

## New Vice Chancellor Takes Over, Vows to Move BUK Forward



Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas on Monday, 17th August, 2020 took over as the 11<sup>th</sup> Vice Chancellor of Bayero University, Kano with a vow to move the University to greater heights.

Sagir, a Professor of Mathematics Education, was appointed by the University Council on Saturday,  $8^{th}$  August, 2020.

The new Vice Chancellor, who took over from Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello vowed to lead transparent and all inclusive administration, saying that through consultation, team work and commitment, he is ready to move BUK forward.

Prof Abbas heaped praises on the outgoing Vice Chancellor, Prof. Muhammad Yahuza Bello whose tenure recorded massive transformations in the university. He told the large gathering that he would try as much as possible to follow the good steps of his predecessors who had put the University in the right track.

The new VC commended his predecessor for serving Bayero University with all sense of commitment and dedication, describing him as the person with the best knowledge of BUK. taking over from Prof. M. Y. Bello (righ)

"He was my teacher at the undergraduate level. He has served Bayero University diligently and giving his antecedents, he will continue to give his utmost contributions for the betterment of the system," said ProfAbbas.

The 11<sup>th</sup> VC expressed his gratitude to the University Council for appointing him and thanked all members of the University community for supporting him, saying that "by the grace of God, I will not fail you."

In his brief handing over remarks earlier, the outgoing Vice Chancellor, Professor Bello said he was extremely happy that it was the first time in the history of the University that a vice chancellor took over from his teacher directly.

He urged members of the University to extend the same support he enjoyed, saying that BUK's strength was its dedicated staff who at all times ready to serve it better. He said there was the need for all the stakeholders to work together to move BUK to greater heights.

Prof. Bello also said the harmonious relationship between the former and serving Vice Chancellor were responsible for the successes recorded over the years in the University.

# Be Dedicative and Diligent in Discharging your Duties... VC Tells Workers

The new Vice Chancellor, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas has charged members of staff of the University to be diligent and committed in the discharge of their responsibilities.

He made the call on Wednesday, 19<sup>th</sup> August, 2020 at an interactive meeting with members of staff working under the Office of the Vice Chancellor. The meeting was to formally introduce the Vice Chancellor to members of staff that are directly working under his office.



Professor Abbas, who officially assumed office on Monday, 17<sup>th</sup> August, 2020 assured the workers of his readiness to improve on the existing welfare provisions and urged them to put in their best so as to move the University forward.

"I want you to be honest and do your work with utmost sense of responsibility. I don't want a situation where any staff would be found wanting," he charged.

While responding to staff requests, the Vice Chancellor assured the staff that adequate working materials would be made available to both teaching and nonteaching staff so as to make the work conducive.

According to him, "we would also try our best in the areas of promotion and capacity building of staff.

"Promotion would be given as at and when due for staff that fulfill the requisite obligations. Staff would be sponsored to attend training that would improve their capacity," he said.

In his remarks, the Director of Public Affairs, Malam Ahmad Shehu assured the Vice Chancellor that the staffs' dedication and loyalty would remain unalloyed.

He said, the present working condition was still appreciable but there is also the need for improvement.

Also present were the Deputy Registrar, Advancement Office, Malam Mustapha

Zahraddeen, Publication Secretary, Malam Lamara Garba, members of the BUK Media Team, Protocol Officers, Event Officers, Secretaries, Clerks, Drivers and Messengers/Cleaner.

### **APPOINTMENTS**

The Principal Officers at their  $6^{th}$  (2020) held on Monday,  $10^{th}$  August, 2020 approved the following appointments as follows:

(1) Professor Ibrahim Muhammad of Department of Islamic Studies and Shariah as a member of the Reconstituted Advisory Board of the Centre for Qur'anic Studies to be chaired by His Royal Highness, the Emir of Kazaure, Alhaji Najib Hussain for 2 years with immediate effect.

(2) Extension of tenure of Dr. Bashir Aliyu Umar as Director Centre for Islamic Civilisation and Interfaith Dialogue for 3 months to enable him to publish a book of proceeding for the centre.

