



IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

The Vice-Chancellor acknowledges and commends the organization of conferences, workshops, and academic programmes across various units of the university. These events are vital to our academic environment and have the Vice-Chancellor's full support.

For events where the Vice-Chancellor's presence is desired as chief host, goodwill messenger, or opening ceremony declarant, organizers are kindly requested to provide at least two weeks' notice. This advance notice will enable the

Directorate of the Vice-Chancellor's Office to effectively manage the Vice-Chancellor's schedule and ensure seamless administrative operations.

Short-notice invitations often disrupt the office's workflow. We respectfully request that all organizers take note of this requirement and plan accordingly.

Sheriff A. Ahmed

Director, Office of the Vice-Chancellor

Bayero University Alumni Association (BUKAA) Holds 35th AGM ... Unveils Dedicated Alumni Website

By Nura Garba

The Bayero University Kano Alumni Association (BUKAA) on Saturday, 6th September 2025, held its 35th Annual General Meeting (AGM), drawing distinguished alumni from across Nigeria's six geopolitical zones for a day of reflection, networking, and renewed commitment to the growth of their alma mater.

The Vice-Chancellor, Professor Haruna Musa, who proudly introduced himself as an alumnus of the class of 1991, commended the leadership of BUKAA for sustaining the association's relevance and urged closer collaboration between the University and its alumni body. He assured the gathering of the management's open-door policy and shared the University's recent strides: "Bayero University is doing well—currently ranked 6th best among

Nigerian universities, 4th best among public universities, and 1st in international visibility. With effective leadership, stakeholder engagement, and enhanced funding. We will take the University to even greater heights," he assured.

The Pro-Chancellor and Chairman of Council, Air Vice Marshal Saddik Isma'ila Kaita (rtd), charged the association to institutionalize an annual alumni day to deepen bonds, exchange ideas, and engage current students to appreciate the importance of alumni relations.

A keynote lecture on Corporate Governance was delivered by Ambassador Shuaibu A. Ahmed, former Executive Secretary of Financial Reporting Council of Nigeria. He



Group photograph of BUK Alumni Executives, Pro-Chancellor and Vice Chancellor, Prof. Haruna Musa, fsi

was represented by Alhaji Ali Madugu, CEO of Dala Foods. Ahmed stressed that corporate governance is as critical for non-profit organizations as it is for companies, as accountability and transparency drive credibility, sustainability, and societal impact.

Former Governor of Kano State, Senator Ibrahim Shekarau, who chaired the occasion, lauded the association's progress while urging inclusivity: *"There are still challenges ahead. We must ensure that all alumni are actively engaged and united."*

During the business session, members passed vote of confidence on the BUKAA leadership, commended its audited financial report, and promised continued support.

In another historic development, BUKAA officially launched its dedicated alumni website—the first of its kind. The Chairman, Alhaji Shuaibu Idris, described the platform as a milestone that would transform alumni

relations. *"Whether you graduated in 1980 or 2020, this website makes it easier to connect, network, and give back,"* he said. The site would serve as a hub for communication, donations, and professional support among graduates.

Alhaji Idris also highlighted ongoing projects under the association's leadership, including water supply improvements at the new campus, modern sanitation facilities for students, and the establishment of a substantial endowment fund to support University development.

Earlier, in his welcome address, the Chairman explained that the AGM was moved from the first to the last quarter of the year due to unforeseen circumstances, assuring that future meetings would return to the first or second quarter.

The Vice-President I, Aare Akinkunmi Akinyemi, gave the vote of thanks, appreciating all who contributed to the successful hosting of the 35th AGM.

Opay offers N60 Million Scholarship to BUK Students

By Fausat A. Opayomi



VC, Prof. Haruna Musa, fsi (centre) receiving the cheque from the CSR Manager of Opay Digital Services, alongside other Management staff of the company

As part of its corporate social responsibility and the urge to give back to the community, a leading Fintech company, O Pay digital has launched a N60 million scholarship to 20 students of Bayero University, Kano.

The launch took place on Tuesday 9th September 2025. The scholarship was valued at N300,000 to each beneficiary aimed at extending support to active subscribers and empower the next generation of leaders.

According to the social Responsibility Manager, Ito Udo, the company's mandate was to work closely with students for a period of 10 years. Udo expressed gratitude to the University Management for the opportunity to collaborate with it, emphasizing the importance of investing in the youth.

He said the youth are the leaders of tomorrow and it is essential to walk the path with them for the next 10 years, which would have a positive impact not only to the

students but the university as a whole.

