



BREAKING BARRIERS:

Prof. Umma Abdullahi Becomes Northern Nigeria's First Female Professor of Mechanical Engineering

By Lamara Garba



In a historic feat that has sent shockwaves of inspiration throughout the academic community, Prof. Umma Abdullahi has become the first female professor of Mechanical Engineering in the whole of northern Nigeria.

Professor Umma, who is now in her mid-40's was amongst the 66 senior Academics recently promoted to the esteemed rank of Professor as approved by the Management of Bayero University, Kano.

This remarkable achievement is a demonstration to her dogged dedication, unrelenting passion, and unshakeable resolve to defy the odds and shatter the glass ceiling in a male-dominated field.

Born and raised in Sharfadi quarters in the heart of Kano Municipality, Prof. Abdullahi's journey to the pinnacle of academic success is a story of sheer providence, perseverance, and determination. Initially after completing her Remedial Science Programme, she had applied to study Geography, but fate had other plans. She ended up in Mechanical Engineering, a field that would become her passion and ultimately, her claim to fame.

The 2005 graduate and a mother of six, Prof. Umma's achievement is all the more remarkable. She has had to navigate the challenges of balancing family life as a house

wife with the demands of a rigorous academic career. Despite the obstacles, she remained focused, driven by a fierce determination to succeed.

Prof. Abdullahi's rise to the top is a beacon of hope for women and girls everywhere, particularly in northern Nigeria, where cultural and societal norms often limit their opportunities.

Interestingly, Umma is the last born of the family of 21; her achievement is a powerful reminder that with hard work, determination, and a refusal to accept the status quo, anything is possible.

As the first female professor of Mechanical Engineering in northern Nigeria, Prof. Umma Abdullahi is an inspiration to her students, colleagues, and the wider community, while pursuing her PhD at Islamic University in Malaysia, Umma was able to finish her program within just 24 months, a record that was not attained for the last 30 years. Her achievement is a manifestation to the power of education to transform lives and challenge societal norms.

Prof. Abdullahi's historic achievement is not just a personal triumph; it is also a victory for women's empowerment and a celebration of the boundless potential of the human spirit. As she continues to blaze a trail in her field, she will undoubtedly inspire a new generation of women and girls

to pursue careers in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM).

In a region where women's participation in STEM fields is often limited, Prof. Abdullahi's achievement is a game-changer. She is a role model, a mentor, and a shining example of what can be achieved with dedication, perseverance, and a passion for learning.

As Prof. Abdullahi looks to the future, said that she remains committed to inspiring and empowering the next

generation of women in STEM. Her legacy will undoubtedly continue to inspire and motivate, challenging societal norms and pushing the boundaries of what is possible.

Speaking shortly after receiving the letter of promotion, Umma Abdullahi expressed gratitude to her parents and siblings as well as her beloved husband who is also an academic whose support financially and psychologically was instrumental to her success.

BUK VC Urges Religious Group to Reassess Almajiri Education System ...As JIBWIS Eulogizes Bayero University

By Ibrahim Ado Saleh

The *Jamaatul Izalatul Bidah Wa Iqamatis Sunnah* (JIBWSI) expressed gratitude to the Management of Bayero University, Kano for its support to the hosting of the National Qur'anic Recitation Competition.

Speaking during a courtesy visit to the Vice Chancellor, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas on Monday, 30th December, 2024 the National Chairman *Ulama'u* Council of JIBWIS Sheikh Sani Yahaya Jingir explained that this spectacular support by the University has made the hosting of the annual Recitation Competition a reality.



Members of National Qur'anic Recitation Committee of the Jama'atu Izalatul Bidi'a Wa'lkamatus Sunnah in a group photograph with VC BUK during a courtesy visit

“Such competitions are significant events in Nigeria, promoting Islamic Scholarship, unity and memorization and recitation of the Qur'an among participants from across the states of the federation,” said the Izala leader.

Sheikh Jingir who was represented by Sheikh Abdulnasir Abdulmuhyi, Chairman Administration, revealed that the

visit underscore the importance of collaboration between academia and religious organizations in fostering educational and spiritual development.

