



COMMENCEMENT OF 2022/2023 ACADEMIC SESSION FOR UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMMES

The Management of Bayero University, Kano has directed **Monday, 10th July, 2023** for the commencement of 2022/2023 academic session for undergraduate programmes as approved by the Senate.

Below is the academic calendar:

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

Eid-el-Kabir: BUK Imams Call for Sacrifice, Brotherhood

By Lamara Garba

The Chief Imam of Bayero University, Kano Jumu'at Mosque, Professor Abubakar has called for total sacrifice and understanding amongst the populace as a way of overcoming the crises facing the society.

In his sermon on Wednesday, 28th June 2023 at the Eid ground at BUK Juma'at Mosque to mark Eid-Kabir prayer, the Imam explained that the life of a Muslim is all about sacrifice without which the society would be in chaos.

“Islamic religion is all about sacrifice. It was these sacrifices by the Holy Prophets and the companion as well as other righteous that made the religion to grow and reach this level, therefore, in order to have a good living everyone must show sacrifice, to the Almighty and to the religion,” he declared.



Prof. Sani Musa Ayagi Imam of Old Campus delivering his his sermon

He noted that, the Eid-el Adha is teaching about sacrifice as enshrined in the Holy Qur'an when Allah Subhanahu



Prof. Auwal Abubakar delivering his sermon at BUK New Campus Mosque

Wata'ala in the case of Prophet Ibrahim (AS) and his son Prophet Ismail (AS). Therefore, we must all adhere to its

teaching so as to have a better society.

Professor Abubakar disclosed that Nigeria more than any other time needs all and sundry to develop the habit of sacrifice and brotherhood, explaining that we all have a case to answer before the Almighty Allah on how we live in this world, therefore, the earlier we change our attitude the better for us here and in the hereafter.

Also in his sermon, the Imam of Old Campus Juma'at Mosque, Professor Sani Musa Ayagi, advised that Muslims should exhibit good conduct at all times for a better and peaceful living. "Muslims are known for their sacrifice, unity, good conduct and love of one another and we should be seen to adhere to these twin principles."

According to Professor Ayagi, good conduct leads to understanding and harmonious living amongst the populace which in turn promote unity and brotherhood. He charged Muslims to imbibe the spirit of helping one another. He equally called for all to join hands in the fight against begging, unemployment and war against drugs abuse and alcoholism amongst youth.

In addition, he said family setting is paramount in the society. Men should show pity on their wives and children so also the children on their father, by so doing there would good understand.

VC Reiterates Commitment to University's Growth

By Lamara Garba

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas has reiterated his commitment to making the university great, just as he commended staff for their understanding and sacrifice, saying the management is poised to ensure value for all its action.

In his sallah message to members of the university community, Professor Abbas noted that the University required utmost sacrifice and understanding of all as the management was striving hard to make life comfortable and develop the institution as one of the best in the country.

He said the economic situation in the country had changed many things and therefore, it became imperative for everyone to show commitment and understanding, explaining that "we should all be vigilant and help in guiding and protecting university property."

The Vice Chancellor while appreciating the level of support and understanding he received from members of staff, noted with delight that, Bayero University had been one of the best in the country in terms of provision of quality teaching.

In particular, he said as the Eid-el-Kabir is teaching sacrifice and understanding, he implored staff to redouble

efforts in their sacrifice. "For us to reap a good harvest in the hereafter, we must imbibe the spirit of sacrifice and good conduct while we are alive."

He noted that, on its part, the management would do everything humanly possible to consolidate on its gains and improve on its services. "We shall continue to serve the University diligently with a view to getting value for all that we do."



The VC, Prof. S.A. Abbas responding to questions from journalists after the eid prayer

UK Based Quality Assurance Agency Evaluates BUK Programmes for International Accreditation

By Nura Garba



VC, Prof. Sagir Abbas (2nd left) making presentation during the virtual evaluation of BUK programmes by QAA

A United Kingdom based Quality Assurance Agency has evaluated Bayero University, Kano programmes for international accreditation.

The Quality Assurance Agency for Higher Education, usually referred to simply as the Quality Assurance Agency or **QAA** is the UK higher education sector's independent expert quality body, with a remit to maintain and enhance the quality of teaching and learning in tertiary education in the UK and beyond. It conducts quality assessment reviews, develops reference points and guidance for providers, and conducts or commissions research on relevant issues.

