



## Bank of Industry to Establish Technology-Hub in BUK

By Lamara Garba



VC, Prof. S.A. Abbas presenting BUK's 2021 Annual Report to Dr. Rislanuddeen Muhammad of Bank of Industries

The Bank of Industry is to establish a technology-hub for skills acquisition in Bayero University as part of its project aimed at promoting entrepreneurship amongst the youths.

Speaking during a courtesy visit on the Vice Chancellor, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas, on Thursday, 29<sup>th</sup> September 2022, the General Manager in charge of Small Medium Scale Enterprises (North), Dr. Rislanuddeen Muhammad, explained that the technology hub was part of the corporate social responsibility of the bank to set up a facility aimed at providing co-working spaces internet, power, and innovation programs with a view to transforming Nigerian entrepreneurship.

“As soon as we get the available space within the campus that meets our specification, we shall immediately commence work on the project. This is a gift from the Bank of Industry to Bayero University,” he

explained.

According to him the project is in line with the mission of the bank to transform Nigeria's industrial sector by providing financial and business support services with a view creating new businesses as well as thriving the existing ones as government alone cannot provide employment to everybody; therefore, introduction of this project by the bank would go a long way towards minimizing the impact of unemployment by engaging our teeming youths into entrepreneurial ventures after graduation.

Dr. Muhammad disclosed that the bank recognized that digital technology and innovation programs can help drive the transformation of a nation. “Indeed, many countries and organizations have remained relevant through sustained investment in technologies and innovation ecosystem.”

He disclosed that BoI partnered with higher institutions and private companies with right capacity to convert the huge young population potential into opportunities in order to build their capacity by exposing them to technology, innovation, startup and entrepreneurship so that they can channel their energy to productive causes for self-reliant.

Already, he disclosed that about ten of such centres had been in existence and seven new ones on the pipeline across the federation. The seven Universities to benefit from the new project include Bayero University; University of Benin; Federal University of Technology, Akure; ATBU Bauchi; University of Ilorin; University of Ibadan and University of Port Harcourt.

He said in addition to equipping the centre, the bank would also make available starter pack money which would be accessed by the beneficiaries at the end of their training program in order to start a business.

Meanwhile, the bank is making effort at encouraging academia and researchers to support them convert their research output into bankable projects, startups and successful companies.

The General Manager SMSE (North), who disclosed this, said the aim was part of the bank's policy of reviving the economy of the country. He noted that many research works have been laying fallow, but if they can be supported financially such projects would have positive impact on the economy.

Responding, the Vice Chancellor Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas, commended the initiative of the Bank in general and particularly for selecting BUK to be part of the beneficiary. "What you are bringing to us is something handy and at the right time, he said."

He noted that any society that negates the youths in the background was heading for a doom; therefore, this must be commended.

Professor Abbas said already as part of its desire to make them productive, the University had a similar entrepreneurship program on skills acquisition for the students pointing out that the University Management had the interest of the students at heart.

According to him the idea was to help the students acquire some skills while undergoing their degree program which will expose them to entrepreneurial businesses in order to be more self-reliant.

## BUK Hosts IADR Nigeria Division 19<sup>th</sup> Conference

By Nura Garba

The Faculty of Dentistry, Bayero University hosted the 19<sup>th</sup> Scientific Annual Conference of International Association for Dental Research (IADR), Nigeria Division with the theme: Potential Application of Data Science for Precision Oral Health in Africa. The Conference took place at Bristol Hotel from 27<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> September 2022.

The keynote speaker, Professor Henry Adeola from South Africa, in his presentation, called for the establishment of precision oral health program and reimbursement policy in the application of data science for precision oral health in Africa.

He advocated the need for effective training of dental scientists, legislative initiative and maximizing scarce resources such as mobile phones and internet, as well as collaborative efforts in ideas, research, equipment and meetings locally and internationally.

The keynote speaker said good data collection, curation and processing plan has to be in place for dental research, recommending that good clinical research requires skill sets and proper interpretation and data analysis of data generated from data processing pipelines.

The Guest Speaker, Dr. Ali Idris, in his presentation on *Medical Education: The Psychology of Education*, said medical teachers need to be trained on modern pedagogical methods



VC, Prof. S. A. Abbas presenting his speech at the conference

to be in conformity with the current teaching trends and techniques.

According to him, for one to be a good teacher, one must be accountable, adaptable, caring, compassionate, cooperative and creative. He added that a teacher must choose the appropriate



teaching method that suits him the best. "He must assess students to maintain quality and enhance performance," Dr Idris said.

In his remarks, Vice Chancellor of Bayero University, Kano, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas said Bayero University was honoured to host the 19<sup>th</sup> workshop of IADR. He told the participants that the University has been recording successes despite the challenges of strike by the unions. He cited an example of Centre for Dryland Agriculture (CDA), which he said is one of the best Africa centres of excellence with excellent teaching and learning facilities, as well as world class laboratory equipment.

Professor Abbas informed the gathering that recently, the CDA through its new research identified sex of date-palm, a development that can differentiate the male and female.

He said the University is proud with the Faculty of Dentistry's modest achievements, commending the pioneer Dean, Professor Adebola for setting the pace.

The President of IADR, Professor Omolara Uti said the conference was the first to take place in the core north. She expressed happiness over the reception accorded the IADR by the Faculty of Dentistry.

In his remark, the Chairman of the occasion, Dr. Nasir Yusuf Gawuna said the IADR's enormous contributions to research on dental health were quite phenomenal.