(3) Malam Muhammad Sani Aminu as Chairman Junior Staff Disciplinary Committee for a period of two years with the following members:

a. Registrar's Representative – Registry Department

- b. Director-Security Division
- c. NASU Representative
- d. Coordinator, Staff Training Human Resources Unit
- e. Salisu Adamu Abdullahi Legal Unit
- f. Deputy Registrar Junior Staff Office

(4) Maryam Liman of Department of Geography as Deputy Dean, Student Affairs (Female) All the appointments are with immediate effect.

(5) Extension of tenure of Dr. Rufa'i Yusuf Ahmed as Deputy Director I, Directorate of Laboratory Management for one year i.e up to 6th January, 2021.

(6) Extension of tenure of Malam Salisu Abdulhamid as Deputy Director II, Directorate of Laboratory Management for one year i.e up to 6th January, 2021.

All conditions stated in the first appointment letter remain valid

### Mambayya House Organizes Symposium for Combating Corruption through Religious Leaders

By Adamu Garba

The Aminu Kano Centre for Democratic Studies, (Mambayya House), has organized an interfaith sensitization workshop for religious leaders in the North-Central Geo-Political Zone in an effort to combat corruption from the Islamic and Christian perspectives.

The annual Symposium with the theme: Towards Consolidating the Efforts of Religious Leaders in Combating Corruption in Nigeria is a three-year project (2018-2020) supported by the Catherine T. McArthur Foundation aimed at fighting corruption and cultivating the culture of integrity and accountability in Nigeria by capitalising on the religious institutions.

The event held on Wednesday, 19<sup>th</sup> August, 2020 at Sa'adu Zungur Auditorium Complex, Mambayya House with brainstorming sessions from various scholars.

In his opening remarks, the Director of Aminu Kano Centre for Democratic Studies. (Mambayya House), Professor Ismaila Mohammed Zango, who was represented by the Deputy Director (Training), Dr. Samaila Suleiman, said the idea behind the project was informed by the fact that despite the various anticorruption programs and strategies by governments, the problem of corruption is rather waxing stronger by all indices.

Economic, Social and Population Research (CESPOR) BUK, Dr. Nu'uman Habib, dwelt on the efforts made by Nigeria to tame corruption, the milestones recorded in that direction, the challenges being encountered in that quest and the possible remedies to the challenges.

While Professor Salisu Shehu, Deputy Secretary General of the Nigerian Supreme Council for Islamic Affairs and his Christian counterpart, Mr. Henry Ijoman, Manager Training, Lux Terra Leadership Foundation had discussed on what Islamic and Christian texts and philosophy revealed about how religious leaders should re-orient followers on the need to fight against corruption.



He added that, it was against the background of this quagmire that the project was designed with a view to amplifying voices and collective action against corruption using interfaith platforms in Nigeria.

The Chairman of the Occasion, Malam Ibrahim Muazzam, in his remarks, challenged participants to emulate the good habits of our past leaders sighting examples from the lifestyle of late Malam Aminu Kano which he said taught virtues of honesty, determination, simplicity, courage, integrity and generosity.

In their separate presentations, the Director, Centre for

Other presenters were: (Dr.) Muhammad Nurayn Ashafa, Co-Executive Director, Interfaith Mediation Centre who spoke on Practical Guide of Anti-Corruption Work for Religious Groups and Dr. Kabiru Bello Dumbulum, Deputy Director (M & E), Mambayya House who led the interactive session on the comments from the participants and the way forward.

The event gathered different stakeholders, including Christian and Islamic Scholars from the North-Central Geo-Political Zone and Kano State.

# Covid 19: BUK Centre Gets NCDC Commendation as One of Top 4 in Nigeria



Provost, CHS, Prof. Ibrahim A. Yakasai (3rd right) explaining a point to Governor of Kano, his Deputy, VC, and other dignitaries

The National Centre for Disease Control (NCDC) has commended Bayero University's Centre for testing samples of COVID-19, saying that it was among the top four of sixty two centres in Nigeria with most tests since the beginning of the pandemic.

