

Mac-Arthur President Commissions BUK's Digital TV Station

By Nura Garba

The President of Mac-Arthur Foundation, President, Mr. John Palfrey on Tuesday, 22nd March, 2022 commissioned Bayero University's ultra-modern digital Television station. The station according to Mac Arthur Chairman Implementation Committee, Professor Umaru Pate had secured a direct satellite broadcasting license to broadcast in Nigeria and beyond.

Professor Umaru Pate, who is the Vice Chancellor, Federal University, Kashere, Gombe State, said with the Mac Arthur Fund, the Faculty had established and commissioned a digital campus radio station being used for training of students and broadcasting of educative programmes across Kano state and beyond.

He explained that through the fund, there was a revised and unbundling of the national communication studies curriculum; incorporation of courses on investigative and data driven journalism and creation of 9 new degree programmes. "We have established a computer laboratory with 150 units of computers and 22 academic staff were sponsored on internship to leading online and conventional media houses and institutions in and out of Nigeria including BBC for on the job experience and increased capacity in investigative journalism," he said.

According to Professor Pate, 157 undergraduates and 43 MSc female students received scholarship support to reinforce their interest in journalism especially data driven investigative journalism.

While commissioning the digital TV station, the Mac-Arthur Foundation President, Mr John Palfrey described BUK's Mass Communication Department as one of the best in the world.

Palfrey said that the foundation would continue with its support to the media, gender equity and social justice to ensure a just and more peaceful world.

"We will do our best to ensure a more peaceful world. I believe that it is the work of all of us to fight corruption, we should invest in gender equity," he added. He expressed the hope that the station would enable people the opportunity to understand what is happening in Nigeria and beyond.

In his remarks, the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Sagir Adamu-Abbas expressed gratitude to MacArthur foundation for its support to the institution.

He listed areas of support to include the establishment of

BUK Centre for Dryland Agriculture, Centre for Information Technology (CIT) and the revision and unbundling of the national communication studies curriculum.

"In the new curriculum, investigative and data journalism courses were incorporated, and created nine new degree programmes.

"The Federal Government approved the initiative and all Nigerian Universities are to adopt and revise the curriculum," he said.

The President of Mac Arthur Foundation had earlier paid a courtesy call on the Vice Chancellor. During the courtesy call, he interacted with some female beneficiaries of the fund.



President of Mac-Arthur Foundation, Mr. Palfrey commissioning BUK's TV digital station and assisted by VC, Prof. Sagir Abbas (right) and Prof. Umar Pate (left)

According to Hadiza Yahaya of BUK FM, she cannot thank Mac Arthur enough because of the impact the scholarship had on her. She said that she was highly equipped with training on data driven and investigative journalism that upscaled her professional competence.

Dr. Rukayya Yusuf Aliyu said through the fund, she was sponsored on internship in Premium Times and attended conferences in Nigeria and abroad, noting that her experience and knowledge on media and communication have been positively broaden and enhanced her performance.

The President was particularly delighted with the impact of the fund on female students, saying that Mac Arthur Foundation gives much premium to gender inclusiveness in broadcast.

How I Adopted Professor Maiwada's Style of Classroom Instruction: Tribute to a Teacher and Mentor

By Prof. Salisu Shehu, VC, Al-Istiqama University, Sumaila

The impact that teachers make on students vary in type, magnitude and degree. And as well, they differ in the way and manner they influence students. While to a great extent students unconsciously internalise/emulate certain manners, characters and styles of their teachers, in some cases that is done consciously and deliberately too. This is the fact that I am obliged to reveal as I pay tribute to my teacher and mentor all through my teaching career in the university. In other words, I am hereby proclaiming to the World that Professor Danjuma Maiwada not only taught me, but he was in the top rank of my mentors and role models.

Professor Maiwada taught me Educational Psychology, Research Methods and Statistics in my second and third years of undergraduate studies and again he taught me the same courses at my master's degree level. Indeed, it was Professor Maiwada that made me love Educational Psychology and influenced me to eventually specialise in it.

