



Sultan Harps on Low Philanthropic Activities

...As VC Calls for Proper Coordination

By Lamara Garba

The Sultan of Sokoto, Alhaji Muhammad Sa'ad Abubakar, has attributed the insecurity in the country to low philanthropic activities especially in the aspect of collection and payment of *Zakkat* (alms giving) amongst the wealthy individuals.

He spoke on Tuesday, 20th February, 2024 while declaring open the 5th International conference with the theme “*Contemporary Practice of Philanthropy and Educational Endowment in Africa*” organized by the Bayero University's International Institute of Islamic Banking and Finance (IIIBF) in collaboration with Dawood Research Institute, which took place at Dangote Business School.

The Sultan noted that had wealthy individuals in the society properly given out *zakat* in line with the provision of the Islamic Laws, most of the problems facing the nation could have been reduced if not totally wiped out.

In particular, the Sultan, who was represented by the Emir of Dutse, Alhaji Muhammadu Hamim Nuhu Sanusi, explained that research has shown that poverty is the major cause of many social vices in the society.

According to him, nowadays people are so self-centered, greedy, with the lack of contentment, therefore they find it

difficult to render assistance to the needy and less privileged members of the society. “People nowadays hardly give out for the sake of Allah,” he declared.

However, he was of the firm belief that hope is not yet lost, as conference such as this one could help in reawakening the society to return to the olden good behavior and attitude of communal help.

Speaking in his capacity, the Emir Sanusi disclosed that Dutse Emirate had collected about one billion naira as *Zakat* and distributed to almost 30,000 people, saying that if all kingdoms and emirates could do this certainly, there could have been relative peace and tranquility.

He commended Bayero University for organizing the conference which, he said, was not only timely, but most relevant to the present realities.

In his address, the Vice Chancellor, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas, advocated for a coordinated policy on philanthropy and endowment to educational institutions as a way towards their growth and development.

“Philanthropic activities are very much embedded in our religious beliefs and cultural practices; hence, highly encouraged in our society, however, coordinating the

philanthropic activities and tailoring them towards educational endowment is the greatest challenge in Africa,” said the Vice Chancellor.

Professor Abbas regretted that unlike in the past, when people dedicated much time and resources to education, the case nowadays is appalling. He noted that in some developed climes, universities thrive on many endowments that are institutionalized for various research projects and scholarship supports.

The Vice Chancellor, who was represented by the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academics) Professor Sani Muhammed Gumel, said philanthropists' intervention is highly needed with a view to augmenting the funding of the education in the country and Africa as a whole.

Earlier, in his welcome address, the Director of IIBF, Professor Usman Muhammad Shuaibu, said the conference was organized as part of the effort of the institute to reawaken the consciousness of the people on philanthropy and assistance of the needy.

He commended the partners for making the conference a successful one, saying that many scholars and public

spirited individuals from within and outside the country attended the conference.

Also speaking, the Inspector General of Police said the conference is very much relevant to the current efforts of the government in tackling security challenges in the country.

The Police Boss, who was represented by the Assistant Inspector General (AIG), Zone One, Mr. Umar Muhammad Sanda, explained that poverty has pushed many people to committing all sorts of criminal activities. He advised wealthy individuals to be assisting the needy especially now that things are becoming harder.

Goodwill messages were delivered by Alhaji Mustapha Ibrahim, the Chief Executive of AMMASCO, who reaffirmed his commitment to serving the people by engaging into altruistic activities.

The conference was conducted in partnership with Sule Lamido University, Khalifa Isiyaka Rabi'u University (KHAIRUN), University of Jos, Umaru Musa Yar'adua University and Al-Istiqama University, Sumaila. Over hundred papers were presented at the conference.

BUK Signs MoU with Somalian University on Staff, Students Exchange

By Sabitu M. Jinjiri

Bayero University, Kano has signed a memorandum of understanding with the SIMAD University, Mogadishu, Somalia on staff and students exchange.

A three man team from Somalia was on Monday, 19th February, 2024 visited the Vice Chancellor, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas for the Memorandum of Understanding. The Somali team include; Ambassador to

Allied Health Sciences, Agriculture and Biotechnology among others.

He was impressed with the reception accorded them since their arrival, saying they hoped that the collaboration will speed up the growth chart.