Also speaking the Vice President *Ulamaa* Sheikh Yusuf Sambo Rigacikum extolled the virtues of founding fathers who meticulously set the foundation of the present day Northern Nigeria. “States like Kano, Sokoto and Kaduna all named their Universities after prominent and important persons; this shows how important it is to try as much as you can to leave a good legacy behind”.

The delegation finally seek out the support of the BUK in the establishment of the proposed Fortune University, Jos pointing out that Bayero University is blessed with professionals in all the field of studies.

In his address the Vice Chancellor Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas, appreciated the team for the visit which he said is the manifestation of the humility of the leadership of the sect.

Professor Abbas urged the Ulamas to try in their capacity to enlighten their members and the populace in general on the importance of acquiring knowledge.

“Friday sermon is an exceptional avenue for propagating information, were thousands of worshippers listen attentively. This is a very effective channel of mobilization of the populace to be upright and be of good character, therefore the is need to integrate the issue of seeking knowledge for both western and religious”

The Vice Chancellor assured that his administration has done a lot in reaching out to philanthropist and other corporate organisations to assist in paying registration fees for indigent students.

APPOINTMENTS

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas has approved the appointment of the underlisted staff members:

S/N	NAME	DEPARTMENT	APPOINTMENT	EFFECTIVE
1	Aminu Wada Kurawa	Registry	Director, Directorate of Examinations, Admissions and Records (DEAR)	23rd December, 2024
2	Shehu Usman Galadima	Registry	Director, Directorate of Establishment Matters	23rd December, 2024
3	Altine Maryam Ali	Registry	Acting Director, in the Registry Department	23rd December, 2024
4	Halima Hayat	Registry	Acting Director, in the Registry Department	23rd December, 2024

DOUBLE PROFESSORIAL PUNCH ...As BUK Couple Makes History with Simultaneous Promotion

By Lamara Garba



Professor Suleiman Mainasara Yar'adua
Professor of Development Communication



Professor Aisha Haruna
Professor of Public Law

In a heartwarming and historic moment, Bayero University, Kano (BUK) has promoted two couples to the esteemed rank of Professor, marking a rare and remarkable achievement in the academic world.

Professor Suleiman Mainasara Yar'adua and his wife, Aisha Haruna, were both elevated to professorial ranks in their respective fields of Development Communication and Public Law, on the same day, after 24 years of marriage and dedicated service to the university.

The simultaneous promotion of the couple is a testament to their hard work, dedication, and passion for academic excellence. Their achievement is not only a milestone in their individual careers but also a celebration of their partnership and commitment to each other.

The university community is thrilled to see the couple achieve this remarkable feat together, and their promotion is being hailed as a double celebration.

Professor Yar'adua, a renowned expert in Development Communication, has made significant contributions to the field through his research and publications. His wife, Aisha, a distinguished scholar in Law, has also made notable contributions to her field, with a focus on human rights and gender studies.

Their research and academic endeavors have not only enriched the university but have also had a positive impact on the broader academic community.

The couple's achievement is a shining example of the university's commitment to academic excellence and its support for the professional growth and development of its

faculty members. BUK has a long tradition of fostering a culture of academic excellence, and the promotion of the couple is a testament to the university's success in nurturing and recognizing outstanding scholars.

As they celebrate their achievement, Professor Yar'adua and his wife, Aisha, are an inspiration to their colleagues, students, and the wider academic community. Their dedication to their work, their partnership, and their commitment to academic excellence serve as a model for aspiring scholars and couples alike.

The university community has congratulated the couple on their achievement, praising their hard work, dedication, and passion for academic excellence. The promotion of Professor Yar'adua and his wife, Aisha, is a celebration of their individual and joint achievements, and their contributions to the university and the broader academic community.

As they bask in the glory of their achievement, Professor Yar'adua and his wife, Aisha, are already looking to the future, eager to continue making significant contributions to their fields and to the university community. Their promotion is a demonstration to the power of partnership, commitment, and hard work, and serves as an inspiration to all who aspire to achieve academic excellence.

Speaking to BUK Bulletin, the Yar'aduas said this promotion will inspire them to be more committed to the University as the first couple in recent times to attain the fame of professorial rank same day and from this prestigious citadel of learning.

