



Schedule for National Identity Card Registration in the New Campus

This is to inform members of staff that, in view of the high volume of persons coming for the issuance of National Identity cards, a new time table has been released.

All staff of the University and the members of their families have been allocated **TUESDAYS** and

THURSDAYS for the registration, while other visitors from the neighbouring communities will be attended to only on **MONDAYS** and **WEDNESDAY**.

A letter signed by the Director, Advancement Office, Malam Mustapha Zahraddeen says members of staff are to kindly adhere to the new schedules.

BUK Council, Management Congratulate Prof. Pate's Appointment as FUK VC ...As Adamawa Governor Expresses Joy

By Lamara Garba



Prof. Umaru A. Pate receiving the letter of appointment from the Chairman of the Governing Council, Barrister Yakubu A. Ruba (SAN), (1st right), while the outgoing VC, Prof. Alhassan M. Gani looks on

The Governing Council and Management of Bayero University have congratulated Professor Umaru A. Pate over his appointment as the new Vice Chancellor of Federal University, Kashere in Gombe State.

In a letter of congratulations signed by the Vice

Chancellor, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas, said the appointment of Professor Pate was no doubt a recognition of his commitment to the development of education, which he said is well deserved and merited.

“On behalf of the Council, Management and the entire

staff of Bayero University, I wish to congratulate you on your well deserved appointment as the 3rd Vice Chancellor of Federal University, Kashere. We pray Almighty Allah to guide, protect and give you the wisdom and strength to discharge your duties, diligently, honourably and most proudly,” said Professor Abbas.

Professor Sagir Abbas, while wishing him success in the task ahead, charged the new Vice Chancellor to remain focused as a good ambassador of Bayero University.

Meanwhile the Governor of Adamawa State, Rt Honourable Ahmadu Umaru Fintiri has sent a congratulatory message to Professor Umaru A. Pate on his appointment. The Governor, who expressed joy over the appointment, described it as “well deserved having proven himself as an accomplished academic.”

The Governor in a statement signed by his Press Secretary, Humwashi Wonosikou expressed confidence on the ability of the new Vice Chancellor to succeed. “I have no doubt in his competence because Prof. Pate has distinguished himself both at the University of Maiduguri and Bayero University, Kano having previously held various leadership roles.’

“I am proud to say that Adamawa is blessed and honoured with Professor Pate's appointment and I have confidence in his capacity to move the University to greater heights. I therefore, on behalf of the good people of Adamawa State congratulate you and wish you the very best in tenure,” said the statement.

It could be recalled that, the Governing Council of the Federal University, Kashere after a successful interview, approved the appointment of Professor Umaru A. Pate as the 3rd Vice Chancellor of the University.

A letter of appointment dated 17th December, 2020 and signed by Yakubu A. H. Ruba, SAN, Pro-Chancellor and Chairman of the Governing Council said “further to the interaction you had on Thursday, 17th December, 2020 with the Selection Board for the appointment of Vice Chancellor of the Federal University of Kashere, in the exercise of the powers conferred on it by Section 4 of the Universities (Miscellaneous provisions) Amendment Act, 2003, I write on behalf of the Governing Council to offer you an appointment as substantive Vice Chancellor of the University for a single term of Five (5) years effective from 11th February, 2021.”

Professor Umaru A. Pate who contested along with 27 other candidates scored 92 % to emerge first. Until his appointment, he was the Dean, School of Post graduate Studies, Bayero University, Kano. The closest runner

up in the contest was Professor Polycarp Emeka Chigbu, a former Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academics), University of Nigeria Nsukka (UNN) with 77.8% and Prof. Santaya Larit Kela also a Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academics) from Federal University, Kashere who came 3rd with 75.5%.

While presenting the letter, the Pro-Chancellor and Chairman of the Governing Council, Barrister Yakubu A. H. Ruba, SAN, said the appointment was based on merit and his excellent performance in the preceding exercises including computer based test, oral interaction and other procedural.

He urged him to justify the confidence reposed in him by working diligently to develop the University and pray to Almighty Allah to give him wisdom and ability to successfully administer the University to greater height.

“I wish to congratulate you on this well deserved appointment. I pray to Allah SWT to grant you wisdom and the ability to give in your best so as to make Federal University, Kashere one of the best citadels of learning in this part of the country.” said the Chairman of the Council.

Shortly after receiving the letter, the new Vice Chancellor, Professor Umaru A. Pate, thanked the Almighty Allah for the success and promised to do his best to make the University great. He also thanked the Council for finding him worthy to lead the University. “Insha Allah we will do our utmost best to make this University great. May Allah be our guide and give us the strength and wisdom to discharge this mandate excellently.”