Responding, the Vice Chancellor, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas, expressed happiness for the visit and assured that the university's doors are wide open for partnership for the mutual benefit if the two institutions.

The Vice Chancellor, who was represented by the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academics), Professor Sani Muhammed Gumel, said BUK is now amongst the leading universities in the country and would welcome any collaboration more especially with international universities which will go a long way in increasing it's visibility at global level.

The Rector of the SIMAD University, Somalia pointed out that the relationship between the two countries is not a new one.

According to him, the collaboration is aimed at giving room for students of all programmes at all levels to be exchanged between the two universities. He further disclosed that lecturers from both universities are equally expected to be exchanged, among other areas of collaboration.

As part of the MoU signing ceremony, the visitors were taken to some important places in the three campuses of the university: namely New Campus, Old Campus and AKTH. At the New Campus, the guests were taken to the university's 3.5MW Solar Plant and Centre for Dryland Agriculture (CDA).



A group photograph after the MoU was signed

Nigeria, Mr Jamal Barrow, Professor Tahir Hassan Abdi, the Rector of the Somali University and Dr. Abdulkarim Mohaidin Ahmed, Director, International Cooperation.

In his address, the Somali Ambassador, Mr Jamal Barrow told the Vice Chancellor that they carefully chosen Bayero university, Kano for the collaboration in view of it's reputation as one of the best institution in the country.

He said SIMAD University as a young institution would want to partner in the areas of Engineering,

At CDA, the Deputy Director, Training, Professor Sanusi Gaya Mohammed informed the visitors that CDA has long and short term trainings. He said the Centre conducts researches and training to address the challenges of dryland farming in the West and Central Africa.

The Somali Ambassador to Nigeria, Mr Jamal Barrow, equally showed interest in Somali partnering with the University in the area of dryland agriculture because, according to him, a large portion of Somalia is dryland and the Centre has a lot to give to Somalia in the area of Dryland Agriculture.

They were taken round to the CDA laboratories and were informed that the Centre has the state-of-the-art

laboratories

At the University's Old Campus, the guests were taken to Centre for Biotechnology Research, where they visited the centre's laboratory. They were introduced to three equipment. One of them is for purifying water; another is used for concentrating equations solutions and the other one is used for analysing minute quantities of substances.

At Aminu Kano Teaching Hospital (AKTH), the visitors were led to the Nigerian Snakebite Research and Intervention Centre. At the Centre, the guests were made to understand that the centre is meant to serve not only Nigeria, but all other African countries including Somalia; provided that the country has the same snake species with Nigeria.

BUK to Collaborate with JAIZ Charity and Investment Foundation

By Fausat A. Opayomi

The JAIZ Charitable Foundation team led by Dr Kole Shetima paid a courtesy call on the Vice Chancellor, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas on Monday, 20th February, 2024 in his office.

According to Dr Kole Shetima, who is also a member of the board of the foundation, the team was on a visit to the Vice Chancellor to concretize and finalize arrangement on the signing of MoU between BUK and JAIZ Charity and Development Foundation through International Institute of Islamic Banking and Finance (IIIBF).

Dr Abdullahi Shuaibu, who is the CEO of JAIZ Charity and Development Foundation, said there was need for the foundation to finalize joint venture agreement with BUK.

Mustapha Shehu, Head of Marketing, JAIZ Takaful Insurance Limited said Islamic Insurance is distinct because there is payment of benefits as quickly as possible and that surplus goes to participants proportionate to their contribution.

He urged the University to consider comprehensive *takaful* insurance on the assets of the University against fire and theft. He said the company cares in terms of loss and both gain in terms of profit.

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas welcomed the team to the University and thanked them for



Members of JAIZ Charity and Investment Foundation in a group photograph with BUK Management

their concern and insistence towards conceptualization of the MoU, which will be a mutual benefit.

The Vice Chancellor, who was represented by the DVC Academics, Professor Muhammad Sani Gumel, assured the visitors that BUK is ever ready for collaboration.

He asked the foundation to come up with a blue print which will be duly studied and signed by the University. He commended Dr. Kole Shetima, African Director of McArthur Foundation, for identifying with BUK.

