



PRECAUTION AGAINST FIRE OUTBREAK

The Management has observed with great concern the prevalence of bushes around most faculty buildings across the two campuses of the University. These bushes portend great danger of possible fire outbreak and its attendant fatalities.

In view of this, Management requests all deans and heads of departments to ensure that they mobilize the staff

concerned for mass bush clearance exercises. All bushes must be cleared at least 5 metre between all buildings as precautionary measures against fire outbreak.

Management hopes that all officers concerned will take the directive seriously and do the needful.

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VC Inaugurates BUK International Islamic Centre Development Committee

By Adamu Garba

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas, *FMAN* on Thursday, November 10, 2022 inaugurated a high-profile Committee that would lead the establishment of an ultra-modern Islamic Centre in the University.

The initiative was a brain-child of the Vice Chancellor's desire to establish a befitting Islamic Centre that would serve as a problem-solving institute to Muslims globally using cutting edge facilities.

The 22-member committee headed by the Emeritus Professor and Grand Imam of Kano, Professor Muhammad Sani Zahraddeen, includes Professor Mahmud Umar Sani (DVC, Management Services), Prof. Musa Muhammed Borodo, Prof. Ruqayya Ahmad Rufa'i, Prof. Binta Tijjani Jibril, Prof. Usman Aliyu Dutsin Ma, Prof. Shehu Bustani, Prof. Salisu Shehu, Prof. Ibrahim Muhammad and Prof. Hassana S. Darma.

Other members of the Committee are Dr. Bashir Aliyu Umar, Dr. Muhammad Sani Umar R/Lemo, Shekh Aminu Ibrahim Daurawa, Dr. Nu'uman Habib, Dr. Surayya Aminu Dantata, Arc. Bashir Hassan Hanga, Dr. Sani Ibrahim Amin, Engr. Bashir Dan Umma, Engr. Sa'ad Gobir, Amb. Ahmad Umar (Dan Malikin Kano), Alh. Ibrahim Danyaro and Dr. Nura Ibrahim.

While inaugurating the Committee, the Vice Chancellor, Professor Abbas said the Committee was saddled with the responsibility of proposing a comprehensive structure of the Centre and to advise the Mosque Management Committee on fundraising for the development of the Centre as well as manage the fundraising activities.

Other terms of references of the Committee according to the Vice Chancellor were: to propose sustainable sources of funds for the Centre, identify the source of equipping the Centre's library with relevant resources and propose the scope of activity of the Centre after establishment.

The Vice Chancellor, wished the Committee successful activities and assured it full support of the management in all its endeavours.

The Committee's Chairman and the Grand Imam of Kano, who was a former Vice Chancellor of Bayero University, Emeritus Prof. Muhammad Sani Zahraddeen, thanked the Vice Chancellor for selecting them to serve in the Committee and for the confidence reposed in them and pledged to give the first report in February 2023.



VC, in a group photograph with members of the inaugurated committee

In their separate comments, former Minister of Education, Prof. Ruqayya Ahmad Rufa'i, Prof. Muhammad Borodo, Amb. Ahmad Umar, Alh. Ibrahim Yaro (a philanthropist) and Prof. Ibrahim Muhammad (Provost, Arabic Villafe, Ngala) all praised the Vice Chancellor for the initiative to inaugurate Committees that will drive research and development for the University.

They noted that the initiative is a much-needed new approach for the University to reclaim and retain its relevance in the education sector in Nigeria and globally.

BUK Hosts Indian Research Program, CL4STEM

By Adamu Garba

Bayero University, Kano had hosted a week-long impact assessment of Indian project called CL4STEM Program in Nigeria.

The consortium was conducted in two universities of Ibrahim Badamasi Babangida University, Lapai, Niger State and Bayero University, Kano to determine the attitude, practices and resources for implementing the project by the teacher, educators and new qualified teachers on the program.

During a courtesy visit to the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Sagir Adamu Abbas, on Thursday, November 10, 2022, the Indian researcher, Dr. Emaya Kannamma said the Connected Learning Initiative for Teacher Education in Mathematics and Science (CLIX4TEMS) is a project funded by the International Development Research Centre (IDRC).