The Vice Chancellor, Prof. Haruna Musa in his response expressed his profound gratitude to O Pay for its generous contribution to the students of the university.

He commended the company for recognizing Bayero University as a beneficiary of its corporate social responsibility initiative, which would significantly boost educational development in the institution.

The Vice Chancellor also praised O Pay for its seamless service, noting that the university values partnership that would enhance the academic experience of its students. He reiterated the university's commitment to opening doors for collaborations that would benefit the students and the broader community.

Prof. Musa urged the beneficiary students to promote O Pay digital services and make the best use of the scholarship.

Ruqayya Bello Heads Event Unit

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Haruna Musa has approved the appointment of Ruqayya Muhammad Bello as the new University Event Coordinator.

In a letter dated 1st September, 2025 conveying the appointment, the Registrar, Malam Haruna Aliyu through the Director, Directorate of Establishment Matters, Malam Shehu Galadima said the new coordinator would be answerable to the Directorate of Vice Chancellor's Office. It also directed that handing and taking over should be concluded by Monday 8th September, 2025.

As the University's Event Coordinator, Hajiya Ruqayya will be responsible for the Decoration of venues slated for conferences, workshops and other university activities. She will also be responsible for the coordination of Refreshments/Meals distribution during all University engagements.

Hajiya Ruqayya Muhammad Bello succeeds Hajiya Muna Kafe who has been redeployment to the Directorate of Advancement Office.

The new Event Coordinator can be reached at the 4th Floor Abubakar Rasheed Senate Building, New Campus and on-08065601010.



Ruqayya Muhammad Bello

Yahaya Lawal Foundation Pays N13 million Registration Fees to Save Future of over 100 BUK Students

By Lamara Garba

For many young Nigerians, the dream of higher education often collides with the harsh realities of financial hardship. This session, more than 100 students of Bayero University Kano (BUK) and several others across the country were on the brink of missing out until a helping hand reached out to lift their burden.

In a remarkable act of generosity, the "Alhaji Yahaya Lawal Foundation" has paid school fees totaling over ₦13 million for students in BUK and other institutions within and outside Kano State. The intervention ensured that no deserving student was forced to drop out simply because they could not afford tuition.



Alhaji Yahaya Lawal

The relief was overwhelming for many beneficiaries. "Without this support, I would have missed the opportunity to continue my studies this session," one student said, his voice heavy with gratitude. For these young men and women, the Foundation's gesture was not just financial aid, it was the gift of hope, dignity, and a future.

Coordinators of the Foundation, Anas Mukhtar, Fa'iz Yahya Lawal, Ruqayya Yahya Lawal, and Amina Yahya Lawal, said in a joint statement that the initiative reflected the Foundation's mission of reducing student dropouts, expanding access to education, and nurturing a generation equipped to transform society.

The Management of the University while commending the gesture by the Foundation in a letter of appreciation signed by the Vice Chancellor, Professor Haruna Musa particularly acknowledged the impact of the intervention, praising the Foundation for complementing government and institutional efforts in advancing education.

"For years, the Alhaji Yahaya Lawal Foundation has been consistent in community-based interventions, with education as the cornerstone of its humanitarian services. This latest effort reaffirms its belief that when you invest in students, you invest in the future of a nation," Prof. Haruna remarked.

As beneficiaries return to their lecture halls with renewed hope, the gesture resonates beyond the walls of BUK. It stands as a call to action, urging more individuals and organizations to rise in defense of education and ensure that no dream is lost for lack of means.

BUK Celebrates International Literacy Day as Prof. Fatima Umar Inducted into Adult and Continuing Education Hall of Fame

By Nura Garba

Bayero University, Kano (BUK), through its Department of Adult and Continuing Education, on Monday, 7th September 2025, joined the global community to mark this year's International Literacy Day. The event, themed “*Promoting Multilingual Education Literacy for Mutual Understanding and Peace*”, was a double celebration for the University as it also coincided with the induction of one of its most distinguished scholars, Professor Fatima Mohammed Umar, into the prestigious Adult and Continuing Education Hall of Fame.

Declaring the event open, the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Haruna Musa, welcomed participants, academics, students and guests who gathered to celebrate both the global significance of literacy and the personal achievements of Prof. Umar. He described the honoree as “a committed,



Prof. Hassana Darma (right) presenting the award to the celebrant Prof. Fatima Mohammed Umar

tireless, and dedicated scholar whose scholarship and service to the University and to Nigeria had left footprints too deep to be erased.” Prof. Musa noted that her immense contributions to the growth of literacy education had impacted not only the University community but also touched lives across Nigeria. While congratulating her on her induction, he described the honour as “well-deserved and befitting of a woman of intellect, substance, and enduring impact.”