Prof. Iiyasu Takes over as Dean of Education

By Lamara Garba

Professor Ahmed Iiyasu has taken over the mantle of leadership as the new Dean of the Faculty of Education after expiration of the second tenure of Prof. Ali Idris.

The handing/taking over was conducted on Saturday, 7th February, 2024 in a well-attended ceremony at the Deans office.

It could be recalled that Prof. Ahmed Iiyasu was unanimously elected as the Dean of Education on 3rd December, 2023.

The handing over ceremony was witnessed by Heads of Department, Deputy Dean, Sub Deans and faculty members.

Speaking during the brief ceremony, the immediate past



Prof. Ali Idris (left) presenting handing over document to Professor Ahmed Iiyasu

Dean, Prof. Ali Idris expressed gratitude to all staff of the Faculty for the support rendered to him which allows for a successful tenure.

Prof. Idris noted that without their support he could not have recorded any achievement, saying, "*Alhamdulillah*, today I have completed my term as the Dean of this great Faculty and I owed my appreciation to all the staff for your support, loyalty and cooperation which together we recorded a modest achievement. I am grateful to Allah."

He appealed to the staff to extend same gesture to the new Dean, whom he described as a senior colleague and

mentor, saying that the Faculty has been known for its cooperation and unity which stands it unique in the university. We always conduct our affair as a family".

In his speech, the new Dean, Professor Ahmed Ilyasu, while expressing gratitude for the confidence reposed in him over his election, promised never to disappoint them.

According to him leadership is a burden and he will strive hard to make a positive impact so as to justify his election as a unanimous candidate.

"It is not by my choice an act of God to be here as the Dean, and In Sha Allah will do my best to lead by example for the overall interest of the Faculty in particular and the University as a whole," he concluded.

NIEEE Offers Free Tech Supports and Repairs to Honour late Colleague

By Fausat A. Opayomi

The Nigerian Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers (NIEEE), Bayero University, Kano, has organized a one-day special volunteer event named "Project Zangina" on Thursday 15th February 2024 to honour their late colleague, Usman Zangina.

The event which was driven by students in Electrical, Computer and Telecommunication Engineering departments provided comprehensive range of services for electrical appliance repairs such as pressing irons, blender, extension cable, electrical kettles among others by skilled volunteers who were on ground to offer practical and valuable services to the community.

There was also laptop diagnostic and software solution which was important because of the increased reliance on technology, the volunteers offered free repairs for laptops and also shared software solutions like ease of use software to enhance daily use; Microsoft office for documents creation and presentation needs; driver supports to maintain smooth system operation with operated drivers; educational tools such as popular programming software like MATLAB and Python to empower students in their

academic pursuits.

According to the organizers, the event went beyond technical assistance but exemplified the spirit of community service engagement and the profound impact that engineering skills has on everyday lives but it also serves as a befitting tribute to Usman Zangina Usman in his memory which has enriched the lives of his fellow students and the University community at large.



Members of NIEEE in a group photograph after the occasion

Opportunities Await Staff, Students Aspiring to Study in France, Says Moras

An attaché in the French Embassy and representative of the Campus France in Nigeria, Laura Moras, has made a presentation on the numerous opportunities awaiting students and staff in their quest to peruse higher degrees in



The French delegation in a group photograph with members of Department of Linguistics and Foreign Languages

France in the English language.

Mr Moras made this revelation on Wednesday 21st February, 2024 at the Centre for Research in Nigerian Languages, Translation and Folklore at an event hosted by the Department of Linguistics and Foreign Languages of Bayero University, Kano.

He said that Campus France is a governmental organization in charge of promoting higher education with presence in 134 countries including Nigeria offering diverse postgraduate academic programs in more than 70 Universities, emphasizing the need to go for the programs recognized by the French government only.

While revealing the possibility of working during studies throughout France, Moras used the occasion to showcase the available scholarships to Nigerian aspiring to study in their country.

In his welcome address, the Head, Department of Linguistics and Foreign Languages, Dr. Tijjani Shehu Almajir, said that the program was put together in order to unveil the ample opportunities for both the staff and students to tap from the Campus France presentation irrespective of their disciplines. Saying, "It gladdens my heart that this presentation is taking place here in Bayero University and to be specific is being hosted by the Department"

While welcoming all the attendees to the event, he expressed hope and optimism that they would take advantage of the rare opportunity to their doorstep.

