



BUK Inducts 87 Newly Qualified Doctors, 16 Dentists

By Suleiman Salihu



Cross section of inductees taking oath of allegiance

The Bayero University, Kano has inducted 87 newly qualified Medical Doctors and 16 Dentists from the Faculties of Clinical Sciences and Dentistry of the College of Health Sciences (CHS).

The induction ceremony, which took place on Tuesday, 14th May, 2024 at Mahmud Tukur Theatre, Old Campus, marked the 23rd induction for MBBS and 9th Bachelor of Dental Surgery (BDS) in the University.

While administering the oath of allegiance to the inductees, the Registrar, Medical and Dental Council of Nigeria (MDCN), Dr. Fatima Kyari, told the new doctors that by the oath they had taken, they must abide by rules and regulations governing the professions. She enjoined them to respect their senior colleagues and treat their patients with utmost respect and confidence.

Dr. Kyari, while congratulating the new doctors on the induction, disclosed that portal for horsemanship had been introduced by the Council for selection of any of the 113

available hospitals across the federation, adding that those who were willing to choose either of the private or state owned hospitals were free to do so.

In his remarks, the Chairman of the occasion, the Acting Chief Medical Director, Aminu Kano Teaching Hospital (AKTH), Professor Auwalu Umar Gajida, congratulated the new doctors and admonished them on the ethics of the profession, adding that they were trained to save lives.

He said the AKTH was committed towards improving the facilities for training doctors, adding that the AKTH awaited its selection through the MDCN portal by the new doctors during their internship.

In his speech, the Medical Elder, Professor Ibrahim Adamu Yakasai, *mni*, who spoke on *Medical Education*, admonished and educated the new doctors to continue to take their studies seriously, attend conferences, seek mentorship and treat their patients with respect and humility. He also tasked them to go to work early and have



DVC Management Services, Prof. Mahmoud Umar Sani (left) presenting a certificate to overall best graduating Dentist, Dr. Fatima Isma'il Yusuf

time for relaxation. He stressed that “a minute in medical profession is between life and death,” Prof. Yakasai, *mni*, has stressed.

Prof Yakasai informed the new doctors that they have the choice of places to work either to join the University and become lecturers or join the federal or state government to become administrators. They could as well join Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) or even join the military force, according to Prof Yakasai.

Welcoming the new doctors to their professional associations, the chairmen of the Nigerian Medical Association (NMA) Kano, Branch, Dr. Abdullahi Kabir Suleiman and Dental Association, Dr. Mashood Oyenyin, advised the new doctors to obey the rules and regulations of the practice.

Also speaking, the representative of the Ministry of Health, Kano State, Dr. Bashir Usman celebrated the new doctors and informed them that the state government is committed towards improving the health sector. He advised the inductees to select the Ministry in doing their internships.

In his remark, the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas on behalf of the Management and staff of the University, congratulated the graduands, lecturers, parents and well-wishers on the 9th BDS and 23rd MBBS induction ceremony.

The Vice-Chancellor, who was represented by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Management Services, Prof. Mahmoud Umar Sani, described the induction of the new doctors as timely, when the country is in dire need of their services especially in this era that brain-drain took away many of

young bright minds.

He encouraged the new doctors at the beginning of their service to humanity to join their senior colleagues and medical elders to contribute to the success of the profession.

Prof. Abbas tasked the new doctors to show respect, dedication, save lives, dignity, and honour as the profession commanded. He then charged them to always remember their *alma-mater*, Bayero University, Kano wherever they find themselves.

Earlier, in her welcome address, the Provost, College of Health Sciences, Prof. Aisha Kuliya-Kwarzo advised them to continue to learn empathy, respect elders, patients and uphold secret of information that would be given to them by the patients.

Prof. Kuliya-Gwarzo also charged the inductees to always develop their interpersonal relationship to make positive impact with the diverse health care work-force. She also advised the new doctors to collaborate and possess strong skills that would enable them to navigate positively through their careers.

In their separate remarks, the Class Captains of the MBBS and BDS, Dr. Muhammad Murtala Abdullahi and Dr. Abdurrazak Ka'abu Adam, who spoke on behalf of the inductees, thanked the University management, parents and lecturers for their support and prayers and advised their colleagues to be resilient, curious and kind in the discharge of their duties.

Dr. Muhammd Murtala Abdullahi emerged the overall best graduating MBBS student and Dr. Fatima Ismail Yusuf bagged the overall best student in BDS programme.