This was disclosed by the outgoing Vice Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello, when the Governor of Kano, Dr. Abdullahi Umar Ganduje inspected the facilities on Saturday, 15th August, 2020. He told the governor that the NCDC had published in its weekly report number 32 of Key Performance Indicator (KPI) Lab network on 14<sup>th</sup> August, 2020.

The Centre according to the Vice Chancellor had tested 17, 219 samples from Kano, Jigawa, Gombe and Katsina States and if merged with the 10, 612 by the Aminu Kano Teaching Hospital, the two centres combined tested 27,831 samples.

Professor Bello explained that Bayero University took pro-active steps by purchasing equipment and reagents worth N50m using its internally generated revenue as well as mobilized its resources and manpower from other related centres such as Centre for Biotechnology Research.

He added that the University received support from other sources such as ultra-modern GeneExpert Machine from AA Rano Foundation and \$63,000 from USAID. These would boost the capacity of our centre," said the outgoing VC.

He commended the Governor of Kano State for supporting the Centre and healthcare activities in Kano State, commending him for establishing Ganduje Health Centre which would be used by the University's medical students for offering services to the rural communities.

"The Cancer Treatment Centre at Muhammadu Sunusi Hospital Giginyu is the first of its kind in Nigeria. This has shown how committed your administration is in terms of providing better healthcare system in the state" Prof Bello added.

On his part, Governor Abdullahi Umar Ganduje applauded the commitments and resilience of Bayero University in terms of its doggedness in the fight against COVID-19, noting that it was the university with the best approach in the country, using its IGR in this regard.z

The Governor noted that Kano State was earlier on hit with the dearth of COVID-19 test centres, but with BUK's 540 testing capacity, Dangote's mobile centre, AKTH's and two others, the testing capacity was up scaled in the state.

"This effort has placed Kano as number 8<sup>th</sup> in terms of positivity index with 0.1-0.9%, noting that the state government would look into the possibility of providing more support to BUK Centre in order to eradicate the dreaded virus.

The Director, Centre for Infectious Diseases Research, Professor Isa Abubakar expressed appreciation to the Governor of Kano State for giving maximum support to the Taskforce headed by the Deputy Governor, Nasiru Gawuna and for approving allowances to the healthcare personnel.

# Governor Ganduje Commissions BUK's International Conference Centre

Kano State Governor, Dr. Abdullahi Umar Ganduje, commissioned an ultra-modern International Conference Centre in Bayero University, Kano, on Saturday, 15th August, 2020 saying that it was a



Governor Ganduje (2nd left) cutting the tape and being assisted by outgoing VC, Prof. M. Y. Bello (2nd right), Senator Bello Hayatu Gwarzo (right) and Alh. Usman Yahaya Kansila (left)

corporate social responsibility between the University and the people of Kano State.

Governor Ganduje stated that the centre would create a symbiotic relationship and serve the international, national and local communities. He commended Senator Bello Hayatu Gwarzo, who played a formidable role facilitating ensuring the construction of the edifice. The outgoing Vice Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello, said the Centre would house an ultra-modern auditorium with the capacity of 1200 people at a time; 6 syndicate rooms that can accommodate 100 people at a time; 500 capacity lounge and 38 charlets among others.

"This building was made possible by the intervention of Senator Bello Hayatu Gwarzo when he made sure that it was captured in the budget by the federal government while he was in the Senate," said the Vice Chancellor.

He explained that while the University was trying to complete the project, it sought the approval of the TETFund to use normal intervention which was approved thereby commending the TETFund for the gesture.

According to him, BUK has been working with all the governments of Kano State and Governor Ganduje took the relationship to the highest level, noting that the involvement of staff in the activities of the state was unprecedented. He reiterated that the University would continue to work closely with the state government.

The Governor was later taken round the facility and also the Senate Chamber, which he jokingly said he thought he was in Dubai.