I so much admired Professor Maiwada's style of teaching. Once he entered the lecture room/theatre, after the usual greetings and courtesies between the lecturer and students, he would turn to the board (black as it was then) and write the topic and the outline of his lecture. He would then take students through the outline (sub-topics) to the end. His writing on the board and on paper was not only clear and legible, but quite neat and beautiful. It would be difficult to hear students complaining that they did not understand Professor MAIWADA'S lecture. This was a style of instruction that I consciously and deliberately adopted up to this moment.

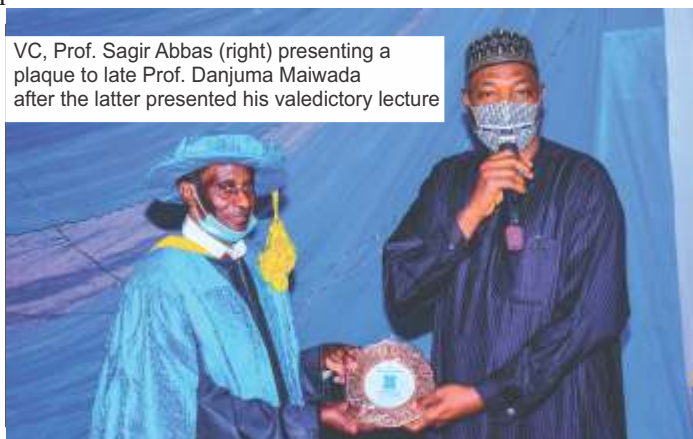
More importantly, my intellectual debut and voyage into the ISLAMIZATION OF KNOWLEDGE paradigm and school of thought were principally owed to the influence of Professor Maiwada. Two other teachers of mine that also influenced me in this regard are the late Dr. Musa Ahmed and Professor Aliyu Dauda. It was however, Professor Maiwada that really mentored me in this regard. When I wrote my M. ED Dissertation on : "A Study of the Islamic Perspective of Cognitive Development : Implications for Education", supervised by the late Dr. Musa Ahmed, Professor Maiwada was indeed my defector supervisor. He painstakingly read every single line of my work, meticulously corrected and advised me appropriately and where necessary.

Although he surely had clear mastery of his subject matter of instruction, Professor Maiwada would never brag in the classroom or even try to make a show of it. He would, however, in his typical soft spoken manner, deliver his lecture with pedagogical effectiveness and mastery.

Professor Maiwada was not just a role model in the classroom. His entire teaching life presented an exemplary disposition of academic discipline, rigor and intellectual adeptness. Once he came to the faculty, he would either be in the class teaching or in the office going through students' projects, dissertations and theses. He was never given to

petty talks or sundry gossips. As he made his way to the office he would greet and answer greetings with a dint of politeness and humbleness. He was one of our older Professors that never sent their pens on leave. Not surprisingly, he was prolific up to the time of his retirement churning out papers and editing journal articles and book chapters and returning them within stipulated times. It was very rare if not impossible to hear any student complaining that Professor Maiwada had held his (project, dissertation or thesis) chapter beyond reasonable time without returning it read, improved, or corrected.

Although he was obviously apolitical, but destiny conferred on him the privilege of holding almost all academic/administrative positions of leadership in the university. Across three different universities (Bayero University, Kano, Al-Qalam University, Katsina and Northwest University - now Yusuf MaitamaSule



VC, Prof. Sagir Abbas (right) presenting a plaque to late Prof. Danjuma Maiwada after the latter presented his valedictory lecture

University, Kano) the Katsina-born Professor was a Head of Department, a Dean, a Deputy Vice-Chancellor and a Vice-Chancellor without having to contest at any given time. For the records, he was the Pioneer Vice Chancellor of Al-Qalam University, Katsina. At two different times of leadership interregnum he acted as a Vice-Chancellor in both Bayero University, Kano and Yusuf MaitamaSule University respectively.

As the academic trail blazer that he presented, to my mind, the first ever valedictory lecture at the point of his retirement just last month before the commencement of the ASUU strike. Unknown to us all, he was only having barely a month and some weeks to his grave.

