



## Dangote Foundation, BUK Sign MoU for ₦1.5bn Postgraduate Scholarship

By Lamara Garba

The Aliko Dangote Foundation and Bayero University Kano on Tuesday, 17th February 2026 formalized a ₦1.5 billion five-year scholarship agreement to support postgraduate students of the University's Dangote Business School.

The partnership, sealed through the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding, provides for an annual disbursement of ₦300 million over five years. The intervention is designed to widen access to postgraduate business education and strengthen entrepreneurial and managerial capacity in the country.

Under the arrangement, both newly admitted and returning students will benefit. Fresh students will receive tuition reductions at the point of registration, while returning students who have already paid their fees will be refunded accordingly.

The yearly ₦300 million allocation is structured to cover all eligible postgraduate students based on the School's enrolment capacity.

Speaking at the ceremony, the Vice Chancellor, Professor Haruna Musa, described the agreement as a landmark moment for the University.

He said the scholarship would significantly ease financial pressure on students while reinforcing the institution's

commitment to producing highly skilled business leaders and innovators.

Professor Musa noted that the partnership demonstrates what is possible when private philanthropy aligns with public education to drive sustainable development.

Representing the President and Founder of the Foundation, Alhaji Aliko Dangote, a Member of the Board of Trustees, Hajiya Mariya Aliko Dangote, said the initiative reflects the Foundation's enduring commitment to quality education and human capital development.

She explained that while the Foundation continues to invest heavily in STEM education at secondary and undergraduate levels nationwide, the Dangote Business School scholarship is a targeted postgraduate intervention aimed at grooming enterprise leaders and strengthening management expertise.

She added that since the commissioning of the Dangote Business School complex in 2018, the Foundation has supported maintenance of the facility. According to her, the new scholarship represents a strategic expansion of that support, shifting emphasis from physical infrastructure to direct investment in students.

In his remarks, the Dean of the Dangote Business School, Professor Garba Bala Bello, said the scholarship would

further enhance the School's academic environment and attract more talented candidates.

He expressed appreciation to the Foundation and assured that the programme would be implemented transparently to ensure maximum impact.

The agreement also provides that any unutilized balance at the end of each funding cycle will be retained within the Dangote Business School development framework to

## VC Applauds WOFAN–CDA Collaboration as SIBLING Initiative Takes Off

By Nura Garba

The Women Farmers Advancement Network (WOFAN), in strategic collaboration with the Centre for Dryland Agriculture (CDA) and the Faculty of Agriculture, Bayero University, Kano (BUK), has launched the Skills Improvement to Boost Livelihood and Nurture Growth (SIBLING) Initiative—a strategic initiative set up to transform agricultural training, enhance economic resilience, and promote youth-powered agribusiness ventures.

The initiative was formally unveiled on Tuesday, 17 February 2026, by the Vice-Chancellor of Bayero University, Kano, Professor Haruna Musa, fsi, who described SIBLING as a transformative programme with the potential to redefine how agricultural education translates into economic opportunity.

“Today marks the beginning of a transformative journey for our students and junior staff,” the Vice-Chancellor said while declaring the project open. “This partnership equips our graduates with hands-on skills, improves their employability, and makes agribusiness a dignified and profitable vocation.”

Designed as a two-year pilot programme, the SIBLING Initiative seeks to strengthen agribusiness training, promote climate-smart agriculture, stimulate innovative student research, and encourage specialisation across key agribusiness value chains. At the heart of the programme is a livelihood component that targets neighbouring communities and micro-agro marketers within and outside the university environment.

Professor Musa noted that the initiative directly addresses the long-standing gap between theory and practice in agricultural education. He disclosed that facilities commissioned under the project include rice milling and processing units, briquette-making machines for converting rice husks into fuel, compost production units, and fisheries training sections an innovations he said would promote value addition, youth participation, and sustainable agriculture.

The Vice-Chancellor commended WOFAN for providing critical equipment, agricultural inputs, and technical expertise. He described the collaboration as a model of effective partnership between universities and development organisations, capable of delivering

strengthen learning infrastructure and digital academic capacity.

The Aliko Dangote Foundation focuses on strategic interventions in education, health, and economic empowerment, while Bayero University Kano continues to position itself as one of Nigeria's leading institutions in teaching, research, and professional training.

measurable social and economic impact.

As a first-line intervention under the SIBLING framework, WOFAN distributed 560 bags of rice to 2,617 identified beneficiaries, mainly junior staff, casual workers, and outsourced low-ranking staff. Women between the ages of 18 and 35 were prioritised under WOFAN's ICON2 initiative, with the gesture aimed at supporting small businesses, easing household food pressure, and strengthening economic resilience, particularly ahead of the Ramadan season.

