



## Usman Salihu Re-appointed Director of Sports

By Nura Garba & Murtala Ibrahim

Malam Usman Salihu has been re-appointed as the Director of Sports, according to a letter of appointment signed by the Registrar, Fatima Bintu Mohammed dated 2<sup>nd</sup> November, 2020.

Usman Salihu was initially

appointed as the substantive Director of Sports on 3<sup>rd</sup> December, 2018 and the appointment was expected to end on 3<sup>rd</sup> December, 2020.

The letter conveyed by the Registrar says, I am pleased to inform you that having been satisfied with your performance as the Director of Sports during the two years you served, the Vice Chancellor has approved your re-appointment for a final term of two years with effect from 4<sup>th</sup> December, 2020.

## We Must Globalise the Operations of our Media ...Professor Pate

By Lamara Garba

The only way to ensure effective communication strategy and checkmate the excesses of fake news in the conventional media is by way of globalizing their operations, a Professor of Media and Society, Professor Umar A. Pate, has said.

Speaking on live Tuesday Live, an NTA Network programme, on Tuesday, 27<sup>th</sup> October, 2020, Professor Umar Pate, who is also the Dean of School of Postgraduate Studies, said however, one sure way of improving the operations of our local media organizations was for government to upgrade the facilities as well as to recruit the best hands to manage them.

“We should be more strategic in our approach to handling the media organizations. As a way of building trust between the people and the media especially the public media, it is necessary for us to globalise the operations of the local and at the same time localize the global media,” he opined.

According to him, government must equip the media stations with a state-of-the art facilities in addition to having well trained and the right personnel. By so doing, the media would then present the citizens with critical minds in their programmes rather than propagandized activities which often lead to distrust on the media by the members of the public.

Turning to the issue of fake news which has become prevalent nowadays, Professor Pate hinged the blame on the censorship on the use of public media especially on denying the opposition to have access to such

organizations.

He noted that with the accessibility of internet occasioned by social media, conventional media may have a greater role to play, particularly in allowing the opposition to use their facilities.”The media must be open to public. When you deny the opposition the state media, they can now switch over to social media and fabricate all sorts of fake news, which will in turn be dangerous to the society,” he said.

He also suggested that government must develop a rapid response mechanism in respect of anything so as not to allow rumours to thrive. “Government officials



Prof. Umar A. Pate

must always be active by responding rapidly to any issue before it goes out of hand. So long as the government remains secretive, it will be disastrous to our collective interest,” Prof. Pate added.

# We Established Sa'ad College as Part of Community Service ...Says Professor Sagir Abbas

By Lamara Garba



VC, Prof. Sagir A. Abbas (sitting 3rd right) in a group photograph with the officials of PTA Sa'ad College

The Director of Sa'ad College, Kano, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas has said that the College was principally established as part of community service as well as giving contribution to the development of education in the society.

He spoke on Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> October, 2020 when he received the leadership of the Parent Teachers Association (PTA), of the College when they paid him a congratulatory visit over his appointment as the 11<sup>th</sup> Vice Chancellor of Bayero University, Kano, explaining that, since schools establishment, the management had not increased its fees.

“Our desire was to give to the society something that it will treasure forever. It is our conviction that education is the best gift to any human being. Any society that negates education sector to the background, it is bound to fail. Our school is among the best here in the state, yet our fees remain the least compared to the quality and standards we placed the College,” he declared.

According to Professor Abbas, since its establishment about a decade ago, Sa'ad College has never increased its fees. This is due to the fact that our mission is not to exploit or make quick riches, but rather to give our token contribution to the well being of the society by giving good and quality education to our teeming youth.

He also revealed that all staff of the College were placed on a special pension scheme in which every month, the management set aside 15% of staff salary as

a monthly contribution for each staff which would be given after leaving the service of the College, retirement or death as the case may be.

The Vice Chancellor commended the PTA for the visit and charged them not to compromise in standards and quality.

Earlier, the Chairman of the Parent Teachers Association (PTA) of the Sa'ad College, Kano Alhaji Aminu Nasir Zubair, said they were in the office to congratulate the new Vice Chancellor on what he termed as a well-deserved appointment.

He took time to extoll the good virtues of Professor Abbas, where he said members of Bayero University community were lucky to have this man of honour, humility and respect as the new leader. He described him as one of the finest academics who were committed to making the university great.

The Chairman noted that any institution or organization yearning for growth and development must have the caliber of Professor Abbas who was by all standards, adjudged to be very credible, humble and committed person to the cause of education and humanity as a whole.

“Firstly, we are here to pray for you for Allah to guide and protect you throughout your stewardship so as to have a successful tenure as well as to congratulate the entire university community to have Professor Sagir Abbas as the new helmsman.”