## Senator Bello Hayatu Commissions Offices, Lecture Rooms at CHS

Senator Bello Hayatu Gwarzo on Saturday, 15<sup>th</sup> August, 2020 commissioned academic Block that comprised of staff offices and lecture rooms at the College of Health Sciences, Bayero University, Kano.

He said he was proud to be associated with Bayero University, Kano, and commended the outgoing Vice Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello for achieving a lot in the University.

The outgoing Vice Chancellor, Prof Bello, had earlier said that Senator Bello was a close associate of the University, who during his time as Senator contributed immensely to the development of BUK, noting that his immense contributions would forever be cherished.

He said two blocks in the AKTH were in bad shape, but with the intervention of Senator Gwarzo, the projects were completed.



Earlier, the Provost of the College, Professor Ibrahim Adamu Yakasai, said the building housed offices of professors and senior lecturers, as well as classrooms that will accommodate between 75 and 150 students.

# NAAT Honours Outgoing VC, Prof. M.Y.Bello

National Association of Academic Technologist (NAAT), Bayero University Chapter on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> August, 2020 honoured the outgoing Vice Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello.

The occasion, which took place at the new ultramodern Abubakar Rasheed Senate building was attended by the Principal Officers, and some Management staff of the University.

Speaking shortly before the presentation of the award, the NAAT Chairman, Malam Hashim Abba Yakasai, said the award was in recognition of the exemplary leadership displayed by Professor Bello, a feat he said benefitted members of the association the most. He said the award was christened: 'The Most Outstanding Vice Chancellor and Benefactor of NAAT.'

Malam Hashim Abba thanked the outgoing Vice Chancellor for his commitment and dedication and prayed to Allah to assist him in all his future endeavours.

Responding after receiving the award, Professor Muahammad Yahuza Bello thanked the association for finding him worthy of the award and assured them that such awards have always gingered him to do more



Outgoing VC, Prof. M. Y. Bello (middle) in a group photograph with NAAT members

wherever he finds himself.

He said all the achievements recorded were products of collective efforts, saying that without the support of all and sundry the story would have been different. He appealed to them to extend similar support and cooperation to his successor.

## No Link Between 5G Network & Corona Virus ... Expert



An expert in telecommunication Engineering, from Bayero University, Kano, Dr. Lawal Muhammad Bello, has insisted that the 5G network has no connection whatsoever, with the Corona-Virus and or any ailment. Dr. Lawal Bello, who teaches at the Department of Electrical Engineering, explained that the 5G network is no more than the upgraded version of telecommunication, pointing out that the insinuation of linking the network with any ailment or disease is the figment of the imagination of mischief makers.

He spoke in a special radio Freedom programme "Duniyar Kimiyya" monitored in Kano at the weekend, that the world is gradually turning to digitization thereby moving away from the analogue. He noted that with the new trend, the world would be more secure and advance in communications.

Dr. Bello while tracing the history of telecommunication right from the smoke ages to date disclosed that the 5G network is just an upgrade of the human communications thereby enhancing security and civilization.

"For anyone to tell you that 5G or any network has ulterior motive on human health, is showing his ignorance of the development stages in the world," said, Dr. Lawal Bello, arguing that the world has developed beyond our narrow imaginations. According to him, at the development stages, the world introduced many forms of communication which included the use of smoke, drums, horse and pigeon and later telephony, telegram, telephone, telex as well as fax machines among others.

He disclosed that it was in the  $15^{\text{th}}$  century that an Egyptian King at that time introduced the use of Pigeon to send messages, and later in the  $16^{\text{th}}$ ,  $17^{\text{th}}$  and  $18^{\text{th}}$  centuries new communications including radio, television, telephony and other means were introduced, saying that in the early  $19^{\text{th}}$  century the 1G communication was introduced after which it was upgraded to 2G and later 3, 4 and now 5G.

Dr. Bello noted that when fully operational, the 5G network would provide maximum security and improved communication mechanism. "Through the application of the instrumentality of 5G, the world may be safer, as one can detect what is happening in one's home, office or business premises using technology and can detect any fault without physically being there."