Dr Gawuna, who was represented by the Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Health, Amina Aliyu Musa, stated that he was optimistic that with the caliber of dental professionals that came for the conference, the proceedings would strengthen oral health research in the country.

Earlier in his remarks, the Dean of the Faculty of Dentistry, Professor Tunde Bambgose said the conference was hosted by not only Kano but northern Nigeria owing to the fact that there were other members of the organizing committee from Kano, Kaduna, Sokoto, Kebbi, etc.

The Dean noted that despite some hiccups faced in the first place, the Conference was successful.

## FUT Babura May Take off Soon – VC

By Rabi'u M. Sagir

The Federal University of Technology, Babura may soon take off after securing approval to admit students in 13 programmes, Vice Chancellor of the University, Professor Sabo Ibrahim Birnin Kudu, has said.

Speaking on Tuesday, 20th September, 2022 during a



Management of FUT in a group photograph with BUK Principal Officers

courtesy visit on the Vice Chancellor of BUK, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas, the FUT Vice Chancellor said members of his team were in BUK to officially introduce themselves as Principal Officers of the newly established university and to appreciate the kind gesture done to them by the management of Bayero University, Kano.

He stated that the new university would operate as

school based institutions with 8 departments in two schools: School of Science and ICT and School of Engineering and Technology, having satisfied the requirement of the Nigerian Universities laws through accreditation by National Universities Commission (NUC).

Prof. Birnin Kudu said the University was among the six newly created universities by the Federal Government located in six geopolitical zones with the mission of adding value to the technological advancement sector of the nation. He said any serious country has to improve and strengthen its Science and Technology sector as the world is rapidly advancing within the sector thereby setting up ICT knowledge driven economy.

Responding, the Vice Chancellor Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas, advised the management of FUT to set up policies that would guide the operation of the University so as to lay a solid foundation that would give positive direction in its operations. He said any organization that did not have well defined policies might not succeed in operating the organization.

Prof. Abbas congratulated the University on having Hajiya Fatima Binta Mohammed, as the Registrar owing to her administrative experience, expressing optimism that if the Principal Officers worked hand in hand, the University might overtake its counterparts.

# ACEPHAP Organises 5-Day Computer Appreciation Training Workshop for BUK Administrative Staff

By Bala G. Abdullahi

A 5-day Computer Appreciation workshop organised by Africa Centre of Excellence for Population Health and Policy (ACEPHAP) aimed at building capacity of the University's administrative staff ends in Kano.

Speaking shortly before she declared the workshop opened on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September, 2022 the Director of the Centre, Professor Hadiza Shehu Galadanci said the training workshop was part of the mandate of the centre to improve the capacity of professionals through short courses beyond conventional Masters and PhD degrees programmes.

The training workshop, according to Professor Galadanci was intended to improve the capacity of administrative staff to enable the University to produce good and competent administrative staff who would be able to give their best to the University. She urged the participants to make the best use of the opportunity by paying attention to the presentations of the resource persons, particularly during the hands-on sessions.

The Director advised the participants to transfer the knowledge gained to their subordinates in their various offices through in house training, adding that doing so would go a long way to improve the performances of such officers.

Speaking on the objectives of the workshop, Professor Galadanci said participants would among others, be

exposed to different kinds of application in an office software package such as Microsoft Office and Google workspace. Participants would also have better understanding of and master the array of tools and features that ships with the Microsoft Office package tools such as: learn power point from beginner to intermediate level, and learn spreadsheets from beginners to intermediate level among many other packages.

She disclosed that the centre would continue to organise similar training workshops aimed at building the capacity of the University staff to make them good administrators.

A total of 50 persons among them 30 administrative staff from the University participated in the 5-day training workshop.



Participants in a group photograph after the workshop

## Prof. Pate Leads Nigerian Delegation to World News Media Congress in Spain

By Lamara Garba

The 73<sup>rd</sup> World News Media Congress opened in Zaragoza, Spain with three academics from Bayero University led by the foremost Professor of Communication and Vice

which is sponsored by Google News Initiative.

The conference which opened on Wednesday, 28<sup>th</sup> September, 2022 will discuss issues such as Media in Post-COVID challenges, The Ukraine/Russia war; Evolving Public Relations and News Media Relationship as well as strategies for media to remain in business despite the challenges posed by the evolution of new media.

In a statement released by the World Association of News Publishers, said Vivian Schiller, Executive Director of Aspen Institute, will chair the proceedings. Also to speak at the Congress are David Walmsley, Editor-in-Chief of the Globe and Mail; Warren Farnandez, Editor-in-Chief, The Straits Times; Alessandra Galloni, Editor-in-Chief, Reuters and Kathy English, Chair, The Canadian Journalism Foundation.

Other imminent personalities to speak are Shirish Kulkarni, Journalist, Community Organizer, the Bureau of Investigative Journalism, Phoebe Connelly, Director of Next Generation Audiences and the Qashington Post.

Participants from Bayero University include Professor Umaru Pate, the Director BUK FM, Dr. Suleiman Yar'adua and Dr. Sule Ya'u Sule from the Department of Mass Communication of the Faculty of Communication.



VC, FUK, Prof. Umar A. Pate & Dr. Suleiman Yar'adua

Chancellor of Federal University of Kashere, Professor Umaru A. Pate in attendance among other participants from across the world.

The Congress which is the highest international gathering of media editors, public relations professionals and communication scholars from across the world is being organized yearly by the Canadian Journalism Foundation in collaboration with WAN-IFRA's World Editors Forum

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