degrees in various fields of study and will be awarded certificates for their feet. “seventy (70) will be awarded Ph.Ds and seventy two (72) of the first degree graduates are graduating with First Class”, declared the Vice-Chancellor.

Accordingly, the breakdown of the ceremony is as follows: 5,401 will receive first degrees; 70 will be awarded Ph.Ds; 1833 will receive Masters' degrees and 656 will receive post graduate Diploma certificates respectively. Seventy two (72) of the first degree graduates are graduating with First Class.

The convocation ceremony is scheduled to hold from Tuesday 3rd April to Saturday, 7th April, 2018 at the Convocation Arena. According to the itenary, Day one is the convocation for the graduands from the Faculties of Life Sciences, Physical Sciences, Computer Science and Information Technology as well as for those from the Earth and Environmental Sciences and Faculty of Communication.

Day two, Wednesday, 4th April is for graduands from the Faculties of Law, Engineering, Agriculture, Arts and Islamic Studies, Dentistry and those of Clinical Sciences while Day three, Thursday 5th April is scheduled for those from the Faculties of Education, Social and Management Sciences, Allied Health Sciences, Basic Medical Sciences and from the School of Continuing Education.

The Vice-Chancellor, while fielding questions from newsmen also disclosed that this year, there would be no award of honorary degrees, so as to maintain the high value and honour associated with such degrees, explaining further that honorary degrees are awarded



From left: DVC (Admin), Prof. A. I. Tanko; VC, Prof. M. Y. Bello; Librarian, Dr. Musa A. Auyo and Bursar, Alh. Sulaiman M. Bello during the pre-convocation press briefing

based on merit.

“Based on the criteria stipulated for the award of an honorary degree, the selection is highly confidential and a nominee is not even aware until he is screened and accepted by the body responsible. So, any person who requested for an honorary degree, has automatically disqualified himself. You don't just ask for it, the University has certain criteria to determine who deserves to be honoured,” said Professor Bello.

BUK Remains One of the Best Citadels in the Country – Gov. Ganduje

By Bala G. Abdullahi

Governor Abdullahi Umar Ganduje of Kano State has described Bayero University as one of the best Universities in the country.

The Governor made the remark when he received the management of the university led by the Vice Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello, when



VC, Prof. M. Y. Bello (left) extending invitation to Kano State Governor, Dr. Abdullahi Umar Ganduje

they paid him a courtesy call on Monday, 26th March, 2018.

He told the Management that his reasons for describing BUK as the best University in the country was not based on sentiment, but, rather, on his fair assessment of the happenings within the precincts of the institution.

The governor explained that the quality of the products of Bayero University remained one of the best in the country, adding that 'the university remains the only citadel in the country with a history of rancor-free leadership succession. This excellent leadership succession instituted by the university might not be unconnected with the peace and sustained development

it had recorded in recent times,' he remarked.

Dr. Ganduje stated that policy sustainability remained the only antidote to development, adding that 'peaceful transition often gives rise to continuity in governance and continuity in policy implementation is the backbone of development. For this singular effort, I doff my hat for BUK management.'

The governor assured the BUK management that he would personally attend its 34th Convocation slated to start on Tuesday, 3rd April, 2018 and assured that Kano State Government was willing to collaborate with BUK to further improve tertiary education in the state.

Earlier, the Vice Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello, had told the governor that they were in Government House to officially inform the governor of the decision of the university to hold its 34th Convocation and to also extend an invitation to him.

The Vice Chancellor told the Governor that there would be no conferment of honorary degrees in this year's convocation, adding that over 8,000 graduands would receive degrees and postgraduate diplomas, out of which about 72 would graduate with first class honours.

He thanked the governor for all his support and assistance to the University.

The Vice Chancellor was accompanied in the courtesy call by the DVC (Academics), Professor Sagir Abbas; DVC (Administration), Professor Adamu Idris Tanko; the Registrar, Hajiya Fatima Binta Mohammed; the Librarian, Dr. Musa Auyo; the Bursar, Dr. Suleiman Bello and the Director, Public Affairs, Malam Ahmad Shehu.

