



## School of Postgraduate Studies: Reopening of Portal for 2020/2021 Postgraduate Application for Admission

This is to inform members of the University community and the general public that the portal for 2020/2021 postgraduate application for admission, which was closed on 28<sup>th</sup> July, 2021 has now been reopened for admission in all programmes.

The reopening and extension of the period is to enable those that are willing to apply to do so in good time before the final closure of the portal.

*Signed:*

**Garba Abdullah Barume**  
*Secretary, School of Postgraduate Studies*

## African Development Bank to Support BUK's Entrepreneurship Programme

By Adamu Garba



A group photograph of VC, Prof. Abbas, officials of AfDB, Principal officers and Directors of some Directorates

**A**frican Development Bank (AfDB) through the Nigeria Innovation Programme (NIP) is set to support programmes on innovation and entrepreneurship in Bayero University, Kano.

The partnership is anchored by the office of the Vice President, Professor Yemi Osinbajo, to promote creativity and technology sectors in the country, with the aim of boosting the sectors with financing and investment set by the AfDB.

Speaking during a courtesy visit on the Vice Chancellor, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas, in his office on Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> August, 2021, Mrs. Rosemand Offei-Awuku, the Chief Development Economist of the African

Development Bank, said the visit was to formally introduce the programme, which had been named the Nigeria Innovation Programme (NIP) activated by the AfDB under office the Vice President which has the prospect of harnessing potentials in Nigeria's creative and technology industries.

She added that they arrived in BUK to validate physical infrastructure and the sustainability of the programme.

According to her, the programme, which was part of the sustainability agenda, would close the gaps that existed in the technology and creative industries in the country. It will also seek to boost innovation and job creation and foster growth in the technology and creativity entrepreneurship ecosystem.

Mrs. Offei-Awuku explained that the programme would focus on four development pillars, namely: Human Capital, Financing, Infrastructure and Enabling Environment. She added that the programme involved four Ministries of Finance, Industry, Trade and Investment, Information and Culture, as well as Communications and Digital Economy.

Responding, the Vice Chancellor, Professor Abbas assured the officials of the ADB that BUK had a track record of managing grants, giving reference with grants won from TETFund, MacArthur and World Bank.

The Vice Chancellor who was optimistic that the collaboration would yield fruitful results, also assured the visitors about the University's preparedness and level it had reached in terms of research, innovation and entrepreneurial activities.

While pointing out that the major challenge facing Nigerian universities was power supply, he then called

on the AfDB to focus on ways of providing reliable power, which he said would go a long way to alleviate most of the problems facing the universities and the Nigerian economy at large.

He added that with regards to power supply, the University relied on three sources of solar, national grid and generator. He said presently the University was moving towards renewable energy and soon would introduce a waste to wealth programme.

In their separate comments, the Directors of Center for Information Technology (CIT), Professor Bashir Galadanci, Research, Innovations and Partnership (DRIP), Professor Ibrahim A. Rufai, Dangote Business School, Professor Talatu Barwa and the Deputy Director, Center for Dryland Agriculture, Professor Sunusi Gaya, all established a synergy between the activities of their centers and the proposed AfDB programme.

## NUPEMCO Holds First Customer Relations Lecture in BUK

By Sani Garba

The Nigerian University Pension Management Company (NUPEMCO) has assured all investors under the Company that their savings are safe and intact, the Head of Business Development, Mal Abubakar Muhammad, has said.

He spoke at a lecture delivered on Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> August,



Prof. Mansur Idris

Malam Sani Adamu

2021 at Musa Abdullahi Auditorium, that NUPEMCO would deliver good services to its customers.

He said universities were different from other organizations due to different category of staff, such as Academics and Non-teaching. He explained that in each organization a staff must retire at the end of his services with that organization.

Alhaji Muhammad advised participants that there were ethical forms in which a customer of NUPEMCO would invest legally through Shariah compliance or as desired by the customer. "NUPEMCO is only established to serve four unions in the universities that are: ASUU, SSANU, NASU and NAAT and also NUC," he added.

According to him, before the retirement benefit is out, the NUPEMCO would arrange to provide the retired person some money to use for investment or whatever before the actual retirement benefit.

