



Universities January 18th Resumption Date Stands ...Minister of Education, As BUK Directs Staff, Students to Comply

By Lamara Garba

The Minister of Education, Malam Adamu Adamu, has announced that all schools in the country are to re-open for full commencement of academic activities on Monday, 18th January, 2021.

In a statement in Abuja issued on Thursday, January, 14th, 2021 and signed by Mr. Ben Bem Goong, the Director, Press and Public Relations of the Federal Ministry of Education on behalf of the Minister, said after due consultations with various stakeholders and following a hint given by the Presidential Task Force, (PTF) on COVID-19, the January 18th resumption date of all schools across the country should remain unchanged.

“After extensive consultations with relevant stakeholders, including state governors, commissioners of education, proprietors and heads of institutions, staff unions and students, the consensus of opinion is that the resumption date of 18th January, 2021 should remain,” said the statement.

It however, warned that parents and respective institutions must ensure full compliance with COVID-19 protocols including compulsory wearing of face masks by students, teachers and workers in all schools; temperature checks and hand washing facilities at strategic locations in all schools.

The statement also directed that all schools must ensure constant supply of water and sanitizers; enforcement of the maintenance of social distancing and suspension of large gathering such as assembly and visiting days as well as overcrowding, including limitations in class sizes and hostel occupancy.

The ministry equally urged institutions to ensure availability of functional health clinics with facilities for isolation and transportation of suspected cases to medical facilities. The schools must also adhere to all other non-pharmaceutical protocols, restrictions and containment measures as may be prescribed/approved by the PTF from time to time.

The Minister, however, said these measures which aimed at ensuring safe reopening of schools for academic activities will be subjected to constant review as it urged teachers, school administrators and



Minister of Education, Malam Adamu Adamu

other stakeholders to ensure strict compliance. Meanwhile, Bayero University has urged all staff and students to resume unfailingly on Monday 18th January, 2021 in compliance with the directive of the Minister of Education.

In a statement issued by the Registrar, Fatima Binta Mohammed on Friday, 15th January, 2021 said full academic activities will commence on the said date.

The Registrar urged all staff and student to strictly follow the protocols of covid-19 set up by Presidential Task Force on Covid-19 such as observing social distancing, wearing of face masks and washing hands with sanitizer and soap.



FEDERAL MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR (PRESS & PR)

PRESS STATEMENT

SCHOOL RESUMPTION DATE OF 18TH JANUARY 2021 STANDS - MINISTER

Sequel to the hint given during the press briefing by the Presidential Task Force, (PTF) on Covid-19 on Tuesday, 12 January 2021 for the review of the proposed resumption date of 18th January 2021, the Federal Ministry of Education has undertaken a comprehensive appraisal of the situation.

After extensive consultations with relevant stakeholders, including State Governors, Commissioners of Education, Proprietors and heads of institutions, staff unions and students, the consensus of opinion is that the resumption date of 18th January should remain, while parents and respective institutions must ensure full compliance with COVID-19 protocols including:-

- (i) Compulsory wearing of Facemasks by all students, teachers and workers in all schools
- (ii) Temperature checks and hand washing facilities at strategic locations in all schools
- (iii) Ensuring constant supply of water and sanitizers
- (iv) Enforcement of maintenance of social distancing and suspension of large gatherings such as assembly and visiting days.
- (v) Avoiding overcrowding, including limitations in class sizes and hostel occupancy
- (vi) Availability of functional health clinics with facilities for isolation and transportation of suspected cases to medical facilities
- (vii) Adherence to all other non-pharmaceutical protocols, restrictions and containment measures as may be prescribed/ approved by the PTF from time to time.

These measures which are to ensure safe reopening of schools for academic activities will be subject to constant review as we urge teachers, school administrators and other stakeholders to ensure strict compliance.

Signed:

Ben Bem Goong

Director, Press and Public Relations

14th January, 2021

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BUK's Non-Teaching Staff Unions Protest Over FG's Non-Compliance with MoU

By Nura Garba



SSANU and NASU members of BUK under the aegis of JAC protesting against the Federal Government unfavourable policies

The Senior Staff Association of Nigerian Universities (SSANU) and Non-Academic Staff Union of Educational Institutions and Organized Labour (NASU) under the aegis of Joint Action Committee (JAC) on Tuesday, 12th January, 2021 protested against federal government's failure to honor a memorandum of understanding reached with the federal government.

