



# *Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas, FMAN:* **Three Years of Consolidation**

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## 1.0 INTRODUCTION

Today is Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> August, 2023. It's a day to alert one and all that the Vice Chancellor, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas, FMAN, has come a long way in providing leadership to the university community. Yes, the Vice Chancellor is three years in office today. The Vice Chancellor and his management team are unrelenting in giving the needed direction for the development of the university.

Having said that, it's important to unveil some of the modest achievements recorded by the Vice Chancellor in the last twelve months – from August 2022 to August 2023. This report, therefore, will review academic activities, administrative accomplishments, staff and students' welfare, completed and ongoing projects, and other important events that took place during the period under review.

Of course, Bayero University, Kano scored a number of positives that cannot go without mention as well as some collaborations and awards. But before going into details of the modest achievements, the Vice Chancellor wishes to unstintingly appreciate members of the University community for their patience, forbearance and commitment to the survival and growth of the University notwithstanding the excruciating discomfort arising from the withheld salaries by the Federal Government, high cost of living, lack of adequate power supply as well as certain basic necessities of life over the last couple of months. The Vice Chancellor stated that the management of the university was not unaware of the difficult times. And in spite of the hard-hitting situation, the management was able to conclude the academic session successfully as planned. A new session – the 2022/2023 academic session – has just taken off. Management has come up with some far-reaching palliatives to assist both staff and students to mitigate the effect of the suffering, especially regarding transportation.

This report will also cover only a few important events that happened over the last twelve months, such as the 36<sup>th</sup> & 37<sup>th</sup> combined Convocation and the investiture of the former Chancellor of the



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University; the closure of the University as directed by the Federal Ministry of Education for the sake of the 2023 General Elections; grant received from a philanthropist, and a few other pieces of information, especially the deaths of the former Registrar of the University, Malam Jamil Ahmad Salim, and the former Vice

Chancellor, Emeritus Professor Ibrahim H. Umar. Again, the report will review the following: the review of registration fees, projects completion and execution and other significant issues.

## 2.0 APPROVED ADJUSTED ACADEMIC CALENDAR

Following the directive from the Federal Ministry of Education through the National Universities Commission (NUC) that all Federal Universities and inter-university centres should close between 22<sup>nd</sup> February, 2023 and 14<sup>th</sup> March, 2023 ahead of the general elections, the Senate at its 401<sup>st</sup> meeting held on Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> February, 2023 approved the adjusted academic calendar for the completion of 2020/2021 session for undergraduate programmes, School of Postgraduate Studies and Dangote Business School. The three-week break necessitated the review of the academic calendar. The Senate at its 402<sup>nd</sup> meeting held on Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> March, 2023 again approved yet another adjusted calendar for the completion of the 2020/2021 & 2021/2022 academic session, following the one-week extension for the governorship election by INEC. The final approved adjusted calendars were as follows:

### a) Undergraduate Programmes

S/N	DATE	ACTIVITY
1.	Tuesday, 21 <sup>st</sup> March, 2023	Resumption from Election Break
2.	Wednesday, 22 <sup>nd</sup> to Saturday, 31 <sup>st</sup> March, 2023	Last Week of Lectures/GSP Examination
3.	Monday, 3 <sup>rd</sup> to Saturday, 29 <sup>th</sup> April, 2023	2020/2021 Second Semester Exams (3 Weeks) including Good Friday, Easter Monday and Eid -el-Fitr (7 <sup>th</sup> , 10 <sup>th</sup> , 24 <sup>th</sup> and 25 <sup>th</sup> April, 2023 respectively)
4.	Monday, 1 <sup>st</sup> May, 2023 to Saturday, 17 <sup>th</sup> June, 2023	End of Session Break (7 Weeks after the last examination)
5.	Monday, 10 <sup>th</sup> July, 2023	Beginning of 2022/2023 Academic Session

### a) School of Postgraduate Studies

S/N	DATE	ACTIVITY
1.	Monday, 2 <sup>nd</sup> January, 2023 to Saturday, 29 <sup>th</sup> April, 2023 (13 Weeks)	Second Semester Lectures 2020/2021 Session
2.	Wednesday, 22 <sup>nd</sup> February, 2023 to Saturday, 18 <sup>th</sup> March, 2023 (4 Weeks)	National and States Election/Mid-Semester Break
3.	Tuesday, 2 <sup>nd</sup> May, 2023 to Saturday, 13 <sup>th</sup> May, 2023 (2 Weeks)	Second Semester Examinations 2020/2021 Session
4.	Friday, 5 <sup>th</sup> May, 2023	Closure of Application for Postgraduate Admission against 2021/2022 Academic Session
5.	Monday, 15 <sup>th</sup> May, 2023 to Friday, 19 <sup>th</sup> May, 2023 (1 Week)	Admission against 2021/2022 Academic Session for Postgraduate Programmes by Departments
6.	Monday, 22 <sup>nd</sup> March, 2023 to Friday, 2 <sup>nd</sup> June, 2023 (2 Weeks)	SPS Board Meetings to Consider Admission against 2021/2022 Postgraduate Programmes
7.	Friday, 18 <sup>th</sup> , November, 2022	Has been set as the Deadline for Submission of Long Essays/Projects/Dissertation and Theses as follows: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. PGD Engineering - 2018/2019 Candidates</li> <li>b. PGD (Others) - 2019/2020 Candidates</li> <li>c. Professional Master's               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Full-Time - 2019/2020 Candidates</li> <li>Part-Time - 2018/2019 Candidates</li> </ul> </li> <li>d. Academic Master's - 2017/2018 Candidates</li> <li>e. M.Phil. - 2019/2020 Candidates</li> <li>f. PhD               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Full-Time - 2015/2016 Candidates</li> <li>Part-Time - 2013/2014 Candidates</li> </ul> </li> </ol>

**a) Dangote Business School, BUK**

S/N	DATES	ACTIVITY
1.	Monday, 2 <sup>nd</sup> January, 2023 to Wednesday, 22 <sup>nd</sup> February, 2023	Second Semester Lectures 2020/2021 Session
2.	Wednesday, 22 <sup>nd</sup> February, 2023 to Wednesday, 22 <sup>nd</sup> March, 2023	Election Break
3.	Wednesday, 22 <sup>nd</sup> March, 2023 to Monday, 8 <sup>th</sup> May, 2023	Continuation of Second Semester Lectures 2020/2021 Session
4.	Monday, 15 <sup>th</sup> May, 2023 to Sunday, 4 <sup>th</sup> June, 2023	Second Semester Examinations 2020/2021 Session (3 Weeks)
5.	Thursday, 8 <sup>th</sup> June, 2023	Deadline for submission of Project/Long Essay
6.	Sunday, 6 <sup>th</sup> August, 2023	Deadline for Submission of Internship Results
7.	Monday, 5 <sup>th</sup> June, 2023 to Friday, 16 <sup>th</sup> June, 2023	Admission against 2021/2022 Academic Session for MBA, MEnt. & PGDM Programmes (2 Weeks)
8.	Monday, 7 <sup>th</sup> August, 2023 to Monday, 28 <sup>th</sup> August, 2023	Compilation of Results 2020/2021 Academic Session (3 Weeks)
9.	Monday, 28 <sup>th</sup> August, 2023	DBS Board Meeting for Consideration of Results (1 Day)

