



BUK's Chancellor, Amanyano of Twon Brass Visits Emir Bayero Advocates Mushroom Farming

By Nura Garba

The Chancellor of Bayero University, His Majesty, King Papa Alfred Papareye Diette Spiff, Sereiyai II, The Amanyano of Twon Brass, D. Lit, has paid homage to the Emir of Kano, His Royal Highness, Alhaji Aminu Ado Bayero.

to take place in Abuja to chart possible ways of making Africa sub-region as the hub of mushroom production.

The Bayelsa King maker also drew the attention of the Emir to the fact that sunny climatic condition has given Kano an edge over other states in the South, advising



From left: Chancellor of BUK, King Papa Alfred, Emir of Kano, Alhaji Aminu Ado Bayero and VC, Prof. Sagir Abbas

The two royal fathers discussed a number of issues including renewed policies and strategies to boost the economy of the country.

According to King Alfred, Kano is the commercial hub of Northern Nigeria and if every household took interest in the farming of mushrooms, the economy of the state would be put in the global map, advising the emir, policy makers and other key stakeholders to map out workable strategies that will ensure the realization of mushroom production in commercial quantity.

He stated that a Mushroom Summit has been organized

that the state should tap this unlimited potential to boost renewable energy to address the danger posed by gas emission.

“In South-South, we are proud to be contributing so much to the natural coffers. But they are waste assets that generate gas emission and pose danger to our environment. We have to devise a new strategy of renewable energy through collaboration with states like Kano to boost production,” said the Chancellor.

The Chancellor had earlier congratulated the Emir of Kano, Alhaji Aminu Ado Bayero on his ascension to

the throne of Kano Emirate and reiterated his Kingdom's unwavering desire and readiness to support Kano Emirate in its quest to impact positively on the lives of the people.

The Emir of Kano, His Highness, Alhaji Bayero expressed appreciation over the visit and pledged to be part of the Mushroom Summit which, he said, would

provide an enabling environment for boosting the country's economy.

He also assured the Chancellor that the Kano Emirate Council would continue to support Bayero University and give it all the necessary assistance to move it forward.

...Inspects Solar Power Plant, Senate Building

By Nura Garba

The Chancellor inspected solar power plant and ultra-modern Abubakar Adamu Rasheed Senate Building on Wednesday, 3rd February, 2021 and admitted that the gigantic solar project was one of the biggest investments made by the Federal Government in BUK.

He congratulated the University and expressed optimism that with the competitive grant of N1 billion won by BUK from TETFund to establish a Centre of Excellence on Renewable Energy, the University could generate up to 50 megawatt of electricity.

His Majesty also tasked the University Management to work assiduously to maintain the big investment made.

On the Senate building, King Alfred said he could boast that no any University in Nigeria erected such a massive structure, congratulating the University for having it in place. He attributed the success recorded in Bayero University to the successful secession agenda, which paved way for its serving staff to take the mantle of leadership. He urged other universities to take a cue from BUK in order to have successful transition.

Vice Chancellor, Professor Sagir Adamu, who took the Chancellor round the facilities, told him that the Senate building started nine years ago with the capital project but TETFund took over and completed it.



Engineer Buhari explaining a point to Chancellor of BUK, King Papa Alfred, at Control Room of Solar Power Plant



VC, Prof. Sagir Abbas pointing something at Senate Building to Chancellor

School of Postgraduate Studies Honours Professor Pate, Says his Contributions Unquantifiable

By Nura Garba

The School of Postgraduate Studies (SPS) on Thursday, 4th February, 2021 honoured the immediate past Dean of the school and the recently appointed Vice Chancellor of Federal University, Kashere, Gombe State, Professor Umar Pate.



Dr. Abdul Iguda (right) and Hajiya Altine Maryam Ali (left) presenting an award to Professor Pate

The celebrant stated that it was one of the memorable days in his life as his colleagues recognized the contributions he rendered, commending the staff of SPS for their diligence, doggedness and commitment to work. He said the SPS got many commendations from Senate for prompt submission of results without problem.