BUK to Offer Automatic Admission to Visually Impaired Persons ...VC

As the 34th Convocation ceremony of the Bayero University comes up on Tuesday 3rd, April, 2018, the management of the University has resolved to offer automatic admission to visually impaired and dumb candidates, so long as he or she has met the minimum admission requirement for the institution, the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello, has disclosed.

Addressing newsmen at the Senate Chamber on Monday, 26th March, 2018, the Vice Chancellor also explained that such a candidate would be exempted from writing the post UTME examinations as part of the policy to encourage people with disability to enroll into

the University.

“The Senate of the University, in its desire to encourage people with disability especially the blind and dumb to gain admission, has come up with policies to ease their admission procedure. Therefore, any candidate with sighting and/or hearing problem and who has obtained the minimum university entry requirements for both JAMB and the SSCE will have an automatic admission here in Bayero University”, he said.

On the scheduled convocation ceremony, the Vice Chancellor said, in line with the global best practices, the ceremony will be staggered in four days beginning from Tuesday 3rd April to Saturday, 7th April, 2018,

disclosing that a total of 8,634 graduands will be awarded various degrees and post graduate diplomas.

Explaining the rationale behind the staggered convocation, Professor Yahuza Bello, said the import of the innovation was to give graduating students opportunities to celebrate their achievements with their teachers, parents, guardians and other well-wishers in a relaxed atmosphere. "The occasion is for them and they should be the centre of attention", he declared.

The Vice-Chancellor, while appreciating the massive transformation of the University into a cosmopolitan institution, disclosed that the policy of inclusiveness has made it to be cosmopolitan in nature as every state in the federation was fully represented in its admission intake.

"Bayero University has also maintained its tradition of inclusiveness and of being cosmopolitan in nature. To this end, the newly admitted undergraduate

students were inducted into the BUK family last week



VC, Prof. M. Y. Bello briefing journalists on preparations for the convocation ceremonies

and these new students come from each and every state of the federation including the federal capital territory," he concluded.

New Campus Clinic Conducts First Surgical Operations

By Mustapha M. Gide

The journey to the upliftment of the University Clinic has recorded a major breakthrough with the first successful surgical operation in the New Campus Clinic conducted on Friday, 23rd March, 2018 on two University staff by Dr. Nasiru Abdullahi Isma'il, a Consultant and General Surgeon from the Department of Surgery, Bayero University, Kano.

Dr. Isma'il said the two patients were successfully treated, saying that the new theatre room contains the needed facilities, including modern instruments, and other modern equipments.

He said the surgery on the two staff was on *inguinal hernia*, using modern facilities that are not available in



Dr. Nasiru Abdullahi Isma'il (centre) being assisted in conducting a surgical operation

many general hospitals. He added that now minor and intermediate surgeries could be conducted in the clinic, although he said the facility might be use to conduct major surgery.

Also speaking, the Head of the New Campus Clinic, Dr. Munnir Sulaiman, said the first surgical operations on the two staff were successfully conducted and that the clinic has facilities and manpower far better than many health facilities in the state and beyond.

Dr. Sulaiman said the clinic has some specialised services which include general and out-patient care, in-patient care and specialised clinics that offer services on psychiatry, paediatrics, internal medicine, general surgery, obstetrics and gynaecology as well as surgical clinic. He said the clinic also conducts varieties of tests.

He commended the efforts of the Director, University Health Services, Dr. Maryam Waziri and the University Management, whom, he said, are up and doing in providing adequate facilities to the clinic including the ongoing construction of administrative block.

The Clinic, he said, attends to about 200 to 500 patients daily, especially when the school is in session.

The New Campus Clinic now complements the Clinic in Old Campus in conducting surgery and providing other health related services in conjunction with the clinic in School for Continuing Education (SCE), Goron Dutse.

