



VC, Prof. Sagir A. Abbas (centre) with management of the University in a group photograph with the CJ of Kano State, Justice Dije Abdu Aboki and other top Management of the Judiciary

Judiciary is Cornerstone of Democracy.....Says BUK VC

By Lamara Garba

The Vice Chancellor of Bayero University, Kano, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas has described the Judiciary as the cornerstone for sustainable democracy and its sanctity must be upheld and respected by all.

Professor Sagir Abbas, who led the Management team of the university to a courtesy visit on the Chief Judge of Kano State, Honourable Justice Dije Abdu Aboki, on Thursday, 12th September, 2024 sympathized with her over the unfortunate incident during the End Bad Governance National Protest in which the State High Court Complex was vandalized by hoodlums.

“First and foremost, I would like to commiserate with the Kano State judiciary on the wanton and senseless destruction that occurred during the August 1st nationwide protests. It is deeply troubling that thugs took advantage of the situation to wreak havoc, causing substantial damage to public and private property, including court buildings and facilities. Such acts of violence and lawlessness have no place in a modern democratic society,” said the Vice Chancellor.

He said the Management of the University wished to express its sincere gratitude for the opportunity to meet with this esteemed gathering today. “It is always a privilege to engage with the judiciary, given the pivotal role you play

in upholding the rule of law, justice, and order in our society.

On the issue of university land encroached by land speculators, the Vice Chancellor appealed to the Chief Judge to intervene with a view to settling the disputes once and for all. He said the nature of this particular conflict has been frustrating and, at times, disheartening. “Our primary concern lies in the fact that some individuals have rushed to obtain ex parte orders and continued to use these even after they have lapsed.

He passionately appealed for the judiciary's assistance in ensuring a fair resolution to the ongoing land dispute involving Bayero University. He said the Management of the University remained committed to upholding the rule of law and working with the judiciary to ensure that justice is served.

According to him, the University as a law-abiding institution respects court orders and refrains from any actions that would contravene them, however, these individuals continue to develop and sell the disputed land. They parade the expired orders as evidence of their ownership to unsuspecting third parties who may not fully understand the legal weight or limitations of such orders.

Professor Abbas lamented that this action has not only

created confusion but also threatens the integrity of the legal process. The university, constrained by its respect for the rule of law, has been left in a difficult position. “We, therefore, seek the intervention of the judiciary to ensure that such misuse of court orders is curtailed and that due process is followed to prevent further escalation of the dispute”.

He also promised collaboration between the University and the judiciary, particularly in the areas of capacity building and mutual training. As an institution of higher learning, we are committed to supporting the development of all sectors of society, including the judiciary.

Through such collaboration, he noted that the staff and students of Bayero University can tap from the wealth of experience of Judicial Officers in learning the practical aspects of judicial processes and workings of the legal system. This, he noted would undoubtedly expose our staff and students to the intricate inner workings of the judiciary with the ultimate goal of enhancing and improving their knowledge base. On the other hand, joint workshops, seminars and training programs can be organized by the university (from every field of endeavor) to enhance the capacity of judicial officers. Such initiatives could focus on emerging issues such as digital evidence management, human rights and land dispute resolution, among others.

Responding, the Chief Judge, Honourable Justice Dije Abdu Aboki, expressed appreciation for the visit which she said she felt highly honoured to receive the Management of the University. Justice Aboki while lamenting at the

gravity of the destruction caused by the hoodlums during the protest, prayed never to witness such an incident.

On the issue of the University's land dispute, she explained that the *ex parte* order granted was implying that all parties should maintain status quo and the University should report any violation of the Court order by anyone.

Justice Aboki lamented that the issue of land disputes have become a menace in the state. She expressed regret that over 80% of all the civil matters in the Courts are cases related to land disputes, saying a group of syndicate is usurping people's property.

She assured the University that Courts are meant to adjudicate amongst parties fairly and promised to look into the complain thoroughly in order to find a way out. “We consider your case as a priority, being a public institution and *In sha Allah* we shall do everything possible to see to the amicable resolution on the dispute.”