She stated that the project aims at developing the capacity of middle and secondary teachers (Newly Qualified Teachers (NQT)) in mathematics and science and with relevance to Initial Teacher Education (ITE) programmes.

Dr. Emaya further explained that the program involves the use of curated and adapted high quality locally relevant, interactive Open Education Resources (OERs) and it involves knowledge transfer of Connected Learning Initiative (CLIX) through an online design lab course for faculty of education working in Teacher Education (TE).

Responding, the Vice Chancellor, Professor Abbas, who

welcomed the visitor, was delighted for choosing Bayero University as one of the universities involved in the program.

He said Bayero University is always ready for collaboration with other institutions in any field that will foster research and development.



BUK Management in a group photograph with Indian Research Program Team

The Vice Chancellor explained that the innovation would be scaled to professional development of New Qualified Teachers in Nigeria.

The coordinator of the program and Head of Department of Science Education, BUK, Prof. Garba Shu'aibu, thanked the Vice Chancellor and his team particularly the DVC (Academics), Prof. Sani Muhammad Gumel, for the support given to them during the program.

BUK is Proud of ACEPHAP'S Achievements – VC, Prof. Sagir

By Bala G. Abdullahi

Bayero University Management is not surprised by the quantum of successes so far recorded by the Africa Centre of Excellence for Population Health and Policy (ACEPHAP), within its core mandates of research,



The World Bank Supervisory Team led by ACEPHAP Director in a group photograph with BUK Management

postgraduate training and collaborations, the Vice Chancellor, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas, has disclosed.

The Vice Chancellor was speaking when he received a team of World Bank on Supervisory visit to ACEPHAP on Saturday, 29th October, 2022 in his office.

He said the level of successes recorded ever since the centre was elevated through a World Bank grant into Africa Centre of Excellence for Population Health and Policy had gladdened all members of the Bayero University family.

Professor Abbas stated that any time an institution or centre recorded tremendous success, 'that success was only possible because there was a committed, honest and hard working leader. This is what Professor Hadiza represents, an epitome of hard work,' he remarked.

One of the advantages of being elevated to Centre of Excellence was that several other units of the University could replicate some of the breakthrough activities achieved by the centre to the advantage of the University. He assured the visiting World Bank Team that the University would continue to support and assist ACEPHAP to achieve its mandate.

He told his guest that recently the University recorded a rise in ranking among universities in the country, saying that in addition to the scholarship contributions of the University's academic staff, ACEPHAP and CDA academic activities also added to making the rise in ranking possible.

On the issue of sustainability after the end of the ACE project, the Vice Chancellor assured the World Bank Team that the University would team up with the centre to ensure that everything humanly possible would be done to see to the sustenance of the project.

Earlier, the World Bank Team leader, Dr. Jenis P. Tupesis told the Vice Chancellor that the team was in the country

to specifically visit ACEPHAP in Kano to assess its activities with a view to ensuring that the centre achieved its core mandate.

He said the visit was a partnership one and not for rebuking, stressing that the team would hold interactive sessions with the centre's management staff, faculty staff and regional students with a view to listening to their challenges and success so far and helping to maintain the tempo of project execution.

Dr. Tupesis thanked the Vice Chancellor for the support and assistance he had extended to the centre and assured him that based on what the team saw and heard, ACEPHAP was on the right trajectory.

BUK Holds Stakeholders' Interactive Workshop on Reintegrating Migrants, Vulnerable Youths

By Nura Garba

Stakeholders from various organizations met in Bayero University, Kano on Tuesday, 8th November, 2022 for engagement meeting to implement the Community Based Reintegration Project of migrants in Kano. The project implementation agreement was signed between Bayero University, Kano and International Organization for Migration (IOM).

The project aims to establish a community-based reintegration (CBR) projects based on IOM guidelines. It will contribute to sustainable reintegration of returnees and create livelihood opportunities for unemployed youths and returnees in Kano.

According to the project's Principal Investigator, Professor Muhammad Auwal Hussain, the approach of the project involves returning and potential migrants in income generating activities with their home communities to promote inclusive local development while also reducing the socio-economic vulnerabilities and the impact of returned migration.

