



## Part of New Senate Building to be Completed Soon - Vice Chancellor

*By Abubakar Yusuf*

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello, said part of the Abubakar Rasheed Senate Building, which is under construction, would be completed and put to use within a short period of time.

Professor Bello disclosed this on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May, 2018, when he led members of University Management Committee to inspect some of the ongoing projects in the University. He said a financial problem was what had prevented the University from completing the project. But now, he said, TetFund had indicated its interest to assist the



UMC led by VC, Prof. M. Y. Bello inspecting ongoing construction of BUK square

University in that direction. The University decided to complete the first, the second and the third floors of the building. Later, the other part would be completed.

On the International Conference Centre, which consists of a hall that has a 1150 capacity and a banquet for holding events and some rooms to lodge, the Vice Chancellor said the work was sixty percent completed and would soon be 100% completed. He said all the furniture to be used in the Centre had already been purchased.

When inspecting creche/female student rest areas and female students' reading areas at Old Campus, the Vice Chancellor said the work was about 90% completed and would soon be commissioned and put to use. He urged female students to use the place as planned for them.

At the School of Continuing Education, where four additional classrooms and the Dean's Office are being built, Professor Bello expressed his happiness over the way the contractor was handling the project. He said the quality of the work and the speed at which it was going on were highly commendable. He called on the contractor to keep it up.

Other projects inspected by the University Management Committee included the construction of the Department of Geology, the UHC Administrative Block, the University Square and the Department of Microbiology.

## 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Confab of Mathematical Society opens in BUK

*... VC, Prof. Bello, Others Inducted As Fellows*

*By Bala G. Abdullahi*

No nation can survive, let alone make waves in the field of Science and Technology without the knowledge of Mathematical Sciences, the President of the Nigerian Mathematical Society, Professor N. I. Akinwande, has disclosed.

He was speaking at the opening ceremony of the 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the Society which took place at the Mahmoud Tukur Theatre B, Old Campus of Bayero University, Kano, on Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> May, 2018.

Professor Akinwande stated that since development technologically hinged on the exploits of a nation in the field of Mathematical Sciences, the question was; 'Has the field been given the necessary support and attention to enable it to make the desired impact on our socio-

economic and technological advancement?' He said it was worrisome for the National Universities Commission to remove the Mathematical Centre from its support. 'This should be reversed if our aim of advancing technologically is to be realized,' he counseled.

The erudite scholar also called on the private sector to extend the hands of friendship to the Society, the Mathematical Centre and to Mathematical Science as a field of study, adding that 'this is capable of making the needed impact on our march towards technological advancement.'

He said since the establishment of the Society about 37 years ago, hardly would a year pass without it hosting

annual conference. This, according to him, shows the commitment and resilience of its founding fathers. 'We salute them and we promise to take a cue from them', Professor Akinwande assured.

The NMS President revealed that this year's conference would witness the investiture of five new fellows into



President of NMS, Prof. Akinwande presenting a plaque to the VC, Prof. M. Y. Bello after his investiture

the Society, adding that prominent among those to be inducted were: Vice Chancellor of Bayero University, Kano, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello and the first female Professor of Mathematics in the country, Professor I. Olabisi, who, he said, was the President of the women wing of the Society. The rest were; Professor

## Faculty of Law Conducts Career Guidance

*By Rabi'u M. Sagir*

The Dean, Faculty of Law, Bayero University, Kano, Professor Mamman Yusufari, urged students to make up their minds in choosing careers that would be suitable for their future as well as mould them to be more responsible in executing the duties assigned to them professionally. He was speaking on Thursday, 3<sup>rd</sup> May, 2018 at the Court Room during the Career Week, which usually takes place every semester, with the aim of educating law students in terms of career choice.

Professor Juwayriya Badamasiuy, in her lead paper titled: *The Role of Professorship in Law: Prospect and Challenges for female academics,* she said the best and vital element that makes individuals excel in academic performance was to develop a high degree of interest in learning.

