



BUK VC Eyes Global Top-500 Ranking; Class of '92 Donates N5m, Honours Members

By Lamara Garba



VC BUK Professor Haruna Musa, fsi (right) receiving an award from Chairman Class '92 Muhammad Dahiru Sa'ad

The Vice Chancellor of Bayero University, Kano (BUK), Professor Haruna Musa, has restated his commitment to positioning the university among the top 500 universities globally, describing alumni partnership as central to achieving that ambition.

Professor Musa spoke on Wednesday, 31st December, 2025, while receiving members of the BUK Class of 1992, who marked their 33rd anniversary and 10th reunion with a ₦5 million donation to the university's Indigent Students' Account.

He noted that BUK's recent emergence as the 3rd best university in Nigeria, the best in Northern Nigeria, and the country's leading institution for international outlook in the 2026 Times Higher Education Rankings reflects steady progress, but stressed that the university is aiming higher.

"Our focus is to build a globally competitive institution through discipline, innovation, infrastructure, and sustained alumni support," the Vice Chancellor said.

Earlier, the alumni delegation, led by Forum Chairman Muhammad Dahiru Sa'ad, congratulated Professor Musa on his appointment and commended the administration for expanding strategic partnerships with various organisations and research institutions within and outside the country.

Sa'ad reaffirmed the group's support for the university's zero-tolerance stance on examination malpractice and cultism, as well as its student-friendly policies, disclosing that the Class of '92 recently assisted medical students who were temporarily suspended over registration challenges.

Professor Musa described the donation as timely,

announcing plans to establish a university-wide endowment fund in 2026, alongside ongoing efforts to strengthen power supply through a solar energy upgrade and expand staff housing.

As part of the anniversary programme, the alumni conducted a medical outreach at Aminu Kano Teaching Hospital, on Thursday, 1st January, 2026 followed by an award presentation during a luncheon at the hospital's conference hall. At the ceremony, Professor Musa was honoured for his leadership and service to education, equally honoured along with the VC, include PR guru Yusha'u Shua'ib.

FAIS Alumni Marks Silver Jubilee with Prayers, Novelty Match, Awards

By Lamara Garba

Alumni of the former Faculty of Arts and Islamic Studies (FAIS), Bayero University, Kano (BUK), marked their Silver Jubilee Graduation Ceremony at the Old Campus with religious activities, sporting events and an awards dinner that drew graduates from across departments and generations.

Activities commenced with Qur'anic recitations and special prayers at the Main Mosque of the Old Campus, where alumni gathered to give thanks and

Other award recipients included Professor Hajara Umar Sandra, the first female Professor of Mass Communication from Kano State, CP Nazir Bello Kankarofi, Prof. Hannatu Sabo Hadejia and several distinguished individuals recognized for their selfless contributions to public service and community development.

Professor Musa commended the Class of '92 for sustaining a decade-long tradition of giving, describing the group as a model of responsible alumni engagement and a strong partner in BUK's journey toward global relevance.

presentation held on Saturday, 27th December 2025, at the Committee Room, Dean's Office, Faculty of Physical Sciences, Old Campus.

In his remarks, the Chairman of the Silver Jubilee Organising Committee said the gathering was aimed at celebrating 25 years of graduation, strengthening alumni ties and appreciating individuals who had distinguished themselves in academia and public service.



Former VC North West University, Kano Professor Mustapha Ahmed Isa with Professor Ibrahim Maibushira, Professor Dalha Wazirin, Professor Ahmed Magaji and other invited guests in a group photograph with some members of FAIS Millennium Graduates at a Silver Jubilee dinner

pray for departed colleagues. The session was described by organisers as a moment of reflection on the academic journey and shared experiences of the class.

Earlier in the evening, a novelty football match added excitement to the celebration as Team "A," largely made up of alumni from the Mass Communication and Hausa Departments, defeated Team "B," which comprised graduates from the History, Arabic, English and Islamic Studies Departments, by 3-1.

The match attracted a lively audience and provided moments of friendly rivalry and reunion.