In her remarks, the WOFAN Group Executive Board Chair and United Nations POLAC Peace Ambassador, Dr Salamatu Garba, said the SIBLING Initiative represents a



Group photograph of the VC, Prof. Haruna Musa, fsi and Director CDA, Prof. Sanusi Gaya Mohammed, Dr. Salamatu Garba, Prof. M. A. Hussein, Prof. Mahmud Daneji and WOFAN E.D. Haj. Maimuna Lawan

deliberate scaling of WOFAN's ICON2 project from rural communities into centres of learning, innovation, and research.

“Our students study agriculture, but many lack entrepreneurial exposure. We want to change that,” she said. “Young people between the ages of 18 and 35 are the backbone of the economy, and they must be prioritised if agriculture is to become a tool for wealth creation.”

Dr Garba explained that SIBLING will promote climate-smart agriculture, compost and biochar production, briquette making, rainwater harvesting, and circular-economy practices. She added that the programme will deploy climate information services, decision-support tools, and artificial intelligence applications to guide precision farming and improve soil management.

Earlier, the Chairman of the Local Organising Committee and Chairman of the Technical Board of Advisers for the WOFAN ICON2 Project, Professor Sani Miko, described the launch as a historic milestone in the university's development journey. "In a rapidly changing economy, the gap between the skills people have and the skills the market demands determines whether they thrive or struggle," he said.

On his part, the Director of the Centre for Dryland Agriculture, Professor Sanusi Muhammad Gaya, said the initiative reflects a deepened partnership between WOFAN and CDA rooted in shared vision and collective responsibility. He noted that the programme prioritises climate-smart agriculture as a response to climate variability and food system challenges.

"Our goal is not to train job seekers, but to nurture innovators and entrepreneurs who will strengthen food systems and drive sustainable economic growth," he said, adding that the rice distribution underscores the partners'

commitment to inclusivity and compassion.

The Dean of the Faculty of Agriculture, Professor Aminu Sulaiman, said the initiative aligns with the faculty's goal of producing job creators rather than job seekers. He explained that students will receive end-to-end practical exposure across the rice, maize, and groundnut value chains—from cultivation and processing to packaging and marketing.

Also speaking at the event, the Chairman of the Non-Academic Staff Union (NASU), BUK branch, Comrade Abdullahi Nasiru Abdulrafiu, expressed appreciation to WOFAN, noting that nearly 90 per cent of the beneficiaries of the rice distribution were NASU members.

Goodwill messages were delivered by the former Vice-Chancellor of Aliko Dangote University of Science and Technology, Professor Shehu Alhaji Musa, and the immediate past Director of CDA, Professor Jibrin Mohammed Jibrin.

## BUK Innovation Hub Hosts Maiden Pre-Incubation Bootcamp on Pollution and Waste Management

By Nura Garba

The Bayero University Kano (BUK) Innovation Hub, under the Center for Entrepreneurship Research and Training (CERT), successfully organized its maiden Pre-Incubation Bootcamp from 31st January to 1st February, 2026 at the BoI-BUK Innovation Hub.

The two-day intensive programme was designed to strengthen early-stage entrepreneurial ideas through idea validation, business model development and pitch readiness, with a strong emphasis on innovation-driven solutions for Kano State.

The bootcamp brought together 25 innovative ideas developed by Bayero University students and other innovation enthusiasts from the Kano community. Participants were selected based on their interest in addressing critical development challenges, particularly in the areas of health, pollution and waste management, which remain key concerns in Kano State.

In his opening address, the Director of the Center for Entrepreneurship Research and Training (CERT), Prof. Bala Ado K/Mata, charged participants on the importance of cultivating a strong entrepreneurial mindset and positioning innovation as a tool for creating meaningful social, economic and environmental impact. He emphasized the need for solution-driven entrepreneurship that responds to real community problems while remaining scalable and sustainable.

The programme focused on preparing participants for effective investor and stakeholder engagement through hands-on sessions on business model development and pitch readiness. Participants refined their value propositions, clarified customer segments, strengthened their problem-solution fit, and developed viable revenue

models for their ideas.

A major highlight of the bootcamp was the practical coaching session facilitated by the Innovation Hackathon Competition Project Manager, Dr. Shukurat Bello, who is also the Manager of the BUK Innovation Hub. Dr. Bello coached participants on pitch deck structure, storytelling for impact, and effective pitch presentation techniques, equipping them with the skills required to confidently



Participants of Pre-incubation Bootcamp in a group photograph

communicate their innovations to potential investors, partners, and policymakers.

