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## DRIP Celebrates 10-Year Anniversary ...VC Describes the Directorate a Source of Progress, Platform for Commercialization

By Suleiman Salihu



Dignitaries in a group photograph

The Directorate of Research, Innovation and Partnership (DRIP), Bayero University, Kano, marked its tenth anniversary on Monday, 28th April 2025. The event was held at the CBN Centre of Excellence, New Campus, Bayero University, Kano. It was a double celebration that also included the observance of World Intellectual Property Day and World Day for Safety and Health at Work.

In his opening remarks, the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas, represented by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academics), Professor Haruna Musa, expressed the University's commitment and perseverance in achieving three significant milestones: DRIP's 10th anniversary, World Intellectual Property Day, and World Day for Safety and Health at Work.

Professor Abbas stated that DRIP was established to position the University as a credible centre for high-impact research and innovation, manage research activities, build partnerships, and protect intellectual property, among other responsibilities. He also highlighted the University's continued effort in promoting a culture of safety and well-being among its staff.

He described DRIP as a key driver of progress and development, serving as a model for other institutions. He noted that DRIP has contributed to nurturing intellectual property at BUK and creating avenues for commercialization.

In recognition of these efforts, the University management had approved an immediate payment of N500,000 as honorarium for every patented research publication, stating that this would help improve the University's academic and global standing.

Speaking on the significance of World Intellectual Property Day, Dr. M. M. Maina explained that the day was established on 26th April, 2000 by the World Intellectual Property Organization and is celebrated annually. He noted that this year's theme focused on encouraging progress, driving economic growth, and addressing global challenges.

In a paper titled *"Intellectual Property and its Contribution to Institutional and National Development"*, the Director of DRIP, Professor Ibrahim Ahmad Rufa'i, classified intellectual property into two categories: industrial

property and copyright. He elaborated on their roles in institutional and national growth.

Also speaking, the Dean of the Faculty of Law, Professor Abubakar I. Umar, presented a paper on *"Protection and Enforcement of Intellectual Property Rights in Nigeria."* He stated that intellectual property law originated from Switzerland in 1886 and emphasized that all creations of the mind—literary and artistic works included—deserve legal protection.

He further explained the four key components of protection under Nigerian law: copyright, patents, trademarks, and industrial designs, supported by case studies.

The event featured several other insightful presentations. Professor Auwal Gajida, who represented the Director of the Centre for Occupational and Environmental Health Research and Training (COHERAT), delivered a paper on *"World Day for Safety and Health at Work."*

Professor Usman Aliyu Dutsin-Ma discussed the *"Impact of Digitalization and Artificial Intelligence on Workers' Safety and Health."* Barrister Maryam H. Abdullahi, Administrative Secretary of DRIP, presented the *"Evolution and Development of DRIP,"* while Dr. Binta Abba, Deputy Director of Research Partnership and Compliance, spoke on *"The Development of Research and Entrepreneurship Ecosystem in BUK: The Role of DRIP."* The presentations were reviewed and discussed by Dr. Faiza Ahmad on behalf of Professor Rabia S. Said.

In his goodwill message, the former Executive Secretary of the National Universities Commission (NUC), Professor

A.A. Rasheed, spoke on the origin of DRIP. He explained that it was created to coordinate the various centres established by the University at that time. He observed that in the past, research in Nigerian universities was primarily for academic promotions and higher degrees, rather than addressing societal challenges. He said the establishment of DRIP in 2014 had changed that narrative at BUK and expressed hope that the University would sustain and expand its progress. He congratulated DRIP and BUK on the anniversary.

Speaking on *"The Vision of DRIP for the Future,"* Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research and Development), Professor Amina Mustapha, outlined strategic plans developed by her office to strengthen DRIP's operations and further the University's development goals.

