



Council Appoints Jamil Salim as BUK's Acting Registrar

By Lamara Garba



■ Acting Registrar, Jamil A. Salim

A letter signed by the Vice Chancellor, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas conveying the approval; says the appointment is for a six months period with effect from Monday, 15th March, 2021.

“I write on the instruction of the University Council to inform you that the Council has approved your appointment as Acting Registrar/Secretary to Council of Bayero University, Kano for six months with effect from Monday, 15th March, 2021,” the letter reads in part.

The letter further says the appointment of the Acting Registrar followed the completion of the tenure of the former Registrar and Secretary to Council, Hajiya Fatima Binta Mohammed. It also says, as acting Registrar, he will directly be answerable to the Vice Chancellor for the day-to-day running of the University.

Professor Abbas, while congratulating the Acting Registrar, equally prayed for a successful tenure in office.

It could be recalled that the tenure of the former Registrar Hajiya Fatima Binta Mohammed, who has now proceeded on a 10 months course at the National Institute for Policy and Strategic Studies (NIPSS) at Kuru, Jos, Plateau State, ended on February, 28th 2021.

Meanwhile the Acting Registrar, Jamil Salim, a 1988 graduate of Hausa/Islamic Studies Combined Honours, holds a Post graduate Diploma in Public Policy and Administration as well as Masters in Business and Commercial Law. He previously worked with the National Examinations Council (NECO) and served as pioneer Kano State Coordinator.

The Governing Council of the University has approved the appointment of Jamil Ahmad Salim as the Acting Registrar and Secretary to the Council.

C-19 Oxford Astra Zenneca Vaccination Exercise Kicks Off in BUK

By Lamara Garba

The Oxford Astra Zenneca Covid-19 Vaccination exercise began in Bayero University, Kano with the Vice Chancellor Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas, along with the Acting Chief Medical Director of Aminu Kano Teaching Hospital and other top management staff of the University receiving their vaccination.

The exercise which was conducted at the Aminu Kano Teaching Hospital on Thursday, 18th March 2021 saw a large number of University staff turning up for the vaccine.

Professor Sagir Abbas expressed satisfaction with the turnout of staff and declared that the University Management would do everything possible to ensure facilitation of the conduct of the exercise so as to ensure that every interested member of the university community gets vaccinated.

Also speaking, the Acting Chief Medical Director of Aminu Kano Teaching Hospital (AKTH), Dr. Auwalu Umar Gajida, who is also the Chairman Medical Advisory Committee said another centre would be



Vice Chancellor, Prof. Sagir Adamu Abbas receiving the Oxford Astra Zenneca Vaccination

established in the Hospital to ensure smooth conduct of the exercise.

Those who received the jabs include Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academics), Professor Sani Mohammed

Gumel; Deputy Vice Chancellor (Management Services), Professor Mahmoud Umar Sani, Dr. Abdullahi Kabir Suleiman, Dr. Garba Ibrahim Diggol; Professor Ibrahim Nashabaru, Dr. Dalhatu Gwarzo and many other lecturers and staff of the University.

NAEAP BUK Chapter holds 5th Annual Conference

By Nura Garba

The National Association of Educational Administration and Planning (NAEAP), Bayero University, Kano Chapter, conducted its 5th Annual Conference with the theme: **Managing Education System in Nigeria Amidst Covid-19 Pandemic: Issues and Challenges**, held from 8th to 11th March, 2021.

The keynote speaker, Dr. Oke, Tolutope Idowu from University of Jos, said education is an instrument for national transformation and sustainable development over the years, saying that no nation at the global level relegates the integrity of educational provision to her citizens.

Dr. Idowu who lamented that over the years, the educational provision of education to the citizens had been facing serious problems.

According to him, the aftermath of the ugly situation led to overcrowded classrooms, teachers' inefficiency, and the use of chalk-talk method, traditional approach and poor quality service delivery.



