



## BUK Empowers Freshers with Digital Skills for Online GSP Learning

By Ibrahim Ado Saleh

In its continued drive toward academic innovation and digital transformation, Bayero University, Kano, has conducted a comprehensive training for newly admitted and returning students on navigating its online learning platform, with a focus on General Studies Programme (GSP) courses.

The one-day orientation, held on Thursday, July 10, 2025, at the Convocation Arena, was organized by the School of General and Entrepreneurship Studies in partnership with the Centre for Information Technology (CIT). It was primarily designed for 100- and 200-level students from across the University's faculties.

Welcoming participants, the Dean of the School, Professor Ali Tijjani Abdullahi, traced the evolution of BUK's online learning journey. He noted that the platform was born out of necessity during the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020, when the University adopted digital lectures for GSP courses while retaining in-person examinations.

"BUK's shift to online lectures was a strategic response to the global disruption caused by the pandemic. Since then, the GSP platform has grown into a cornerstone of our academic delivery model," Professor Abdullahi said.

He emphasized that digital literacy is now essential for academic success, particularly in a blended learning environment. The training, he added, was not just about familiarizing students with the platform but about empowering them to take charge of their learning journey

through meaningful engagement and interaction.

The session featured practical demonstrations and hands-on guidance from facilitators at CIT. Engineer Sulaiman Bashir, one of the lead facilitators, praised the students for their enthusiasm and ability to grasp the concepts quickly.

"The level of participation was encouraging. The students showed genuine interest and adapted swiftly to the processes involved. It was a rewarding experience for everyone involved," he said.

To accommodate the large turnout, the training was divided into two sessions. The morning session hosted students from the Faculties of Agriculture, Communication, Earth and Environmental Sciences, Arts and Islamic Studies, Education, and Engineering. The afternoon session brought together students from the Faculties of Computing, Management Sciences, Social Sciences, Law, and Veterinary Medicine.

Beyond the technical instructions, the training aimed to cultivate a culture of self-directed learning, ensuring students can navigate course materials, submit assignments, and interact with instructors via the digital platform.

This initiative forms part of Bayero University's broader vision of integrating e-learning across its academic programs, preparing students not only for their coursework but for the demands of an increasingly digital world.

# New Dawn for the Humanities: Professor Hafizu Yakasai Takes Helm of BUK's College of Humanities

By our Reporter

Bayero University, Kano, marked a significant institutional milestone with the formal assumption of duty by Professor Hafizu Miko Yakasai as the inaugural Provost of the newly established College of Humanities. The development follows the restructuring of the historic Faculty of Arts and Islamic Studies (FAIS), the university's oldest faculty, into a standalone College—part of the



Prof. Hafiz Miko Yakasai (right) taking over the Faculty of Arts and Islamic Studies upgraded to College of Humanities from the outgoing Dean, Prof. Ibrahim Satatima (left)

broader shift toward a collegiate system aligned with international academic standards.

At a modest but symbolic handover ceremony, outgoing FAIS Dean, Professor Ibrahim Garba Satatima, reflected on his tenure from 2021 to 2025, expressing deep gratitude

## DRIP, DVC R&D Forge Path to Research Excellence at BUK in First Strategic Session

By Suleiman Salihu

As part of a renewed push to invigorate research and innovation culture at Bayero University, Kano, the Directorate of Research, Innovation and Partnership (DRIP) held its maiden strategic interaction with the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Research and Development (DVC R&D), Professor Amina Mustapha. The session, which took place on Thursday, 10th July 2025 at the DVC's office in the Senate Building, brought together DRIP staff to discuss strategic priorities and institutional goals.

In her opening remarks, Professor Mustapha described the session as part of an ongoing series of engagements with units central to the university's research ecosystem. Previous engagements, she noted, had involved Deans, Directors of key academic and support centres, as well as units such as the CIT, the Library, and the Dangote Business School.

She emphasized the pivotal role of DRIP as the coordinating hub for university-wide research efforts. With new staff appointments and an upcoming TETFund-supported office complex for DRIP, Professor Mustapha

called on the Directorate to assume a more visible and strategic leadership role in shaping BUK's research future.

He highlighted key achievements, including enhanced coordination among departments, timely processing of undergraduate results, and alignment of postgraduate regulations with the Centre for Postgraduate Studies. Professor Satatima also cited the impactful role of the FAIS Professorial Walima Committee, which celebrated over 35 academic staff who rose to the rank of professor—an initiative that raised the profile of scholarly achievement at BUK. His tenure also saw the first-ever postgraduate orientation for FAIS students and the successful execution of a Daily Ramadan Feeding Programme, which had a heartwarming moment when a participating student converted to Islam, moved by the spirit of generosity and togetherness.