BUK Hosts 2018 JAMB Exams for Visually Impaired Candidates

By Nura Garba

Bayero University hosted the 2018 Unified Tertiary Matriculation Examination (UTME) for visually impaired candidates from Northwest and North-Eastern states of the country.

The Centre for Continuing Education (SCE) served as the Kano centre and hosted similar examination last year and a total of one hundred and ten (110) candidates participated at this year's examination.

Vice Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello, who was the Coordinator for Kano Centre, said JAMB organized the exams for people with special needs especially visually impaired who have challenges in coping with computer based tests. He said the board had set up a special group called Jamb Equal Opportunity Group and tasked it to, among other things, arrange and conduct exams for those disadvantaged people in order to carry them along.

The JAMB examination took place simultaneously in four centres across the country; Lagos, Abuja, Enugu and Kano. The Kano centre, according to the Vice Chancellor, hosted candidates from North-west and North-east and had 127 registered candidates, but 110 wrote the exams.

The Vice Chancellor added that there were two types of candidates; those who can write using typewriters or brail paper and those who would be assisted by their guides. He said the latter candidates were approved by JAMB to come with their guides where they would help them to fill in the answers. "Questions will be read and options are given, you should tell your assistants your

choice to fill in for you," Vice Chancellor told the candidates before they wrote the exams.

In terms of logistical arrangement, the Deputy Coordinator of the Kano Centre, Professor Salisu Shehu, said Bayero University had made a good arrangement to ensure smooth conduct of the exams. He said candidates were accommodated at Green Desert Hotel and each person was given one room. Also, the University provided buses to take care of their transportation to and from the venue.

The candidates who wrote their exams at Aminu Kano Centre for Democratic Research and Training (AKCDRT), Mambayya House, expressed commendation to JAMB for providing an atmosphere conducive for a hitch-free exercise. They also expressed appreciation to Bayero University for its goodwill gestures.

In another development, the Vice Chancellor, Professor Bello said the visually impaired candidates would not go through any further examination or screening should they pass their JAMB exams.

Speaking during a press conference to address the journalists on the upcoming 34th Convocation Ceremony on Monday, 26th March, 2018, the Vice Chancellor emphasized that the University Admissions Committee would not conduct any additional test or screening. "Once candidates get the required admissions criteria they will be admitted into the relevant programmes of their choice," he added.



Some visually impaired candidates writing their UTME at Kano centre

Professor Gambari to Deliver Convocation Lecture

By Lamara Garba



Pro-Chancellor, Prof. Ibrahim Agboola Gambari

The Pro-Chancellor and Chairman of the Governing Council of Bayero University, Professor Ibrahim Agboola Gambari will deliver the 34th Convocation Lecture on Friday, 6th April, 2018.

The Vice-Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello, who disclosed this on Monday, 26th March, 2018 during a pre-convocation media briefing at the Senate Chamber,

said the paper entitled “Leadership, Security, Democracy and Development Challenges in Africa: Reflections by a Scholar Diplomat”.

According to him, the lecture will hold at the Convocation Arena at 4:00 pm, under the chairmanship of the former Nigeria's Ambassador to South Africa, Alhaji Shehu Malami, *Sarkin Sudan na Wurno*.

Professor Bello also revealed that BUK had maintained and improved on its record of academic excellence, pointing out that all the programmes submitted for accreditation by the regulatory and professional bodies in the last one year had secured full accreditation.

So far, he said, 23 programmes for both undergraduate and postgraduate courses were given full accreditation by the National Universities Commission (NUC), out of which six programmes were newly introduced.

On funding and collaboration, the Vice-Chancellor said the University had been attracting funding and support from non-governmental organizations from within and outside the country. Among the donors are the MacArthur Foundation from USA, Emir of Kano, Malam Muhammadu Sanusi II, Alhaji Aliko Dangote while Khalifa Isyaka Rabi'u is currently building a 168 bed capacity female hostel.

