



BUK Charts New Economic Future as VC Lays Foundation for Microfinance Bank Headquarters

By Lamara Garba



VC, Prof. Haruna Musa, fsi assisted by other Principal Officers and Management of BUKMFB at the foundation laying ceremony

The Vice-Chancellor of Bayero University, Kano (BUK), Professor Haruna Musa, has reaffirmed the institution's commitment to financial resilience and economic sustainability, declaring that the University is deliberately charting a bold path toward diversifying its revenue base.

Professor Musa gave the assurance on Tuesday, 3rd February 2026, at the foundation laying ceremony of the Corporate Headquarters of the Bayero University Kano Microfinance Bank (BUKMFB).

He said that in an era marked by shrinking public funding and rising expectations for quality education, research, and innovation, universities must confront the global reality that long-term institutional survival depends on creativity, enterprise, and strategic investments beyond traditional government subventions.

According to him, the economic realities facing Nigerian universities demand a rethinking of conventional funding models. "With dwindling government allocations and

expanding responsibilities, diversification of revenue sources has become an imperative rather than an option," he said.

The Vice-Chancellor explained that the University is strengthening its business ventures as part of a broader strategy to generate value, support academic growth, and secure its long-term future. He described the Microfinance Bank as a flagship initiative within the University's emerging economic architecture.

Conceived not merely as a financial services provider but as a strategic instrument for empowerment and institutional stability, the Bank, he said, represents a critical pillar in the University's drive for sustainable development.

Professor Musa noted that the decision to construct a befitting Corporate Headquarters underscores the University's determination to nurture the Bank into a strong and competitive institution, with the long-term ambition of evolving into one of Nigeria's leading commercial banks.

He assured that the Bank would continue to receive full institutional backing to enable it realise its potential, expressing optimism that with sound governance, innovation, and professionalism, it could rise to national prominence within the financial sector.

In his welcome address, the Chairman of the Board of Directors of BUKMFB, Professor Nasir Fagge Isa, described the Bank as part of several business initiatives conceived over a decade ago to strengthen the University's economic capacity.

He stated that although considerable progress has been made, many initiatives remain in the pipeline, all aimed at building a financially strong and self-reliant institution. According to him, the shared aspiration of the Board and Management is to see the Bank steadily grow into one of the top commercial banks in the country.

Professor Isa commended the Vice-Chancellor for his support and leadership, noting that his commitment has provided renewed momentum for the Bank's growth.

Also speaking, Professor Sani Ali, who conceived the building plan and architectural design, explained that the project was deliberately structured as both an

infrastructural and academic exercise. Students of the Department of Architecture were engaged through a competitive design process, promoting innovation, practical exposure, and excellence.

He said the final design emerged after rigorous evaluation and reflects functional efficiency and modern banking aesthetics, while showcasing the intellectual capacity within the University.

In his vote of thanks, the Managing Director of the Bank, Malam Abba Suleiman Gaya, expressed appreciation to the Vice-Chancellor and University Management for their consistent support and confidence in the Bank.

He assured stakeholders that the Management and staff would work diligently to justify the trust reposed in them and ensure sustained growth, stability, and development in line with the University's broader vision.

The ceremony attracted principal officers of the University, members of the Board of Directors, staff, students, and other stakeholders, symbolising a shared commitment to building a financially resilient Bayero University, Kano.

Investment in Engineering Education, Research Key to Rapid Industrialisation – VC, Prof. Musa

By Ibrahim Ado Saleh

The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Haruna Musa, fsi, has said that meaningful investment in engineering education and research, alongside strengthened collaboration between universities and industry, remains essential for Nigeria's rapid industrialisation.

He made this known shortly before declaring open the 5th



DVC Academics, Prof. Ahmad Muhammad Tsauni in a group photograph with dignitaries at the 5th Engineering Conference

Faculty of Engineering Conference themed *“Innovations and Economic Policies: Driving Sustainable Industrial Growth in Nigeria.”*

The Conference took place at the Dangote Business School Auditorium, New Campus. The Vice Chancellor who was represented by the Deputy Vice Chancellor, Academics, Professor Ahmad Muhammad Tsauni stated that

“Globally, experience shows that countries that achieved rapid industrialization did so by deliberately aligning engineering capability, industrial policy and innovation systems.”