Contributing, the President, Maryam Abacha American University (MAAUN), Prof. Adamu Abubakar Gwarzo, reaffirmed his unwavering commitment to continue to

sponsoring French Language studies, encouraging them to maximally utilize their language skills in today's technologically driven world.

On his part, Prof. Bashir Sambo thanked Mr. Laura Moras for an interesting presentation.

Dangote Wins Inter-House Soccer Competition

By Lamara Garba

The Deanery of Students Affairs has organised an Inter-House Soccer Competition as part of the social activities to mark the end of the session.

The competition which was sponsored by Infinix telecommunication company saw Dangote Hostel emerge as the winner of the fiesta, thereby grapping the giant trophy and a cash prize of three hundred thousand naira (N300,000).

According to a statement signed by the Dean of Students Affairs, Professor Shamsuddeen Umar, Sa'adu Zungur hall came second and carted home a cash prize of one hundred and fifty thousand naira, while Abdulhamid Isa Dutse hall from AKTH was third and awarded one hundred thousand naira in addition to a trophy.

The Dean commended the orderly and peaceful conduct of the tournament which aimed at creating harmony and unity amongst the students in addition to providing form of social activities in the campus.

The two day event took place from 8th and 9th February 2024 and was participated by twelve halls of the university.

“The five-aside football competition further created brotherhood and understanding amongst the students,” he noted.

It was supported and sponsored by Infinix and the following halls participated: Umaru Yar'adua, Elkanemi, Idris Garba, Dantata and Dangote halls.

Others are; Saadu Zungur, Area “A” Old campus, Area B Old campus, SCE, Musa Borodo (AKTH) Maitama Sule (AKTH) and Abdulhamid I. Dutse (AKTH) halls.

In addition to the cash prizes, the sponsors also distributed variety of souvenirs to students.

Speaking at the closing ceremony, the Dean, Professor Shamsuddeen Umar, expressed happiness for the competition and thanked the sponsors for supporting the university in this regards.

He also thanked the Vice Chancellor and management of the university for its support and encouragement to the Deanery.

Also speaking, the Coordinator from infinix Mr. Kassim Sadiq expressed gratitude to the Vice Chancellor of BUK as well as Student Affairs for the partnership.

He said they are well prepared to continue this partnership as part of their Corporate Social Responsibility with a view to enhancing the welfare of students.

The Coordinator from Infinix, Mr. Kassim Sadiq expressed gratitude to the Vice Chancellor of BUK as well as Directorate of Student Affairs for this partnership. He said they are well prepared to continue this partnership as part of their CSR to enhance the welfare of students.



The overall winner displaying their cash prize



The runners-up with their cash prize



Mr. Kasim Sadiq Coordinator Infinix

Dept. of Public Admin Wins Dean's Trophy

The students' football team of the Department of Public Administration has emerged champions of the 2024 Faculty of Management Science Competition after beating its counterpart from the Department of Business Administration 1–0 in the final on Friday 16th February, 2024.

Presenting the trophy, the Dean, Faculty of Management Sciences, Prof. Aminu Isa congratulated the winners and urged them to pay attention to their studies. He said the competition was organized by the Faculty to enhance cordial relationship among various departments of the faculty.

While receiving the trophy, the Head of Department of Public Administration, Dr. Abubakar Tabiu congratulated the participants and wished them more success in all their future endeavours.

The President of the National Association of Public Administration Students, BUK, Muhammad Usman Mana and the captain of the team, David Onoja Onuh attributed their victory to the support they received from the department.

The Departments that participated in the competition were the Departments of Accounting, Business Administration, Banking and Finance as well as Public Administration.



The victorious team with their trophy

UNESCO/CHINA CO-SPONSORED FELLOWSHIPS PROGRAMME 2024-2025

This is to inform members of the University community that UNESCO released a Call on UNESCO/ The People's Republic of China (The Great Wall) Co-sponsored Fellowships Programme, 2024-2025 for a one-year undergraduate and postgraduate studies and research in any field of study in some Chinese Universities.

Interested persons are to visit: <http://www.campuschina.org/universities/index.html> for

the available fields of studies in the selected Chinese Universities and also visit www.campuschina.org for more information.

