



BUK VC Receives Minister of State for Education in Kano

Says Adequate Funding,
Political will Key in Tackling
Education Challenges

By Lamara Garba

Minister of State for Education, Dr. Yusuf Tanko Sununu exchanging pleasantries with BUK VC, Prof. Sagir Adamu Abbas

The Vice Chancellor of Bayero University, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas, on Friday, 10th November, 2023 received the Minister of State for Education, Dr. Yusuf Tanko Sununu at Malam Aminu Kano International Airport.

The Minister, who was on his way to Paris to attend UNESCO meeting, expressed appreciation for the reception accorded him by the Vice Chancellor.

When asked about revamping the education sector, the Minister explained that adequate funding from the government matched with great political will by all stakeholders has been the only panacea to addressing the lingering challenges facing education sector in the country.

He affirmed that Nigeria was lucky this time around to have a committed leadership that is willing to face the challenges in the sector head on for a lasting solution.

The Minister further said “the best way to address the lingering problem in the education sector is to have an adequate funding as well as the political will by all the stakeholders,” he posited. He assured that from our part, the government is very much committed to facing the challenges.

The minister also hinted that government is working assiduously to adopt information and technology in education especially in view of the challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic.

“As part of the deliberate policy aimed at advancing the cause of education in the country, government has initiated a strategy of prioritizing technology in education,” he disclosed.

According to him, already policy has taken off with the launching of the project at the Universal Basic Education Commission (UBEC) and would be extended to other institutions to adopt the system.

He noted that in line with the best practice as obtained in other developed nations, Nigeria is also adopting the use of technology in teaching and learning at all levels of our educational system.

The former law maker and medical doctor charged other stakeholders in the education sector to rededicate themselves and change their psyche, pointing out that the burden is not only for the government alone to cater. “Everyone is a stakeholder in developing the education sector. We all have to contribute collectively in order to

secure our future as a nation,” he said.

Prior to his appointment as Minister of State for Education, Dr Yusuf Sununu was a member of the House of

representatives, representing Yauri/shanga/Ngaski federal constituency in Kebbi state and served as Chairman House Committee on health.

Mass Comm Class 2005 Institutes Scholarship Award for PWDs, Donate Public Address Systems to Faculty, Department

By Nura Garba

The Department of Mass Communication Class 2005 has instituted a scholarship award for Peoples with Disabilities (PWDs) in the Faculty of Communication. The alumni also donated two public address systems to the Faculty and the Department for the purposes of lecture presentations and other public events.

The gesture was part of the reunion activities of the Mass Communication Class 2005 which held from 10th to 11th November, 2023.

The alumni paid a courtesy call on the Faculty of Communication on 10th November, 2023 and told the Dean, Professor Umar Faruk Jibril that it took them 2 years to plan the reunion activities for the first time since their graduation 18 years ago.

According to the former President of Mass Communication Students Association (MACOSA), Alkasim Bala, it was a homecoming for the former students who felt it was quite expedient to pay back to their alma mater having trained them to become what they are now.

He explained that they were highly impressed with the transformations which led to the departments becoming a full-fledged faculty with three department.

The Dean of the Faculty, Professor Jibril expressed appreciation with the visit and said the faculty was proud to have the 2005 set, which would institute a scholarship award for peoples with disabilities. He noted that they are important people in the society that should not be neglected.

The Dean stated that “the department you graduated from had metamorphosed into the Faculty of Communication with three departments, i.e. Mass Communication, Information and Media Studies and Theatre and Performing Arts.”

He said Faculty has state-of-the-art Radio and Television studio equipment, lecture theatre, classrooms and host of others.

The Dean expressed appreciation for the gesture and commended all the class members for remembering what the

department did to them.

He said with the recent unbundling of Mass Communication, the faculty would soon be upgraded to have 7 departments for students to choose different specializations.

During the visit, Professor Hajara Umar Sanda, Dr Nura Ibrahim, Head of Information and Media Studies, Dr Hadiza Ibrahim and other lecturers all spoke and expressed appreciation over the reunion.