On collaboration, the state Chief Judge welcomed the idea which she has been waiting for such an opportunity for a long time.

Those on the entourage included the Deputy Vice Chancellor, Research and Development, Professor Abdullahi Sule-Kano; the Registrar, Malam Haruna Aliyu, the Director Vice Chancellor's office, Malam Sherif Ahmed, the Director Security, Malam Abdulyaqin Ibrahim; Head of Public Affairs, Lamara Garba; Head of Special Unit, Vice Chancellor's Office, Barrister Hadiza Jummai Mohammed among others.

How Nigeria's Economy Could Grow ...Prof. Dandago

By Lamara Garba

Any policy or programme aimed at rejuvenating the economy to prosperity could only be a mirage without adopting a good tax system which is the most reliable source of revenue, a University don and expert in financial matters, Professor Kabiru I. Dandago, has said.



Conference participants organised by Chartered Institute of Taxation of Nigeria

Prof Dandago presented a keynote paper at the opening ceremony of the 7th Academic International Conference on Taxation which took place at Dangote Business School on Tuesday, 13th August, 2024 organized jointly by the Faculty of Management Sciences and the Chartered Institute of Taxation of Nigeria.

The paper titled “*Building resilient Tax System in Times of Economic Uncertainty*” listed some key stakeholders as

essential for any economic growth and development. “It is my submission that any country seeking to develop its economy must adopt certain measures which are critical and very essential”.

Professor Dandago, a onetime Commissioner of Finance in Kano State explained that as Nigerian government plans to make a One Trillion Dollar Economy, even as the country finds itself in a period of economic uncertainty, it must give special attention to the tax payers, Tax Administrators/Authorities, Tax Practitioners, Tax Managers, Tax Conflict Adjudicators, Tax Researchers, and Tax Revenue Users.

The impact of taxation on revenue generation/collection, wealth creation and economic growth and development is dependent of the quality of the contribution of the seven (7) stakeholders above. Particularly, he said cooperation from tax payers and the behavior of tax revenue users are very important.

He noted that transparency in spending by administrators and those in position of authority build the confidence of tax payers. “The more prudent, transparent, and accountable they are in using the tax revenue, the more confidence tax payers and other stakeholders would have in the tax system and the more resilient the tax system would be”.

“They also make the tax system very strong by the practice of “Service for Tax”, that is, executing developmental projects using the tax revenue”, he remarked.

The University don argued that good tax system is the most reliable source of revenue for achieving economic growth and sustainable development. Taxation he said is the most durable source of revenue to government at all levels, leading to sustainable economic development.

Professor Dandago suggested that as part of efforts to build a strong economy, the laws need effective diplomatic and enforcement measures for tax revenue to be massively generated.

Presenting the lead paper, Professor Kabir Tahir Hamid of the Department of Accounting noted that digitization had its negative impact on the economy.

The Paper titled “Navigating Taxation Challenges in the Digital Economy” explained that Digital business models

exacerbate Base Erosion and Profit Shifting (BEPS) risks, impacting tax revenues, particularly in developing countries. In addition, it also complicates traditional tax principles related to nexus, profit allocation, and taxation of intangible assets.

He opined that the emergence of the concept of digital economy has paved the way for Digital businesses operate across multiple jurisdictions without physical presence, making revenue capture difficult it as well exploiting tax rule gaps.

Prof Hamid also said the rapid digital economy evolution necessitated a coordinated multilateral approach for tax reform, like the OECD's two-pillar solution, but success depends on sustained international cooperation and commitment.

However, as part of effort to make the system stronger, there must have a strategic policy and regulatory reforms to be put in place at international, regional, and national level.

BUK Alumni Executive Visits New BUK Registrar

By Fausat A. Opayomi

Bayero University's Alumni Association paid a courtesy visit on the newly appointed Registrar, Malam Haruna Aliyu on Friday 30th August, 2024 in his office.