The new VC was born on 4th January, 1964 in Song Adamawa State. He graduated from University of Maiduguri in 1988 where he studied BA (Hons) Mass Communication. He got his Mphil from the University of Legon in Ghana and PhD in 1997 from University of Maiduguri. Prof. Pate bagged his Professor in Media and Society in 2007.

He started his working career with the Nigerian Television Authority (NTA) Yola in 1982. He joined the services of University of Maiduguri as a Graduate Assistant in 1988 and rose through the ranks to become a professor in 2007. He transferred his services to Bayero University, Kano in 2014. Professor Pate was appointed pioneer Dean of the Faculty of Communication and later Dean, School of postgraduate Studies in Bayero University, Kano. He published a number of books and many papers in journals across the globe. He was also an external examiner to many Universities from within and outside the country. Presently, he is the President of Association of Communication Scholars and Practitioners of Nigeria.

BUK Staff Primary School Holds 50th Anniversary, Gets over N7m

By Nura Garba

Bayero University, Kano Staff Primary School on Tuesday, 29th December, 2020 held its 50th Anniversary celebration and fund raising for the renovation of the school.

The ceremony brought together graduates of the school from the first set up to the recent ones including past and present teachers as well past headmasters, head teachers and several others.

The grand ceremony was organized by the Bayero University Kano Staff Primary School Old Pupils Association (BUKOPA) under the chairmanship of Kabiru Dayyabu Marmara.

Vice Chancellor, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas, who was the chief host, said it was a great day for BUK as stakeholders gathered to salvage the staff school

towards the revival of the school and averred that the University would complete the remaining work, saying that despite the fact that parents will not pay school fees, but will take care of their wards' upkeep including uniform and books.

Presenting a keynote address titled: Community, Private or Public Schools: Consequences of Ineffective Basic Education, the Guest Speaker, Professor Abdurashid Garba, said 50 years is ripe for BUK Staff Primary School to look back, to assess the journey so far, to count achievements and failures, shortfalls and assess strength, as well as weaknesses all for purpose of strategizing the future.

He said it was quite instructive to note that it is mandatory for all stakeholders to do whatever is within their power to stamp out all actions and inactions that tend to render Basic Education ineffective.

“We must also, as stakeholders, contribute in bringing about worthwhile ideas and support for ensuring Basic Education remain effective, functional and goal oriented,” he added.

Prof Garba argued that one of the factors that caused banditry, kidnapping and other forms of insecurity is the lack of basic education as most of the criminal elements were dropped out from school. He called for the rejuvenation and revitalization of basic education as a form of ending terrorism and insecurity facing the country.

In his remarks, the *Murshid* of the National Mosque, Professor Shehu Galadanchi, recalled that BUK Staff Primary School was among the very few best schools in Kano as many prominent figures in the state approached him to enroll their children and wards.

Prof. Galadanchi, who initiated the idea of establishing the school when he was a Provost of Abdullahi Bayero College (now BUK), said he was indeed happy and appreciative as the Vice Chancellor promised to ensure the revival of the school.

Also speaking, the Chief *Imam* of Kano, Professor Muhammad Sani Zahraddeen, recounted how BUK Staff School became a model of excellence at a time when there was good relationship among the parents, teachers and pupils. “Everyone at that time was respecting one another and had the zeal and passion for study,” he said.



Members of BUK Staff Primary School Alumni in a group photograph

especially at this time when education “particularly in Northern Nigeria has deteriorated.”

According to him, “if we fail to revitalize the foundation of education from grassroots, the situation will be worse than what we are experiencing at the moment.” He reiterated the University's serious determination to ensure that the lost glory of the school is brought back.

The Vice Chancellor explained that one of the factors that militated against the school's backwardness was the habit of staff members who used their influence to bring many pupils citing one staff member who brought fifty children in his name. “We will not allow such ill mannered attitude to destroy what we have worked so hard to revive,” he added.

Prof. Abbas commended those who contributed

Prof Zahraddeen, commended the founding teachers of the school for working tirelessly to make the school better such as the first head master, Faruk Durumin Iya, the first headmistress, Hajiya Hadiza B. Lavers and Mamman Hildi. He said the contributions they gave would forever be cherished and celebrated.

An alumnus of the school, Professor Hadiza Galadanchi, who chaired the fund raising ceremony, said “quality of graduates of the school is appealing,” as the school graduated prominent figures in the country, calling on them to donate generously to ensure the revival of the school.

Malam Sule Ademoh, in his remarks, urged government to come to the aid of the school so that it

will continue to graduate quality graduates.

