



Extension of Registration Period for 2020/2021 Academic Session

By Lamara Garba

The management of Bayero University, Kano has approved further extension of the registration period for both returning and fresh students for the 2020/2021 academic session.

A statement signed by the Director of Directorate of Examinations, Admissions and Records (DEAR), Amina Umar Abdullahi, said the registration period for returning students was extended to 17th October, 2021 while that of fresh students would be closed on 31st October, 2021.

“This is to convey the Vice Chancellor’s approval for extension of registration period for all students (fresh and returning) for the 2020/2021 academic session. Returning students are expected to finish their registration on or before 17th October, 2021, while fresh students have up to 31st October, 2021 to finish registration,” said the statement.

However, late registration attracts five thousand surcharges. “Students who fail to register within the stipulated period will have to pay the sum of five thousand (N5, 000) being penalty for the late registration,” it added.

CDA Moves to Revive Groundnut Production in Nigeria

By Nura Garba

The Centre for Dryland Agriculture (CDA) has moved to revive the production of groundnut in Nigeria to reclaim its status as one of the viable agricultural commercial products with the aim of increasing the gross domestic product.

Several factors have been identified as the bane of the rapid decline in groundnut production in Nigeria, such as drought, rosette virus, the general neglect of agriculture due to oil the boom and lack of organized input. However, the CDA in collaboration with ICRISAT and IITA took this challenge to revive the production by providing new improved seeds to farmers for sustainable production

under the AVISA Project.

During the Farmers' Field Day organized by the CDA on Wednesday, 6th October, 2021, farmers from 22 adopted communities of CDA were exposed to different variety of seeds in order to look at the suitability or otherwise, so that they appreciate the research effort being made.

The Director of CDA, Professor Jibrin Mohammed Jibrin, in his welcome remarks, said the programme was important to researchers in order to know what farmers need and their preference. He noted that it was important for them to look at the preferred seeds that would adapt to climate change variability.



Principal Investigator of the Project, Prof. Sanusi Gaya Mohammed demonstrate groundnut seeds to farmers

The Principal Investigator of the Project, Professor Sanusi Gaya Mohammed, in his remarks, said at the level of research, they used to screen the seeds and come up with those that would be given to seed companies to multiply their production, which farmers used.

Professor Mohammed, who is the Deputy Director, Training of CDA, said apart from groundnut seeds the CDA had been supporting the farmers with cowpea, beans and sorghum seeds that really improved their yields.

On her part, the Deputy Director, Outreach and Publications, Professor Amina Mustapha, said AVISA Project was one of the outreach programmes of the centre, as it has collaboration with many partners in Nigeria and the world.

Prof Mustapha said that the CDA had been engaging its 22 adopted companies with modern agricultural farming methods and empowerment of improved seeds, as well as skills and training that improved their production and

expanded their awareness. She said the centre would continue to give emphasis to its outreach activities.

The Country Director of ICRISAT, Dr. Hakeem Ajeigbe, urged the farmers to look critically at the seeds in order to give their feedback to the researchers. He said it would really help research activities.

Also speaking, Professor M. Yeye of Institute of Agricultural Research, ABU Zaria, said the AVISA Project aimed to improve the research activities through the use of various tools and application to enhance the process. It also aimed to provide the seeds to farmers and educate them on use and application in order to improve yields.

Others who spoke were Professor Daniel Aba of IAR, Dr. Abou Togola and Ado Garba from KNARDA.

Farmers interviewed expressed appreciation to the CDA and its partners for helping with the improved seeds. They expressed optimism that other farmers would adopt the use of the seeds so that the production of groundnut and other crops would be on higher scale in Nigeria.

Former Registrar Fatima Binta Presides Lecture Presentation at NIPSS

By Adamu Garba

The immediate past Registrar of Bayero University, Hajiya Fatima Binta Mohammed, served as Chairperson of a lecture presented to participants of Senior Executive Course 43/2021 of National Institute for Policy and Strategic Studies, Kuru Jos, on 20 September 2021.

The lecture delivered by the Chief of Defence Staff, General Lucky Irabor, titled **“Implementation of the Armed Forces of Nigeria Joint Defence Doctrine and National Security in Nigeria: Issues And Challenges,”** the presenter stressed the need to increase synergy among the armed forces and other security agencies towards curbing the level of insecurity in the Nigeria.

General Irabor emphasized that the collaboration would go a long way in combating insecurity, which he described as threatening the peace and development of the nation.

“Curbing the current hydra-headed security challenges facing the nation is an onerous task that certainly requires effective policy and programme implementation across the different sectors of the nation's polity. I therefore consider this lecture very apt; especially as most of you have been and would continue to be involved in policy and strategy formulation and implementation in furtherance of national security and development.” Gen. Irabor said.