The QAA experts, Julian Ellis and Dr Yue Song conducted various sessions of question and answer on the university's programmes, teacher-student relationship, accreditation, academic planning and programme review among others.

They had sessions with the university management, staff and students as well as having sessions on the physical infrastructures, laboratory equipment and many others.

Vice Chancellor, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas while responding to questions from QAA, said Bayero University has grown in leaps and bounds with 15 research centres, 18 faculties, 92 departments, 99 undergraduate programmes, 25 part-time undergraduate programmes and 200 postgraduate programmes. He said the University has a total of 45,810 students.

The University he said was ranked as the 4th best university in Nigeria by the Times Higher Education, UK and 1,016 globally.

He explained that in whatever the university is doing, it follows the due process and laid down procedure either in programme review, accreditation exercise, staff recruitment and examinations.

The Vice Chancellor told the QAA experts that the University has a number of collaboration and partnership with institutions, corporate bodies and agencies especially in Europe and they are conducting joint research activities together/ He added that Bayero University has students from many countries in West and Central Africa and other regions.

On choosing QAA to evaluate and accredit the University programmes, the Vice Chancellor said international quality review ensures that institutions meet and maintain international standard and the review helps potential students and their families to have certain level of trust on the institution.

He said accreditation leads to accountability and higher levels of quality education and that meeting standards attract new students and more collaborators.

There had been a virtual tour of facilities that include physical infrastructure, laboratory equipment and recreation centres, which the Deputy Vice Chancellor, Academics, Professor Sani Mohammed Gumel made a presentation and responded to questions asked.

Other questions were answered by the Director CDA, Professor Jibrin Mohammed Jibrin, Director Academic Planning, Professor Haruna Musa. And Deputy Director Strategic Planning and Monitoring, Directorate of Academic Planning and Dr Yusuf Garba.

The accreditation was facilitated by Centre for Dryland Agriculture (CDA) and Africa Centre for Population Health and Policy (ACEPHAP) led by the Directorate of Academic Planning Director CDA, Prof Jibrin M. Jibrin, as part of the mandate of Disbursement Linked Indicators (DLI7) by the World Bank which calls for Africa Centres of Excellence to drive international accreditation in their institutions.

CDA Celebrates Sallah with Regional Students

By Nura Garba

Centre for Dryland Agriculture (CDA) has celebrated Eid-el-Kabir with its regional students as part of its effort to strengthen relationship with students.

The regional students who were visibly elated with the goodwill gesture of CDA, remarked that the Sallah celebration was well spent as they ate the famous sallah meat and interacted with their supervisors and colleagues.

Celestin THIOMBIANO, PhD student from Burkina Faso expressed gratitude to the CDA for organizing such a reception in their honour and said that the joy and happiness could not be overemphasized. "Today is our Sallah and we are enjoying it with every sense of happiness and glamour," said he.

"It was quite a rewarding experience to sit and eat with the CDA staff. We have learnt a lot and even after going back home, we will keep something in our minds about what CDA did to us. The network would indeed be fruitful and beneficial, said Paulo Goba, a PhD student of Natural Resources Management and Climate Change from Mozambique.

A PhD student from Ethiopia, Fenet Belay, said they had really enjoyed the meat and the food provided by the CDA, saying that the Ethiopians wished all Muslims happy eid-el-kabir celebration.

Tumano Djaidja from Cameroun said she must thank the CDA for organizing Sallah celebration and said they enjoyed every moment of the get-together organized by the centre. She congratulated the Muslim community for celebrating the festive period.

Zainab I. Drame from Mali, who studies PhD in Livelihood and Natural Resources Economics, said all the regional students are happy with the positive treatment

with the CDA and organizing Sallah celebration to eat and drink with the staff was another important step to streamline the already established positive relationship.

Maimuna Nahaman, a PhD student of Natural Resources Management and Climate from Niger Republic was full of praises to the CDA staff whom she said have been making their stay in Nigeria easier. She expressed their gratitude over the cordial relationship between teachers and students.

Another PhD student of Natural Resources Management and Climate Change from Senegal, Momath Diankha CDA gave them a positive impression the first day they came to Nigeria. He said coming together to celebrate Sallah showed how they were highly valued and respected. He said on behalf of all Senegalese students, they remained indebted to the CDA.

