



MDCN Increases BUK's MBBS Intake

By Lamara Garba



Members of MDCN Accreditation Team in a group photograph with Management of BUK

The Medical and Dental Council of Nigeria (MDCN), has granted full reaccreditation for the University's MBBS Programme for another five years. This was disclosed by the Dean of the Faculty of Clinical Sciences, Dr Idris Mohammed in a terse statement on Friday, 3rd August, 2024. He said in addition, the Council has further approved increase in admission capacity into the MBBS programme from 150 per session to 180 per session.

“On behalf of the Vice Chancellor, Provost of College of Health Sciences, and the entire faculties of Basic Medical Sciences, Basic Clinical Sciences, and Clinical Sciences, I have the pleasure to inform you that the Council, in its recent visit to our institution, has granted us reaccreditation for the MBBS program for the next five years. Additionally, they have graciously approved a marginal increment in our quota, from 150 to 180,” the Dean declared.

Accordingly, he said this feat was a collective effort of all the staff of the College in particular and the entire members of the university in general. “This achievement has been made possible through the unwavering support of the management of both BUK and AKTH, as well as the dedication of the entire staff of the college. We thank you most sincerely for your support and dedication”.

With this development, Bayero University is among the institutions with high students allocation in the country in terms of number of intake for the MBBS programme. The Dean, who was thrilled by the development, expressed special appreciation to the Vice Chancellor, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas and the Management for the wonderful support rendered to the Faculty and concluded the statement with “Congratulations to us all, and congratulations to BUK,”

VC Calls for Enlightenment on Stock Market

... As Investment and Securities Tribunal Holds Hybrid Sensitization Workshop, Opens Zonal Office in Kano

By Lamara Garba & Ibrahim Ado Saleh

Members of the business community need to be fully educated and enlightened about the Nigerian Capital Market operation to enable them to participate in stock market investment, the Vice Chancellor, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas, has said.

He spoke on Wednesday, 24th July, 2024 during the opening ceremony of zonal Hybrid sensitization seminar for investors and business community in the North West region which was jointly organized by the Investment and Securities Tribunal in collaboration with the Faculty of Law, Bayero University, Kano themed; **Legal Profession and Capital Market Regulation in Nigeria**.

According to him the awareness became imperative with a view to capturing large chunk of investors particularly in the rural communities so as to venture into the stock market with an open mind.

He said lack of proper information regarding the operational roles and workings of the investment and securities tribunal and its interface with the Nigerian Capital Market has undoubtedly sent the wrong signals to prospective investors.

Professor Abbas, however, said the seminar could not have come at a more auspicious time because of the desire of the investing public to understand the operations of the capital market as well as the roles of the investment and securities tribunal.

The workshop, which was organized by the Investment and Securities Tribunal, took place on Wednesday 24th July 2024 at the CBN Center of Excellence, BUK. He said it was because of the importance of the seminar that it was held for the first time at this magnificent building, which was commissioned by the Vice President a couple of months ago.

The Vice Chancellor implored them to deepen the collaboration with the University by affording students on internship with the various branches across the country and more importantly “engaging our staff by way of capacity building, conference participation and other laudable opportunities to strengthen their understanding of the practical application of the Capital Market for the benefit of our students. As you commission your Kano office, please accept my very best wishes on behalf of the staff and students of this great University.”

In his remark, the Executive Governor of Kano State, Alhaji Abba Kabir Yusuf, who was represented by the Commissioner for Investment, Hon. Adamu Aliyu Kibiya, extended the Governor's goodwill and welcomed the Tribunal to Kano State.

The Governor expressed the determination of his administration to provide environment conducive for business development and investment in the state. He

explained that investment is key to economic growth.

Earlier, the Chairman of the occasion, Professor Auwalu Hamisu Yadudu commended the organizers of the workshop. He said such a programme was very important in creating awareness and mobilization of the members of the public to actively participate in the Capital Market activities.

In his address, the Chairman of the Investment and Securities Tribunal, Mr. Amos Isaac Azi, explained the concept of the Tribunal as well as the purpose of the Seminar. “The Investment and Securities Tribunal organizes enlightenment Programs to educate stakeholders and marketing entities on the Law and practice of the Nigerian Capital Market, particularly the practice and procedure of the Tribunal,” he explained.