According to the Chief of Defence Staff, no single agency could tackle the level of insecurity in the country. He appealed to military personnel to join hands to fight insurgency and banditry.

He said “the enemy we faced in terms of security challenges were within; they interacted with the community. That is why we must remain professional and vigilant.”

Gen. Irabor suggested the need to deploy modern technology to tackle the issue of insecurity now and in the nearest future.

In his remarks, the Acting Director-General of NIPSS, Dr.



Hajiya Fatima Binta Mohammed sitting at the centre

Chukwu Emeka Udaya, said there was the need to understand the requirements for the national defence and security.

The participants, including Hajiya Fatima Binta Mohammed, commended the speaker, Gen. Lucky Irabor.

CDA Conducts 6th Industry Talk on Technology and Innovation

By Nura Garba

The Centre for Dryland Agriculture (CDA) on Tuesday, 5th October, 2021 conducted its 6th Industry Talk in which the Chief Executives of Abuja Technology Village, Hajiya Hauwa Yabani, along with Mimshack Obioha, a partnership lead of the village, talked on technology and innovation.

While explaining the tremendous role played by technology and innovation in advancing entrepreneurship development, the two speakers took time to give an incisive insight into the major success recorded by ATV whose vision is to enable sustainable technology driven development in Africa.

According to the CEO, Hajiya Yabani, the ATV had targeted to create one million new and decent jobs in the next five years. She said the Village had collaborated with strategic partners to identify some of the challenges of development in Africa with a view to and supporting them through innovative technology.

The CEO further noted that the Village had a programme called Espire Hub, which focused on many other activities, such as Hives, which provided an opportunity for establishing six business development support centres in Nigeria, saying that BUK would be chosen to be among them.

Other Espire initiatives included innovative board, which was to work with the organizations to identify problems and offer solutions and academy training, soft landing and fund, which offered financial and non-financial support.

The CEO told the participants that the ATV facilitated the bailout of infrastructure and facilities, supported the establishment of enterprises and development of skilled talents, created networks and linkages for innovators and entrepreneurs, facilitated access to smart finance and influenced policy creation and facilitates master-plan among others.

According to Obioha, some of the most creative people were in academia or must have passed through the process before reaching their milestone, saying that educational institution was the bedrock of innovation.

He gave an example of Mo Ibrahim, who despite the heavy criticisms and enormous challenges brought Celtel mobile

network in Africa as part of an innovation. He said in recent times Nigeria generated more money in telecommunication industry than in the petroleum sector.

Earlier in his remarks, the Director CDA, Professor Jibrin Mohammed Jibrin, said Hajiya Yabani was a seasoned entrepreneur with creative mindset whose wealth of experience and vast knowledge would bear into the 6th CDA industry talk. He said from the lecture presentation, the CDA and ATV had started some talks on how to collaborate on a number of ways.

The lecture was highly interactive as students, faculty members and other partners commented on the subject matter with keen interest.

The ATV team had earlier conducted a round table discussion with the CDA, DRIP, Dangote Business School, Faculty of Agriculture and Faculty of Computer Science and Information Technology on the possible ways of collaboration.

Both parties agreed that there was a huge potential for effective collaboration, which would soon be signed.



CEO Abuja Technology Village presenting an industry Talk in CDA

The team also paid a courtesy call on the Vice Chancellor, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas, who was represented by the Deputy Vice Chancellor, Academics, Professor Mohammed Sani Gumel. The meeting discussed the possibility of collaboration on many areas between the university and ATV.

Call for Applications for Non-Degree Oriented Research Grants

The Directorate of Research, Innovation and Partnership (DRIP) wishes to inform members of the University community that the call for applications for Non-Degree Oriented Research Grants is now open. All applications are to be submitted to the Secretary, DRIP not later than Friday, 22nd October, 2021.

All proposals should be screened by the Departmental and Faculty/School/Institute/Centre Research Committees. You are, therefore, advised to set a deadline to allow for corrections.

Please note that, all submissions to DRIP must be accompanied with the minutes of the meeting where the proposals were considered and recommended for funding. The application form and guidelines for completion are available for download at www.buk.edu.ng/drip.

A Letter signed by Barrister Maryam Hassan Abdullahi, Admin/Secretary, DRIP said a successful applicants will be recommended to TETFund for funding through the Institution Based Research (IBR) fund.

SCE Organises Training Workshop for Academic Staff

By Adamu Garba

In line with the vision of Bayero University, on the continuous training and re-training of staff for optimal service delivery, the School of Continuing Education (SCE) has organised a two-day training workshop for staff of the institution.