The Vice President of the association, Ahmad A. Firdaus said the team was on a visit to congratulate the new Registrar on his appointment, which he said was well deserved. He added that the visit would also be used as an opportunity to intimate him about the agenda of the association and the progress achieved so far, since the inception of the newly constituted executives.

Speaking on the activities of association, Alhaji Ahmad Firdaus disclosed that it had spent about eight million naira to complete a borehole project situated close to the Deanery of Student's Affairs. He said that the University

well as loans to run the association.

The Alumni boss said the association needed accommodation within the campus to aid in the running of its activities. He said despite the aforementioned challenges, the association through its commitment and pro activeness had achieved some developmental strides, among which are: website for the association which was completed and at the stage of test-running. He said some executive members with their personal funds travelled to Lagos State to understudy its chapter of the association and to see how things are being done being as one of most vibrant chapters of the BUK Alumni.

He hinted that plan was under way to provide mini solar to strategic areas that students normally read in all the campuses.

Mallam Firdaus called for synergy between the Alumni Association and the University Management and pleaded with the Registrar to help in the follow-up of the take-off grant which the University Management promised for easy running of the association.

The Registrar, Malam Haruna Aliyu, in his response commended the efforts of the present executive for its commitment and foresight towards the development of the association and also expressed the management's appreciation for the provision of borehole which would supply water to the students and all other members of the University community.

He said a website dedicated to the association was very important and strategic because it would create more awareness about the activities of the Alumni and would also give more information to the public about the University.

Speaking on welfare initiative which was being proposed by the association, Malam Haruna Aliyu said the initiative would encourage more people to join and also assist in alleviating the sufferings of some members who need assistance.



management supported the project by donating a booster which was yet to be installed.

He said one of the major challenges facing the association was lack of adequate fund, adding that at times members use their personal funds and donations from members as

BUK Team Participates at 11th ACSPN Conference in Lagos

...As Prof Pate Calls for Sustained Partnership between Scholars and Practitioners

By Nura Garba

Team members from Bayero University, Kano participated at the 11th Annual Conference of the Association of Communication Scholars and Professionals of Nigeria (ACSPN) and General Meeting with the theme: “Digital Communication and Governance in Africa” between September 4th and 5th 2024 held at Airport Hotel, Ikeja, Lagos.

The outgoing President of the association and Vice Chancellor, Federal University, Kashere, Professor Umaru Pate, in his opening address, enjoined the participants to cultivate, nurture and sustain network and relationship building among themselves, especially scholars and practitioners. He said this was one of the ways to further build and sustain communication scholarship and practice.

The Chairman of the occasion, Prof. Ralph Akinfeleye,



Team BUK in a group photograph at the 11th ACSPN in Lagos

delivering his opening remarks, stated that the process of digitalisation of information, good governance and change was very difficult and capital-intensive but must be confronted by leaders, scholars and governments at all levels.

The keynote address titled “*Digital communication and governance in Africa*,” was delivered by Mr Dapo Olorunyomi, Publisher of *Premium Times*. He stated that the news media industry in Africa is faced with unprecedented crises of funding and information disorder that require the focus and attention of media scholars, practitioners, government, civil society and all professionals in the media and communication space. He posited that Artificial Intelligence (AI) holds prospects for quality public service delivery, inclusivity, good governance, growth and accountability. However, he cautioned that AI must be deployed ethically to avoid privacy violations and ensure good governance. He called for the design and implementation of a national policy on the deployment of AI strategy.

The Conference, therefore, resolved that Communication

scholars and practitioners should continuously engage in research partnerships that will build communication institutions, literature, researches that are central to sustenance of communication scholarship and practice in Nigeria.

Scholars and practitioners should engage in interdisciplinary collaborative research, learning and practices between Mass Communication, Computer Science and other disciplines.

It added that Governments at state and federal levels should develop policies on AI, fact-checking, and verification. This should be done in collaboration with big tech companies, government agencies, civil society organisations and academics.