VC, Prof. Sagir A. Abbas (right) with Alhaji Adamu Aliyu Kibiya Commissioner of Investment representing the Governor of Kano State

According to him, the Tribunal composed of highly reputable legal luminaries. pointing out that over 90% of cases it handled are often validated by higher Courts, thereby making it as one of the best dispute settlement mechanisms in the country.

“I want to happily announce to this auspicious gathering that members of the Investment and Securities Tribunal are of high integrity and moral standing whose verdict is always upheld by superior Courts for their meticulous proceedings,” he said.

Presenting the lead paper titled “**New Legal Profession and the Nigerian Capital Market**” which he presented virtually, a legal luminary, A. B. Mahmoud (SAN), explained that the future of the legal profession in capital market regulation may involve the blend of traditional legal expertise and innovative technological solutions.

He opined that the Nigerian capital market plays a great role in wealth creation for individuals as well as driving national economic growth, however for a stronger capital market in line with the global trend, the system may require

the issuance of new rules on digital assets with emphasis on technology such as the Artificial Intelligence, and block chain technology, mobile trading and Smart Apps as well as cloud technology among others.

According to him as of mid-2024, Nigeria's capital market had a market capitalization of approximately USD 38.5 billion. He revealed that the country's capital market is weak compared to the situation in other African countries such as Ghana, Kenya, and South Africa, suggesting that as a pathway to deepening the capital market, there must have a policy that will continually create awareness among the populace especially on financial literacy and financial

...Minister Reaffirms Importance of Capital Market, Commends IST Initiative

By Lamara Garba

The Minister of Finance and Coordinating Minister of the Economy, Chief Wale Edun, has said a well functional capital market is essential for a country's economic growth and sustainable development.

The Minister spoke on Wednesday, 24th July, 2024 while declaring open a one-day Hybrid Sensitization Workshop jointly organized by the Faculty of Law, Bayero University, Kano and the Investment and Securities Tribunal at BUK's CBN Centre of Excellence with the theme “**The Legal Profession and Capital Market Regulation in Nigeria with the Investment and**



Participants of IST Hybrid Sensitisation Workshop in a group photograph

Securities Tribunal in Focus.”

According to him the “importance of Capital Market in mobilizing needed funds for governments for infrastructure and for development projects cannot be over emphasize.”

The Minister while expressing delight for the sensitization workshop, noted that in order to have a functional Capital market in the country, it requires the entrenchment of a robust legal framework that makes for certainty and predictability of judicial outcomes.

He equally commended the efforts of the Investment and Securities Tribunal which started as a child of necessity but, has today grown to become a very critical infrastructure within the Nigerian Capital Market ecosystem.

While applauding the existence of the Tribunal as a specialized body that is responsive to the time sensitive nature of the market, he expressed sadness that many investors and other market stakeholders have remained

inclusion as well as expansion of Islamic financial services and capital market products.

Alhaji A. B. Mahmoud suggested that government must find means to allay investors' fears by building trust and confidence through enhanced standard of corporate governance, efficient and effective disputes resolution and innovation by adopting technology and digitalization.

The legal luminary noted the great roles played by the Investment and Securities Tribunal in resolving disputes arising from capital market transaction which was instrumental in shaping capital market jurisprudence and policy.

largely oblivious of the existence of the Tribunal, its jurisdiction and its mode of operations which makes it difficult to take advantage of the comfort it provides for investors, hence the necessity of this workshop.

In his paper presentation, a leading Stock Broker and Board member of Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), Hon. Kasimu Garba Kurfi, suggested that as a way of decongesting conventional courts, all matters related to investments should be referred to the Investment and Securities Tribunal for adjudication.

He also listed the many benefits of venturing into stock market, saying people have been missing a lot of business opportunities. According to him, the easiest way to gain clean handsome profit is by venturing into the capital market opportunities.

Making a presentation on the objectives of the workshop, the Chairman of Seminar Planning Committee, Dr Abubakar Aminu Ahmad, said the concept of the programme was to create awareness among the populace on the relevance of the tribunal and the need for strong Capital Market in the country.

It also aimed at sensitizing participants about the special nature of capital market transactions, disputes arising from the transactions and the mechanism for the resolution of the disputes especially the Tribunal.