In his remarks, President of BUKOPA, Comrade Kabiru Nayaya Marmara disclosed that the members of the association had worked assiduously towards ensuring the success of the ceremony and commended all those who participated in one way or another. He said their dream was to unite past and present graduates who came to fruition with the assistance of the school's management and elders who served the school in different capacities.

Over seven million naira was realized at the fund raising event with Tajuddeen Aminu Dantata donating five million (N5m) and Alhaji Umar Bala donating one million naira (N1m).

Prof. Haruna Musa Takes Over as new Director APU

By Sabitu M. Jinjiri



From left: Prof. Bala Sidi Aliyu outgoing Director, handing over to the new Director APU, Prof. Haruna Musa

With the Academic Planning Unit of the University having a new director, a handing and taking over ceremony was arranged and conducted by the unit to bid the outgoing Director, Prof. Bala Sidi Aliyu a farewell and welcome the incoming Director of the Unit, Prof. Haruna Musa.

The brief ceremony was conducted at the Senate Chambers of the University on Thursday, 31st December, 2020.

Speaking at the event, the outgoing director of the unit, Prof. Bala S. Aliyu, described the incoming head of the unit as “my friend and classmate” and confessed that the Vice Chancellor needs to be commended in his

vision in the choice of the new Director.

The outgoing Director further advised APU members to work as a team for the advancement of the unit in particular and the University in general.

Responding, the incoming Director of the Academic Planning Unit, Prof. Haruna Musa, described the outgoing head, Prof. Bala S. Aliyu as “a friend indeed” and as a man of good character and humility.

Prof. Musa also sought the support of the members of the planning unit, urging them to support him as they did the outgoing Director. “Let's form a good team,” he requested.

Prof. Musa, who also was the outgoing deputy director in charge of Strategic Planning and Monitoring, prayed to Allah to guide him and give him the strength needed to shoulder the responsibility of heading the academic planning unit.

Highlights of the event came in form of presenting the outgoing Director, Prof. Bala Sidi Aliyu and his two Deputy Directors, Prof. Ahmed Murtala and Prof. (Dame) I. I. Oyeyi with gifts as well as taking group photographs.

BUK-FAIS Millennium Graduates Hold AGM ...VC Commends their Spirit of Brotherhood

By Lamara Garba

The Millennium Graduates of Bayero University's Faculty of Arts and Islamic Studies (BUK-FAIS Millennium Graduates Association), have held its 5th Annual General Meeting and 20th graduation Anniversary with a charge by the Vice Chancellor Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas not to relent in their determined effort of paying back to their *alma-Mata* for sustainable growth and development of the university.

The Vice Chancellor while explaining the importance of alumni associations in the development of their *alma-Mata* noted with regret however, that the idea of giving back to one's former school is not encouraging in this part of the country compared to what is obtainable in other climes, which he said adversely affected the development of education in the country.

He spoke on Saturday, 26th December at the Auditorium of the Theatre and Performing Arts in the Faculty of Communication, commended the Millennium Graduates who he said have come with something very noble, which should be emulated by all and sundry.

The Vice Chancellor said he had wanted to stay all through the occasion, however, had to leave midway, in which he delegated the Dean, School of Postgraduate Studies, Professor Umaru A. Pate to represent him. He expresses delight on the members of the association for what he termed as their spirit of togetherness and linkages as well as the support and assistance they render to the university.

"I am happy that part of the programme of your association was to render support and assistance to the university. This, indeed is a good omen. We ought to have imbibe this culture as a way of supplementing the effort of government in the funding of education. Please never be distracted with this laudable initiative. I really commend your foresight and commitment in this regards, I hope other bodies will emulate you," he declared.

Meanwhile, the pioneer Dean of the Faculty of Communication, Professor Umaru Pate said that the transformation of the Faculty was made possible

through an intervention funds from the Mac Arthur grants running into several hundreds of millions of naira.

In a keynote address delivered at the occasion, Professor Umaru Pate who is currently the Dean of the School of Postgraduate Studies and a Vice Chancellor elect of the Federal University, Kashere said through an intervention from the Mac Arthur Foundation, the Faculty was able to establish a digital radio FM Station as well as acquiring a satellite Television station.

According to him in Mass Communication Department alone there were 6 professors and 16 other Ph.D holders.



A cross section of FAIS Millennium Graduates Association in a group photograph with Prof. Umar A. Pate representative of VC, BUK

Also speaking the Dean of the Faculty, Professor Mustapha Nasir Malam who was represented by the Deputy Dean, Dr. Mainasara Yakubu Kurfi charged members of the association to continue with this laudable initiative.

During the AGM, members of the association promised to launch an appeal fund worth millions of naira with a pledged that the proceeds would be channeled through the development of the university.