Communication researchers and practitioners should work with scholars around the world to understand and develop AI neutral network-based methods in order to map opinions and discussion for good governance and development in Africa.

Communication institutions in Africa should construct and maintain news rooms and laboratories managed by professors of practice, who will teach the next generation of journalists and other practitioners in media and communication industry.

Communication and Journalism institutions should start implementing the Teaching Hospital (PRACTICUM) Model in educating their students, a model that facilitates hands-on experiential learning thus combining theoretical knowledge with practical application in a real-world setting.

Communication and Journalism institutions and scholars should engage in attracting funds that can be used to construct AI and digital communication laboratories and newsrooms for teaching next generation of scholars and practitioners.

Individual Departments in the unbundled Communication and Media Studies in Nigeria should ensure that they add the 30% local content required in line with the expertise of the educators in their disciplines.

Young scholars at the Postgraduate Master class were advised to work with established researchers so as to learn how to write grant winning proposals.

The team members from BUK were: Professor Mainasara Yakubu Kurfi, Dr Sulaiman Yar Adua, Dr Ibrahim Siraj Adahama, Prof Hadiza J. Ibrahim, Associate Professor Nura Ibrahim and Dr. Musa Adamu Labaran.

Others were: Dr Ashiru T. Inuwa, Dr Maryam Umar Tukur, Dr Saminu Umar, Dr Umami Muhammad Hassan and Nura Garba.

ACTU Sensitizes Stakeholders on Strengthening Capacities for Anti-Corruption, Transparency and Accountability

By Suleiman Saihu

The Anti-Corruption and Transparency Unit (ACTU), Bayero University, Kano (BUK) in collaboration with the Directorate of Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC), Kano Zonal Directorate organized its 1st Public Education and Stakeholders Sensitization Workshop with the Theme; **“Strengthening Capacities for Anti-Corruption, Transparency and Accountability in the University System.”**

The workshop took place on Tuesday, 27th August, 2024 at the Convocation Arena New Campus, BUK.

Declaring the workshop open, the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas commended ACTU for conducting the workshop. He said Bayero University, Kano was one among the few universities that was void of corruption in any form.

The Vice-Chancellor, who was represented by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Academics, Prof. Sani Muhammad Gumel, disclosed that BUK in its quest and commitment towards ensuring transparency and accountability, constituted various committees to ensure checks and balances including Committee of Deans and Directors (CDD), Admissions Committee, Disciplinary Committee, among others. He added that through the commitment of the University in ensuring transparency and accountability, the Management at regular basis meets with the unions of the University to discuss matters affecting the University, including ASUU, SSANU, NAAT and NASU. He stressed that it was through strict adherence to transparency and accountability that sons of staff of the University hardly get admission at their chosen fields of study without meeting the requirement or cut-off mark.

Presenting a paper titled: **“Strengthening Capacities for Anti-Corruption, Transparency and Accountability in the University System,”** the Zonal Director, EFCC Kano Zonal Directorate, Alhaji Ibrahim Shazali, began by tracing the university system in Nigeria as once renowned for its academic excellence, but had been increasingly marred by corruption, leading to undermining its integrity and effectiveness. According to him, the repercussions of these corruption extended beyond the educational sector, eroding public trust thereby diminishing the quality of graduates, and hindering the socio-economic progress.

He said among the key areas of the corrupt practices in universities, included admissions processes, examination integrity and management of financial resources.

To address these challenges, it had become necessary to implement robust strategies that targeted the root causes of corruption and promote culture of transparency and accountability in university system.

The EFCC Kano Zonal Director, further presented strategies for strengthening anti-corruption capacities which included; strengthening anti-corruption policies and legal safeguards, enhancing institutional capacity for anti-corruption and accountability, leveraging technology and e-governance for transparency, accountability and application of forensic and fraud investigative techniques in university administration.

