



We' ll Turn BUK into a Centre for Technological Innovation – Prof. Akinwande

By Bala G. Abdullahi

A Professor of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science in Massachusetts Institute of Technology, USA, Professor Akintunde Ibitayo Akinwande, has pledged to work with Bayero University to turn the institution into a Centre for Technological Innovation.

Professor Akinwande was speaking during a courtesy call on the Vice Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello, on Tuesday, 29th January, 2019, when he observed that technology had succeeded in transforming positively every sphere of human endeavours and, as such, efforts should be made to promote the teaching of the course.

He said that was why through Empowering The Teachers' (ETT) programme in which excellence in

awareness regarding the Empowering The Teachers' (ETT) programme, which he promoted, but was sponsored by two multinational oil corporations-Total Nigeria, Plc and the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC).

According to Professor Akinwande, he had earlier visited Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria, for a similar programme and now they are in Bayero University to hold three sessions: Discussion with the Deanery of the Faculty of Engineering, a technical session on Empowering The Teachers' (ETT) programme and promoting excellent teaching and research and lastly, a technical seminar: titled 'Feedback on the Draft Curriculum for Electrical Engineering/Building



Prof. Akintunde I. Akinwande briefing the VC, Prof. M. Y. Bello

teaching and research are promoted through sponsorship training, they intended to work with Bayero University to produce the manpower that could achieve technological innovation.

Professor Akinwande added that, looking closely at the level of successes recorded by BUK in the area of academic exploits, coupled with the realization that universities had a great role to play in leading in the use of technology to transform our society, it might not be out of place to work with the institution in order to turn it into a world class Centre for Technological Innovation in order to achieve the desired objectives.

The MIT Professor was in Bayero University to interact with its academic staff as part of efforts to create

Capacity in Nanotechnology.'

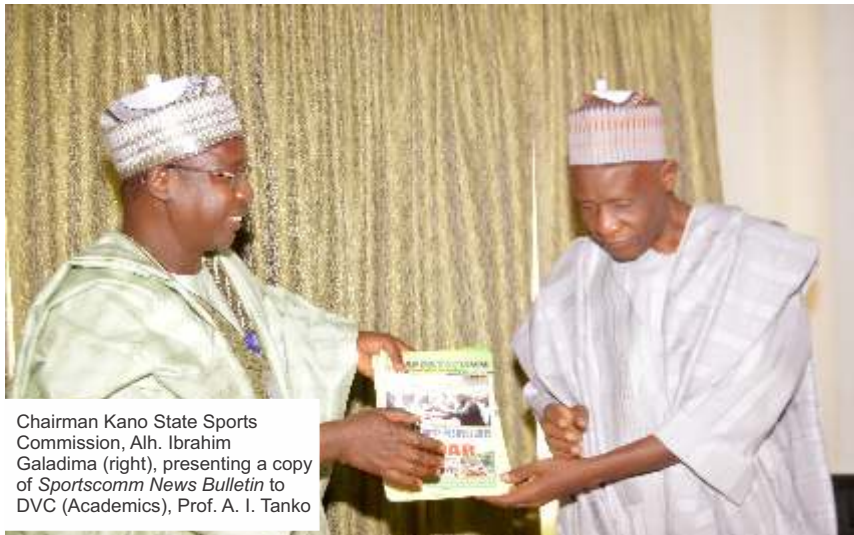
Responding, the Vice Chancellor, Professor Bello, thanked Professor Akinwande and members of his team for choosing Bayero University to hold the technical sessions there. He also commended him for championing this very important Empowering The Teachers' programme, which, he said, was in tandem with BUK's philosophy.

He assured that Bayero University would continue to prioritize capacity building through conference attendances as a deliberate effort to encourage academic staff to up-date their knowledge in line with modern trends. Professor Bello urged BUK engineers to take advantage of this exceptional opportunity.

Kano State Sports Commission Visits BUK, Solicits Support

By Adamu Garba

The Chairman Kano State Sports Commission, Alh. Ibrahim Galadima, has solicited the support of Bayero University to embark on a programme tagged “sports education” which is targeted towards enhancing sports activities in secondary schools and tertiary institutions of the state.