He purposely called to tell me about the lecture and the date that was scheduled. I missed it and out of respect and adoration I called to apologise. He told me that it did not hold but was postponed. When the second date was fixed he again called. I made it a point to attend. But as destiny would have it, I got an appointment of visa interview in Lagos on the same date. So I did miss it. I could not call to apologise again out of shyness.

It was only a few days ago I heard of his sickness. I could not even visit him in the hospital because I was out of Kano

for a couple of weeks. I just got the shocking news of his death. It was such a tragic loss to the Ummah and indeed to the academia and Bayero University, Kano.

May I use this medium to condole his immediate family, the Departments of Education and Special Education, the Faculty of Education and the Vice - Chancellor, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas. Incidentally we were both his students, although not in the same class.

Minister of Works, Fashola Commissions 1.6km Road at BUK ...Pledges More Works

By Adamu Garba

The honourable Minister of Works and Housing, Mr. Babatunde Raji Fashola, SAN on Wednesday, 23rd March, 2022 commissioned a 1.636 kilometres of internal roads rehabilitated/constructed by the Federal Government.

The road which was constructed along the Bayero University's solar power plant included construction of reinforced concrete curbs and drainage of high standard.

While commissioning the road, the Minister of Works and Housing, Mr. Babatunde Raji Fashola, SAN who was represented by the Federal Controller Works, Kano, Engr.



A scene of commissioning of road network by representative of Minister of Works & Housing

Yahaya Baba Ali pledged to construct more structures at the University, including installation of transformers.

"Of the believers are men who are true to that which they covenanted with Allah. Some of them have paid their vow by death (in battle), and some of them still are waiting; and they have not altered in the least". Suratul Ahzab, verse 23.

May Allah, al-Ghafur, al-Raheem forgive him and shower His Infinite Mercy on him. May He give us the fortitude to bear the loss.

The Minister said the Federal Government is committed to bridge the gap in infrastructure needs through gradual process of repairs, renewal and construction on major highways and the schools.

Mr. Fashola said the Federal Ministry of Works and Housing had successfully intervened in the internal road networks of 46 tertiary institutions and handed over 29 as at 2021. He added that 17 more are ready to be handed over while work is on-going on 30 roads in similar institutions across the country making a total of 76.

Earlier, the Vice Chancellor, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas who thanked the Federal Ministry of Works for undertaking construction of the internal road at BUK. He said the Ministry had awarded another contract for the provision and installation of 7.5MVA, 33KV/11KV and 5.0MVA, 33KV/11KV injection power sub-station in the University.

Prof. Abbas further stated that the Ministry had also awarded contract for the rehabilitation of another set of internal roads in Bayero University worth N488,100.50.

Prof. Abbas, who expressed BUK's gratitude to the Honourable Minister, said there was no doubt these interventions would go a long way towards improving the University's campus roads as well as improving the power supply problem in the University.

BUK Contingents Storm Unilag ...To Participate in the 26th NUGA Games

By Rabi M. Sagir

Bayero University's contingents arrived University of Lagos safely to compete in the 26th edition of NUGA Games. Shortly after their arrival, they went straight to the screening center for the COVID-19 test. All the contingents underwent a series of screening and were given clearance of COVID-19 status verification card with a unique authorization number that will be as a pass for every contingent and official that will participate in competition.

All the athletes that came from Bayero University were physically and mentally fit and were ready for the games. They promised to do everything possible to win laurels.

The athletes, coaches, and members of sports consultative committee appreciated the kind gesture of the Vice Chancellor for providing all the necessary logistics that boosted the moral of the athletes and staff.



BUK female volleyball players when they qualified to the semi final of NUGA games

The Games competed for were: Football female category, Handball, Basketball, Tennis, Table tennis, Badminton

male and female category respectively, judo, Taekwondo, Karate, Chess and Hockey.

Meanwhile, the Chairman, Bayero University Sports Consultative Committee, Prof. Musa Garba Yakasai commended the contingents for their selfless commitment during the preliminary stages where Bayero University qualified to compete in 13 Games. He urged them to abide by the rules and regulations of NUGA Games as sporting activities were not a do or die affair but an avenue for creating mutual relationship and social interaction among students of Nigerian Universities that can last forever.