In addition, it enlightened the participants on the need for the Tribunal as a specialized fast-track civil court positioned to resolve disputes in expeditious, expertly, fair, flexible, transparent and cost –effective manner that is devoid of technicality and targeted at substantial justice.

Earlier, Dean of the Faculty of Law, Dr Abubakar Isa Umar, in his vote of thanks, commended the organizers of the workshop and assured that the faculty is always willing to collaborate with stakeholders in promoting excellence and networking.

Highlight of the event was a donation of books by the Faculty of Law Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria to the Faculty of Law, Bayero University, Kano.

Participants were drawn from the judiciary, chambers of commerce, academics, Capital Market Stakeholders, Captains of Industries as well as Law students from Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria and Bayero University, Kano.

Experts Advocate Workshop for Journalists on Translation

By Nura Garba

Experts from various disciplines have advocated the need for a comprehensive workshop to stimulate journalists from print and broadcast media on standard and best practices of translation. The workshop will provide a veritable platform for experts and journalists to chart a way for standard translation practices.

This was part of a communiqué issued at the end of one-day



Participants of the round table discussion

round-table discussion organized by the Centre for the Research in Nigerian Languages, Translation and Folklore (CRNLT&F) held on Tuesday 23rd July 2024, at Mahmud Tukur Theatre, Old Campus, BUK with the theme: **Prospects and Challenges of Translations.**

The round table discussion, which was attended by a number of stakeholders from the academia, the media, the judiciary and Islamic clerics, recommended that the national workshop on translation would go a long way in addressing the myriad of problems on translation in the country.

The communiqué also recommended that translation manuals should be encyclopedic, which means that translation needs to be multidimensional and multi-sectoral and that Hausa dictionaries should be revised and updated on yearly basis as being a standard practice for English dictionaries like Longman, Oxford, Webster and so on.

It also advised that BUK should digitize and give online free access to various publications on translations, such as thesis,

books and other miscellaneous publications and advocated that translators should understand the dynamic nature of language and respond appropriately and that translators should be mindful of their audience.

The communiqué recommended that translators must also be aware of the culture of both the source and the target language. They should avoid expressions that go against the culture of the audience and further suggested the need for consistency in translation across the media stations.

While declaring the round table discussion open, the Vice Chancellor, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas, who was represented by the Deputy Vice Chancellor, Academics, Professor Sani Muhammad Gumel, said over the years, the center has been conducting workshops for various media organizations and court interpreters with the aim of enhancing the efficiency of their productivity in the content they produce for consumption by the society.

He said these types of workshops have greatly assisted towards building the capacity of media practitioners in the state and beyond. "It is against that backdrop that the Center is today reconvening on yet another round of activity to seek for a solution to the problem of translation bedeviling our society. This round table discussion is a testament to our dedication to these goals, bringing together scholars, translators, and cultural enthusiasts to share insights and forge new paths forward," the VC stated.

Earlier in his welcome address, the Director of the Centre, Professor Yakubu Magaji Azare, in recent years, the proliferation of shoddy translations on billboards has become a matter of concern, saying that these inaccuracies not only distort the intended messages but also undermine the credibility of the media and erode public trust.

According to Prof Azare addressing these challenges requires a multifaceted approach. "Firstly, we must invest in the training and development of professional translators, and secondly, there must be a concerted effort to establish and enforce quality control mechanisms within media houses and advertising agencies.

He expressed profound gratitude to the Vice Chancellor for his unwavering support to the Centre for the Research in Nigerian Languages, Translation and Folklore (CRNLT&F).

FIRS Visits BUK, Seeks Collaboration ... Commends Management for Prompt Remittance of Taxes

By Suleiman Salihu

A team from the Federal Inland Revenue Services (FIRS), has commended the Management of Bayero University, Kano for its prompt remittance of taxes, and called for other institutions and agencies to emulate the University.

The team led by the Director of Business Department of FIRS, Malam Atiku Mohammed, said the aim of the visit was to sensitize the Management of the University on tax matters.

Speaking during a courtesy visit on the Vice Chancellor, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas, the FIRS Boss explained that the agency was statutorily charged with the responsibility of collecting, accessing and accounting for taxes for the federation.



Officials from FIRS in a group photograph with BUK Management

According to him these taxes included petroleum income tax, company income tax, value added tax, stamp duty, Tertiary Education Trust Fund, among others.