Earlier in his welcome address, the Director of DRIP, Professor Ibrahim Ahmad Rufa'i, said the Directorate had achieved its mandate as a key player in research and development. He emphasized the importance of reflecting on the period from 2014 to 2024 while planning for the next decade (2025–2035).

He thanked past and current Vice-Chancellors for their support, as well as the pioneer Directors, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas and Professor Abdullahi Sule-Kano, for their mentorship and contributions to DRIP's development.

Highlight of the events was the presentation of recognition awards to some distinguished staff. Awards of excellence were also given to past and current Deputy Directors, Directors, and patent holders for their contributions to the growth of DRIP and the University at large.

## Kaduna State Forum in BUK Honours Prof. Aliyu Mu'azu, Three Others

By Abubakar Yusuf

Kaduna State indigenes working at Bayero University, Kano held a special event to celebrate four of their colleagues who have made significant progress in their academic careers. The reception was held on Tuesday, 29th April 2025 at the University's Staff Recreation Centre, New Campus.

Chairing the occasion, the *Limamin* Kano, Emeritus Professor Muhammad Sani Zahraddeen, described the event as a celebration of academic distinction. He praised the honourees for achieving remarkable success in their professions through consistent effort, determination, and integrity.

Professor Zahraddeen, a former Vice Chancellor of the University, expressed appreciation to the organisers for acknowledging the contributions of their colleagues. He noted that such recognition could inspire others to work diligently and aim for similar appreciation in the future.

He remarked, "From what I've gathered, the Kaduna State Forum is a body of BUK staff from Kaduna State who joined efforts to promote the values of the University, strengthen bonds among themselves, support each other, and present a common front on matters affecting their collective interests. This is a worthwhile initiative that others can also consider."

The former Executive Secretary of the National Universities Commission (NUC), Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, who was a former Vice Chancellor of Bayero University, described the occasion as the Forum's second event of this kind.



Former ES. NUC, Prof. A.A. Rasheed, *mni* (1st right), Registrar, Haruna Aliyu (middle) and DVC Academics, Prof. Haruna Musa, *fsi* (1st left) at the occasion

According to him, the idea was to honour members who have achieved notable progress in their professional



journeys. He mentioned that he personally knew all the recipients and could vouch for their skills and commitment. He said he was pleased but not surprised to see them being recognised.

Professor Rasheed, who also leads the Forum, described Professor Gausu Ahmad — who was celebrated for reaching the retirement age of 70 — as a committed academic whose journey through teaching and research earned him widespread respect. He wished him a peaceful and fulfilling retirement.

He further spoke about the other honourees: Professors Aliyu Mu'azu, DVC Management Services, Professor Nura Ibrahim, and Aeron Aboshio. He considered them to be highly capable individuals who, in his view, would continue to grow and make meaningful contributions in their respective fields.

Professor Abdalla Uba Adamu, former Vice Chancellor of the National Open University of Nigeria, spoke of his personal connection with the Zaria community and recalled how his movement from the Faculty of Education to Communication was facilitated by Professor Gausu Ahmad.

He commended Professor Ahmad, who was now retiring, for being instrumental in that shift. Speaking further he said that Professor Nura Ibrahim was introduced to him early on and became a dependable academic partner. "My experience working with him proved to me that he is tireless and deeply committed to knowledge.

Professor Uba noted that the recent promotion of Nura Ibrahim to professor and this recognition were just early stages of greater accomplishments. He congratulated all

the awardees and encouraged them to remain consistent in their efforts.

In his remarks, the Vice Chancellor of Federal University, Kashere, Professor Umaru Pate, praised the awardees and reminded them that becoming a professor is not the final stage of scholarly activity.

Professor Pate, who was the pioneer Dean of the Faculty of Communication, encouraged the honorees to remain productive by publishing in reputable journals, explaining that continued engagement would help build their international reputation. He thanked the Forum for organising an event that recognised merit.