**3.0 Commencement Of The 2022/2023 Academic Session For Undergraduate Programmes**

The 2020/2021 & 2021/2022 Academic Sessions, the longest the University has ever experienced ended successfully. The 2022/2023 Academic Session for undergraduate students commenced on 10<sup>th</sup> July, 2023, while lectures commenced on Monday, 24<sup>th</sup> July, 2023. All things being equal and barring any unforeseen circumstances, the 2022/2023 academic session is expected to end on 18<sup>th</sup> May, 2024. The complete calendar for the session is presented below.

S/N	DATE	ACTIVITIES
1	Monday, 10 <sup>th</sup> July to 10 <sup>th</sup> August, 2023	Registration for both fresh and returning students
2	Monday, 24 <sup>th</sup> July to 28 <sup>th</sup> October, 2023	First Semester Lectures (13 weeks)
3	Monday, 11 <sup>th</sup> to 17 <sup>th</sup> September, 2023	Mid-semester Break (1 week)
4	Monday, 30 <sup>th</sup> October to 25 <sup>th</sup> November, 2023	First Semester Exams (4 weeks)
5	Monday, 27 <sup>th</sup> November to 3 <sup>rd</sup> December, 2023	End of Semester Break (1 week)
6	Monday, 4 <sup>th</sup> December, 2023 to 2 <sup>nd</sup> March, 2024	Second Semester Lectures (13 week)
7	Monday, 15 <sup>th</sup> to 21 <sup>st</sup> January, 2024	Mid-semester Break (1 week)
8	Monday, 4 <sup>th</sup> March to 30 <sup>th</sup> March, 2024	Second Semester Exams (4 weeks)
9	Saturday, 18 <sup>th</sup> May, 2024	End of Session

**4.0 Increase in Central Registration Fees, Administrative and Hostel Maintenance Charges for Undergraduate and Postgraduate Students**

The Senate, at its 405<sup>th</sup> meeting held on Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> June, 2023, approved an increase in Central Registration Fees, Administrative and Hostel Maintenance Charges for undergraduate and postgraduate students, as submitted by the Committee on Fees and Charges. Certainly, before making a submission to the Senate, the management, as usual, had met with all stakeholders (students, ASUU, SSANU, NASU and NAAT) on the new charges and got their blessing. The charges are as follows:

**(a) Undergraduate Schedule of Fees**

S/N	CATEGORY OF STUDENTS	RETURNING	FRESH (L100 & L200)
1	Students from Faculties of Arts and Islamic Studies, Law, Social Sciences, and Management Sciences (except Banking and Finance and Accounting)	₦95,000	₦ 105,000
2	Students of Banking and Finance and Accounting	₦ 97,000	₦ 107,000
3	Students from Faculties of Computing, Communication, Earth and Environmental Sciences (except Geology, URP, Quantity Surveying and Architecture), and Education	₦ 100,000	₦ 110,000
4	Students in Geology, Urban and Regional Planning and Architecture	₦ 105,000	₦ 115,000
5	Students from Faculties of Allied Health Sciences, and Basic Medical Sciences	₦ 140,000	₦ 150,000
6	Students from Faculties of Clinical Sciences (MBBS), and Dentistry	₦ 160,000	₦ 170,000
7	Students from Faculty of Veterinary Medicine	₦ 110,000	₦ 120,000
8	Students from Faculties of Life Sciences, Pharmaceutical Sciences and Physical Sciences	₦ 102,000	₦ 112,000
9	Students from Faculties of Agriculture Engineering, and Quantity Surveying	₦ 101,000	₦ 111,000

**(b) School of Continuing Education**

S/N	CATEGORY OF STUDENTS	TUITION FEES	GENERAL CHARGES		TOTAL AMOUNT PAYABLE	
			Returning	Fresh	Returning	Fresh
1	B. Nursing Science Students	N130,000	N67,500	N70,500	N197,500	N220,500
2	All Education Students (B. Ed, B. A. Ed. And B. Sc. Ed)	N65,000	N67,500	N72,500	N132,500	N137,500
3	B. Sc. Ed. Geography	N65,000	N73,500	N73,500	N138,500	N138,500
4	All Social Science Students	N65,000	N67,500	N73,500	N132,500	N138,500
5	Non-Nigerians					N237,000
6	All Arts Students	N65,000	N67,500	N70,500	N132,500	N135,500
7	B. Sc. Mathematics	N65,000	N67,500	N70,500	N132,500	N135,500
8	B. Sc. Geography	N65,000	N69,500	N76,500	N134,500	N141,500

**(c) Dangote Business School-BUK**

S/N	PROGRAMME	New Students	Returning Students	International Students (New)	International Students (Returning)
1	Master's in Business Admin (MBA) full Time	₦300,000	₦282,000	₦464,000	₦446,000
2	Master's in Business Admin (MBA) Part Time	₦259,000	₦241,000	₦462,400	₦444,720
3	Master's in Entrepreneurship (M.Ent)	₦259,000	₦227,000	₦463,600	₦446,000
4	Postgraduate Diploma in Management (PGDM)	₦218,180	₦200,000	₦436,360	₦405,000
5	Postgraduate Diploma in Entrepreneurship (PGDEnt)	₦231,800	₦200,450	₦395,000	₦377,700