Delivering the keynote address, Professor Ayodele A. Fajonyomi of the University of Ilorin's Department of Adult and Primary Education praised Prof. Umar's decades-long dedication to advancing literacy. He noted that she had designed and implemented literacy programmes that empowered thousands of men and women across Nigeria, giving them the invaluable gift of reading and writing. “By teaching people to read and write, she gave them the key to unlock information, opportunity, and self-reliance,” he said, describing her as a trailblazer in adult education.

One of the guest speakers, Professor Bala Zakari, provided an insightful background on the significance of International Literacy Day. He explained that its origins

could be traced back to the World Conference of Ministers of Education held in Tehran, Iran, in September 1965, where the eradication of illiteracy was declared a global priority. Following this milestone, UNESCO officially proclaimed September 8 as International Literacy Day in 1966, making the celebration an annual reminder of the importance of literacy in achieving inclusive, peaceful, and sustainable societies. Prof. Zakari lauded the Department of Adult and Continuing Education for aligning with this global vision while simultaneously honouring one of its most outstanding members.

In a goodwill message, Professor Garba Sa'ad, Provost of the College of Education and Allied Studies, commended the decision to induct Prof. Umar into the Hall of Fame. He noted that her achievements and legacies were “indelible on the history of education in Nigeria” and would continue to inspire future generations. Prof. Sa'ad also reflected on Nigeria's efforts to promote literacy, highlighting the establishment of the National Commission for Mass Literacy, Adult and Non-Formal Education (NMEC) as a significant step toward eradicating illiteracy and promoting lifelong learning opportunities for out-of-school youth and adults.

Speaking further, Prof. Zakari underscored that while Prof. Umar's retirement from active service signaled the close of a remarkable era, her influence remained very much alive. From pioneering literacy classes in Kano to mentoring young female scholars and inspiring women across Nigeria to embrace education, her work had created a ripple effect that would continue to shape communities long after her retirement.

Head of the Department of Adult and Continuing Education, Dr. Auwalu Halilu, summed up the significance of the day in his closing remarks. “Today we gather not only to reflect on the global call for literacy as the foundation of inclusive, equitable, and sustainable societies, but also to celebrate one of our own,” he said. “Prof. Fatima Mohammed Umar's lifelong dedication to adult and continuing education has transformed countless lives within and beyond this University, and her example will forever remain a source of pride and inspiration.”

In her remarks, the celebrant, Professor Fatima Umar, said she was deeply moved and humbled to be the first person to be inducted into the Adult and Continuing Education Hall of Fame. She traced her journey at BUK to 1989 when she was first employed after completing her Master's degree, recalling the challenges and triumphs of her career spanning more than three decades.

Prof. Umar emphasized the value of hard work and perseverance, urging students present to remain steadfast in their academic pursuits. “The sky is not even your limit—you can achieve whatever you set your heart on,” she told the gathering, expressing joy that her lifelong service to adult education was being recognized in such a memorable way.

Over 500 Students Inspired as BUK SUG Treasurer Hosts Maiden Financial Literacy Seminar

By Nura Garba

The Office of the Treasurer, Students' Union Government (SUG), Bayero University, Kano, on Saturday, 30th August 2025, made history with the successful hosting of the maiden Financial Literacy Seminar and Student Savings Challenge at the Musa Abdullahi Auditorium, New Campus.



SUG Treasurer, Yusuf, SUG Sports Director and other participants after the programme

The landmark initiative—the first of its kind solely organized by the Treasurer's office—attracted more than 500 students eager to sharpen their knowledge on savings, investments, entrepreneurship, and digital finance.

The seminar featured an array of distinguished speakers, including Dr. Binta Rufa'i and Malam Mubarak from the Department of Finance, Barr. Nura Ahmad Muhammad,

Founder of Mufarka Youth Development Initiative, the Secretary General of NAMLAS National Body, a Palm Pay Agent Representative, and Comrade Abubakar Ado Ubanta, President of the Anti-Corruption Club, Northwest University Kano. Their thought-provoking presentations offered students practical tools and insights, inspiring responsible financial practices that will serve them well beyond campus life.