Prof Pate said he was highly elated with the honour done to him and appreciated the words of encomium showered on him. He noted that in the last two years, the University graduated more postgraduate students compared to previous years and that effort was made to ensure that PhD and Masters candidates graduate within the stipulated time.

The immediate past dean recalled how he was employed by BUK and his appointment as a pioneer Dean, Faculty of Communication.

While he was in that position, Professor Pate spearheaded a Mac Arthur Grant of \$700,000 for BUK to advance the training of broadcast journalism and facilitated a memorandum of understanding between Bayero University and BBC. “The idea is to turn the Faculty into broadcast training hub in Africa,” he enthused.

According Prof. Pate in addition to the \$700,000 grant, he facilitated for another grant of \$800,000 to the Faculty of Communication which will benefit staff, students and the country at large, on broadcast training,

facilities and research.

Senior members in the SPS showered their encomiums on the contributions of Professor Pate towards transforming postgraduate studies in the University, adding that history of the school would not be complete without him.

According to Dr. Abdul Iguda of Mathematical Sciences Department, who is a deputy dean in the school, said the vacuum left by Professor Pate would be difficult to be filled, admitting that he was endowed with leadership qualities. “Sir, your invaluable contributions would forever be cherished, remembered and celebrated,” he added.

The Secretary of SPS, Hajiya Altine Maryam Ali said staff members were given a level playing field to demonstrate their competence which contributed immensely to the school's outstanding performance, commending staff and students of Faculty of Communication for rejoicing with the SPS over the ceremony.

Malam Nasir Yakasai and Faruk Yahuza Bello also commented on Professor Pate's pragmatic leadership, openness and transparency in his dealing with the staff members and noted that he would be missed greatly.

A former Secretary of SPS and now Secretary of Dangote Business School, Malam Ibrahim recalled the time he worked with Prof Pate and admitted that he was one of the best minds he had ever worked with, expressing optimism that the Federal University Kashere would immensely benefit from his revolutionary ideas and innovative mindset.

Similarly, some senior staff members from the Faculty of Communication bared their minds on the immediate past Dean. Dr. Gausu Ahmad, Dr. Sulaiman Yar'adua and Dr. Usman Ibrahim all showered their encomiums and averred that Professor Pate had created unimaginable impacts in the University and commended him for his resilience and innovative mindset that elevated the status of Mass Communication discipline in the country especially the role he played in the unbundling of mass communication in Nigeria.

Highlight of the ceremony was presentation of awards to Professor Pate, Malam Mustafa Ibrahim and Professor Magaji Azare, who served as a deputy dean.



Director, CQS, Prof. Muhammad Babangida Muhammad (middle) addressing staff of the centre

Centre for Qur'anic Studies Welcomes New Deputy Directors

By Sabitu Jinjiri

In a reception conducted by the University's Centre for Qur'anic Studies to welcome its three incoming Deputy Directors, the centre's Director, Prof. Muhammad Babangida Muhammad, called on all the staff of the centre, including the incoming ones, to be ready to continue the work started by their predecessors as well as to introduce new programmes and initiatives for the good of the Qur'anic centre.

“Let's put in our best to make the centre achieve its desired objectives. Let's impact on the centre”, Prof. Babangida urged.

The reception ceremony was conducted at the centre's Board Room on Wednesday, 27th January, 2021.

Also speaking at the event, the centre's pioneer Director, Prof. Ibrahim Muhammad, said there had to be far-reaching cooperation between the centre's Director and his deputy directors for the centre to realize its dreams. He also called on them to regard their duty towards the center as a “service to Allah's Book and to its memorizers”.

Dr. Abdullahi, one of the incoming directors, noted that it was the foundation laid by the centre's predecessors which helped to move the centre forward.

He urged that the centre should continue the task of graduating *huffaaz* (Qur'anic memorizers) so that whenever the centre's certificates are presented anywhere, that will make the centre in particular and the University in general proud.

Another incoming deputy director, Dr. Sani Musa Ayagi, said he was happy to be among those to help move the centre forward. “Each and everyone of us must contribute his/her idea to do with advancing this centre”, he exhorted.

Giving his own piece of advice at the event, the H.O.D. of Public Administration Department, Dr. Saidu A. Dukawa, called on the centre to continue with its effort of conducting researches in Qur'anic studies as well as of disseminating the findings of such research efforts.