Hundreds of non-teaching staff converged in the Senate building of Bayero University chanting various solidarity songs and calling the government to honour its agreement and recent memorandum of understanding signed with the unions.

Chairman of SSANU, Dr. Haruna Aliyu addressed the Vice Chancellor, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas and other Principal Officers that the protest was peaceful and conducted under the directive given by the national Joint Action Committee of the two unions.

He said the JAC had on 8th January, 2021 met in Abuja to review the memorandum of understanding reached and signed with the Federal Government on Tuesday, 20th October, 2020 at the Honourable Minister's Conference Room, Federal Ministry of Labour and Employment.

The issues of the MoU according to the Chairman were inconsistencies in the IPPPS payment; non-payment of earned allowances; non-payment of arrears of minimum wage; delay in renegotiation of FG/NASU and SSANU 2009 agreements and non-payment of retirement benefits of retired members.

Others he said were teaching staff usurping headships of non-teaching units in clear violation of conditions of service and establishment procedures as well as neglect and poor funding of state universities.

"It was only yesterday, that the federal government fulfilled one demand which is constitution of Visitation panels for universities," he said.

In his part, the Chairman of NASU, Comrade Abdullahi Nasiru Rafi, said the non-teaching staff unions would not fold their arms and allow government to play galleries with their demands, noting that if it continues to renege their agreements they have no option than to embark on an indefinite strike action.

He called on SSANU and NASU members to continue to support the struggle in order to emancipate them from the shackles of difficulties put by IPPPS and other government's unfavorable policies.

The Vice Chancellor of Bayero University, Kano, Professor Abbas said non-teaching staff members are critical stakeholders in the University and that their work could not be done by any other staff. He noted that the University Management has taken the welfare of staff members with utmost priority, noting that the management would make sure that SSANU and NASU members are not victimized when it comes to their rights.

"We will definitely protect your interest and ensure that your welfare is assured," the Vice Chancellor said.

University Re-opening: BUK Distributes Covid-19 Prevention Items

By Lamara Garba

In readiness for the resumption of academic activities in Bayero University on Monday, January, 18th 2021, the Management has distributed essential equipment for the COVID-19 preventive protocols to all the faculties, centres and directorates to be mounted at strategic locations within the campuses as part of the precautionary measures against the pandemic.

The equipment which included motorized hand washing machines, hand sanitizers and infrared thermometers must strictly be used by every staff, student and other visitor to the institution.

According to a statement by the Director, University Health Services, Dr. Munir Suleiman, said the items were distributed on Tuesday, 12th January 2021. He also said every staff, student and a visitor to the University must comply with the preventive protocols before being allowed entry and/or move around the campuses.

Dr. Munir said the management would not take it rightly with anyone who violates the COVID-19 Preventive protocols. He commended the management of the institution for the prompt actions in

the supply of the facilities which he said are enough to cater for the over 40,000 staff and students.

The statement added that the University had put in place adequate arrangements with a view to ensuring



Covid-19 equipment being displayed

strict adherence to the COVID-19 Preventive protocols.

Professor Salisu Shehu Takes Over as new Director CICID

By Adamu Garba



Prof. Salisu Shehu (2nd right) receiving a handing over note from Dr. Bashir Aliyu Umar (right), while members of the Centre look on

Professor Salisu Shehu has officially taken over the mantle of administration as the new Director of the Centre for Islamic Civilization and Interfaith Dialogue

(CICID). He took over from Dr. Bashir Aliyu Umar who was the pioneer Director of the Centre.

The official handing over took place at the Board

Room of the Centre on Monday, January 11, 2021.

A professor of education psychology from the Department of Education, BUK, Salisu Shehu is also currently the Assistant Secretary General of the Supreme Council for Islamic Affairs.

Speaking at the event, the outgoing Director, Dr. Bashir Aliyu Umar described the appointment of new Director as a well-deserved and a transition that will leverage on the mission and vision of the centre. Dr. Umar said considering the fact that Professor Salisu Shehu has been part and parcel of the Centre since its inception about six years ago, was fully involved in its activities.

Dr. Umar prayed to Allah to give the new Director the wisdom, knowledge and determination to succeed. He showed optimism that the new Director would elevate the Centre to greater height. He further urged the staff of the Centre to give the new Director all the necessary support and cooperation towards discharging his duties.