BUK Class '87 Leads by Example ...Donates N1 Million to Support Indigent Students

By Lamara Garba



Members of BUK class '87 in a group photograph with Vice Chancellor, Prof. Sagir A. Abbas during a courtesy visit



Hajiya Lauratu Ado Diso VP-BUK Class '87 Alumni presenting a Cheque to the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Sagir Adamu Abbas

The Bayero University Kano Class of 1987 has set a shining example of alumni dedication and commitment to giving back to their alma mater.

In a heartwarming gesture, the class, on Friday, 3rd January, 2025 donated a cheque of N1 million to support the University's indigent students scholarship scheme aimed at supporting those struggling to make ends meet.

This generous donation is a demonstration to the class's commitment to supporting the next generation of leaders and change-makers.

Presenting the cheque on behalf of the Alumni chapter, the Vice President of the forum, Hajiya Lauratu Ado Diso, a retired Permanent Secretary, expressed the forum's deep concern about the harsh economic conditions faced by many students.

"We are disturbed by the difficulties some students are facing, and we want to do our part to help," she said. Her words echoed the sentiment of the entire class, who have come together to make a meaningful difference in the lives of their younger counterparts.

Receiving the donation, Vice Chancellor Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas was effusive in his praise for the class's generosity. "We are deeply grateful for this donation, which will go a long way in supporting our indigent students," he said.

The Vice Chancellor, who is also a member of the Class chapter, promised that the funds would be utilized judiciously to ensure that the maximum number of students benefit from the donation.

Professor Sagir Abbas said the "donation will have a lasting impact on the lives of countless students and serves as a beacon of hope for those struggling to make end meet."

Professor Abbas also revealed that over 800 students were unable to register for the current session due to financial constraints. This stark reality highlights the urgent need for support and the significance of the class's donation. By stepping forward to help, the BUK Class of 1987 is inspiring others to follow in their footsteps.

Professor Abbas seized the opportunity to appeal to other alumni bodies to emulate the example set by the Class of 1987. "We urge other alumni groups to come forward and support our students in need," he said. His call to action is a rallying cry for the entire alumni community to come together and make a difference.

The BUK Class of 1987's donation is a powerful reminder of the impact that alumni can have on their alma mater. By giving back to the university, they are not only supporting the next generation of students but also strengthening the bonds of their own community.

As the university continues to grow and thrive, the support of alumni like the Class of 1987 will be crucial in shaping its future. Their generosity and commitment to giving back serve as a shining example for others to follow.

Those who accompanied the Vice President, Hajiya Lauratu Ado Diso include; Alhaji Mu'awiyya Muhammad (Financial Secretary); Alhaji Safiyanu Na'abba, (Treasurer); Adamu Nababa, (Assistant Secretary) and Professor Maharaz Yusuf.

Collaborative Effort to Resolve Academic Service Delays ...Says Prof. Aliyu Mu'azu

By Ibrahim Ado Saleh

In a bid to enhance services delivery and address pressing concerns affecting students, the Director SERVICOM Professor Aliyu Mu'azu has embarked on a sensitization tour to some Directorates and Centres in the University.

Speaking during an interactive session with the staff of the Directorate of Examinations, Admissions and Records (DEAR), on Monday the 30th of December 2024, Professor Aliyu Mu'azu explained that this collaborative effort underscores the commitment of both departments to streamline process and ensure a seamless academic experience for all students.

During the interaction, Professor Mu'azu raises concerns about issues regarding transcript and entry irregularities, non-issuance of student's identity cards particularly, to the new students.

Professor Aliyu Mu'azu pointed out that the students deserve a better treatment throughout their stay in the campus, as such activity will go a long in instilling a lasting memory in their hearts.

The Director SERVICOM noted that all hands must be on deck with a view to providing a better service to all and sundry. "Its how we treat people that will reflect on our future life, therefore, I urged all the university staff to be committed and dedication to their assign responsibilities."

In her remark the Admin Secretary, SERVICOM, Hajiya Binta Lawan Saji while making recommendations, suggested that, there is a need to organize a workshop to educate and sensitize all level coordinators and heads of

department on how to manage students' records based on global best practice.

In his response the Director, Directorate of Examinations, Admissions and Records (DEAR) Alhaji Aminu Wada Kurawa expressed appreciation and further explained that, the lingering issue of delay in the issuance of transcript is no longer a problem with the introduction of BUK REST software which can easily help in generating transcript from the year 2019 to date.