He also advised that government officials should be invited to learn the Qur'an, making sure that the learning environment is made attractive.

The event came to an end with a beautiful reading of a short Qur'anic chapter, *Suratun – Nasr*; and a brief Islamic prayer.

French Government Donates FabiLab to BUK

By Fausat A. Opayomi

Bayero University's fabrication laboratory [FabiLab] will enable researchers within and outside the University to turn ideas into a physical prototype. This was disclosed by the Technical Manager/ Coordinator, Professor Ibrahim Abdullahi of the Mechanical Engineering Department on Monday, 1st February, 2021 at the FabiLab during an interactive session.

Professor Ibrahim Abdullahi, in his briefing, explained that the Fabrication Laboratory [FabiLab] is a donation from French Government in October 2020, which was facilitated by the climate change research group of Bayero University, Kano, known as Research and Innovation in Adapting to Climate Change {AIRACC}. He said the Fabrication Laboratory, which is housed at the Faculty of Engineering, is a unique Laboratory that will facilitate the work of emergency ventilator project in the University.

The University don said, the laboratory has experts drawn from Mechanical Engineering, Electrical and Mechatronic Engineering Departments. He said the areas of specialization of the Lab are, Product Development, Automation and Artificial intelligence. The facility is well equipped with state of the art machines, such as computer numerically controlled-CNC3018, 3D printers, various types of Censors, 3D scanners, 3D pens, mbot Ranger Kit – Makeblock, TELLO EDU programmable drone + stimulator, software, fabrication handtools, Aduino Uno, card Raspberry Pi 4 etc.

He said the FabiLab has successfully developed 3D printer spare parts, momento, FABiLAB logo and a weather station that is capable of reporting ambient air temperature, humidity and sunshine, it has also developed E-Health software that helps health officers in remote areas log data on patients for Doctors to diagnose and give prescriptions from their locations.

Earlier, the Dean, Faculty of Engineering, Professor



The donated equipment

Salisu Danazumi, expressed his appreciation to French Government for the donation and BUK Management for their continuous support. He said the FabiLab will go a long way to serve the University and the nation at large.

FCSIT Organizes Orientation Programme for New Students

By Naziru Bello Faculty Admin Officer

The Faculty of Computer Science and Information Technology organized its orientation programme to level I and II students on Wednesday 27th January, 2021 at the CIT Theatre, New Campus. The event was attended by the Deputy Dean, Dr. Khalid Haruna, representatives of three departmental heads, teaching and non teaching staff in the faculty, Dean, Students Affairs and representative of Director DEAR, among others.

The aim of the programme was to orient the fresh students admitted into the faculty and the Bayero University, Kano on how to conduct themselves throughout the period of their academic sojourn.

The Dean of the faculty, Dr. Ibrahim Yusuf, who was represented by his Deputy, Dr. Khalid Haruna, welcomed all the fresh students back to the campus after

spending about 10 months at home due to COVID-19 Pandemic. He stated that the last couple of months were indeed very difficult due to uncertainty and other factors

The Dean tasked the students to be responsible learners under the tutelage of well trained academic staff and non-teaching staff in the faculty. He assured them that the staff in the faculty are determined to provide the best supervision, guidance and support, and called on them to equally reciprocate the same gesture through hardwork and best performance.

The Director, Examinations Admissions and Records (DEAR), Hajiya Amina Umar, who was represented by MalamAbubakar Ibrahim Yakasai, lectured the students on General Examinations and Academic Regulations



President Developers Students Club, BUK

(GEAR). He urged the students to take their continuous assessments seriously, because the overall process of

assessments of any candidate's performance in a course or programme he/she enrolled, involve examinations and continuous assessments.

He admonished them to shun any form of misconduct, which may lead to rustication, withdrawal and or expulsion from the university, as BUK does not take cases of examinations misconduct lightly.

On his part, the Dean, Students Affairs, Dr. Shamsuddeen Umar congratulated the students for being able to secure admission into Bayero University, Kano and reminded them that there were many candidates that applied to study into Bayero University, Kano, but couldn't be admitted due to one reason or another. He informed the students that copies of Students Hand Book are now in circulation within the various faculties and departments and tasked the students to always refer to the books for guidance.

