



Professor Pate Assumes Office as FUK VC ...Vows to Increase its Global Visibility

By Lamara Garba

Professor Umaru A. Pate on Wednesday, 10th February, 2021 took over the mantle of Federal University, Kashere in Gombe State as the 3rd Vice Chancellor with a solemn avowal to transform the university into one of the great citadels of learning not only in Nigeria but also in Africa.

The Professor of Mass Communication who was full of praises to the Almighty Allah for choosing him to occupy the exalted seat, promised to make his dream of transforming the university a reality through the adoption of a six-point agenda which he said are essential for any serious institution yearning for academic excellence and development.

Speaking shortly after taking over from his predecessor, Professor Muhammad Alhassan Gani, at the University's Council Chamber, he listed the six point agenda to include physical and academic development, maintenance of standards and quality assurance in the system, provision of an excellent town and gown

relationship, improved staff and students welfare as well as making investment on information and Communication technology so as to ensure global visibility in addition to reaching out within and outside for resource mobilization.

According to him, without resources there was nothing much one can achieve, therefore, he promised to work with relevant stakeholders to ensure that the institution gets enough to execute as well as to be able to achieve its goals.

Professor Pate while acknowledging the great task ahead, however, said he would do his utmost best to ensure that he didn't disappoint the confidence reposed in him.

"Mine will be to consolidate and further build on what the first and second Vice Chancellors were able to lay. This is a the system that will outlive us. It never occurred to me that one day, I will also be part of the process. And today, I am here, *In Sha Allah* we shall do our best to make Federal University, Kashere a great institution," he

declared.

The new Vice Chancellor added that “what you sow today may germinate in many, many more years to come. If you sow evil, you will harvest evil. If you sow good, you will never tell the extent of the fruit you are going to benefit from, therefore, we are going to sow a seed that will be counting in us long after we must have left this place.”

Earlier, in his speech, the Chairman of the Governing Council, Barrister Yakubu A. H. Ruba, SAN, said Professor Pate was selected as the Vice Chancellor of the University based on merit.

According to him, a total of 27 distinguished professors from across the country including those that were searched, applied for the job, out of which 11 were shortlisted and invited for interview with Professor Pate

scoring 92.2% points to emerge as the Vice Chancellor.

Also, former Vice Chancellor, Professor Alhassan Muhammad Gani said the university enjoyed cordial relationship with the members of the host communities and advised him to maintain and improve on the existing relationship.

Professor Gani said he was happy that he handed over to a very serious and committed academic who has the interest of the University at heart.

Hundreds of people attended the ceremony including academic staff from BUK, UNIMAID, FUT Yola, University of Lagos, Jos, Ilorin and many other institutions. Prof. Pate was a pioneer Dean, Faculty of Communication and was also Dean, School of Postgraduate Studies

CGS, CLOHA, Organize a One-Day Training on How to Make Pads Reusable

By Fausat A. Opayomi

Young girls most especially in the rural areas miss school due to lack of resources to purchase sanitary pads during their menstrual period, this was disclosed by Prof. Hassana Sani Darma, Director Centre for Gender Studies.

She spoke on Saturday 6th February, 2021, during a one-day training on how to make re-usable pads, which was organized by BUK Centre for Gender Studies in collaboration with Centre for Legal Orientation and Humanitarian Aids [CLOHA] and A1 Families Forum/Nana Asma'u Women Centre [NAWC].

Saidu Zakari, a trainer from A1 Families/ NAWC, in his contribution disclosed that this particular training is important because research has shown that woman spends at least 29 years of her life doing menstruation and use up to 12,000 – 16,000 menstrual pads in her life time.

Zahra'u Umar Idris, of A1 Families Forum/ Nana Asma'u Women Development Centre and also one of the trainers, said that the training became a necessity when she discovered during her research in Medical Sociology that young school girls have low understanding on menstrual issues and are unable to take care of themselves due to lack of resources to purchase sanitary pads.

She explained that A1 Families/NAWC came up with the initiative of training school girls and women on how to make re-usable pads as an alternative that is less expensive

and affordable as a solution to the problem.

Professor Hassana S. Darma in her remarks said, the training could be modified to making nursing pads, children and adult diapers to improve hygiene in the society.

The Coordinator of A1 Families Forum/NAWC, Engineer Bashir Adamu Aliyu in his closing remarks enjoined the youths to purify their intentions and be steadfast in their bid to better the life of their peers and the community at large.



A cross section of the participants

Nigerian Professors' Directory

This is to inform all full professors that the National Universities Commission has introduced a Directory for full professors in the country. Consequently, any professor promoted/appointed to the rank up to December 2020 and who desires to be part of the Directory to kindly register at the link below:

<https://fullprofessors.nuc.edu.ng/>

You may note that only genuine Professors can enroll in the Directory. Those on sabbatical and others approved

leaves should also be contacted and encouraged to enroll.

1. In addition to filling-in the fields, each Professor is to upload his latest CV (in Microsoft Word) to the site.

Deadline for submission of entries is February 28, 2021. Any university or professor that misses out in this edition will have another opportunity in 2022, when the 2021 edition will be produced. There will be no extension of the deadline of February 28. **The online**

platform is programmed to stop taking new entries from 12 midnight of February 28. We will be happy if all the **full Professors in the system in 2020** are part of this publication.

For the avoidance of doubt, please find below the step-by-step instructions on registration of data on the NUC platform for full Professors.