In his presentation, Prof. Sagir Isa Radda of Sociology Department, BUK, defined corruption in a single term as “using your own position for personal gain,” He further stated that corruption is happening not only on finance, the amount, or the personality covered, but “corruption is in everywhere,” he stressed.

He argued that corruption is beyond nepotism, sexual



ACTU members in a group photograph with Resource person

harassment, monopoly, collection of public fund for conference/workshop attendance without attending, among others, he said “if these are happening in the university system, then corruption exists,” he declared.

He stressed that to fight corruption one should imbibe integrity, willingness and desire to do well and embrace the teaching of our families and *'ulamas'* (teachers).

Earlier, in his welcome address, the Coordinator of the programme, Dr. Nu'uman Habib, thanked the Management of the University for organizing the educative programme. He said the workshop was aimed at educating the public and stakeholders on strengthening their capacities for anti-corruption, transparency, and accountability in the university system, adding that the programme was to cover Principal Officers of the University, University Management Committee (UMC), Heads of academic department, and representatives of the University unions of ASUU, SSANU, NAAT, and NASU.

Nurul-Yaqeen Charity Foundation Donates N1.5m to BUK Staff Model Primary School

By Suleiman Salihu

The Nurul-Yaqeen Charity Foundation, a humanitarian and developmental non-governmental organization donated N1.5 million to Bayero University Staff Model Primary School. The donation was presented on Monday 2nd September, 2024 at the premises of the school located at the Old Campus.

Presenting the cheque to the Management of the School, the Chairman of the Board of Trustees (BOT) of the Foundation, Prof. Muhammad Attahir Dawood, stated that



Management of BUK Staff Model Primary School receiving a cheque of 1.5m from Chairman Board of Trustee of Nurul Yaqeen Charity Foundation

the Foundation is a world-wide and typically non-profit, and non-governmental organization. It was basically charitable entity and had existed for years in Nigeria. He said the Foundation was committed to providing food stuffs, school uniforms, slaughtering of animals for meat during Eid-prayers and other forms of endowment to the needy.

Prof. Dawood said the Foundation succeeded in distributing 250 sets of uniforms and shoes to both the indigent and non-indigent pupils of the school in the last two years'; 600 cows were slaughtered in the school for the benefit of the staff and neighbouring communities during the last Eid festivities. He added that the Foundation had also donated N2m to Dawood Islamiyya School at Ogun Street, Old Campus, Bayero University Kano, for the benefit of the surrounding community, among other things.

In his response, the Chairman of the Governing Board, Dr. Kabiru Bello Dungurawa, commended the effort of the Foundation and its Chairman Board of Trustee, Prof. Dawood for the kind gesture towards uplifting the school to its standard. He equally hoped that the donations should continue and extend to other schools, for the benefit of the entire community.

Dr. Dungurawa made a passionate appeal to the Management of the University to look into the situation of the school with a view to providing qualitative and atmosphere conducive for teaching and learning.

On his part, the Chairman, Parent Teachers Association (PTA), Prof. Sani Ibrahim, thanked the Foundation for the Charity given to the School. He said the donation would be judiciously utilized towards renovating, erecting of some dilapidated buildings, among others, for improving the quality standard of the school and for attracting more pupils during admissions.

The Principal of the School, Mal Uba Imam, on behalf of the staff, thanked the Foundation for its kind gesture towards the improvement of the school and wished them more blessings in the execution of their activities.

QSRBN Accreditation Team Visits BUK to Re-accredit Quantity Surveying Programme

By Suleiman Salihu

A team from Quantity Surveying Registration Board of Nigeria (QSRBN) visited Bayero University, Kano on Tuesday, 3rd September, 2024 to re-examine Quantity Surveying programme.

The team while visiting the Vice Chancellor led by Quantity Surveyor, Muhammed Kabir Olayiwola, expressed happiness that the Programme had been established, and was earlier accredited, subject to further verification. He noted that the visit was to re-check and re-examine on certain areas, as to commend, advice or otherwise in order to complement the requirements put by the law of the Board.