The bootcamp featured interactive lectures, group work, mentoring, and pitch simulations, fostering peer learning and collaboration among participants. Participants expressed appreciation for the practical and experiential nature of the sessions, as well as the opportunity to receive constructive feedback on their ideas.

# Inaugurates CDA Industry Advisory Board ...Dr. Salamatu Garba to Serve as Chairperson

By Nura Garba

The Vice-Chancellor of Bayero University, Kano (BUK), Prof. Haruna Musa, fsi, on Wednesday, 18 February 2026, inaugurated the Sectoral Industry Advisory Board (SIAB) of the Centre for Dryland Agriculture (CDA), with Hajiya Dr Salamatu Garba, Chairperson of the Women Farmers



Members of the CDA Sectoral Industry Advisory Board in a group photograph with the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Haruna Musa, fsi

Advancement Network (WOFAN) International Group, as Chairperson of the Board.

In his remarks, the Vice-Chancellor said the calibre of professionals appointed to the Board would significantly strengthen the capacity of CDA to advance food security in Nigeria. He prayed for divine guidance for the members as they undertake what he described as a demanding and strategic responsibility.

The Vice-Chancellor who congratulated Dr Garba, the CDA, and Bayero University, Kano on the successful launch of the SIBLING Project, expressed the University's appreciation for the distribution of rice palliatives to 2,617 junior staff members, describing the gesture as timely and impactful, and noted that the University was deeply grateful for the support. He formally welcomed all

members of the reconstituted CDA SIAB.

Earlier, the Director of the Centre for Dryland Agriculture, Professor Sanusi Gaya Mohammed, said that the SIAB had been reconstituted as the Centre's second board. He noted that the Board comprises 12 members carefully selected to provide industry-driven guidance and strategic oversight for the Centre.

Speaking on behalf of the Board, the Chairperson, Dr Salamatu Garba, said members were honoured to be entrusted with such an important assignment. She pledged the Board's commitment to giving its best in support of the Centre's mandate.

She described the assignment as both a privilege and a challenge, she noted that serving in a highly reputable institution with abundant talent demands teamwork and mutual support. "As the only female on the Board, the responsibility is even greater, but I seek the cooperation and guidance of my colleagues to help move this University to greater heights beyond our imagination," she said.

Other external members of the Board include Alhaji Nasiru Wada (Magajin Garin Kano) and Managing Director of Esoterra Investment Ltd; Alhaji Ali Safiyanu Madugu, mni, Managing Director/Chief Executive Officer of Dala Foods Nigeria Limited; Dr Mohammed Salasi Kibiya, Country Representative of IFDC; Alhaji Yusuf Ado Kibiya, Managing Director/Chief Executive Officer of Chimande Nigeria Limited; Dr Donald Madukwe of OCP; and Abubakar Garba Ibrahim of SILVEX International Limited.

The internal members are the Director of CDA, Professor Sanusi Gaya Mohammed; the immediate past Director of CDA, Professor Jibrin Mohammed Jibrin; the Deputy Director (Training), Professor Murtala Mohammad Badamasi; the Deputy Director (Research), Dr Mustapha Mohammed Bello; and the Deputy Director (Outreach and Publication), Dr Amina Lawan Mustapha.

## TETFund Monitoring Team Assesses BUK Renewable Energy Centre, Commends Progress

By Suleiman Salihu

Bayero University, Kano, on Thursday, 12th February 2026, received a high powered monitoring team from the Tertiary Education Trust Fund to evaluate the performance of the Centre for Renewable Energy and Sustainability Transitions, one of the six pioneer Centres of Excellence established by the Fund across the country.

Leader of the delegation, Professor Lawal Suleiman Bilbis, former Vice Chancellor of Usman Danfodiyo University, Sokoto and the Federal University, Birnin Kebbi, said the visit was part of TETFund's routine oversight to assess the

level of implementation, impact, and compliance with the objectives for which the centres were created.

He explained that the first phase of the initiative produced six specialised centres, while a second batch of twelve has since been distributed across universities, polytechnics, and colleges of education in the Nigerian tertiary education system.

He stated that this was the second monitoring exercise carried out to the Centre from TETFund, adding that the visit was to monitor and ensure that CREST complied with

the template that guides its development.

In his response, the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Haruna Musa, fsi, who was represented by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academics), Prof. Ahmad Muhammad Tsauni, thanked the team for the visit on behalf of the Management of the University. He said “monitoring exercise is a very noble one, as it is a key to success, as soon as one has a plan, that plan needs to be monitored for progress, where there is need for correction, updating or total review of the earlier plan could be done,” he remarked.