While welcoming the regional students earlier, the Director CDA, Professor Jibrin Mohammed Jibrin, said the Centre has organized the ceremony for the regional students to share the moment of festive period.

The Director, who was represented by the CDA-ACE Project Manager, Dr. Yusuf Garba, said it was not a moment of long speech, but an avenue to eat food and meat and interact with one another. He said the CDA felt that it was paramount to bring the regional students together to celebrate the sallah with their supervisors and CDA staff as part of the Centre's effort in boosting relationship with the students.

He further called on the students to network among themselves since they have come from different countries.

The ceremony took place on Thursday, 29th June, 2023 at the entrance of M-Block, Old Campus.

Present at the occasion were Dr Yusuf Garba, Dr Murtala Muhammad Badamasi, Dr Aminu Fagge, Dr Amina L. Mustapha, Abbas Liman, Aliyu Sani Zubairu and Communication Officer, Nura Garba.



Sallah celebration with regional students in picture

Alleged Examination Misconduct: **BUK Expels 26 Students , Rusticates 13, Exonerates 6**

By Lamara Garba



The Senate of Bayero University, Kano has expelled 26 students for their alleged involvement in various examinations misconduct. This formed part of the major decisions adopted at the 405th Meeting of the Senate held on Monday, 19th June, 2023.

Upon submission from the Senate Committee on Examination Misconduct and Leakages, the following 26 candidates were expelled for being involved in examinations misconduct in accordance with Category 20:17 (Ai, iii, iv, v, vi, vii x xii and xiii) General Examinations and Academic Regulations (GEAR) and 3.4.2(Ai - xi) General Regulations Governing Postgraduate Studies (GRGPS) as the case may be," said the statement.

The breakdown of the expelled students indicates that, School of Continuing Education had the largest number with six students followed by the Faculty of Engineering with five candidates. Faculty of Education had four candidates and Faculty of Earth and Environmental Sciences had three candidates while Faculty of Basic Medical Sciences had two candidates respectively.

Equally, Faculties of Agriculture, Allied Health Sciences, Arts and Islamic Studies, Communication, Social and

Management Sciences had one candidate each.

In the same vein, one postgraduate student along with twelve other under graduate candidates were rusticated for two or one semesters accordingly, for being involved in examinations misconduct in accordance with Category 20:17(Bi - Bv) General Examinations and Academic Regulations (GEAR) and 3.4.2(Bi - xi) General Regulations Governing Postgraduate Studies (GRGPS) as the case may be.

The affected rusticated candidates are from the School of Postgraduate Studies, School of Continuing Education, Faculties of Education, Faculties of Arts and Islamic Studies, Communication, Computing, Engineering and Management Sciences.

Also, thirteen other candidates were warned for being involved in examinations misconduct in accordance with Category 20:17(Ci - v) as the case may be. The breakdown showed that two candidates are from the School of Postgraduate Studies, five from the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences, two from Engineering and one each from the Faculties of Allied Health Sciences, Basic Medical Sciences, School of Continuing Education and Faculty of Science.

Accordingly, the Senate had directed their respective departments to release their results for consideration of Senate Business Committee (SBC).

In another development, the following were exonerated as case of examination misconduct could not be established against them. Consequently, their respective departments were requested to release their results for consideration of Senate Business Committee (SBC). The exonerated candidates are:

1. CMM/20/INF/00672 – Amina Sani Dauda
2. CST/14/COM/00968 – Yusif Abdullahi Idris
3. SCI/15/IDC/00039 – Sahar Salma Bukar
4. SCI/16/IDC/00410 – Jamila Ibrahim Babayo
5. PSC/19/IDC/00675 – Aisha Idris Muhammad
6. PSC/19/IDC/00631 – Abdullahi Salisu Salisu

The Senate also directed that the cases of eight other candidates were deferred and their faculties were requested to re-investigate and re-present for consideration. The candidates are as follows:

1. BMS/21/ANT/00599 – Abdullahi Habib Ibrahim
2. BMS/20/ANT/00589 – Usman Salisu Madaki

3. EDU/19/SPE/00433 – Abdul Tijjani Aliyu
4. EDU/18/BSC/00710 – Muhammad Nasidi
5. ENG/17/PET/00282 – Maimuna Lawal Garba
6. PHA/18/PHA/00103 – Khalid Bashir Abdurrahman
7. PHA/17/PHA/00274 – Yasir Bashir Sani
8. SCE/17/ARB/00043 – Jamila Aliyu

It revealed that candidate FMS/19/BFN/00181 – Yusuf Balkis Onono was exonerated and graded incomplete in ACC2203 (Cost Accounting) on compassionate grounds. The Directorate of Examinations, Admissions and Records was directed to prepare and release the result of Candidate Shuaibu Usman Jama'a - FAIS/91/24154, his date of graduation to reflect his actual date of senate approval.