In his remarks, the new Director of CICID, Professor

Salisu Shehu thanked the outgoing Director for the remarkable achievements he recorded as the pioneer Director of the Centre. He said that he felt humbled and honour to take over from who he described as *his teacher and a mentor*.

Professor Salisu Shehu said as a renowned scholar, the Centre still requires services of Dr. Umar and will continue to be a reference point of the centre whenever the need arises.

“As a scholar, you are indispensable to the Centre. History will never forget your contributions as the pioneer director...” Professor Shehu explained.

Also commenting at the event, the Director, Centre for Qur'anic Studies, Professor Muhammad Babangida Aliyu described the event as a family's get together. He congratulated Dr. Bashir Aliyu Umar for the successful completion of tenure and wished him the best in his future endeavours. He further urged the incoming Director, Professor Salisu Shehu to leverage on the successes achieved by the Centre.

President Buhari Approves Prof Aliyu Muazu's NIPSS Admission into Senior Executive Course 43

By Nura Garba



Prof. Aliyu Mu'azu Director, CRNLT&F

President Muhammadu Buhari has approved the admission of Professor Aliyu Muazu, the Director,

Centre for Research in Nigerian Languages, Translation and Folklore into the National Institute for Policy and Strategic Studies (NIPSS), Kuru.

NIPSS, Kuru is a high-level institution with the primary objectives of serving as the nation's foremost policy think-tank. It is Nigeria's apex institute for policy research and training. It is a policy formation center for bureaucrats, private sector leaders, Army officers, and medium-rank and senior civil servants, which was founded in 1979.

In a letter of admission addressed to Professor Muazu by Brig. General CFJ Udaya for Director General, said, “President and Commander in Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federal Republic of Nigeria has found you worthy to be admitted into the Senior Executive Course 43 (2021) of Nigeria's apex think tank, the National Institute.”

It added that “the Course duration is 10 months and it is expected that it would widen your outlook and perspectives on issues, improve your conceptual capacity, quality of analysis and decision making as well as prepare you for the onerous task of leadership and policy implementation.”

NIPSS is the only institute in Nigeria that its admission is endorsed by the President.

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.

Amsal Turnkey, Zoic Construction Limited to Build Students Hostel in BUK

By Lamara Garba

Bayero University in partnership with Amsal Turnkey Projects Limited and Zoic Construction Nigeria Limited will construct new students hostel under the design, build, operate and transfer programme.

At the signing of the agreement on Monday, 4th January, 2021 the Managing Director of Amsal Turnkey, Architect Mukhtar Muhammad, said the project will cost a whopping N10 billion and fully funded by the private companies.

He said the project which has ten blocks of hostels is to be cited at the New Campus and when completed will accommodate about 3,000 students. He said it will not collect anything from the University up to its completion.

Architect Muhammad commended the University Management for the understanding and cooperation, saying the project was part of the deliberate policy.

Responding, the Vice Chancellor, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas, expressed delight for the project and said the Management is very much concerned about the

plight of students to address the shortage of accommodation.

In his vote of thanks, the Head, Department of Estate Management, Dr. Jiril D. Jibril commended the companies for the project which he said will go a long way in supplementing the effort of the University Management in solving hostel accommodation problem faced by the students.



A group photograph of VC and management staff of Amsal Turnkey, Zoic Construction Ltd

Wedding
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(1) Hajiya Fatima Binta Isiaku Mohammed, Registrar, Bayero University, Kano, wishes to invite members of the University community and the general public to the wedding fatiha of her daughter, **Barrister Khadija Isiaku** Muhammad with her fiancée, **Alh. Usman Ayuba Maina** (Chairman, UAM TRAVEL & TOURS, scheduled to take place as follows:

Date: Saturday, 23rd January, 2021

Time: 11:30am, prompt

Venue: Central Mosque, B.U.K Old Campus, Kano, Kano State

(2) Dr. Anas Ibrahim Yahaya, Head of Department of Anatomy, wishes to invite members of the University community and the general public to the wedding fatiha of his daughter, **Sumayya Anas Ibrahim** with her fiancée, **Shamsuddeen Zakariyya Abubakar**, scheduled to take place as follows:

Date: Saturday, 23rd January, 2021

Time: 11:00am, prompt

Venue: Residence of late Alh. Yahaya Danturawa, Kofar Sidi Ahmed, Bichi

2020 PROMOTION EXERCISE

This is to notify members of staff that the following Time-Table for the 2020 Promotion Exercise is approved for your compliance.