He stated that IOM focused on community based for ownership, sustainability and impacts rather than individuals as there was evidence that showed that focusing on individuals, especially during this political era, usually ended up in squandering the funds and non-targeted individuals benefitted more.

According to him, most of the activities of integrating returnees were concentrated in southern Nigeria like Edo, Delta, Lagos, but recent findings showed that there was high concentration of human trafficking in northern Nigeria, especially in Kano State.

Professor Hussain, who is the Dean Faculty of Agriculture, explained that the identification and profiling of project beneficiaries would ensure transparency on the selection criteria taking into cognizance 60% returning migrants and 40% youths that were at risk of being vulnerable in communities.

“The project will target communities with high rates of irregular migration and Dala, Fagge, Gwale and Kumbotso Local Governments being identified with the lion's share of returned migrants,” he said.

The beneficiaries will be trained on life skill training such as emotional skills, stress management, creative thinking decision making and problem solving. They will also be trained on social skills such as self-presentation,



Stakeholders in a group photograph with organisers

negotiation, communication skills and sports, among others.

Professor Hussain added that the selected beneficiaries would be empowered with various agricultural enterprises with the aim of improving their psycho-social activities and means of livelihood.

The stakeholders were drawn from NAPTIP, Ministry for Sports and Development, NDLEA, National Directorate of Employment (NDE), Kano State Emergency Management, Ministry for Local Government, National Immigration Office, among others. They provided credible and incisive inputs on how best to implement the project agreement.

World Bank Supervisory Team Rates ACEPHAP High

By Bala G. Abdullahi



Africa Centre of Excellence for Population Health and Policy (ACEPHAP) receives a major boost penultimate weekend when a team from the World Bank on a two-day supervision mission described the centre as one of the best performing centres in the country. The team visited ACEPHAP on Saturday, 29th and Sunday, 30th October, 2022.

The Leader of the team, Dr. Janis P. Tupesis, said what he saw on the ground coupled with his interaction with the centre's management team, faculty staff and the regional students, he was convinced that 'ACEPHAP is not only on track, but also among the highly rated and best performing centres,' he remarked.

He said the interaction the team had with ACEPHAP stakeholders made him to conclude that the Centre is having remarkably committed staff, committed students and, above all, committed management team at the University level, which he said was why the centre was able to attract a lot of international collaborations and regional students.

Dr. Jupesis stated that he was not surprised by the University's recent rise in the ranking of Nigerian universities, saying that such tremendous breakthrough was the result of committed scholarship by BUK academics and the good research, national and international collaborative work of the two centres of excellence in the University, ACEPHAP and CDA.

He also supported the initiative of ACEPHAP to migrate to digital learning (virtual teaching) where national and regional students would receive lectures online as deliberate efforts to address the menace of incessant strikes and other distractive tendencies.

The World Bank Team leader explained that the visit was a routine one aimed at assessing the activities of ACE centres. He said it was a partnership and result-base visit with a view to listening to centre staff, gather information, and see how far projects were being executed in order to help the centre succeed in its mandate.

He said if no extension was granted, the ACE project would be coming to an end in 2024, saying that the conclusion of all ACE ongoing projects within the terminal date of the project was paramount to the World Bank.

Dr. Jupesis thanked the ACEPHAP Team, faculty staff and regional students and assured that his report to the World Bank would reflect all the positive realities he observed. He hoped the staff of the centre would maintain the tempo of their performance.

Earlier, the Director of the Centre, Professor Hadiza Galadanci, who made a powerpoint presentation of the activities of the centre spoke extensively on what the centre did in the areas of research, collaboration, short capacity building training carried out within and outside the country, workshops, conferences attendance and provision of infrastructure and other equipment to collaborative departments.

One of the major challenges the centre faced which were re-emphasized by collaborative departmental staff during their presentations included the eight months strike embarked upon by the Academic Staff Union of Universities (ASUU), saying that it impacted on its regional students seriously. She explained that it was in order to address the menace of break in academic activities that the Centre planned to introduce virtual teaching.

