



Minister of Environment Visits CDA, Pledges Support to BUK

By Nura Garba



From left: VC BUK Prof Sagir Abbas, Honorable Minister of Environment, Dr Mohammed Mahmud Abubakar and DG NAGGW, Alhaji Bukar Hassan

The Honourable Minister of Environment, Dr Mohammed Mahmud Abubakar, visited the Centre for Dryland Agriculture (CDA) on Saturday 19th September, 2020. He was accompanied by the Director-General of the National Agency for the Great Green Wall (NAGGW), Alhaji Bukar Hassan. The Minister and his team toured the CDA Training and Research Farm, Central Laboratory, Molecular Biology Laboratory, Food Analysis Laboratory, Tissue Culture Facility and the newly commissioned CDA Retail Outlet.

In his welcoming remarks, the Vice Chancellor, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas, thanked the Minister for his visit and for the support of the Ministry of Environment to BUK, especially the solar power projects which have assisted the University in ensuring more steady power supply.

The Director of CDA, Professor Jibrin Mohammed Jibrin, while taking the Minister and his team round the facilities in CDA, explained the various synergistic roles the CDA could play with various agencies of the Federal Ministry of environment, especially NAGGW.

The Minister congratulated Professor Sagir Abbas on his recent appointment as the Vice Chancellor and said he was glad that he accepted the invitation to visit CDA.

According to the Minister “I have heard a lot of positive things about BUK. I am really impressed with



what is happening here. We will do everything we can to support the University”. He added that he had wanted to personally come for the launching of the CDA ACE-Impact project in December 2019, but could not due to exigencies of his work. He requested the DG NAGGW to actively work with CDA in addressing the various issues in drylands of Nigeria. He also promised to link CDA with other agencies of the Federal Ministry of Environment so that they take advantage of the cutting-edge laboratory services available in the centre.

The DG of NAGGW, Alhaji Bukar Hassan, remarked that the visions and missions of NAGGW and CDA are closely aligned. He promised to engage CDA in the Agency's activities, especially in raising tissue culture and disease-free seedlings for its afforestation programmes. He further stated that the Agency has currently engaged Bayero University Consultancy Services to establish shelterbelts and woodlots in Jigawa State.

We Must not Fail in our Undertakings ...Prof Sagir Abbas

By Lamara Garba

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas has said that his ascension to the seat was not for a jamboree but to contribute his quota in the development and growth of the University and therefore, he will strive hard not to fail in his undertakings so as to justify the confidence reposed in him.

Speaking on Tuesday, 22nd September, 2020 when he received members of the Bayero University Alumni Class 1987 when they paid him a solidarity/congratulatory visit, he said having vested with the responsibility of steering the affairs of the University, anything short of positive performance would be catastrophe not only to himself but to his generation.

“As we promised to make the university better than we met it, it becomes necessary for us to make good our promises by performing wonderfully well so that we can write our names in the good history book of our great University. However, this, we could only achieve when matching action and the prayers from our well wishers. Because prayer is the key to any success,” he declared.

Professor Abbas while appreciating the tremendous support he received from the members of the University community, noted that it is “one thing to assume the leadership and another for one to perform, but we shall strive hard to put a big smile on the faces of

staff so as to make them have a sense of satisfaction by transforming our great University to an enviable status by the time we finished our tenure, *In Sha Allah.*”

The Vice Chancellor commended his alma mater and promised to make them happy by performing wonders in the quest to improving the University in all aspect, saying, he would be ashamed of himself if after his five year tenure didn't add any value to the University.

Earlier, the leader of the delegation, Hajiya Lauratu Ado Diso, who is also the permanent secretary in the Kano state Ministry of Education, said they were in his office to pay him solidarity visit as well as to extend their congratulations on behalf of all the graduands of class 1987 on his appointment as the 11th Vice Chancellor of the University.

“We pray Almighty Allah will give you enough, health, strength and wisdom to successfully steer the affairs of our great University, so that your name would be written in diamond as one of the great scholars who did wonders in developing the University,” she explained.