Her Excellency, Dr. Hafsata A. U. Ganduje Grand Patron of the Association in a group photograph with Management of BUK

“Unfortunately, on the 14th of February, 2020, there was a sudden entrant of a pandemic tagged Covid-19 which was an infectious disease. It continued to spread through community transmission in a geometrical mode leading to the death of many Nigerians without sympathy to social status, religion, gender or background,” he said.

With the spread of Covid-19, the Federal Ministry of Education announced the temporary closure of schools effective from 23rd March, 2020 in a bid to contain the spread of the coronavirus. He said the country at that time did not have a clear cut policy of online education compared to other countries in Africa and Europe.

He said during the heat of lockdown in Nigeria some factors which were attributed to have negative effect to online education in Nigeria included poor power supply, low technological know-how, economic recession, high cost of online educational materials, politics in the management of education and in accurate database.

With the situational problems affecting the effective implementation and financing of online education in Nigeria, Dr. Idowu recommended the establishment of online education unit that will be in charge of the administrative issues of online education and that other states should borrow a leaf from Governor of Osun State, Abdulra'uf Aregbesola, who distributed hand pads to all SS3 students in his state.

The grand matron of NAEAP and the wife of Kano State Governor, her Excellency, Dr. Hafsat Abdullahi Umar Ganduje commended the spirited effort of NAEAP for sustaining its annual conference and averred that it was one of the best associations in Bayero University, Kano.

She charged the participants to pay much attention to the deliberations and the discussions, saying that she was optimistic that the conference would provide another thought provoking insight into the national agenda of improving the state of education.

Dr. Hafsat Ganduje also called on the Management of Bayero University to consider the establishment of a department of Administration and Planning, appealing that when it comes to recruitment, graduates from this field should be considered.

Earlier in his opening remarks, the Vice Chancellor, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas, said the University Management was proud to be associated with NAEAP and its members for their contribution to education sector. He said the association is one of the key players advancing innovative ideas towards revitalizing the education industry.

A large number of principals, head mistresses, education secretaries and many other stakeholders attended the conference.

University Librarian Interacts with Staff of Special Needs Unit

The University Librarian Dr. Musa A. Auyo, CLN has interacted with staff of Special Needs Unit from the University Library.

The Unit was established to cater for the Library needs of users with special needs, which is unique in Nigerian Universities. It houses specialized equipment for learning and research by staff and students of the University.

The staff are: Abdulla Umar Abdullahi, Aminu Yahuza, and Saminu Isma'il.

During the meeting, each of the staff introduced himself and his area of specialization.

The staff expressed appreciation over the recognition by the University Librarian and pledged to work assiduously to support both staff and students with special needs on the use of the library.

The profiles of the newly engaged staff of the Unit are as follows:

1. Abdullahi Umar Abdullahi – The Best graduating Student of Faculty of Education,

Bayero University, 2019 (Student with Visual Impairment).

2. Aminu Yahuza – President, Special Education Students Association of Nigeria, BUK Chapter 2015.
3. Saminu Isma'il (Deaf) – HND (Statistics), Nuhu Bamalli Polytechnic, Zaria 2017 and presently North West Zonal Coordinator, Nigerian National Association of the Deaf.



From the right: Saminu Ismail (Deaf), Yusuf Ladan, Faculty officer; Ibrahim Adamu, HOD, information Resources Dev. Dept; beside University Librarian, Dr. Musa A. Auyo, First from Left: Aminu Yahuza, Abdullahi U. Abdullahi (VI)

Fund your *Alma Mata*, VC Challenges Alumni Associations

By Aisha Hassan

Alumni Associations in the country should take a cue from their foreign counterparts who have since taken the lead in funding their *Alma Mata*, the Vice Chancellor, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas has disclosed.

The Vice Chancellor was speaking when he received class '84 alumni on a courtesy call in his office on Tuesday, 16th March, 2021.

He gave the example of the prestigious Harvard University in the United States, where, he said, the bulk of the institution's funding came mainly from their Alumni Association and not from the Government as the case here in Nigeria.

Professor Abbas advised Alumni Associations to develop the culture of complementing the efforts of Government in

alumni, saying that they are one of the most active Alumni. The Vice Chancellor also acknowledged the donation of wonderful support from the group and promise that the items would be put to paper use.