The class also had a reunion dinner on 11th November, 2023 at Star Event Centre and the Dean, Prof. Jibril, Dr Nura Ibrahim, Dr Abubakar Minjibir, Dr Saminu Ibrahim, Dr Mohammed Danja and head, Advancement Office, Mustafa Ibrahim all attended.

Some members of the class who live outside the country and those who couldn't attend spoke and wished their colleagues well via google meet platform.



Members of class 2005 donating PAS to the Dean, Faculty of Communication



Members of Class 2005 cutting the reunion anniversary cake

Director DEM Charges New Staff on Honesty, Commitment to Duties

By Ibrahim Ado Saleh

The Director, Establishment Matters, Hajiya Binta Yahya Kofar Naisa has charged newly employed staff in the University to be honest and committed in their work.

She said this while speaking on the second day of orientation programme on Thursday, 2nd November, 2023 for the new staff.

“You have to be initiative and good and simple method of communication,” she said. She called on them to get ready for the new challenges ahead of them.

In his presentation, the Head of Department of Science and Technology Education explained that teaching at the tertiary level was quite different from any other level. He described the hierarchy of lecturers at the Departmental level. “The HOD is the captain and is responsible for assigning duties and responsibilities. You have to be ready



Hajiya Binta Y. K/Na'isa delivering her address

for any task and assignment that will be given to you, and your commitment and dedication are your key to success”.

He also discussed the roles of a lecturer, such as level coordination, which was very essential and vital; exam

invigilation and attending meetings both at the departmental and faculty level.

In his presentation, the HOD, Islamic Studies and Sharia, ably represented by Dr. Taufiq Abubakar Hussain, congratulated the new staff for been apart of the lucky ones to be selected for this opportunity. He reminded them that BUK had been producing brilliant minds in the country and sustained its standard among the few Universities in the country that led in research and teaching.

Dr. Hussain emphasized on the importance of keeping a cordial relationship with their colleagues and showing courtesy to their senior colleagues. He also highlighted the importance of being a lecturer because one no longer represents oneself anymore. “The way you dress, behave will all be looked up by your students. He urged the new staff to be punctual, read outside the framework of the course and observe the students capacity for you to adjust your lectures speed and become an arbitrator”.

“Class management, set up some rules, punctuality, catch the attention of the students this will give the chance and opportunity to be in control and make your course appealing to the students,” said Dr. Muhammad Adamu Kwankwaso, HOD Education. He emphasized on the importance of being a good role model. This would eventually make students abide by University rules and regulations.

The Deputy Director, Academic Planning Unit, Professor M.S Abubakar, discussed the role and the connection between APU and the academic activities in the University. He expressed his delight on how BUK maintained its national and global outlook. This was only achieved through the commitment of all the staff of the University. Therefore, there was the need to maintain the standard of this highly reputable University for the next generation to come.

NAJISS-BUK Distributes Palliatives to Students

By Nura Garba

The National Association of Jigawa State Students (NAJISS-BUK) has disbursed many Cartoons of Spaghetti to over 70 beneficiaries among NAJISS-BUK students across the 3 campuses of Bayero University, Kano (BUK)

The NAJISS-BUK President, Comrade Sunusi Sabo Ringim, who led the distribution of the food items at the Students' Union Government (SUG-BUK) Secretariat on November, 8th 2023, said the gesture was to alleviate the suffering of Jigawa students due to the removal of fuel subsidy by the Federal Government.

The distribution of the palliatives was carried out across

the three campuses of BUK, New Campus, Old Campus and AKTH.



Students receiving the palliatives

The beneficiary students expressed their sincere appreciation to the Comrade Ringim for his goodwill gesture and for coming to their aid at this time.

According to Comrade Sa'eed Abubakar (Aluta General), who is the media aid to Comrade Sunusi Ringim, said the leadership of NAJISS-BUK has called the attention of Jigawa State Government, Members of House of

Assembly, the House of Representatives and philanthropists to emulate this kind gesture to help the vulnerable ones among the NAJISS-BUK students.

University is a Place for Culture Preservation, VC Says

By Salisu Inusa Ismail

The Vice Chancellor of Bayero University Kano, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas, said that apart from knowledge creation, the University is also a place for culture preservation. He made this known at his office on Monday 13th November, 2023, while hosting the Managing Director, Moving Image Ltd and his team, who were on a courtesy call.