On this note, "I can comfortably tell you that 5G is a blessing to us in disguise and has no negative effect on the health of the people whatsoever. You should also note the radiation in the electromagnetic from the telecommunication antenna is none iodized and therefore, has no threat to human health," he added.

## Neighbouring Communities Seeks BUK's Support on Girl-Child Education

Neighbouring communities have sought the assistance of Bayero University on girl-child education, saying that the intervention of the university will address the challenges facing the communities.

The leadership of communities comprising of Dausayi, Rijiyar Zaki, Zakara and Rimin Gata visited the Vice Chancellor, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas on Wednesday, 19<sup>th</sup> August, 2020 to congratulate him on his recent appointment as 11<sup>th</sup> Vice Chancellor.



VC, Prof. Sagir Adamu Abbas (sitting 3rd right) in a group photograph with leaders of neigbouring communities

The District Head of Dausayi, Alhaji Abba Muhammad Dausayi, said the communiteis were happy having visited the Vice Chancellor unnoticed, saying that it demonstrated his true character of maturity and respect



**Professor Abdulrashid Garba** former DVC (Admin), of the Faculty of Education wishes to invite members of the University Community and the general public to the wedding fatiha of his daughter, **Aisha Abdulrashid Garba** and her fiancee, **Mukhtar Ahmad** 

for people.

He said the communities were extremely happy with his appointment because of his experience, pedigree and positive relationship with the people, praying to Allah to guide and protect him in his five-year reign.

The communities further requested the University's assistance to allocate plot of land for use in building secondary school for girls in order to address the challenges they are facing on dearth of schools.

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Abbas expressed happiness over the visit and solicited the neighbouring community's prayers in order to succeed in office.

The Vice Chancellor pledged to strengthen the University's relationship with the neighbouring communities and noted that they should not hesitate in bringing candidates for admission once they have the requirements.

On the issue of plot of land, Prof Abbas told the communities to formally write and state their requests, explaining that the University Management would look into it with a view

to obtaining the legal backing on the feasibility of land allocation.

"We will look at legal implication of the matter and see if it is possible to do it or not," said Prof Abbas.



(Abba Gwale), scheduled to take place as follows: Date: Friday, 21st August, 2020 Time: 2:00pm Venue: Juma'at Mosque, Bayero University, Kano Old Campus.

### Appreciation from Prof. Ahmad M. Makarfi

I, Professor Ahmad Muhammad Makarfi, on behalf of my family, sincerely wish to register our profound appreciation to members of the University community, distinguished dignitaries from various locations within and outside the University, friends and well wishers who took time from their busy schedules to attend the wedding fatiha of our children

Doctors Fatima and Bello which took place on Saturday.15th August,2020 (26th Dhulhijja,1441). The value of Your participation and prayers cannot be quantified. May the Almighty Allah SWT reward you abundantly. I pray all have returned safely to their various destinations. Thanks and God bless you all.



Note that supplying false information will result in disgualification. You are allowed to supply a maximum of two different '0' Level examination results. Candidates without '0' Level results can choose the Awaiting Result (AR) option against the subjects they sat for or intend to sit for. The results must be provided before the end of the admission exercise.

ELIGIBILITY: UTME Candidates must have chosen Bayero University as First Choice and scored not less than the indicated minimum score for various Faculties/ Programmes as stated below:

5/N	COURSES IN THE FACULTY OF:	CUT-OFF POINT	
1.000	Clinical Sciences (MBBS)	220 and above	
2	Pharmaceutical Sciences		
3	Allied Health Sciences	200 and above	
4	Dentistry		
5	Law		
6	Management Sciences	- 190 and above	
7	Social Sciences		
8	Agriculture		
9	Arts and Islamic Studies	180 and above	
10	Basic Medical Sciences		
11	Communication		
12	Computer Science and Information Technology		
13	Earth and Environmental Sciences		
14	Education		
15	Engineering		
16	Life Sciences		
17	Physical Sciences		

Note: Candidates whose points are below the minimum for the programme chosen as indicated above can using JAMB green form, change to another programme that is within the range of the points they scored. After the change, they should continue to check BUK portal to ensure that it has been reflected as the database will be updated from time to time.

