



## Digital Technology Key to Nigeria's Development ...Professor Ajiya

By Lamara Garba



Prof. Muhammad Ajiya, President/CEO DBI

The President and Chief Executive Officer of the Digital Bridge Institute (DBI), a subsidiary of the Nigerian Communications Commission (NCC), Professor Muhammad Ajiya, has said that Information and Communication Technology has been the key to opening Nigeria's growth and sustainable development.

He spoke in a special programme on Channels Television to commemorate Nigeria's Democracy day on Friday, June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2020, saying that with the global pandemic of COVID-19, the best way to launch country's path to economic growth and sustainable development was to diversify and adopt digital economy through the application of information and technology in every aspect of our endeavour.

“There is no doubt that the economic prosperity and sustainable development of any country nowadays, lies on the application and the use of Information and Communication Technology and Nigeria cannot be an exception,” declared, Prof. Ajiya.

Professor Ajiya who was the a former university's Director of CIT explained that the COVID-19 pandemic had exposed the weakness of many nations in the information technology. “There is the scarcity of the infrastructure; there is also lack of skills among our teeming populace particularly now that bulks of our civil servants are working from home as a result of the pandemic.”

The DBI boss, while appreciating the contribution of CIT in global economy however said this poor infrastructure and the lack of skills would undoubtedly slow down our quest for development.

According to him, globally ICT contributed immensely in the GDP far more than other sectors, pointing out that even here in Nigeria despite challenges, yet, it contributes more than 14% of the country's GDP.

He commended President Muhammadu Buhari for his foresight in the introduction of digital economy through harnessing the potentiality in the new technology.

However, he advised that for effective impact there was the urgent need for the provision of the infrastructure in the ICT sector, saying that already the NCC had taken a giant step in that direction with the success recorded in its broadband penetration programme.

“I must say that our economy is going to be strong, given the securing of presidential approval for the digital economy by the amiable Minister of Communication and Digital Economy, Dr. Isa Ali Pantami which was the resultant effect of the huge successes recorded in the broadband penetration by the NCC under the leadership of Professor Umar Garba Danbatta.”

## Mangt. Awards Reconstruction of Four Roads at Old Campus

By Bala G. Abdullahi

In its determined efforts to rehabilitate and reconstruct some dilapidated roads at the University's Campuses, the Management of Bayero University has awarded a contract for the reconstruction of four major roads at the Old Campus.

The roads are: Gidan Liman/Ladan road to ABC road to Tafawa Balewa road to extend and terminate at

Arochukwu Street with a total stretch of about 2 kilometres.

Already the contractors have been mobilised to site preparatory to commence work. According to the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academics), Professor Adamu Idris Tanko, all the roads would have their surfaces scarified and finished with 40mm Asphalt concrete with two

number drainages on each side.

He said Management wished to bring to the attention of members of the University Community particularly staff residing within the precinct of the road construction that work on the project would soon start,

residing close to the project site, 'which is why I would like to on behalf of the Management, use this medium to appeal for understanding and support during the execution of the project and regret any inconveniences it might cause them.

## Post COVID-19: DBI to Embark on Digital Skill Training.....President/CEO

By Lamara Garba

As part of the strategy to adjust to the post COVID-19 new world order in line with the concept of digital and information technology, the Digital Bridge Institute (DBI), is to embark on mass training on the application of digital skills to all strata of people, the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Institute, Professor Muhammad Ajiya, has disclosed.

Speaking in a special programme on Channels Television, on Friday, June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2020, Professor Ajiya, lamented that lack of digital knowledge especially amongst the teeming youths might have an adverse

for us to conduct most of our activities, therefore, we have to devise a strategy in which the only option is through Information and Communication Technology.

Professor Ajiya, explained that companies that attached technology in their businesses had greater prospect. pointing out that now everything is based on electronic technology. “We have e-learning, e-business, e-commerce, e-government and virtual meeting in offices etc.”

The President/CEO of the DBI said in view of this global challenge, his organization would come up with

initiatives in order to rise up to the challenges and to allow active global participation in economic and other human fields of endeavour.

“We must increase the digital knowledge in our

society, which is the main mandate of our Institute, hence our decision to start the mass training programme,” said Prof. Ajiya.

According to him, under the new arrangement, DBI will come up with new training strategies for both local and international digital skills and shall make sure that all training get full international accreditation and certification so that nations can out source persons from Nigeria, using our certificates to work anywhere in the world.



From right: Dr. Isa A. Pantami, Minister of Communication & Digital Economy with Prof. Umar Garba Danbatta EVC/CEO NCC

effect when the country is to actively participate in the global activities.

“It is glaring that services have been disrupted in Nigeria and many other countries with low ICT skills and tools especially since the emergence of the COVID-19 pandemic. This has been an eye opener for us as an institution with the mandate to give training on this aspect,” he declared.