In his remarks, the Pension Desk Officer and the Deputy Registrar, Mal Aminu Wada Kurawa, informed the participants that he was now the new PDO of the University and requested them that anybody that had any complaint concerning pension should contact him directly. He also urged all the participants to use the opportunity to ask questions that they didn't understand. He also disclosed that the PENCOC had introduced online registration for retirees to test before the actual time.

In his paper presentation titled: "**Contributory Pension Scheme, an Overview**," Malam Sani Adamu explained that, in some rare cases, one may find that they were in the same level and steps, started working and retired the sometime with a person but his retirement benefit would be more than others. "That was due to lack of investment," he said.

Malam Adamu therefore advised the participants to always check and confirm what had been remitted to their pension account to avoid being cheated, describing that contributory pension was partly by government and the retiree.

He said that all the money contributed before one retires is kept at First Bank and after retirement the money would be channelled to Zenith Bank for check and balance. He also said in pension account only one account is opened and no sharing with any person.

According to him, because of service failure one would change or transfer his account to any company. He also said that as at now, the NUPEMCO had started paying Academics and Non-teaching staff. He promised to continue with this as soon as the money is accrued into the NUPEMCO account.

Mal. Sani informed the participants that a person would choose to keep his money in an insurance company if he/she doesn't want to keep his contribution in pension companies.

He described data recapture and retirement verification as a better way for any retiree to process, that is, correction of the date of birth, in order to enable the settlement of problems on time.

He also advised the participants that they should make sure they register online by their client, PDO's, etc.

In another paper, titled: “**Ethical fund in perspective,**” he explained on the ethical fund in perspective. He said that the higher the risk, the higher the returns when one intended to invest in purchasing rice with a huge amount of money and lost the money along the way. This was therefore a high risk.

He said, “Ethically, the company through shariah contributory pension will not use investors' money for purchasing of alcoholic, phonography, gambling, betting, etc.

The second paper presenter, Professor Mansur Idris, of the Department of Economics and a member of IIIBF stated that Shariah investment was not only for Muslims but a good Christian could also invest in a legal way and not allow his money to be used in illegal ways. His paper, was titled: **Customer interactive forum.**

Professor Idris said that every individual faced ethical issues at work and rarely knew how to deal with them. He cited an example that in America people used to invest in gambling, alcohol, phonography, betting, lottery, etc. in order to earn a livelihood.

He said that there were legal ways that the Shariah provided for all Muslims to follow in order to invest their money, so that they could get profit in the right way. He then said when a person used an illegal way to make profit, in the end he would lose all that he gained if refused to repent.

## Prof. Abba Haladu Donates Skill Acquisition Equipment worth 10m to BUK

By Adamu Garba

In an attempt to boost students' morale to be self-reliant, the Executive Secretary of the National Commission for Nomadic Education, Professor Abba Haladu, has donated skill acquisition equipment worth millions of naira to the Department of Adult Education.



VC, Prof. Sagir Abbas (1st right) inspecting the donated equipment

The items donated included industrial sewing machines, knitting and weaving machines, hairdressing machines, washing machines, deep freezers, refrigerators, cooking machines, blenders, gas cylinders, standby generators, iron machines, cooking sets, makeup equipment, home economic utensils and other equipment.

While supervising the equipment on Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> August,

2021, at the Department of Adult Education and Community Services, the Vice Chancellor, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas, who thanked the donor for the gesture, also said skill acquisition was part of the efforts to enhance job opportunities and equip students with relevant skills and vocations in order to reverse the trend in which youth continued to search for non-existent white collar jobs after graduation.

The Vice Chancellor directed the department to ensure that everything was functional and ready before the next academic session. He also assured the support of the University in providing working accessories so as to ensure sustainability of the programme.

Earlier in his remarks, the Head of Department of Adult Education and Community Services, Dr. Garba Muhammad Tofa, said the laboratory was equipped with facilities to train the students in different vocations and trades such as fashion designing, knitting and weaving, barbing and hairdressing, among others.

According to him, the laboratory with equipment and tools donated by Prof. Haladu would go a long way in assisting students, who wanted to toe the line of handiwork vocation, so that when they leave school, they left as self-employed rather than seek for white collar jobs.



# DAP to Monitor PG Exams

By Lamara Garba

The Directorate of Academic Planning will deploy its personnel to monitor and investigate the forthcoming Second Semester Examinations for Postgraduate Students.

