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eginning from the next academic session (2021/2022) the management of Bayero University will be setting aside a huge amount of money as a research grant to be awarded for the purpose of conducting research to address challenges facing the University and its immediate community.

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas who disclosed this on Thursday, 5th August, 2021 when he received officials of the Muslim Students Society of Nigeria (CMSSN) - Bayero University branch when they visited him in his office.

He said the grant will be awarded to eligible researchers from staff who may have a beautiful proposal on how to particular or the host community.

"Beginning from next session (2021/2022) we shall set aside certain amount as a research grant to be awarded to anyone who may present a good proposal and how to tackle certain problem facing the university or our society in general", said the Vice Chancellor.

According to him, if any person has an idea on how to address the lingering water scarcity facing the university or how to reduce cost of energy consumption or any problem facing Kano Community or the University, the Management shall provide funding for such a project.

The Vice Chancellor explained that as a citadel of learning, we shall also try and be conducting research on certain problems facing our society with a view to finding solutions. "By so doing, we shall prosper and grow".

According to him, it is high time or universities to be able to find solutions to certain problems facing them. He expressed delight for the special prayer offered by the members of the MSSN and urged them to always be good ambassadors of the university.

Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas, told them that the management is doing its best to protect the interest of the address certain problem facing the university in students and appealed to them to report any suspicious move in the University so that the university can be free from all vices particularly cultism, drug abuse and

> Earlier, the leader of the delegation, who is also the Amir of the MSSN, Malam Abubakar Hamza Adamu said they were in VC's office to congratulate him on his appointment as well as to pray for a successful tenure.

> The Amir, reaffirmed the commitment of MSSN towards ensuring and maintenance of peace on any He also call for an improve welfare for students. students.

71st NEPU Anniversary: Stakeholders Reflect on NEPU Legacy ... As Sule Lamido Charges Youth on Knowledge, Politics of Ideology

By Adamu Garba

generation to acquire knowledge as a tool for bringing celebrate the 71st NEPU Anniversary. positive change, which was the cardinal principle of the defunct Northern Element Progressive Union (NEPU).

He spoke at the 5th Annual NEPU remembrance lecture organized by AKCDS, Mambayya on Sunday 8th August, 2021, with the theme "Politics of Principles and the Phenomenon of Political Party Defection in Nigeria", which reflects the ideological principles of NEPU/PRP in the Nigeria's first and second republic respectively, thereby setting the community on the path of political and economic recovery.

The stakeholder had carried out several discussions on what he described as Nigeria's political quagmire and the way forward so as to assist the next generation to contain and recover from the effects of this political syndrome.

Alhaji Sule Lamido, who highlighted the aims of forming the defunct NEPU, which, he said, was to rally

against injustice and ensure the liberation of the *Talakawa* against the tyranny of the ruling class, had also established the synergy between the NEPU and the PRP of the second republic.

According to him, prior to the formation of NEPU in 1950 the masses were disenfranchised, thereby denying them one of the fundamental rights to vote and be voted for. He sighted examples with some prominent NEPU members, who suffered intimidation as well as humiliation, which forced others to go on exile.

In his remarks, the Vice Chancellor, Professor Sagir

Adamu Abbas, who was represented by the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Research & Development), Professor Abdullahi Sule-Kano, charged Mambayya House to establish a lecture series on political awareness, which he said would go a long way in mobilizing the masses on the politics of principles and ideology.

Earlier, the Director of Mambayya House, Professor Ismaila M. Zango, said that having been faced with the challenges of Covid-19 over the last year, the event was Mudi Spikin and Magaji Danbatta.

The former Governor of Jigawa State, Alh (Dr) Sule conducted virtually via Zoom, but this was the 5th Lamido, has stressed the need for the younger Anniversary organized by the Mambayya House to

> The Chairman of the occasion, Dr. Tijjani Naniya, described the topic as apt and timely, considering that our politicians today had lost political ideology. He also described Sule Lamido as a legendary politician, who spends his life in the struggle for a better Nigeria.

