



BUK to Facilitate the Establishment of Spinal Cord Rehabilitation Centre
...About 5000 Cases recorded in Dala Orthopedic Hospital in 10 Months

By Lamara Garba

The Management of Bayero University, Kano has expressed its readiness to support the establishment of Spinal Cord Rehabilitation Centre at Aminu Kano Teaching Hospital, the Vice Chancellor, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas, has announced.

Speaking in his office on Tuesday, 29th September, 2020 when he received members of the Spinal Cord Injury Association of Nigeria, Kano State Chapter, when they paid him a courtesy visit, Professor Sagir Abbas who noted the plight of the victims of spinal cord injury, said no amount of support and assistance is too much.

According to him, the management of the University is very considerate to the condition of people with physical challenges and therefore, takes care of their needs especially in the provision of accessibility to lecture halls and theatres among others.

The Vice Chancellor assured them that he would contact the management of Aminu Kano Teaching Hospital on the possibility of securing a plot of land for the establishment of the Centre. He equally promised to provide the technical and structural design of the building as well as mobilize resources from the friends of the University for the construction of the

rehabilitation centre.

Earlier, the Chairman of the association, Engineer Abdul Danladi Haruna, said they were in the office to specifically present a congratulatory message and expressed their loyalty on his appointment as the 11th Vice Chancellor of the University.

Engineer Abdul Haruna disclosed that National Orthopedic Hospital Dala, Kano had recorded about 5000 cases of Spinal Cord cases in 10 months alone. However, regrettably, he said out of this figure only about 200 get treatment while the over 4000 have been awaiting.

According to him, it is regrettable that in the whole of Nigeria, there is no available Spinal Cord Rehabilitation Centre, but their efforts at securing one at Aminu Kano Teaching Hospital is on the pipeline and appealed to the management of Bayero University to also be part of the process.

The Chairman of the association disclosed that victims of spinal cord injury needs special attention and care from the authorities in view of the trauma and the magnitude of their predicament, pointing out that most of the victims have no source of income and were confined to living on wheel chair or crutches.

“The establishment of the Spinal Cord Rehabilitation Centre will go a long way in supplementing the sufferings of the victims, explaining that maintaining a spinal cord patient is very expensive as he is being treated by about 17 different specialists,” he disclosed, however, he said we lack the facilities and the

professionals.

Engineer Abdul Haruna commended the management of Bayero University for its kind support and assistance to the association. He also solicited for the management's cooperation for an awareness campaign on Spinal Cord injury and ways of avoiding it.

CDA Partners Seed Companies to Boost Groundnut Production in Nigeria

By Nura Garba

Centre for Dryland Agriculture (CDA) is to partner with seed companies so as to boost the production of groundnut with to regain its lost glory as component of agriculture.

Nigeria used to be the highest groundnut producer and exporting country in Africa in the 50's to 60's but a combination of drought, rosette and other diseases wiped out the mas production in the mid-1970s and early 1980s.

The CDA is currently a stakeholder in the Accelerated Varietal Improvement and Seed Delivery of Legumes and Cereals in Africa (AVISA) Project, which aims at increasing productivity, profitability, resilience and marketability of nutritious grain legume and cereal crops: Groundnut, Cowpea, Common Bean, Millet and Sorghum in 7 African Countries.

CDA Produces basic seeds and engages relevant stakeholders to produce other classes of seeds. In the current rainy season, the Centre planted 5.77ha of basic (1.83ha breeder and 3.94ha foundation) seeds.

The CDA also established hundreds of demonstration plots (approximately 300m square) to showcase the potentials of the improved groundnut varieties and large acreage for commercial seed production.

On Tuesday, 29th September, 2020, the CDA interacted with seed companies and took them round to see the different groundnut varieties being produced by the Centre. These include breeder seeds of SAMNUT 27, SAMNUT 28 and SAMNUT 29, as well as Foundation seeds of SAMNUT 24, SAMNUT 25 and SAMNUT 26.

According to the Deputy Director (Training) who is also in-charge of the AVISA Project in BUK, Professor Sanusi Gaya Mohammed, who took the seed companies round the groundnut seed farms, said

ICRISAT and Institute of Agricultural Research in collaboration with CDA have developed and released new improved high-yielding varieties with combined resistance to major biotic and abiotic stresses.

He said the Centre has engaged farmers and seed companies to demonstrate what it is doing in order to appreciate its enormous contributions to the development of groundnut production in Nigeria.

Prof Gaya further explained that there are different innovations through technological advancement that led to the production of disease resistant seeds that were used by the farmers with better output, noting that



Deputy Director (Training), CDA, Prof. Sunusi Gaya Mohammed taking representatives of seed companies round the University farm

CDA in collaboration with its partners are doing everything possible to bring groundnut production in Nigeria again to the limelight.