Qatar Foundation to Award Scholarship to BUK Indigent Students

By Suleiman Salihu, Sylvia L. Yakubu and Sheidu O. Dahiru

Qatar Charity Foundation, a humanitarian and development non-governmental organization, has planned to award scholarship to indigent students of Bayero University, Kano.

The Country Director of Qatar Foundation, Hamdi Abdou made this pledge when he paid a courtesy call on the Vice Chancellor, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas on Thursday, 16th May, 2024.

He said the visit was to reignite the relationship between the foundation and BUK, with a view to supporting the University in the area of providing scholarship to the indigent students. He reiterated the foundation's commitment to providing boreholes to address the challenges of water shortage.

Head office in Abuja.

The team leader further briefed the Vice-Chancellor on some of the activities of the Foundation. He said the Foundation had constructed five boreholes in the University and built an ultra modern mosque at the Faculty of Law.

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas expressed happiness with the visit and expressed the University's commitment to strengthen its relationship with the Qatar Charity Foundation.

He said the visit was apt and timely as the University is highly facing the Challenges of water and light, which he said "water is the foundation of life" and referred the two as critical elements in the University for long time. He added



VC, Prof. Sagir Adamu Abbas (right) presenting a plaque to Hamid Abdou, Country Director Qatar Charity Foundation

The Country Director explained that last year, the foundation dug 1500 boreholes across 15 states in Nigeria; constructed 400 mosques and supported 4500 orphans with N50,000 monthly, out of which 1200 of them were from Kano State.

Hamdi Abdou explained that the Foundation was established in 1975 with Head Office in Doha. He said they were in Nigeria through partnership with some organizations including universities since 2014 with offices in Kano, Kebbi and other parts of the country with

that the University would also be appreciated, if the Foundation could assist the students on indigent scholarship.

Prof. Abbas further informed the team that the University is ready to assist the Foundation in the area of research, education or any partnership that the Foundation could benefit from the University in return.

Earlier while introducing the team to the Vice-Chancellor, the Dean Faculty of Law, Dr. Abubakar Isa briefed the Vice-Chancellor that last year the World Assembly of



A group photograph of members of University Management and officials of Qatar Charity Foundation

Muslim Youths built a Mosque and borehole in the Faculty of Law under its Country Director, Hisham Abdussalam accompanied by his friend Hadi Abdu and the two projects were graciously accepted and commissioned by the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Sagir Adamu Abbas. He said they were at the University to pay him a courtesy call, having been in Kano.

Present during the visit were the Deputy Vice-Chancellor,

Management Services, Prof. Mahmoud Umar Sani; Acting Registrar, Hajiya Amina Umar Abdullahi; University Bursar, Malam Rabi'u Dauda; Director Academic Planning, Prof. Yusuf Garba and Nura Garba from Directorate of Public Affairs.

At the end of the meeting, the two parties agreed that a formal memorandum of understanding would formally be signed to fast track the relationship.

My Dream is to Become a Neuro Scientist – Overall Best MBBS Graduate, Dr Muhd Abdullahi Says

By Nura Garba

The overall best newly qualified doctor at the 9th MBBS induction ceremony, Dr Muhammad Murtala Abdullahi, has showered his praises to the University Community and his teachers over the smooth environment provided for them to undergo their medical training in the University.

The new Doctor, who emerged as the overall best in MBBS said his future plan is to become a neuro scientist, which he said was his dream that he planned to pursue with vigor.

Asked what motivated him to become the overall best, he said before their examination, he was determined to emerge as the best and God had answered his prayers.

Dr Abdullahi expressed the hope that he would pursue the programme of neuro science from MSc to PhD level outside Nigeria since there was no University in the country offering the programme.



DVC MS, Prof. Mahmoud Umar Sani (left) presenting a certificate to overall best MBBS graduate, Dr. Muhd Abdullahi (right)

BUK Researchers Develop Twitter Dataset for Detecting Online Hate Speech in 18 African Languages

By Nura Garba



Shamsuddeen Hassan Muhammad



Ibrahim Ahmad Sa'id

Researchers from Bayero University, Kano are leading a multinational project and developed the first high-quality labeled Twitter dataset collection for detecting hate and abusive languages in 18 African languages.

Shamsuddeen Hassan Muhammad and Ibrahim Said Ahmad from the Faculty of Computing, Bayero University Kano and Idris Abdulmumin, from the Department of Computer Science, Ahmadu Bello University Zaria are working on this project which covers 18 languages in West, Central, East, and South Africa. These languages include Hausa, Yoruba, Igbo, Nigerian Pidgin, Algerian Arabic, Swahili, Afrikaans, IsiXhosa, IsiZulu, and Darija. Online hate is a growing problem worldwide, causing harm to users who are exposed to it, polluting and disrupting online communities, and leading to psychological harm and offline violence. Social media platforms facilitate the propagation of hate and offensive speeches by allowing users to rapidly create and spread hateful content.