In his address, Professor Yakasai expressed profound appreciation for the foundational work of his predecessors and pledged to lead the new College with a focus on academic excellence, interdisciplinary research, and global engagement. “The College of Humanities will be a beacon of knowledge and innovation,” he declared, adding that its mission would be to produce thought leaders who can address complex societal issues with scholarly insight and moral clarity.

Staff members of the new College congratulated the Provost and offered prayers for wisdom and success in his trailblazing role. As the College steps into a new chapter, it carries with it the weight of tradition and the promise of transformation.

Staff of DRIP in a group photograph with the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Research and Development, Prof. Amina Mustapha



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“DRIP must drive the university's research agenda with clarity, energy, and professionalism. It's time to move from potential to performance,” she said.

Former DRIP Director, Professor Ibrahim Ahmad Rufa'i, underscored the need for continued capacity building, especially for research centres that often struggle with policy implementation and leadership gaps. He recommended sustained mentorship and targeted training to bridge these gaps.

The current Director, Professor Abdullahi Suleiman Arabi, provided feedback gathered from earlier institutional consultations, stressing the urgency of bolstering the Centre for Information Technology (CIT), which is vital for enhancing research visibility and dissemination. He also spoke about the need to operationalize existing research policies to ensure a consistent standard across

faculties.

Deputy Director of Research and Publication, Dr. M.M. Maina, proposed action points to elevate BUK's research profile. These included ICT modernization, improved departmental support structures, and incentive-based interventions to cultivate a culture of inquiry and innovation.

The interactive session concluded with staff contributions and a collective commitment to reposition DRIP as a dynamic force in BUK's academic mission. A group photograph captured the spirit of unity and ambition that defined the gathering.

## ACEPHAP and Boston Children's Hospital Launch Simulation-Based Training to Bolster Maternal Care in Kano

By Bala G. Abdullahi

In a groundbreaking collaboration to advance maternal and neonatal healthcare in Nigeria, the African Centre of Excellence for Population Health and Policy (ACEPHAP) has partnered with Boston Children's Hospital, USA, to deliver high-fidelity simulation training to medical professionals in Kano.



Participants sharing point of interest at the Simulation Training

The intensive training, held on Monday, 14th July 2025, focused on building the emergency response capacity of healthcare providers, particularly in the management of obstetric and neonatal complications. Medical residents were immersed in life-like clinical scenarios designed to mimic real emergencies, such as postpartum hemorrhage,

pre-eclampsia, and neonatal distress.

Speaking during the training, Professor Hadiza Galadanci, Director of ACEPHAP, said the initiative was aimed at closing skill gaps in maternal health by exposing participants to critical, hands-on experiences in a controlled, risk-free environment. "Simulation-based training allows health workers to make fast, informed decisions during high-stakes moments," she said. "It also improves confidence, coordination, and communication—essential traits in any emergency setting."

The sessions blended technical instruction with exercises in teamwork and problem-solving. Participants worked in teams to respond to simulated emergencies, practicing how to triage, stabilize patients, and deploy appropriate interventions.

According to Professor Galadanci, this initiative marks a shift toward experiential learning methods in clinical education. "We're not just training individuals—we are strengthening the entire system by creating teams that can work effectively under pressure," she emphasized.

The project aligns with ACEPHAP's broader mission to improve health outcomes through data-driven, skills-focused programming. By equipping a new generation of practitioners with both hard and soft skills, the Centre hopes to contribute meaningfully to Nigeria's efforts to reduce maternal and neonatal mortality rates.

## ACTU-BUK CALLS FOR 'WAR AGAINST CORRUPTION'

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# Making Cesarean Section in Kano Safe

## ... ACEPHAP, Stakeholders Meet to Strategize

By Fausat A. Opayomi

The African Centre of Excellence for Population Health and Policy (ACEPHAP) held a stakeholder's meeting preparatory to the commencement of its new project titled: "Making Cesarean Section Safe in Kano."

The meeting which took place at ACEPHAP Conference Hall on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> July, 2025, brought together key stakeholders aimed at familiarizing them with the project objectives which focused on improving the safety and quality of cesarean sections across health facilities in Kano State. The introductory meeting served as a platform to provide an overview of the project's goals, strategies, and expected outcomes.