> On his part, the Discussant, Dr. Auwalu Anwar, who extolled the virtues of the eight people who formed NEPU on the 8th August, 1950, also said that the idea was to fight against injustice and indirect rule as well as political awareness, among others.

> Other dignitaries who spoke at the occasion were: the immediate past INEC Chairman, Professor Attahiru M. Jega, the PRP National Chairman, Professor Sule Bello, the Chairman, Governing Board of Mambayya House and former Deputy Governor of Kano State, Professor Hafiz Abubakar, the former ASUU President, Dr. Nasir Isa Fagge, and many more.



Former Governor of Jigawa State, Alhaji Sule Lamido (2nd left and Dr. Tijjani Muhammad Naniya (2nd right) along with other dignitaries singing the National Anthem

Recall that NEPU came to assume a famous historical identity as Eight-Eight. It is a reference to the historical fact that the meeting that gave birth to the **NEPU Movement** took place on the 8th day of the 8th Month of the Year attended by 8 men. These pioneers, who first met formally at No. 9 Ibadan Road in Sabon Gari, Kano, on that fateful August 8th, 1950 afternoon were: Mallan Abba Mai Kwaru, Bello Ijimu, Baballiya Manaja, Musa Kaula, Abdulkadir Danjaji, Garba Bida,

SSANU-BUK Confirmes Mustapha Aminu as Chairman, Elects Two Executives

By Adamu Garba

Senior Staff Association of Nigerian Universities scored 8 votes. (SSANU), BUK Chapter has confirmed the Acting Chairman, Comrade Mustapha Aminu as the substantive Chairman of the Union following his ratification by the congress members at the Branch's Congress meeting held on Thursday, 12th August, 2021 at the Convocation Arena, New Campus.

The Union also conducted by e-election into positions of Vice Chairman and Trustee. The result of the election showed Adamu Umar Wanga who contested alongside Ka'ilu Umar Sa'id and Kabiru Wali emerge as the new



SSANU Chairman, Mustapha Aminu (centre); Adamu Wangara, Vice Chairman (1st left) and Naziru Bello, by the SSANU Nationa Women Leader, Trustee (1st right) being administered oath of office Hajiya Hauwa Abdullahi Danbatta

Vice Chairman while Naziru Bello who contested alongside Abdurrahman Ahlan and Musa Ladan, emerge as the new Trustee.

The Chairman of the Credentials Committee, Alh. Aminu Wada Kurawa, who announced the result said that for the position of the Vice Chairman, Adamu Umar Wangara scored 232, Ka'ilu Umar Sa'id 73 while Kabiru Wali got 29 votes. For the post of Trustee, Naziru Bello scored 173, Abdurrahman Ahlan 147 and Musa Ladan congress members.

Speaking at the Congress, the new Chairman, Comrade Mustapha Aminu pledged to consolidate on the existing legacies recorded by his predecessor.

He mentioned some of the achievements recorded during his short spell as the acting chairman, which he said included promotion of 13 SSANU members to grade level 13 and 6 others to grade level 14.

In furtherance of ensuring maximum welfare to members, the Chairman said from March to July 2021,

> the Union had disbursed huge amount as medical assistance and other peculiar assistance to its members while it had approved the payment of school fees to its members who pursue various studies at different institutions.

> He added that the Union also constituted fundraising committee which will reach out to some personalities within and outside the University with the aim of getting support for establishment of multipurpose hall for meeting, events, games as well as chalet for SSANU guests.

Comrade Mustapha also disclosed that the Union has reconstituted the Capacity Building Committee which is expected to maintain the computer training programme

as well as frequently organize workshops on work ethics, minutes and report writing, administrative procedures, retirement plans and skill acquisition programme.

Earlier in his remarks, the National Vice President, Northwest Zone, Comrade Abdulmalik N.B. Yunusa said the constitution had provided that the Acting Chairman must first be endorsed by the branch executive and later seek for ratification from the

We Must Return to Regenerative Agriculture for Sustainable Development — Dantata

The Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Dantata Foods and Allied Product Company, Alhaji Tajuddeen Aminu Dantata, has called on farmers across the country to adopt regenerative agriculture as a way of ensuring sustainable development.