Professor Galadanci also spoke on the need for the extension of the lifespan of the project beyond 2024. She argued that after the Centre won the World Bank grant in 2019, funds were not released for the commencement of the ACE project implementation until in November 2021. And that even then, the centre could only access the fund until January 2022. She said it was the University's Vice Chancellor who assisted the centre with loans and other advances which she said made the centre to immediately commence the project implementation without waiting for release of funds from the World Bank.

Speaking on what the centre was doing to sustain the project after the expiration of the project lifespan, Professor Galadanci explained that efforts were being made to ensure that fees charged for students would go directly to ACEPHAP and not the University. The centre would also charge fees for its short courses instead of

running them free. She also said the centre would continue to source for grants; it also intended to produce products out of its research work for sale to generate revenue. She said the centre's conference hall would continue to be leased out for holding conferences and workshops to prospective seekers for fees, and that the centre would also do consultancy services all in an effort to generate revenue

to sustain the project after the conclusion of the ACE project.

Members of the team included; Dr. Janis P. Tupesis from the World Bank, Dr. Fatima Kyari representing the National Universities Commission (NUC) and Mrs. Yvehe Quashie representing the Association of African University (AAU).

Mid-Term Review: CDA, ACEPHAP to Get Additional World Bank Funds for Good Performance

By Adamu Garba

The Centre for Dryland Agriculture (CDA) and the Africa Centre of Excellence in Population Health and Policy (ACEPHAP) have achieved high scores in the mid-term

additional funds from the World Bank.



President of World Bank, David Malpass (left) and the Director CDA, Prof. Jibrin M. Jibrin at the World Bank Headquarters, Washington DC

assessment of the performances of the Africa Centres of Excellence for Development Impact (ACE Impact) project performed by the World Bank. The information was conveyed on Monday, 7th November 2022 by Mr Harry Gerard Crimi Jnr in his presentation during the Nigeria country roundtable between the World Bank, the French Development Agency (AFD), and the 17 Nigerian ACEs. With this development, CDA and ACEPHAP will receive

The ACE Impact project is a higher education initiative funded by the World and AFD, which formally took off in 2019 in eleven countries of West and Central Africa. The aim of the project is to establish strong specialized regional centres that will each focus on a single thematic area and provide world-class training, research and outreach focused on addressing the development challenges of Africa. The Centres were competitively selected, and BUK emerged as one of the few Universities with more than one Centre (CDA and ACEPHAP). The initial grant to CDA was five million US dollars, while that of ACEPHAP was six million US dollars.

In the implementation of the ACE Impact project, the World Bank employs a “results-based” funding approach in which funds are released to the Centres based on performance and achievement of key milestones. After taking stock of the performances of all the Centres during the mid-term of the project, the high-performing centres will be given addition funds while poorly performing centres will have their initial allocation reduced.

It could be recalled that in the first phase of the ACE project (2014-2019), CDA got an initial grant of about seven million US Dollars and an additional amount of one million US dollars following its excellent performance at mid-term.

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas, has congratulated the two Centres on their excellent performance and for positively projecting the image of BUK globally.

Mambayya House Immortalizes Late Prof. Shehu Dalhatu

By Adamu Garba

Mambayya House, the Aminu Kano Centre for Democratic Studies, held the maiden memorial lecture to commemorate the late Professor Shehu Dalhatu who died one year ago, for his tremendous contributions to education and humanity.

The memorial lecture was themed: “Local Government Autonomy in Nigeria: Panacea for Grassroots Development” as part of the traditional annual Aminu Kano memorial lecture.

The lecture which took place on Saturday, 5th November, 2022 at the Sa'adu Zungur Auditorium Complex, Mambayya House, was the second of its kind organized by the Centre to immortalize the late Prof. Haruna Wakili and now Prof. Shehu Dalhatu as a mark of honour to this great scholar and administrator.



Members of the high table at the memorial lecture

In his opening remarks, the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Sagir Adamu Abbas, who was represented by the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Research & Development), Prof. Abdullahi Sule-Kano, who reflected on the role of local government administration in pre-colonial era with particular reference to the Sokoto Caliphate, urged government to revive the lost glory.

The chairman of the occasion, Prof. Bawa Hassan Gusau, who described the late Prof. Shehu Dalhatu as more than a colleague but a brother, said the topic of the lecture was apt considering that the late Prof. Dalhatu's works revolved around local government administration and the role he played in teaching and learning of local government in the Department of Political Science.

In his presentation, Prof. Kamilu Sani Fage argued that major drawbacks of the 1999 Constitution did not only erode local government autonomy, but also facilitated usurpation of local government functions by the State under the guise of "joint-project".

Other challenges of local government, according to him, were corruption, maladministration, wastage and many more.

According to him, "true/real autonomy" is the surest way to make local government more responsive, more efficient and more effective in grassroots development.

In his address, the Director Mambayya House, Prof. Habu Mohammed, thanked the participants. He said Mambayya House in particular is proud of celebrating and promoting the legacies of Prof. Dalhatu in academics for the benefit of students.

There were series of praises and comments in respect of the late Prof. Wakili during the lecture which attracted many scholars, academics, friends and family of the deceased.

Prominent people from far and near attended the lecture. Among them were: delegation from the Zazzau Emirate Council led by Alhaji Jafaru Paki, delegation from Nuhu Bamalli Polytechnic Zaria, Amb. Benin Republic, Dr. Mukhtar Daura and lots of academics, family, friends and students of the late Prof. Shehu Dalhatu, among others.

VC Laments High Rates of Drug Abuse among Youths, Says it is a Major Factor Destroying Societies

By Aisha Hassan

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas has identified drug abuse as one of the major factors responsible for destroying the youth and the society at large. He said drug abuse crippled societies, thus leaving

society, especially amongst youths,' he remarked.

The Vice Chancellor promised the foundation all necessary assistance in its advocacy, especially on the campus. He, however, advised the foundation against talk shows as, according to him, it might not be captivating to the audience. He rather advised the use of dramas or songs with the theme on drug abuse and its attendant consequences. 'You can use artists from the film industry or collaborate with any popular musician to pass the message and at the same time make the show funny. The activities can be done once in a semester,' he counselled.

Professor Abbas also advised the foundation to ensure that it had a sustainable source of funds for continuity, saying that the whole programme had a long term effect, as it would create a sane environment for the older generations. 'If the society is allowed to degenerate with drug abuse, there will be no educational future for the youths,' he said.

He said if the foundation was desirous of addressing the menace of drug abuse, then it must attack the source of the drug supply and partner with security personnel to achieve the desired objectives.

The Vice Chancellor also intimated his guest on the University Managements' effort to empower the students in its little way by the creation of the On Campus Work Scheme and entrepreneurship skills.

Earlier, the Foundation CEO, Hajiya Fatima Bature, gave a brief history of the Foundation, which she



BUK Management in a group photograph with leadership of Youth Against Drug Abuse Foundation

it with a bleak future.

Professor Abbas was speaking on Tuesday, 8th November, 2022 when he received the founder and Chief Executive Officer of Youth Against Drug Abuse Foundation, Hajiya Fatima Bature, in his office.

He expressed happiness with the founder's initiative and what her foundation hoped to achieve, saying 'This is a community service and a very big contribution to the society which can only be rewarded by the Almighty Allah, as drug abuse is one of the destroying factors in the

founded in 2017 in Lagos. She said it was later relocated to Kano State in 2019 where it became headquarters of the Foundation.

She explained that the essence of the courtesy call was to inform the Vice Chancellor of its mission and vision which mainly was to fight the menace called drug abuse amongst youths and make them useful to the society. She said the Foundation took cognizance of the status of BUK as a public institution, which brought together people from various parts of the country and even beyond. She believed that a lot could be achieved through the relationship like 'creating an avenue for the foundation to come on campus and give talk shows to students.'

She told the Vice Chancellor that a programme was recently launched on the 25th of September, 2022 at Musa Abdullahi Auditorium, New Campus, tagged: BACK TO SCHOOL. The programme was designed to assist in putting the drug addicts back to school. She said

targeted beneficiaries were; drop-outs, refugees (that is, displaced children), orphans, and the less privileged who were victims of drug abuse due to their vulnerable situations.