Hajiya Lauratu Diso described his appointment as well deserved and promised to give him all the necessary support and assistance in order for him to succeed. She said it is to the pride of Class 1987 to have one of them assume the leadership of one of the citadels of learning, just as if he failed (God forbid) it was their failure.



VC, Prof. Sagir Abbas and members of the University Management in a group photograph with BUK Alumni Class 1987

We are Proud of you! Community Honours Vice Chancellor, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas

By Adamu Garba



Senator Ibrahim Shekarau (left) and other members of Dala community presenting a plaque to VC, Prof. Sagir Adamu Abbas (2nd left)

The Vice Chancellor of Bayero University, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas, *FMAN*, was on Sunday, September 20, 2020 honoured by his local community held at Mambayya House to congratulate him as the 11th Vice Chancellor of Bayero University, Kano.

The honour was conferred on him by the **Kungiyar Kakakin Dala**, a community-based association of Dala Local Government, Kano State in recognition of his outstanding contributions to the development of the community.

The District Head of Dala (Turakin Kano), Alhaji Abdullahi Lamido Sunusi, in his remarks during the ceremony described Professor Sagir Abbas as “an illustrious son and good ambassador” of the community, adding that the entire community of Dala was proud of his emergence as Vice Chancellor.

“We are proud of you! And today, I am proud that under my chieftaincy, we were able to produce a son that will lead BUK for the next couple of years,” he added.

In his remarks, the Chairman of the Association, Professor Aliyu Sulaiman Danbuzu, *FCNA, FCIT*, said that the honour was conferred on him in recognition of his outstanding contributions to the development of Dala community and the education system in general.

According to him, “we as a community decided today, to celebrate our illustrious son and our very proud ambassador, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas. *FMAN*, we are particularly happy with his impact on the development of our community.”

Speaking at the occasion, the former Governor of Kano State and Senator, Kano Central, Malam Ibrahim Shekarau described Professor Abbas as a man of integrity, highlighting that the ceremony was to demonstrate the community's deep seated appreciation of numerous positive impacts on humanity.

Also, a renowned clergy, Sheikh Muhammad Nur Muhammad Arzai prayed for the Vice Chancellor to have a successful tenure, and charged him to be God-fearing in discharging his responsibilities.

In her remarks, a former Minister of Education, Professor Ruqayyatu Rufa'i, *OON*, recalled the tremendous contributions of Professor Abbas as a Senior Special Adviser during her stewardship as Minister of Education. She said “even before he became a VC, Sagir's commitment to education system in the country had been legendary, hoping that he will transfer the same success to Bayero University.

The Executive Chairman of Dala Local Government Council, Comr. Ibrahim Ali Yantandu, in his remarks, said the ceremony was not only to congratulate the VC, but also to thank the Almighty God for blessing Dala local government with many prominent personalities.

Responding, Professor Abbas said “I thank the community for bestowing this honour which I am honestly overwhelmed. The honour is very special to me because it's coming from home” highlighting that “this is a great day for me and unprecedented event to me. It really touches my mind in many ways. I pray to God to give me the grace to continue to contribute in order to meet the expectations bestowed on me.” The Vice Chancellor thanked the organizers and the entire Dala community for the gesture.

Professor Sagir Abbas was born on 22nd April, 1962 at 'Yan Katifa, K/Madabo, Kano city. He started his BUK career as Assistant Lecturer in 1991. From 1991-2010 he held some positions as follows: Sub-Dean, Faculty of Education 1995 – 1997; Deputy Dean, Faculty of Education 1995 – 1998.

He was the acting Dean, Faculty of Education 1998-1999; Pioneer Director, Development Office 2004-2007 and Acting Head, Department of Education in 2006. Before joining the services of BUK, he was a lecturer with the then Kano College of Education, now Sa'adatu Rimi College of Education in the Department of Mathematics.

Professor Abbas was appointed Senior Special Assistant to the former Minister of Education, Professor Ruqayyatu Rufa'i, *OON* from April 2010 to 11th September, 2013.