MD, Moving Image Ltd, Alh. Abdulkareem Mohammed presenting some books to VC, Prof. Sagir Adamu Abbas

Prof. Abbas assured the visitors that his management team was willing and ever ready to do anything possible to help preserve our rich cultural heritage “so that we can stand tall and be proud of ourselves.” He said the 'university should be a place for reserving cultures. So anybody looking for anything regarding culture or Hausa films, the first point of call should be the University', he said.

While reiterating his passion and the University's commitment of serving the community, Prof. Abbas charged the MD to groom somebody so that this laudable imitative and legacy would be sustained beyond its founders.

He also unveiled plans to create a place in the University where traditional trees would be planted for medicinal purposes so as to create awareness to the younger

generation on our own traditional ways of doing things.

During the meeting, the Vice Chancellor was presented with several requests for expeditious consideration, which in his usual magnanimity, graciously granted approval to all of them.

Earlier speaking, the Managing Director, Moving Image Ltd, Alhaji Abdulkareem Mohammed, said that they were at the University to appreciate the Vice Chancellor for his massive support and to also solicit for more as preparations were on top gear for this year's Award Ceremony and Conference with the theme, “Decolonizing African Minds through Indigenous Language Films”, saying, “this theme is critical because we need to reorient ourselves and find our footings as Africans, we cannot do it without sensitizing those that are the real stakeholders”.

Alhaji Mohammed further pointed out the need to close the gaps between the Faculty of Communication and the Kannywood industry by a way of synergizing; emphasizing that knowledge and practice cannot go in parallel to each other.

When introducing the visitors, the Dean, Faculty of Communications, Prof. Umar Farouk Jibril, informed the Vice Chancellor about the existing Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the Faculty and the company spanning over 4 years which yielded some positive impacts.

Highlights of the event included presentation of published books by the team leader to the VC and in return, the VC presented some souvenirs to his visitor.

Those present during the meeting included the Deputy Vice Chancellor Management Services, Prof. Mahmoud Umar Sani, the Head, Information and Media Studies, Associate Professor Nura Ibrahim, the Director VC's Office, Malam Ahmed Sharif and Malam Lamara Garba.

Veterinary Vaccination for Dogs and Cats

The Veterinary Teaching Hospital, Faculty of Veterinary Medicine conducted Antirabies vaccination for dogs and cats within the Campuses of the University. Some members of the University community brought their pets to the vaccination venue as scheduled. The vaccination team also went round the University quarters for the vaccinated pets. The vaccination was not only restricted to staff living in the quarters, off campus staff also brought their pets for the vaccination. The vaccination exercise also targeted students who have pets at their home and the neighboring university communities.



Vet. officials vaccinating one of the pets



Dogs being vaccinated

Pioneer Participants of Mambayya Short Courses Visit BUK

By Fausat A. Opayomi

The participants of the maiden edition of the Mambayya House short courses paid a courtesy call to the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Sagir Adamu Abbas, on Thursday 19th October, 2023 at his office.

The Director Mambayya House, Aminu Kano Centre for Democratic Studies, Prof. Habu Muhammad, while presenting the pioneer participants of the short courses, which flagged off on Monday 16th October to Friday 20th October 2023, said that the courses were intensive with resource persons drawn from seasoned and renowned scholars, politicians, technocrats and civil servants to share their experiences on the subject of discourse.

He said the purpose of the courses was to improve the skills of the participants in leadership, party administration, law making and local governance with critical engagement and



Course participants in a group photograph

cross fertilization of ideas in which experiences were shared and lessons learnt.

Prof. Muhammad said the short courses which had 10 participants from Borno State, led by the Deputy Governor, Umar Usman Kadafur, and other participants from Kano

State as well from the centre, had started gaining advantage with lots of positive feedback from the participants.

He thanked the Vice Chancellor and the entire management for their encouragement, supports and cooperation, adding that the program was innovative and creative with the hope that it would be diversified and extended to other states so as to train public servants and politicians.