The event climaxed with a dinner and award

He noted that FAIS had produced graduates who continue to make meaningful contributions to education and national development.

Speaking on behalf of the award recipients, Professor Mustapha Ahmed Isa, thanked the alumni association for the recognition and urged younger graduates to uphold the values of scholarship, discipline and service instilled during their years at FAIS.

Awards were presented to Prof. Mustapha Ahmed Isa of the Department of English and European Languages; Prof. Tahir Sayyid of the Arabic Department; Prof. Ahmad Magaji and the late Prof. Mu'azu Sani-Zaria of the Nigerian Languages Department; and Prof. Abdurrahman Adam of the Mass Communication Department. Others honoured were Prof. Dalha Waziri of the History Department and Prof. Ibrahim Maibushira of the Islamic Studies Department.

In a vote of thanks, The Assistant Comptroller General of Immigration, Alhaji Adamu Muhammad Azare, who described the event as a successful reunion and called for sustained engagement among graduates of the former FAIS, Bayero University, Kano.

Workshop Examines Role of Tsangaya Schools in National Development

By Lamara Garba

A workshop organised by the Centre for Qur'anic Studies has examined the contributions of Tsangaya schools to national development, with participants calling for a reinvention of the traditional Qur'anic education system to restore discipline and moral values, particularly in Northern Nigeria.

Speaking at the event on Monday, 29th December 2025, at Mahmud Tukur Theatre, the former Executive Secretary of the Kano State Tsangaya Commission, Prof. Bashir Galadanci, said Tsangaya schools played a vital role in the growth and development of the country in the past. He noted that the system produced disciplined and morally upright individuals who contributed meaningfully to society.

According to him, the decline of the Tsangaya system was not accidental but came as a result of neglect and external influence. He described the situation as unfortunate, stressing that the system was allowed to degenerate over time. Prof. Galadanci said for Nigeria, and especially the North, to regain its past glory in discipline, good conduct and communal responsibility, there was a need to reinvent the traditional Tsangaya system as it once existed.

He expressed concern over the current state of affairs, describing it as regrettable to see an almajiri scavenging in refuse dumps in search of food. He said such practices were alien to the original Tsangaya system, which ensured care, discipline and moral upbringing for pupils.

In his address, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Haruna Musa, urged Islamic scholars (ulama) to find practical ways of discouraging street begging among Qur'anic school pupils. He said the region once had a well-structured system for nurturing young people, but lamented that many of those positive values had been abandoned over the years.

The Vice-Chancellor stressed the need for collective responsibility among scholars, parents and government to reform Qur'anic education in a way that preserves its moral foundations while addressing contemporary social challenges. He reaffirmed the commitment of the university

management towards continued support for the Centre to continue conducting such programmes.

Earlier, the Director of the Centre for Qur'anic Studies, Prof. Ahmad Murtala, said the workshop was organised to highlight the historical and



Workshop participants in a group photograph with VC, Professor Haruna Musa, fsi



VC, BUK, Professor Haruna Musa, fsi, presenting an award to one of the honourees

contemporary contributions of Tsangaya schools to society. He explained that the aim was also to generate ideas on how to revive the positive aspects of the system and adapt them to modern realities. He said the centre hoped the discussions would inspire renewed commitment to restoring the dignity and true purpose of Qur'anic education.

The highlight of the workshop was the presentation of awards to individuals who distinguished themselves in Islamic propagation and community service, in recognition of their contributions to the promotion of Islamic values and education.

VC Commissions SSANU 7-Aside Futsal Named After Registrar Haruna Aliyu

By Nura Garba

The Vice-Chancellor of Bayero University, Kano (BUK), Professor Haruna Musa, fsi, on Thursday, 1 January 2026, commissioned an ultra-modern 7-Aside Futsal facility constructed by the Senior Staff Association of Nigerian Universities (SSANU), BUK branch, and named after the University's 7th Registrar, Malam Haruna Aliyu.

