



Follow the Footsteps of your Predecessors, Kano Emir Charges VC

By Bala G. Abdullahi



A group photograph of Emir of Kano and BUK Management

The Emir of Kano, Alhaji Aminu Ado Bayero, has charged the Vice Chancellor of Bayero University to follow the footsteps of his predecessors who have laid the foundation for the elevation of the institution into one of the great citadels of learning not only in Nigeria, but also in Africa.

Speaking when he received the Management of the University led by the Vice Chancellor, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas in his palace on a courtesy call on Wednesday 9th September, 2020, the emir observed with satisfaction the level of unprecedented transformation the University under went in the last two decades, saying that 'in order for you to write your name in the history books just like your predecessors, you must do everything humanly possible to emulate their patriotic disposition,' the emir counselled.

Alhaji Aminu Ado Bayero reminded the new Vice Chancellor that he might not necessarily be the best candidate, but Allah in his wisdom decided to choose you to lead the University, ' you must therefore lead by example and with the fear of Allah,' he remarked.

He congratulated the Vice Chancellor over what he described as a well-deserved appointment and thanked him for visiting the palace, assuring him that he would always leave his doors open for the Vice Chancellor to come for fatherly advice and hoped that the cooperation the University had been extending the people of the state

in the area of admissions and employment would be maintained.

The emir pledged to give every support and assistance to the new Vice Chancellor to enable him to succeed in the great task ahead.

Earlier, the Vice Chancellor, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas had told the emir that he was in the palace to pay homage, seek for your prayers and to also introduce himself having been appointed the 11th Vice Chancellor of Bayero University by the Governing Council.

He said Bayero University has benefitted tremendously from the fatherly advice of the emirate, which was why he has decided to pay homage and seek for more support, assistance and advice from the emir from time to time.

Professor Abbas told the emir that BUK has well-defined vision, mission and strategic plans, adding that former Vice Chancellors led the University in line with such aspirations through continuity which was why it recorded unprecedented transformation. 'I will not be an exception,' the Vice Chancellor assured.

Those on the Vice Chancellor's entourage were: the Deputy Vice Chancellor, Academics, Professor Adamu Idris Tanko, the Registrar, Hajiya Fatima Bintu Mohammed, the Bursar, Dr. Suleiman Bello and the University Librarian, Dr. Musa A. Auyo.

BUK, University of Bradford, Others to Collaborate on Pi-CREST Project

By Lamara Garba

The Bayero University, Kano in partnership with United Kingdom based Nortech Management Ltd and the University of Bradford also in the UK as well as the Rural Electrification Agency (REA) and the Kano Electricity Distribution Company has entered into a collaboration under the project named Planning, Integration, and Control of mini grids with Renewables and Energy Storage (Pi-CREST) as part of effort to finding solution to the lingering energy crisis in the country.

A statement signed by Dr. Muhammad Buhari, Deputy Director, Solar in the Centre for Renewable Energy Research and made available to Weekly Bulletin explained that the project was aimed at bringing together academic excellence with industry experience with a view to developing the fundamentals for resolving one of Nigeria's and other developing countries problem of access to clean, affordable and reliable energy resources.

"Pi-CREST is a collaborative project between Nortech Management Ltd and the University of Bradford, both in the UK, and Bayero University Kano (BUK). The project will also engage the Rural Electrification Agency Nigeria and Kano Electricity Distribution Company, with view to bring together academic excellence with industry experience necessary to develop the fundamentals for resolving one of Nigeria's, and other developing countries problem of access to clean, affordable and reliable energy resources," said Dr Muhammad Buhari.

According to Dr. Buhari, the project which took off on the

1st April 2020 will last for one year. During the period, the statement added, the Pi-CREST project would analyse the socio-economic, market and regulatory conditions of the local energy system and identify opportunities for the development of mini-grids and energy community with renewable generation and energy storage systems.

Equally, it would also analyse the feasibility of using a decision-making tool that takes geographical resources among other factors into consideration with a view to assisting utilities/other organisations in planning, developing and operating mini-grids in areas where there are high renewable energy resources potential but energy access is unreliable, carbon-intensive or cost-prohibitive.