The Project which emphasized capacity building for frontline healthcare workers was based on the World Health Organization (WHO) recommendations. It entailed equipping healthcare providers with the necessary skills and knowledge aimed at significantly reducing maternal mortality and improve overall childbirth experiences in Kano State.

A critical part of the meeting involved training healthcare providers, including doctors, theatre nurses, and anesthesiologists, on proper data collection methods. The training focused on gathering baseline data around cesarean sections, childbirth complications, postpartum hemorrhage, and other maternal health concerns. This foundational data is essential for identifying gaps in

service delivery and establishing interventions that would enhance maternal care outcomes in Kano.

The meeting facilitated by Dr. Maryam Lawal Wada and Dr. Sadiq Ma'aji, guided participants through the practical



Stakeholders brainstorming during the meeting

processes of data documentation and monitoring. 20 site coordinators were selected from 10 tertiary and secondary health facilities across Kano, with each facility represented by two health professionals. The coordinators would play a pivotal role in ensuring accurate data collection and reporting throughout the project's duration, a project funded by Global Surgery Foundation.

## Sisterhood in Service: BUK Agriculture Female Forum Marks a Decade of Impact and Unity

The Faculty of Agriculture Female Staff Forum (FAFs) at Bayero University, Kano, lit up with camaraderie and celebration on Wednesday, July 16, 2025, during a vibrant Meet & Greet held at the Dean's Conference Room. The



A group photograph of the Female Staff Forum of Faculty of Agriculture with the DVC R&D, Prof. Amina Mustapha

occasion brought together both academic and non-teaching staff in a warm gathering to honour milestones, strengthen bonds, and celebrate a decade of collective achievement.

Founded in 2015, FAFs has grown into a beacon of support within the Faculty of Agriculture, known for its compassionate outreach to indigent students and commitment to staff welfare. With over 50 students assisted with tuition and accommodation over the years, the Forum's quiet generosity has left an indelible mark on the lives it has touched.

This year's event was as much a celebration of progress as it was of sisterhood. Awards were presented in several categories, recognising excellence, leadership, and dedication. The highlight of the ceremony was the honour bestowed on Professor Amina Mustapha, Bayero University's first female Deputy Vice-Chancellor, who received a special award for her pioneering role and inspirational leadership.

Also recognised were Professors Halima Muhammad Isah and Hauwa Ladi Yusuf for their recent elevation to the rank of Professor. Other awardees included members who had completed their doctoral degrees, served as Heads of Department, or demonstrated exceptional loyalty and service to the Forum.

In her remarks, Professor Amina Mustapha reflected on the early days of the Faculty and commended FAFs for building a strong and supportive space within the university system. She urged members to continue showing compassion, patience, and maternal care towards students, reminding them that true mentorship begins with love.

Representatives from the Association of Female Staff for Equity and Community Outreach (ASFECOM), Professor Hassana Darma and Hajiya Halima Hayat, also graced the

occasion. They lauded FAFs' structure, consistency, and service culture, encouraging the members to see students not just as learners, but as children in need of guidance and encouragement.

The event was more than just an award ceremony; it was a celebration of a decade-long journey of solidarity, quiet service, and the power of women coming together to uplift one another. In an institution driven by intellect and innovation, FAFs continues to embody the gentler virtues of empathy, mentorship, and shared purpose.

## BUK Class of 2005 Marks 20-Year Reunion in Grand Style with Football Match, Health Walk, Lecture and Gala Dinner

By Nura Garba



Members of BUK Class 2005 during a grand reunion dinner at Meena Event Centre

For the very first time since graduation, the Bayero University, Kano Class of 2005 reunited in a heartwarming and unforgettable celebration marking two decades of professional journeys, personal growth, and enduring friendships. The event was a colourful blend of nostalgia, reflection, laughter, and reconnection, drawing alumni from across Nigeria and beyond—politicians, policymakers, government officials, civil servants, lawyers, engineers, doctors, academics, journalists, media strategists, business tycoons, women advocates, and professionals from diverse walks of life.

The two-day reunion began on Friday, 11th July 2025, with a novelty football match between alumni from the iconic Old Campus and their counterparts from the bustling New Campus. Held at the state-of-the-art FIFA-standard pitch on BUK Old Campus, the match was a thrilling six-goal spectacle that ended in a spirited 3-3 draw. It wasn't about winning or losing—it was about celebrating unity, joy, and memories. With a vibrant crowd cheering from the

sidelines, the match set the tone for a weekend of camaraderie and unforgettable moments.