He appreciated TETFund for selecting BUK as one of the first six (6) blessed Centres of Excellence across the federation. He also thanked past and present Executive Secretaries of TETFund for the modest interventions recorded in the University.

Prof. Tsauni assured the team that the University was always ready to utilise any observations brought by the team for the improvement and progress of the Centre. He assured the team that the University would judiciously implement all the projects, utilize all resources approved and allocated to the University.

He wished the team a successful exercise and prayed for a successful trip to their respective destinations.

The team leader was accompanied by Prof. Ahmed Ibrahim Doko, from Ahmadu Bello University (ABU), Zaria and Dr. Sa'adatu Labaran, from TETFund.



TETFund Monitoring team in a group photograph with BUK Management

## Scholars Advocate Stronger Role for Qur'anic Exegetes in Tackling Nigeria's Security Challenges

By Lamara Garba

Religious scholars and academics have called for a more structured engagement of Qur'anic oral exegetes, known as *Mufassirun*, in addressing Nigeria's security and moral challenges.

The call was made during the 3rd National Conference organised by the Centre for Qur'anic Studies (CQS), Bayero University Kano, with the theme, “*The Role of*

requires a multidimensional response that goes beyond conventional security operations.

Welcoming participants, the Director of the Centre, Professor Ahmad Murtala said the workshop was organized basically to sensitize scholars on the need to use their position to inculcate morality and God fearing in the minds of the people.

He also commended the Vice Chancellor for the support he has been giving the Centre which has been responsible for the regular hosting of workshops and trainings.

In his remarks as Chief Host, the Vice-Chancellor of Bayero University Kano, Professor Haruna Musa, fsi, stated that religious leaders and scholars have a strategic responsibility in shaping public attitudes and promoting social harmony.

Represented by the DVC Management Services, Professor Aliyu Mu'azu, mni, he said Qur'anic exegetes, through their sermons and public teachings, influence millions of people and therefore must rise to the challenge of guiding society toward peace, tolerance and responsible citizenship.

The Chairman of the conference, *Limamin Kano*, Professor Emeritus Muhammad Sani Zahraddeen, OFR, who was represented by Professor Nu'uman Habib emphasized that Islam promotes justice, coexistence and respect for human life.

He noted that proper interpretation of the Qur'an is essential in preventing the misuse of religion for violent or divisive purposes. He urged scholars to remain united and



DVC Management Services, Prof. Aliyu Mu'azu, mni (right) with Prof. Umar Sani Fagge (centre) and Prof. Nu'uman Habib

*Qur'anic Oral Exegetes (Mufassirun) in Ensuring National Security.*” The two-day conference was held on February 11 and 12, 2026, at the CBN Centre of Excellence.

Participants at the conference observed that Nigeria's security crisis, marked by terrorism, insurgency, communal conflicts and rising cases of violent crime,

committed to safeguarding the integrity of Islamic teachings.

Delivering the keynote address, Dr. Kawu Sule Rano of the Department of Sociology, BUK, said national security is not solely a military concern but also a moral and social issue.

According to him the teachings of the Qur'an provide ethical frameworks capable of addressing social injustice, corruption, intolerance and other root causes of instability. He urged Mufassirun to engage contemporary realities directly and to communicate their messages in ways that resonate with modern audiences.

Presenting a paper on *The Qur'anic Miracle of Eloquence (Balagha)*, Professor Umar Sani Fagge highlighted the power of Qur'anic language in inspiring moral transformation. He said the eloquence of the Qur'an has historically shaped societies and continues to offer guidance in times of uncertainty.

Shaikh Usman Abubakar, also known as Shehu Mansur, spoke on the need to understand scholastic divergences in Islamic scholarship. He stated that differences in interpretation should not be a source of division but rather a means of enriching understanding. He stressed that clarity and unity among scholars are crucial in fostering national cohesion.

In his presentation on jurisprudence of reality and cultural implications, Professor Umar Abbas Abdulkadir noted that Qur'anic interpretation must consider contemporary social, economic and political contexts. He urged Mufassirun to address pressing issues such as poverty,

injustice and youth disillusionment, which often contribute to insecurity.

Professor Ahmad Murtala addressed the challenge of unorthodox interpretations, commonly referred to as *Fassarar Gatari*. He warned that misinterpretations of religious texts can fuel extremism and social unrest. He called for stronger scholarly oversight and continuous education to prevent distortions of Islamic teachings.

On his part, Dr. Sunusi Iguda discussed the importance of leveraging modern communication methods to disseminate Islamic teachings. He observed that digital platforms and social media have expanded the reach of religious messages and urged scholars to use these tools responsibly to counter misinformation and promote balanced discourse.