He mentioned Nations such as South Korea, China, and Malaysia whom he said invested heavily in engineering education, research and industry-university collaboration, supported by coherent economic and industrial policies, adding that “Engineers in these economies were not merely technicians; they were central actors in productivity growth, technological upgrading and industrial competitiveness,” Prof. Musa remarked.

He further highlighted the challenges of human capital development, explaining that Nigeria has far fewer engineers per capita compared to global benchmarks, with approximately 3% of the population employed as engineers. He stressed that this manpower gap constrained industrial productivity, infrastructure delivery and innovation capacity, underscoring the need to strengthen engineering education, research and professional practice.

Professor Tsauni reaffirmed Bayero University's commitment to supporting initiatives that promoted research excellence, innovation, industry engagement and policy-relevant scholarship.

The Vice-Chancellor, described the gathering as a rare opportunity for industries, institutions and policymakers to come together to chart a sustainable path for national development and noted that the conference came at a critical time as the nation continued to grapple with economic and industrial challenges.

Earlier, the Dean of the Faculty of Engineering, Professor Abdussamad Umar Jibia, gave an overview of the series of engineering conferences held by the faculty. He explained that the conferences are designed to create a forum where researchers, policymakers, entrepreneurs and other stakeholders discuss topical engineering issues. He recalled that the first edition was named the *Academia Industry Conference* and assured that the choice of keynote speakers for the current edition was deliberate. He further stated that the Faculty intended to make the conference an annual event and was seeking partnerships to sustain its success.

The first keynote address was delivered by Professor Idris Muhammad Bugaje, Executive Secretary of the National Board for Technical Education (NBTE). Professor Bugaje, an erudite scholar, registered engineer with COREN and accomplished administrator, is also the Chair of the Sub-Saharan Africa Skills and Apprenticeship Stakeholders Network (SASASNET), a movement focused on upgrading informal skills sectors across the continent, including *Panteka* in Nigeria and *Jua-Kali* in Kenya. He delivered an exhaustive presentation on the topic “*Engineering and Government Policy: Synergy for Economic Transformation.*”

The second keynote speaker was Professor Isa Ali Ibrahim Pantami, who presented a paper titled “*Engineering Start-*

ups, Digital Economy and the Future of Industrial Growth.” Professor Pantami is the immediate past and pioneer Minister of Digital Economy of the Federal Republic of Nigeria. He is the first African to be certified as a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Information Security (CIISec), the only professional cyber security organization granted a Royal Charter in the United Kingdom. He also holds the prestigious traditional title of “The Glorious One” of the Usman Dan Fodio Empire, conferred on him by His Eminence, the Sultan.

The conference was structured into multiple technical sessions; it also featured important goodwill messages and addresses from distinguished guests, including the Chairman of the occasion, Engineer Professor O. AU Uceh, FNSE and the Registrar of COREN.

Lead Paper One was presented by Engr. Abdu Mohammad Bello, FNSE, Managing Director/Chief Executive Officer of the Nigerian Independent System Operator (NISO). The second lead paper was delivered by Dr. Umar Bindir, Founder and Chief Executive Officer of Bindir Knowledge Centre (BKC), Yola, Adamawa State.

The conference brought together academics, industry leaders, policymakers and professionals, reinforcing Bayero University's position as a hub for engineering innovation, policy dialogue and national development.

ACEPHAP, Johns Hopkins Deepen Partnership on Community Bundle Project

By Bala G. Abdulahi

The Africa Centre of Excellence for Population Health and Policy (ACEPHAP) has strengthened its international collaboration following a strategic visit by a delegation from Johns Hopkins University (JHU) under the ongoing Community Bundle Project.

The delegation, which included partners from AKINA and Ahmadu Bello University (ABU), Zaria, visited ACEPHAP as part of efforts to advance the project's evaluation process and reinforce collaboration with the Centre as the implementing partner. The engagement brought together researchers and public health practitioners committed to ensuring that the intervention remains evidence-driven and responsive to the needs of the communities it serves.

Speaking during the interactive session, the Director of ACEPHAP, Prof. Hadiza Galadanci, underscored the importance of consistency, ethics, and local relevance in translating research into meaningful impact. She stressed that strong evaluation frameworks are critical not only for accountability but also for understanding what truly works within communities.

According to her, stakeholder engagement must be “intentional, inclusive and grounded in trust” to ensure sustainable and measurable outcomes.