BUK Set to Utilise Opportunities in French Varsities

By Mustapha Gide

Bayero University has shown its interest to utilise training opportunities in France, especially in the field of Engineering, having satisfied with the advanced technologies and facilities available in the French Universities, the Vice Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello, has disclosed.

Speaking on Wednesday, 21st March, 2018, when he received Professor Leila Mathiew, the Science and Education Attaché of the French Embassy in Nigeria, and Dr. Charline Fouchet, a Programme Officer, the Vice Chancellor said Bayero University would build from the existing partnership the French universities had with the Kano State Government, University of Jos and University of Lagos by sending its staff to French universities for training.

Professor Bello said BUK attaches greater importance to manpower development by sending academics for higher degree programmes globally for diverse exposure. He said, “We send more of our academics to Asia, Europe, South Africa, France and many other countries. However, with your coming, we will send more to gain additional exposure. We can build from the joint partnership you had with Jos and Lagos

universities, including joint research.

The Vice Chancellor promised to set aside funds for the training of staff going to French universities, adding that



VC, Prof. M. Y. Bello presenting a plaque to Prof. Leila Mathiew

“our system will be stronger when our staff members are exposed; we would send five staff to France, at the first instance”.

The Vice Chancellor noted that Bayero University would look into the possibility of accessing funds from the 500

million Euro allotted by the France Development Bank for funding scholarly projects.

Earlier, The French Embassy Science and Education Attache Professor Leila Mathiew told the Vice Chancellor that universities in France would be willing to do joint degree programmes with Bayero University, having had one with University of Jos on B.Sc Chemistry.

She said that the France Development Bank had set aside about 500 million Euros for financing projects and programmes, which she wanted BUK to utilize. She said a team would be set up to identify projects that qualify for

accessing the funds. She noted that the grant was meant for governments to access to fund projects.

According to her, they were in Kano, among other things, to meet Kano State Government in relation to the joint scholarship programme they had, saying every year, the state government sends 12 lecturers to French universities for studies.

She noted that her office wanted to foster collaboration on higher education between French and Nigerian universities. For this reason, they came to work out how this could be actualized.

Professor Ibrahim Adamu Yakasai Re-appointed as HOD

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello, has approved the re-appointment of Professor Ibrahim Adamu Yakasai of the Department of Pharmaceutical and Medicinal Chemistry, as the Head,

Department of Pharmaceutical and Medicinal Chemistry for another term of two years commencing from March 22, 2018.

Dr. A. J. Alhassan Now HOD, Biochemistry Department

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello, has approved the appointment of Dr. A. J. Alhassan of the Department of Biochemistry, as the

Head, Department of Biochemistry for a term of two years commencing from April 12, 2018.

BUK Team Advances to Hult Prize Regional Finals



Members of Team BUK in a photograph with some of the organizers

A team of Bayero University has advanced to the regional finals of Hult Prize after meeting the criteria of the on campus program and is set to make to the Accelerator (Summer 2018), a fully funded incubation period in Astridge Business School, London, in response to the United Nations challenge “**Harnessing The Power Of Energy To Impact The Lives Of 10 Million People By 2025**”.

The **Hult Prize**, in partnership with the United Nations is the world's largest student competition with a grand prize of USD 1 million. The Nobel Prize like it's called is a start-up accelerator for budding young social entrepreneurs emerging from universities around the world. The annual competition aims to build and launch the most compelling social business idea - start-up enterprises that tackle grievous issues faced by billions of people every days open to

students on every continent. Students are given a vital role to play in changing the trajectory of some of the world's toughest challenges, starting in their own communities and countries.