He further explained that all students' record for the past ten years will be congregated and a committee was established with the Registrar to provide solution.

"With the introduction of JAMB admission which is now responsible for verifying "A" level results the issue of entry irregularities had been resolved, it is only left for the Directorate to follow up by engaging the schools for further verification. And as for "O" level it's easily verified using exam card".

Alhaji Kurawa added that the problem that caused the delayed for issuance of students Identity Cards will soon be a thing of the past as the management is working tirelessly to solve this issue completely.

Among the SERVICOM team that accompanied the Director are Ademola Benjamin Bolaji, Complaints Desk Officer, Ahmad Ishaq Musa, Monitoring Desk Officer, Barr. Nura Musa Abdullahi, Charter Desk Officer, Adam Ahmad Madaki, Admin Officer and Ismael Tukur Gaya, Admin Assistant.



Members of SERVICOM Directorate in a group photograph with the Director DEAR

Social Media Influencers, Dala Media Connect Visits VC BUK, Holds Annual Lecture

By Suleiman Salihu



Members of Dala Media Connect in a group photograph with VC, Prof. Sagir Adamu Abbas during the visit

The Dala Media Connect a group of social media influencers has solicited the support of the University Management in its motive towards the development of the Forum and Dala Community at large.

The Chairman of the Forum, Malam Sani Rogo Aikawa, made the call during a courtesy call to the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas on Friday, 27th December, 2024 in his Committee Room.

Malam Aikawa explained to the Vice-Chancellor that the Forum was aimed at sensitizing the youth on writing in social media for the benefit of Dala, Kano and the nation at large.

He expressed that the Forum extended its activities towards helping one another in Dala, offering assistance to orphans, indigent students and community development, among others.

He added that his team was at the University to commend and proud of the VC being an indigene of Dala, especially on transforming BUK in terms of ranking, students, staff, physical and community developments, among other things.

He said the Forum will hold its annual lecture this year's event titled *“The Challenges of 'Daba' Drug Abuse and its Effects on the Community of Dala”* and *“Ways of Empowering Orphans, Indigent Students in Dala Community”* which he solicited the support and words of encouragement from the part of the Management in organizing the event.

In his response, the Vice-Chancellor, Professot Sagir Adamu Abbas, appreciated the Forum for the visit. He said social media is a powerful weapon in shaping the community. He advised them to use the opportunity in creating awareness that would develop the community in the right way.

He cautioned the Forum to avoid any form of posting in the social media that would destroy the culture and tradition of the society, including; immoral acts, indecency, and vulgar words, among many others, and find ways of eliminating those posts through the media.

Prof. Abbas further advised the Forum to continue supporting the youth to get qualitative education and use the media in campaigning for the dangers of drug abuse and 'fadan daba' in the society.

He commended the Forum for selecting the topical issues that directly affect the society as in line with the University motive of educating the society.

Other members at the entourage of the Chairman included; Hon. Hashim Sanka (Vice Chairman), Ambassador Abubakar D. Turawa (Secretary), Ibrahim Suleiman Modibbo (PRO), and Murtala Ibrahim (Financial Secretary), among many others.

In her vote-of-thanks, Hajiya Sumayya Sagir Tasi'u, thanked the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Sagir Adamu Abbas and the Management of the University for supporting the Forum and wished BUK more progress.



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APPRECIATION FROM PROF. MAINASARA Y. KURFI HOD MASS COMMUNICATION ON THE DEATH OF HIS MOTHER

I, Professor Mainasara Yakubu Kurfi, HOD Mass Communication on behalf of myself and members of my family wish to express our profound appreciation to the entire members of the University community who commiserated with us over the death of my mother, Hajiya Hadiza Abubakar who died on Sunday, 29th December 2024.

Our special appreciation goes to the Vice Chancellor, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas, all the Principal Officers, members of UMC, Provost's, Dean's, Heads of Department and Units, the leadership of ASUU, SSANU, NASU and NAAT and the entire staff too numerous to mention. We pray Almighty Allah to grant the deceased A2ljannatil Firdausi. May Allah reward you all abundantly.

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