The Deputy Governor, Borno State He Umar Usman Kadafur, in his remarks congratulated BUK and Mambayya House for the opportunity, which he described as an experience worth sharing, as a result of the engagement with seasoned politicians, civil servants and scholars.

He thanked the Centre for the foresight in shaping the future, most especially at this critical point that the country needs quality leaders. He promised to be a worthy Ambassador of the Centre.

The Vice Chancellor, Prof. Abbas in his response, congratulated the Centre for the milestone and said that the introduction of the short courses, which had a serving Deputy Governor, Members of the House of Representatives and civil servants as participants, was timely because most problems would be solved if leadership issues were tackled.

He said he was proud of the leadership of the Borno State Governor, Prof. Babagana Umara Zulum, for his excellent leadership qualities and commitment to his people.

He said he hoped and believed that the participants would practice what they had learnt.

He thanked the Center for its innovation with the hope that current issues in political circles would be integrated and discussed academically so as to find solutions to the problems bedeviling the country.

2024 NUC Accreditation Teams Visit BUK: 7 Programs to be Accredited

By Ibrahim Ado Saleh

The National Universities Commission (NUC), accreditation teams arrived Bayero University Kano, for the 2024 accreditation exercise on Monday 13th November, 2023 and paid a courtesy visit on the Vice Chancellor.

In his overview, the Director Academic Planning, Professor Yusuf Garba, said the NUC has an obligation to conduct visitation across the Nigerian Universities so as to ensure quality and standards. The NUC teams are here for the 2024 accreditation of three faculties.

In his speech, Professor Danjuma Dajab, who was the team leader, said that the visitation was a fulfillment of part of NUC's roles. He said they were here like a family meeting where we will discuss our findings and present them for



Members of the accreditation team in a group photograph with BUK Management

correction that is why it is called peer review. He also expressed happiness for coming to Kano especially BUK. He assured the management of Bayero University that they are not here to victimize or witch-hunt.

In his remarks, the Vice Chancellor, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas said “On behalf of the entire management of Bayero University Kano, I welcome you to this great University. It is one of the importance of University System, where colleagues come and check our programs

for correction.”

He said it was the tradition of BUK that to be open for corrections and criticism. He wished them a hitch-free exercise and have a wonderful stay in Kano.

Part of the programs accredited by the NUC teams were Petroleum Engineering, Telecommunication Engineering, Food Science and technology, Quantity Survey, Estate Management, Environmental Management and Chemical Engineering.

Declare State of Emergency in Education ...NAE President Says

By Lamara Garba

The Federal Government has been urged to, without delay declare a state of emergency in the education sector otherwise the country is heading for a doom, the President of the Nigerian Academy of Education, Professor Kabiru Isiyaku, has advised.

Speaking in Kano on Wednesday, 8th November, 2023 at the 37th Annual Congress of the Nigerian Academy of Education (NAE), at Dangote Business School, the president noted that the call became imperative in view of



Representative of VC and University Librarian, Dr. Kabiru Dahiru Abbas (in white) sitting along with Keynote Speaker, Prof. Grace Offorma and a Founding member, Prof. Okonti

the importance of the sector in national development and growth.

There is need to declare emergency in the education sector because it affects all other sectors,” he declared.

According to him issues like status of education in the constitution, structure and funding, the relevance of current curriculum, evaluation and certification should be addressed comprehensively enough to cover all levels and everything to do with education with all stakeholders.

In the same vein, the NAE President has advocated that Nigeria should reconsider the Language policy. He revealed that all the developed nations use their local language for teaching and learning.

Professor Isiyaku explained that adopting mother language in teaching and learning will go a long way in expanding understanding among students and pupils. “Nigeria should reconsider the Language Policy. Suffice it to say that all developed countries (except only one) use their local languages for teaching and learning.”

Speaking further, Professor Kabiru Isiyaku has called on the federal government to hands off running the affairs of secondary schools rather; it should be focusing on formulation of policy and quality assurance.

“The federal government at this stage of the country's development should not directly run secondary schools. Instead, the FG should only be in charge of Policy and Quality Assurance. Consequently, all Federal Government Colleges should be handed over to states with comprehensive condition.