The hard copy of the completed online Application Form (with other relevant credentials) should be forwarded to Dr Olagunju Idowu I., Secretary-General, Nigeria National Commission for UNESCO (NATCOM-UNESCO), Federal Ministry of Education, Abuja on or before 4th March, 2024.

APPRECIATION FROM DR. BABANGIDA A. LADAN

Dr. Babangida Ladan of the department of Adult Education and Community Services and the Sub Dean (Admin and Facilities), Faculty of Education hereby appreciates members of the University community that attended the wedding of his daughter Khadija Babangida

Ladan that took place at Jikamshi, Katsina State on 10th February, 2024. Special thanks to the DVC (Academics) and Faculty of Education contingent. We also appreciate all prayers and best wishes sent.

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(1) Professor Muhammad Bello Shitu invites members of the University community to the wedding fatiha of his daughter, Khadija Muhammad Bello and her fiancé, Mustapha Sulaiman Mudi, scheduled as follows:

Date: Sunday, 25th February, 2024

Time: 1:00pm after Zuhr prayer

Venue: Zaid Bin Thabit Mosque, Zawaciki, Layin LGEA Primary School Zawaciki, Kano.

(2) Bello Bakoji of the Centre for Information Technology (CIT) invites members of the University community to his wedding fatiha with his fiancée, Habibah I. Abdullahi, scheduled as follows:

Date: Saturday, 24th February, 2024

Time: 11:30am

Venue: Alkali Musa Street, Under Mango, Azare, Bauchi State.

(3) Mohammad Sani Ibrahim (former Establishment Director) invites members of the University community to the wedding fatiha of his son, Isa Sani (Baba Isa) with his fiancée, Rahama Ridwan Bello (Yaya Babba), scheduled as follows:

Date: Sunday, 25th February, 2024

Time: 11:00am

Venue: Masjid of Danwanka, Lokon Gidan Kilishi, Bayan Kurmawa Central Prison, Kano State.



BAYERO UNIVERSITY, KANO

New Campus Jumu'at Masjid

RAMADAN FEEDING (IFTAR) EXERCISE 1445 AH (2024)

Bayero University New Campus Juma'at Mosque is organizing a Ramadan Iftar feeding program for this coming Ramadan, 1445AH.

The Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) said: "Whoever gives food for a fasting person, he will earn the same reward as the one who has observed the fast without diminishing in any way the reward of the latter". It is with this understanding that we propose to conduct an Iftar feeding program to provide food to those in need during this upcoming Ramadan (1445 AH). Our goal is to serve meals at the cost of N1500 per person to approximately 200 persons daily especially undergraduate students who cannot afford to feed themselves during the blessed month of Ramadan.

To make this program a reality, we are seeking your support in the form of financial contributions/donations of food items/volunteer assistance. Any support you can provide will go a long way in ensuring the success of this Iftar program Insha'Allah.

If you are interested in supporting this initiative, please feel free to contact Professor Abubakar Jika Jiddere (08033118526) or Dr. Nura Ibrahim (08036572655) or you can make your contribution through the following account details:

Account Name: BUK New Campus Jumaat Mosque

Account Number: 0009606702

Bank: JAIZ

Signed:

Nura Ibrahim, PhD

Secretary, Mosque Committee



The Vice-Chancellor
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Day 2

Wednesday, 28th February, 2024

Graduands of Faculties of Allied Health Sciences, Clinical Sciences, Computing, Dentistry and School of Continuing Education (SCE)

Day 3

Thursday, 29th February, 2024

Graduands of Faculties of Basic Medical Sciences, Communication, Engineering, Life Sciences, Management Sciences, Physical Sciences and Social Sciences

Day 4

Friday, 1st March, 2024

CONVOCAATION LECTURE:

Chairman: A. B. Mahmoud, SAN

Speaker: Alhaji Aliko Dangote, GCON

Topic: **The Role of the Private Sector in Building a Sustainable Knowledge Economy in Nigeria**

Time: 4:00pm

Day 5

Saturday, 2nd March, 2024

(A) Award of Higher Degrees and Prizes for 2020/2021

Graduands of School of Postgraduate Studies and Dangote Business School

(B) Award of Honorary Degrees



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