He said "the negative impacts and challenges of climate change are becoming increasingly evident throughout Nigeria. Drought and flooding rains, significant soil erosion, coupled with increasing input prices and volatile sales prices result in small holder farmers suffering from low productivity and profitability.

"Natural capital degradation underpins the agricultural industry. Farmland is being abandoned as job seekers



hence the solution lies in Regenerative Agriculture."

Dryland Agriculture (CDA) Industry Lecture in Bayero University, Kano on Tuesday, August 10, 2021, Alhaji Dantata explained that Regenerative Agriculture was a system of farming principles and practices that increased biodiversity, enriched soils, improved watersheds and enhanced ecosystem services.

and higher health and vitality for farming and ranching added. communities, he said.

low-yielding and low-quality crops," he added.

Alhaji Dantata further said 70% of sub-Saharan Africans were smallholder farmers, therefore improving their productivity would allow suppliers to meet both local

head to major urban centres to find work and sustenance; and soaring global demands for food (especially high value crops) and open a sizable new consumer sector.

Delivering a paper, titled: "Regenerative Agriculture, According to him, climate change was a monumental market solution and increased Climate change opportunity to change course and move into a future that **Resilience for Farmers in Nigeria** at the 4th Centre for embraced life, a future bent on encouraging health, a future where clean air and clean water were available to

"In so many ways, a fundamental restructuring of how we cultivate our food is at the heart of this shift to regenerative agriculture. Widespread regenerative agriculture will be built on supports that necessarily also Regenerative Agriculture aimed to capture carbon in soil support rural livelihoods, strengthen communities and and aboveground biomass, reversing current global restore health the world over. Regenerative agriculture trends of atmospheric accumulation. At the same time, it is our best hope for creating a future we all want to live offered increased yields, resilience to climate instability in, and a future our children will be happy to inherit," he

Earlier, the Director of the Centre for Dryland He regretted that Africa had the most under-exploited Agriculture, Professor Jibrin Mohammed Jibrin, who potential for agricultural production with smallholder was represented by the Deputy Director, Training, farmers playing a key role in the global agricultural Professor Sanusi Gaya Mohammed, said Dantata was value chain, especially in Sub Saharan Africa (SSA). one of the most important partners of the University and "With limited access to markets, inputs, and finance, the CDA. Professor Gaya said the presentation would they are frequently caught up in a cycle of producing significantly make an impact to the University. He said the centre conducted monthly industry talks in order to address the challenges of academia and industry by bringing all stakeholders together to brainstorm and proffer workable and sustainable solutions.

BUK Partners Universities of Leeds, York, UK on Restoration of Indigenous Trees

of indigenous trees.

An International Workshop to that effect was organized



from 10-12th August, 2021 in which experts and stakeholders gathered at Imani Event Centre in Kano to brainstorm and discuss extensively on the subject matter.

While declaring the workshop open, the Vice Chancellor, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas, who was

Bayero University has partnered with Leeds and York represented by the Deputy Vice Chancellor Universities in the United Kingdom for the restoration (Academics), Professor Muhammad Sani Gumel, said the challenges of land degradation caused by climate change and other unsustainable practices were

> inevitable, but would be surmountable through research and collaborative efforts.

> The Vice Chancellor said the University was extremely happy with this international collaboration and ready to support it to achieve its full potential. He said the collaboration between BUK, York and Leeds Universities was a welcome development and the University was ready to support the project in whatever form.

In his opening remarks, the Director of the Centre for Dryland Agriculture, Professor Jibrin Mohammed Jibrin, who was represented by the Dean, Faculty of Earth and Environmental Science, Professor Ibrahim Baba Yakubu, welcomed the participants and said the workshop would discuss the mainstream of naturebased solutions.

While presenting his address, Mr. Martin Dallimer from Leeds University, U.K. said knowledge was diverse, hence the need for policy makers, academics, farmers new knowledge that would be beneficial to the society. Ministry's foremost policy of protecting the He said the project, which was funded by UKPACT, had environment. He pointed out that land degradation, started on the correct platform.