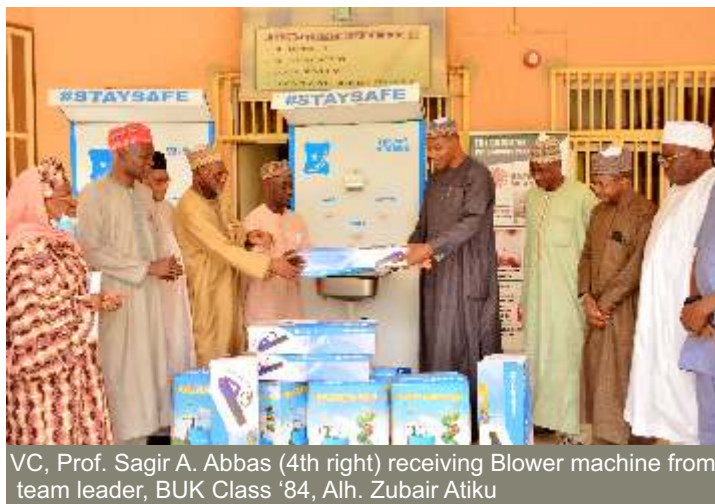
Prof. Abbas who acknowledged the important role Alumni play in the University, advised the Deputy Registrar, Advancement Office, Malam Mustapha Zaharadeen to come up with awareness programmes aimed at educating students and alumni of their role in supporting the university community to move education to greater heights.

He said the support that would be expected from the Alumni Associations must not necessarily be financial, it could be moral, adding that the presence of the Alumni Association and the good work it is doing, could serve as a morale booster to students, who may want to join on graduation.

Earlier, the leader of the Class '84 alumni delegation, Alhaji Zubair Atiku told the Vice Chancellor that the purpose of their visit was to congratulate the Vice Chancellor, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas on his assumption into office as well as to present some items to support the University in the fight against Covid-19.

He prayed to Allah to guide and protect him and give him the wisdom to move the University to greater heights. Alhaji Atiku announced the donation of 10 motorized hand washing machines and 10 Units of Blower and Sprayer machines to assist the University in its current fight against COVID-19 Pandemic.

“Please accept these token items as a symbol of our desire to partner and assist the University in any way we can. We hope the items will assist the University in its effort towards tackling this, we look forward to enhanced co-operation with the University to enable it attain a higher standing under your direction, he said.



VC, Prof. Sagir A. Abbas (4th right) receiving Blower machine from team leader, BUK Class '84, Alh. Zubair Atiku

the area of funding, saying that 'if you want to give back to the society what was given to you, then you must take the bull by the horn and invest seriously in your *alma Mata*,' the Vice Chancellor counseled.

He however, commended the efforts of the class '84

VC Condoles with Professor Ado Dan Isa

By Sheriff Ahmed

The Vice Chancellor, Prof. Sagir Adamu Abbas, has condoled with Prof. Ado Dan Isa of Faculty of Engineering, who lost his father on Sunday, 14th March, 2021.

During the condolence visit at the family home in Dawakin Kudu on Tuesday, 16th March 2021, in company of the Principal Officers, the Vice Chancellor besought Allah to grant the deceased forgiveness and eternal rest in *Jannatul Firdaus*.

The Vice Chancellor recalled that Prof. Ado Dan Isa was actively participating in the promotion exercise, the week before, by the Central Appointments and Promotions Committee (A&PC). He sought permission to stay away to attend to his father who was said to be critically ill.

Prof. Ado Dan Isa thanked the Vice Chancellor and his entourage for the condolence visit and prayed for their safe journey back to the campus.



VC and Management staff during a condolence visit to Prof. Ado Dan Isa

The deceased had since been laid to rest according to Islamic tradition.

CGS, FAF and Green Horizon Organize a Two-Day Training on Strategic Planning

By Fausat A. Opayomi

BUK Centre for Gender Studies will continue to support any organization willing to partner with it so as to be leaders in areas of research and training.