**(d) School of Postgraduate Studies**

S/N	Programmes	For Nigerian		For Non Nigerian	
		New Students	Returning Students	New Students	Returning Students
1	PhD/MPhil in Life Science, Engineering, Agriculture, Computer Science, Communication, Earth and Environmental Science (Geography and Env. Management) Physical and Health Education, Science Education and College of Health Sciences	N245,500	N231,000	N736,500	N693,000
2	PhD/Mphil in Arts, Arts Education, Library and Information Sciences, Law, Management Sciences and Social Sciences	N215,500	N201,000	N646,500	N603,000
3	MSc in life and Physical Sciences, Engineering, Agriculture, Agronomy, Computer Science, Communication, Earth and Environmental Science (Geography and Env. Management) Physical and Health Education, Science Education and College of Health Sciences	N195,500	N181,000	N586,500	N543,000
4	MA/MSc/MEd/LLM in Arts, Arts Education, Library and Information Sciences, Law, Management Sciences and Social Sciences	N180,500	N166,000	N526,500	N468,000
5	Professional Masters in MBCL,MDS,MEM,MGIS,MCMP,MPPA,MIS D,MPR, MIM,MCS,MRM,MCD,MHED, MEHED, MPHED, MCHED, MSW,MCSS,MGDP, MILS	N195,500	N181,000	N586,500	N543,000
6	Professional Masters in MTM,MBF (part-time) MHE, MAFM, MTRA	N215,500	N201,000	N646,500	N603,000
7	Professional Master in Islamic Banking and Finance (MIBF)	N235,500	N221,000	N706,500	N663,000
8	Professional Masters in College of Health Sciences & Computer Sciences	N205,500	N191,000	N616,500	N573,000
9	Postgraduate Diploma in Banking & Finance (PGDBF), Acct & Finance (PGDAF), Health Eco. (PGDHE)	N195,500	N181,000	N586,500	N543,000
10	Postgraduate Diploma in Islamic Banking & Finance (PGDIBF)	N215,500	N201,000	N646,500	N603,000
11	Postgraduate Diploma in Engineering, Agriculture, Computer Science, Sciences & Tech. Education, Nursing and Nursing Education	N200,500	N186,000	N601,500	N558,000
12	Postgraduate Diploma in PGDPPA,PGDSPA,PGDDS,PGDMC,PGDA, PGDH,PGDE,PGDGEC, PGDIM,PGDRM,PGDCDEE,PGDRTM,PGD PHE,PGDCM,PGDL,PGDTR,PGDSR,PGDIS , PGDTS,PGDILS,PGDAN,PGDIR	N170,500	N156,000	N511,500	N468,000
13	Postgraduate Diploma in Chemistry, Biology, Industrial Physics, Soil Evolution, Land Admin, Environmental Management, Mathematics, Epidemiology, Env. & Public Health, Medical Lab. Sci., Anatomy, Biochemistry and Human Physiology	N175,500	N161,000	N526,500	N483,000

**(e) Directorate of Examinations Admissions and Records - Administrative Charges**

Upon consideration of the submission, the Senate approved as follows:

S/N	Service Description	Current Charges	New Charges
1	Correction of Course Registration (Each entry)	Nil	₦1000
2	Add/Drop (Undergraduate and Postgraduate)	₦1000	₦2000
3	Inter-University Transfer Fees	Nil	₦150,000
4	Inter-University Transfer Forms	₦5000	₦20,000
5	Transcript (Undergraduate)	₦2000	₦5000

**(f) Submission from the Office of the Registrar - New Charges for Certificate Collection**

Upon consideration of the submission, the Senate approved uniform new charges for certificate and alumni as follows, irrespective of the year of graduation:

S/N	Certificate	Certificate Charges	Alumni
1	Undergraduate Certificate	₦12, 000	₦2000
2	Undergraduate Certificate (Affiliated Colleges)	₦14, 000	₦2000
3	Postgraduate Diploma	₦18,000	₦5000
4	Masters Certificate	₦ 20,000	₦10,000
5	Doctor of Philosophy	₦25,000	₦10,000

**(f) Review of Affiliation Fees Being Paid by the BUK Affiliate Institutions**

Upon the consideration of the submission, the Senate approved **35%** of the Students Registration fees or Ten Thousand (**₦10,000**) naira only per student (whichever is higher) as the new affiliation fees.

**(g) Submission from Student Affairs on Adjustment of Hostel/Accommodation Fees**

Upon consideration of the submission, the Senate approved the following increment:

S/N	CATEGORY	NEW CHARGES
1.	UG Room without beds and Mattresses	₦37,590
2.	UG Room with beds and Mattresses	₦57,590
3.	New Female Hall behind Nana Hall Old Campus	₦80,090
4.	<b>Postgraduate Students' (Nigerian)</b> (a) Block N and P Male Hostel Old Campus (b) PG Block Ramat Hall, Female Hostel Old Campus	₦80,090
5.	Postgraduate Students' (Nigerian) Amina Namadi Sambo Female Hostel, Old Campus	₦180,000
6.	Male Postgraduate Students' Room (Foreigners)	₦150,180
7.	Female Postgraduate Students' Room (Foreigners)	₦300,000

**5.0 LATEST RANKING OF WORLD UNIVERSITIES**

The Times Higher Education (THE) of the United Kingdom, in its 2023 World University Assessment, ranked Bayero University, Kano as number 1,016 in the Global Universities Ranking and 4<sup>th</sup> best in Nigeria. According to the annual global ranking released on Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup> October, 2022, over 2,500 universities across the globe submitted data for assessment and ranking; 97 universities were from Africa.

Times Higher Education (THE) is the most authentic, largest and highly diverse university ranking institution in the world, which assesses thousands of universities in over 104 countries. With this global ranking, Bayero University, Kano is now the 4<sup>th</sup> best University in Nigeria, trailing University of Ibadan, University of Lagos and Covenant University as 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> best respectively.

In addition to emerging 4<sup>th</sup> best university in Nigeria, BUK is also the best in North-West, North-Central, North-East, South-East and South-South zones. The report said the ranking was based on 13 calibrated performance indicators that measure an institution's performance across four areas of teaching, research, knowledge transfer and international outlook.

With this good news, the Vice Chancellor noted, the University would not relent in its determination to improve the visibility of the University on the global scene. The University, he said, would continue to ensure quality and standards as well as improve facilities for enhanced teaching and research. The University could continue to improve its ranking by consistently being visible on the University website as well as publish research work in reputable journals and engage in more collaboration with universities and industries at the international level.

**6.0 ANOTHER MILESTONE IN GLOBAL RANKING FOR BUK – 3<sup>RD</sup> BEST IN NIGERIA**

Bayero University has been ranked 3<sup>rd</sup> best university in Nigeria, according to the 2023 United Kingdom based world academic assessor, Times Higher Education (THE). The outcome of the ranking exercise named “**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 (THE) used 13 matrices for the assessment of the participating universities which included the following: Core Mission, Teaching, Research, Knowledge Transfer and Outlook. At the end of the exercise, BUK was ranked 3<sup>rd</sup> best in Nigeria and 401 to 500 globally. The Vice Chancellor stated that the management would not relent in its effort in ensuring that the university rose higher and higher in global ranking of universities.

**7.0 CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE AND STUDY FELLOWSHIP**

The management, during the period under review, resumed sponsorship and support for conferences and workshops for both teaching and non-teaching members of staff. The following table provides the summary of the number of staff that benefitted from TETFund intervention between 2021 and 2023.

YEAR	ACADEMIC STAFF TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT				CONFERENCE		
	International Training	Local Training	Bench work	Post-doctoral	Academic staff	Non-Teaching	
					International	International	Local
2021	7	5					
2022							
2023	3	13	3	6	5	4	44
2 <sup>nd</sup> Batch 2023 Pending					Pending 37		

**8.0 TETFUND PROJECTS**

**A) Completed**

- i. Construction and furnishing of 24-room postgraduate hostel, New Campus;
- ii. Construction and furnishing of 24-room undergraduate hostel, New Campus;
- iii. Construction and furnishing of Undergraduate female hostel, New Campus;
- iv. Construction of external works at male postgraduate, male and female undergraduate hostels;
- v. Supply and installation of laboratory equipment to School of General and Entrepreneurship Studies;
- vi. Supply and installation of Endourology and Urology laser surgical equipment at AKTH;
- vii. Supply and installation of Kidney transplant equipment at AKTH;
- viii. Supply and installation of Haemodialysis equipment at AKTH;
- ix. Supply and installation of Peritoneal dialysis equipment at AKTH;
- x. Website upgrade and ICT training;
- xi. Renovation, furnishing and equipping of Maths Department, Faculty of Veterinary Medicine Anatomy;
- xii. Renovation of Faculty of Education, New Campus; and
- xiii. Procurement of 18-seater bus (high roof automatic) for Centre for Renewable Energy, New Campus.



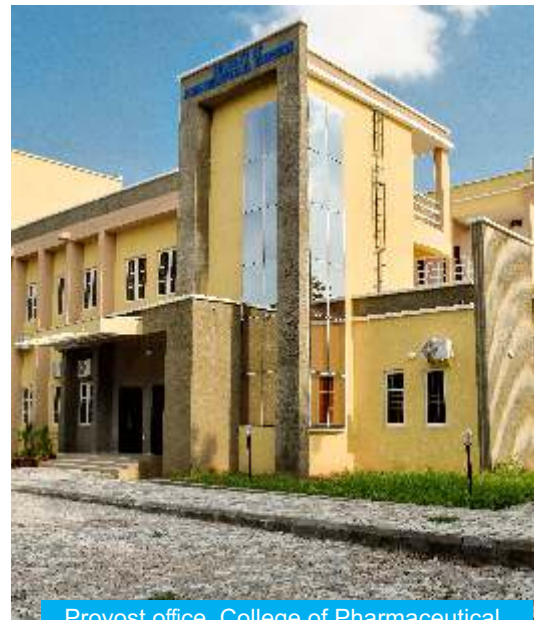
Postgraduate Hostel, New Campus

**B) Ongoing**

- i. Supply and installation of laboratory equipment for the establishment of laboratories at CIT, New Campus;
- ii. Supply of equipment for software development laboratory research and web laboratory for CIT, New Campus;
- iii. Supply of computer system and furniture for E-Resources Centre CIT, New Campus;
- iv. Upgrade of computing and information technology infrastructure at CIT, New Campus;
- v. Rehabilitation of Biochemistry Department Complex, Old Campus;
- vi. Procurement of E-Learning equipment safety/security device system upgrade for Centre for Renewable Energy, Studies and Training, New Campus;
- vii. Construction of Regional Innovation, Training and Entrepreneurship Hub Building at CDA – **World Bank project**;
- viii. Furnishing of Regional Innovation, Training and Entrepreneurship Hub Building at CDA – **World Bank CDA project**;
- ix. Construction of Africa Centre of Excellence for Population Health and Policy (ACEPHAP) Students Hostel at AKTH – **World Bank ACEPHAP project**;
- x. Furnishing of ACEPHAP students hostel at AKTH – **World Bank ACEPHAP project**;
- xi. Roads rehabilitation at Old and New Campuses.

**9.0 CAPITAL PROJECTS****A) Completed**

- i. Construction of the Office of Provost, College of Pharmaceutical Sciences at Old Campus;
- ii. Construction and furnishing of the Centre for Teaching and Learning, New Campus;
- iii. Construction of Dean's Office, Faculty of Basic Medical Sciences, Old Campus;
- iv. Construction and equipping of Micro-Teaching Laboratory in the Faculty of Education, New Campus;
- v. External works and furnishing of the Office of the Provost, College of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Old Campus;
- vi. Construction of the Provost Office, College of Natural and Pharmaceutical Sciences, Old Campus;
- vii. Construction of Department of Anatomy, New Campus; and
- viii. Installation of two transformers (over **N250 million each**) at the Old and New Campuses.



Provost office, College of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Old Campus

**B) Ongoing**

- i. Construction of Development Office, New Campus;
- ii. Construction of School of Postgraduate Studies (administrative and staff offices), New Campus;
- iii. Construction of School of Postgraduate Studies (syndicate and conference facilities), New Campus;
- iv. Construction of Centre for Information Technology (CIT), New Campus; and
- v. Construction of new Security Office, New Campus.

**10.0 CAPITAL PROJECTS FOR 2023**

- a) Rehabilitation of roads on the Campuses;
- b) Fencing of the New Campus; and
- c) Accommodation for External Council Members.

**11.0 THE 36<sup>TH</sup> & 37<sup>TH</sup> COMBINED CONVOCATION**

Since assuming duty in August 2020, the Vice Chancellor could not organize any convocation ceremony due to obvious reasons: COVID-19 pandemic and industrial action by staff unions. The management, however, in February 2023, organized a successful 36<sup>th</sup> & 37<sup>th</sup> staggered combined convocation. Over 40 Vice Chancellors from universities



ES, NUC, Prof. A.A Rasheed; Chairman Governing Council, Senator Udoma Udo Udoma; VC, Prof. Sagir A. Abbas and Registrar, Malam Jamil A. Salim, observing the national anthem



















across the federation participated in the grand finale that was held on Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup> February, 2023, which also witnessed the formal investiture of the former Chancellor of the University and the conferment of Honorary Doctor of Laws (Honoris Causa) on His Majesty Omo N'Oba N'Edo, Uku Akpolokpolo Ewuare II, N'Ogidigan, the Oba of Benin.

The staggered combined convocation began on Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> February, 2023 and ended on 11<sup>th</sup> February, 2023. During the first three days, Bayero University, Kano awarded Bachelor's degrees to **16,581** qualified candidates from 16 Faculties and the School of Continuing Education. The summary is presented below.

S/No.	Day	36 <sup>th</sup> – 2018/2019	37 <sup>th</sup> – 2019/2020	Grand Total
1	Tuesday	2, 807	2, 841	5, 648
2	Wednesday	2, 029	3, 750	5, 779
3	Thursday	2, 526	2, 628	5, 154
	<b>Totals</b>	<b>7, 362</b>	<b>9, 219</b>	<b>16, 581</b>

On the final day of the award of degrees – Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup> February, 2023 – the University conferred a total of **8,777** higher degrees and postgraduate diplomas on graduands who had successfully completed their postgraduate studies in this University, and who had been found worthy both in character and in learning. The summary is presented below:

S/N	SCHOOL	36 <sup>th</sup> – 2018/2019			37 <sup>th</sup> – 2019/2020			Grand Total
		Ph.D.	MBA	PGD	Ph.D.	MBA	PGD	
1	Dangote Business School	-	272	104	-	351	104	831
2	School of Postgraduate Studies	125	2, 258	912	234	3, 055	1, 362	7, 946
	<b>Totals</b>	125	2, 530	1, 016	234	3, 406	1, 466	8,777

It should be noted that **285** of the first degree graduands graduated with **First Class**; **359** of the higher degree graduands received **PhDs**; **5,936** received **Master's Degrees**; while Postgraduate Diplomas were conferred on **2,484** candidates.

Shortly after the convocation ceremony, the Federal Government announced a new Chancellor for the University to replace the Oba of Benin (the 4<sup>th</sup> Chancellor of BUK) who has been redeployed to the National Open University of Nigeria (NOUN) as Chancellor. Alhaji Sulu Gambari, the Emir of Ilorin, has been appointed as the 5<sup>th</sup> Chancellor of Bayero University, Kano. We look forward to welcoming our new Chancellor.

## 12.0 PERIMETER FENCING OF BUK NEW CAMPUS

In his speech at the grand finale of the 36<sup>th</sup> & 37<sup>th</sup> combined convocation, the Vice Chancellor appealed to the President and Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federal Republic of Nigeria to help in the perimeter fencing of the New Campus of the University. In his response, the Visitor, who was represented by Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, assured the University of his readiness to assist in providing perimeter fencing for the University, especially as a large portion of the university land had been encroached. The good news is that an allocation has been provided for the University in this regard in the 2023 Federal Budget, the Vice Chancellor announced during the meeting of the Congregation held on Saturday, 22<sup>nd</sup> July, 2023. The University cannot thank Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed enough for this intervention.

## 13.0 BUK GETS N250MASR–AFRICA GRANT

As part of management's effort to reach out to groups, public-spirited individuals and corporate organizations for support and assistance, the University was able to secure a grant of **N250 million** from the Abdussamad Rabiu Initiative (ASR-AFRICA).

The Vice Chancellor collected the award letter in Abuja on Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> February, 2023. The grant, according to the award letter, was in recognition of Bayero University's quality of service and the pedigree of its graduates nationally and internationally and BUK's position in the 2023 Ranking of World Universities by the Times Higher Education (THE) of the United Kingdom.

The letter also requested the University to submit a specific project proposal that meets the following criteria: **Impact**, **Relevance** and **Sustainability**.

The management had identified the project proposal for the grant. The management's target was to revive the broken-

down solar plant of the University, which has been down since the beginning of 2022. In its response, ASR-AFRICA has told the management to consider a new project since the government has not completed payment for the installation of the solar plant.

### **ON INDIGENT SCHOLARSHIP**

Concerned about the inability of some students to pay their registration fees, the Vice Chancellor, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas has embarked on a mission of contacting philanthropists to key into the University's Indigent Scholarship Scheme introduced over two decades ago. The aim is to come to the aid of indigent students. Already many wealthy individuals have responded to the solicitations made by the Vice Chancellor on the need to come to the aid of the needy students and have agreed to donate generously to the scheme in order to assist the indigent students.

Over 500 students have gotten sponsorships from various individuals and corporate bodies, notable among them were the Senator representing Kano Central, Senator Rufa'I Sani Hanga, who pledged to pay for 200 students. Alhaji Auwalu Abdullahi Rano, a business mogul also promised to sponsor students from the three senatorial districts of Kano State.

### **14.0 APPOINTMENTS OF BURSAR, UNIVERSITY LIBRARIAN AND ACTING REGISTRAR**

During the period under review, the offices of three principal officers of the University became vacant, beginning with the former University Librarian, Dr Musa Abdu Auyo, whose extended tenure ended on 31<sup>st</sup> January, 2023. It was followed by the former Bursar, Dr Suleiman Mohammed Bello, who completed his extended tenure on 19<sup>th</sup> March, 2023. Then the sudden death of the Registrar, Malam Jamil Ahmad Salim, on Wednesday, 26<sup>th</sup> April, 2023!

After following due process of the laws establishing the offices of Principal Officers of the University, the 14<sup>th</sup> Governing Council of the University, at its 7<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting held on Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> May, 2023, appointed Malam Rabi'u Dauda as the substantive Bursar of the University for a period of five years. Council, at the same meeting, appointed Dr Kabiru Dahiru Abbas as the University Librarian for a period of five years.

Similarly, as a result of the passing away of the former Registrar of the University, Malam Jamil Ahmad Salim, the 14<sup>th</sup> Governing Council at its 7<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting held on Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> May, 2023, approved the appointment of Hajiya Amina Umar Abdullahi as the Acting Registrar pending the appointment of a substantive Registrar for the University.

### **15.0 JAMB COMMENDS BUK FOR ADHERING TO STANDARDS IN ADMISSION POLICY**

The Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB) has commended Bayero University, Kano for adhering to standards in the conduct of its admissions exercise, describing the University as a pacesetter. In a commendation letter signed by the Registrar, Prof. Is-haq O. Oloyede, the Board applauded BUK's pursuit of standards in the Direct Entry admissions process. It noted that Bayero University had always gone to great lengths in verifying the Advanced Level qualifications presented by candidates to gain admission into its programmes. The measure, the Board noted, had helped to detect the use of fake certificates by some candidates who had been offered admission to the University.

“What is worthy of note,” the commendation read in part, “is that the infraction was not concealed within the institution but brought to the knowledge of the Board and other stakeholders. In view of the above, the Board wishes to acknowledge the fact that your institution has made a difference in the fight against forgery of certificates and it is hoped you will continue to make a difference,” the statement said.

Ladies and gentlemen, I have written to express our gratitude and to assure the Board that the University would not relent in its effort to continue to do the right thing.

### **16.0 SUBMISSION OF 103 PROGRAMMES ON 30% ADDITION TO CCMAS**

Since former Vice-President Yemi Osinbajo unveiled the 70% CCMAS developed by the Strategic Advisory Committee (STRADVCOM), under our own Prof. Abubakar Adamu Rasheed (immediate past Executive Secretary, NUC), the University community had been fully engaged with the development of the 30% addition to the CCMAS. Capacity-building workshops were organized for Deans of faculties which were also extended to the departments on how to develop courses for all the programmes in the University that are unique to our community, professional bodies and industries.

This is to inform the university community that the Senate Committee on 30 Per Cent Addition to CCMAS uploaded 103 programmes to the secretariat of CCMAS before the closure of the portal on 21<sup>st</sup> April, 2023 after following due process. The Committee reviewed all the submissions from departments through the Deans. The Committee further presented a clean report to the University Senate for approval before uploading it to the CCMAS portal. The Committee is currently waiting for CCMAS reviewers' comments on the submissions.

### 17.0 THE LOSS OF FORMER VICE CHANCELLOR

As you are all aware, Bayero University, Kano on Monday, 30<sup>th</sup> January, 2023 lost a former Vice Chancellor, Emeritus Professor Ibrahim H. Umar. The late Emeritus Professor Umar who served as the 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice-Chancellor of the University between 1979 and 1986 was a humble, simple and complete gentleman. The former Vice-Chancellor served the University and his motherland diligently. During his tenure as Vice-Chancellor of BUK, the late Emeritus Professor Umar handled the second phase of the development plan of the New Campus of the University, which included the completion of the administrative and academic buildings, student hostels, junior and senior staff quarters, access roads, among others. He was born on 20<sup>th</sup> May, 1941. He was survived by a wife and four children. May his soul rest in peace!

### 18.0 THE EXIT OF THE FORMER REGISTRAR

The news of the sudden death of the former Registrar, Malam Jamil Ahmad Salim, was a shock to the entire university community. He was in the office on Tuesday, 25<sup>th</sup> April, 2023 until about 6:00 p.m. when he went home. He was hale and hearty. Early on that fateful Tuesday, he was part of the management delegation I requested to pay a condolence visit to Alhaji Aminu Dantata who had lost his wife the previous week. He was as cheerful and as lively as always. In fact, I called and discussed with him around 10:00 p.m. only to be called around 3:30 a.m. to receive the heart-breaking news of his death.

I wish to note that since his appointment as Registrar by the 14<sup>th</sup> Governing Council, the late Registrar had been up and doing. His commitment, dedication to duty, assiduousness and enthusiasm to reform the Registry Department were beyond doubt. I have already completed all arrangements to restructure the registry by placing the right personnel at the right places to ensure equity and justice to the satisfaction of all. The late Registrar and I were working on two memos with regard to the position of Deputy Registrars for the consideration of the Council.

The University management, especially, will surely miss his wise counsel and astute administrative prowess. May Allah forgive him and bless him with *Jannatul Firdaus*.



Late Registrar, Malam Jamil A. Salim

### 19.0 CBN PLEDGES TO INSTALL ELEVATORS AT ABUBAKAR RASHEED SENATE BUILDING

The University community is very much aware that only one of the four elevators at the Abubakar Rasheed Senate Building was installed. The management has since been working tirelessly to ensure that the remaining three are equally installed to reduce the pressure on the existing one, which has on a few occasions developed glitches. The management has succeeded in getting the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) to complete the project for the University. The CBN has since awarded a contract worth millions of naira for the installation of all the four elevators.

During the formal handing over of the project site to the CBN, the representative of CBN, Alhaji Abdurrahman Nagode, an Assistant Director in the Procurement and Support Services Department, said the CBN approved the installation of the elevators as part of its policy of supporting tertiary institutions in the country. The project was awarded to Multitasking Enterprises Limited. The installation project commenced during the third quarter of last year but stopped abruptly early this year. The contractor has returned to the site and the installation process is ongoing.

### 20.0 AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR LIMITED REHABILITATION OF INTERNAL ROADS

The Federal Ministry of Work and Housing has approved the award of a contract for the limited rehabilitation of internal roads in the University to Messrs Citymart Integrated Services Limited at the cost of N488,100,100.50, with a completion period of three (3) months from the date of the signing of the contract agreement. The University secured the project from Honourable Abubakar Kabir Abubakar Bichi. He has been assisting the University with similar projects, as well as sponsoring many indigent students. The University appreciates him most sincerely.







**21.0 TRANSFORMERS FOR THE UNIVERSITY**

As part of management's effort in ensuring an adequate power supply for the University, the University secured the intervention of transformers from the Federal Ministry of Works and Housing. The Ministry awarded the contract for the provision/installation of 7.5MVA, 33KV/11KV and 5.0MVA, 33KV/11KV injection substation in the University. The Ministry of Works and Housing did all these under its 2021 Special Intervention projects. The Vice Chancellor has already announced that the Bill of Engineering Measurement and Evaluation for Injection Substation for Bayero University had been approved (as published in Federal Tenders Journal on Monday, 30<sup>th</sup> May, 2022). The installation has been completed. The University is currently discussing with KEDCO to put them to use.



New Transformers at the New Campus

**22.0 BANK OF INDUSTRY TO ESTABLISH TECHNOLOGY HUB IN BUK**

As part of his effort to reach out to corporate organizations and individuals for intervention in various aspects of technological and infrastructural development, the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Sagir Adamu Abbas, FMAN, contacted the Bank of Industry for assistance. The Bank of Industry readily accepted to establish a technology hub for skills acquisition in Bayero University, Kano aimed at promoting entrepreneurship amongst the youth.



Inside the former Senate Building

The General Manager in charge of Small Medium Scale Enterprises (North), Dr Rislanuddeen Muhammad, who made the pledge on behalf of the Bank of Industry, explained that the technology hub would be part of the corporate social responsibility of the bank. The bank, he said, would set up a facility aimed at providing co-working spaces with Internet, power and innovation programmes with a view to transforming Nigerian entrepreneurship.

According to the General Manager, the project was in line with the mission of the bank to transform Nigeria's industrial sector by providing financial



and business support services with a view to creating new businesses as well as thriving the existing ones, as government alone could not provide employment for everybody.

Dr. Muhammad disclosed that in addition to equipping the centre, the bank would also make available starter pack money which would be accessed by the beneficiaries at the end of their training programme in order to start a business.

The bank would be making an effort at encouraging the academia and researchers in order to support them convert their research output into bankable projects, start-ups and successful companies. The project, which is ongoing at the moment, is situated at the former Senate Chamber of the University.

### 23.0 TWO BUK ACADEMIC STAFF RECEIVE NATIONAL HONOURS

Former President Muhammadu Buhari on Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup> October, 2022 conferred National Honours on two academic staff of the University, Dr Bashir Aliyu Umar of the Department of Islamic Studies and Shari'ah and Dr Muhammad Sani Umar Rijiyar Lemo, Director of Centre for Islamic Civilization and Interfaith Dialogue (CICID).

Dr Bashir Aliyu Umar and Dr Muhammad Sani Umar were each decorated with the **Officer of the Order of the Niger (OON)** in recognition of their meritorious service to the nation.

The Vice Chancellor, on behalf of the University community, congratulated the honourees on this special national recognition and wished them more accolades in the foreseeable future.

### 24.0 BUK GETS ANOTHER CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE

Bayero University, Kano has bagged another Centre of Excellence, named TETFund Centre of Excellence in Sustainable Food Systems and Products. The Executive Director of the Forum for Agricultural Research in Africa (FARA), Dr Yemi Akinbamijo, disclosed this when he paid the Vice Chancellor a courtesy visit in his office on Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> October, 2022.

FARA is the apex continental organization responsible for coordinating and advocating agricultural research-for-development (AR4D). FARA is the designated technical arm of the African Union Commission on matters concerning agricultural science, technology and innovation.

In the spirit of strengthening the continental human capital for agricultural science, technology and innovation, FARA and the Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund) of Nigeria are jointly implementing a Brazilian component of a fellowship programme known as the Agricultural Research and Innovation Fellowship for Africa (ARIFA).

The Vice Chancellor, Prof. Sagir A. Abbas nominated Professor Amina Mustapha as Director of the TETFund Centre of Excellence in Sustainable Food Systems and Products and Dr Hauwa Ladi Yusuf as Faculty Focal Lead (FFL) – two key officials of the ARIFA Engagement Mission, as requested by FARA.

The programme aims at the production of a new generation of a 'fit-for-purpose' workforce to re-engineer the African agro-food sector. The aim is to prepare the cohort for a world-class tailor-made postgraduate programme with a view to obtaining an MSc and PhD in the Brazilian faculties of Agriculture.

In 2020 TETFund established six agriculture-based Centres of Excellence (CoEs) across the geographical regions of Nigeria. BUK's Centre for Dryland Agriculture was one of them and has since continued to play a leading role.

In 2022, seven additional CoEs were introduced, which included the 'TETFund Centre of Excellence in Sustainable Food Systems and Products' hosted by the Faculty of Agriculture, Bayero University Kano.

The **Rationale** of the new Centre is to promote and improve innovation in research, and to create sustainable entrepreneurship in food systems and food products; its **Mission** is to improve food systems in Nigeria, through inclusive research and innovation; and its **Vision** is to be a leading Centre that will drive food system transformation in Nigeria.

**Goals and objectives:** The goal of the Centre will be to address the challenges in food systems through harnessing partnerships, training, entrepreneurship, and productivity for sustainable food security in Nigeria. The objectives of the Centre will be to:

- a. Improve food production, nutrition and distribution systems
- b. Facilitate new design and upgrade of food processes and equipment
- c. Improve the food systems using biotechnology and genetic approaches
- d. Improve post-harvest management and food safety
- e. Improve the food systems using wildlife and under-utilized food resources
- f. Enhance the livelihood and nutrition of households

## 25.0 DONATION OF BROADBAND INFRASTRUCTURE FOR UNLIMITED INTERNET CONNECTIVITY FOR BUK

During the period under review, Bayero University was selected as one of the 18 beneficiary tertiary institutions across the country to enjoy the provision of broadband infrastructure that will guarantee unlimited and uninterrupted access to Internet connectivity.

The former Minister of Communications and Digital Economy, Prof. Isa Ali Ibrahim Pantami, who made the disclosure at the launch of the programme in Abuja on 24<sup>th</sup> November, 2022, noted that the project was in fulfilment of one of the pillars of the National Digital Economy Policy and Strategy (NDEPS 2020-2030) initiated by the Ministry of Communications and Digital Economy. The former Minister noted that digital connectivity and expanding access to information – under the Digital Literacy Skills of the Federal Government – would play a key role in boosting the economy of the country.

Members of the University community may wish to know that the award of the project will go a long way towards assisting the University in its deliberate, but gradual, policy of migrating to online teaching.

The Vice Chancellor informed the management that the former Minister of Communications and Digital Economy had announced the allocation of **100** brand new computers and their accessories to the University as part of the promise he made to him during his visit to the Minister's office early this year requesting the provision of broadband infrastructure and some computers. The 100 computers, no doubt, will boost staff productivity and efficiency.

## 26.0 EARTH DAM PROJECT ON THE NEW CAMPUS

The Vice Chancellor, Prof. Sagir A. Abbas, has continued ceaselessly to address some of the foremost problems facing the University, such as the water supply on the New Campus. He successfully reached out to the Federal Ministry of Water Resources for intervention in that regard. He specifically requested Earth Dam and boreholes on the New Campus. The Ministry accepted his request by sending a team of experts to assess the situation. From the preliminary report given by the team, they indicated that the earth dam was possible. The Ministry of Water Resources requested the university to direct its request for bore holes to Hadejia Jamaare River Basin Development Authority. The request yielded results. They offered to give us five tube wells in the university before the end of the year, which they did across both campuses of the University. The engineers from Hadejia Jamaare River Basin Development Authority were given access to locate the best places for better yield.

The earth dam project, according to the Vice Chancellor, had been captured in the 2023 Budget. Sadly, however, when contractors saddled with the responsibility to start work got to the site, they were attacked by the neighbouring community. A number of the workers were badly injured. As a result of this, the contractors suspended work on the project. The case has been reported to the police. Investigations are still ongoing on the matter.

## 27.0 DONATION OF VETERINARY CLINICS BY FEDERAL MINISTRY OF AGRIC.

The Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development has donated a veterinary clinic and primary animal health service centre to the University. The two clinics were commissioned on Tuesday, 25<sup>th</sup> July, 2023 at the New Campus.

During the commissioning, the Vice Chancellor – who was represented by the DVC Academics, Prof. Sani Muhammad Gumel – said that the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine was the youngest in the University. He noted that because Kano State was known for animal husbandry and veterinary care, the new Faculty would be of great importance to the community and the state as a whole. He expressed appreciation to the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development for its commitment in ensuring that the projects were completed as planned.



Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Care

In his response, Malam Isyaku Hotoro, the Kano State Coordinator, Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, said the ministry was happy to formally hand over the two clinics to the University in the hope that the clinics would assist the University in the provision of an environment conducive to teaching and learning.

## 28.0 WAR AGAINST INCIDENCE OF THEFT ON CAMPUS

Worried by the incidence of theft on the campuses of the University – including offices and staff quarters – the Vice Chancellor, Professor Sagir A. Abbas, summoned an emergency security meeting involving Principal Officers and the Director of Security Division on Sunday, 18<sup>th</sup> September, 2022 to brainstorm on strategies to address the incessant menace that has been troubling the University for quite a long time.

It was resolved at the meeting that the Security Division should intensify its surveillance in all strategic locations and beef up security in order to address the problem. The meeting also tasked the Director of Security and his team to re-strategize their duties and work towards protecting the property of the university. The meeting also warned security personnel against negligence, noting that any staff found guilty would not be spared.

In a related development, the Vice Chancellor summoned another emergency meeting with heads of outsourced security firms engaged by the University on Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> September, 2022. He informed them that the renewal of their contract services would depend, largely, on excellent performance. He charged them to face their work professionally, warning that the University would not condone laxity and that the security companies would take responsibility for any theft or damage incurred in the areas of their jurisdiction.

As part of measures to improve the operations of the security personnel, the Vice Chancellor assured them that the management would organize special training for them with a view to making them more proactive. Within the period under review, the management employed more male and female security personnel to man the Old Campus.