Prof. Galadanci also noted that continuous reflection and adaptation were critical to refining implementation strategies as new insights emerge from the field.

The session was comprehensive and highly interactive, with the JHU team asking insightful questions to ensure



Director of ACEPHAP, Prof. Galadanci (3rd right) and other members of her Management team in a group photograph with officials of John's Hopkins

clarity and alignment ahead of full project implementation. The collaborative spirit demonstrated by all partners reaffirmed a shared commitment to impact. ACEPHAP looks forward to translating these rich discussions into meaningful action on the ground, strengthening outcomes for communities through evidence-based and well-

coordinated interventions.

The engagement provided a platform for in-depth discussions on implementation strategies and a clear review of the evaluation design. Participants jointly examined key project components, clarified expectations

and aligned on next steps. Special attention was given to planning stakeholder engagement activities, including the development of post-baseline stakeholder workshops that would help translate data into practical, community-level interventions.

SSANU–BUK Hosts 10th ZEC Meeting, VC Reaffirms Commitment to Staff Welfare

By Hamza Usman

The Senior Staff Association of Nigerian Universities (SSANU), Bayero University Kano (BUK) branch, hosted the 10th Zonal Executive Council (ZEC) Meeting of the Northwest Zone from 9–10 February 2026 at the University's Centre of Excellence, drawing union leaders, management officials and stakeholders from across the zone.

Declaring the meeting open, the Vice-Chancellor, Haruna Musa, described BUK's selection as host as a "rare privilege" and reaffirmed the University's commitment to sustained collaboration with SSANU to improve staff welfare and wellbeing. He said his administration remains focused on transforming BUK into a world-class institution through visionary leadership, innovative funding and effective stakeholder engagement.

The Vice-Chancellor commended the Registrar, Haruna Aliyu, and the SSANU-BUK Chairperson, Mustapha Aminu, for prioritising staff welfare, assuring that timely promotions, capacity building and welfare interventions would remain a priority. He announced the extension of the University's bus palliative services to students to ease commuting across campuses, with plans to expand the scheme to cover staff residing in other parts of the city.

Professor Musa also disclosed that the Federal Mortgage Bank of Nigeria (FMBN) has approved the construction of 500 housing units for BUK staff, noting that the contract has been awarded and the project is expected to be completed within 18 months of the groundbreaking. He further acknowledged the immediate past Vice-Chancellor, Sagir Adamu Abbas, for securing ₦3 billion for the perimeter fencing of the new campus.

The Vice-Chancellor praised the National President of SSANU, Mohammed Haruna Ibrahim, for his steadfast commitment to addressing staff welfare concerns and his sustained advocacy for the revitalisation of Nigerian universities.

In his welcome address, the SSANU-BUK Chairperson, Mustapha Aminu, described the meeting as a significant milestone, providing members with a platform to interact, share experiences and deliberate on union matters. He highlighted key achievements of the branch, including unhindered promotions, expanded capacity-building programmes, TETFund training opportunities for 220 members, resolution of tax issues with the Kano State Government, introduction of a retirement benefits scheme, and the construction of a 7-side futsal mini-stadium

named after the immediate past Chairperson and current Registrar.

He also commended the Registrar for his contributions to administrative reforms at BUK, citing innovations such as the review of the scheme of service, removal of barriers to training and promotion, reduction of conversion



VC, Prof. Haruna Musa presenting a plaque to SSANU NP, Comr. MHI (middle), while NVP, N/West, Sabo Balarabe (left) assist



The National President of SSANU NP, Comr. MHI (3rd right), receiving a souvenir courtesy of SSANU Northwest

acclimatisation from three years to one, and the creation of a Digital Media Unit to enhance institutional visibility. The Chairperson thanked the Vice-Chancellor for his continued support and appreciated ZEC members, the Local Organising Committee led by the SSANU Secretary, Nura Garba, and all contributors to the success of the event.

Addressing participants, the National Vice-President, SSANU (Northwest Zone), Sabo Balarabe Wudil, commended the Vice-Chancellor, the Registrar and the National President for their consistent commitment to staff welfare and institutional progress.

The Registrar, Haruna Aliyu, praised the National President for repositioning SSANU and placing it on equal footing with sister unions. He lauded the SSANU-BUK leadership for advancing aspects of the 2009 SSANU–Federal Government Agreement, including the recent review of promotion guidelines for non-teaching staff, which now allows progression up to CONTISS 15, alongside the directorate system. He described BUK as a reference point for universities nationwide.