The former Registrar of Bayero University, Dr. Sani Ibrahim Amin, who is also a Forum member, congratulated the recipients and described them as individuals who had performed exceptionally in their respective disciplines. He encouraged them to live up to the honour by continuing their good work.

Other contributors at the event included; Mr. James Aduku, Professor Balarabe Haruna, Professor Hadiza Jummai Ibrahim, Professor Garba Kawu, and Professor Suleiman Yar'Adua, among others.

Those honoured at the event were: Professor Aliyu Mu'azu, recently appointed Deputy Vice Chancellor, Management Services; Professor Nura Ibrahim of the Faculty of Communication, promoted to Professor of Media Studies; Professor Aeron Aboshio of the Faculty of Engineering, now a Professor of Civil Engineering; and Professor Gausu Ahmad of the Faculty of Communication, who has retired from the University.

## SSANU-BUK Celebrates Appointment of New Directors in Registry and Bursary Departments

By Ibrahim Ado Saleh

The Senior Staff Association of Nigerian Universities (SSANU), Bayero University, Kano Branch, held a special event on Wednesday, 30th April 2025, to celebrate the recent appointment of distinguished members of staff as Directors in the Registry and Bursary Departments of the University.

The newly appointed Directors in the Registry Department are; Lamara Garba, Public Affairs, Halima Hayat (General Administration), Altine Maryam Ali, Mrs. Anisatu Uwais, and Dr. Garba Barume (Registry Department). In the Bursary Department, Usman Gomina Ohikere (Director, Revenue and External Assistance/Expenditure) and Mr. Rabiul Ibrahim Mai Tafsir (Director, Final Accounts and Reporting/Budget) were also honoured.

In his remarks, SSANU Chairman, Comrade Mustapha Aminu, described the occasion as a historic milestone in the University's administrative evolution. He noted that the appointments marked a significant breakthrough for non-teaching staff, who have now expanded their leadership footprint with additional directorates, thereby boosting prospects for career progression and enhancing administrative efficiency within the University.

Comrade Aminu expressed deep appreciation to the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas, and the Registrar, Haruna Aliyu, for their unwavering support and



The celebrants in a group photograph with Registrar, Haruna Aliyu (3rd left)

foresight in facilitating these appointments, describing their efforts as instrumental to the growth and inclusiveness of the University system.

Speaking at the event, Registrar Haruna Aliyu congratulated the appointees and urged them to bring their wealth of experience and professionalism to bear in strengthening the administration of the University. He emphasized the need for collective responsibility, urging all non-teaching staff to continue demonstrating excellence, resilience, and dedication in their various roles.

He further revealed that the Registry Department had embarked on transformative reforms aimed at modernizing administrative processes, including the automation of transcript processing. A taskforce, he said, has been constituted to oversee the digitization initiative, which will soon eliminate the bureaucratic hurdles traditionally associated with transcript collection.

In their responses, the newly appointed Directors expressed gratitude to the University Management for the confidence reposed in them. They pledged to work

collaboratively with the Registry and University management in advancing the University's goals and improving service delivery.

The event also featured a series of goodwill messages from staff and well-wishers, including Hauwa Abdullahi Dambatta, who represented the National President of SSANU, Comrade Mohammed Haruna Ibrahim; former SSANU Chairman, Comrade Kabiru Baba Mandawari; Comrade Ladi of NASU; Farida Kamba, Ma'ruf Zakariya, Dr. Ahmed Ali Yakasai, among others.

The celebration ended on a high note, reflecting not only a recognition of individual accomplishments but also a collective aspiration toward a more inclusive and progressive Bayero University, Kano.

Highlight of the event was the presentation of plaques and certificates of congratulations by SSANU to all the newly appointed Directors. The Registrar led the presentations.

## ANUPA Commends BUK Management Over New Appointments

*By Ibrahim Ado Saleh*

The Caretaker Committee of the Association of Nigerian University Professional Administrators (ANUPA), Bayero University Kano Branch, has extended its sincere appreciation to the University Management for appointing five senior administrators as Directors in the Registry Department.