On Saturday, 12th July 2025, the day began with an invigorating health walk an energetic journey through BUK's scenic and ever-evolving landscape. Starting from the renowned Musa Abdullahi Auditorium, named after one of the university's distinguished former Vice-Chancellors, the alumni retraced the paths of their student days. The route meandered past familiar landmarks: the Faculty of Education, the Faculty of Computing, the historic Faculty of Agriculture, and the former School of Postgraduate Studies. The walk continued through DEAR, CREST, and Cock Village, now remodeled, to the ultramodern Faculty of Law, skirting past banks and finally arriving at the world-class Dangote Business School, where the group paused for photos at the symbolic Gambari Square.

The current students watched with amusement and curiosity as the returning alumni, radiating joy and

nostalgia, continued their walk past the impressive CBN Centre of Excellence—home to academic departments, an international conference hall, a 190-room hotel, and the International Institute of Islamic Banking and Finance (IIIBF). The walk culminated at the Senate Building, a towering symbol of the university's transformation, named after the visionary former Vice-Chancellor, Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed.

Back at the Musa Abdullahi Auditorium, the reunion lecture commenced. Chairman of the Reunion Committee, Abdullahi Fagge, expressed profound gratitude to Almighty Allah for making the long-anticipated gathering possible. He acknowledged the painstaking efforts of the organizing committee and offered heartfelt prayers for departed colleagues while celebrating the presence of former lecturers. He emphasized the importance of preserving the spirit of unity and friendship rekindled by the event.

The reunion became even more emotional as former lecturers took the stage to deliver goodwill messages. Professor Abubakar Jika Jiddere of the Political Science Department likened the experience to “receiving a call that your missing son of 20 years has been found”—a poignant metaphor capturing the depth of emotion in reconnecting with former students. He marveled at the transformation of the university since their graduation.

Professor Dalha Waziri of the History Department beamed with pride at the achievements of the 2005 alumni, expressing hope that the momentum would be sustained. Professor Garba Shuaibu of the Faculty of Education, now Director of the Centre for Teaching and Learning, described the event as “a moment of reflection.” Professor Abdulkadir Nura of the Physics Department observed that the gathering demonstrated the alumni's growth and

evolution, with many now occupying significant positions in society.

Delivering the reunion lecture titled “*Back to Where It Began: Rediscovering Leadership, Purpose and Friendship*,” Dr Halima Abdulkadir Idris—a proud member of the Class of 2005 and now a lecturer in the Department of Geography—urged her colleagues to maintain the rekindled connections. She emphasized the importance of integrity, purposeful careers, and the immeasurable power of friendship. “Let us lead with integrity, build impactful careers, and ask ourselves—how many lives have we touched for the better?” she challenged. The Minister of State for the Federal Capital Territory, Dr Mariya Bunkure, an alumna of the Class of 2005 was represented by her Chief of Staff, Dr Abdullahi Kauran Mata. He described the reunion as a symbolic return to their academic roots after “20 years in the wilderness,” and on behalf of the Minister, he announced a generous donation of One Million Naira to support the reunion activities.

The celebration reached its grand finale with a glamorous dinner and get-together at the elegant Meena Event Centre. It was an enchanting night of fine dining, heartfelt conversations, joyful laughter, and spirited dancing. Lively music from the 1990s and early 2000s filled the air, transporting attendees back to their undergraduate days. Group photos, departmental snapshots, and countless selfies captured the magical atmosphere. Old friends embraced, stories were retold, and memories were relived in a night that will forever remain etched in their hearts.

Indeed, the 20-year reunion of Bayero University Kano Class of 2005 was not just a celebration, it was a testament to enduring friendships, shared histories, and the remarkable journeys that began on the grounds of BUK.

## Department of Mass Communication: *M.Sc. Proposal/Internal Defense*

**Chairman:** Dr. Gambo Shehu Nababa

**Date:** Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> July, 2025

**Time:** 9:30am

**Venue:** Mass Communication Departmental Board Room

**Candidate 1:** Fatima Sa'id Mohammed  
(SPS/20/MMC/00011)

**Topic:** Online Courtship Pattern among Social Media Users in Northern Nigeria: A Study of Halal Matchmaking Hub

**Supervisor:** Professor Suleiman M. Yar'Adua

**Candidate 2:** Akintunde Tajudeen Taiwo  
(SPS/21/MMC/000030)

**Topic:** Fact-Checking of News by Journalists in Selected Media Organisations in Northeast Nigeria

**Supervisor:** Prof. Mustapha Nasir Malam

**Candidate 3:** Binta Iliyasu Musawa  
(SPS/21/MMC/00018)

**Topic:** The Impact of the “*Madubin Rayuwa*”

Broadcast Programme on Audience Awareness and Adoption of Family Planning in Kano State