He further explained that ministries, departments and agencies (MDAs) of government were charged with the responsibility of charging, deducting and remitting of the taxes which included the value added tax, withholding tax and stamp duty on the transactions they received.

He stated that FIRS had given an increasing target of 19.7 trillion to meet by the federal government in 2024 which was an increase of 60% against last year 2023 target. He said without the support and cooperation from the tax payers, the FIRS could not achieve its mandate.

Malam Atiku Mohammed revealed that one of the major challenges faced by FIRS was the long history of non-payment of taxes by most of the tax payers despite the efforts

of the agency in applying Information and Communication Technology (ICT) in the system.

He, however, said from records available, Bayero University, Kano had been cooperating with the agency in terms of remitting taxes promptly. He commended the Management and sought its assistance for further collaboration and cooperation with BUK.

In his remarks, the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas, thanked the FIRS team for the visit. He said BUK was always committed to coordination and transparency in the execution of its activities, adding that without paying taxes, government would not be able to function.

He assured that the University would continue to discharge its responsibility of paying taxes and further disclosed that the University was open for collaboration and always ready to assist and partner with the FIRS.

Federal Fire Service, Kano Command Describes BUK VC as Pacesetter in Fire Safety

By Suleiman Salihu



Officials of Fire Service in a group photograph with BUK Management

The Kano State Comptroller of Federal Fire Service FFS, Engineer Kazeem O. Sholadoye has described the Vice Chancellor of Bayero University, Kano, Prof. Sagir Adamu Abbas as a pacesetter and pioneer visitor of academic institution for fire safety in Nigeria. He said from the records of the FFS, Bayero University, Kano (BUK) came first in embracing fire safety in the federation.

The Comptroller, who spoke on Friday, 28th July, 2024 when he visited Bayero University, Kano further commended the Vice-Chancellor for initiating fire summit and campus fire safety which he described as the first of its kind in any

Nigerian institutions.

Engineer Sholadoye said the introduction of the fire summit and campus fire safety ginged the headquarters of the FFS for prompt approval of this year's awareness programmes. He solicited the approval of the University Management for launching of the initiative of volunteer campus fire service in BUK for the generality of all campuses of tertiary institutions in Nigeria.

While lamenting the increasing rate of fire outbreaks in tertiary institutions in the state, Engr. Sholadoye disclosed that the command had initiated a fire safety club which included Kano State Polytechnic, Sa'adatu Rimi University of Education, Kano, among others, adding that with the approval of the Management, the Director of Security of BUK was proposed by the command to serve as the patron of the Club.

Responding, the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas thanked the team for the visit and the initiatives put forward by the command. He further appreciated the gallant effort made by the Federal Fire Service, Kano command during the fire incident at the University Library, and urged them to continue with the good work of services to humanity. He said the University was always willing to assist and partner with the Federal Fire Service to address the challenges of fire outbreak.

BUK Trains Level Coordinators, Examination Officers on Efficient Service Delivery

By Suleiman Salihu & Fatima Wada Magaji

The Directorate of Academic Planning (DAP) through its Continuous Professional Development (CPD) Unit in collaboration with the Centre for Dry Land Agriculture (CDA) has organized a one-day sensitization workshop for Level Coordinators, Faculty Examination Officers and Departmental Examination Officers on efficiency in record keeping and Examinations Administration.

The one-day training was to cover all faculties from Monday, 29th through Wednesday 31st July, 2024 at the Julius Berger E-Learning Centre, New Campus.

The training was designed to refresh the participants with necessary skills in line with their critical responsibility as the custodians of students' academic records in the University.

Declaring the Workshop open, the Vice-Chancellor,

Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas who was represented by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Academics, Prof. Sani Muhammad Gumel, stressed the importance of refreshing



Participants in a group photograph

the Level Coordinators and Examinations officers with necessary skills to improve their proficiency for more effectiveness in the University.

He expressed worries at the way and manner some of these officers handle their responsibilities, saying they must sit-up in order to improve on their services.

The facilitators of the training included; Dr. Ibrahim Lawan Abdullahi, who presented papers on insightful and engaging sessions on *Roles and Responsibilities of Level Coordinators*, Prof. T. H. Darma, gave an overview of *BUK General Examination Admission Regulation (GEAR)*,

Prof. Muhammad Yusha'u, explained on the *Basic of Results and Reporting* and Engineer Umar Balarabe who took the participants through *Hands-on BUKRES*.