A statement signed by the Association's Secretary, Mustapha Isa, described the appointments as timely, especially considering the ongoing efforts by the current administration led by Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas, to revamp the administrative framework of the University for improved efficiency and service delivery.

According to the statement, the new Directors are professionals who have built their careers within the University system, demonstrating reliability, dedication, and a strong commitment to mentoring younger staff.

In congratulating the newly appointed Directors, the Association encouraged them to continue exhibiting the qualities that earned them these positions — including integrity, creativity, and administrative skill. They were also urged to support their junior colleagues by sharing their experience and helping to build capacity wherever they serve.

Those appointed to these leadership roles include Hajiya Halima Shehu Hayatu, Director, Directorate of General Administration, Malam Lamara Garba, Director, Directorate of Public Affairs, Hajiya Altine Maryam Ali, Director in the Registry Department, Hajiya Anisatu Uwaisu Muhammad, Director in the Registry Department, and Dr. Garba Abdullahi Barume, also Director in the Registry Department.

## Katsina State Scholarship Board

This is to inform Katsina State indigenes studying in Bayero University, Kano that the sale of Katsina State Scholarship Application Forms for the 2024/2025 academic session which commenced earlier is about to close.

In view of thus, we are notifying eligible Katsina State indigenes studying in BUK to apply immediately. The application form is available online via the Board's official website: [www.ktssb.org.ng](http://www.ktssb.org.ng).

Upon completion of the online application, applicants are required to print the form and attach the following documents:

- a. Admission Letter
- b. Registration Receipt/Remita Payment

- c. Senior Secondary School Certificate (SSCE) Result
- d. Primary School Leaving Certificate
- e. Certificate of Indigene
- f. Birth Certificate

These documents are required for the scholarship award interview, which will soon be conducted by the Board across various institutions in Nigeria.

For further inquiries please contact 08037446501 (Executive Secretary), 08081284444 (Public Relations Officer).

**Salisu Lawal Kerau**  
Public Relations Officer

# VC, Professor Abbas Commends HJRBD

By Fausat A. Opayomi

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas, has said that Bayero University has maintained a long-standing relationship with the Hadejia Jama'are River Basin Development Authority, noting that the Authority has consistently supported the University in the area of water supply.

Professor Abbas made this remark while receiving the Management team of the Authority in his office on Tuesday, 28th April 2025.

He explained that water levels at the University's New Campus are low, but experts from the Geology Department have already conducted geo-physical survey and identified areas with underground water, which will serve as a guide in implementing the new project. He further stated that the University has secured approval for the construction of a dam at the New Campus through the Ministry of Water Resources.

The Vice Chancellor expressed appreciation to the Authority for its intervention, emphasizing that it would significantly ease the University community's water supply challenges.

Professor Abbas also informed the visiting team that the University boasts a well-established Faculty of Engineering with professionals in water-related fields who are ready to collaborate with them on the project.

Earlier in his remarks, the Executive Director of the Hadejia Jama'are River Basin Development Authority, Engineer Baffa Dandatti Abdulkadir, told the Vice Chancellor that the purpose of their visit was to announce

the water-related project allocated to Bayero University, Kano, under the 2025 federal budget.

He explained that this gesture was a way of contributing back to the University, which played an important role in the development of many professionals within the Authority.

Engineer Suleiman Dambam, an Assistant Director at the Authority, also spoke at the meeting. He listed several



BUK Management in a group photograph with HJRBD officials

projects allocated to BUK, including a solar-powered water project, a sanitary and water supply project, the provision of sanitation and water facilities in hostels, and the installation of solar panels in the University Library.

He noted that the Authority would work closely with the University Management to assess project requirements and ensure proper execution.