During the interaction, the seed companies that include Seed Project, Innovative Agro Tech, Maina Seeds, Al-Hikma Agro Ventures, Greenspore Agric Limited, Rahama Seed, Tecni Seed, and Representative of the Managing Director of Kano State Agricultural & Rural Development Authority (KNARDA) and many others commended the CDA for its gigantic farm project and reiterated their determination to strengthen their partnership with the centre to boost groundnut production in Nigeria.

Transparent Appointment of Prof. Abbas Excites SUG

By Lamara Garba

The leadership of the Students Union Government (SUG), of Bayero University, Kano has said the orderly and peaceful transition which saw the emergence of Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas as the Vice Chancellor, has made the students to be more proud of the University.

President of the Students Union Government (SUG), Sadi Garba Sa'id, who stated this also vowed to work in harmony with the management of the University in order to ensure a successful tenure which will in turn pave the way for the growth and development of the institution as one of the greatest citadels of learning in this country.

Speaking on Friday, 18th September, 2020 when the



SUG President Comrade Sadi Garba Sa'id presenting congratulatory letter to the VC, Prof. Sagir Adamu Abbas

executive members of the Union paid a solidarity/congratulatory visit to the VC, in his office, the SUG President, Comrade Sadi Garba Sa'id (Third Man) said the Union was particularly delighted with the peaceful transition which made them to be proud of the University.

“Sir, the Executive members of the SUG - Bayero University, Kano are here this morning to pay you a solidarity visit and to congratulate on this well deserved appointment. We want to assure you that, the SUG will give you all the necessary support for a hitch free tenure,” said Comrade Sadi Sa'id.

He said SUG is a partner in progress and would do everything humanly possible to mobilize the University students in order to cooperate and support the management towards making BUK a great citadel. “We are proud to be students here and we shall do all within our control to support the management. On this note, we request for a good synergy with the management for positive transformation of the University.”

Comrade Sadi disclosed that the Union had expended over N2million for the welfare of the students including the provision of scholarship to about 43 indigent students during the 2019/2020 academic session; distribution of palliatives to about 150 stranded students during the COVID-19; expenditure of about N800,000 for the provision of 10 laptop computers to some students, renovation of students; common room as well as conduct of free tutorials to newly admitted students among others.

The SUG also appealed to the management to consider extending the operations of Library during examination period to 24 hour services in order to reduce the risk of reading on the streets by students, extension of shuttle buses to weekends and the renovation of some hostels among others. The Union later presented a letter of congratulation to the Vice Chancellor as well as a Unity Flag.

Responding, the Vice Chancellor, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas expressed appreciation for the visit and promised to strengthen the existing synergy between the management and the Students Union Government for a better University.

Professor Abbas revealed that the management would carry the students along in all decisions and policies that affect them, pointing out that the welfare of students is of paramount to his administration. “The University Management has the interest of the students in its mind. We are here because of you. I assure you that we shall carry you along in all our policies and decisions most especially the ones that affect the students,” he enthused

The Vice Chancellor while admonishing students to be law abiding and concentrate on their studies further disclosed that the management is working towards ensuring timely completion of program by every students, stressing that no student would stay beyond the mandatory period of his studies except the unserious ones.

“We shall *In Sha Allah* make your stay in this University more conducive, more comfortable and more memorable. Henceforth, every student would have his or her academic transcript in his file so that it will be produced on demand without any delay and would be given it directly to him/or her,” said Professor Sagir Abbas.



BUK to Upgrade Sporting Facilities to Meet International Standard

By Nura Garba

Bayero University is poised to upgrade its sporting facilities to meet national and international standards. The University also plans to provide sporting equipment for staff and students in order to boost participation of exercise and other competitions organized by the relevant bodies.

This was contained in a brief speech by the Vice Chancellor, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas on Wednesday, 30th September, 2020 when he received a delegation from Directorate of Sports when they paid him a courtesy visit.

The Vice Chancellor said he was aware that Bayero University had participated in a number of local, national and international competitions with many medals to its name, assuring that he would do everything possible to make sure that sports is given a facelift in the University.

According to him, “Bayero University has over 50,000 students both undergraduate and postgraduates and among them a good number of them must engage in one sports or another.” The Vice Chancellor, said the management is determined to provide all the necessary facilities in order to improve University participation

in sporting events.

Prof Abbas, however, charged the Sports Directorate to ensure the maintenance of facilities and report any damage for immediate repairs or replacement. He asked the Directorate to formally write the challenges it is facing with a view to addressing those that can be done immediately and consider others in future.

Earlier in his submission, the Director of Sports, Malam Usman Salihu told the Vice Chancellor that they came to congratulate him and assure him of the Directorate's support.