This year's the Hult prize regionals took place at various locations, Boston, San Francisco, London, Dubai, Shanghai, Toronto, Mexico city, Quito, Melbourne, Tunis, Nairobi, Lagos, Cairo, Kuala Lumpur and Singapore. For the very first time in the history of the Hult prize since its inception in 2009, a regional competition was held in Covenant University, Ota, as the regional event location for Lagos, Nigeria, with more than 29 teams from different countries; Ghana, Uganda, Rwanda, Hult International Business school, London, Catholic University Institute of Buea, Cameroon, Kenya, Egypt, Nottingham, Toronto, Zimbabwe and over fourteen schools in Nigeria.

There were a lot of fantastic ideas from the students who attended from participating schools; this gave the judging panelist a hard time picking a winner. Team Egesta from Ahmadu Bello University won the Lagos regionals ahead of other schools, with Bayero University, Kano and Kaduna Polytechnic, Kaduna souring as the only representing schools who made it to the regional's in the North. Students from all schools around the world had a wonderful time meeting Shobhitah Shoor 2013 HULT PRIZE winner (ASPIRE), Global Director, Pakistan regional director, and Executive Director for Nigeria, Fahad Garba and network with teams from diverse culture; backgrounds and ethnicity.

The participating team RICE HUSK GS Captain

Muhammed Abdulganiyu, Muktar Aminu Tajudeen and Happiness Usman on behalf of the team stated that: "even though the competition wasn't in our favour, we are very thankful to the school management's continuous support towards this amazing opportunity to witness a life changing event as well as making history to represent the school globally in the history of the Hult Prize.

The team still has the opportunity to represent the school in London through a system of selection called the wild card since we qualified and ranked as **Regional Finalist**, if

selected amongst the top ten wild card application which starts by 1st of April, 2018."

The Campus Director at Bayero University, Kano Olumide Aro, expressed appreciation to the Vice Chancellor, **Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello**, for sponsoring them in matters such as flight and accommodation. He equally commended the Dean of Student Affairs, Dr. Shamsudeen Umar, for the role he played in their participation, as well as their Board of Advisors, Dr. Abdullahi Adamu and Dr. Adams Adeiza.

SEMINARS

Department of Geography:

Presenter 1: Maikudi DanAsabe Lawan

Topic: Road Transportation Development and Urban Growth: A review

Chairman: Professor J. Afolabi Falola

Presenter 2: Aliyu Umar Aliyu

Topic: Geospatial Assessment of Ecological Suitability for Maize Intensification in the Semi-arid Region of Nigeria

Chairman: Professor Maharazu A. Yusuf/Dr. L.F. Buba

Presenter 3: Seyni Seybou Abdoul-Aziz

Topic: Climate Change and Human Activities on River Niger and Subsequent Effects on Multi-Users in Niamey, Niger Republic

Chairman: Professor Maharazu A. Yusuf

Date: Thursday 5th April, 2018

Time: 10:00am prompt

Venue: CB 17, Geography Department

Department of Civil Engineering: *M.Eng Seminar*

(A) M.ENG SEMINAR

PRESENTER 1: Abdulaziz Dayyabu (SPS/15/MCE/0005)

TOPIC: Evaluation of Artisan Depletion in Nigerian Construction Industry

SUPERVISOR: Dr Alhassan Dahiru

PRESENTER 2: Rahma Babale Shu'aibu (SPS/15/MCE/00012)

TOPIC: Utilization of Crush Glass Cullet as an Admixture to Cement Stabilized Black Cotton Soil

SUPERVISOR: Dr A.Y. Abdulfatah

PRESENTER 3: Umar Haruna Rawayau

(SPS/15/MCE/00011)

TOPIC: Stabilization of Expansive Soil using *Bauhinia Thonningii* (Kalgo) Seed Ash

SUPERVISOR: Dr A.Y. Abdulfatah

PRESENTER 4: Mujitaba Daihuru Abdulmalik (SPS/14/MCE/00002)

TOPIC: Trip Making Characteristics in High Density Area

SUPERVISOR: Prof. H. M Alhassan

PRESENTER 5: Salim Sulaiman (SPS/15/MCE/00046)

TOPIC: Household Water Treatment Using Ceramic Filter from Natural Clay and Sugarcane Bagasse

SUPERVISOR: Dr Salisu Dan azumi

PRESENTER 6: Ayinde Bashir Olasunkanni (SPS/15/MCE/00062)

TOPIC: Flood Hazard Assessment and Control on River Zungur Watershed of Bauchi State

SUPERVISOR: Dr Salisu Dan azumi

PRESENTER 7: Stephen Jessie Ugwu (SPS/15/MCE/00050)

TOPIC: Impact of Urbanization on Groundwater Quality: A case study of Kaduna Metropolis.