<i>S/N</i>	<i>DATE</i>	<i>ACTIVITY</i>
1.	<i>Monday 25th January, 2021</i>	Latest Date for Departmental and Faculty A&PCs Meetings.
2.	<i>Monday 1st February, 2021</i>	Latest Date for Departments to make Submissions to the Secretariat.
3.	<i>Monday 8th February to Friday 12th February, 2021</i>	Secretariat to Collate all Submissions and Draw Timetable.
4.	<i>Monday 15th - Friday 19th February, 2021</i>	Central A&PC to Meet and Consider the cases.

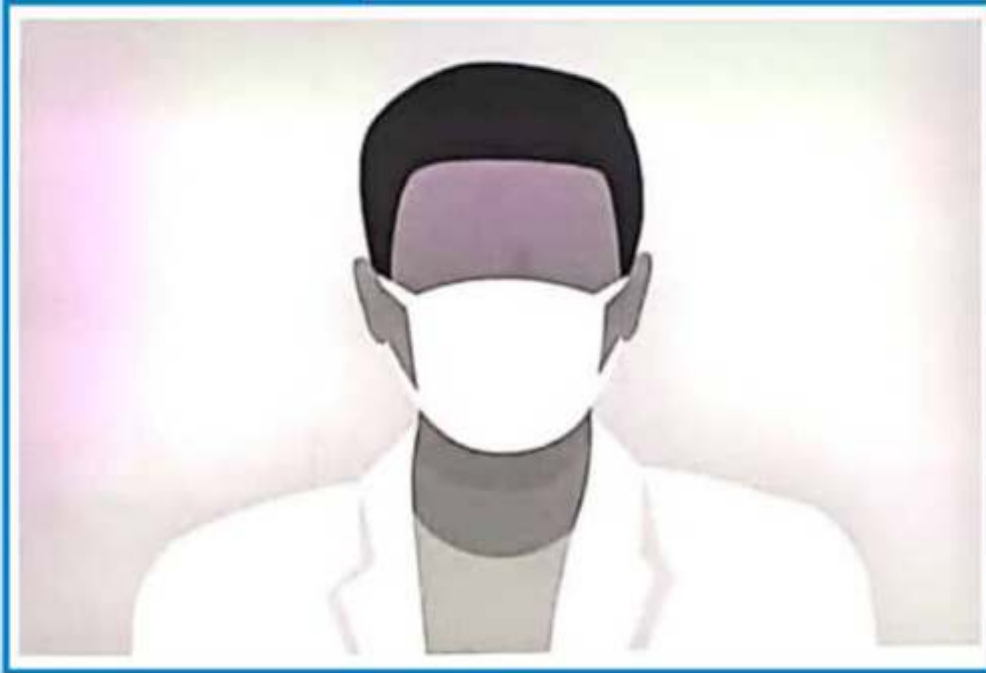
Heads of Department should please note the following:







- (a) That staff to be recommended for promotions must have served for at least three years in their positions by 30th September, 2020 and their appointments duly confirmed;
- (b) That cases of administrative staff in various Faculties/Departments should be routed through the Registry Departmental Appointments and Promotions and General Purposes Committee;
- (c) That cases of Bursary Staff/Stores Officers in various Faculties/Departments should be routed through the Bursary Department;
- (d) That cases of Librarians and Library Officers in various Faculties/Departments should be routed through the University Librarian;
- (e) Cases of Academic Staff and Technologist must pass through the Departmental and Faculty A&PC and Minutes of Meeting of the Faculty Appointments and Promotions Committee should be attached to the recommendations;
- (f) Academic Staff on approved Study Fellowship could be promoted up to the rank of Lecturer I or equivalent, provided that he/she would not be promoted twice in one study fellowship period;
- (g) All submissions should be strictly based on the extant guidelines for the appropriate cadres;
- (h) Faculties, Departments/Units are to forward twelve (12) copies of their submissions to the Director, Establishment Matters not later than *Monday 8th February, 2021*.
- (I) Original documents for sighting during the meeting should not accompany the submission but be presented during the meeting.



BAYERO UNIVERSITY, KANO COVID-19 PREVENTION

WEAR YOUR MASK



 wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds	 Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue if you don't have a cough or sneeze into your sleeve or elbow
 Stay at home when you are sick, except to get medical care	 avoid close contact with people who are sick
 Clean and disinfect frequently touching objects and surfaces	 Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth

