



BUK Records Another Milestone in Global Ranking ...Emerges 3rd Best in Nigeria

By Bala G. Abdullahi

Bayero University has been ranked 3rd best University in Nigeria, according to the 2023 United Kingdom based world academic assessor, *Times Higher Education* (THE). The outcome of the ranking exercise christened *Young University Ranking* was contained in the *Times Higher Education* (THE) website.

The exercise was for younger Universities of between the ages of 50 and below. The Times Higher Education it was learnt used 13 matrices for the assessment of the participating universities which included; Core Mission, Teaching, Research, Knowledge transfer and outlook among others.

At the end of the transparent exercise, BUK was ranked 3rd best among universities in Nigeria and 401 to 500 globally.

It was not the first time Bayero University will excel in the United Kingdom based world academic assessor, *Times Higher Education* (THE) ranking exercise. In October 2022 the University was ranked as the best in Nigeria in terms of international outlook. Not only that, BUK was ranked as 4th best in Nigeria behind universities of Lagos, Ibadan and Covenant. This means, Bayero University remains the best university in the entire northern, south eastern and south-south geo-political zones.

BUK Celebrates Return of Ex- NUC Boss, Prof Rasheed, Organizes Grand Reception

By Nura Garba

Bayero University, Kano on Saturday, 8th July, 2023 celebrated the return of the immediate past Executive Secretary of the National Universities Commission



The VC, Prof. Sagir A. Abbas presenting a plaque to the immediate past ES, NUC, Prof. A. A. Rasheed

(NUC), Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed to the University after spending seven years in the commission.

The University organized a grand reception to celebrate his home coming as a large gathering comprising former Vice Chancellors, current and former Principal Officers, Provosts, Deans, Directors and Heads of Department and other members of the University came together at the famous BUK's Convocation Arena.

Vice Chancellor, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas said the university was indeed pleased to welcome the immediate past NUC Executive Secretary whom he described as a trail blazer and architect of modern BUK.

He said Bayero University would benefit immensely from the wealth of experience of Prof Rasheed especially now that the University has focused its attention towards

attaining excellence.

The Vice Chancellor explained that “we need him to help us build Bayero University of our dream and that's why we are grateful for his coming back.” He added that BUK was proud of the unquantifiable achievements he brought while in NUC the latest of which is changing the curriculum of Nigerian university education.

In his remarks, the celebrant, Professor Abubakar Rasheed said he was moved by the positive encomiums showered on him by members of the University community. He explained that he still had 3 years and one month to complete his tenure in office, but decided to withdraw and return to classroom. “I have missed classroom greatly and now that I am back, I will continue to render my services to the University,” said Prof Rasheed.

Earlier in his welcome address, Chairman of the occasion and former Vice Chancellor of BUK, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello, said the university was excited to formally welcome Prof Rasheed to its fold having spent 7 years in NUC.

He said Prof Rasheed had during his tenure as Vice Chancellor made indelible footprints in almost all facets of the University and impacted positively on the university system in Nigeria while in NUC.

10th CDA Industry Lecture: Dr. Soman Gives Recipes for Effective Academia-Industry Collaboration

By Nura Garba

Dr P. Soman of JAIN Irrigation, India on 10th July, 2023 presented the 10th Industry Lecture of the Centre for Dryland Agriculture (CDA) which focused on the industry-Academia Collaboration.

Dr Soman explained that both academia and industry need one another in that their collaboration is key to catalyze innovation and growth in technology and can yield accelerated development of new breakthroughs.

According to him while the industry often focuses on addressing solutions that are of near-term commercialization, the academia on the other hand focuses on building new technology through research and imparting education to students. He said industry partnerships are instrumental in advancing research and creating a skilled workforce, adding that industry gains workforce.

Dr Soman noted that industry gains work ready talent with specialist knowledge and practical training and the universities benefit by having opportunities to work on relevant technologies and challenging problems.

Using academia/industry engagement experience of JAIN Irrigation in India, the presenter said the Irrigation firm has a comprehensive collaboration with 27 universities in India citing many examples such as a partnership with IIT Mumbai and Chanakya Foundation in which they are working together to develop a soil moisture sensor enabling predictive irrigation with Jain Irrigation as a

monitor of the project. He said once these sensors are developed would enhance precision in the field of irrigation.

According to him, Prof Rasheed had significantly impacted on the live of staff of New Nigerian Newspaper Company when he held sway as Managing Director and while at NUC he had planned and developed a blue-print for University education's masterplan 2019-2023 part of which was strengthening academia, industry and government collaboration, which he pursued with vigor and zest.

Goodwill messages were delivered by the Chief Imam of Kano and a former Vice Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Sani Zahraddeen, Vice Chancellor, Al-Istiqama University, Professor Salisu Shehu, former ASUU National President, Dr Nasiru Isa Fagge, former Registrar, Dr. Sani Amin Ibrahim, Secretary to the Kano State Government, Dr Abdullahi Bichi and Prof S.B Ahmad.

Others were the Director CDA, Professor Jibrin Mohammed Jibrin, immediate past Registrar, Skyline University, Haruna Aliyu and Chairman UYK Company, Alhaji Usman Yahaya Kansila.

They all explained Prof Rasheed's exemplary leadership qualities and exceptional competence in handling both social and professional affairs.

Highlight of the occasion was presentation of a plaque to the celebrant by the Vice Chancellor, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas.

Other institutions collaborated with in the area of water and irrigation technology include IIT Jammu, NISER Bhubaneswar, Gayathri Vidyapeeth and Maharashtra.

He said the Jain Irrigation has also collaborated with University of New Mexico State, USA, Swedish

University of Agric. Sciences, Umea Plant Science Centre, National Botanical research Institute, Lucknow, India and North Maharashtra University in the area of Crop Improvement.



Dr. Soman presenting the 10th CDA Industry Lecture via Zoom platform while CDA Management staff and participants listen

University of Agric. Sciences, Umea Plant Science Centre, National Botanical research Institute, Lucknow, India and North Maharashtra University in the area of Crop Improvement.

One of the collaborative research projects, according to him is that Jain irrigation realized that the Indian onions are of low TSS (12% and less) and would not be useful for the large dehydration facility built at Jalgaon Headquarters, noting that buying seeds of high TSS from USA is not a viable option in the long term. As such, they decided to enter into onion breeding to enhance TSS and be competitive in that business.

He added that Jain recruited a team of scientists in India and worked intensively for 5 years the result which showed a high TSS (15%) variety of white onion and several high TSS breeding lines.

Dr Soman noted that the future of industry-academia collaboration would probably be more and more common place since major innovations are hardly ever done in isolation, not even by the largest companies.

He advised that collaborative learning capabilities would

be required more often from all the participating parties, saying that while academic institutions create knowledge, industries look for actionable knowledge items.

Speaking after the presentation, the Director CDA, Professor Jibrin Mohammed Jibrin said this is what is expected of the CDA Industry Lecture, to have an enriching lecture which would improve the capacity of PhD and MSc students and opened a vista of collaboration between CDA and Jain Irrigation. He said the two institutions would strengthen their collaboration on many other areas including sending PhD students for internship programme.

The CDA Coordinator Training, Dr Murtala Muhammad Badamasi, had earlier introduced the speaker, whom he said is a world renowned agricultural scientist with proficiency and expertise in micro-fertigation and precision farming.

ACEPHAP Supports Epileptic Patients with Ant-Epilepsy Drugs Worth N1.5 Million

By Bala G. Abdullahi

Africa Centre of Excellence for Population Health and Policy (ACEPHAP) has supported about 700 people living with epilepsy with a donation of 1.5 million naira worth of anti-epilepsy drugs.

The Director of the Centre, Professor Hadiza Galadanci approved the release of the funds to the Department of Psychiatry and Islamic Medical Association of Nigeria, Aminu Kano Teaching Hospital, which is the body working tirelessly to improve the health of people living with epilepsy at community epileptic clinic, Kumbotso, Kano.

She said collaboration for mutual benefit and by extension for the benefit of humanity would continue to receive attention from the centre, adding that, the centre was looking at the possibility of acceding to the request made by the association for reprinting of the hand book for people living with epilepsy in *Hausa* language to enhance their knowledge and skills.

According to the Ameer of the association, Dr. Sule Abdullahi Gaya, the funds donated by ACEPHAP was

used to procure anti-epilepsy drugs for community Epilepsy Clinic, Kumbotso and Department of Psychiatry, Aminu Kano Teaching Hospital. He said a total of 700 patients benefitted from the drugs.

Dr. Gaya thanked the ACEPHAP Director for the support and hoped that the collaboration between the association and the centre would continue to wax stronger for the



Prof. Hadiza Galadanci, Director ACEPHAP

BUK's Anti Corruption and Transparency Unit Inaugurated

By Nura Garba

Members of Bayero University's Anti-Corruption and Transparency Unit (ACTU) have been inaugurated and sworn-in to office by the officials of Independent Corrupt Practices and other related Commission (ICPC) with the mandate to prevent all forms of corrupt practices and educate members of the University community on transparency and accountability.

The Unit shall also ensure the elimination of corrupt practices in line with the provision of ICPC Act 2000 and apply the ethics and integrity compliance scorecard.

The Independent Corrupt Practices and Other related

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Commission (ICPC) has established over 4855 ACTU units across Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs) in the country.

According to the head of SSR Unit of the ICPC, Shehu Dange, the ACTU shall operate as an autonomous outfit in the university with functional linkage to the office of the Vice Chancellor and their independence and protection shall be guaranteed.

The Head of SSR Unit said the ACTU members shall perform their duties from Section 6AF of the ICPC except prosecution, but can prevent the corrupt practices and

enlighten the people on accountability and transparency.

He explained that members of ACTU are to be invited into the university's statutory committees that include appointment, procurement and disciplinary to ensure transparency, accountability and due diligence in the discharge of official duties.

The members were told that they have the mandate to liaise with the Vice Chancellor to report all alleged corrupt cases to the ICPC.

In his remark, the Chairman of BUK ACTU, Dr. Nu'uman Habib said they were honoured to be selected to serve as members and that they would do their work diligently in line with the standing order.

The Vice Chancellor, who was delighted with the inauguration of the ACTU members in BUK, said the university has been operating in an open and transparent manner. He said a right-thinking person would welcome the idea of establishing ACTU to checkmate corrupt practices and other related matters.

He said in Bayero University, Kano, the Vice Chancellor does not take unilateral decisions, explaining that the University has Principal Officers and University Management Committee meetings in which decisions are unanimously taken and adopted.

“Call any member of Pos or UMC and ask him about university's management decision, he will instantly tell you how a decision is taken. This is because everyone is carried along in this university,” VC added.

The Vice Chancellor expressed the university's readiness and determination to give all the necessary support to the ACTU members to discharge their functions without any hitch or hindrance.

Barrister Fatima Rabi'u Musa, administered the oath to the BUKACTU - *Members*.

The members of BUK ACTU are:

Dr Nu'uman Habib – Chairman

Prof Sani Ibrahim – Dept of Biological Science - *Member*

Prof Ali Abdullahi Tijjani – Dean, SG&E - *Member*

Prof Aliyu Mu'azu mni, - Dept of Nigerian Languages - *Member*

Dr Abdulkadir Isa Umar – Dean, Faculty of Law - *Member*

Muhammad Kabiru Shitu – Deputy Director, Audit - *Member*

Rabi'u Hussaini Sagagi Director Procurement- *Member*

Nehru Braimah Sadiku Deputy Bursar- *Member*

Barrister Nura Musa Abdullahi – *SERVICOM Unit Secretary*

BUK Wins Nigeria Higher Education Award ...Beats ABU, UI, UNN, Unilag

By Mustafa Ibrahim

Bayero University has won a prestigious prize of the Nigeria Higher Education Foundation (NHEF) in a keenly



The VC, Prof. Sagir A. Abbas being presented with the Interactive Smart Board by the team leader and members of the BUK winning team

contested competition to beat University of Lagos, University of Ibadan, Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria, University of Port Harcourt and University of Nigeria, Nsukka (UNN).

The competition, which was organized by NHEF required each team to make a 10-minute multimedia summary presentation of the five-day training it conducted, using a SMART board they were trained on in five slides.

The training, which featured ten faculty members from six

NHEF partner universities, was from 5th to the 8th of July 2023, and it took place at the Landmark Event Centre, Victoria Island, Lagos.

A ten member Bayero University team under the leadership of Professor Rufai Ibrahim, Director, Directorate of Research, Innovation and Partnership (DRIP), beat five other universities to win an interactive SMART board, the grand prize of a fierce competition, at the end of a six-day training by the Nigeria Higher Education Foundation (NHEF) in Lagos.

The objective of the training was to inculcate key skills and knowledge to strengthen staff capacity in the areas of Grant Writing, Advancement Programs, Critical Thinking in the Classroom, Modern Day Teaching Practices, and Technology adoption/Artificial Intelligence in the Classroom.

It was also to facilitate collaboration, networking and idea-sharing among faculty members from the various universities, thus sparking same with other universities outside the circle.

The Nigeria Higher Education Foundation (NHEF) was founded by the MacArthur Foundation in 2004 but is now being funded by the Kuramo Capital Management and consortium of 21 partners. NHEF also conducts a parallel training for 10 students each from the six universities going into their final year, for the purpose of sponsorship, mentoring, coaching and job placement on graduation.

Other members of the BUK winning team included: Prof. Haruna Musa, Director, Academic Planning; Associate Prof., Abubakar Isah Umar, Dean Faculty of Law; Dr. Muhammad Adamu Kwankwaso, HOD Education; Associate Prof., Salisu Abubakar Maiwada, Dep. Director, African Centre of Excellence in Population Health and Policy (ACEPHAP); Dr. Mustafa M Bello, African Centre of Excellence for Dryland Agriculture (CDA); Ahmad Tijjani Garba, Department of Information Technology; Dr. Nura Lawal, Department of Nigerian Languages; Umar Sani Hanga, Ag. Director Centre for Information Technology (CIT); and Mustafa Ibrahim,

Deputy Registrar, Advancement Directorate.

The BUK Team led by the Director Directorate of Academic Planning, Professor Haruna Musa on Monday, 10th July, 2023 presented the Interactive Board won to the Vice Chancellor which is worth N3 million.

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas was highly excited with the landmark achievement recorded by the BUK Team and urged members of the Team to put what they have learnt into practice in their respective departments.

BUK to Collaborate with Kano State Police Command for Effective Policing of its Community

By Fausat A. Opayomi

The Management of Bayero University, Kano has affirmed its commitment to solidify relationship with the Kano State Police Command by extending support on training and capacity building of the officers and men for effective policing, the Vice Chancellor, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas, stated this when he led Principal Officers on a courtesy visit to the Police Commissioner on Thursday 13th July 2023.

Prof. Sagir Adamu Abass while congratulating the CP on his assumption of office, commended the brilliant effort in making the last general election in the State hitch free.

He said BUK is willing and ready to extend hands of fellowship to the Police by providing services and designing courses to specifically meet the needs of the Police.

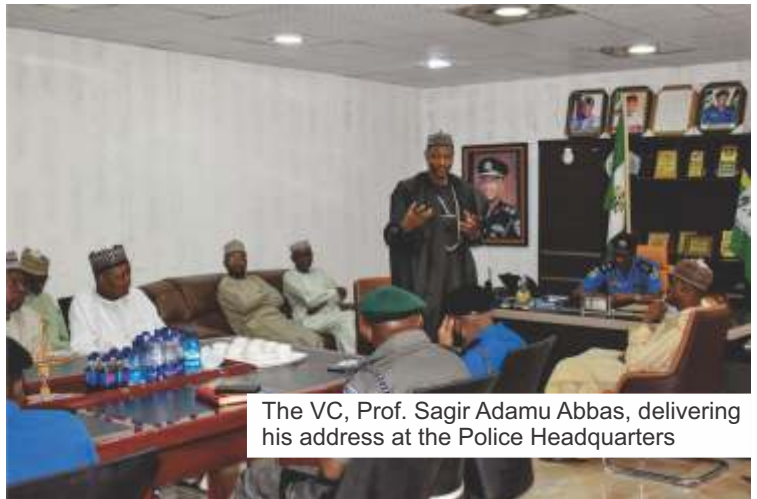
Prof. Abbas also hinted the police Commissioner that the University is facing challenges from land speculators and encroachment.

He said the new campus which is the largest of all the campuses is not completely fenced making it possible for encroachment and other security risk on the land.

He said although the University had lodged a complain to the relevant authorities in the state, however in view of the activities of speculators there is urgent need on the police to wade into the matter with a view to resolving the crisis the way the last election was handled.

The Vice Chancellor appealed to the Police Command to consider the University as a special security area particularly in view of the activities of land speculators and encroachment.

Responding, CP Usaini Muhammad Gumel thanked the Vice Chancellor and his team for the visit which he said would go a long way to foster harmonious working relationship between the University and the police. He said all the issues raised by the Vice Chancellor were of grave concern that requires special action.



The VC, Prof. Sagir Adamu Abbas, delivering his address at the Police Headquarters

The CP however, directed Panshekara Mobile Squadron give BUK and its neighbouring communities a special surveillance as the issues raised requires prompt action from the police.

He said there are lots of ungoverned spaces within Kano State that can create havens for crimes like banditry and kidnapping to thrive. He therefore called on the University academics to conduct research and come out with a template to see how those ungoverned spaces could be properly harnessed which will go a long way to assisting the police.

Appreciation from Lawan Abdullahi

I, Lawan Abdullahi 2IC to Vice Chancellor wish to express my profound appreciation and gratitude to the entire university community for attending the wedding fatiha and Walimah of our daughter, Asma'u Lawan Abdullahi.

My special appreciation goes to the Vice Chancellor Prof.

Sagir Adamu Abbas, DVCs, Ag. Registrar, Deans HoDs, Directors, SSANU, ASUU, NASU, NAAT and others too numerous to mention. May Allah reward you all abundantly, Amin.

SCHOOL OF POSTGRADUATE STUDIES

Proposed Calendar for the 2021/2022 Academic Session

S/N	ACTIVITIES	DATE	WEEK
1	Registration for Both New and Returning Students	Monday 17 th July, 2023 To Saturday 30 th September, 2023	11 Weeks
2	First Semester Lectures	Monday 21 st August, 2023 To Saturday 2 nd December, 2023	15 Weeks
3	First Semester Examinations	Monday 4 th December 2023 To Saturday 16 th December, 2023	2 Weeks
4	Break Between 1 st and 2 nd semester	Monday 18 th December, 2023 To Saturday 30 th December, 2023	2 Weeks
5	Second Semester Lectures	Monday 2 nd January, 2024 To Saturday 13 th April, 2024	15 Weeks
6	Second Semester Examinations	Monday 15 th April, 2024 To Saturday 27 th April, 2024	2 Weeks

SIGNED

Prof. Mustapha Ahmad Isa
Dean

Bayero University Kano Health Cooperative Society (BUKHCOPS – General)

Bayero University Health Cooperative Society – General, as the name suggests is referred to as a multipurpose cooperative society established under the precept of shariah compliant system by the staff of Laboratory Unit, University Health Services.

Originally, it was restricted to only staff of the laboratory; then stretched out to the plurality of university staff afterwards; and pelted the society with a name: BUK Health Services Department Staff Multipurpose Cooperative Society which then had only eleven (11) of the members in 2017.

It was duly registered at Kano State Cooperative Societies on **Thursday, January 19, 2017** having registration number as such: KN41034.

MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

Put simply, it offers a plethora of merits, chances or opportunities and having manifold business outfit(s) from which members derive colossal benefits set out and being taken care of by the dedicated business committee under the aegis of management committee. Hundreds of thousands of millions of Naira are of course portioned out amongst members as a loan more regularly.

Further, it is a unanimous decision as contained in the byelaws that at the end of every annual general meeting held each member gets their (his/her) dividend enveloped as a part of the earnings of the cooperation coupled with a special package aside.

Facility Application Form

The society mentioned above welcomes application from members only. These facilities include the following: Solar System, Motor Cycle, Fridge, Freezer and others.

For Non-Member who is interested in benefiting from the above, one may pick up a membership form at the rate of **NGN1,500.00** only.

For enquiry, contact the following:

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International Institute of Islamic Banking and Finance: *M.Sc. IBF Internal/Proposal Defense*

Candidate I: Usman Ibrahim (SPS/19/MIF/00019)

Topic: Factors Influencing Depositors to Open Mudarabah Term Deposit Accounts (JAPSA) with Jaiz Bank in Damaturu Local Government Area of Yobe State.

Supervisor: Prof. Amina Abubakar Ismail

Reviewer: Dr. Aliyu Dahiru Muhammad

Candidate II: Ibrahim Dauda (SPS/19/MIF/00006)

Topic: Financing Water Supply Infrastructure Using Sukuk Issuance: A Case Study of Kano State Water Board.

Supervisor: Prof. Aminu Kado Kurfi

Internal Examiner: Prof. Kabiru Isah Dandago

Candidate III: Halima Sadiya Muhammad (SPS/17/MIF/00006)

Topic: Appraising Credit Risk Management in Islamic Banks in Nigeria: A Case Study of Ja'iz Bank Plc from 2014-2020

Supervisor: Prof. Binta Tijjani Jibril

Internal Examiner: Prof. Mansur Idris

Candidate IV: Kabiru Nafiu (SPS/17/MIF/00003)

Topic: Awareness, Perception, Religiosity and Willing of Bayero University Staff to Patronize Islamic Pension Scheme.

Supervisor: Prof. Kabir Tahir Hamid

Reviewer: Prof. Binta Tijjani Jibril

Chairman: Prof. Usman Muhammad Shuaib

Date: Thursday 20th July, 2023 **Time:** 10: 00a.m

Venue: IIIBF Conference Room

Department of Environmental Management:

PhD series of SEMINAR

First Presenter: Amadu Musa Dagona

Topic: Determination of Smallholder Farmers' Strategies for Adapting to Climate Change in Bade LGA of Yobe State, Nigeria.

(A PhD Progress Report II)

Chairperson: Associate Prof. L.F. Buba

Second Presenter: Ibrahim Audu

Topic: Comparative Analysis of Ecological Footprint on Two Major International Airports in Nigeria.

(A PhD Progress Report II)

Chairperson: Associate Prof. L. Buba

Third Presenter: Yusuf Muhammad Tukur

Topic: Risk Assessment of Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) Selling points in Kano Metropolis

(A PhD Proposal)

Chairperson: Associate Prof. I.B. Yakubu

Date: Wednesday 12th July, 2023

Time: 10:00am prompt

Venue: Departmental Seminar Room

Note: Attendance to Seminars is compulsory to all MSCI, MSCII, PhD I and PhDII students

*Wedding
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Mustafa Ibrahim Chinade of the Advancement Office invites members of the University community and general public to the wedding fatiha of his daughters, **Hanifa Mustafa Ibrahim** and her groom, **Muhammad Isa Liyo**, scheduled as follows:

DATE: Saturday, 15th July, 2023

TIME: 11:00am

VENUE: Central Masjid, Kofar Fada, Chinade, Katagum LG, Bauchi State



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NOTICE OF 56TH CONGREGATION MEETING

This is to invite you to the 56th Meeting of Congregation, scheduled as follows:

DATE: Saturday 22nd July, 2023
TIME: 9:00 am Prompt
VENUE: Convocation Arena, New Campus

DRAFT AGENDA:

1. Opening Prayer
2. National Anthem/BUK Anthem
3. Welcome Address by the Chairman, Standing Committee on Congregation
4. Adoption of Agenda
5. Reading/Correction/Adoption of the Minutes of last Congregation
6. Matters Arising from the Minutes
7. Composition of Resolutions Drafting Committee
8. Address by the Vice Chancellor and Chairman of Congregation
9. Any Other Business
10. Reading of Resolutions
11. Closing prayers
12. BUK Anthem/National Anthem

Note: Congregation is a gathering of degree holders cutting across all categories of staff working in the University. Therefore, only eligible members are entitled to attend, please.

Signed:

Bala G. Abdullahi

Secretary, Standing Committee on Congregation

For: Ag. Registrar



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