Also speaking, the Chairperson of WOFAN, Hajiya Salamatu Garba, who was represented by Hajiya Hadiza Yusuf Ibrahim, said protecting the existing forest became extremely important.

The Director, Agricultural Land Resources and Climate challenge it had to be scaled down to Kano and Jigawa. Change, Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Rural He said the project donor had seen great potentialities to Development, Engineer Bello Shehu, in his remarks, expandit to many states.

and other key stakeholders to work together to produce said the project was a good initiative in line with the deforestation and the unfortunate cutting of indigenous trees had been an practiced, unabated and ugly trend that had propelled land conflict, insecurity and migration.

> According to Dr. Aliyu Barau, who is a co-investigator of the project the project was to cover Kano, Jigawa, Yobe, Sokoto and Zamfara, but due to the security

Agriculture Vital for Sustainable Growth – VC,BUK

Adamu Abbas, has said.

He spoke on Saturday, 7th August, 2021 at the farmer's Also speaking, the Deputy Governor of Kano State, field day which took place at the Hadejia-Jama'are River Alhaji Nasiru Yusuf Gawuna, who was represented by Basin Development Authority site in Kura Village. He the Special Adviser on Agriculture, Alhaji Hafiz noted that any society that negates agricultural sector is Mohammed, said Kano State Government is very much doomed. The Vice Chancellor, who was represented by committed to boosting agriculture in the state.

For Nigeria to grow and prosper, it must give The Farmers field day is part of the project undertaken in agricultural activities utmost attention and priority, the collaboration with ICRISAT, NARSDA and Bayero Vice Chancellor of Bayero University, Professor Sagir University under the transforming irrigation management in Nigeria (TRIMING).

DVC (Academics), Prof. Sani Muhammad Gumel (3rd left) with Alhaji Hafiz Muhammad Special Adviser to the Governor of Kano State on Agriculture and other dignitaries

the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academics) Professor Sani Muhammad Gumel, also reaffirmed the commitment of the university to partner with various stakeholders with a view to finding solutions through research to the various problems associated with low yields in agricultural production.

According to him, as a part of this commitment, the University established the Centre for Dryland Agriculture, which became an Africa Centre of Excellence and funded by the World Bank.

He also revealed that the University had expended about two billion naira in awarding fellowships to over 300 staff of the university to undertake their studies in agricultural fields and other areas. The Vice Chancellor, commended ICRISAT, World Bank, MacArthur and other agencies who have been rendering support to the university.

The Minister of Water Resources, Engineer Suleiman Adamu, who was represented by the Managing Director of Hadejia and Jama'are River Basin Development Authority, Alhaji Ma'amoon Dau Aliyu, said the Federal Government has been doing everything possible to revive agricultural activities. It was in this regard that, a number of policies and projects are being initiated with a view to giving the sector utmost attention.

In his remarks, the country representative of ICRISAT Dr. Hakeem Ajeigbe, said TRIMING Project was basically initiated in order to boost irrigation activities. He described the project as a huge success.

The lead researcher, Professor Abdu A. Manga noted that the TRIMING Action Research Project had yielded positive dividends as it afforded farmers to identify some solution to the issue of salinity and solidity which had been affecting output over the years.

Transforming Irrigation Management in Nigeria (TRIMING) is a seven (7) year project funded by the World Bank (WB) and implemented by the Federal Ministry of Water Resources (FMWR). The project development objective is to improve access to irrigation and drainage services and to strengthen institutional arrangements for integrated water resources management and agricultural service delivery in selected large- scale public schemes in Northern This mandated the team to carry out an action research development, management and enhancing agricultural Irrigation Project (KRIP). productivity as well as support to value chain The project commenced in 2019. Activities started with development.

Memorandum of Agreement between TRIMING and BUK as lead institution was signed on 7th March, 2019.

Nigeria. The project is structured around three (3) with the title ""Participatory Soil Salinity/Sodicity technical components: Water resources management Management for Sustainable Crop Productivity under and dam operation improvement; irrigation Irrigation to Improve Livelihood in Kano River

> an Inception Workshop aimed at sensitizing all stakeholders on the project and seeking their support to actively participate in the project implementation.