This was disclosed by the Director of the Centre, Prof. Hassana Sani Darma, during a two-day training on leadership and strategic planning, which was organized by the Centre in collaboration with the Family Advancement Forum [FAF] and Green Horizon on Saturday 13th and Sunday 14th March 2021 at the CGS, Conference Room.

Ibrahim I. Bello of Green Horizon, in his presentation defined strategy as an overall approach, based on an understanding of the broader context in which you function, your strength and weakness, and the problem you are attempting to address.

According to him, a Strategic planning is the core of the work of an organization. and without a strategic framework you don't know where you are going or why you are going there.

Mohammed Ayuba Baba, of Centre for Gender Studies, in his presentation, said, a standard operating procedure (SOP) is a set of step-by-step instructions compiled by an organization to help workers carry out routine operations. He said Standard Operating Procedure reduce employee training time; maintain consistency across your brand, reduce errors and enhance productivity, meet legal requirements; establish a chain of command; and transfer work easily.

Another speaker, Dr. Safiya Ahmad Nuhu, Deputy Director Training, CGS, defined organizational structure as a system that outlines how certain activities are directed in order to achieve the goals of an organization, which includes applicable rules, roles and responsibilities, she said it also “determines how the system of operations for the organization works
It is a major contributory factor to efficiency.”

According to her, “functional organizational structure

provides the foundation on which standard operating procedures and routines rest.”

Professor Binta Tijjani Jibril Director, IIBF, who was represented by Malam Adamu Umar, in her presentation, said poor financial management and improper financial reporting within Islamic organizations and other Not-for-profit organizations (NFP) is understandable because individuals who are operating the organizations find themselves in position of responsibility by virtue of the passion they have for a particular cause not their



A cross section of participants

managerial skills or financial acumen.

The Director Centre for Gender Studies, Professor Hassana Sani Darma, in her closing remarks thanked the resource persons for sharing their knowledge and hoped the training would boost the activities of CGS and hoped that the participants will go back to their various organizations to put into practice what they have learnt in strategic planning.

APPOINTMENT

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas, has approved the appointment of Professor Aisha Abdul Ismail of the Department of Political Science, as the Chairperson, Committee for the Development of Policy on Endowment and Professorial Research Chair in Bayero University. Other members of the Committee are:

- (1) Professor Yusuf Adamu, Dept. of Geography – Member
- (2) Professor Sagir M. Sale, Dept. of Anatomy - Member
- (3) Professor S.Y. Mudi, Dept. of Pharm & Herbal

Med. - Member

(4) Professor S.I. B/Kudu, Dept. of Electrical Engineering - Member

(5) Professor Ahmad Murtala, Dept. of Islamic Studies - Member

(6) Dr. Aisha Haruna, Faculty of Law - Member

(7) Dr. M.M. Maina, Deputy Director (Partnership), DRIP - Member

(8) Head, Legal Unit, University Legal Unit - Member

(9) Mariya Akilu Indabawa, Desk Officer (Partnership), DRIP – Secretary

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CGS, HiLWA Organize Leadership Training to Commemorate the 2021 International Women's Day

By Fausat A. Opayomi

A prosperous future can only be achieved when leaders are God fearing, patriotic, selfless, emphatic, fair, firm and are able to carry everyone along in decision making. This was made known by Professor Hassana Sani Darma, Director CGS, Bayero University, Kano, on Monday 8th March, 2021, at a leadership training which was organized for Secondary School Students in Kano State by BUK Centre



Some officials of the workshop in a group photograph

for Gender Studies in collaboration with High Level Women Advocates [HiLWA] to commemorate the 2021 International Women's Day, **“Women in Leadership”** at the CGS Conference Room.

Professor Hassana Darma who made a presentation on the topic **“Developing Effective Leadership Skills for A Prosperous Future”** defined leadership as the act of motivating a group or an individual to achieve a common goal.

She said a good leader must be mentally, physically, socially and emotionally strong and be courageous enough to make decisions that will benefit all. She also said a leader must provide a vision, mission, effective organizational structure and establish values that are

worthy of emulation.