Speaking at the commissioning ceremony, the Vice-Chancellor described the facility as more than a sporting infrastructure, noting that it represents SSANU's foresight, unity, and strong commitment to staff welfare. He said the project demonstrated that staff welfare goes beyond rhetoric and must be backed by concrete action, vision, and sacrifice.

Professor Musa commended the SSANU leadership for its dedication and prudent management of resources in delivering the project, adding that the initiative aligns with the University's vision of promoting a healthy work environment where staff can thrive physically, mentally, and socially. His remarks were delivered by the Registrar, Malam Haruna Aliyu.

The Vice-Chancellor, whose speech was read by the Registrar, further assured SSANU and other staff unions that the University Management remains committed to supporting genuine initiatives aimed at improving staff welfare. The Vice-Chancellor later inspected the facility and expressed satisfaction with its quality, commending the SSANU leadership under the chairmanship of Comrade Mustapha Aminu for providing purposeful leadership that culminated in the completion of the project.

In his remarks, the Registrar, Malam Haruna Aliyu, expressed deep gratitude and appreciation for the honour bestowed on him. He said he was delighted, honoured, and overwhelmed



Vice Chancellor, Professor Haruna Musa kicking the ball and flanked by SSANU Chairman, Mustapha Aminu, SSANU and NASU Exco members and other staff



Registrar, Haruna Aliyu (middle) in a handshake with Prof Musa Garba Yakasai while Chairman SSANU, Mustapha Aminu looks on



Registrar, Haruna Aliyu in a group photograph with the SSANU and NASU football teams

by the decision to name the facility after him, describing it as a reflection of SSANU's culture of appreciation and recognition. A former Vice-Chairman and Chairman of SSANU, he thanked the leadership and members of the association for the gesture and pledged his continued support to the union.

The Registrar also urged SSANU members to sustain their support for the administration of Professor Haruna Musa, whom he described as a Vice-Chancellor committed to staff welfare and the overall development of the University community.

The National President of SSANU, Comrade Mohammed Haruna Ibrahim, represented by the National Vice-President, North-West Zone, Comrade Sabo Balarabe Wudil, praised the BUK SSANU leadership for executing what he described as a gigantic project. He noted the cordial and synergistic relationship between the union and the University Management and expressed satisfaction with the level of staff welfare and development at Bayero University, Kano.

Earlier in his welcome address, the Chairman of SSANU, Comrade Mustapha Aminu, traced the history of the project to the tenure of the former Vice-Chancellor, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas. He recalled that the current Vice-Chancellor, while serving as Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academics), was fully aware of the project and supported it wholeheartedly. He said the facility would enhance

staff health, improve security around the Sports Complex, and add aesthetic value to the area.

Comrade Aminu explained that naming the futsal facility after the Registrar was a strategic decision in recognition of Malam Haruna Aliyu's selfless service, impact, and transformative leadership during his tenure as SSANU Chairman. He also acknowledged the Executive Director of S Square, Saifullahi Sanka, who constructed the facility under the Build, Operate and Transfer (BOT) arrangement.

Meanwhile, the Chairman of the Sports Consultative Committee and Technical Director of the Nigerian University Games, Professor Musa Garba Yakasai, described the facility as the best of its kind among Nigerian universities. He disclosed plans to approach Moniepoint to host its next national futsal competition for Nigerian universities at the facility. He also presented a medal to the Registrar on behalf of the President of the Nigerian University Games Association (NUGA), Professor Bawa Mohammed.

In his goodwill message, the Director of Sports, Bayero University, Kano, Professor Rabiuh Mohammed, said the commissioning of the facility was timely, especially as NUGA has included futsal in its events for the next games scheduled to hold in 2026 at the University of Calabar. He noted that BUK students would utilise the facility in preparation for the competition and described the project as a record-breaking achievement within the Nigerian university system.

SSANU Supports Retirees with N3m Welfare Package

By Nura Garba

The Senior Staff Association of Nigerian Universities (SSANU), Bayero University, Kano (BUK) branch, has disbursed three million naira to members who recently retired from the services of the University, under its newly introduced Voluntary Retirement Welfare Fund.