Treasurer of the SUG, Senator Yusuf Zuhairu—who spearheaded the program—was widely commended for his foresight, leadership, and commitment to student empowerment. In his remarks, he expressed heartfelt gratitude to the University Management, fellow SUG Executives, Palm Pay, invited dignitaries, and the student body for their unwavering support. He also acknowledged the valuable contributions of the SUG Financial Secretary, noting that the collaboration helped make the initiative a resounding success.

“This program is not just an event—it is the beginning of a culture,” he said. “We want to prepare BUK students for brighter, financially secure futures by equipping them with the tools to manage money wisely.”

The Financial Literacy Seminar and Student Savings Challenge has now set a new benchmark for student-led initiatives at Bayero University, underscoring the Treasurer's vision to empower young people with financial knowledge, discipline, and innovation in a rapidly evolving world.

COREN Team Visits Vice-Chancellor

By Fausat A. Opayomi

Engineering Profession is a benchmark for academic excellence which plays a significant role in University global ranking. This was disclosed by the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Haruna Musa when he received members of the Council for the Regulation of Engineering in Nigeria (COREN), in his office on Tuesday 9th, September, 2025.

He thanked the COREN team for the visit and told them that BUK would be happy to receive the international team (Washington Accord when the visit the country), assuring that BUK would assist COREN get admitted as full member of the International Engineering Council.

Prof. Haruna Musa urged BUK Faculty of Engineering to come out with innovative idea such as introducing post graduate and Professional short courses in line with present reality.

Earlier, the Registrar of COREN, Prof. OAU Uche who led the team congratulated the Vice Chancellor on his well-deserved appointment which he said is a testament to his academic record, visionary leadership and commitment to excellence.



The COREN delegation in a group photograph with BUK Management

He told the Vice Chancellor that mentors from Washington Accord in which COREN is a provisional member would be visiting Nigeria in the coming week as part of its criteria to admit COREN into full membership, saying that part of

the visit included a stop at BUK from Wednesday 22nd – Saturday 25th October to engage with the Civil and Engineering program.

The Registrar solicited the support of the management in

BUK's Faculty of History and Development Studies Congratulates VC, Prof. Haruna Musa

By Suleiman Salihu

A delegation from the Faculty of History and Development Studies, College of Arts and Humanities visited the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Haruna Musa to rejoice with him over his recent appointment as the 12th Vice-Chancellor of Bayero



Group photograph of members of the Faculty of History and Development Studies with the VC after the courtesy call

University, Kano. The visit took place on Wednesday, 3rd September, 2025 in his Committee Room.

The delegation led by the Dean of the Faculty, Prof. Muhammad Wada noted that they were in the VC's office to reaffirm their maximum support as well as to congratulate him on his new role.

the area of procurement of some equipment and renovation of some facilities, adding that the mentor's assessment would not only focus on policies and curriculum but also the environment, facilities, laboratories and infrastructure.

He stated that the new Faculty which took-off under the new College of Humanities, had almost concluded preparations to hold an International Conference, which he said needed the support and guidance from the Management.

While appreciating the University for its Intervention on the planned international conference, he solicited the support of the Vice-Chancellor in the areas of accommodation for the keynote speakers during the conference, venue and other logistics to make the event a reality. He spoke on inadequate staffing, among other things, which he said were bedeviling the faculty.

Responding, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Haruna Musa thanked the delegation for the support given to him before, during and after his appointment as the Vice-Chancellor of this great University.

He assured that the Management was always ready to support academic culture and promised the delegation his maximum support to the new faculty and also vowed to support the planned conference.

He explained that the Management was at the top of the situation in proffering solution to the issues of inadequate staff, not only to the faculty but to the generality of the University.

ABC-ABU Alumni Commends BUK on Transforming

By Suleiman Salihu

The Alumni of Ahmadu Bello College (ABC) an affiliate of Ahmadu Bello University (ABU), Zaria which later became Bayero University, Kano visited Bayero University, Kano on Wednesday, 3rd September, 2025 to congratulate Prof. Haruna Musa.

Speaking during the visit to the Vice-Chancellor, the team leader and former Director at the National Universities Commission (NUC), Hajiya Uwani Yahaya said the purpose of the visit was to give their wishes and support to Prof. Haruna Musa on his appointment as the 12th Vice-Chancellor as well as to notify him on the existence of the Association.

Hajiya Uwani recounted the history of the formation of the association which she said dated back to October 1960. She disclosed that the acronym of the College; ABC was named after Ahmadu Bello, the *Sarduana* of Sokoto.