MSSN-BUK Congratulates Vice Chancellor

By Sani Garba Gwarzo, Ummukhulthum Adamu & Hamza Usman

The Muslim Students Society of Nigeria (MSSN), Bayero University, Kano Chapter congratulated Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas over his appointment as Vice Chancellor.

The Amir of the society, Mal. Abubakar Hamza Adamu, who led a delegation on a courtesy call to the VC on Thursday, 5th August, 2021, said they were happy at how

the management was trying to tackle the menace of insecurity in both campuses and how they solved the issue of water and power problems.

He also requested for a review of the welfare of students and appealed to the management to consider lifting the ban on SUG Election.

Malam Hamza Adamu thanked the Management for the gesture, where the society offered a special prayer successful tenure and prosperity of the University.

In his response, the Vice Chancellor, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas expressed gratitude for the visit and thanked the MSSN-BUK for their understanding.

The Vice Chancellor stated that the management was committed to protecting and providing good welfare as well as a conducive atmosphere for learning and character moudling.

On the issue of the security problems on both campuses, disrupt academic activity

the Vice Chancellor reiterated his commitment to ensure adequate security in the university. He added that the Management had requested for additional force outside the university, such as military and police, for routine survellence so as to beef up security.

Concerning Students Union Government (SUG) election, the Vice Chancellor said that the Management had received a report from security on the processes during the election, which contravene the election guidelines.

The Vice Chancellor, therefore, said those were some of



the problems that made the management to stop the election. He urged the students to report any group or unwanted things happening. He also urged them to behave well and desist from doing anything that will

Dr. Muhammad A. Ladan Appointed Coordinator of B. Environmental Health Science

Muhammad Awwal Ladan, as the witheffect from 5th August, 2021.

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Sagir Adamu Coordinator of B. Environmental Health Abbas, has approved the appointment of Dr. Science. The appointment is for one (1) year

CDA Trains PG Students on Responsible Research, Innovation Best Practises

collaboration with the Directorate of Research, Innovation facilitated on three modules: Concepts and Principles of and Partnership (DRIP) trained postgraduate students from various faculties of the university on Responsible Research and Innovation Best Practices held between Saturday, 7th and Sunday, 8th August, 2021.

"We have realized that postgraduate students are not making the much needed impact in our society hence the need to train them on research and innovation best practices in order to strengthen their capacities", said the Director CDA, Professor Jibrin Mohammed Jibrin, who was represented by Dr. Murtala Badamasi at the opening session.

The Director explained that the training would go a long way in strengthening the component of research for students to know their roles and responsibilities, so as to undertake applied research that would be impactful.

In his remarks, the Director, Directorate of Research, Innovation and Partnerships (DRIP), Professor Ibrahim A Rufai, reiterated the commitment of the University to address Africa's developmental challenges through cutting edge research, knowledge transfer and training high quality graduates. "This workshop aims to achieve this component of research," he said.

According to him, postgraduate students were expected to be independent researchers, who could work with minimum supervision and establish careers of their own.

Prof Rufa'i explained that the University was committed to give additional training in order for students to develop. "You are expected to identify, learn skills of principles of applied research, responsible research and innovation best

The facilitators of the training were: Dr. Munir Kamba, Professor Rabi'a Sa'id, Professor I.A. Rufa'I, Professor M.

The Centre for Dryland Agriculture (CDA) in Makoyo and Dr. U.A. Dutsin-Ma. They extensively Applied Research; Effective Supervision as a Requirement for Good Studentship in PG Research and Methodologies and Procedures for Conducting Applied Research.

> Some of the participants said they were highly exposed to understanding applied research, which would boost their research activities and engagement with their supervisors.

> According to Alex Aaron, an MSc student of Computer Science, he had learnt the concrete reality of research and the training changed his mind set on applied research, saying that it was the first of its kind training he had ever received.