Hajiya Fatima disclosed that about 1,210 children benefited from the programme, but only 347 were used to launch the programme.

The CEO also mentioned the YADAF skills centre where the following entrepreneurship skills were taught: tailoring, haircutting, plumbing and mechanical works, with others in the pipeline. She also mentioned a programme "Catch them young" meant to educate the primary school pupils of the dangers of drug abuse.

The CEO also mentioned the involvement of NDLEA, Dawanau Psychiatrist Hospital, the five Emirates in Kano State and even the Kano State Government's contribution towards the fight against drug abuse and the roles they played.

APPOINTMENTS

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas has approved the appointments of the underlisted staff members.

S/N	NAME	DEPARTMENT	APPOINTMENT	EFFECTIVE
1	Dr Ahmed Fate Ali	Department of Environmental Sciences	Head, Department of Environmental Sciences	7/10/2022
2	Dr Rukayat Nihilola Banjo	Department of Theatre and Performing Arts	Acting Head, Department of Theatre and Performing Arts	7/10/2022
3	Professor Mahmud M. Lawan	Department of Political Sciences	Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences	1/11/2022
4	Dr Ibrahim M. Adamu	Department of Economics	Sub-Dean (Academics), Faculty of Social Sciences	1/11/2022
5	Mal Ahmadu Abubakar Suleiman	Faculty of Social Sciences	Examination Officer, Faculty of Social Sciences	1/11/2022
6	Professor Ibrahim Muhammad	Department of Islamic Studies and Shariah	Member, Bayero University Islamic Centre Development Committee	Immediate Effect
7	Dr Awwal Ilyas Magashi	Department of International Law and Jurisprudence	Coordinator, IPTTO in the Directorate of Research, Innovation and Partnership	Immediate Effect
8	Dr Mohammed M. Maina	Department of Agricultural and Environmental Engineering	Deputy Director (Research and Publication), Directorate of Research, Innovation and Partnership	Immediate Effect
9	Dr Bintu Abba	Department of Education	Deputy Director (Partnership), Directorate of Research, Innovation and Partnership	Immediate Effect

SCE: REVISED ACADEMIC CALENDAR FOR THE COMPLETION OF 2019/2020 ACADEMIC SESSION

S/N	ACTIVITY	DURATION	DATE
REMAINING FIRST SEMESTER ACTIVITIES			
1	Departmental and SCE Academic Board Meetings	2 weeks	4 th November – 18 th November, 2022
2	SBC Meeting	1 week	November, 2022
3	Monthly Senate	1 Day	November, 2022
SECOND SEMESTER			
1	Continuation of Second Semester Lectures	11 weeks	4 th November – 14 th January, 2023
2	Commencement of Sales of Form for 2020/2021 Academic Session	-	14 th November, 2022.
3	Mid-Semester Break	1 week	23 rd December – 31 st December, 2022
4	Second Semester Examinations	3 weeks	16 th January – 4 th February, 2023
5	Commencement of Admission Exercise for 2020/2021 Academic Session	-	Tuesday 7 th February, 2023.
6	Marking and Submission of Examination Results	2 weeks	6 th February – 18 th February, 2023
7	Departmental and SCE Academic Board Meetings	2 weeks	13 th March – 26 th March, 2023
8	End of Session Break	3 weeks	27 th March – 15 th April, 2023
9	SBC Meetings	1 week	April, 2023
10	Monthly Senate	1 Day	April, 2023
11	Beginning of Next Session 2020/2021	-	2 nd May, 2023

Note:

- All Public Holidays that may fall within the calendar would be observed.
- Commencement of Lectures is on Friday 4th November, 2022.



Dr. Shehu Minjibir of the Department of Mass Communication invites members of the University community and general public to the wedding fatiha of his son, Engr. Adnan Abubakar Minjibir and his fiancée,

Firdausi Sunusi Nasir, scheduled as follows:

Date: Saturday, 12th November 2022

Time: 11:00am

Venue: Bayero University Mosque, Old Campus

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