Responding, the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas, who was represented by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Research and Development, Prof. Abdullahi Sule-Kano, welcomed the team on behalf of the University Management. He said, in principles, BUK cherished peer-review as mechanism to achieving quality education. He further noted that due to the nature of its openness, the University received not only local, but also international



BUK Management in a group photograph with QSRBN team

accreditation. He wished the team a hitch-free assignment.

Earlier, the Director of Academic Planning, Prof. Yusuf Garba, who was represented by the Deputy Director (Quantity Surveying), Dr. Amina Lawan Muhammad, introduced the team to the Vice-Chancellor.

VC Mourns Dr. Ahmad Isiyaku Adamu We lost a Good Man Says Dean Allied Health Sciences, others

By Lamara Garba

The death has occurred of Dr Ahmad Isiyaku Adamu of the Department of Medical Laboratory Science.

He died on Saturday, 7th September, 2024 after a brief illness. Until his death, he was a Senior Lecturer and also the Examination Officer in the Faculty of Allied Health Sciences.

He has since been buried in his hometown in Agalawa Village, Garun Malam LGA, Kano State.

He is survived by one wife and 5 children.

In a condolence message, the Vice Chancellor, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas commiserated with members of his family and the entire University community.

He described the late Ahmad Isiyaku Adamu as a man of God and committed and dedicated staff who will be greatly missed.

Professor Abbas, prayed to Allah to forgive his short coming and grant him jannatil firdaus.

Also speaking, the Dean of the Faculty of Allied Health Sciences, Dr. Jibril Mohammed said the Faculty and the University had lost rare gem, whose death has created a vacuum that will be hard to fill in a very near future.

"This is one of the best hands we had in the Department, Faculty and by extension, the University. May his good deeds be his companion in the grave and May Allah make jannatil firdaus, be his abode," said the Dean.



Late Dr. Ahmad Isiyaku Adamu

Faculty of Education Tops 17th BUK Interfaculty Games with 21 medals

By Nura Garba Suleiman Salihu & Rabi'u M. Sagir

The Faculty of Education has dominated the just concluded 17th Interfaculty games of Bayero University with 21 medals.

At the grand finale of the games held on Saturday, 7th September, 2024, the Faculty of Education put icing on the



The representative of the Vice Chancellor, the University Librarian presenting the trophy for the overall winner of the 17th Interfaculty games to the Dean, Faculty of Education, Prof. Ahmed Iliyasu and assisted by the Chairman, SCC, Prof. Musa Garba and Director of Sports, Professor Rabi'u Mohammed

cake by beating the Faculty of Life Sciences 3-2 via penalty shoot-out in the final football match after the regulation time ended 1-1. The Faculty of Life Sciences got to a positive mark in the first half by scoring the first goal in the first half, while the Faculty of Life Sciences equalized in the second half.

The Faculty of Education scored three penalties and lost

only one, while the Faculty of Life Sciences, who won all its previous three previous matches against Faculty of Physical Sciences, Faculty of Earth and Environmental Sciences and Faculty of Management Sciences through penalty shootouts, lost three penalties and scored two to hand the trophy to the educationists.

The Chief Coach of Faculty of Education, Asso Hassan expressed happiness over the result and said the team was determined right from day one to win the ultimate trophy.

After the match, the Vice Chancellor, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas, who was represented by the University Librarian, Dr Kabiru Dahiru Abbas, commended all the athletes for exhibiting their skills and competence throughout the interfaculty games. He said there was no winner and loser in the contest, as all were victors. He added that sports is a unifying factor and that it has brought students of the University together.

The Vice Chancellor expressed delight with the turnout of the students athletes and commended the Directorate of Sports for organizing one of the best interfaculty games in the history of BUK. He said the University would continue to sponsor university athletes to participate in sporting events outside the University.

The Chairman Sports Consultative Committee, Professor Musa Garba Yakasai commended the Vice Chancellor for sponsoring the interfaculty games. He said the games




provided an enabling environment for recruitment of athletes that will represent the University at various national and international sporting events.