Although the project will focus on Nigeria, however, he disclosed that the knowledge gathered from the investigation could as well be suitable for other developing and developed nations with similar challenges.

Members of the team include Dr Geev Mokryani of The University of Bradford, in the United Kingdom and Dr Preye Ivry (of Nortech Management Ltd, also based in UK who is also the Project Lead in addition to Dr. Muhammad Buhari of BUK as well as REA and KEDCO pointing out that the project's key findings, recommendations and other elements would be presented as a seminar at a later date.

Nigerian Police Pledges Support to BUK on Security Matters

By Nura Garba

The Nigerian Police Force has pledged to support Bayero University, Kano on security matters in order to have safe and peaceful learning environment just as it has reiterated its determination to continue to partner with the University in many areas.

The Assistant Inspector General of Police (AIG) Zone 1 of the Nigerian Police in charge of Kano and Jigawa States, Sadik Abubakar Bello made this known on Thursday, 10th September, 2020 when the new Vice Chancellor, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas paid a familiarization visit along with Principal Officers.

The AIG expressed delight over the visit and assured that the two institutions would continue to work together to protect the lives and property of students and members of the University community.

He further said the Police Force was extremely happy to send its officers to Bayero University for short and long term training so as to improve their capacity. He congratulated the new Vice Chancellor, saying that the relationship between the two institutions would be strengthened.

Earlier in his remarks, the Vice Chancellor, Professor Abbas said he came to introduce himself as the new Vice Chancellor and familiarize with the security agency in order to work together. He said it was the tradition of new Vice Chancellor to pay visits to partnering agencies,

noting that Police Force is a critical stakeholder of the University.



VC, Prof. Abbas (left) receiving a plaque from AIG Zone 1 Sadik Abubakar (right)

"It is quite imperative to pay this visit and show my face with other principal officers because of the importance we attach to security agencies. We therefore seek your support in order to succeed," the Vice Chancellor said.

Prof Abbas added that Bayero University is ready to assist Police officers with various short and long term trainings especially in the Departments of Sociology and Criminology in order to strengthen their capacity.

Highlight of the visit was presentation of souvenirs from both sides.

Prof. Abbas wants BUK-Army Relationship Sustained

By Bala G. Abdullahi

The Vice Chancellor of Bayero University, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas has solicited the support and cooperation of the Nigerian Army in the areas of security and other social vices.

He made the appeal when he led Management staff of the University on a courtesy call on the Brigade Commander, 33 Brigade, Nigerian Army, Kano, Brigadier-General Bamidele Ali Alabi at the Command's headquarters, Bukavu, on Wednesday 9th September, 2020.

Professor Abbas told the Brigade Commander that he was in the brigade to introduce himself to the Brigade

The Vice Chancellor further assured Brigadier-General Alabi that Bayero University was willing to enter into educational collaboration with the Brigade in the area of specialized training for its officers and soldiers to improve their knowledge.

Responding, the Brigade Commander, Brigadier-General Bamidele Ali Alabi congratulated Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas over his well-deserved appointment as the 11th Vice Chancellor of Bayero University.

He said over the years, Bayero University had been transformed into one of the top most rated Universities

in the country due to the commitment and doggedness of its visionary leaders who have put the institution on a development pedestrian.

General Alabi urged the new Vice Chancellor to sustain such development trajectory and the peaceful atmosphere in the University, assuring that the Brigade would continue to support the University in the area of security and other social vices.

He assured the Vice Chancellor that the Brigade has an elaborate network to checkmate any security lapse within Kano and its environs, adding that 73 Battalion

which is close to the institution has been mandated to render all security assistance to the University.

The Brigade Commander disclosed that the Brigade had been receiving full cooperation from the government and people of Kano and other sister security outfits which was why Kano and its environs remain peaceful. He assured that they would continue to do their best to sustain such peaceful atmosphere.

The Brigade Commander appealed to the Vice Chancellor to always consider its officers and soldiers in its admission intake.

Those who accompanied the Vice Chancellor included: the Deputy Vice Chancellor, (Academics), Professor Adamu Idris Tanko, the Registrar, Hajiya Fatima Binta Mohammed, the Bursar, Dr. Suleiman Bello, the University Librarian, Dr. Musa Auyo and the Provost, College of Health Sciences, Professor Ibrahim Yakasai.