Highlight of the occasion was presentation of an award of honour to all the Departments of the old Faculty of Arts and Islamic Studies comprises of the Departments of Mass Communication, Arabic, History, Islamic Studies, Hausa, as well as English and European

Never Hold Grudges, Live in Peace with all ...VC Tells his Former Students

By Sabitu M. Jinjiri

There are good colleagues and bad ones. It is your responsibility to learn how to live with each type. This was part of the piece of advice given by the Vice Chancellor to the set of students he was their level coordinator in 2005, who paid him a courtesy call on Thursday, 29th December, 2020. The visiting former students of education were received in the VC's committee room.

The VC, Prof. Abbas, also talked on the need of furthering studies nowadays. He encouraged the visitors to furthering their studies and give a helping hand to their juniors that may need assistance in that direction.

As for those of the visitors who are government workers, the VC called on them to be conversant with

civil service rules and regulation and to ensure they get all the necessary requirements for a promotion before its time.

At a point during the visit, a member of the delegation, Alhaji Abdulahi Muhd Abubakar, said they were grateful for the manner in which the VC, their level coordinator in 2005, treated them. According to Alhaji Abubakar, the VC treated them well and like a father who was keen on the successful transformation of his wards into reasonable and productive citizens.

The visit was basically aimed at congratulating the VC, Prof. Sagir A. Abbas, on his appointment as the 11th Vice Chancellor of the University.

A highlight of the visit was a group photograph taken by the VC and the visiting former students of

BUK Alumni to Get a Befitting Secretariat ...VC

By Sabitu M. Jinjiri

Considering the significance of Alumini association in the University system, the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Sagir A. Abbas, offered to erect a secretariat for the alumni fora of the University to help ease the conduct of their activities. The offer was given by the VC during a courtesy call paid on him by the class 92 Alumni forum of the University on Thursday, 31st December, 2020.

At a point, the VC, Prof. Abbas, described the 92 Alumni forum as “the most active forum” of all the fora, considering the frequency of the class's visit to the University and thanked the forum most sincerely for their support to the University. The VC lamented that most other people did not care to donate to education and called for the trend to be reversed.

“What you are doing to support education is good. We are going to assist you and encourage you to do more,” the VC added.

Earlier at the visit the chairman of the 92 Alumni forum, Alhaji A. Muhammad Dahiru Sa'ad congratulated the Vice chancellor, Prof. Abbas, on his emergence as the new Vice Chancellor of the University and prayed to Allah to guide and lead you “in this new appointment as you steer the affairs of this Great University – our *Alma- Mata*.”

According to Alhaji Sa'ad, his alumni forum has in the last past 5 years provided annual alumni services which include yearly provision of N1, 000, 000 as donations to BUK indigent scholars, payment of hospital bills for

indigent patients at Aminu Kano Teaching Hospital and Murtala Mohammed Specialist Hospital as well as provision of Ramadan support to the less privileged members of the forum.

In a vote of thanks, Dr. Hajara Umar Sanda commended the VC, Prof. Sagir Adamu Abbas for his vision and



Chairman of BUK Class '92 Alumni, Alhaji Muhammad Dahiru Sa'ad presenting a donation of N1m cheque to the VC, Prof. Sagir A. Abbas

mission toward the transformation of Bayero University, Kano. She also applauded his initiatives of strengthening the alimni association of the University.

Highlights of the event were presentation of One Million Naira (N1, 000, 000) Cheque by the alumni for the University's Indigent Scholarship.

APPOINTMENTS

Associate Prof. Abdussamad Appointed Acting Dean Faculty of Vet Medicine

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas has given administrative approval of the appointment of Associate Professor Abdussamad Muhammad Abdussamad of the Department of Animal Science as acting Dean, Faculty of Veterinary Medicine with effect from 10th July, 2020.

Dr. Mohammed Maina Appointed Deputy Director Partnership of DRIP

Dr. Mohammed M. Maina of the Department of Agricultural and Environmental Engineering has been appointed by the Chancellor as Deputy Director Partnership of the Directorate of Research, Innovation and Partnership (DRIP).

A letter of appointment signed by the Registrar, Fatima Binta Mohammed, says the Vice Chancellor approved

the appointment with effect from 2nd January, 2021.

Dr. Ali Bala Umar Appointed HOD, Pathology

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas has approved the appointment of Dr. Ali Bala Umar as Head of Department of Pathology for two years with effect from 2nd January, 2021.

Prof. Rabi'a Sa'id Appointed Deputy Director Quality Assurance

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas, has approved the appointment of Professor Rabi'a Sa'id appointed as a Deputy Director (Quality Assurance) Directorate of Academic Planning for two years with effect from 2nd January, 2021.