He was the Director, Directorate of Research, Innovation and Partnerships (DRIP) and presently a member of Governing Council to many institutions which include: Kano University of Science and Technology (KUST-Wudil), Khadija University, Jigawa, Skyline University of Nigeria (SUN) and College of Health Sciences, Aminu Kano Teaching Hospital.

Highlights of the occasion were presentations of souvenir to the celebrant by the **Kungiyar Kakakin Dala** and a congratulatory certificate by the National Association of Nigerian Students (NANS) Joint Campus Committee of Kano, Jigawa and Katsina states.

The occasion which witnessed presence of the Principal Officers of the University, his wife and family members, has also attracted top politicians, academics, business moguls and clergymen.

Vice Chancellor Commissions CDA's Farm Produce Retail Outlet

By Nura Garba

A retail outlet belonging to the Centre for Dryland Agriculture (CDA) that will provide fresh vegetables and other farm produce for members of the University community and neighbouring communities was commissioned on Friday, 18th September, 2020.

The vegetables and other produce are being harvested from the CDA Research and Training Farm.

“This outlet will enormously benefit staff, students and



VC, Prof. Sagir Abbas (2nd right) cutting a tape for commissioning of CDA Retail outlet and assisted by Registrar, Director CDA & Dean, Faculty of Agriculture

other members of the neighbouring communities with healthy and fresh vegetables on daily basis,” said the Vice Chancellor, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas, who commissioned the retail outlet.

The Vice Chancellor noted that “we have started reaping the fruits of CDA Farm in which members of the University Community can get access to fresh farm produce without going outside the University.”

He congratulated the CDA for establishing the outlet and said that the University would borrow a leaf from the centre to establish its farm.

In his remarks earlier, the Director, CDA, Professor Jibrin Muhammad Jibrin, said the idea to establish the farm was conceived in 2014 aimed at exposing students with modern farming practises and facilities.

The Director explained that “a lot of problems were encountered in Nigeria for the establishment of research and training farm, as experts were brought from Brazil and Israel by various institutions to establish such gigantic projects, but usually they collapsed after a year due to lack of local expertise.

“We sought advice from different stakeholders and invited experts and professionals in the field who helped us to set up our farm,” the Director explained.

According to him, the farm was basically established for research and training purposes, but because of sustainability sake beyond the Africa Centre of Excellence (ACE) project, the Centre embarked on commercial production.

The Deputy Director Outreach and Publication, Professor Amina Mustapha expressed gratitude to the Vice Chancellor, Principal Officers and all other staff of the University that attended the ceremony.

BUK Wants Bond with DSSS further Fortified

By Sabitu M. Jinjiri

As part of his acquaintance tours to relevant institutions, the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Sagir Adamu Abbas, paid a courtesy call on the Director, Kano Department of State Security Service (DSSS), at the latter's office on Monday, 21st September, 2020. The visit was targeted at further strengthening the relationship between the two institutions.

The VC hinted that as an institution with teeming number of staff and student populations, Bayero University would like to continue liaising with DSSS so that the University would discharge its responsibilities more effectively and efficiently.

The Vice Chancellor described the DSSS as “one of the most important security outfits” in the country, whose support to the University could not be overlooked.

The Vice Chancellor, Prof. Abbas, also expressed the willingness and the readiness of the University to design befitting learning programmes for DSSS staff



BUK management with the Director SSS and other Senior officers

with a view of supplying the nation with quality and educated security personnel.

Responding, the Director, Kano DSSS, Alhaji Alhassan N. Muhammad, fsi, on behalf of the DSSS Management, congratulated Prof. Sagir Adamu Abbass on his recent appointment as the 11th Vice Chancellor of Bayero University, Kano. He wished that the current VC would take the university to greater heights.