Zonal Coordinator, Katsina Zone, Khadija Magaji presenting the award to the Registrar, Hajiya Fatima Bintu Mohammed (middle), assisted by the Director, Establishment Matters, Hajiya Altine Maryam Ali

## African Women Congress (AWC) Honours BUK Registrar

By Nura Garba

African Women Congress (AWC), Nigerian Zone has honoured the Registrar, Fatima Bintu Mohammed as an icon of educational development and diligent service.

According to AWC, the honour was in recognition of her tremendous contributions towards the upliftment of educational development, youth and societal transformation, as well as selfless services to Bayero University and Nigeria at large.

The Zonal Coordinator, Katsina Zone, Khadija Magaji, who read the secretariat speech, said African Women Congress had conducted a thorough investigation before deciding to award its investiture to the Registrar, which is the norm, saying that she was found to be a woman of timbre and caliber who contributed immensely for the development of the youth and students.

Khadija Magaji explained that the Congress was established since 1993 across boundaries and cultures of Africa with the aim of eradicating societal vices such as drug abuse, exam malpractice among the youth and promoting their welfare as well as addressing the challenges of educational decay in the continent.

The Congress, according to her, carries out various tasks which include creating job opportunities for the youth, emancipating the less-privileged in society and sponsoring the girl-child education.

“It also has a good relationship with tertiary institutions

in which it identifies some personnel that have worked diligently towards the growth and development of students. “That is why the Congress searched and decided to honour Bayero University Registrar, Fatima Bintu Mohammed with our meritorious cap of recognition,” she said.

Responding to the honour, the Registrar, Hajiya Fatima Mohammed expressed appreciation over the goodwill gesture and commended the Congress for its resilience, doggedness and commitment to addressing societal vices that have negatively affected the youth and women in Africa.

She also commended the Africa Women Congress and other students for not participating in the destructive End SARS campaign.

Responding on their request for admission, the Registrar explained that BUK gives admission based on merit and “you don’t need to know anybody before you get admission into this University. We use transparent process in our admission exercise,” said the Registrar.

The Registrar was assisted in receiving the award by the Director, Establishment Matters, Hajiya Altine Maryam Ali.

Other members of the delegation were Rukayya Muhammad, Vice President (Lagos State University); Hindatu Hassan (Zonal Coordinator, Lagos);

# Corruption Bane of Nigeria's Development ...VC BUK

By Lamara Garba



VC, Prof. Sagir Adamu Abbas receiving an award from the President of NYSC Anti-Corruption CDS Group

Corruption is the major obstacle to Nigeria's growth and development which requires active participation of all and sundry in fighting the monster, the Vice Chancellor of Bayero University, Kano, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas, has said.

Speaking while receiving an award from the members of the National Youth Service Corps (NYSC), Anti Corruption CDS in his office on Tuesday, 13<sup>th</sup> October, 2020, Professor Abbas said for Nigeria to be free of corruption, every member of the society must be part of the crusade.

The Vice Chancellor, who commended the body for what he described as their patriotic zeal and determination to be agents of transformation and Nigeria's development, explained that, now that they opted to wage a war against corruption even before they join government services, it was a clear indication of their patriotism and love for the country.

"With the involvement of young people like you in the fight against corruption, I am happy that the anti corruption crusade in the society will go a long way in sanitizing our society and certainly, Nigeria is on the

verge of winning the war," he declared.

Professor Abbas, however, explained that corruption involves a lot of things not necessarily in the aspect of money but much more particularly in our social, political and economic endeavours. "If everyone will do his part, certainly we shall succeed in the social contract," he said.

Earlier, the National President of the Association, Comrade Aminu Abbas Arabi, said after careful consideration and scrutiny, the association deemed it fit to honour the Vice Chancellor for his humility, patriotic zeal and commitment to making Nigeria better through the development of education.

"We are here to appreciate your commitment to the development of education based on your track record in the various positions you held, both within and outside the University," said Comrade Arabi, pointing out that the Vice Chancellor beat many other personalities to clinch the award.

Highlight of the award was the presentation of a certificate of award to the VC as an ambassador of the fight against corruption in the academia.

# Dangana Ventures Presents Monument to BUK

By Adamu Garba

Bayero University has continued to tie her town and gown relationship with individuals, organizations and the community at large.

The Managing Director of Dangana Ventures and Sons, Muhammad Dangana has presented a locally crafted monument to the Vice Chancellor, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas in recognition of the contributions of the University towards developing local creativity.

Mr. Dangana, while presenting the gift on Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> November, 2020 at the Registrar's Office, expressed gratitude for the opportunity to showcase his talent and solicit partnership with the University in such a way that would encourage youth not to forget their indigenous culture.