## JAMB Expands Inclusive Education with Special UTME Centres for Over 500 Candidates with Disabilities

By Ibrahim Ado Saleh

In a significant development for inclusive education, the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB) is conducting the 2025 Unified Tertiary Matriculation Examination (UTME) for over 500 candidates with disabilities, using specially adapted examination centres tailored to meet their individual needs.

Candidates with conditions such as visual impairment, albinism, down syndrome, autism, and other challenges that hinder participation in conventional Computer-Based Test (CBT) centres are being accommodated in specialized environments. These centres are equipped to provide a supportive setting.

This initiative, introduced in 2017 by JAMB Registrar, Professor Is-haq Oloyede, CON, is implemented under the JAMB Equal Opportunity Group (JEOG). Since its inception, the programme has promoted access to education for Nigerians regardless of physical or cognitive

limitations.

"This is more than just an examination process," said Professor Peter Okebukola, Chairman of JEOG. "Under Professor Oloyede's leadership, JAMB has become a leading institution for promoting inclusive education in Africa."

Professor Oloyede reiterated JAMB's resolve to eliminate barriers to education. "By designing the UTME in a way that considers the realities of candidates with disabilities, we are showing that every Nigerian is important. This builds upon a broader reform effort that includes the use of adaptive materials tailored to different needs."

Currently, there are 11 specialized centres located across Nigeria, in Abuja, Kano, Lagos, Enugu, Ado-Ekiti, Jos, Yola, Birnin Kebbi, Bauchi, Oyo, and Benin City. These centres are fitted with tools such as Braille machines, slates



and styluses, typewriters, and other assistive devices. Amanuenses are provided where necessary, with trained personnel—scribes, proctors, and invigilators—available to support the candidates throughout the examination process.

Although the format and mode of delivery may differ to accommodate candidates' conditions, the content and standard of the UTME remain the same as that of other candidates. This ensures equal academic expectations for all students once admitted into tertiary institutions.

Since the JEOG initiative began, an increasing number of candidates with disabilities have secured admission into Nigerian universities. Organizers have expressed appreciation to tertiary institutions for offering enabling environments and admission spaces to these students.

At the Kano Centre, a noteworthy success story will be shared during this year's UTME: a visually impaired candidate who scored above 240 in the UTME and is now in her final year of a BSc in Dietetics and Nutrition at Bayero University, Kano, will address the candidates to encourage them.

Established in 2017, the Kano Centre serves candidates from Kano, Jigawa, Katsina, Kaduna, and Zamfara States. Its impact has helped spur the creation of additional centres in Bauchi, Birnin Kebbi, and Yola, helping reduce travel

distances for candidates. This year, 92 candidates will sit for the UTME at the Kano Centre, including two with Down syndrome and two with autism.

A notable development at the Kano Centre this year is the inclusion of Computer Studies as an examinable subject for the first time among JEOG candidates. One candidate from Kano and another from Lagos will take the subject, reflecting a broader scope in academic options for candidates with disabilities.

To support participants during the examination, JAMB is offering free accommodation and meals for all interested candidates. In addition, candidates will receive transport stipends, slates and styluses, and registration fee refunds for those who declared their disabilities during UTME registration and submitted the required academic credentials. At the Kano Centre, seven candidates have qualified for this refund, and arrangements for disbursement have been finalized.

Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello, Coordinator of the Kano Centre, extended his appreciation to the Vice Chancellor of Bayero University, Kano, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas, for his continued support for the JEOG programme. "This centre continues to develop and motivate others," said Professor Bello. "With the addition of new centres and subjects, we are witnessing real progress in Nigeria's inclusive education efforts."

## BUK Gears Up for NUSSA Games 2025: DVC Inaugurates Sub-Committees, Urges Commitment to Excellence

By Nura Garba

As Bayero University, Kano (BUK) prepares to host the Nigeria University Staff Sports Association (NUSSA) Games in May 2025, the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Management Services, and Chairman of the Local Organizing Committee (LOC), Professor Aliyu Muazu, has inaugurated several sub-committees responsible for ensuring the successful organization of the event.