Alhaji Muhammad also noted that the office of the Vice Chancellor is a big challenge and therefore prayed that Allah(SWT) should see to Prof. Abbas overcoming the obstacles and moving the institution forward. Director Muhammad offered to render whatever assistance is

Dig Deep to Find the Roots of Security Challenge ...Malam Assalamu Alaikum Charges Academia - As BUK Management Commiserates with Dean SCE

By Lamara Garba

A one-time Chairman of Malumfashi Local Government Council in Katsina State, Malam Ibrahim Lawal Assalamu Alaikum, has charged members of the academia to dig deep into research to find the root of the increasing wave of security challenges facing the country and also proffer solutions on how best to address the threat.

He spoke in Malumfashi town on Tuesday, 22nd



September, 2020 when the Vice Chancellor, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas led the Management of the University on a condolence visit to the Dean, School of Continuing Education, Professor Salisu Lawan, who lost his father, said the situation is assuming a new dimension thereby gradually getting out of hand and therefore, needs a collective approach to tackle it.

“I am sorry to tell you to your face, but, this is very necessary, you are the learned, anybody who is knowledgeable has a special gift from God and you are among the few category of people that were chosen by the Almighty. Therefore, as a learned members in the society, you are duty bound to tell the government and the governed the truth. You must embark on intensive

possible in the interest of Bayero University.

Among the dignitaries who graced the courtesy call were the DVC, Academics, Prof. Adamu Idris Tanko; the University's Registrar, Hajiya Fatima Binta Mohammed and the University's Bursar, Dr. Sulaiman M. Bello.

Hightlights of the tour included the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Sagir A. Abbas, presenting the DSSS Director, Alhaji Alhassan N. Muhammad, with a plaque and with some official documents as well as the University Management taking a group photograph with the DSSS Management.

research to find out what is the root cause of these security challenges and how do we overcome it,” he charged.

According to him, tackling the insurgency and or banditry is beyond the use of force, certainly, there must be some other options which if adopted and applied would be more effective in tackling the situation. He said this could only be done through research to find out which place and or society ever witnessed such and at what era as well as what measures they have taken to overcome it.

While regretting that the incidence was being perpetrated in the constituency of the President, wondered what explanation have these criminals going to tell our Creator. He said Nigerians must wake up in unison to fight the monster otherwise it will consume us all.

Malam Assalamu Alaikum charged that truth must be told and the best people to say it or the members of the academics, pointing out that, whether they are involved in government or not, they must tell it to the faces of government officials.

Earlier, the Vice Chancellor, Professor Sagir Abbas said that they were in Malumfashi to commiserate with the family on the death of their father. He prayed Almighty Allah to grant the deceased eternal peace.

He said the death of one's parent is by no mean a great loss whose pains cannot be quantified, but asked them to take solace in the fact that God Almighty who is our Creator loved him the most. He said that, what is important is for us that are alive to be praying to our deceased parents.

Those in the entourage include the Deputy Vice Chancellor, Academics, Professor Adamu Idris Tanko, the Registrar, Hajiya Fatima Binta Mohammed, the Bursar, Dr. Muhammad Bello Suleiman, University Librarian, Dr. Musa A. Auyo and some Directors.

BUK Delighted to Mentor Azman University

By Nura Garba

Bayero University is delighted to mentor Azman University, Kano just as it mentored other newly established federal, states and private universities, said the Vice Chancellor, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas.

Speaking on Monday, 21st September, 2020 when he received the Project Implementation Committee of Azman University, led by Professor Kabir Isa Dandago, the Vice Chancellor expressed the University's readiness and commitment to put the new University through.

The Vice Chancellor, who took time to advise the PIC team on ways to make the university take up smoothly, noted that of the 14 point requirements demanded by the National Universities Commission (NUC), academic brief, master plan and the laws of the University are three strategic document that must be carefully and well-articulated.

Prof Abbas, who is the chairman Project Implementation Committee of two private universities, Skyline University, Kano and Khadija University, Majiya, charged the PIC team not to hesitate to come to BUK for any assistance possible. He commended the proprietor, Alhaji Abdulmanaf for investing in university education, urging other philanthropists and well-meaning people to follow suit.