“I present this gift to you as a sign of appreciation for your tremendous role in nurturing students and your efforts in maintaining the University's pride and importance. This is my work which I have been able to produce locally for years.” Mr. Dangana stated.

While receiving the gift on behalf of the Vice Chancellor, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas, the Dean of School of Postgraduate Studies, Professor Umar Pate, who was accompanied by the Registrar, Hajiya Fatima Binta Mohammed, thanked Dangana Ventures for the kind gesture while describing it as a clear indication

of talent and high creativity by a Nigerian, which should be cherished.

Professor Pate ensured the presenter that BUK would be willing to associate with individuals or organizations with creative minds in any possible way. Both the Registrar, Hajiya Fatima Binta Mohammed and Professor Umar Pate thanked Mr. Dangana and wished him safe trip back home.



Representative of VC and Dean, SPS, Prof. Umar A. Pate in company of the Registrar, Fatima Binta Mohammed receiving the gifts

# Ebira Community in Kano and Jigawa States Congratulates Professor Abbas

By Lamara Garba

The Ebira Community in Kano and Jigawa states have congratulated the Vice Chancellor of Bayero

consolidate on the gains of the previous administration.

Presenting a letter of congratulations to the Vice Chancellor, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas on Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> October, 2020 on behalf of the Ohinoyi Ebira ( Ebira community in Kano and Jigawa states), Alhaji Aliyu Abdulmalik represented by Alhaji Haruna Adaviruku, said the Ebira community was very much happy with the appointment of Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas.



Representative of Ohinoyi Ebira (Ebira community in Kano & Jigawa States) presenting a letter of congratulations to the VC, Prof. Sagir A. Abbas

University over his appointment with a solemn declaration to support his administration to help

The letter reads in part “on behalf of myself and entire members of Ebira community in Kano and Jigawa States, I write to congratulate you on your recent victory at the just concluded election into the position of Vice Chancellor of our great institution, Bayero University, Kano.”

Alhaji Adaviruku noted that without iota of doubt, the VC's election from among other highly qualified candidates, was purely based on your track record of service to humanity. “Here, your

victory has justified your qualification. While congratulating you, we pray Allah, *Rabbil Izatul Wal Jallal* to grant you and members of your team the ability and wisdom needed for a hitch free discharge of your expected responsibilities as Vice Chancellor of Bayero University, Kano.”

Highlight of the visit was a special prayer offered by Dr. Ustaz Zubair Muhammad for a successful tenure of the Vice Chancellor and for the development of the

University.

Responding, the Vice Chancellor, Professor Sagir Abbas expressed appreciation to the members of Ebira community in the state, whom he described as the most blended tribe in Nigeria who acclimatize with their host community very easily.

He said at that moment what he needed most was constant prayers for Allah to pave the way for a successful administration.

## SCIEMET 86/88 Session Donates Medical Equipment to BUK

By Rabi'u M. Sagir



Deputy Provost, CHS, Prof. Aliyu Abdu presenting the items to the Director, UHS, Dr. Munnir Suleiman

The Director University Health Services, Bayero University, Dr. Munir Sulaiman, has commended the efforts of BUK SCIEMET 86/88 over the donation of some medical items such as two weight and height scales, two electronic BP monitors, two acucheck

glucometers, some blood glucose strips and lancets to the University Health Services as part of its social responsibility to its *alma-mater*.

Speaking on Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2020 in his office while receiving the equipment, Dr. Munir said government alone could not shoulder health responsibility of the nation, hence the need for all stakeholders to contribute their quota in moving the nation's deteriorating health sector forward.

Dr Sulaiman said the University Health Services was improving day by day in rendering its services to the University community. He assured the community of maintaining high standard services so as to attain excellence.

Earlier, The Chairman Caretaker Committee of Sciemet 86/88, Engineer Balarabe Usman Yahya, who was represented by Deputy Provost, Academics, College of Health Sciences, Professor Aliyu Abdu, said it was the responsibility of meaningful citizens to look back at their *alma-mater* and help towards achieving its goals of providing an atmosphere conducive for learning, research and teaching.

Engr Yahaya said SCIEMET would continue to support the University's administration in many ways to enable it to achieve its objectives of maintaining good health services to the community.

## VC Congratulates Prof Sulaiman Mudi for CSN's Gold Award of Excellence

By Nura Garba

The Vice Chancellor, Prof. Sagir A. Abbas, has congratulated Professor Sulaiman Yusuf Mudi of Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences on the investiture of Gold Award of Excellence, which will be conferred on him by Chemical Society of Nigeria (CSN) at its 2020 Annual Conference tagged **Abuja 2020** between 22<sup>nd</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> November, 2020.

The conference will take place at Raw Materials Research and Development Council (RMRDC), 17

Aguiyi Ironsi Way, Maitama District, Abuja.