The Workshop, themed “Teaching, Academic Research, Level Coordination and Examination”, was held on Thursday 23rd and Friday 24th September, 2021 at the School's Theatre.



Participants of the workshop in a group photograph

Declaring the workshop open, the Vice Chancellor, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas, who was represented by the Provost, College of Natural and Pharmaceutical Sciences, Professor Tijjani Hassan Darma, explained that the workshop was apt and timely, considering that university as an academic institution relied on teaching and research, which lead to development of the society at large.

Professor Darma said that the University was committed to training of all categories of staff because the world was not stagnant and everyday new things kept coming demanding new approaches, creativity and more mental alertness. Therefore, the university needed to keep tracking trends, he said.

Institute of Chartered Accountants Visits VC

The Institute of Chartered Accountant of Nigeria (ICAN), Kano and Jigawa chapter visited the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Sagir Adamu Ajjbas, in his office on Monday, 20th September, 2021.

The immediate past Chairman, Dr. Abubakar Umar Faruk, explained to the Vice Chancellor that, they were in the University purposely to congratulate him for being the new Vice Chancellor and also to introduce the chairman and his executives. The new chairman, Alh. Abdullahi S. A. Shehu, thanked the Vice Chancellor and informed him that the association was celebrating its' 40th anniversary and

In his opening remarks earlier, the Dean of SCE, Dr. Salihu Lawal, said that the in-house training was the first of its kind organized by the School of Continuing Education (SCE), which he described as very important because it addresses specific needs of the institution.

The Dean expressed confidence in the expertise and experience of the selected resource people, who handled assigned topics during the workshop. He urged participants to pay attention and thanked the Vice-Chancellor for supporting the School to achieve its objectives.

Appreciating the workshop, the Director, Academic Planning, Professor Haruna Musa, said the timeliness and appropriateness of the workshop could not be questioned with trends in teaching and research in world. He further stated that occasion like this was important particularly in a new school like SCE.

Papers presented at the workshop were “The Significance and Modalities of Conducting Research in the University System” by Professor I.A. Rufa'i, Director DRIP, “Registration and Examination Administration” by Aliyu Abubakar and Zahra'u Wada Bello of DEAR, “The Roles and Responsibilities of a Level Coordinator” by Dr. Abdul Iguda, Deputy Dean SPS, “Hints on Supervision of Students Projects, Teaching Practice and Attachment” by Prof. Muhammad Ibrahim Yakasai and “Responsibilities of a University Lecturer” by Prof. Usman Da'u Aliyu, Deputy Dean, SCE.

In his closing remarks, the Secretary organizing committee, Malam Suraj Muhammad Yahya, urged other faculties of the university to emulate and described it as very useful.

Also present at the workshop were the Sub-Dean (Academics), Dr. Balarabe Abubakar, SCE Examination Officer, Dr. Umar Bawa, SCE Administrative Secretary, Hajiya Altine Maryam Ali, Heads of Departments of Social Sciences and Administration, Dr. Aminu A. Ahmed and that Arts and Humanity, Dr. Hafiz Imam.



Officials of ICAN in a group photograph with VC, Prof. Sagir A. Abbas(sitting centre)

informed him that they wanted to continue to improve with their existing relationship.

The chairman of the chapter, Alh. Abdullahi requested the Vice Chancellor to support the association in whatever way possible and thanked the management of the University for the existing cordial relationship.

Earlier, the immediate past president of the association, Dr. Abubakar Umar Farouq, said that the activities of the association included professional training for graduates from universities and AAT for secondary leavers.

Dr. Abubakar said that they need the university to consider candidates with ATS examinations to be given admission of the university's degree program as this would encourage

the students and the association. He added that most of the students who enrolled in to their programmes usually graduated with flying colours.

The Vice Chancellor, Prof. Abbas, while responding said BUK and ICAN, had a long relationship in which the university encouraged students to enroll in to ICAN programme. He then informed them that beginning from next session, the university would start running degree programme in taxation to encourage accounting profession.

He promised more collaboration with ICAN in order to boost the accounting profession.

BUK Hosts Training Workshop on Tannery Waste Management

By Nura Garba

Bayero University, Kano in collaboration with Royal Academy of Engineering and GB Tannery organized a training workshop on Tannery Waste Management under the Higher Education Partnership in Sub-Saharan Africa (HEPSSA) 2021.

The capacity building workshop brought together members of academia, industry and students who discussed extensively on how best to manage the waste product released from the tannery industry and turn the waste into wealth.