The College began as a section for School for Arabic Studies (SAS), in Kano and later metamorphosed into



ABC-ABU Executives in a group photograph with the VC and other Management staff

Abdullahi Bayero College. She noted that after the establishment of Ahmadu Bello University, (ABU) Zaria in 1962. The College was affiliated and preparing students for preliminary courses en-route to university degree programmes under the faculty of Arts and Islamic Studies of ABU known as ABC-ABU.

She further stated that the ABC-ABU enrolled its first ten (10) set of students for degree programmes in 1966 with the pioneers who graduated with degrees awarded by ABU, Zaria and lasted until 1979. Among the pioneer students included the former VCs' of BUK, Prof. Dandatti Abdulkadir, Prof. Sani Zahraddeen, former Registrar of BUK, Prof. Ibrahim Abdulhamid, among others.

Responding the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Haruna Musa thanked the delegation and appreciated the ABC-ABU Alumni for contributing to human educational development of this region and specifically BUK. He noted that as a graduate of 1988 he was one of the beneficiaries of the contribution towards educational development.

Prof. Musa further highlighted some of the model achievements recounted in the last two years of BUK including; 6th best university in Nigeria, 4th best in among the public universities, and 1st best in international outlook, according to the 2024 World University Ranking.

BUKAA's Board of Trustee Rejoices with Prof. Haruna Musa, Commends BUK on Transparency and Smooth Transitions

By Suleiman Salihu

The Board of Trustee (BoT) of the Bayero University, Kano Alumni Association (BUKAA) has congratulated the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Haruna Musa on appointment as the 12th Vice-Chancellor of Bayero University, Kano.

The Congratulatory message was delivered during a courtesy call led by the Chairman of the Board on Monday, 8th September, 2025 in his Committee Room.

The Chairman Board of Trustee of BUKAA, Prof. Attahiru



BUKAA Executives in a group photograph with BUK Management

Muhammad Jega, who was represented by the Vice-Chairman of the Board, Alhaji Mohammed Babandede, congratulated the Vice-Chancellor on behalf of the BoT and prayed for Allah's guidance in the new role. He described the appointment as both for BUKAA and Bayero University, Kano.

Prof. Jega who stressed the importance of endowment development fund said it was designed in itself as a perpetual source of support, empowering research, infrastructural development, student scholarship, staff

He noted that the University had 24 faculties, 5 colleges and 106 undergraduates programme as well as 16 centres and 617 postgraduate programmes, which he said had made the University transition more to postgraduate programmes. He also noted that the University was leading on Students Nigerian Education Loan Fund (NELFund) scheme by the federal government with about 14,000 students' enrollment to the tune of N1.5b.

Prof. Musa spoke on the major challenges facing the Universities which he said included electricity supply, land crises, among others and hoped the Alumni would support the University with a view to overcoming the problems. He assured of his continued partnership with ABC-ABU Alumni aimed at moving the University to a greater height. Other members at the entourage includes, Prof. Kamilu Sani Fage and Alhaji Mahdi Sadiq. Highlight of the visit included presentation of Book by the team to the VC, containing history and developments of ABC-ABU for benefit of students and University community.

training, among other opportunities for the University.

He emphasized that the purpose of the visit was to congratulate the VC on the new administration and to seek his support, guidance and expertise to make the endowment as a leaving legacy. He mentioned that this could be developed through active participation and partnership of the University Management, operational guidelines, robust mechanism and responsible stewardship of the fund, promotional support, strategic launch of the fund, integration and meaningful investment of the fund, among other things.

He commended the University for high standards integrity, transparency, fund management, free and fair transitions and invited the Management to serve as oversight committee to ensuring fund allocation and management.

He appealed to the Vice-Chancellor to be part of the Board for gender and regional inclusivity. He also solicited the Management of the University to provide a temporary secretariat to accommodate the activities of the BoT in the University.

Responding, the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Haruna Musa thanked the Board for the visit. He assured that the leadership of BUK would work assiduously with the Board to ensure that the endowment fund for BUK become a reality.

Prof. Musa vowed to partner and collaborate with BoT to ensure smooth take-off and implementation of the endowment fund. He noted that endowment had become a major source of financial stability and sustainability of universities. He cited examples with world-class-universities including Cambridge with over 8 million pounds and Harvard with over 63 million dollars in their respective endowment funds.

He stated that BUK had become a role model in its transitions and transparency in fund management. He assured of his full support to work assiduously with the

Board in the strategic launch, operational, promotional, among other requirements put by the Board, to make the endowment fund start with a strong pedestal.

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