SUPERVISOR: Dr Salisu Dan azumi

(B) PROPOSAL

PRESENTER 1: Usman Saleh Galadima (SPS/16/MCE/00023)

TOPIC: Stabilization of Bentonite-Groundnut Shell Ash (GSA) Stabilized Lateritic Soil as Clay Liner Material

Chairman: Prof. H. M. Alhassan

Date: Wednesday, 4th April, 2018.

Time: 10.00 am

Wedding Fatiha Yusuf & Saudat

Malam Kabiru A. Sagagi of the University Health Services invites the general public and the University Community to the Wedding Fatiha of his son:

Yusuf Kabiru A Sagagi with Saudat Ibrahim Yusuf

Date: Friday, 30th March, 2018

Time: 1:30pm after Juma'at Mosque

Wedding Fatiha Sharfadden & Nabila

Venue: Al-muntada Juma'at Mosque (Sheikh Jafar Mosque Dorayi)

Sharfadden Safiyanu Idris & Nabila Sunusi Yahaya

Date: Saturday, 31st March, 2018

Time: 11:00am

Venue: Central Mosque Old Campus, BUK



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The Vice Chancellor
Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello
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34th to the **Convocation Ceremonies** **2016/2017 SESSION**

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DAY 1

Tuesday 3rd April, 2018

Convocation Ceremony for Graduands of Faculties of Life Sciences, Physical Sciences, Computer Science and Information Technology, Earth and Environmental Sciences and Communication

DAY 2

Wednesday 4th April, 2018

Convocation Ceremony for Graduands of Faculties of Law, Engineering, Agriculture, Arts and Islamic Studies, Dentistry and Clinical Sciences

DAY 3

Thursday 5th April, 2018

Convocation Ceremony for Graduands of Faculties of Education, Social and Management Sciences, Allied Health Sciences, Basic Medical Sciences and School of Continuing Education (SCE)

DAY 4

Friday 6th April, 2018

CONVOCATION LECTURE

Topic: Leadership, Security, Democracy and Development challenges in Africa: Reflections by a Scholar-Diplomat

Speaker: Professor Ibrahim Agboola Gambari, CFR, OCORF
Pro-Chancellor and Chairman
Bayero University Governing Council

Chairman: Ambassador Alhaji Shehu Malami, CON
Sarkin Sudan

Time: 4:00pm

DAY 5

Saturday 7th April, 2018

Award of Higher Degrees and Prizes

- Postgraduate students are to pay the sum of **N10,000.00** only, being cost of hiring Academic Gown, purchase of order of proceedings, scroll, and certificate. Undergraduate students are to pay **N6,000.00** only being cost of the same items.
- All payments are to be made through the **Remita Platform**. Academic Gowns are to be collected from Directorate of Examinations, Admissions and Records (DEAR) as from **Wednesday 28th March, 2018** (upon evidence of payment), while the book of Order of Proceedings will be issued in the Directorate upon return of the Academic Gown.
- Certificates will be issued at the Registrar's Office upon evidence of payment and provision of I.D. card and original Statement of Result, on the day the candidate has convoked.
- Please ensure that you present yourself for the collection of Certificate on the day you convoke.
- Collection of Certificate after Convocation will attract a Surcharge of **N2,000.00**.
- **Saturday 7th April, 2018**, is reserved for postgraduate students only.

Signed
Fatima Binta Mohammed
Registrar

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