The conference organisers noted that the event aimed to empower Qur'anic exegetes to address contemporary security challenges using Islamic teachings, foster understanding of Islamic principles in relation to national security, and build a network of Mufassirun committed to peace and national development.

At the end of the conference, participants expressed commitment to strengthening collaboration among scholars and developing practical recommendations for addressing Nigeria's security challenges through informed and responsible Qur'anic interpretation.

The conference concluded with a renewed call for religious leaders to play a proactive role in promoting stability, moral discipline and peaceful coexistence across the country.

## College of Natural and Pharmaceutical Sciences Organizes Workshop for Postgraduate Students

By Suleiman Salihu

The College of Natural and Pharmaceutical Sciences (CNPS), Bayero University, Kano, in collaboration with Centre of Information Technology and Development (CITAD), held a one-day postgraduate training workshop for the 2024/2025 academic session.

The event took place on Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> February, 2026, at the A.A. Rasheed and Hafiz Abubakar Board Rooms, Faculty of Physical Sciences, BUK, Old Campus.

The workshop themed; "Research in Digital Age: ICT Tools for Success" was aimed at strengthening the research capacity of postgraduate students through practical exposure to modern Information and Communication Technology (ICT) tools relevant to academic and Scientific research.

In his welcome address, the Chairman of the Organizing Committee and also the Ag. Dean Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Prof. Bashir A. Z. Chedi, noted that the hybrid workshop was deliberately planned to guide the teeming postgraduate students the practical use of digital tools relevant to their research areas.

He noted that at this difficult time, accessing these-digital-tools would provide the postgraduate students adequate knowledge and prepare them on how to ethically conduct



A cross section of the workshop participants during the session

their researches and thereby guarding against plagiarism, fabrication or impersonation.

Declaring the workshop open, the Provost of CNPS, Prof. N. T. Dabo, stated that the theme of the conference was apt and timely considering the role of digital competence in today's academic environment which often resulted to effective research collaboration and dissemination of scholarly work. He added that skillfulness in ICT tools lead to excellence in academic hunt.

Prof. Dabo explained that the initiation reflected the College's commitment to strengthening research capacity and promoting academic excellence. He urged students to actively employ the knowledge and practical skills acquired in the training for their academic and professional careers.

He thanked the Chairman and members of the LOC, facilitators and the collaborating partner (CITAD) for mentoring and sharing their wealth of experiences. He also acknowledged the teeming participants for their full engagement in the training and wished them a successful and productive session.

Dr. Magaji Ladan, from Department of Pure and Industrial Chemistry presented a paper on *"Research Problem Identification."* He defined research problem in simple way, as an engine room of the entire research, noting that a science researcher should be very clear and specific about the area, statement, gap or difficulty to be investigated. He concluded that without research problem, a researcher cannot develop a procedure or novelty to achieve an

effective research.

Prof. Mutari Hajara Ali, from Department of Physics, spoke on; *"From Research Problem to Literature Review: Setting the Direction."* He explained literature review as systematic approach that involved activities that are serially connected. He stated that as a researcher identifies his research problem, the next allowed researcher to develop the factors that constituted the problem, including variable and construct, which he explained in details.

Prof. Aisha Ibrahim Aminu, made her presentation on *"Proposal Drafting and Writing."* She took participants through practical aspect of how to draft and write a good research proposal with the aid of annotated examples.

Moreover, participants were taught on practical aspects of *"online data collection and analysis tools"*, *"Research collaboration and research dissemination tools"* and *"Responsible use of AI tools in Research"* from CITAD Technical Officers; Yusuf Babagana, Suhail Abdullahi, Mubarak Shehu Dayyab and Mohd Bello Yahaya.

In his remarks, Prof. T. H. Darma, advised participants to take their studies serious and make use of the knowledge acquired at the workshop, so as to enable them to conclude their research on time.

The event presented in hybrid format, featured question and answer sessions and recorded mass turnout of postgraduate students across the faculties of the CPNS.

## Monitoring Team from Budget Office Visits BUK, Assesses Fourth Quarter, 2024 Capital Performance

By Suleiman Salihu



Members of the Monitoring team from the Budget Office with the Management of BUK in a group photograph

A delegation from the Budget Office of the Federation visited Bayero University, Kano, on Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> February, 2026, to monitor capital performance of the last quarter of the 2024.

Led by the Director of Budget Office, Dr. Gimbiya Iliyasu, the team according to Dr. Iliyasu was facilitated by the Federal Ministry of Education (FMOE) and was mandated to monitor the fourth quarter, 2024 consolidated budget, adding that the visit was purely to track the entire expenditure of the year 2024.