The Vice Chancellor said on behalf of management, staff and students, “I congratulate you on this well deserved award.”

According to the Secretary of CSN's Awards Committee, Mr. Kehinde Omo Oisemaye, “I am directed to communicate to you the approval by the President of your nomination to receive and be conferred with CSN's Award of Excellence.”

## Dr. Abdu Hamisu Dambatta Appointed HOD, Radiology

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas, FMAN, on Thursday, 29th October, 2020, has approved the appointment of Dr.

Abdu Hamisu Danbatta as Head of Department of Radiology for two years commencing from 29th October, 2020.

## ACADEMIC STAFF UNION OF UNIVERSITIES, ASUU-KANO ZONE INVITATION TO A TOWN & GOWN MEETING

The ASUU, Kano-Zone is pleased to invite the general public to a meeting, which will provide a platform for interface between town and gown.

The meeting is scheduled to take place as follows:

**Theme:** *ASUU Struggle: In Defence of Nigerian Public Universities.*

**Date:** *Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> November, 2020*

**Time:** *10:00 am prompt*

**Venue:** *Convocation Arena, Bayero University, Kano (New Campus)*

We hope you would find time to attend.

**Please, come along with your face masks.**

**Signed:** Prof. Haruna Musa, Chairman, ASUU-BUK  
*For and on Behalf of ASUU-Kano Zone*

## VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

### Supervisor of the Department of Information Technology at ICESCO Headquarters in Rabat, Kingdom of Morocco

The Islamic World Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (ICESCO) has made a vacancy announcement (see attached or check [www.icesco.org/en/our-latest-offers/](http://www.icesco.org/en/our-latest-offers/)) for the post of Supervisor of the Department of Information Technology at its Directorate Headquarters in Rabat, Kingdom of Morocco.

Interested candidates are expected to carefully study vacancy document for the recruitment requirements

and submit their applications addressed to the Directorate of Administrative Affairs of ICESCO via email: [icescoemployment@icesco.org](mailto:icescoemployment@icesco.org) and send a copy to the Secretary-General, Nigerian National Commission for ICESCO, for records purposes via [ibrahim.bashir.ng@gmail.com](mailto:ibrahim.bashir.ng@gmail.com), [Nigerian.natcom.icesco@gmail.com](mailto:Nigerian.natcom.icesco@gmail.com), [natcom-icesco@education.gov.ng](mailto:natcom-icesco@education.gov.ng), not later than Friday, 30<sup>th</sup> October, 2020.



(1) The family of late DVC (Admin), Prof. Haruna Wakili, wishes to invite members of the University community and the general public to the wedding fatiha of his son, Ahmad Haruna Wakili and Maryam Abdurrauf Tukur, scheduled to take place as follows:

**Date:** 14th November, 2020

**Time:** 1:30pm

**Venue:** BUK Old Campus, Central Mosque, Kano.



(2) Malam Sa'idu Abdu of the Department of Agronomy wishes to invite members of the University community and the general public to the wedding fatiha of his daughter, Khadija Sa'idu Abdu, scheduled to take place as follows:

**Date:** 6th November, 2020

**Time:** 2:00pm

**Venue:** Danbare, Unguwar Katako, Kano

## Appreciation from Hassan Bala Salanta

I, Hassan Bala Salanta of the Department of Architecture, on behalf of myself and other members of my family, wishes to express our sincere appreciation to members of the University community who attended the wedding fatiha of my daughter Hauwa'u Hassan Bala (Mama) or made phone calls and/or prayed for the success of the ceremony, which took place at the new Juma'at Mosque, Salanta Bayen ITF on Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> November, 2020.

Our special appreciation goes to the Vice Chancellor Prof. Sagir Adamu Abbas FMAN; the University Registrar, Hajiya Fatima Binta Muhammed, the Bursar, Dr. Muhammad Suleiman Bello; Dean, FEES, HOD, Architecture; other members of the University Management; Leadership and representatives of SSANU, NAAT and NASU and other members of the University community too numerous to mention. May Allah reward you all abundantly. *Ameen.*



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## GENERAL CIRCULAR

To: Members of the University Community

### **Resumption of Normal Work by Officers on Grade Level 10 and Below**

Following Mr. President's approval of the recommendations of the Presidential Task Force on COVID-19, all officers of the University on Grade Level 10 and below are hereby directed to resume normal duties every working day (Monday to Friday) with immediate effect.

Furthermore, in resuming work daily, officers are hereby directed to ensure full compliance with the directives and advice on the COVID-19 Pandemic preventive measures including maintenance of physical distancing, regular washing and/or sanitising of hands and wearing of face masks.

Efforts should be made to avoid overcrowding and nobody would be allowed into the office without wearing face mask.

**Lamara Garba**

*Secretary, Information & Publication Division*

**For: Registrar**



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