In his address, the National President, Mohammed Haruna Ibrahim, described the meeting as one of the happiest moments of his tenure, noting that since 2020 his administration has worked to reposition SSANU and enhance the relevance of its members within the university system. He commended BUK management, describing the institution as a model for Nigerian universities, and called on the Federal Government to improve funding for public universities, invest in campus security and avoid divisive policies.

A paper presentation titled “Artificial Intelligence in the University Workplace: Smart Tools Every Staff Member Should Know” was delivered by Nura Garba, who explained that AI is meant to empower, not replace, staff – urging users to provide clear instructions, avoid over-reliance, and apply professional judgment to all AI-assisted outputs. He gave some free AI tools that staff of

the University should leverage in order to improve their work.

Another presentation on pension matters was delivered by Adamu Sarki, who highlighted reforms aimed at ensuring dignity in retirement, expanding pension coverage and mobilising long-term savings for national development.

The meeting attracted representatives of pension fund administrators, including Stanbic IBTC and Premium Pension, as well as leaders of sister unions—Academic Staff Union of Universities (ASUU), Non-Academic Staff Union of Educational and Associated Institutions (NASU) and National Association of Academic Technologists (NAAT)—reflecting growing unity across the university system.

In a vote of thanks, the LOC Secretary, Ka'ilu Umar Sa'id, appreciated all contributors and wished participants safe journeys home.

Highlights of the event included the presentation of an Award of Honour to the National President (Jarman SSANU) and the commissioning of an official vehicle for the Office of the National Vice-President, SSANU Northwest Zone. Earlier, the National President paid a courtesy visit to the Vice-Chancellor, during which he decorated Professor Musa with a SSANU lapel, conferring on him honorary membership of the Association.

Pate: “I Leave FUoK Fulfilled” as Governing Council Hails Him a Miracle Worker

By Lamara Garba

Professor Umaru A. Pate has formally handed over the leadership of the Federal University of Kashere (FUoK) to his successor, Professor Muhammad Inuwa Ja'afaru, bringing to a close a five-year tenure widely described as transformative for the young institution.

The handover ceremony, held on Tuesday, 10th February



Prof. Umar A. Pate (right) handing over the University flag to the new Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Muhammad Inuwa Ja'afaru (left), while the Pro-Chancellor, Prof. Williams Odushola Aderounmu looks on

2026 at the university campus, signified the end of an administration many stakeholders say repositioned FUoK for stronger national relevance. Professor Pate exited office leaving a cash balance of ₦2.03 billion in the university's treasury.

Speaking at the ceremony, the outgoing Vice-Chancellor expressed gratitude to the Federal Government, the Governing Council, staff, students, and other stakeholders for their cooperation and support throughout his tenure. He emphasised that prudent financial management, accountability, and the blocking of leakages were central to his administration's philosophy.

According to him, the ₦2.03 billion balance reflects deliberate efforts to strengthen internal revenue generation and ensure judicious use of public funds despite prevailing economic challenges.

He also revealed that all the programmes offered by the university have secured full accreditation, a feat which he said was only possible as a result of the support he received from members of the university community.

Earlier, at a valedictory session held in his honour on Monday, 9th February 2026, Professor Pate declared that he was leaving office as a fulfilled person. He noted that when he assumed office, FUoK ranked 88th nationally but has since risen to 28th position.

“Today signifies that power is transient; nothing is permanent except change,” he said. “Now that I am leaving Kashere, the buildings will not notice that I am not around,

so also the trees. I have never allowed the title of Vice-Chancellor to becloud me. I thank God that I am leaving Kashere better than I met it. I feel fulfilled.”

During his tenure, the university recorded expansion in faculties, full accreditation of all academic programmes, and significant reforms in governance and academic processes. One of the landmark achievements of his administration was the establishment of a College of Medical Sciences. Conceived and realised within five years, the project secured approval and accreditation for seven courses, with students already admitted.

The Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academics), Professor S.L. Kela, speaking on behalf of the Senate, said Professor Pate introduced reforms that strengthened academic deliberations and decision-making processes.

“He brought notable changes in the Senate. All matters are thoroughly debated and the right decisions are taken,” the DVC stated, adding that Pate's background in quality assurance greatly enhanced academic standards.