Dr. Iliyasu further explained that the essence of the monitoring exercise was to provide guidance and where there was error or gap, the team straightened and correct

the narration to order and where the government faulted, the team was always ready to report for the progress of the sector and the country in general.

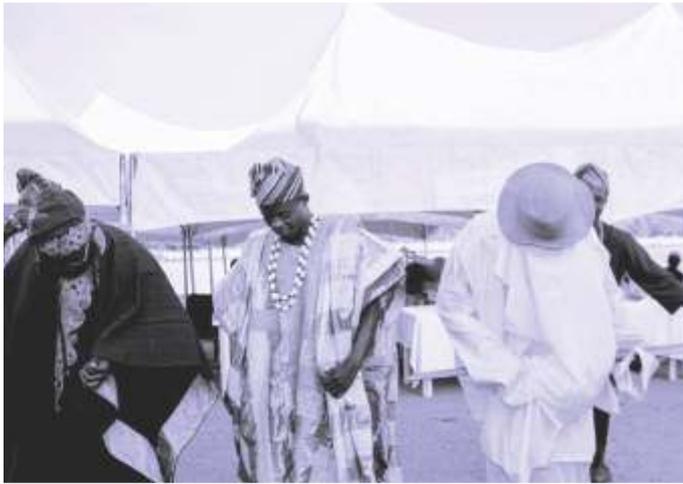
In his response, the Vice-Chancellor Prof. Haruna Musa, fsi, represented by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Academics, Prof. Ahmad Muhammad Tsauni, welcomed the team. He noted that monitoring was always a key to success. Prof. Tsauni assured the team that the University was always ready to cooperate with the team to enable to deliver their mandate. He assured the team that the Management was ready to accept any observation or recommendations by the team for the progress of the University. He wished the team success.

# Yoruba Students Hosts Maiden OJÚDÈ ÀSÀ 2026 Cultural Festival

By Nura Garba

The Yorùbá Students' Union, Bayero University Kano Chapter (YOSU-BUK) on Saturday, 7 February 2026, hosted the maiden edition of OJÚDÈ ÀSÀ, a cultural festival aimed at promoting Yorùbá heritage, unity, and student engagement within the university community.

The event, which commenced at 10:00 a.m., took place at



Yoruba community displaying their cultural status during the programme

the Sports Complex of Bayero University, Kano New Site and attracted dignitaries, invited guests, cultural enthusiasts, and a large number of students.

Held under the motto *"Unity and Progress"* and themed *"Sustaining the Legacy of Our Ancestors,"* OJÚDÈ ÀSÀ 2026 marked the first celebration of its kind organised by the Union under the current administration, reflecting its commitment to cultural preservation and inclusive student participation.

## Special Committee on Campus Electricity Distribution Pays Courtesy Visit to Vice-Chancellor

By Suleiman Salihu

A special committee saddled with the responsibility of distribution of electricity; tagged: University campus electricity power separation to academic, residential and commercial areas, visits Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Haruna Musa, on Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> February, 2026.

The Director of Maintenance Services Department (MSD), Engineer Bashir Dan'Umma, said the Committee was recently formed and mandated to ensure separation of power on campus, for academic activities, staff quarters and by extension to commercial areas.

He recalled that the Management of the University had paid a courtesy visit to the Management and new Chief Executive Officer of KEDCO, to that effect, the VC

The programme was organised by the Union's leadership under the President, Aare Adewale Adeyinka (Okocha), alongside members of the Executive Council, in collaboration with presidents of affiliated state and local unions.

Speaking during the event, Aare Adewale Adeyinka emphasised the importance of cultural consciousness among students, noting that cultural identity plays a vital role in self-awareness, leadership development, and societal contribution. He encouraged members of the Union to actively participate in union activities, describing engagement as a pathway to unity and collective progress.

The President also expressed appreciation to invited guests, executives, leaders of affiliated unions, and students for their support, which he said contributed to the success of the maiden edition.

The celebration featured a series of symbolic cultural performances that highlighted key elements of Yorùbá tradition. These included a Sàngó performance, symbolising strength, authority, and spirituality; an Eyo display, reflecting the iconic cultural heritage associated with Lagos; and an Oṣun performance, celebrating purity, femininity, and prosperity.

The performances were received with applause and admiration from the audience, creating a vibrant and immersive cultural atmosphere. Traditional attires, rhythmic drumbeats, and coordinated displays transformed the Sports Complex into a colourful cultural arena.

Participants and guests expressed satisfaction with the organisation and content of the programme, which concluded with renewed commitment to sustaining Yorùbá culture within the academic environment.