While condemning the falling standards in education which he linked to massive establishment of tertiary institutions by federal and states government, the NAE President suggested a moratorium until when the existing ones are fully equipped.

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas who declared the conference open lamented that teaching profession is being neglected in which a number of unqualified teachers have infiltrated the education system.

Represented by the University Librarian, Dr Kabiru Dahiru Abbas, the Vice Chancellor said all stakeholders need to come together in order to salvage the sector, explaining that NAE and other professional bodies have a great role to play.

During the Congress twenty eight new members were inducted as well as upgrading of three a Academy fellowship and award of honorary fellowship on three non members for their support to education in their respective states. The three honorary awardees are Senator Babangida Hussaini from Jigawa, Alhaji Bilal Sanda from Katsina and Hajiya Tabawa from Kano state.

DABO 2023: BUK Hosts 44th Conference of WASP/SOAP

By Ibrahim Ado Saleh

The West African Society for Pharmacology/Societe Ouest-Africaine de la Pharmacologie (WASP/SOAP) conducted its 44th annual conference at Bayero University Kano, at Dangote Business school from 6th to 8th November, 2023.

This year's conference was themed: *is The Chemistry in Pharmacology: The Search for Pharmacological Bioactive Molecules from natural sources.*

In his welcome address, the Chairman Local Organizing

Committee, Prof. Abdullahi H. Yaro, welcomed all members of the WASP/SOAP, keynote speakers and participants from to the annual conference named DABO 2023.

Also in his opening remarks, the Chairman of the West African Society for Pharmacology (WASP) Board of Trustees, Professor Lawal Alhassan Bichi, said he was very pleased that Bayero University would host this event. He explained that the society was a regional one and had members across the states of West Africa and Nigeria was the leading state in membership and activity.

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas, who declared the conference open, welcomed and thanked the officials and members of the society for finding BUK worthy to host the 44th Conference. "I want to appreciate the society for the honor of appointing a senior member of the University as the Chairman Board of Trustees.

Presenting his address, the President of the West African Society for Pharmacology, Prof Ching F. Poh, who was represented by Professor Moses Atanda Moses, expressed gratitude of the entire society to the Vice Chancellor Professor Abbas and the management team for the hospitality.

Among the invited guests were the Executive Governor of Kano State, H.E Engr. Abba Kabir Yusuf, who was represented by the Director, Kano State Drug and Medical Consumables Supply Agency, Pharmacist Gali Sule. The DG congratulated the society for making this conference possible as well as the University for hosting this grand event. He also explained that more than 30% of the state Budget was allocated to education, as it considered it the



highest priority in the state.

The Keynote Speaker, Prof Ibrahim Katampe, is a Professor of Organic Chemistry and is currently the Assistant Director, for Innovation and Technology Incubation at the College of Engineering, Science Technology and Agriculture (CESTA), Central State University, USA.

The West African Society for Pharmacology (WASP/SOAP) was established in 1971 and the founding fathers desired the improvement and advancement of the science of pharmacology and the allied sciences in all ramifications throughout the West African Sub-region. From its humble beginning with a membership of 12, the society has over 500 members spread throughout the West African sub-region.

USSA Doles Out Cash Gifts to its Retired Members

By Fausat A. Opayemi

The University Secretarial Staff Association (USSA) organized a reception in honour of its retired members. The reception and award presentation took place on Thursday 9th October, 2023 at the Department of Anatomy Old Campus.

The Chairman of the association, comrade Abdulhamid Garba, in his opening remarks, welcomed all members to



Some of the beneficiary retirees with Chairman of SSANU, Comrade Mustapha Aminu (4th right) & DR, VC office, Haruna Aliyu (5th right)

the epoch making event and congratulated them for their commitment. in the discharge of their duties.

He said the recognition of retired members was important because they had put a lot of hard work and had contributed

in no small way to the success of the association and University in general.

He congratulated them for successfully retiring from the service.

The Ag. Registrar, Hajia Amina Umar Abdullahi in her remarks, congratulated the retired members for their tireless efforts in contributing to the success of the University.