Professor Badamasiuy urged female students to work hard and earn higher grades as well as develop interest in research activities, which were the potential factors that

Anthony Ete and Professor Emmanuel Garba.

Speaking shortly before he declared the conference open, the Vice Chancellor, Professor Bello, represented by the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academics), Professor Sagir Abbas, thanked the Society for choosing BUK to host the conference, saying this was the second time the Society was doing such favours to the University, the first being in the early 1980's.

He said the theme of the conference: **'Mathematics: A Veritable Tool for Solving Socio-economic, Scientific and Technological Challenges'** was very apt and timely. He said the world is constantly facing challenges in these and other areas, adding that these challenges were more pronounced in Nigeria, where there was the urgent need for economic, industrial and social developments to uplift the citizenry and develop the nation. Professor Bello added that, considering the universal application and importance of Mathematics, it was expected that the papers to be presented at the conference would contribute towards finding solutions to the

problems faced by the nation.

The Vice Chancellor thanked the Society for finding him worthy for the conferment of its prestigious fellowship and reiterated his commitment to do everything within his powers to always protect and positively portray the image of the Society.

enabled students to excel in the academic arena.

Professor Badamasi advised female students to be functional in applying time management skills, responsibility and political skills that may create balance in managing their homes and work places, so as to avoid having conflict between the two. She also advised them



Prof. Juwayriya Badamasiuy

to be of good character, so as to pave the way to become role models.

Earlier, the chairperson of the occasion, Professor Rukayyah Ahmad Rufai, commended the efforts of the Faculty for organizing the career week talk for the students, which is a positive development that will yield and provide adequate and appropriate manpower in the field of law. She equally advised other faculties to

emulate the Law Faculty in that direction.

Professor Rufa'i challenged female students to have confidence and show diligence, which will make them reliable in what they do in their profession. She also urged them to be wise in balancing day-to-day activities as well as in overcoming the challenges that they might come across.

## Timetable for the Completion of 2017/2018 Session (First Semester)

The University Community's attention has been drawn to the following Time-table for the completion of the activities for the 2017/2018 (1<sup>st</sup> Semester). The Timetable is drawn based on the Senate-approved guidelines for such activities.

SN	DATE	ACTIVITY
1	Saturday, 26 <sup>th</sup> May, 2018	Last Examination Paper
2	Monday, 28 <sup>th</sup> May to Sat , 9 <sup>th</sup> June, 2018	Faculty Committees on Examination Misconduct and Leakage to consider all suspected cases of Examination Misconduct. *(Within 2 weeks of last paper)
3	Tuesday, 12 <sup>th</sup> June, 2018	Central Committee on Examinations Misconduct and Leverages to consider reports from Faculty Committees.
4	Saturday, 16 <sup>th</sup> June, 2018	Latest day for completion of marking and submission of raw marks by examiners**(Three weeks after last paper).
5	Monday, 18 <sup>th</sup> June to 7 <sup>th</sup> July, 2018	Departmental and Faculty Boards of Examiners to consider the Results.
6	Monday, 9 <sup>th</sup> to 13 <sup>th</sup> July, 2018	SBC on 1 <sup>st</sup> Semester Examinations Results (Seven Weeks after the last paper. Same as what is obtained in previous sessions).
7	Wednesday, 25 <sup>th</sup> July, 2018	Senate on 1 <sup>st</sup> Semester Examinations Results

\*. Faculty Examinations Officers should notify all students accused of involvement in examination misconduct (in writing) that they should stay behind/return to defend themselves – as soon as each case arises.

\*\*.. This is the latest date for this activity. Departments should encourage examiners to submit their results before this date whenever possible, and level coordinators to start compiling the results as soon as some examiners submit their raw marks.

\*\*\*. Arrangement will be made for the prompt payment of External Examiners' claims. Departments are advised to complete the claim forms, so that the examiners sign them immediately on arrival. In line with the new e-payment policy, the payments will be made directly into the External Examiners' accounts.