On her part, Rahana Adamu, a PhD student of Biological Science, said the training workshop was interactive and provided an in-depth knowledge sharing platform that helped the participants greatly to translate the skills they learnt into practical reality on applied research.



Malam Mustapha Gide, Deputy Registrar, Junior Staff Office, wishes to invite members of the University Community and the general public to his wedding fatiha with his fiancee, Hafsat Sani Ibrahim, scheduled to take

place as follows:

Date: Saturday, 14th August, 2021

Time: 11:00am

Venue: No. 100 Layin Alasawa, Kurna Asabe, Kano

Appreciation from Hajiya Anisatu Uwais Muhammad

I, Hajiya Anisatu Uwais Muhammad, of the Deanery, Student Affairs wish to express my sincere thanks and appreciation to the Vice Chancellor, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas, the Deputy Vice Chancellors, University Principal Officers, the Acting Registrar, Mal. Jamil A. Salim, the former Vice Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello, the immediate past Registrar, Hajiya Fatima Binta Mohammed, Directors, the Dean, Student Affairs, Dr. Shamsuddeen Umar, the Dean, School of Continuing Education, Dr.

Salihu Lawal Malumfashi, the Director of AKCDRT, Mambayya, Professor Ismail A. Zango, SSANU Executive Members, Members of ASUU, the Deanery, Student Affairs and other members of the University Community too numerous to mention, who personally visited, made phone calls or offered prayers to condole me over the death of my beloved husband. I sincerely thank you all. May Allah (SWT) bless and reward you all abundantly and may He grant Aljannatul Firdaus to my husband and those others we lost, amin.

Centre for Islamic Civilization and Interfaith Dialogue: *Monthly CICID Public Lecture*

Members of the University Community are hereby Time: 10:00am

invited to a Public Lecture titled: The Rise and Fall of Venue: CICID Theatre

Islamic Kingdoms in West Africa. Chairman: Professor Shehu Galadanci

Presenter: Dr. Muhammad Sani Umar Rijiyar Lemo Discussants:

(Deputy Director, Centre for Islamic Civilization and 1. Professor Ahmad Murtala (HOD Islamic Studies and

Interfaith Dialogue Shariah, BUK)

Date: Wednesday 18 August, 2021 2. Professor Umar Muhammad Labdo



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ADMISSION INTO B.SC. AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION DEGREE PROGRAMME FOR SERVING (MID -CAREER) EXTENSION WORKERS: 2020/2021 ACADEMIC SESSION

Applications are invited from suitably qualified candidates for admission into Bachelor of Science Programme in Agricultural Extension for the 2020/2021 Academic Session.

A. THE PROGRAMME

- 1. The programme is specifically designed for already serving mid-career Agricultural Extension Workers only.
- 2. Students admitted into the programme are required to spend two and half years, which will cover On-Campus training and Off-Campus Supervised Enterprise Projects (SEPs).

B. ADMISSION REQUIREMENT INTO B.Sc. AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION PROGRAMME

- 1. Higher National Diploma (HND) in any field of Agriculture such as Agronomy/Crop Production, Technology/Horticulture; Agric Economics; Agric Extension; Animal Production/Animal Health; Fisheries; Forestry and General Agriculture, with a minimum of Lower credit.
- 2. In addition to a compulsory credit in English language, Mathematics and Chemistry, candidates should possess at least one (1) additional O level credit pass in any of the following subjects; Biology/Agricultural Science, Physics, Geography and Economics.
- 3. A potential candidate should have a minimum of Four (4) years post-HND field experience in extension work or related field.
- 4. Candidates should be recommended and sponsored by their employers.

C. METHOD OF APPLICATION

Application forms are obtainable from the Directorate of Examinations, Admissions and Records upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Ten Thousand Naira (#10,000.00) via e-payment *Remita* platform as from Monday, 9th August, 2021.

D. SUBMISSION OF COMPLETED FORMS

Completed application form, accompanied with photocopies of certified true copies of result must be submitted on or before Friday, 10th September, 2021 at the Directorate of Examinations, Admissions and Records (DEAR) Bayero University, Kano.

Signed Jamil Ahmad Salim Ag. Registrar

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