He further observed that if not for the Federal Government's policy of a single five-year tenure for Vice-Chancellors, the Senate would have supported an extension of his tenure.

The Pro-Chancellor and Chairman of the Governing Council, Professor Williams Olushola Aderounmu, described Professor Pate as a “miracle worker” and a “phenomenon,” noting that the scale of achievements recorded within five years was remarkable.

“What he has done in five years is what others cannot achieve in ten years,” the Pro-Chancellor said. “He worked passionately for the institution. Allah will reward you very soon, *In sha Allah*.”

Leaders of the various staff and students' unions also took turns to commend the outgoing Vice-Chancellor,

Faculty of Education Holds Induction Workshop for Newly Employed Academic Staff

By Ibrahim Ado Saleh

Bayero University's Faculty of Education held a one-day sensitization workshop for newly engaged academic staff designed to equip them with the essential knowledge and skills required to effectively discharge their academic responsibilities.

The workshop took place on February, 5th 2026, at the Faculty Boardroom.

In his opening remarks, the Dean of the Faculty, Dr. Abubakar Ibrahim Hassan, stated that the workshop was organized to prepare the new staff for the tasks ahead and to familiarize them with the expectations of the profession. He described their appointments as rare opportunity to serve in one of the University's pioneer faculties.

“You are among the fortunate individuals given the opportunity to serve in this historic Faculty,” the dean said.

describing him as a visionary leader who transformed the university through inclusive governance, infrastructural expansion, and improved staff welfare. They noted that his open-door policy and consultative approach strengthened trust between management and unions, fostering industrial harmony throughout his tenure.

The Registrar of the university, Alh. Nasir Lawan Abdullahi also commended the outgoing Vice-Chancellor for his service and pledged the loyalty and cooperation of management to the incoming administration.

In his acceptance remarks, the new Vice-Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Inuwa Ja'afaru, acknowledged the solid foundation laid by his predecessor, particularly in financial discipline, academic growth, and infrastructural development.

“It has never happened that a Vice-Chancellor conceived the idea of establishing a medical college and realised it within five years, secured approval and accreditation for seven courses, and admitted students,” he said. “I know I am filling very big shoes.”

Professor Ja'afaru assured staff and students of his commitment to transparency, inclusiveness, and continuity. Referring to those who had antagonised aspects of his predecessor's tenure, he maintained that he would remain focused on sustaining the progress achieved.

“If in the course of this we are going to get petitions, let it be so,” he said. “We shall complete all the projects started by the Pate administration.”

The ceremony was attended by principal officers, members of the Governing Council, union leaders, staff, students, and other stakeholders, who described the peaceful transition and strong financial position of the university as a positive signal for the future of the Federal University of Kashere.

He urged the new staff to be role models, uphold professional standards and emulate the exemplary conduct of veteran academics within the Faculty.

The workshop featured presentations from experienced scholars across various departments, focusing on the core roles and responsibilities of university academics. Professor Ali Tijjani Abdullahi delivered a comprehensive lecture on “*Roles and Responsibilities of Academic Staff in the University*,” highlighting the importance of teaching, research and community service as the pillars of academic excellence.

Professor Bala Zakari of the Department of Adult Education and Community Development presented a paper on ethical issues in lecturing, emphasizing integrity, fairness and professionalism in dealing with students and colleagues.

Other senior academics who delivered papers included Professor Kabir Bala Dungurawa, Professor Ahmad Iliyasu and Dr. Musa Haladu Darma, among others. Their contributions provided valuable insights intended to guide the new staff toward productive and impactful academic careers.

The workshop reaffirmed the Faculty's commitment to maintaining high academic standards by nurturing competent scholars capable of advancing the University's teaching, research and community engagement mandate.

It should be noted that orientation programmes play a critical role in shaping the success of newly appointed

BUK Hosts International Workshop on Natural Products for Community Education and Sustainable Capacity Building

By Suleiman Salihu

The Department of Pure and Industrial Chemistry, Bayero University, Kano in Collaboration with World University Association for Community Development (WUACD), Organization of Islamic Cooperation and Committee on Scientific and Technological Cooperation (OIC-COMSTECH) and Universitas Airlangga, Surabaya-Indonesia held a weeklong workshop with the theme: *“Natural Products for Community Education and Sustainable Capacity Building in Africa.”*

The Workshop started on Monday, 9th through Thursday, 13th February, 2026 at Mahmud Tukur Theatre, Old Campus.