Earlier in his remarks, the Chairman PIC of Azman University, Professor Dandago, said the visit was part of the management team's tour of some selected universities in Nigeria to under study them in order to have a successful take up. He told the Vice Chancellor that Azman University chose BUK to be its real mentor due to its expertise, competence and strategic capacity in mentoring upcoming universities in the north and beyond.

Professor Dandago told the Vice Chancellor that already, the new University had made a submission to the NUC to get licence to operate. He briefed him that the new university would run on phases, explaining that it would be a conventional university to start with three faculties, Social and Management Sciences, Computer Sciences and Pure Sciences.

The PIC Chairman remarked that the University has projected to reach the age of maturity in the next 25 years with 20-25 faculties, saying that to achieve this noble objective they need the support of older universities like BUK.

He congratulated the Vice Chancellor on his recent appointment and noted that all the advices given would be channelled to the proprietor since he wants to establish a world class university.



VC, Prof. Sagir Abbas (left) responding to the Project Implementation Committee Team of Azman University led by Prof. Kabir Isa Dandago (middle)

BUK Sports Directorate Partners Office of SSA Sports on Sports Development in Kano

By Nura Garba

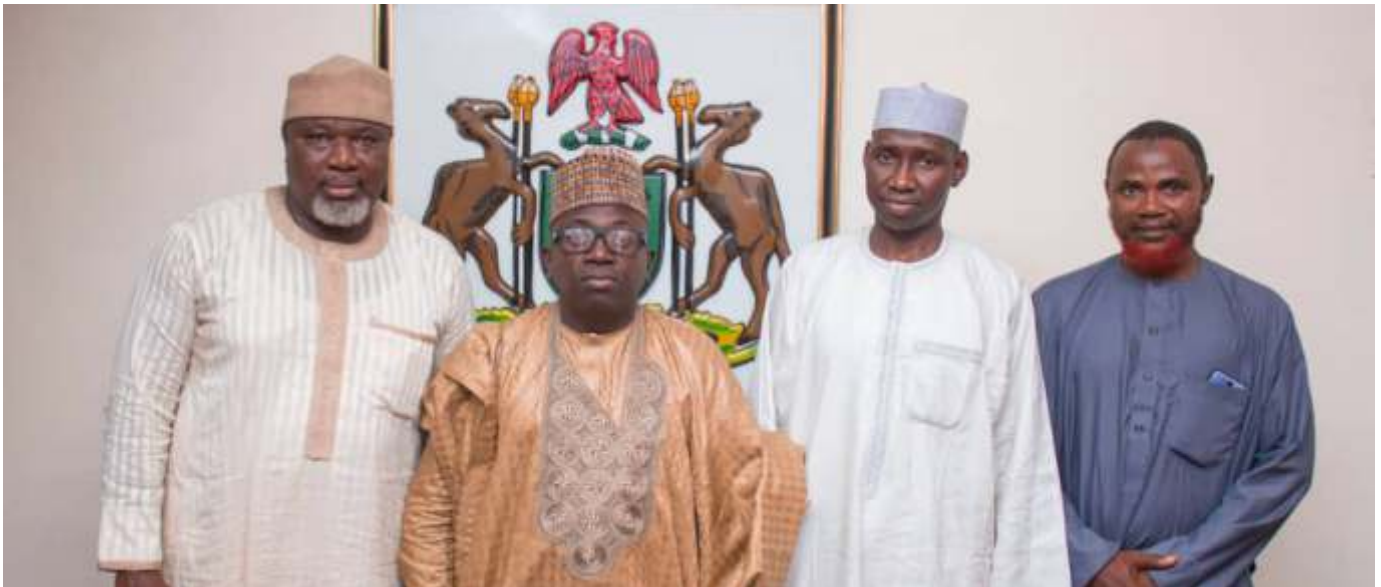
The Sports Directorate and Office of Senior Special Adviser on Sports have initiated talks on how to design a comprehensive blueprint for developing sports especially for youth in Kano State.

The duo had on Wednesday, 23rd September, 2020 agreed to work together to address the myriad challenges facing the sports development in Kano by developing a workable strategy that would be effectively used to bring back the lost glory of Kano being a hub for sporting activities in the country.