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas, who was represented by the Director Directorate of Research, Innovation and Partnership, Professor I. A. Rufai, said Bayero University had a vision of attaining excellence by developing the capacity of its staff and students to address the developmental challenges in Africa through cutting edge research. He said by the time practical challenges of academia and industry were attended to, fundamental development crisis in Africa would be addressed.

According to him, it was believed that the quality of graduates in the Nigerian universities had left much to be desired, saying that such capacity building workshop would play a critical role in addressing the problem by bridging the gap between academia and industry.

Dr. Munir I. Kamba of the Department of Library and Information Sciences, in his presentation on Fundamentals of Academic and Applied Research, said Nigeria could not compete with other African countries, such as South Africa, Kenya, Botswana, Rwanda and Ghana, due to inadequate support for research, lack of sufficient funds, insecurity, poverty and basic social amenities.

He called on all the stakeholders, such as government, research centres and agencies to as a matter of priority address the challenges. He said academia and industries should have complimentary partnership.

Dr. Aliyu Baba Barau, who spoke on Application of Applied Research in Waste Management expressed

dismay that from 1963 to date only 52 well researched publications were produced on Kano Tannery Industry, saying that it was really a cause for much concern.

He said Nigeria was the highest producer of tannery products in Africa with the potential of generating \$1b annually, but had neglected the research on the industry.

Dr. Barau advocated the need for serious research and investment in order to turn around the economic fortune and make it as one of the competitors for generating substantial GDP and employing labour to address the



Participants in a group photograph

challenges of poverty.

Furthermore, Dr. Barau was of the opinion that if the investors and policy makers were hiding under the guise of lack of power as the factor that caused the collapse of the industry, the use of solar energy would solve the problem.

The Project Leader, in his welcome remarks Prof. I. A. Rufai earlier, said the essence of the workshop was to address the gap between what was taught in academia and what is needed in the industry, saying that looking at the practical realities, the two institutions were not working in tandem.

The capacity building workshop took place between 2nd and 3rd October, 2021 at Mambayya House.

Class '86 Alumni to Fund Project in BUK

The Chairman and leader of the Bayero University Class 1986 Alumni, Ambassador Ibrahim Adamu Babangida, has said that the forum was making efforts at finding ways to help the university by sponsoring a developmental project.

The chairman disclosed this when members of the association visited the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Sagir Adamu Abbas, in his office on Monday, 20th September, 2021.

The forum after due consultation set up a union committee, which would visit the University to interact with the management on what they planned to do as part of their contribution. "The essence of the visit is to inform the management of its plan to construct a borehole to reduce the menace of water shortage in the female students hostel at the campus.

In his remarks, the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Sagir Adamu Abbas, was delighted on how they intended to help the University. He said in 1999 Alumni funded the university in many ways and added that, there were many areas they

could assist, especially the issue of the scarcity of water. He also said that in the area of teaching facilities, the university needed assistance noting that they also need assistance on indigent students scholarships.

He also requested them to help in the provision of security in the campuses.



Members of BUK Class '86 in a group photograph with VC and Management

Department of Social Sciences and Administration holds Orientation for Fresh Students

By Adamu Garba

Newly admitted students of the Department of Social Sciences and Administration of the School of Continuing Education have been advised to develop positive attitude



towards the reading culture and to be law abiding during their stay in the University.

The advice was given by the Head of Department, Dr. Aminu A. Ahmed, during the orientation programme organised for the 2019/2020 fresh students of the department at the School of Continuing Education. The programme took place separately on Saturday, 2nd October

and Tuesday, 5th October, 2021.

Dr. Aminu said the reason for the orientation, which was the first of its kind, was to interact with the students and acquaint them with the university's standing rules and regulations in order to have a fruitful stay in the University.

He explained that the orientation programme was intended to enable students to settle down and adjust to the school's academic, social and cultural environments.

Addressing the newly admitted students, the Dean of SCE, who was represented by the Deputy Dean, Prof. Usman Da'u Aliyu, warned the students to shun examination misconduct, as stiff penalties await students who flagrantly disobey the School's standing rules and regulations.

In his presentation, titled *Online Registration: Before, During and After*, Engr. Umar Balarabe of the Directorate of Examinations, Admissions and Records (DEAR) urged the students to take charge of their registration exercise and always liaise with their level coordinators before making course registration.

Also presenting his paper, titled *The Implications of Examinations Misconduct*, the Sub-Dean, Dr. Balarabe Abubakar, reminded them to be conscious of any examination misconducts.