VC and Pos in a group photograph with the visitors from Indonesia & staff from Chemistry Dept.

In his opening remarks, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Haruna Musa, fsi, who was represented by the Dean, Faculty of Physical Sciences, Prof. Umar Sani, explained that the workshop was aimed at promoting interaction and engage researchers to participate fully in natural resources.

He stated that the workshop was apt and timely as Nigeria and BUK in particular was at forefront in the field of natural products. He noted that the Department of Pure and Industrial Chemistry was among the largest in the University, with highest numbers of Professors, undergraduate and postgraduate students with number of

academic staff by providing them with a clear understanding of institutional policies, academic culture and professional expectations. Such initiatives often help ease the transition into university life, foster confidence and promote effective teaching, research and service delivery.

By guiding new lecturers at the early stage of their careers, the Faculty reinforces its commitment to academic excellence and ensures that staffs were well prepared to contribute meaningfully to the growth and reputation of the University.

collaborations and cooperation with other scientists within and outside the University.

He added that BUK was among the top 1000 in the world and 3rd best University in Nigeria, one of the best in Sub-Saharan Africa and retained its position as best in international outlook in the country.

In his speech, the Ambassador of Indonesia to Nigeria, His Excellency Bambang Suharto, represented by Mr. Khairul Harryansali, stated that the one-week workshop was to enhance education in Africa.

He noted that education enhanced economic growth as technology was expected to support the development process, adding that the Indonesian government under His Excellency Prabowo Subianto, reaffirmed its position towards technological advancement and rise in education quality.

He described community education as effective in responding to human skills and provide opportunities for linkages and collaborations, saying that through that citizens could develop problem solving skills, and solve the growing challenges facing the society.

He added that education 4.0 and 5.0 made teaching process more recognized and addressed the changing needs as it was designed to integrate advanced technology with human creativity and ethics.

He explained that students could access education anywhere around the world, stating that the Indonesian government offered numerous capacity building and scholarship to students in developing countries to access master's and doctorate degrees around the globe.

In his remarks, the former Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Academics, Prof. Sani Muhammad Gumel, congratulated the Executive Secretary and President of the WUACD for collaborating with BUK, adding that the 2026 partnership with the University had added its membership with one. He also congratulated BUK and Department of Pure and Industrial Chemistry, noting that the development would

promote linkages with world universities and thereby increases its ranking.

In his remarks, Prof. A. A. Audu, a Senior Academic at the Department, appreciated the organizers of the workshop, noting that for over 46 years, BUK had developed linkages with Europe but this workshop made special with Indonesia.

Also speaking, the Coordinator and Principal officer of NASENI, Prof. Umar Gaya, noted that this partnership with University of Airlangga, Surabaya in Indonesia would bring many developments to the collaborating bodies, noting that “sky is our limit,” he remarked.

The event featured Hands-on training to participants and presentation from the Chairperson of the Special delegation Prof. Nineoman to some dignitaries including the VC, Prof. M. T. Dabo, Prof. Mohammed Bashir Ibrahim (Chairman LOC), Dr. Abdulkadir Oladimeji (OIC-COMS-TECH Coordinator) and Prof. Aminu Moh'd (HOD Chemistry), among others.

Earlier, Chairperson of the Special delegation and Executive Secretary of WUACD, Prof. Mrs. Nineoman, from Airlangga University, Surabaya, Indonesia, led the team to a courtesy call on the Vice-Chancellor.

She told the Vice Chancellor that the visit was to conduct one-week workshop in the area of natural product education and to strengthen collaboration with the University. She noted that the programme WUACD was sponsored under Indonesian Innovation endowment fund and OIC-COMS-TECH, respectively.

Responding, Prof. Haruna Musa, *fsi*, appreciated the team's the visit and assured the team that BUK was always ready to collaborate with WUACD, OIC-COMS-TECH and Universitas Airlangga, Surabaya, Indonesia.

He noted that the initiation would go a long way to enhance the capacity of High-school teachers, Postgraduate School and Social Sciences. He commended the effort of the Airlangga University in offering training through scholarship to Alumni of BUK who were holding positions in different part of the world on teaching and research.