A letter signed by Registrar, Fatima Binta Mohammed on 15th December, 2020.

Class '84 to Establish Isolation Centre in BUK

By Sabitu M. Jinjiri

The Class 1984 set of Bayero University, Kano will establish an isolation centre in response with the protocols demanded by the Federal Government as part of the preparation for reopening of schools.

The graduates of 1984 also planned to provide hand-wash equipment and sanitizers at the 17 faculties of Bayero University, Kano.

This was part of the pledges made by the association when it held its re-union and annual meeting last week.

The 1984 alumni had earlier paid a courtesy call on the Vice Chancellor and reiterated their readiness and preparedness to give back to their alma-mata and contribute immensely towards its development.

The Convener of Class '84 alumni association, Alhaji Zakari Atiku had earlier said the association wanted to find out from the university the areas in which it needs their assistance. He explained that by so doing, they hoped to pay back the university what it had done to them.

Alhaji Atiku also said the association had planned to hold a historic lecture at the University's old campus on the role of alumni in assisting the alma mater progress.

In his remarks, the Vice Chancellor, Professor Sagir

Adamu Abbas, who was represented by the University Librarian, Associate Musa Audu Auyo said that the sound mentoring received during their stay as students is always very much fresh in their minds thereby making them happy to identify with their alma-mata.



Some members of BUK Class '84 in a group photograph with Management of BUK

The VC disclosed that the University Management was proud to be associated with them and explained that he is ready to welcome any progressive "offer" from them.

Also speaking, the University Registrar, Hajiya Fatima Binta Mohammed revealed that the University Management had the intention of building an ultra-modern alumni office. She said the alumni could offer a

helping hand in that direction and asked the alumni to assist the university in providing isolation centre and other necessary equipment like sanitizers and hand wash equipment to plan ahead of resumption of school.

BUK Management Condoles Kwankwaso

The Management of Bayero University led by the Vice Chancellor, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas has paid a condolence visit to the former Governor of Kano State, Senator Rabi'u Musa Kwankwaso over the death of his father, Alhaji Saleh Musa, the District Head of Madobi who died penultimate week.

The Vice Chancellor was accompanied by the Registrar, Fatima Binta Mohammed; Bursar, Dr. Suleiman Muhammad Bello; University Librarian, Dr. Musa A. Auyo, Director VC Office, Muhammad Sani Aminu and Secretary, Information and Publication, Malam Lamara Garba.

Speaking during a condolence visit to the former Governor at his Miller Road residence in Kano on Tuesday, 29th December, 2020, the Vice Chancellor described the late District Head of Madobi as a man of God and a philanthropist per excellence whose death created a big vacuum not only in Kano State but Nigeria as a whole. He prayed Allah to grant the deceased Jannatul Firdaus and the family have the fortitude to bear the irreparable loss.



VC, Prof. Sagir A. Abbas with former Governor of Kano State, Senator Rabi'u Musa Kwankaso during a condolence visit

Responding, the former Governor Senator Rabi'u Musa Kwankwaso expressed gratitude for the visit and thanked the Management of Bayero University. He prayed Allah to guide and protect the new leadership. He said he had a high respect for BUK and its staff.

Distribution of Hand Washing Machines

This is to notify members of the University community that, as part of the preparation to re-open the University in January, 2021 and also to fully comply with the protocols set aside by NCDC, the University Management approved the distribution of hand washing machines to the underlisted faculties and units, as follows:

S/N	FACULTY/UNIT	QUANTITY	S/N	FACULTY/UNIT	QUANTITY
1.	Agriculture	1	15.	Pharmaceutical Sciences	1
2.	Allied Health Sciences	1	16.	Physical Sciences	1
3.	Arts & Islamic Studies	1	17.	Social Sciences	1
4.	Basic Medical Sciences	1	18.	Abubakar Rasheed Senate Building	2
5.	Communication	1	19.	Admin Block	1
6.	Computer Science & Information Technology	1	20.	School of Continuing Education	1
7.	Clinical Sciences	1	21.	Mambayya House, Aminu Kano Centre for Democratic Studies	1
8.	Dentistry	1	22.	School of Postgraduate Studies	1
9.	Education	1	23.	Dangote Business School	1
10.	Engineering	1	24.	University Clinic	2
11.	Earth & Environmental Sciences	1	25.	University Library	2
12.	Law	1	26.	Student Affairs Division	1
13.	Life Sciences	1	27.	Directorate of Exams, Admissions & Records (DEAR)	1
14.	Management Sciences	1			