### 29.0 CHECKMATING HERDERS' MENACE ON THE CAMPUS

The threat posed by the menace of herders on the campus has been a recurring issue, as they invade the campus at all times ravaging almost everything they come across, including threatening the lives and property of members of the University community. Although the University security operatives, in collaboration with members of vigilante group engaged by the management, have been trying to contain the situation by arresting some of the recalcitrant herders and charging some of them to court, the menace does not seem to show any sign of abating. Consequently, the management, based on the advice of the State Commissioner of Police, is on the verge of engaging a specialised team known as **Nigerian Hunters and Forest Security Service**. This team, which is officially authorised to bear certain categories of arms, is to be deployed to strategic locations along the boundaries of the University where they will be based on a twenty-four-hour deployment, specifically to checkmate incursion of herders and other criminal elements.

It is, therefore, management's hope that this team will be a game changer in the fight against the menace of herders and will also help in strengthening the general security of the University. The team comprises hunters and other operatives that have undergone training with military and other security agencies, and its service is being engaged by many tertiary institutions and other organisations in parts of the country. Specifically, this team when engaged will work directly under the Security Division of the University, with supervision of the Divisional Police Officer, Rijiyar Zaki.

### 30.0 SHORTAGE OF DRUGS AT THE UNIVERSITY CLINICS

The BUK Clinics have been going through tough times with regard to the provision of drugs in recent times. According to the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Sagir Adamu Abbas, the management of the University was very much aware of the problem, adding that it was doing its best in the circumstances it had found itself. At the same time, management was working hard to address the problem.

The Vice Chancellor explained that the University clinics were operating under annual budgetary allocation for the provisions of drugs. University staff members, he said, got drugs either through the National Health Insurance Scheme (NHIS) or from the University.

The Vice Chancellor said, "The appointment of vendors for the supply of drugs on NHIS is the prerogative of the Federal Government. There are two means of providing drugs. By law, the University is expected to buy generic drugs."

The Vice Chancellor explained that there were no budget provisions for drugs in 2022 and 2023, but the University had been providing drugs even beyond 2021. He said drugs were budgeted for in 2021 and that the management had been doing its best in the face of the financial crisis the University had been going through.

### 31.0 THE RETURN OF PROFESSOR ABUBAKAR ADAMU RASHEED

The Vice Chancellor, Prof. Sagir A. Rasheed, at the 56<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Congregation, held on Saturday, 22<sup>nd</sup> July, 2023 announced the return of Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed to the University.

"I am profoundly overjoyed to formally announce the return of our own Prof. Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, the immediate past Executive Secretary of the National Universities Commission



VC, Prof. S.A Abbas presenting an award to former NUC E.S, Prof. Abubakar Adamu Rasheed when he returns to BUK



(NUC), to the University to continue from where he stopped as academic staff of the University,” the Vice Chancellor said.

It was against this background that the management decided to celebrate the 'Architect of Modern Day Bayero University' by organizing a reception in his honour at the Convocation Arena on Saturday, 8<sup>th</sup> July, 2023. Participants included former Vice Chancellors, current and former Principal Officers, Provosts, Deans, Directors and Heads of Department. He wished Prof. Abubakar A. Rasheed good health and a successful career.

### 32.0 PALLIATIVE FOR STAFF

The Vice Chancellor, Prof. Sagir A. Abbas, at the 56<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Congregation, stated in his opening address that the university staff members were going through serious economic problems against the backdrop of the country's harsh financial crises, as a result of the withdrawal of subsidy on petroleum products. That, he said, had given birth to the increase in the price of petroleum products and other things including the registration fees of students.

Considering the financial situation affecting members of the university community, the Vice Chancellor said management was coming up with the following interventions:

- 1) **Food Intervention:** The University management, the Vice Chancellor said, would provide seed money to Bayero University Cooperative Committee to purchase foodstuff for interested members of staff, payable within six months.
- 2) **Loan for Staff:** The Vice Chancellor noted that some staff with two or more children would find it difficult to pay for their children's registration fees. The management, he said, was devising a means to assist by way of a staff loan payable in six months. The loan would be obtainable from the Microfinance Bank of the University. The arrangement, he said, had been concluded. It should be noted that the interest derivable from the loan by the Bank would be paid by the University. This means the staff involved would have an interest-free loan. The measure, he said, would go a long way towards cushioning the effect of the increased registration fees on our staff members.
- 3) **Transportation for Staff:** Management is currently providing transportation to assist staff members. Transport is made available at Zoo Road to convey staff to the New Campus via Old Campus. The buses operate between **8:00** and **10:00** in the morning and between **4:00** and **6:00** in the afternoon. This arrangement, according to the Vice Chancellor, would reduce the difficulty in transportation experienced by members of staff.
- 4) **Junior Staff:** The Vice Chancellor disclosed that the university would purchase bicycles and give them out as loans payable in nine months to help the junior staff cushion the effect of the hike in transportation fares.
- 5) **Special Arrangement for Students:** The management, according to the Vice Chancellor, was also making a special arrangement with the Kano State Government for the provision of transport for the students to take off from Kano City to our campuses at affordable cost. The arrangement would be announced in due course.
- 6) **Waiver for Staff:** The Vice Chancellor also announced a waiver for staff living in staff quarters. He said management had agreed to a waiver of 8 months' water and electricity bills for members of staff occupying houses belonging to the university. Those who had already paid, the VC said, would be refunded. All these were aimed at reducing the hardship faced by both staff and students of the University.

### 33.0 CONCLUSION: A WORD FROM THE VICE-CHANCELLOR

“The 2023 promotion exercise will be conducted as soon as the 15<sup>th</sup> Governing Council is constituted. Members of the University community may recall that the Federal Government recently dissolved all Boards of MDAs, including Governing Councils of federal universities. The Central Appointments and Promotions Committee (A&PC) would meet soon to conclude the exercise. Meanwhile, the Registry Appointments and Promotions Committee had concluded its exercise. Members of staff – teaching and non-teaching, senior and junior – who have the necessary requirements for promotion would be considered accordingly. Promotions requiring assessment have all been sent. In fact, a good number of the assessments are back. I will make a submission to Council as soon as the Federal Government reconstitutes the Governing Council.

“Distinguished members of the Bayero University community, in spite of the challenges the University faces in terms of financial constraints, the university is progressing positively. This has been possible as a result of the collective efforts of the staff, friends and well-wishers of the University. I frankly appreciate all of you. All praises are due to Allah who has continued to guide and guard us through these difficult times. The students also deserve our commendation for the peaceful manner they have conducted themselves in the face of the unpleasant situation in which we have all found ourselves. Staff unions in the University have also demonstrated their commitment and love for the development of the University. I thank you all for your understanding. Together we will march towards repositioning Bayero University, Kano. Let me assure you all that the management will continue to protect the interest and welfare of all members of the University community. With the remaining two years of my tenure, I crave your indulgence in the task ahead. Bayero University remains the centrepiece of my administration: its progress, its rise to international height, its vision and mission must be the watchword of our thoughts so that together we'll scale through the hurdles.”