The Director of the Academic Planning, Professor Haruna Musa, who revealed this said the arrangement was part of deliberate policy to curtail issue of cheating and examination misconduct.

“The Directorate of Academic Planning intends to deploy its staff to be going round to monitor the forthcoming Second Semester Examination for the Postgraduate Students,” he announced.

According to Professor Musa, the Directorate had previously monitored the conduct of the examination by undergraduate students and, therefore, wanted to continue with the same policy during the postgraduate examinations.

He noted that the decision to embark on the monitoring exercise was informed by the alarming rate of



Prof. Haruna Musa, Director of the Academic Planning

examination misconduct. Professor Musa said that the exercise had drastically worked out to minimize cases of malpractice during examinations.

The Director reminded students to disengage from such unwholesome practices as the university management would deal with any student caught cheating during examinations. He noted that the university had a strong policy against misconduct, as it attracts outright withdrawal of any erring students caught cheating.

## Department of Public Law SEMINAR

### Department of Public Law: II. M (Public Law)

**Candidate 1:** Abolaji A. Akintola (SPS/17/MLL/00058)

**Topic:** A Critical Appraisal of the Procedure for Tracing and Repatriation of Assets under the United Nations Convention Against Corruption: A Lesson for Nigeria

**Internal Examiner:** Dr. N A. Aliyu

**Chairman:** Prof A B Ahmed

**Candidate 2:** Zainab Dauda Yusuf (SPS/17/MLL/00061)

**Topic:** Prospecting the Inclusion and Sustainability of the Defense of Cumulative Provocation in Nigeria: A Review of Selected Gender based Domestic Violence Cases

**Internal Examiner:** Dr Aisha Haruna

**Chairman:** Prof A B Ahmed

**Candidate 3:** Nazir Bello Sajoh (SPS/17/MLL/00064)

**Topic:** Critical Analysis of the Legal Regulatory Framework for Cyber Laundering in Nigeria

**Internal Examiner:** O. Hussein

**Chairman:** Prof Mohammed Isah

**Candidate 4:** Bashir T. Aliyu (SPS/17/MLL/00062)

**Topic:** Combatting Cybercrimes in Nigeria: Lessons from United Kingdom

**Internal Examiner:** Dr. B. M. Tijjani

**Chairman:** Prof Mohammed Isah

**Time:** 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

**Candidate 5:** Surayya Sa'idu (SPS/18/MLL/00089)

**Topic:** An Examination of the Law and Practice of Social Re-integration as a Correctional Approach Under the Nigerian Legal System: Lessons From Rwanda

**Internal Examiner:** Dr. N A. Aliyu

**Chairman:** Prof Aminu Kabir

**Candidate 6:** Fatima Tijjani (SPS/17/MLL/00053)

**Topic:** An Examination of the Legal and Regulatory Framework for Political Party Primaries under the Nigerian Constitutional Democracy: Case Study of *APC & Another V. Kabiru Marafa & 179 others (2020) 6 NWLR (Pt. 1721)*

**Internal Examiner:** Prof R S Shatsari

**Chairman:** Prof Aminu Kabir

**Time:** 3:00 to 6:00 pm

**Date:** 30<sup>TH</sup> August 2021

**Venue:** Faculty of Law Board Room

### INTERNAL DEFENSE

**Candidate 7:** Rukayya H. Yakubu (SPS/17/MLL/00053)

**Topic:** The Role of ICPC in Combatting Corruption under Nigerian Law

**Internal Examiner:** Dr. M Nuruddeen

**Chairman:** Prof Musa Abubakar

**Candidate 8:** Hassan H. Dara-Dara (SPS/17/MLL/00060)

**Topic:** An Examination of the Legal Framework of Consumer Protection in Nigeria: A Case Study of Personal Data Protection in the Telecommunications Industry

**Internal Examiner:** S R Bello

**Chairman:** Prof Musa Abubakar

**Candidate 9:** Kamariyya M. Haido (SPS/17/MLL/00049)

**Topic:** Cybercrime under International Conventions: Issues and Challenges

**Internal Examiner:** Dr. B. M. Tijjani

**Chairman:** Prof Musa Abubakar

**DATE:** 4<sup>th</sup> September, 2021

**VENUE:** Faculty of Law Board Room

**DATE:** 10:00 am



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