The Senate had equally upheld its earlier decision of withdrawal of another six students from the Faculties of Social and Management Science, Law, Science and Allied Health Sciences for lack of merit. Other decisions are that the Senate had declined the appeal in respect of Candidate – SPS/18/MST/00011 – Maryam Muhammad Jibia noting that the appeal did not warrant further action while the Case of Candidate SPS/17/MDS/00112 – Samira Suleiman Dauda was stepped down pending further investigation.

Class 2008 Donates Computer, Projector, Accessories to Department of Sociology

By Adamu Garba

Members of Class 2008 from the Department of Sociology on Monday, 26th June, 2023 donated equipment worth one million naira to the Department in an effort to enhance teaching and learning in the University.

The items donated were a set of desktop computer, overhead project, projector screen, 3 cartons of A4 paper, 5 packets of whiteboard marker, 2 cartoons of Air freshener, 2 cartons of viva/kiln detergent, 2 cartoon of liquid wash and 1 carton of sachet hypo.

While presenting the materials, the Ag. Chairman of the Local Organizing Committee, Bashir Hassan Muhammad, said the donation was part of the event to commemorate their 14 years of graduation and to assist in improving teaching and learning in the Department.

Receiving the donation, the Head of Department, Dr. Sabiu Zakari Yarima, thanked the donors for the kind gesture and promised that the equipment would be utilized judiciously.

Also commenting, Prof. Muhammad Haruna Awaisu, described the visit as a home coming for the students who were produced by the Department.

On his part, Prof. Ismaila M. Zango commended the donors for their commitment in building a synergy between them and the Department, stressing that the donation was apt and

timely because the University now needs its alma-mata more than ever before because of the difficult financial situation Nigerian universities were facing.

Prof. Bello Ibrahim also commended the donors and hoped they would continue to be good ambassadors of the



Department wherever they found themselves.

Prof. Aminu Dukku in his remarks thanked the donors for the kind gesture and called on other students to emulate.

TETFund National Research Fund Screening and Monitoring Team Visits BUK

By Fausat A. Opayomi

The TETFund National Research Fund Screening and Monitoring Team has Paid a courtesy call on the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Sagir Adamu Abbas on Friday 23rd June, 2023 at the VC's board room.

Giving the background of the visit, the Director, Directorate of Research Innovation and Partnership (DRIP) Prof. I. A. Rufai, said the team was in BUK to monitor and evaluate five out of the 14 research projects that were being funded by TETFund since 2020.

Speaking on behalf of the team, the team leader, Professor Sunday Agang said the NRF team was in the University to see how the research funds were utilized. He said BUK was unique in terms of mindset about academics and also followed the legacy of late Mallam Aminu Kano, adding that BUK 'is the kind of University Nigeria needs most especially in the northern region.'

He thanked the Vice Chancellor and the management for the warm reception accorded them and looked forward

to seeing the product of researches that researchers have carried out.

In his address, the Vice Chancellor, prof. Sagir Adamu Abbas who was represented by the Deputy Vice Chancellor, Academics, Prof. Sani Muhammad Gumel expressed his delight over the kind words and favorable comments coming from the TETFund team.

Prof. Sagir Abass disclosed that BUK has 18 faculties, 94 departments, 19 centers among which Center for Dry land Agriculture and Africa Center of Excellence for Population and Health Policy (ACEPHAP) are African Center of excellences (ACE), adding that Centre for Renewable Energy has received a grant of 1 billion naira.

He said BUK as a result of the importance attached to research has a Directorate of Research Innovation and Partnership and the Director of the center is the coordinator for all research projects despite the multidisciplinary nature of the research.



TETFund NRF team in a group photograph with BUK Management



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