The Chairperson of High Level Women Advocate [HiLWA], Kano Chapter, Professor Aisha Abdul Isma'il in her remarks, said HiLWA, which is a UNICEF intervention is committed to advocating for girl child education nationwide and has been working voluntarily to lend a voice in promoting girl child education and to ensure policy formulation. She urged the participants to be of good morals and not involve in examination malpractice, drug abuse and bullying. She also advised them to be God fearing in whatever leadership role they are assigned.

Hajiya Yardada Maikano Bichi, who was a former commissioner and now SA to the Governor of Kano State on NGO's in her contribution said a good leader should have a listening ear, understanding and operate an open door policy.

Hon. Aisha Jafar, an SA to Kano State Governor on School feeding, said a leader is being groomed right from school, when assigned with responsibilities.

During the question and answer session which was facilitated by Professor Amina Mustapha, the Deputy Director, CDA, some of the secondary school prefects, who were participants, said, the qualities that qualifies someone to be a leader are hard work, intelligence. Others said good relationship and an ability to influence others are the criteria. At the end, the students said they learnt a lot about the qualities that make a good leader, such as respect and obedience, good relationship with others, sacrifice, carrying everyone along, among others. She advised the participants to learn to accept criticisms and make sacrifices at the time they are needed.

Hajiya Ladidi Sani Fagge, Secretary HiLWA, in her remarks thanked BUK, CGs for its continuous support. She advised the participants not to “throw away” what has been learnt and that they should emulate good leaders and not otherwise, whenever they are given leadership responsibilities.

Invitation to CICID Public Lecture

You may wish to be informed that, as part of its mandate of educating and informing the World about Islamic Civilization and its essence and indeed promoting knowledge, the **Centre for Islamic Civilization and Interfaith Dialogue, Bayero University, Kano** has instituted Bi-Monthly Public Lecture Series. In keeping with that the Centre has organized its first post-Covid-19 public lecture in the Bi-Monthly Series which is also its first activity this year. We are pleased to invite you to this important event scheduled to take place as follows:

Topic: Islamic Civilization: Concept, Sources and Manifestations

Presenter: Dr. Bashir Aliyu Umar (Former Director, CICID)

Chairman/Chief Host: Prof. Sagir Adamu Abbas (VC BUK)

Discussants:

1. Prof. Muhammad Babangida (Director Centre for Qur'anic Studies, Bayero University, Kano)

2. Prof. Baffa Aliyu Umar (Department of Sociology, Bayero University, Kano)

Date: Wednesday, 7th April, 2021

Time: 10:00 am

Venue: Convocation arena, BUK New Campus.

Announcer:

Prof. Salisu Shehu, Director CICID

Prof. M.D. Mukhtar Takes over as Chair Editorial Board of KS JSSR

Professor M.D Mukhtar has taken over as the Chairman of the Editorial Board of Kano Studies Journal of Savannah and Sudanic Research (KSJSSR). The taking over ceremony took place on Wednesday, March 17th, 2021.

Other members of the Board are: Prof. Amina Mustapha, Dr. Gali Sa'idu, Dr. Ibrahim Muhammad Gumel and Mahfuz Zubair Ibrahim as Secretary.



Prof. M. D. Mukhtar (3rd left) receiving handing over notes from Prof. Habu Mohammed

SEMINAR

Department of Medical Microbiology and Parasitology: *M.Sc Proposal/Internal Defense*

Presenter 1: Nusaiba Kabir Abubakar (SPS/18/MMM/00030)

Topic: Molecular Detection of Norovirus among 0-5 years Children presented with Diarrhoea attending Selected Hospitals in Kano Metropolis.

Supervisors: Dr. Taysir H. Ramadan/ Dr. Lawal Dahiru Rogo/ Dr. Auwalu I. Kabuga

Presenter 2: Ibrahim Ahmed Usman (SPS/16/MMM/00001)

Topic: Nasopharyngeal Carriage of *Neisseria meningitidis* among Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) in Gashua, Bade Local Government Area of Yobe State, Nigeria.