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VC Charges FEES to Monitor Level of Radon Gas Across the University

By Fausaf Opayemi



Prof. Suleiman Abdullahi Arabi

Professor Suleiman Abdullahi Arabi in his presentation, titled “**Gauging our familiarity with other Environmental issues: A Case of Radioactive Gas That Defies all the Sense Organs**” said Uranium and thorium which are important sources of Radionuclides Radon, were found in rocks and soils, which served as the main building material used in most part of the world.

Professor Suleiman Abdullahi Arabi made this disclosure during his presentation at the Talking Environment Seminar Series on Tuesday 28th September, 2021 at the Faculty of Earths and Environmental Sciences.

He said radon being a radioactive gas could escape from soils and building materials where they were formed.

The Dean, Faculty of Earth and Environmental Sciences (FEES), Professor Ibrahim Baba Yakubu, in his remarks

thanked the University Management for continually supporting the faculty's monthly seminar series, which according to him was meant to promote and deepen intellectualism across the faculty. He said Professor Arabi's presentation was apt and squarely addressed the Faculty's reinvigorated goal of broadening environmental discourse.

According to him, Radon from the soil being a radioactive gas, could escape from soils and building materials where they were formed through cracks in buildings, foundations, floor and walls. He said that if the building was not well ventilated, the gas could concentrate in the lower floors where it was breathed in by occupants.

According to him, studies by the United States Environmental Protection Agency showed that lung cancer caused by Radon inhalation was ranked third among other mortality for selected cancers, such as leukemia, lymphoma and liver, among others. He said it also ranked the highest cause of death among some causes of drunk driving, drowning falls and fire in homes.

Professor Arabi said Radon could be prevented in our homes and offices by using selected materials, installation of Radon detection devices, which could alert home owners to take necessary action.

Earlier, the Vice Chancellor, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas, who was represented by the DVC, Management Services, Professor Mahmoud Umar Sani, in his opening remarks, disclosed that the university had set up research funds for academics to conduct short term researches with a view to solving immediate problems and other emerging issues like Radon gas pollution that could affect the health and wellbeing of members of the University community.

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Abbas, while appreciating the presenter, Professor Arabi for his well-articulated presentation, called on DRIP to establish a database of ongoing researches in the University so as to enable

Faculty of Allied Sciences: Faculty Seminar Presentation

Presenter: Dr. Muhammad Awwal Ladan

Title of the presentation: EXPLORING Q METHODOLOGY AS AN APPROACH FOR RESEARCH IN THE HEALTH SCIENCES

Chairperson: Dr. Saleh N. Garba

Date: Wednesday 13th October, 2021.

Venue: Faculty Conference Room.

Wedding Fatiha

Dr. Arc. Sani Ali Taura of the Department of Architecture, wishes to invite members of the University community and general public to the wedding fatiha of his daughter, Pharmacy Ruqayya Ali and her groom, Dr. Yusuf Magaji Da'u, scheduled as follows

Date: Saturday, 16th October, 2021 (10th Rabi'ul Auwal, 1443)

Time: 1:30pm

Venue: Bayero University, Kano, Central Mosque, Old Campus.

Appreciation from Prof. Umar Ibrahim Gaya

I, Professor Umar Ibrahim Gaya of the Department of Pure and Industrial Chemistry on behalf of myself and members of my family, wish to express our sincere appreciation to the Vice Chancellor, Principal Officers, Provost, Deans, Directors and HODs as well as the entire members of the University community who condoled us over the demise of my father, HRH the 2nd Emir of Gaya, Alhaji (Dr) Ibrahim Abdulkadir, who died on 22nd September, 2021. May Allah reward all of you abundantly'

Appreciation from Prof. Salisu Shehu

I, Professor Salisu Shehu of the Department of Education on behalf of myself and members of my family, wish to express our sincere appreciation to the members of the University community who visited us, sent text and/or prayed for the repose of our beloved mother, Hajiya Rakiya Ishaq, who died on Friday, 17th September, 2021. In particular, my special appreciation goes to the VC, Prof. Sagir Adamu Abbas, Principal officers, Dean of the Faculty of Education, HOD, Department of Education, Deans, Directors, and members of the University community too numerous to mention for their condolences. May Allah reward you abundantly.

Appreciation from Prof. Garba Bala Bello

Prof. Garba Bala Bello of the Department of Business Admin and Entrepreneurship wishes to register his appreciation and gratitude to the University Community, members who have graced the occasion of the wedding Fatihah of his daughter, Asiyah and her groom that took place last weekend on Saturday 2nd October, 2021. Specifically, he wishes to thank the immediate past Vice Chancellor, Prof. Muhammad Yahuza Bello and other important dignitaries who attended the ceremony. May Allah shower his blessings on us all.

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