The Director told the Vice Chancellor that many sporting competitions were lined up but due to the covid-19 pandemic they couldn't take place, explaining that the University was given the hosting rights of the Nigerian University Staff Association Games (NUSA2020).

Malam Salihu further told that the Directorate was facing some challenges of dearth of coaches to manage games as most of them do not have assistants. He said during competitions the coaches faced challenges on how to manage male and female events at the same time.

VC Commends Young Academics Forum

By Fausat A. Opayomi

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas has commended the roles played by the Young Academics of BUK in the development of the University.

The Vice Chancellor disclosed this while receiving the Young Academics Forum of Bayero University Kano, on Wednesday 30th September, 2020 at the Senate Chamber on a courtesy visit.

The Chairman of the Forum, Abba Ibrahim, while congratulating the Vice Chancellor on behalf of other members and prayed to Allah to guide and protect him throughout his tenure, reiterated the forum's resolve to continue to support the management and do their utmost best in delivering their primary responsibilities. He also presented a blue print document on research, welfare and security to the Vice Chancellor for possible consideration.

Malam Mustafa Isyaku, a member of the forum, expressed his worries over the fact that Post Graduate students spend longer time than necessary during their studies unlike other Universities and this according to him can discourage others from coming to BUK to acquire their Post Graduate Degrees.

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas, in his response, welcomed the young academics and thanked them for the significant role they played during his election and appointment as Vice Chancellor.

He commended the young scholars for their commitment and enthusiasm in contributing their quota to the development of the University. He, therefore, urged them to live up to the responsibility of delivering on their primary assignment.

Professor Abbas said the University management was working assiduously to ensure they get their fellowship as and when due. He also assured them of his willingness to always support and assist them if the need arises.

The Vice Chancellor said, Post Graduate studies is one of the main sources of funding the University and there is the need to overhaul it. He said the young academics should enrol in any established program in their department, according to him, the earlier they acquire their PhD the better. He also advised them to have at least nine publications which should be spread across three years before their promotion so as to meet up to



Members of the Young Academics Forum in a group photograph with the VC and management

VC Restates Plan to Establish University Farm

By Rabi'u M. Sagir

Bayero University has restated its commitment to establish a University Farm for research and commercial purposes.

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas said this when members of Faculty of Agriculture paid him a courtesy call. He said, Faculty of Agriculture is one of the faculties that have scholars who came from various Universities that can help the university to attain its mission and vision.

Speaking on Tuesday 29th September, 2020 at his board room noted that during his campaign tour, he promised to establish a well standard university farm that would give room for research and training of students as well as practicing new ideas that would cultivate innovative ways of farming.

Professor Abbas thanked members of the faculty for the support given to him during the election and urged them to maintain that support throughout his administration so as to move the university forward.

Earlier, the Dean of the Faculty, Professor A.B. Mohammed congratulated the new Vice Chancellor over his well-deserved appointment and promised that



Delegation from the Faculty of Agriculture in a group photograph with Vice Chancellor and management

the Faculty would continue to support him and the University's vision of becoming a leader in teaching and research in Africa.

IPPIS: Removal of Allowances Discourage our Members – Medical Doctors

By Rabi'u M. Sagir

The Chairman Association of Medical and Dental Specialists in Academic, BUK Chapter, Dr. Abdullahi Yusuf Asuku has decried the recent migration of payment system of academics salary to IPPIS as

salary, but was totally removed following the introduction of IPPIS.

Dr. Yusuf was speaking on Tuesday 29th September, 2020 when he led members of the association on a courtesy call on the Vice Chancellor at the VC Committee room said the allowance that have been removed is a major discouragement to medical doctors and has continued to keep their contemporaries in other parts of the world at far.

Dr. Yusuf appealed to the management of Bayero University to look into the matter for migration to CONMES salary scale as obtained in some universities. He said the list of the affected members was submitted to the Federal Government for consideration in the Annual University budget that will be an alternative solution to the problem.

He expressed the hope that the outcome of negotiation between ASUU and Federal Government would produce a lasting solution to the problem.

Responding, the Vice Chancellor, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas said the welfare of staff and students would be given top priority and that he will make further enquiries on their demands.



Members of Association of Medical & Dental Specilasit in Academics in a group photograph with BUK Management

unfortunate trend that discourages the performance of members of the Association.

He said for over a decade, medical doctors in basic medical sciences, were being paid health professional duty allowance which constitute about 40% of their

Prof. Sagir Expresses Worry Over Fallen Standard of Education

By Bala G. Abdullahi

The Vice Chancellor of Bayero University, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas has expressed concern over the rate at which the standard of education is fast deteriorating in the country, saying that unless all hands are put on deck to salvage the system, the nation's youth will face a bleak future.