He urged them to be good ambassadors of the University by showing good character, commitment and determination throughout the competition. He also commended the effort of the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Sagir Adamu Abbas for the support given to the contingents and staff that accompanied them. He also pleaded with the Vice Chancellor not to be tied with the Sports Directorate as sporting activities needed a lot of special consideration.

At the end of the NUGA games, BUK ranked 18th out of 173 Universities that participated with 1 gold and 1 silver medal.

APPOINTMENTS

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas, has approved the appointments of the underlisted staff members into various positions.

S/N	Name	Department	Appointment	Effective
1	Dr. Kabiru Musa Adamu	Department of Surgery	Head, Department of Surgery	27 th March, 2022
2	Dr. Abdullahi Mustapha Miko Mohammed	Department of Anesthesiology and Intensive Care	Head, Department of Anesthesiology and Intensive Care	27 th March, 2022
3	Prof Yakubu Magaji Azare	Department of Nigerian Languages	Director, Centre for Research in Nigerian Languages, Translation and Folklore	1 st May, 2022
4	Prof Aisha Kuliya-Gwarzo	Department of Haematology	Provost, College of Health Sciences	1 st April, 2022
5	Prof Isyaku Umar Yarube	Department of Physiology	Deputy Provost (Academics)	1 st April, 2022
6	Dr. Bashir Kaka	Department of Physiotherapy	Deputy Provost (Administration)	1 st April, 2022
7	Prof Umar Faruk Jibril	Department of Mass Communication	Dean, Faculty of Communication	20 th March, 2022
8	Dr. Gambo Shehu Nababa	Department of Mass Communication	Deputy Dean	20 th March, 2022
9	Dr. Saminu Umar	Department of Mass Communication	Sub-Dean (Facilities)	20 th March, 2022
10	Dr. Maryam Umar Mukhtar	Department of Mass Communication	Sub-Dean (Academics)	20 th March, 2022
11	Dr. Muhammad Ibrahim Danja	Department of Mass Communication	Examination Officer, Faculty of Communication	20 th March, 2022

Notification for the commencement of Enumeration area Demarcation (EAD) Updating Phase 18

The goal of this exercise is to update all LGAS previously demarcated using the former semi-automated EAD methodology (CAPI and printed hard copy satellite imageries) during phase 3 to 9a between February-March 2017 and December 2019-January 2020.

The exercise is necessary to bring the EAD maps up to date with the current realistic on the ground since the time of demarcation 3-5 years ago using the latest EAD PAD application.

Please you may wish to know that EAD updating is like a re-demarcation in the sense that:

a. Every building (Old and New) will be visited.

b. Streets and other important features/points of interest POI will also be captured and annotated.

c. EA population will be estimated to establish the current population size of the EA.

EAD updating Phase 18 commences on Sunday 6th March, 2022 in Kano State with a 2 days refresher training Monday 7th-8th March, 2022. The fieldwork is scheduled to start Wednesday 9th March-6th April, 2022.

In view of the above, you are requested to allow the EAD functionaries access to the premises of your organizations for the success of the exercise.

Appreciation from Safiyanu Garba Danbare

I Safiyanu Garba Danbare (Mai Unguwar Kwari), of the Maintenance Services Department (MSD) wishes to express my appreciation and gratitude to the people that sympathized with me over the death of my elder brother (Alhaji Murtala Garba), on Friday 18th March, 2022. My special appreciation

and thanks go to the Vice Chancellor, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas, his deputies, Director VC Office, Director MSD, members of SSANU, NASU and NAAT who called or sent text messages to condole me. May the Almighty Allah reward you abundantly. May the Almighty Allah grant Jannatul Firdaus to the deceased.

Security Division: Arrest and Detention of Stray Animals

Five (5) stray animals at Gambo Sawaba area of the New Campus have been in the custody of the Security Division as their rightful owners are yet to claim them. This is to serve as a notice to the owners because the animals have

outstayed. Failure to claim them by the end of this month will compel the Division to dispose them off as may be directed by the University Management.