The Director of Sports, Professor Rabiuh Mohammed said the interfaculty games were organized to create atmosphere for healthy competition among sports men and women in the University. It was also organized to serve as avenue for promoting national unity and training ground

for the selection of good athletes that will represent the university in NUGA, WAUG and FASU competitions.

The Director expressed his deepest appreciation to the Vice Chancellor, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas for the support he has been given to the Sports Directorate. He urged all the athletes to imbibe the spirit of sportsmanship by accepting defeat or victory in good faith.

The overall medals table based on faculties is as follows:

MEDAL TABLE					
INTER-FACULTY GAMES 2024					
BAYERO UNIVERSITY, KANO					
Ranking	Faculty				Total
1	EDUCATION	16	2	3	21
2	ENGINEERING	9	2	5	16
3	MANAGEMENT SCIENCE	6	6	12	24
4	FEES	6	3	12	21
5	ALLIED HEALTH SCIENCE	4	9	-	13
6	FAIS	2	1	1	4
7	BASIC MEDICAL SCIENCE	1	4	-	5
8	SOCIAL SCIENCE	1	2	4	7
9	COMMUNICATION	1	2	3	6
10	COMPUTING SCIENCE	1	1	1	3
11	PHYSICAL SCIENCE	1	1	-	2
12	CLINICAL SCIENCE	-	2	2	4
13	AGRICULTURE	-	1	2	3
14	LAW	-	1	1	2
15	LIFE SCIENCE	-	-	1	-
16	DENTISTRY	-	-	-	-
17	PHARMACEUTICAL SCIENCE	-	-	-	-
18	VETERINARY SCIENCE	-	-	-	-

BUK's WANDA Scholars Receive Training on Personal Development

By Fausat A. Opayomi

Women Advancing Nutrition Dietetics and Agriculture (WANDA) organized a two-day mentorship and personal development training for its scholars from Saturday 24th to Sunday 25th August 2024 at BUK Old Campus.

The training was aimed at maximizing academic and personal growth of its scholars who are 24 female indigent students studying Nutrition and Dietetics and Food Science and Technology from Bayero University, Kano.

The Coordinator of WANDA Scholarship Project, Dr. Abdulkadir Isma'il of the School of Continuing Education in his opening remarks, while welcoming the scholars to the program, commended the lead paper presenter for his commitment. He said the scholars were chosen to make impact and develop interest in knowing where the food they consumed came from, learn what they put in their mouth which would be beneficial to them.

While hinting that plan is under way to extend the WANDA scholarship to other female students for a period of one year, he urged the scholars to be good ambassadors of the WANDA project and reminded them that academic excellence, good character and involvements in community services are criteria to remain in the program and that any student who fails below expectations would be dropped.

Muhammad Salisu Kabir, a WANDA scholarship program mentor from the Department of Mechanical Engineering, in his remarks, said the training was meant to develop their skills on personal development and leadership. He described personal development as self-awareness, knowing one's emotion, what could be achieved and what could be done to improve one's academic and relationship skills among others. Habits and discipline according to him are the ability to do what was right, how to learn to say no and how to take decisions on one's own without compromising one's value and believe.

The lead paper presenter, Abdullahi Abubakar Lamido, Director, Training and Research, International Institute of Islamic Banking and Finance (IIIBF), said making contributions and impacting on people were the essence of personal development, adding that personal development and leadership were all about leading one's life and not just managing it.

He said habits are things that are repeatedly done, it could be harmless, disgusting, bad, good that developed gradually just as thought saying that destiny was determined by one's thought, it was determined by character.

Paradigm shift, according to him "is mindset which is the way we see, understand and interpret the world. It determines behavior which brings result." He urged the participants to be the leaders and managers of their lives.

He said personal development and leadership could bring about effectiveness in whatever they do, such as effectiveness



Participants in a group photograph

in bringing changes to the society one lives, as well as in the family and community.