He further briefed the delegation on the development of the University which he said existed for about 50 years, with capacity of over 40,000 student's population, 2,200 academic staff, 2,500 non-teaching staff, 18 faculties as well numerous research centres in the University, among others.

BUK Partners NDLEA to Host Counselling Workshop for Tertiary Institutions in Kano

By Suleiman Salihu

Bayero University, Kano (BUK), on Monday, 10th February 2026, received a delegation from the National Drug Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA) as part of activities to strengthen collaboration and host a counselling workshop for higher institutions across Kano State.

The delegation, led by the NDLEA Director of Counselling, Treatment and Rehabilitation, ACGN Muhammad Bashir Ibrahim, paid a courtesy visit to the Vice-Chancellor ahead of the workshop, which was organised to engage stakeholders in tertiary institutions on drug prevention, counselling, and rehabilitation strategies.

ACGN Ibrahim, who represented the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the NDLEA, retired Brigadier-General Buba Marwa, said the initiative was aimed at fostering closer institutional partnerships while addressing the growing challenge of substance abuse among young people.

Citing findings from the 2018 drug use survey conducted by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), he disclosed that 14.3 per cent of Nigerians between the ages of 15 and 64 had used psychoactive substances - equivalent to about one in seven Nigerians. He added that young people constitute a significant proportion of this figure, with a large percentage likely drawn from higher institutions.

He disclosed that National Council on Education came up with a National Policy Guidelines for institution with 7

parameters. He noted that NDLEA as an Agency was mandated to come up with initiative that would help to address drug and substance use in Nigeria, including the drug integrity test.

ACGN Ibrahim disclosed that the test was not punitive, adding that it was designed to cover highly detection, management, stop progression into addiction and deterrent to others. He noted that the test would begin from



Group photograph of the BUK Management and NDLEA officials

secondary, University, NYSC, and workplace, with the aid of a robust and user-friendly platform.

Responding, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Haruna Musa, *fsi*, appreciated the laudable initiative of the NDLEA. He assured them of the readiness of the University to partner

and collaborate with the Agency to address the menace of prevalence of drug use.

He commended the effort of the NDLEA for the drug integrity test initiative. He stated that BUK had for a very long time looked forward to this kind of intervention, noting that prevalent drug use had become menace to high number of undergraduates' students in our higher institutions.

Centre for Reading Research and Development Donates Books to Neighbouring Primary Schools

By Fausat A. Opayomi

The Nigeria Centre for Reading Research and Development Bayero University, Kano, took a significant step by supporting early grade reading through the donation/distribution of books to neighbouring primary schools. The exercise took place on Wednesday, February 4th 2026.

The initiative was aimed at fostering a closer relationship



Primary pupils displaying books donated by Centre for Reading Research

between the university and local communities, ensuring that BUK's commitment to advancing reading, teaching and learning was felt at the grassroots level.

Professor Amina Adamu, the director of the centre, explained that the distribution project was designed to

Faculty of Communication Celebrates Athletes for Stellar 2025 Interfaculty Games Performance

By Fausat A. Opayomi

The Faculty of Communication, Bayero University, Kano, has honoured its student athletes for their impressive performance at the 2025 Interfaculty Games, hosting a special reception in their recognition.

The Interfaculty Games, held from August 9 to 16, 2025, showcased outstanding sporting talent across the University. The reception ceremony, which took place on Monday, February 2, 2026, at the Dean's Committee Room, was organised to celebrate the athletes' achievements and acknowledge the pride they brought to the Faculty.

Prof. Musa noted that as nation, we must put all hands-on-deck as a matter of priority and urgency in addressing this great menace. He noted that in BUK, issues of counselling not only on drug but marital and social issues were done and resolved amicably at confidential corner, including Centre for Gender studies, Career Service Centre and Guidance and Counselling as a thematic course in both undergraduate and postgraduate programme.

demonstrate BUK's dedication to schools in the pursuit of better educational outcomes. She emphasized that books distributed were not just resources but tools used in research and training programs focused on early grade teaching and reading.

"These books have played a crucial role in developing early grade reading and they have been used in conducting research and training on effective early childhood education," Professor Amina remarked.

"Instead of letting them gather dust on the shelf, we decided to distribute them where they can have meaningful impact" she said.