**NOTE:** On this note, Departments are reminded of the Senate's Decision that Departments that are servicing other Departments should handover results, marked scripts and photocopies of all the Attendance Sheets to the Departments they serve.

# BUK to Revive Educational Contacts with Egyptian Universities

*By Lamara Garba*

The Management of Bayero University is to collaborate with Egyptian universities as part of its deliberate policy to rejuvenate educational contacts in the fields of science, medicine, technology, cultural and religious studies, the Vice Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello, has disclosed.

Speaking, when he received a special delegation from some Egyptian universities at the Senate Chamber on Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> April, 2018, Professor Bello, acknowledged the contribution of Egypt in knowledge and educational development in the world, pointing out that Bayero University and the Egyptian universities shared many things in common.

“Egypt is a centre of ancient civilisation, thus it played a central role in the development of university education in the world. Therefore, establishing collaboration with you, I am optimistic that it would, no doubt, be of immense value to both of us as institutions and to Nigeria as a country”, said the Vice Chancellor.

He said the management of BUK values and appreciates progressive minded people, and it is on record that you are among the leading countries in intellectualism. Certainly, our partnership will add value to the body of knowledge and intellectual community.

Professor Bello, while appreciating the visit, promised that Bayero University would reciprocate similar gesture, which will further give room for elaborate discussion and concretization of the collaboration. “We are keen to partner in many areas, already.”

Earlier, the Cultural Attaché of the Egyptian Consul, Dr.

Ibrahim Ibrahim, who led the delegation, disclosed that they were in Kano for an education exhibition/fair and decided to visit BUK as part of the deliberate policy to establish relationship with some Nigerian educational institutions.

He said there had been a long existing bilateral relationship between Nigeria and Egypt which borders on education, culture and trade. The visit today aimed at reviving educational contacts between the two countries particularly as it affects inter-university linkages.

Dr Ibrahim, who was overwhelmed by the infrastructural development recorded by Bayero University, equally expressed delight at the warm reception accorded them during the visit and said both BUK and Egyptian universities had many things in common, which will go a long way in smoothening the collaboration procedures.

The visitors were representatives of six selected universities drawn from both public and private universities in Egypt, which include Al-Aswan University, Badar University, Banha University, Sadat University, Modern University of Information and Technology and Tanta University.

The Director of the Egyptian *Akhbar Elyom* Newspaper, Mr. Thefaat Zayyad, who facilitated the visit to Kano, expressed delight at the enthusiasm and the willingness shown by the Bayero University Management towards establishing linkages and collaboration with his home country's universities. He pointed out that by doing this, BUK had proven to be a great institution with potentiality to prosper and grow.

## **Professor Isa Mukhtar Re-appointed as Deputy Director**

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello, has approved the re-appointment of Professor Isa Mukhtar as the Deputy Director (Literature and Folklore), Centre for Research in Nigerian Languages, Translation and Folklore for another period of two years effective from 1<sup>st</sup> May, 2018.

## **Professor Rufai Ahmad Ibrahim now Deputy Director (Research)**

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello, has approved the change of the nomenclature of appointment of Professor Rufai Ahmad Ibrahim from Deputy Director (Innovation) to Deputy Director (Research) in the Directorate of Research, Innovation and Partnership with immediate effect.

## **Professor Abdullahi Hassan Kawo now Deputy Director (Innovation)**

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza

Bello, has approved the appointment of Professor Abdullahi Hassan Kawo as Deputy Director (Innovation) in the Directorate of Research, Innovation and Partnership (DRIP) with immediate effect.

## **Dr. Abbas Ja'afar Badakaya now HOD Mathematical Sciences**

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello, has approved the appointment of Dr. Abbas Ja'afar Badakaya as the Head, Department of Mathematical Sciences for two years commencing from May, 14<sup>th</sup> 2018.

## **Dr. Oluwafeyisayo Francis Ikusika Re-appointed as HOD**

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello, has approved the re-appointment of Dr. Oluwafeyisayo Francis Ikusika as the Head, Department of Oral Restorative Dentistry, for another term of two years commencing from June 15, 2018.