The Ag. Registrar, who was represented by the Deputy Registrar, Vice Chancellor's office, Comrade Haruna Aliyu, commended USSA for being one of the best association's in the University. In her words "you are the progressive backbone of administrators in the University system." He urged them to continue to be united as an association which is devoid of rancours and acrimony.

Speaking on behalf of the retirees, who were presented with certificate of recognitions and cash gifts, Mal. Tijanni Yusuf, thanked the Chairman and the entire members of the association for their initiative which he said would boost the moral of the retirees.

He advised those behind to be diligent and hardworking in the discharge of their duties which will boost the image of the association.

REF: Academic Research Grants Programme for Submissions 2023

The Sustainable Development Goal Fund (SDGF) has opened a research grants programme for submissions. The Sustainable Development Goals Fund (SDG Fund) is an international multi-donor and multi-agency development mechanism created in 2014 by the United Nations to support sustainable development activities through integrated and multidimensional joint programmes.

This grants for career researchers are open to people working in all sectors and of all nationalities, based anywhere.

Research Project Category:

The categories and specialized subject areas being supported by the grant are:

- Agriculture and Food Security
- Health and Social Welfare
- Transport Energy and Power
- ICT & Telecommunications
- Environment
- Housing & Urban Development
- Entrepreneurship & Wealth Creation
- Resource Governance
- Science and Technology Management
- National Integration and Security
- Education and Training
- Economic Development
- Social Welfare & Population Studies

This call for proposals is targeted at outstanding researchers, beginning researchers and academics based in research institutions or universities.

Applicants will have to demonstrate that the proposed research or activity is aligned with their country/program interests and has potential institutional/individual capacity-building impact.

The grant is categorized into two groups:

1. Grants for junior researchers.

The grants targeted at junior researchers at the Post Graduate degree Level will provide grants ranging from \$50,000 to 200,000 USD

2. Grants for mid-career and/or senior researchers.

The grants for mid-career and/or senior researchers will also be available, each ranging from \$255,000-545,000 USD.

Specific to applicants for the researchers grants:

1. Must at least be enrolled in a Master's Degree Programme for Junior researchers.
2. Must hold a doctoral degree for Mid-Career and/or Senior researchers (e.g. PhD, DPH, DSC). Clinicians (e.g. MBChB, MBBS, MD, DVM holders), who have not completed a PhD must have completed specialist training (e.g., Fellowship).
3. Must demonstrate that they have a track record and ongoing commitment to research.

Interested applicants should send their Resume to unsdgm@grants-application.org

Upon receipt of Resume/CV and assessment, they would be provided with the application guidelines and form.

Kindly disseminate the information to other qualified candidates in your country. Do acknowledge receipt.



Martha Walker
SDGF Grant Advisory Board

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(1) Engr. Adamu Ya'u Dansure (Baffa) of the Machine Room, Bursary Department invites members of the University community to his wedding fatiha with his fiancée, Ummusalama Bala Na'iyā, scheduled as follows:

Date: Friday, 24th November, 2023

Time: 2:00pm (Immediately after Jauma'a Prayer)

Venue: Sheikh Ahmadu Tijjani Juma'at Mosque, Kofar Mata

(2) Malam Abdul-Yassar Maikano Abubakar of the Department of Islamic Studies & Shari'a invites members of the University community to the wedding fatiha of his children, Ahmad Abbas Hamid and his fiancée, Umm-Salama Abdul-Yassar Abubakar and Suleiman Umar Muhammad Kaugama and his fiancée,

Umm-Sharif Abdul-Yassar Abubakar, scheduled as follows:

Date: Friday, 1st December, 2023

Time: 3:00pm prompt

Venue: Kilishin Kano Residence, No. 107, Yakasai Qtrs. near Central Prison Yard, Behind Emir's Palace, Kano City Area

(3) Dr. Ibrahim Siraj of the Department Mass Communication invites members of the University community to the wedding fatiha of his daughter, Khadija Ibrahim Suraj Uummi) and her groom, Ahmad Rufa'i Idris, scheduled as follows:

Date: Sunday, 26th November, 2023

Time: 11:00am

Venue: Juma'at Mosque of SASIF Gama A, Nassarawa, Kano