The initiative is designed to provide immediate financial support to members upon retirement, pending the release of their official retirement entitlements. Under the scheme, beneficiaries receive payments based on the duration of their contributions, with a maximum payout of N1.6 million for members who have contributed for 15 years and above.

Explaining the contribution structure, the Chairman of the Fund, Aliyu Shehu, said members who contribute for between one and six months are entitled to N150,000, while those who contribute for seven months to one year receive N200,000.



Chairman, Mustapha Aminu in a group photograph with the retired beneficiaries after they received their cheques

Contributions spanning 13 months to three years attract N500,000, four to six years N700,000, seven to nine years N900,000, and 10 to 12 years N1.4 million. Members who contribute for 15 years and above are entitled to N1.6 million, payable immediately upon retirement.

The first disbursement under the scheme took place during the recently concluded SSANU Congress meeting, where 17 retired members benefited. Of this number, nine received N200,000 each, while eight received N150,000 each, bringing the total disbursement to about N3 million.

Speaking at the Congress, the Chairman of SSANU-BUK, Comrade Mustapha Aminu, disclosed that less than one year after the commencement of the scheme, the Fund had accumulated over N17 million. He added that a Board of Trustees had been constituted to ensure transparency and effective management of the Fund.

Comrade Aminu noted that the Retirement Welfare

CDA, WOFAN Partner to Train 300 Agric Students Annually, Empower Women in Agribusiness

By Nura Garba

The Centre for Dryland Agriculture (CDA), Bayero University, Kano, in collaboration with the Women for Agriculture Network (WOFAN) and the Faculty of Agriculture, has concluded plans to train 300 Agriculture students annually in agribusiness, value addition, processing, and production under the SIBLING Project.

The initiative, which targets 300–400 level students of the Faculty of Agriculture, was disclosed during a courtesy visit to the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Haruna Musa, fsi, by a joint delegation from WOFAN, CDA and the Faculty of Agriculture, led respectively by WOFAN's Executive Director, Dr Salamatu Garba, the CDA Director, Professor Sanusi Gaya Mohammed, and the Dean of Agriculture, Professor Muhammad Auwal Hussain.

Under the project, CDA has allocated a two-hectare demonstration plot, while the Faculty of Agriculture has provided 25 hectares for large-scale production and training activities. The programme also includes practical exposure to agricultural value chains and entrepreneurship.

Receiving the delegation, the Vice-Chancellor commended the partnership, describing it as a strategic intervention for youth and women empowerment, particularly noting that 180 out of the 300 trainees are women. He emphasized the need to prioritise wives of junior staff, the less privileged, and surrounding communities, adding that the initiative would strengthen town-and-gown relations and promote inclusive development.

Earlier, Professor Sanusi Gaya Mohammed highlighted the long-standing collaboration between CDA and WOFAN, noting that the partnership had

Fund had already begun to yield positive results, attributing its success to the collective commitment of members, who contribute N3,000 monthly through salary deductions. He expressed appreciation to members for their support and cooperation, describing the scheme as a landmark achievement in strengthening staff welfare.

The beneficiaries, in their separate remarks, expressed deep appreciation to the union for initiating the scheme and urged serving members to continue supporting it. They described the fund as a timely and impactful intervention that would significantly ease the financial burden faced by staff at the point of retirement.

recently expanded to include access to a national storage facility secured through the National Storage Productivity Institute of Nigeria. He added that WOFAN has also committed to providing processing machinery to support hands-on training for students.

In her remarks, Dr Salamatu Garba said the initiative was designed to change the narrative of women and youth participation in agriculture through practical skills, access to land, inputs, and guaranteed markets. She revealed plans to introduce processing and packaging of agricultural produce, including a



VC, Prof Haruna Musa (middle) presenting the BUK Annual Report to Dr Salamatu Garba of WOFAN, while Director CDA, Prof Sanusi Gaya Mohammed, Dean Faculty of Agric, Prof Muhammad Auwal Hussain and Prof Sani Miko assist

proposed “CDA/WOFAN Rice” brand for sale within the university community.