Feedback from the participants through questions and answer sessions highlighted the positive impact of the training which clearly indicated that participants have appreciated the programme.

Earlier, the Director of Academic Planning, Prof. Yusuf Garba who was the coordinator of the programme appreciated the commitments of the University in organizing this important event. He disclosed that similar

Uniting for a Greener Future: Successful Tree Planting Campaign by NAAS

The National Association of Agricultural Students (NAAS), BUK Chapter in collaboration with IAAS, FOWSAN, Youth Hub Kano and Eyes on the Environment, held a transformative tree planting campaign on the 31st of July, marking a significant step towards environmental sustainability on the Bayero University Kano campus. The event took place within Faculty of Agriculture and surrounding areas, garnering enthusiastic participation from students, faculty, and partner organizations.

Lecturers and Dean Lead by Example

The campaign was graced by the presence of esteemed lecturers, including the Dean of the Faculty of Agriculture, Professor M A Hussaini, who actively participated in the tree planting activities. Their involvement shows the importance of this initiative and set a strong example for students to follow. The Dean of the Faculty, expressed his appreciation for the initiative and commended the students for their proactive approach to environmental conservation.

Inspiring Words from NAAS President

The NAAS President, Comrade Aliyu Abubakar, delivered an inspiring speech that resonated with the attendees. Highlighting the importance of environmental stewardship, he said, "This tree planting campaign is not just an event but a movement towards a greener future. Together, we can make a significant impact by nurturing these trees and ensuring their growth for generations to come."

Collaborative Efforts for a Greener Campus

The success of this campaign was made possible through collaborations with few organizations dedicated to environmental conservation. These partnerships provided essential support and resources, showcasing the power of collective action in achieving common goals.

During the event, several trees were planted, including species carefully selected for their suitability to the local environment. Students and faculty members worked side by side, planting and watering the trees, fostering a sense of community and shared responsibility.



Members of NAAS, IAAS and FOWSAN in a group photograph during the campaign

A Step Towards Sustainability

The tree planting campaign concluded with a renewed commitment from all participants to care for the newly planted trees and to continue advocating for environmental sustainability within and beyond the university. The success of this campaign serves as an inspiration for future initiatives and highlights the significant impact that can be achieved through united efforts.

The Faculty of Agriculture extends its heartfelt gratitude to all students, lecturers, and partner organizations who contributed to the success of this campaign. Together, we have taken a crucial step towards creating a greener and more sustainable campus.

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Trade Unions and Labour Relations in Nigerian Public Universities

Book in Honour of

Comrade Abdullahi Sule-Kano



Introduction

Trade unions have been indispensable and critical stakeholders in Nigerian public universities since 1970s. The history of Nigerian university system is replete with struggles by the university-based trade unions. These struggles were, and still are, geared towards achieving improved working conditions, increased funding for the universities, protecting members' rights, fostering academic freedom and university autonomy, democratizing the university system, checking the excesses of authoritarian university administrators, resisting attempts to commercialise university education, among others. Undisputably, quite a number of concessions have been won in the decades-long struggles waged in the face of harassment, intimidation, threats, dismissals, arrests and illegal detention of union leaders by the Nigerian governments and university administrators.

This book project intends to celebrate an indefatigable unionist, Comrade Abdullahi Sule-Kano. Undoubtedly, the history of labour relations and successes of university-based trade union struggles enumerated in the preceding paragraph bear the stamp of his contributions. Comrade Sule-Kano has diligently served the Academic Staff Union of Universities (ASUU) at different times and capacities. He was a one-time Branch Chairperson, ASUU Usmanu Danfodiyo University (1992 - 1995); Member, FGN/ASUU Renegotiation Committee (2006 - 2009 and 2017 to date); Vice President of ASUU (2001 - 2004); President of ASUU (2004 - 2008); and currently a Trustee (2015 - date).

The history and evolution of labour relations in Nigerian public universities and the contributions, sacrifices, steadfastness and selflessness of the committed leaders of trade unions are worth eulogizing and documenting in volumes such as this for posterity and for the purpose of inspiring young activists. This book project, themed Trade Unions and Labour Relations in Nigerian Public Universities: Book in Honour of Comrade Abdullahi Sule-Kano, is set to achieve this objective.

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