



BUK's Prof. UG Danbatta re-appointed Executive Vice Chairman NCC

By Nura Garba



Executive Vice Chairman, NCC, Professor Umar Garba Danbatta

President Muhammadu Buhari has approved the reappointment of Bayero University Kano's Professor Umar Garba Danbatta as the Executive Vice Chairman of the Nigerian Communications Commission (NCC).

A statement on Friday, 5th June, 2020 from the office of the Minister of Communication and Digital Economy, Dr. Isa Pantami and signed by the spokesperson to the Minister, Mr. Uwa Suleiman, said that the reappointment is on recognition of the excellent performance by Professor Danbatta during the first tenure and the need to consolidate the gains made in the telecommunications sector in line with the National Digital Economy Policy and Strategy.

“In an effort to consolidate the gains made in the telecommunications sector in line with the National Digital Economy Policy and Strategy, President Muhammadu Buhari approved the reappointment of Professor Umar Garba Danbatta as the Executive Vice Chairman, Nigerian Communications Commission for additional five year tenure,” said the statement.

It could be recalled that Professor Danbatta was first appointed in August 2015 by President Muhammadu Buhari and within the five years he had achieved tremendously to revolutionize the telecommunication industry.

Prof Danbatta tremendously transformed the Telecom Sector in the areas of staff welfare, infrastructural development, consumers' empowerment and satisfaction, job creation, standard information and communication technology revolution, research and development, re-branding of the telecoms sector, cordial relationship with stakeholders, increase in active mobile broadband penetration, efficient monitoring and value driven usage for the provision of different types of services.

As the EVC/CEO, Professor Danbatta declared 2017 as **the Year of the Consumer**. This is to underscore the importance he attaches to the consumer.

Professor Danbatta began his work career in Bayero University as an Assistant Lecturer in the Department

of Electrical Engineering, Faculty of Technology (now Faculty of Engineering) in 1985 and rose to become a Professor in 2003.

In the course of his career he held various academic positions of Dean, Faculty of Technology (now Engineering) and Head of Department at different times.

Meanwhile, the Vice Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello, has congratulated Professor Danbatta on his re-appointment, saying that he had really represented Bayero University well in his capacity as Executive Vice Chairman of NCC. He said the University is proud of Prof Danbatta's achievements which led to his reappointment by President Muhammadu Buhari.

On why he recommended his re-appointment to President Muhammadu Buhari, the Minister of Communications and Digital Economy, Dr. Ali Isa Pantami, said it was predicated on the achievements

recorded by Professor Danbatta in his first five years and to allow continuity on his revolutionary agenda in the telecommunication industry.

From August 2015 till date, the industry has recorded impressive growth statistics, pointing to the effective regulatory environment created by the Commission. Today, telecoms contribution to gross domestic product (GDP) increased from 8.50 percent in August 2015 to 14.07 percent as at First Quarter, 2020.

Active mobile voice subscribers increased from 151,018,624 in 2015 to 189,282,796 million as at March 2020 while teledensity increased to 99.65 percent.

Internet subscribers increased from 90 million in 2015 to 135,832,142 by March, 2020 while broadband penetration jumped from 8 percent to its current 39.9 percent, indicating a total of 76,163,674 Nigerian access data services on 3G and 4G networks.

IPPIS May Disrupt University System – SSANU-BUK Chairman

By Nura Garba

The Integrated Payroll Personnel Information System (IPPIS) introduced by the Federal Government may jeopardize the University system and consequently cause chaos and perpetual industrial crisis. The system may also put students at danger of paying exorbitant tuition fees if the situation is not addressed.

This was part of the remarks of the Chairman, Senior Staff Association of Nigerian Universities (SSANU), BUK Branch, Comrade Haruna Aliyu on Monday, 8th June, 2020 when he featured in a Weekly programme (*Abin Fadi*) at Guarantee Radio.