Chairman Kano State Sports Commission, Alh. Ibrahim Galadima (right), presenting a copy of *Sportscomm News Bulletin* to DVC (Academics), Prof. A. I. Tanko

Alh. Galadima appealed to the University to support athletes of Kano State by offering them admission to further their studies, which will be beneficial to them. He described hosting sports in the University as a good development to provide opportunities for youths to engage in many sporting activities. He added that the West African Universities Games (WAUG) hosted by Bayero University was one of the best ever noticed in Nigeria.

The Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academics), Professor Adamu Idris Tanko, who received the visitors on

Wednesday, 23rd January, 2019, at Council Chamber was accompanied by the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Administration), Professor Haruna Wakili; the University Librarian, Dr. Musa Abdu Auyo and respective Directors of General Administration and of Public Affairs, Mal. Jamil Salim and Mal. Ahmad Shehu.

Professor Tanko had expressed the University's readiness to support sports in Kano State. He added that the University would not hesitate to give any athlete admission so long as he/she possesses the minimum requirements. The DVC (Academics) said Bayero University had given sports priority. Which was why a Sports' Directorate was established and a Sports Consultative Committee formed, involving members from various departments of the University, in order to ensure that everybody contributes to sports.

Earlier in his welcome address, the Chairman, University Sports Consultative Committee, Professor I.K. Abdulsalam, reiterated that the University would help in whatever ways possible to improve sports in Kano State.

Also present at the visit were the Director of Sports, Malam Usman Salihu and his deputies Dr. Musa Njidda and Malam Tijjani Salisu Sa'id as well as other members of the University Sports Consultative Committee.

Both the visitors and the hosts exchanged souvenirs in honour of each party.

Muslim Forum Expend Over N4m on Library, Nasiha Stores' Renovation

By Gambo S. Nababa

The Bayero University Muslim Forum has spent over N4m on building and renovation of its library and Nasiha stores.

This was contained in the 2018 Annual Report on the activities of the Forum presented to its *Shura* Committee by the *Ameer* of the Forum, Professor Musa Muhammad Borodo, at the 5th meeting of the Committee on Saturday, 26th January, 2019.

Professor Borodo said the project, which was awarded to Esticon Associates at the cost of N 3,331,860.00, had been successfully completed, adding that furniture and book shelves cost N 85,097.00 while 2 air conditions

for the Forum's library were purchased and installed at the cost of N 250,000.00.

The *Ameer* also outlined some other achievements of the Forum during the year, which included Annual Ramadan Lecture, providing financial support to some indigent students and successful review of the constitution of the Forum, which was presented at the meeting.

Commissioning the library and the renovated Nasiha stores located beside Old Campus Central Mosque, the Chairman of the *Shura* Committee, Professor Ahmed Rufa'i Mohammed, highly praised the Forum for the

projects.

On his part, the Deputy Vice Chancellor Academics, Professor Adamu Idris Tanko, prayed for the success of the projects and commended the University staff that were providing monthly contributions for the activities of the Forum. He also praised those of the University

Mosques Management Committee.

He, therefore, called on the University Community to make the best use of the library and the stores, which are meant to further serve the community at competitive rates.

KWASU a Unique University – Prof. Bello

By Rabi'u M. Sagir

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello, has described Kwara State University (KWASU), Malete, as a unique university that always comes up with new innovations that help the Nigerian



VC, Prof. M. Y. Bello

educational system to develop and match global settings.

Speaking on Monday, 21st January, 2019, at the Council Chamber when he received the VC of KWASU during a courtesy call on him, Professor Bello said, “This is the

first time I have ever seen a student union travelling with the University Management to pay a courtesy call on another university in this country”.

Professor Bello, who was represented by DVC (Academics), Professor Adamu Idris Tanko, said Bayero University and Kwara State University had a cordial relationship in areas of scholarship and sport exchange for a decade. He hoped the relationship would last forever.

Professor Bello said grooming our students with different skills that may upgrade their level for the sake of solving societal problems remained the vital challenge of any university in this country. These problems, he hoped, would be solved through communication and collaboration among the different universities in Nigeria.

Earlier, the Vice Chancellor of Kwara State University, Malete, Professor Abdurashid Na'Allah, said their university was gaining from the vast experience of Bayero University in the area of community development.