The inauguration, held on Tuesday, 22nd April 2025, marked an important step in the lead-up to the games, which will bring together staff from universities across Nigeria at BUK from 21st to 30th May, 2025.

Speaking during the inauguration, Professor Muazu urged members of the sub-committees to carry out their duties with diligence and integrity, noting that their efforts will be instrumental in delivering a smooth and memorable sporting event. He stressed the need for early preparation, effective coordination, and commitment to quality throughout the planning and execution phases.

"You are the engine room of this event. Your dedication, creativity, and professionalism will shape the outcome of these games. I encourage you to carry out your responsibilities with purpose and care," he said.

Bayero University was selected to host the NUSSA Games following the endorsement of the Vice-Chancellors of Nigerian universities. The week-long event will feature competitions in a variety of sports, including Athletics,

Badminton, Basketball, Chess, Table Tennis, Tennis, Scrabble, Football, Volleyball, Marathon, and Walking.

The sub-committees inaugurated are as follows:

### Local Organizing Committee

Prof Aliyu Muazu (Chairman), Prof Musa Garba Yakasai, Prof Rabi Muhammad, Uzairu Idris (Treasurer)

### Accreditation Committee

Prof Aminu Isah (Chairman), Yusuf Tijjani, Coach Ibrahim Yahuza (Secretary)

### Publicity Committee

Prof Mainasara Yakubu Kurfi (Chairman), Lamara Garba, Nura Garba (Secretary)

### Technical Committee

Prof Aliyu Madaki (Chairman), Prof Rabi Muhammad, Prof Musa Njidda, Prof Abdullahi Darki, Ahmad Tijjani S. Sa'id (Secretary)

### Medical Committee

Hauwa Abdullahi Dambatta (Chairperson), Habiba Aliyu, Dr Adamu Getso, Dr Sani Garba, Prof. Abubakar Ibrahim Hassan

### Accommodation Committee

Dr Musa Darma (Chairman), Coach Sunusi Shuaibu, Haj. Halima Hayatu, Uzairu Idris, Sani Safiyanu (Secretary)

**Fund Raising Committee**

Prof Aliyu Muazu (Chairman), All representatives of ASUU, SSANU, NAAT, and NASU, Uzairu Idris, Kabiru Baba Mandawari (Secretary).

**Transportation Committee**

Prof Shamsuddeen Umar (Chairman), Ibrahim Isyaku Ibrahim, Ibrahim Zubairu, Mahfuz Zubairu Ibrahim (Secretary)

**Ceremonial Committee**

Dr Adama I. Jibrin (Chairperson), Prof Mainasara Yakubu Mainasara, Dr Hauwa Umar, Hajiya Muna Kafi, Rukayya Mohammed (Secretary)

**Security Committee**

Dr Sabiu Yarima (Chairman), Dr Musa Darma, Barr. Salisu Abdullahi, and two additional staff to be nominated.

## **COLLEGE OF POSTGRADUATE STUDIES:** ***Revised Admission Requirements for Postgraduate Programs***

The Senate of Bayero University, Kano has approved a review of the admission requirements into Academic Master's, MPhil./Ph.D., and Ph.D. programs effective from the 2024/2025 admission exercise. The revised requirements are as follows;

**(1) a. Academic Master's Degree programmes**

A candidate seeking admission into the Academic Master's Degree programmes must hold:

- i. A minimum of Second Class (Lower Division) Bachelor's Degree with a CGPA of 2.50 on a scale of 0.00 - 5.00 of Bayero University, or any other recognized University (provided the matriculation requirement is satisfied) in the relevant area.
- ii. A minimum of Second Class (Lower Division) Bachelor's Degree with a CGPA of 2.40 - 2.49 on a scale of 0.00 - 5.00 of Bayero University or any other recognized university plus a postgraduate diploma with a minimum CGPA of 2.75 (Merit) on a scale of 0.00 - 5.00 (provided the matriculation requirement is satisfied) in the relevant area.
- iii. A minimum of Third Class Bachelor's Degree plus a postgraduate Diploma passed at Credit level from Bayero University, Kano, and a minimum CGPA of 3.00 on a scale of 0.00 - 5.00 from any other recognized university (provided the matriculation requirement is satisfied) in the relevant area.
- iv. A postgraduate Diploma with a minimum CGPA of 3.00 on a scale of 0.00 - 5.00 and an HND with Credit from any recognized institution.
- v. Any other qualifications deemed by the Board of the College of Postgraduate Studies and Senate to be

equivalent to (i), (ii), and (iii) above.

**b. Professional Master's Degree programmes:** The admission requirements for admission into professional master's programmes remains as provided in the revised ninth edition of the general regulations governing postgraduate studies in Bayero University, Kano.

**c. Postgraduate Diploma Programmes:** The admission requirements for admission into Postgraduate Diploma programmes remains the same as provided in the revised ninth edition of the general regulations governing postgraduate studies in Bayero University, Kano.

**(2) PhD and MPhil/PhD Degree programmes**

- ii. A candidate who seeks admission into the degree of Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) program must hold an Academic Master's degree of Bayero University or any other recognized University and satisfy the conditions in (i) to (iv) of 1 (a) above.

The CGPA of the Master's program should be at least 3.00 on a scale of 0.00 - 5.00. A PhD candidate who satisfies all admission requirements except the CGPA can be considered for admission into MPhil./Ph.D. programs provided the CGPA is at least 2.75 on a scale of 0.00 - 5.00

- ii. An MPhil./Ph.D. candidate can be upgraded to Ph.D. if he earns a CGPA of at least 3.00 on a scale of 5.00 in the course work and a grade of C+ in the proposal.

*Signed:*

Prof. Tijjani Hassan Darma  
Provost

## **APPRECIATION FROM PROFESSOR HAJARA UMAR SANDA**

I, Professor Hajara Umar Sanda of the department of Mass Communication on behalf of the entire members of my family wish to express our profound appreciation and gratitude to members of the university community who found time to attend the wedding Fatiha/ceremony of our daughter, Barrister Ruqayyah Ahmad, which took place on Sunday, 27th April, 2025 at BUK Central Mosque Old Campus.

Our special appreciation goes to the VC and other principal officers former Vice Chancellor and former NUC Executive Secretary Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, former DVC Academics Prof Sani Muhammad Gumel, former Director Mambayya house Prof Isma'ila M. Zango, former Dean Faculty of Communication Prof Mustapha N.

Malam, Director, BUK FM & TV Prof Suleiman 'Yaradua, Director of Public Affairs, Mal Lamara Garba Azare, Head of Department Mass Communication, Dr Gambo Nababa, Head of Department Information and Media Studies, Prof Nura Ibrahim, Head of Department Chemistry Prof Umar Sani Koki, other Deans, Directors, HODs, Professors, entire staff of Faculty of Communication, BUK teaching & non-teaching staff, Ihsan Foundation, members of Mass Comm 1992 & BUK 1992, Executive of ASUU, SSANU, NAAT, NASU and all other members of the university and outside communities too numerous to mention.

May Allah SWT reward all of you abundantly, Ameen.

***Jazakumullah khairan Kasiran.***







## 5<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Drylands

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Prof. Ahmed Ilyasu, Director Career Service Centre wishes to invite members of the university community and the general public to the wedding fatiha of his daughter, **Fatima Ahmed Ilyasu** with her Fiancé, **Muhammad**

**Hassan Suleiman**, scheduled as follows:

**DATE:** Friday, 9th May, 2025

**TIME:** 2:00pm

**VENUE:** BUK New Campus Juma'at Mosque

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