1. Log on to the web address/URL to access online form at (<https://fullprofessors.nuc.edu.ng/>)
2. Click on 'Register' button and register details with a **valid** email address and password
3. Click on login using the details during registration in step 2 above
4. This should take you to the form page where you input

- all necessary details
5. On completion of details, click 'submit' to submit data
 6. Keep login details securely as you can use it to re-login and make corrections to submitted data.

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DR. NOEL BIODUN SALIU,
Director of Academic Planning,
National Universities Commission

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Department Environmental Management: PhD Seminar Series

Presenter 1: Aminu Zangina

Topic: *Analysis of E-waste generation and its environmental implications.*

Chairperson: Prof. Ahmed Maigari Ibrahim

Presenter 2: Amina Sheikh Abdullahi

Topic: *Assessment of Environmental implication of mobile base stations in Kano metropolis, Nigeria*

Chairperson: Prof Ahmed Maigari Ibrahim

Date: Wednesday 10th February, 2021

Presenter 3: Idris Ibrahim Abdulmalik

Topic: *An assessment of Ambient Air Quality of industrial Land Use in Kano metropolis*

Chairperson: Prof. Adamu Idris Tanko

Presenter 4: Adedapo James Olufemi

Topic: *Agroforestry Practices as Adaption tools to Climate change hazards in some selected rural areas of Kaduna State Nigeria*

Chairperson: Prof. Ibrahim Baba Yakubu

Presenter 5: Jibrin Ibrahim Abubakar

Topic: *Analysis of ecosystem services value of green spaces in Urbsan Areas*

Chairperson: Prof Ibrahim Baba Yakubu

Presenter 6: Umar Shehu Sarki

Topic: *Spatio-Temporal Analysis of Surface Water Quality for Fadama Irrigation along Kano River Project (Phase I)*

Chairperson: Dr Murtala Badamasi

Date: Wednesday 17th February, 2021

Presenter 7: Suleiman Shehu Suleiman

Topic: *Land Degradation around active and abandoned solid minerals mining areas and its impact on rural livelihoods: A review*

Presenter 8: Siddiqa A. Liman

Topic: *Renewable Energy Mapping for building use in Kano*

Chairperson: Prof Ibrahim Baba Yakubu

Presenter 9: Jibrin Salihu Ladan

Topic: *Challenges of Medical waste management system in Niger State*

Chairperson: Dr. Ahmed Fate Ali

Presenter 10: Adamu Ishaya

Topic: *Condition of Vegetal Resources in the Woodland of Southern Borno State in the face of insurgency.*

Chairperson: Dr L. F. Buba

Date: Wednesday 3rd March, 2021

Time: 10.00am prompt

Value: Departmental seminar room

Coordinator: Dr Mustapha Zakariya Karkarna mni

Note: Attendance to seminars is compulsory to all MSc I MSc II PhD I and II



(1) Salihu Alhaji Usman, the Director of Sports, Bayero University, Kano, wishes to invite members of the University community and the general public to the wedding fatiha of his son, Abdullahi Salihu Usman, with his fincée, **Sa'adatu Abdulqadir Ibrahim**, scheduled to take place as follows:

Date: Saturday, 27th February, 2021

Time: 11:30am, prompt

Venue: Masallacin Gidan Galadima, Galadanci, Kano

(2) Abdulmalik N. B. Ynusa, the Vice President, Northwest Zone of SSANU, wishes to invite members of the University community and the general public to his wedding fatiha with Hadiza A. Modibbo, scheduled to take place as follows:

Date: Saturday, 27th February, 2021

Time: 11:00am, prompt

Venue: Alhaji Muhammad Sadiq's Residence, Opposite KERD, Gandun Albasa, Kano

Appreciation from Drs Mansur Yahuza Adamu and Al-Mukhtar Yahuza Adamu

I, Dr. Mansur Yahuza Adamu of the Department of Radiology, BUK/AKTH and Dr. Al-Mukhtar Yahuza Adamu of the Department of Medical Microbiology and Parasitology, BUK, on behalf our families, wish to sincerely thank the Vice Chancellor, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas and other members of the management of Bayero University, Kano, for their visits and sympathy on the death of our beloved father, Alhaji Yahuza Adamu, who died on 8th February, 2021. We also wish to thank the Chief Medical Director of Aminu

Kano Teaching Hospital, Professor Abdulrahman Abba Sheshe for showing us his utmost concern.

Our appreciations go to Heads and staff of various Departments of Bayero University and Aminu Kano Teaching Hospital, who visited, sent messages or called to console us. Our gratitude also goes to all those from outside the University and AKTH for their condolences. May Allah reward you all and grant the deceased *Jannatul Firdaus. Amin.*

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All GSP and EEP Courses will now be Offered Online

In view of the drive by the University to adhere to the Covid-19 guidelines set by the Presidential Taskforce on COVID, the University Senate has directed that all GSP and EEP courses for the first semester of the 2019/2020 Academic Session should be offered online.

Students registered for these courses are advised to follow the procedures below to access their courses.

Step 1:

Visit the University website; under the Quick Links, click on Online Courses

Step 2:

On the online courses portal, select your registered course under Available Courses.

Step 3:

The login screen then appears; enter your registration portal username and password.

Please note: These are the same username and password used during the registration exercise.

On entry into the portal, you can download lecture notes, participate in discussion forums and use other resources by just clicking on the appropriate buttons. If you face any problems you can contact the Helpline by xxxxxx.