She explained that women participants would be allocated plots from the designated farmland, with WOFAN providing land preparation, inputs at subsidised rates, and immediate purchase of harvested produce. Outstanding students, she added, would receive start-up support, including equipment, storage facilities, and small grants.

The Chairman of the WOFAN Board, Professor Miko, thanked the Vice-Chancellor for supporting what he described as a credible and sustainable partnership, noting that the SIBLING initiative is driven by research outputs aimed at transforming livelihoods through commercial agriculture. He said CDA's expertise in dryland agriculture and value addition makes it a critical stakeholder in the project.

Earlier, the Dean, Faculty of Agriculture, Bayero

University, Kano, **Professor Muhammad Auwal Hussain**, explained that the initiative originated from a request by a group of students and wives of staff who approached WOFAN for support, leading to their invitation to present proposals under the project. He added that **two communities from Zango** were deliberately included in the programme to further strengthen **town-and-gown relations** and promote inclusive community development.

Yoruba Community Celebrates Oyo State's Victory at BUK Inter-State Football Tournament

By Nura Garba

The Yoruba community at Bayero University, Kano (BUK), has expressed excitement over Oyo State's victory at the recently concluded Inter-State Football Tournament on campus, describing the achievement as a product of unity, consistency, and hard work.

Speaking on the development, the President of Yoruba Students on Campus, Adeyinka Adewale,



Head, Digital Media Unit, Nura Garba (3rd right) with members of Yoruba Community and former Sports Director, Captain Sidi (right)

said the victory did not come by chance, noting that Yoruba students have remained dominant in the competition over the past four years. He recalled that Ogun State emerged champions two years ago, adding that the consistent success reflects the strong bond and collective spirit among Yoruba

students. Adeyinka also commended the organisers for ensuring a smooth and well-coordinated tournament.

Similarly, the Director of Sports of Federation of Oyo State Students Union (FOSSU), Salman Ridwan Adebayo, described the triumph as well deserved, attributing it to discipline, teamwork, and sustained commitment throughout the competition.

The President of the Federation of Oyo State Students Union (FOSSU), M. Awwal Hannat Oyindamola, said the team had prepared rigorously since the beginning of the semester, expressing particular satisfaction with the hard-fought final against Kano State. He explained that while Oyo State had earlier recorded comfortable victories against other opponents, the match against Kano proved challenging and was eventually decided via a penalty shootout.

Oyo State defeated Kano State 3–1 on penalties after regulation time ended in a 1–1 draw. In the third-place match, Ogun State defeated Lagos State 2–1.

The tournament was organised by the former Director of Sports, Captain Sidi, in collaboration with the Sports Directorate of Bayero University, Kano.

We wish to clarify an earlier report that erroneously named Plateau State as champions, affirming that Oyo State rightly emerged winners of the Inter-State Football Trophy.

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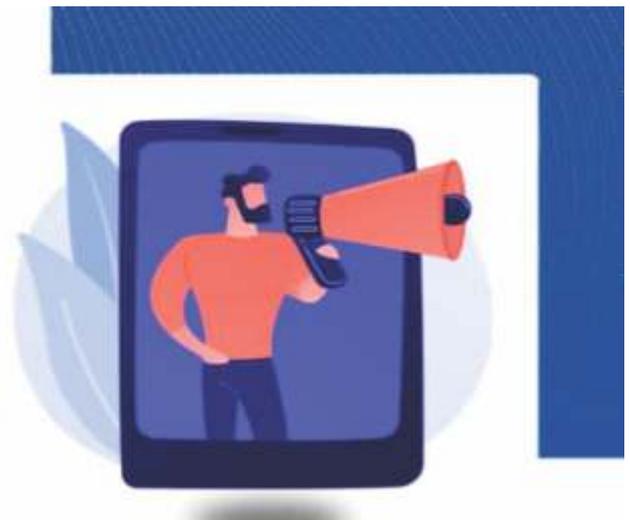
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I remain ever grateful.



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