**Supervisor:** Dr. Muhammad Ibrahim Danja

**Candidate 4:** Ummideen Mahe Haliru  
(SPS/21/MMC/00017)

**Topic:** An examination of the motivational factors and Productivity among broadcast journalists in Kano

**Supervisor:** Dr. Haruna Isma'il

**Candidate 5:** Ibrahim Ishaq Muhammed  
(SPS/21/MMC/00026)

**Topic:** Violation and Enforcement of NBC Code on Traditional Medicine Commercials on Radio Stations in Kano State

**Supervisor:** Professor Usman I. Abubakar

**Candidate 6:** Abubakar Farra'u  
(SPS/19/PMC/00001)

**Topic:** Knowledge, Attitude and Practice in Human Rights Reporting: A Study of Journalists in

Northwest- Nigeria

**Supervisor:** Professor Mainasara Y. Kurfi

**Candidate 7:** Fatima DominicVakkai  
(SPS/17/PMC/00008)

**Topic:** Social Media, Hate Speech and Ethno-Religious Conflict: Stakeholders' Perspective of Crises in Jos, Plateau State

**Supervisor:** Dr. Haruna Isma'il

**Candidate 8:** Abubakar Mohammed Babale  
(SPS/17/PMC/00002)

**Topic:** Assessment of the Level of Knowledge of Journalistic Code of Ethics and Application among Broadcast Journalists in North East, Nigeria

**Supervisor:** Professor Umar Faruk Jibril

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# APPOINTMENTS

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas, has approved the appointments and re-appointments of the underlisted staff into various positions.

S/N	NAME	DEPARTMENT	APPOINTMENT	EFFECTIVE
1	Dr Hadiza Ali Umar	Department of Computer Science	Appointed as the Chairperson, Project Implementation Committee for the Investment in Digital and Creative Enterprises (IDICE) Programme	With immediate effect
2	Dr Faruk Umar Ambursa	Department of Information Technology	Appointed as the Chairman, Implementation Committee for the ICT Development Project	With immediate effect
3	Professor Garba Shuaibu	Department of Science and Technology Education	Appointed as the Director, Centre for Teaching and Learning	6 <sup>th</sup> July, 2025 to 4 <sup>th</sup> July, 2027
4	Professor Sani Ibrahim	Department of Biological Sciences	Appointed as the Director, Directorate of SERVICOM	4 <sup>th</sup> July, 2025 to 3 <sup>rd</sup> July, 2027
5	Dr. Aminu Muhammad	Department of Pure and Industrial Chemistry	Appointed as the Head, Department of Pure and Industrial Chemistry	14 <sup>th</sup> July, 2025 to 12 <sup>th</sup> July, 2027
6	Dr. Chizoba Chineme	Department of Child Dental Health	Appointed as the Head, Department of Child Dental Health	3 <sup>rd</sup> July, 2025 to 3 <sup>rd</sup> July, 2027
7	Alhaji Ahmed Rufai Yola	C/o The Director, Center for Dryland Agriculture	Appointed as Chairman, Board of Limited Liability of the CDA Company	4 <sup>th</sup> July, 2025 to 3 <sup>rd</sup> July, 2028

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Professor Attahiru Muhammadu Jega, wishes to invite members of the University community and the general public to the Wedding Fatiha of his son, **Bashir Attahiru Jega** and his Fiancée **Hafsah Mustapha Adamu**,

scheduled as follows:

**DATE:** Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> August, 2025

**TIME:** 11:00am prompt

**VENUE:** BUK Mosque, Old Campus, Kano

## WORDSCAPE

With Yusuf M. Adamu, PhD, MNAL, FANA, FANG (Dept. of Geography)

### ZELENSKY

Years acting on the stage  
Make the world a comedy  
Life itself is a comedy

When the lives of millions  
Are under your watch  
Do not poke the Russian Bear

### DESPERATION

The United Nations failed to unite the world  
It has become a toothless bulldog that can't bite  
The pink wild west and all its guns and mouth  
It's moves and support for the proxy war has failed  
Yet, the comedian and his master did not relen

They have to save their face  
from shame of disappointment  
They are desperate to hurt the  
bear in any way possible  
The eagle assumed the  
leadership of the kangaroo court  
We shall see how the drama will unfold.

### WOMEN

Women are us  
As we are them  
They are from our ribs  
We come from their wombs  
God said we live together  
In love and with patience



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