On her part, the Sub Dean Academics, Mrs. Murja S. Gadanya, spoke on computation of Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA). She said that the performance of a student in a semester will be reported by the Grade Point Average (GPA) while his overall performance at the end of a session will be reported by the CGPA of that particular session.

Appointment and Re-appointments

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas, has approved the appointment and re-appointments of the underlisted staff.

S/N	NAME	DEPARTMENT	APPOINTMENT	EFFECTIVE
1	Professor Kabir Tahir Hamid	Department of Accounting	Re-appointed as the Dean, Faculty of Management Sciences	For another period of two years with immediate effect
2	Professor Abdullahi Hassan Kawo	Department of Microbiology	Re-appointed as the Head, Department of Microbiology	1 st February, 2021
3	Umar Yunusa	Department of Nursing Sciences	Re-appointed as the Acting Head, Department of Nursing Sciences	1 st February, 2021
4	Dr. Kabir Umar	Department of Software Engineering	Appointed as the Head, Department of Software Engineering	4 th February, 2021
5	Dr. Muhammad Ibrahim Badamasi	Department of Anatomy	Appointed as the Head, Department of Anatomy	3 rd February, 2021

Management Warns Against Bush Burning

The University Principal Officers at their 1st (2021) meeting held on Monday, 25th January, 2021 considered a report from the Director Security Division on on bush fire incident which occurred behind the Student Union Government Secretariat on 12th January, 2021.

In the light of this, the Management wishes to inform

members of the University community to forthwith stop indiscriminate bush burning to avoid recurrence of fire incidents.

Anyone who wishes to burn any waste product must ensure that he/she properly puts-out the fire before the scene

SEMINAR

Department of Physiotherapy: *PhD Thesis*

Internal Defense

Student 2: Farida Garba Sumaila

(SPS/15/PPT/00014)

Topic: Effect of Core Stability and Treadmill Walk Exercises on Functional Status of Lumbar Post-Surgical Patients with Low Back Pain: A Mixed-Method Study

Internal Examiner: Dr. Mukadas Akindele

Supervisor: Prof Ganiyu Sokunbi

Date: 10th of February, 2021

Time: 10:00 am prompt

Venue: Physiotherapy Conference Room

Department of Environmental Management

FEES: Seminars

Ph.D Seminar 1

Presenter 1: Aminu Zangina

Topic: Analysis of E-Waste generation and its environmental implications

Chairperson: Professor Ahmed Maigari Ibrahim

Presenter 2: Amina Shaik Abdullahi

Topic: Assessment of Environmental Implication of Mobile base stations in Kano Metropolis, Nigeria

Chairperson: Dr. Ahmed Fate Ali

Presenter 3: Idris Ibrahim Abdulmalik

Topic: An Assessment of Ambient Air Quality of Industrial Land Use in Kano Metropolis

Chairperson: Professor Ibrahim Baba Yakubu

Date: Wednesday 10th February, 2021

Time: 10:00am

Venue: Departmental Seminar Room

PhD Seminar 2

Presenter 1: Adedapo James Olufemi

Topic: Agroforestry Practices as Adaption tools to Climate Change Hazards in Some Selected Rural Areas of Kaduna State, Nigeria

Chairperson: Professor Dr, Mustapha Zakariya Karkarna

Presenter 2: Bala Muhammad Tukur

Topic: Public Private Partnership in Municipal Solid Waste Management in Kano State, Nigeria

Chairperson: Dr. L.F. Buba

Presenter 3: Umar Shehu Sarki

Topic: Spatio-Temporal Analysis of Surface Water Quality for Fadama Irrigation along Kano River Project (Phase 1)

Chairperson: Dr. Murtala Badamasi

Date: Wednesday 17th February, 2021

Time: 10:00am

Venue: Departmental Seminar Room

PhD Seminar 3

Presenter 1: Siddiqa A. Liman

Topic: Renewable Energy Mapping for Building use in Kano

Chairperson: Dr. Lidia Olutosin

Presenter 2: Jibrin Salihu Ladan

Topic: Challenges of Medical Waste Management System in Niger State

Chairperson: Dr. Yusuf I. Garba

Presenter 3: Adamu Ishaya

Topic: Condition of Vegetal Resources in the Woodland of Southern Borno State in the Face of Insurgency