According to him, with the COVID-19 protocols which subscribe to physical distancing, there is no way



## Chinese Firm Donates PPE, Anti Corona Therapy to BUK ...Seeks Collaboration

By Lamara Garba

A Chinese firm, Chifei Tech Group, in a joint partnership with a Nigerian Company, Confo Global Trading Company Limited, has donated insecticides, Personal Protective Equipments (PPE) and other preventive therapy against Coronavirus Disease to Bayero University, Kano.

Speaking during a visit to the Vice Chancellor in his office on Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> June, 2020, leader of the delegation and representative of the Chinese firm in Kano, Alhaji Aminu Usman Jibril said they were in the University to present the donation of the products as part of their support to the fight against the pandemic.

He also said it was aimed to further appreciate the excellent relationship between his company and the University in general and the Centre for Infectious Disease Research in particular which had been assisting his company to further improve its quality through conducting laboratory tests and analysis of their products.

“Sir, we are here today in your office to personally extend our gratitude to the teeming researchers in the Centre for Infectious Disease Research for their support and assistance to our company, which undoubtedly impacted positively on the quality of our products and also to seek for further collaboration between our mother company in China, Chifei Tech. Group, Zaijiang Chinese Medical University, Confo Global Trading Company Limited and Bayero University especially in the area of research and training,” said Alhaji Aminu.

Items donated include face masks, a preventive therapy against COVID-19, drugs for respiratory related diseases such as Asthma and pneumonia, insecticides (Mosquito Coil) and Confo hot balm. However, he advised that the

drugs which were produced in March this year in China in the wake of Corona pandemic should be subjected to laboratory test to confirm their efficacy.

Responding, the Vice Chancellor Professor Muhammad



VC, Prof. Bello receiving the items from Alh. Aminu Usman Jibril

Yahuza Bello expressed gratitude for the visit and said the Management was always willing to collaborate with corporate organizations and institutions for the overall interest of the University and the society.

Professor Bello reaffirmed that academia-industry relationship has been the major driving force for economic and sustainable development. He said, no nation would prosper without collaboration between the academia and the industry.

The Vice Chancellor while appreciating the donations, assured that they would be judiciously. He said would go a long way in supporting the management's efforts towards curtailing the spread of the corona pandemic.

## SSANU Chairman Bags Professional Doctorate Degree

By Nura Garba

Bayero University Kano's Haruna Aliyu has been conferred with Professional Doctorate Certificate of Administration by the Chartered Institute of Business Managers and Administrators (CIBMA), USA.

CIBMA is a professional institute in the United States of America with the sole aim of producing dynamic and situational managers and administrators for latest industrial demands. The institute is the leading professional body recognized by law to engage in the training and development of professional managers and administrators across the globe.



SSANU Chairman, (Dr) Haruna Aliyu receiving the award of a Doctorate Degree from Dr. Ike Christoper

The country Director, Dr. Ike Christoper, who made the conferment on Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> June, 2020, said Aliyu had passed the rigorous screening and examination of the governing council and was fully recommended for the doctorate certificate of administration.

He congratulated Dr Aliyu for the well deserved award and urged him to use it well for the betterment of his professional practices and humanity in general.

According to him, the ceremony was supposed to take place in Abuja, but owing to the restriction of inter-states travel due to coronavirus

pandemic, it had to take place in BUK.

He said that Dr. Haruna Aliyu and Dr. Kabir Ahmed Wudil who received the professional doctoral awards were among the first set in Nigeria and the first persons from Kano State, saying that they stood a better chance to benefit immensely in their professional career development.

“This award is given after careful consideration by the Institute’s Governing Council and as a result of those evidences attesting to your outstanding service as an administrator coupled with Evidences presented on your behalf by ABMAN Director of Business Development

attesting to your outstanding service as a public official, coupled with your accomplishments for the betterment of mankind,” said the Country Director.

In his remarks, Dr. Haruna Aliyu expressed his appreciation to the Council of the institute for finding him worthy of the award. He said he would transform the prestigious award to bear in his professional practices.

Dr. Aliyu, who is currently the Chairman Senior Staff Association of Nigerian Universities (SSANU), said it was a great honour to the entire staff of Bayero University, Kano.

## Mrs. Ganduje Donates Laptops, Accessories to BUK

By Lamara Garba

The wife of the Governor of Kano State, Dr. Hafsat Abdullahi Umar Ganduje has donated laptop computers and its accessories to the Department of Education.

A statement signed by the Head, Department of Education, Kabir Bello Dunbulum said the items donated included five HP laptops, a printer and a Canon Photocopier estimated at millions of Naira.

While appreciating the gesture, Dr. Dunbulum said the first lady has been very supportive to the Department in particular and the University in general.

Presenting the items, Dr. Hafsat Abdullahi Ganduje said, the gesture was part of her desire to contribute to the development of education with a view to complementing the effort of the government.



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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:**

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