University Electricity Distribution Committee in a round table discussion with Management

presented some demands to the new CEO including; need for dual supply of power to Old Campus, connecting nitda-agro incubation center and connecting University's staff quarters to 24 hours power supply with metering on both the Old and New Campuses and by extension to provide a dedicated line for commercial areas with metering inclusively.

Engineer Dan'umma further stated that this was the second visit of the team, he noted that the first team requested some documents from the university and took measurement, adding that the third team would arrive the University for the house-to-house inventory enumeration.

The Chairman of the Committee who is the Customer and Business Solution of KEDCO, Engineer Ibrahim Lawan, told the Vice-Chancellor that the Committee was in his office to pay him a courtesy call and to brief him on the activities of the Committee. He noted that the Committee comprised both commercial and technical staff including staff of the University.

He explained that before separation of any network from academic to staff quarters and to commercial areas

affected, there must be some adjustments of KEDCO's network, including area capturing, inventory taking and report to the management, afterward, the final verdict of the report would be submitted to the University for granting the possibility or order wise of the request.

Responding, the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Haruna Musa, fsi, who was represented by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Academics, appreciated the Committee on behalf of the Management of the University for the support given by the Committee.

He noted that the University community could not survive and function well without reliable energy source. He stated that the University would strengthen existing cordial relationship and collaboration with KEDCO to ensure that the mandates of the Committee were achieved.

He assured that the University Management would study the Committee's reports and look forward for the third team's report, for proper navigation on the challenging situation. He wished the committee success in its undertakings.

## Information Technology Department Organizes Virtual Orientation for its Postgraduate Students

By Suleiman Salihu

The Department of Information Technology (I.T) of the Faculty of Computing, Bayero University, Kano, became a pacesetter by conducting a virtual orientation for its teeming postgraduate students.

The orientation workshop took place on Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> February, 2026 via a Google meet link, developed by the



department.

In his welcome address, the Head of I. T. Department, Dr. Faruk Umar Ambursa, noted that the programme was designed to acquaint fresh students with University's academic regulations, research expectations and the specific requirements for their respective programmes. He noted that local interaction would be made to enlighten and

guide the PG students on facilities, staff strength, among other things. He advised other departments to emulate the I.T. initiative for the progress of the University.

In his opening remarks, the Dean, Faculty of Computing, Prof. Ibrahim A. Lawan who was represented by the Sub-Dean (Academics), Dr. Ja'afar Maitama on behalf of the Faculty, appreciated the department and the keynote speakers for their invaluable insight, clarity and motivation to the teeming postgraduate students.

He commended the PG students for their active participation and reflection in the workshop, he wished them a productive academic session.

In a keynote address on *“PG Studies Guidelines and Procedures”* delivered by Prof. M. S. Abubakar, Deputy Dean (Academics), Postgraduate School, explained that the 9<sup>th</sup> edition of PG General Regulation Book contained 5 chapters and 99 pages, that laid down the guidelines governing PG admissions and registrations, examination regulations, proposal and submission of thesis, research duties and responsibilities, which he explained in details.

In his keynote address titled: *“Library and Digital Resources for PG School,”* the University Librarian, Dr. Kabiru Dahiru Abbas, represented by Dr. Firdausi Abdullahi, described library as social institution that organize, present and disseminate information. She explained that the University had main and 17 branch libraries across colleges, centers and units. She explained further on the rules and regulations governing the use of the University library, including; registration, opening and closing hours, among others.

In another keynote address on *“Research Ethics, Professionalism and Academic Integrity,”* presented by Prof. M. M. Maina, he described research ethics as honesty and commitment and advised students to shun any form of plagiarism, fabrication and impersonation. He further advised students to uphold integrity and character in their doings and emulate professionalism with reputation in conducting their research work.

In a panel discussion on *“Roadmap for Graduation on Time (GoT),”* Prof. M. Y. Bello, Prof. I. A. Lawan, Prof. B. S. Galadanci, Prof. Yusuf Fagge, Prof. Kabiru Umar

(Faculty of Computing) and Prof. Aminu Bukar (Department of Microbiology), shared their life and practical experiences with scenarios in cautioning and encouraging students to give more focus on their studies as blueprint for them to graduate on time. They concluded that “attitude of one towards study, determines his success.”

The event presented in virtual format, featured question and answer sessions and recorded over 100 subscribers in the attendance.

## VC, Prof. Musa Pledges Supports for CGS and OIKOS Initiative ... Pledges to Establish a Befitting Women Centre

By Fausat A. Opayomi

The Vice Chancellor, Prof. Haruna Musa, *fsi*, pledged to support the Centre for Gender Studies (CGS) and OIKOS International's initiative. He made the remarks when he received the Director of the Centre, Ambassador Safiya Ahmad Nuhu and her team on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2026 in his office.