Professor Na'Allah also said they visited the Kano Emir's Palace for some counsel that may help their university to develop and achieve positive goals.

The President, of the Student Union Government of KWASU, Malete, Comrade Abdulganiy Dayo Dikko, expressed his appreciation of the good reception given to them by the Management of Bayero University, Kano.

Families of Deceased Staff Get 2nd Life Insurance Payment

By Rabi'u M. Sagir

The Registrar, Hajiya Fatima Binta Mohammed, has re-assured her commitment and determination towards promoting the welfare of the University Staff.

The Registrar, who was represented by Director, Establishment Matters, Mal Sabo Mijinyawa, was speaking on 9th January, 2019, during the conduct of the second presentation of group life insurance cheques to the families of deceased staff. She said the University Management was concerned with the welfare of its staff in every respect, whether the staff member is dead, retired or a working staff member.



Registrar, Hajiya Fatima Binta Mohammed

Hajiya Binta urged the representatives of the deceased to fear Allah and show kindness by disbursing the cash

given to them to the people concerned.

Mal. Nasir Ado, the next of kin to the late Bashir Ado, said they were highly motivated by the Management of the University because of the concern shown to them since the day their father died. "We are very happy with the way and manner the University Management

helped us. We are very grateful".

The Head of Pension Unit, Mal Muhammad Bello Garba, thanked the Registrar for her commitment and determination towards helping his unit to achieve its optimum objectives.

AAU Call for Papers and Call for Participants for Women in Higher Education Leadership Conference

The Association of African Universities is organising the second edition of its International Leadership Conference for Women in Higher Education, under the theme – **Promoting Women in Science to Address the 21st Century Challenges**'. This event comes up in Nairobi, Kenya from March 6-8, 2019.

Please find below the Call for Papers and Call for Participants. Authors whose papers are selected will be funded to present their research during the conference:

Call for Participants: <https://blog.aau.org/call-for-participants-2nd-international-leadership-conference->

[for-women-in-higher-education-wohe-2019/](https://blog.aau.org/call-for-papers-2nd-international-leadership-conference-for-women-in-higher-education/)

Call for Papers: <https://blog.aau.org/call-for-papers-2nd-international-leadership-conference-for-women-in-higher-education/>

Registration Link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WoHE19>

Please contact Mrs. Felicia Kuagbedzi (fnkrumah@aau.org) + 233246425147 or Sylverina Olaghere (olaghere@gmail.com) should you have any questions.

CDA: Cilantro and Radish for Sale

This is to inform members of the University Community that the Centre for Dryland Agriculture (CDA) has the following vegetable crops for sale:

1. Cilantro (Coriander Leaves) N100/200g



2. Radish N250/500g

Interested persons should contact the following:

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PENSION UNIT

(i) Premium Pension Ltd: *Interactive Customer Forum*

This is to invite members of staff who registered with Premium Pension Limited for an Interactive Customer Forum on recent development in the administration and management of pension in Nigeria.

Date: Thursday, 7th February, 2019

Time: 10:00am

Venue: Musa Abdullahi Auditorium, New Campus

Staff who registered with other Pension Fund Administrators (PFAs) are also allowed to attend the forum.

(ii) Leadway Pension Ltd: *Data Recapture Exercise*

Data Recapture Exercise (DRE) for staff who registered with Leadway Pension as their Pension Fund Administrator will hold as follows:

Date: Tuesday, 12th February, 2019 – Thursday 14th February, 2019

Time: 10:00am-5:00pm

Venue: Human Resource Development Division, New Campus

Required documents to be presented during the exercise:

1. A Passport Photograph on a white background
2. National Identity Card or Enrolment Slip Issued by the National Identity Management Commission indicating the NIN number
3. Bank Verification Number (BVN)
4. Birth Certificate or Declaration of Age
5. Copy of Letter of First Appointment
6. Proof of Identity e.g. International Passport, Driver's License, I.D. Card
7. Proof of Address e.g. Utility Bill, Driver's License, Statement of Account
8. Promotion Letter and Pay Slip as at 30th June, 2004, January, 2007, July, 2010, December, 2013, December, 2016 (where applicable)
9. Transfer and Acceptance of Service (where application)