#### METHOD OF APPLICATION

Step 1: Login- At the homepage of the Bayero University websitewww.buk.edu ng click on 2020 UTME REGISTRATION FOR THE SCREENING EXERCISE

Step 2: Profile Update - Login using your UTME number as username and UTME aggregate score as password and then fill-in the provided form. Note that the photograph uploaded from JAMB will be the only valid ID for all admitted candidates throughout their stay in Bayero University, Kano.

Step 3: Generation of BUK PPI - Generate and download your Personalised Payment Invoice (PPI). The invoice will come with Remita Retrieval Reference (RRR) for the sum of N2,000.00 being cost of screening. Applicants have an option of paying online using Credit/Debit Card, Internet Banking or printing the invoice and using it to pay at any Commercial Bank nationwide. Note that after successful online payment, acknowledgement slip can instantly be generated and printed. In case of bank payment, the payment have to be verified before acknowledgement card can be origined. card can be printed.

### **REGISTRATION DEADLINE**

Online registration portal for the aptitude test will be open on Monday, 3rdAugust, 2020. The portal will be closed on Friday, 2ndOctober, 2020. However, printing of acknowledgement slip will continue up to midnight of Sunday, 11thOctober, 2020.

DATE OF APTITUDE TEST: To be announced later

- published and updated from time to time on the University website please check www.buk.edu.ng
- If you have any inquiry or are encountering any difficulty, write to screening.
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ANY CANDIDATE WHO FAILS TO REGISTER FOR THE SCREENING EXERCISE WITHIN THE STIPULATED DATE WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.

### DIRECT ENTRY SCREENING EXERCISE FOR 2020/2021 ACEDEMIC SESSION

This is to inform all candidates who applied for Direct Entry admissions into Bayero University, Kano, that there will be an ON-LINE screening exercise from Monday, 3rd August to Friday, 2nd October, 2020. Please note that only Candidates who applied through JAMB for Direct Entry Admission and chose Bayero University as their First Choice are eligible for

the screening

#### **PROCEDURE FOR THE ON-LINE SCREENING**

Step I: Login - Login using your DE registration number, State of Origin and Gender

Step II: Profile Update - Fill-in the provided form. Step II: 'O' Level Update - Note that supplying false results is grounds for automatic disqualification. You can supply a maximum of two results. Note that the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB) has indicated that it would not clear any shortlisted candidate who does not have Of Level results. All candidates are therefore, advised to visit any JAMB Office or accredited CBT centre nearest to them to upload their. Of Level results (WAEC, NECO etc.) Candidates without 'O' Level results can choose the

results (WAEC, NECO etc.) Candidates without 'O' Level results can choose the Awaiting Result (AR) option against the subjects they sat for or intend to sit for The results must be provided before the end of the admission exercise. **Step IV: 'A' Level Update** – Note that supplying false results is grounds for automatic disqualification. You are to supply ONLY one 'A' level result and clearly indicate the institution. **Step V: Generate BUK PPI** – Generate and download your Personalised Payment Invoice (PPI). The invoice will come with Remita Retrieval Reference (RRR) for the sum of N2.000.00 being cost of screening. Applicants have an option of paying online using Credit/Debit Card, internet Banking, or printing the invoice and using it to pay at any Commercial Bank nationwide. Note that after successful online payment, acknowledgement slip can instantly be generated and printed. In case of bank payment, the payment has to be verified before acknowledgement card can be printed. If you have any inquiry or are encountering any difficulty, write to screening.

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Payment at the Banks will be closed on Friday, 2nd October. 2020. The Portal for the ON-LINE SCREENING will be closed by mid-night on Sunday, 11th October. 2020. A comprehensive list of those who have met the screening requirements will

be published and updated from time to time on the University website please check www.buk.edu.ng

ANY CANDIDATE WHO FAILS TO DO THE ON-LINE SCREENING WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.



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