Professor Sagir was speaking when he received his former students of Class '87 from Government Secondary School, Gwale who paid him congratulatory visit on Wednesday 30th September, 2020 in his office.

to contribute the little you have not only to your Alma-Mata, but also to education generally so that the nation's youth who are its proud leaders of tomorrow can have a bright future just like you,' he counselled.

He also advised them to invest in the education of their children both Islamic and conventional, saying that there was no better investment on children than giving them good education. 'Whatever you leave behind for your children will definitely fade after your departure. Only education can live with them for ever.

Earlier, a former teacher and also Senior Master of the old students, Alhaji Sunusi Sani Koki, said he accompanied the students to congratulate Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas over his well deserved appointment as the 11th Vice Chancellor of Bayero University.

He said most of them his co-teachers at the Government Secondary School Gwale in the '80 were not surprised by the ascension of Professor Sagir to the prestigious position of Vice Chancellor of the famous University in the Country, having known his background which he built on hard work, dedication, perseverance and honesty.

Malam Sanusi said both his students and his former colleagues in GSS Gwale were proud of the achievements of Professor Sagir and wished him Allah's protection and guidance.

Also speaking, the chairman of the GSS Gwale Class '87 forum, Alhaji Awaisu M. Yusuf said words would not be enough to express how happy they are when they learnt about the appointment of their Mathematics teacher as the Vice Chancellor of Bayero University.

He said they were in the University to first of all thank him for the knowledge and discipline he inculcated in them when he served as their teacher, a feat they believed was the reason why most of them excel in their chosen career. Secondly, he said they were here to also identify with the new Vice Chancellor and to pray for him for Allah to give him the wisdom to be able to leave up to expectations.

As a mark of recognition and respect, the student presented to the Vice Chancellor an enlarge group photograph they took with the Vice Chancellor then a classroom teacher on teaching practice at the School in 1988.



Ex-JSS3 Class 87 members of GSS Gwale presenting a souvenir to the VC and their former class teacher

The Vice Chancellor urged old boys associations to complement Government efforts by contributing their mite towards raising the standard of education at the Primary and Secondary schools levels, where he said are very crucial part of child development to adulthood.

He further expressed regret over the lukewarm attitude being shown by the society over the deterioration of the standard of education, urging members of the society to show concern by assisting in revamping education to checkmate raising incidences of youth restiveness and social vices which is the aftermath of illiteracy.

To his former students, Professor Sagir said it is a thing of great joy and pride to 'watch your students grow to maturity and also graduate to be become beckon of hope for his people like most of you. It really shows that the knowledge and discipline inculcated on you have successfully paid off,' he remarked.

The Vice Chancellor advised them to look back by appreciating the sacrifices made by the society to groom them for future challenge, saying that 'I urge you

VC Commiserate with Director DRIP Over the Death of his Father

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas, on Friday, 2nd October, 2020 led the management to commiserate with Director, Directorate of Research Innovation and Partnership (DRIP), Prof. Ibrahim Ahmad Rufa'i who lost his father recently.

During the condolence at Gude village in Kabo Local Government, the VC prayed Almighty Allah to grant the deceased *Al-Jannatul Firdaus* and the members of the family to have the fortitude to bear the irreparable loss.

Meanwhile, in appreciation, the Director, DRIP, Prof. Ibrahim Ahmad Rufa'i expressed gratitude for the visit. He thanked the VC, the management, Deans, Directors, Heads of Department and Units as well as the members of the University too numerous to mention for their visits and condolence messages. He prayed Allah to reward them abundantly.

Seasonal Malaria Chemo-Prevention Campaign

The University Health Services wishes to bring to the notice of members of the University Community of the ongoing campaign on Seasonal Malaria Chemo-Prevention in all the Campuses.

In the light of the above, members of the University community are hereby enjoined to cooperate with health personnel who will go round on house-to-house

exercise to administer anti malaria to children below the age 5 years.

The exercise will begin as from Monday, 5th to 9th October, 2020.

Members of the University community are hereby advised to kindly cooperate with the health personnel.

MSD Hotlines

The Maintenance Services Department (MSD) is hereby notifying members of the University Community of the existence of an EMERGENCY CALL NUMBERS in an event of failure or breakdown of any of the Utility services under the Maintenance Services Department.

Members should kindly call these numbers in the event of any emergency for the provision of Utility

services: **08058990796 (Deputy Director Utilities); 08036508720 (New Campus) and 08036471690 (Old Campus).** These numbers operate 24/7 and members should not hesitate to draw the attention of the MSD whenever they notice a spillage of water, a breakdown of electricity or any other work related to the department please.

Signed,
Director, MSD

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- 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 Appliances when not in use!