The books included a variety of resources such as pictorial books for early childhood care and reading aimed at children between the ages of 3-4 years, along with teacher's guide on effective reading and teaching instructions. The collection included titles such as *kara karatu*, *Let's Read; Teaching Guide*, *Mu karanta* and other valuable resource on issues in the teaching of early grade reading in Nigeria.

The schools that benefited from the distribution included *Janguza Primary School*, *Lengel Primary School*, *Rimin Zakara Primary School*, among others. The projects had been hailed by the head teachers of beneficiary schools as significant steps towards empowering teachers and young learners in the region with a focus on enhancing early education in an engaging and impactful way.

The initiative reflects Bayero University's ongoing commitment to community development and improving educational standards in the surrounding areas.

Several of the honourees were selected to represent the University at the recently concluded Nigerian University Games Association (NUGA) competition in Jos, where many returned with medals—further elevating the Faculty's sporting profile.

Speaking at the event, the Dean of the Faculty, Professor Umar Farouk, commended the athletes for their discipline and determination. He described the reception as both a celebration of excellence and a motivation for them to aim even higher in future competitions.

Prof. Farouk noted that the university was relying on



Dean, Faculty of Communication, Prof. Umar Farouk in a group photograph with faculty's athletes and officials

athletes from the faculty, adding that they were being carefully nurtured to represent the institution at the next NUGA game scheduled to take place in Calabar, Cross River State.

Also speaking, the Head of Department of Information and

Media Studies, Professor Nura Ibrahim, attributed the achievement to the commitment of the student-athletes and the support and cooperation of the staff members.

While congratulating the athletes, Prof. Ibrahim said the faculty had become a centre of attraction for sports talents, urging them to continue to strive for excellence.

He said "A lot of you will go far in athletics. You are our ambassadors and you must protect the image of your alma-mater"

Comrade Nura Garba who coordinated the sports activities in preparation for the games, expressed delight with the athletes' performance, describing it as a morale booster that proved his efforts were not in vain.

During the presentation of awards, certificates and medals, Prof. Farouk recalled how sports were adequately funded during their days as student-athletes in Bayero University, Kano, noting that current economic challenges had affected sports development.

He explained that the reception was a collective effort by staff of the faculty to motivate the athletes and urged members of staff to set aside small savings to support sporting activities and ensure sustainability.

ANNOUNCEMENT:

Attention Provosts, Deans, Directors and Heads of Administrative Units

This is to notify Provosts of Colleges, Deans of Faculties, Directors of Research Centers and Administrative Units that the deadline for the submission of 2025 Annual Report manuscripts has since elapsed.

Those who are yet to submit their reports have been given up to **Friday 13th February 2026** to do so, as failure to comply will leave the Committee with no other option than

to proceed with the production processes without featuring the defaulting faculties, Centers or units.

This announcement should be treated all the seriousness it deserves.

Thank you.

Announce:

Bayero University Annual Report Committee

ANNOUNCEMENT: University Vehicle Loan Committee

TITLE: CALL FOR UPDATE

CONTENT: This is to inform staff members that the University Management has re-constituted the vehicle loan committee. The committee has concluded all arrangement for the disbursement of funds to the first batch of applicants.

Staff members who applied for the loan and are still interested are therefore invited to update their information with the secretary of the committee Mal. Ahmad Bashir of the Directorate of Academic Planning from Monday 9th February to Friday 15th 2026 at floor 2 A.A Rasheed senate building New Campus.

Any applicant who failed to update his/her information within the stipulated period shall be disqualified.

Signed: Ahmad Bashir

For: Chairman, University Loan Committee

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ATTENTION: All Provosts, Deans, Directors, Heads of Department, and Heads of Unit

Following the Board of Survey meeting held on 3rd February 2026, all administrative units are hereby requested to submit a detailed list of all unserviceable items within their locations.

We kindly ask you to provide a comprehensive list of all unserviceable items currently in your respective locations. This information is crucial for the Board to determine the most practical way to dispose of these items, in accordance with established regulations.

Please be informed that Faculties, Departments, Centres, and other administrative entities are strictly prohibited from disposing of any assets independently. Under extant regulations, only the Board of Survey is empowered to conduct such exercises.

Note on Compliance:

- No action is required if your unit has already submitted its list of items.
- No response is necessary if your unit currently has no unserviceable items for disposal.

Signed:
Secretary, Board of Survey,
For: Chairman, Board of Survey



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