Chairperson: Professor Ibrahim Baba Yakubu

Date: Wednesday 3rd March, 2021

Time: 10:00am

Venue: Departmental Seminar Room

Note: Attendance to Seminars is compulsory to all *M.Sc I, M.Sc II, PhD I and II*

Department of Special Education: *Internal Defences*

Presenter 1: Salisu Iliyasu (SPS/14/PSE/00001) Ph.D

Topic: Effects of Psychosocial Problems on Academic Achievement of Talented students in Technical Colleges of Kano State, Nigeria

Supervisor: Professor Gaji Fatima Dantata

Presenter 2: Rasheedat Bosede Lawal (SPS/16/MSE/00030) M.Ed

Topic: Effect of Computer Simulation on the Mathematics Achievement of Students with Dyscalculia in Government Girls Secondary School Wailari, Kano State

Supervisor: Dr. Umar Abdullahi Taura

Presenter 3: Habibu Muhammad Sani (SPS/16/MSE/00016) M.Ed

Topic: Effect of Multi-Sensory Approach on Academic Performance of Pupils with intellectual Disability in Basic Mathematics at Torry-Home Tudun Maliki, Kano State

Supervisor: Dr. Auwalu Musa

Presenter 4: Hassan Bukar Adam (SPS/16/MSE/00018) M.Ed

Topic: Assessment of Academic Performance of Pupils with Learning Disabilities in Inclusive Setting in Municipal and Nassarawa LEA, Kano State

Supervisor: Dr. Ya'u Musa Dantata

Date: Monday 8th February, 2021

Time: 10:00am

Department of Special Education: *Proposal Defence/Seminar*

Presenter 1: Muhammad Badamasi Abdullahi (SPS/17/PSE/00011) Proposal

Topic: Relationship of Self-Concept; Achievement Motivation and Academic Performance among Primary School Pupils with Down Syndrome in Kano State

Supervisor: Dr. Auwalu Musa

Presenter 2: Usman Gerogasi Muhammad (SPS/14/MSE/00006) Ph.D Seminar

Topic: Validation of Survey of Practice with students of

varying needs (SOP) for Determining Teacher Attitude Toward Gifted Students

Supervisor: Professor Danjuma A. Maiwada

Presenter 3: Sani Faruk Gaya (SPS/14/MSE/00003) Ph.D Seminar

Topic: Validation of Instruments (The Aggression Scale and the Peer Nomination of Aggression) for Measuring Aggressive Behaviours among Primary School Pupils

Supervisor: Professor Hassana S. Darma

Date: Tuesday 9th February, 2021

Time: 10:00am

GENERAL CIRCULAR

The Management has approved that all Junior Staff appointed, as Messenger/Cleaner, Head Messenger/Cleaner, Caretaker, Porter, Senior Porter, Chief Porter, Library Attendant, Head Library Attendant, Laboratory Attendant, Head Laboratory Attendant, Senior Laboratory Attendants, Workshop Attendants, Head Workshop Attendants and any other staff whose primary duty is cleaning, opening and

closing of offices and University Buildings, shall commence work at 7:30am (instead of 7:00am) through to 3:30pm.

The reporting officers, i.e. Faculty Officers, Senior Administrative Staff and Supervisors in Centres, Institutes and Units are required to monitor this category of staff for effective performance.

COVID-19 Safety Rules/Protocols for the Use of the Library

- **Use of Face Mask** - Face masks **MUST** be worn in the Library Spaces at all times and it **MUST** cover noses and mouths.
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 - **Avoidance of Congestion** – Avoid congestion or waiting in areas such as the circulation desk or staircases.
 - **Group Discussion** – There are no longer any spaces for group discussions in the Library.
 - **Book Quarantine** – All Library books removed from the shelves **MUST** be placed on clearly marked Quarantine trollies.
- Be considerate and follow the Library COVID-19 rules/protocols. Help the Library keep everyone safe.**

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.