Supervisors: Dr. Yusuf Mohammed / Dr. Lawal Dahiru Rogo

Presenter 3: Fatima Habib Sa'ad (SPS/18/MMM/00011)

Topic: Immunological Screening for Autoimmune Thyroid Disease among Pregnant Women Attending Murtala Muhammad Specialist Hospital, Kano.

Supervisors: Dr. Yusuf Mohammed/ Dr. Baba Maiyaki Musa/ Dr. M. A. Abbas

Chairman: Professor Akande Oyeibanji Azeez

Date: Tuesday, 23rd March, 2021.

Time: 10:00am

Venue: Departmental Board Room

Note: Seminar attendance is compulsory to all Postgraduate students.

Department of Anatomy: *MSc Anatomy Internal and Proposal Defense*

Internal Defense:

Presenter 1: lawal Abubakar Jibia (SPS/17/MAN/00013)

Title: Relationship of Maternal Digit Ratio with Some National Wellbeing Parameters.

Supervisor: Dr. L. H. Adamu

Presenter 2: Maryam Isa Sharif

(SPS/18/MAN/00010)

Title: Relationship of Selected Biological Profiles and Foot anthropometry Among Hausa Ethnic Group in Kano State.

Supervisor: Dr. L. H. Adamu

Presenter 3: Rilwanu Bello (SPS/17/MAN/00022)

Title: Histoprotective Effects of *Cyperus esculentus* (Tiger nut) on the Toxic Testicular Effects of Fluoxetine in Adult Wister Rat.

Chairman: Dr. M. I. Badamasi

Supervisor: DR. M. I. Badamasi

Date: Monday, 22nd March, 2021

Time: 9:00am

Venue: PG Lecture Room

Internal Defense:

Presenter 1: Farida Muhammad Habib (SPS/17/MAN/00006)

Title: Body Mass Index and Physical Activities as well as Haematological Indices Among Women of Child Bearing Age in Katsina State.

Supervisor: Dr. M. I. Badamasi

PhD Proposal Defense:

Presenter 2: Shamsuddeen Mansur (SPS/18/PAN/00003)

Title: Facial Masculinity-Femininity and Sociodemographic Characteristics of Prisoners: A Comparative Study with Non-Prisoners in Kano State, Nigeria.

Chairman: Dr. M. S. Saleh

Date: Monday, 23rd March, 2021

Time: 9:00am

Venue: PG Lecture Room

Department of International Law and Jurisprudence: *Seminar Presentation*

Presenter: Dr. Abubakar Isa

Topic: 'A Midas Touch? TWAIL, TWAILERS and a Redefinition of International Law

Date: 26th March, 2021

Time: 2:00pm

Faculty of Earth and Environmental Sciences

Bayero University Kano



Talking Environment Seminar Series

With

**ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR
ALIYU SALISU BARAU**

On: Wednesday 24th March 2021

By: 10am

At: Theatre Fa10, Faculty of Earth
and Environmental Sciences Complex,
Bayero University, Kano.



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**DROUGHT IN KANO CITY:
EXPRESSING CLIMATE CHANGE APATHY
IN THE LIGHT OF ALI MAZRUI'S
TRIPLE HERITAGE**



*Wedding
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Professor Habu Mohammed Fagge of the Department of Political Science invites members of the University Community to the wedding fatiha of his daughter, Hauwa Habu Mohammed Fage with her groom, Jabir

Sa'id Ahmad Dukawa, scheduled as follows:

Date: Friday

Time: 2pm

Venue: Central Mosque, BUK Old Campus

Load Shedding of Electricity on the Campus

Following an excessive heat being experienced in recent times as a result of the change in weather, it has resulted in a constant tripping of the automated solar plant due to overload of appliances. Consequently, members of the University Community are hereby informed that there would be load shedding in the supply of electricity especially in the New Campus.

Thus, there would be rotation in the supply of electricity between academic area and the staff quarters henceforth.

During the day time, electricity will only be supplied to the academic area while staff quarters and students hostel will be provided with electricity at night.

We appeal to members of staff to kindly bear with the situation as it is temporary.

Inconveniences regretted, please.

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