Prof. Haruna Musa, *fsi*, also promised to establish a befitting Women Centre in BUK, saying that already, the



VC, Prof. Haruna Musa, *fsi*

architectural design and bill of quantity of the proposed Centre had been done and documents sent to the federal government for funding.

He re-stated the resolved his administration to support the Centre, citing the importance of addressing gender issues, particularly in the North. He assured of his determination

not only to implement the sexual harassment policy, but also to implement it effectively.

The Vice Chancellor also mentioned competitive research grants which he said focused on gender equity and invited OIKOS to collaborate on sustainability projects and showcase research at BUK's maiden research fair.

Shedding more lights on the competitive grants which emphasized on gender issues, Prof. Musa noted that the North faces great challenges with gender equity and sexual harassment, saying also that apart from students, a lot of staff were suffering in silence and that a meeting would be scheduled for the committee to make presentation before principal officers of the university for effective implementation of the policy.

The Vice Chancellor suggested that the proposed international conference should to be held by visitors be moved to the end of the year for proper funding.

Earlier, the CGS Director, Ambassador Safiya Ahmad Nuhu highlighted the centre's achievements, including the confidential corner for counselling service that supported students on cases of sexual harassment, mental health issues and academic challenges. She emphasized the need for the university to take ownership of CGS activities and fund impactful projects.

Ambassador Safiya also briefed the Vice Chancellor on the planned international conference, aimed at promoting gender issues and inclusivity scheduled for May, 2026.

In her address, OIKOS Kano representative, Maryam Sadiq Wali presented the group's activities including leadership training and environmental conservation.

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

**Candidate 1:** Faruk Nanoh Bello  
(SPS/19/PMC/0006)

**Topic:** Analysis of Restructuring Agitation Discourse on Social Media in Nigeria

**Supervisor:** Professor Abdalla Uba Adamu

**Submission:**

**Candidate 2:** Aliyu Damri (SPS/21/PMC/0006)

**Topic:** Journalists' Understanding of Child Rights Reporting in Zamfara State, Nigeria

**Supervisor:** Professor Mustapha Nasir Malam

**Submission:** PhD Internal Defense

**Candidate 3:** Hajara Aliyu (SPS/19/PMC/00004)

**Topic:** Safety of Journalists Covering Violent Crimes in North-West Nigeria

**Supervisor:** Professor Umaru A. Pate  
**Submission:** PhD Proposal Defense  
**Candidate 4:** Abdullahi Salisu  
 (SPS/21/PMC/00001)  
**Topic:** Political Economy of Hausa Skit Production  
 in Northern Nigeria  
**Supervisor:** Professor Abdalla Uba Adamu  
**Submission:** PhD Proposal Defense  
**Candidate 5:** Mnena Iornenge  
 (SPS/20/MMC/00019)  
**Topic:** Media Campaign on Health Awareness: A

Study of Diphtheria Outbreak in Some Selected Local  
 Government Areas of Kano State.  
**Supervisor:** Professor Hajara Umar Sanda  
**Submission:** M.Sc.Internal Defense  
**Date:** Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> February, 2026  
**Venue:** Mass Communication Departmental Board  
 Room  
**Time:** 9:30am  
**Chairman:** Dr. Gambo Shehu Nababa  
*All Submissions have been distributed along with  
 this notice*

## **PUBLIC NOTICE: ASUU-BUK 2026 Branch Election**

This is to inform all members of the Bayero University Kano Community that the 2026 Branch Election has been conducted by the Electoral Committee (ELCOM) on 16th February 2026. The results of the election are hereby declared as follows:

### **Election Summary Results by Office**

<b>S/N</b>	<b>Office</b>	<b>Name of the Officer</b>	<b>Department</b>
1	Chairman	Ibrahim Tajo Siraj	Pure & Industrial Chemistry
2	Vice Chairman	Umar Yusuf Madugu	History
3	Secretary	Sani Safiyanu	Political Science
4	Assistant Secretary	Mohammed Mustapha Jibrin	Biochemistry
5	Treasurer	Kabiru Haruna Isa	History
6	Financial Secretary	Mohammed Salisu	Accounting
7	Investment Secretary	Ibrahim Tafida	Agric. Economics & Extension
8	Welfare Officer	Mansur Abdul Muhammad	Geography
9	Internal Auditor	Sirajo Lawan Bichi	Mathematical Sciences

The Office of the Chairman and all other candidates listed above were returned elected; they are declared winners of their respective offices. The Electoral Committee commends all members for their orderly conduct during the election process.

*Signed:*  
**ELCOM 2026**  
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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.

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