BUK Management led by VC listening to the Brigade Commander

Commander having been appointed as the 11th Vice Chancellor of Bayero University, Kano and to solicit for support and assistance to sustain the peaceful atmosphere the University had been enjoying over three decades.

He said although, the Nigerian Army through the Brigade had been assisting the University in such areas in the past, but added that there was the need to request for the sustenance of such support and cooperation, saying that peace is very essential if normal academic activities are to be sustained and achieved.

Professor Abbas stated that the University has a long standing history of cordial relationship with the 33 Brigade and appealed for such relationship to be improved, sustained and maintained. The Vice Chancellor noted that, the University would continue to leave its door open to officers and soldiers of the Brigade who want to take advantage of the institution to further their studies.

IHS Towers Donates 20KVA Generator to BUK Islamic Centre

By Lamara Garba

An engineering firm, IHS Towers has donated a 20KVA Generator to the Bayero University Community Islamic Centre, at the New Campus.

Presenting the generator to the Vice Chancellor, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas at the premises of the Centre on Tuesday, 8th September, 2020, the Regional Engineer of the Firm, Engineer Muhammad Kamilu Abubakar, said the donation was part of the social corporate responsibility of his company.

“Sir, IHS is an engineering firm with network of branches all over the country. As part of our community service, the company always identifies the needs of its host community to render support and assistance through the social corporate responsibility program. We feel that the Bayero University Community has fallen under our host communities and hence, the donation of this 20KVA generator for the use of the University Islamic Centre,” said Engineer Muhammad Abubakar.

He said his firm and the University had enjoyed mutual relationship over a period of time, and that whenever, there is room to support one another, we do it for the overall development of the University and the society in general.

He also congratulated the new Vice Chancellor Professor Sagir Abbas on his recent appointment and assured that



Engineer Abubakar (4th right) presenting the 20KVA to VC (5th right)

IHS would give all the necessary support and assistance to the management in order to succeed.

Responding, the Vice Chancellor, Professor Abbas expressed gratitude for the donation and assured that the facility would go a long way in enhancing the activities of the Centre.

Professor Abbas urged other corporate organizations to emulate the good gesture exhibited by the IHS Towers, saying funding of education is a collective responsibility of every member of the society. He stated that the burden is too much for government alone to shoulder.

Appointments/Re-appointment

Prof. Abdullahi Hamza Yaro, Ag. HoD, Pharmacology & Therapeutics

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas, FMAN, has approved the appointment of Professor Abdullahi Hamza Yaro as Acting Head of Department of Pharmacology and Therapeutics.

The appointment of the HoD until after ASUU strike, after which election should be conducted for substantive HoD, with effect from 1st September, 2020

Dr. Sani Malami Appointed HoD, Clinical Pharmacy and Pharmacy Practice

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas, FMAN, has approved the appointment of Dr. Sani

Malami as Head of Department of Clinical Pharmacy and Pharmacy Practice.

The appointment is for an initial period of two years with effect from 1st September, 2020.

Prof. Isma'ila Zango Re-appointed Director Centre for Democratic Studies

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas, FMAN, has approved the re-appointment of Professor Isma'ila Zango as Director Centre for Democratic Studies, Mambayya House.

A letter signed by the Registrar, Hajiya Fatima Binta Mohammed said, the appointment is for an initial period of two years with effect from 4th October, 2020.

MSD Hotlines

The Maintenance Services Department (MSD) is hereby notifying members of the University Community of the existence of an EMERGENCY CALL NUMBERS in an event of failure or breakdown of any of the Utility services under the Maintenance Services Department.

Members should kindly call these numbers on the event of any Emergency in the provision of Utility services: **08058990796 (Deputy Director Utilities);**

08036508720 (New Campus) and 08036471690 (Old Campus). These numbers operate 24/7 and Members should not hesitate to draw the attention of the MSD whenever they notice a spillage of water, a breakdown of electricity or any other work related to the department please.

**Signed,
Director, MSD**

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