The Director of Sports, Usman Salihu, who visited the

SSA to Kano State Governor on Sports, Alhaji Ibrahim Mu'azzam Madaki, expressed his Directorate's resolve to use its professionalism and competent personnel in contributing enormously towards reviving sporting activities in the state.

Earlier, the SSA Sports, Alhaji Ibrahim Mu'azzam Madaki, welcomed the Director, Malam Salihu and Deputy Director, Technical, Dr. Musa Njidda in his office and requested the assistance of the Sports Directorate to partner with his office to work towards giving sports a facelift in Kano State.



From left: BUK Director of Sports, Usman Salihu, SSA Sports to Kano State Governor, Ibrahim Mu'azzam, Dr. Musa Njidda and Coach Ibrahim

Appreciation from Dr. Salihu Lawal Malumfashi Dean, School of Continuing Education (SCE)

I, Dr. Salihu Lawal Malumfashi, on behalf of myself and members of my extended family, wish to sincerely thank the Vice Chancellor, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas FMAN, the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academics) Professor Adamu Idris Tanko, Registrar Hajjya Fatima Binta Mohammed, the University Librarian, Bursar, other Principal Officers, Provosts, Deans, Directors, heads of departments, members of the Academic and Non-Teaching staff and students who personally visited us to condole our family over the death of our beloved father.

I also wish to express our profound appreciation to the Vice Chancellor, Umaru Musa Yaradua University, Professor Sunusi Mamman, UMYU University Management, Members of the Governing Council, ASUU Branch of the two Universities, SSANU and the members of the University community who as well paid condolence visit and offered prayers on the

deceased.

My appreciation also goes to the Grand Imam of Kano, Professor Muhammad Sani Zahradeen OFR, Proprietor Darul Hadith Foundation, Kano Dr. Sheikh Ahmad Muhammad Ibrahim, Galadiman Katsina, Justice Sadiq Abdullahi Mahuta Rtd., Grand Kadi Katsina State, Mal. Muhammad Kabir Abubakar, Colonel Abdul'Aziz Musa Yaradua Rtd. Professor Salisu Shehu, Executive Secretary, Islamic Forum of Nigeria, other Islamic Scholars and Preachers.

I also wish to thank the Provosts, Registrars, Deans and Directors of other Tertiary Institutions, Distinguished Senators, Commissioners, Members of House of Representatives, Special Advisers, Politicians, District Heads and many other dignitaries too numerous to mention. May the Almighty Allah reward you all abundantly and may He grant the deceased *al Jannatul Firdaus*, amin. I'm indeed humbled.

MSD Hotlines

The Maintenance Services Department (MSD) is hereby notifying members of the University Community of the existence of an EMERGENCY CALL NUMBERS in an event of failure or breakdown of any of the Utility services under the Maintenance Services Department.

Members should kindly call these numbers in the event of any emergency for the provision of Utility

services: **08058990796 (Deputy Director Utilities); 08036508720 (New Campus) and 08036471690 (Old Campus).** These numbers operate 24/7 and members should not hesitate to draw the attention of the MSD whenever they notice a spillage of water, a breakdown of electricity or any other work related to the department please.

Signed,
Director, MSD



Yahaya Ibrahim Yaro (Abba) of the Internal Audit wishes to invite members of the University community and the general public to his wedding fatiha, scheduled to take place as follows:

Date: 27th September, 2020

Time: 10:30am

Venue: Zawiyya Janbulo Juma'at Mosque, Gwammaja LGA Secretariate, Kano

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- That Power Supply by PHCN is Poor?
- That The University Relies on its Generators for Power Supply at Staff Quarters, Administrative, Academic and Students Areas?
- That The University Spends a lot of money on Diesel and Generators' Maintenance?
- That Some Staff members Leave Offices Without Switching-off Electrical Appliances?
- That 1 Extra Hour of Air-conditioning in a Room Uses Enough Energy to Power A TV for a Year?
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