The Chairman, who spoke on a wide range of issues concerning the university administration, said the non-teaching staff members of the Nigerian universities were surprised with the IPPIS Office on its conduct over the payment of monthly salary having earlier convinced the unions that all university peculiarities had been captured by the new system.

SSANU Chairman, equally gave reasons as to why the union is planning an industrial action in the wake of covid-19 pandemic. He explained that the struggle did not start now; rather, it was an extension of continuous emancipation of staff welfare and betterment of education system in the country.

“We were convinced to join the IPPIS hoping that it would improve efficiency and effectiveness in the system, but what we are witnessing is totally divorced from what we were told. Staff members are not certain of their salary as discrepancies, over- deduction and

omission in the payment of salary become the order of the day,” said the Chairman.

He emphasized that the union had issued a notice to the federal government on its planned industrial action if the problems are not addressed as soon as the universities resume, saying that the staff in IPPIS Office are not competent enough to handle this issue.



SSANU - BUK Chairman, Comrade Haruna Aliyu

Covid-19: Chinese Business Community Donates Medical Materials to CRNLT&F

By Abubakar Yusuf

The Chinese Business Community Association in Nigeria has donated Personal Protective Equipments (PPE) to the Centre for Research in Nigerian Languages Translation and Folklore of Bayero University, Kano.

The items donated were 50 pieces of N95 face masks, 1500 pieces of surgical face mask, 10 white hazardous-material suits, 10 eye glasses and 10 face shields.

Presenting the materials to the Director of the Centre, on Monday 8th June 2020, the chairman of the association, who is also the *Wakilin Mutanen China a Kano*, Mr Mike Zhang, said the association decided to donate the materials considering the long relationship that exists between the association and the Centre.

Mr Mike Zhand, who was represented by his Chief of Staff, Mr Dennis Lin, said the donation was also informed by the intention of the association to join Nigerians in the fight against corona Virus in the country. He said it would go a long way in preventing people from contracting the disease.

He urged the Centre to share the material with the two sister departments that are Department of

Nigerian Languages and the Department of Linguistics and Foreign Languages.

Responding, the Director of the Centre for Research in Nigerian Languages, Translation and



Director CSNLT&F, Prof. Aliyu Mu'azu (right) receiving the donated materials from Mr. Dennis Lin

Folklore, Professor Aliyu Mu'azu thanked the association for the gesture and promised a judicial utilization of the items.

He then prayed to Allah to bring an end to this pandemic not only in Kano or Nigeria but the world in general.

Reminder from Health Services

1. In line with University regulation on the compulsory use of Face masks in the University's Campuses, clients of the University Health Centres and caregivers should wear a face mask.
2. Ensure the use of Hand sanitizers provided at the entrance of the Health Centres.
3. Patients on admission are allowed only one Caregiver.
4. Visitors to Patients on admission are prohibited, except to deliver food and essential items.
5. Members of the University Community should observe all advisories from NCDC, which include Social distancing, frequent Handwashing among others.



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Bayero University, Kano, invites applications from suitably qualified candidates to fill in the following position in the Bayero University Security Division:

Director, Bayero University Security Division

Applicants should possess Bachelor Degree in either Law, Sociology or Criminology from a reputable and recognized institution.

Possession of relevant higher qualifications will be an added advantage. The candidate must have a minimum of **15** years post basic qualification experience. He/She must also show evidence of leadership in initiating, coordinating and sustaining security services in a University or similar institution. The candidate should show evidence of use and application of Computer knowledge.

The Director will be the Chief Administrative Officer of the Division in addition to other professional duties.

Condition of Service and Remuneration:

The successful candidate will be appointed for a period of five (5) years. Salary and other condition of service are similar to what obtains in Federal Universities in Nigeria.

Method of Applications:

Applications should be type-written giving personal details, qualifications, experience etc.

Deadline:

Six (6) copies of the applications should be submitted to the Registrar's Office, Bayero University, Kano. P.M.B. 3011, BUK, Kano on or before 7th July, 2020.

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