Social media organizations have taken various steps to protect their users from the spread of hate speech in different parts of the world. However, in Africa, efforts tackling hateful content have primarily focused on high-profile individuals, and are addressed through time-intensive human labor. This approach is not scalable and fails to effectively moderate the vast majority of the content directed to less prominent individuals. Moreover, African languages are under-served in NLP with very few to no assistive machine learning tools to help with the moderation process. African users are, therefore, subject to restrictive interventions such as the removal of social media content based on certain keywords, regardless of their context or their intent.

This work was carried out with the support of Lacuna Fund, an initiative co-founded by The Rockefeller Foundation, Google.org, and Canada's International Development Research Centre.

Localizing Teaching Mathematics in Hausa language using Artificial Intelligence

By Nura Garba

Shamsuddeen Hassan Muhammad, Ibrahim Said Ahmad, and Bello Shehu Bello from the Faculty of Computing have embarked on a project leveraging AI in localizing teaching mathematics to primary school pupils.

The primary goal is to develop an AI-driven platform that can accurately translate and culturally adapt existing mathematics curricula and textbooks from English into Hausa. Natural language processing techniques will enable contextually appropriate translations, while machine learning algorithms will tailor the content to the specific needs of Hausa-speaking students.

Interactive elements like virtual and augmented reality are being incorporated to create immersive learning environments, making the experience more engaging and enjoyable. Local educators, linguists, and experts were

consulted to ensure cultural appropriateness and accurate representation of the Hausa language.

By breaking down language barriers and providing localized mathematics education resources, this project has the potential to democratize access to quality education and empower students in Hausa-speaking communities to unlock their full potential.

Mathematics education can be a significant challenge for students in developing regions, especially when the medium of instruction is a foreign language like English. However, recent advances in Artificial Intelligence (AI) have brought about numerous opportunities for teaching and learning.

This work was carried out with the support from Artificial Intelligence for Development in Africa (AI4DAfrica).

Agricultural Ambassadors Launches First Phase of Tree Planting and Agro-Schooling Project

The Agricultural Ambassadors, BUK has launched its maiden tree planting and agro-schooling project at Staff Secondary School of Bayero University, Kano.

The main objectives of Agro-schooling encompass building oriented agricultural students through training and preparation of future farmers and agricultural professionals; promoting sustainable and responsible agricultural practices, enhancing food security, developing cutting-edge agricultural technologists, innovators, and leaders; improving awareness and understanding of agriculture to bridge the gap between the source of food and the broader community of consumers.

Others are contributing to rural economic development and growth, and strengthening the connection between urban and rural agricultural communities.

It is one of the Reforestation projects around the world, which Climate enthusiasts are working tirelessly to restore areas that have been affected by deforestation.



Tree planting activity of the Agricultural Ambassadors

By planting seedlings and nurturing their growth, the association can witness the incredible transformation of barren landscapes into thriving forests.

The Agricultural Ambassadors Association inspires to see communities, organizations and individuals coming together to protect and restore the natural resources.

Through its collective efforts, it can create a brighter future where forests are preserved, biodiversity thrives and the beauty of nature is cherished.

Remember, every tree we save is a step toward preserving our ozone layer and keeping our planet healthy for generations to come.

So, let's be tree-huggers and ozone defenders. Together, we can make a difference and ensure a healthier planet for ourselves and future generations.

Agricultural Ambassadors BUK is open for partnership and collaboration for the next phases of the project. We can be reached via any of our social media handles.



A group photograph of members of Agricultural Ambassadors and some students of BUK Staff Secondary School

SEMINARS

Department of Public Law: LL.M Internal Defence

Date: 27th to 28th May, 2024

Time: 9:00 am Prompt

Venue: LL.M (Public Law) Lecture Room, Faculty of Law, Bayero University Kano

Topic: Ecological Risk and Health Implications of Healthcare Waste Incineration within Kano Metropolis, Kano State, Nigeria

(Ph.D proposal, Seminar II)

Chairperson: Prof. Ahmed Ibrahim Maigari

Third Presenter: Isa Muhammad Ismail

Department Environmental Management: Ph.D Series of Seminar

First Presenter: Alhaji Umaru Bako

Topic: Assessment of Water Quality and Aquifer Discharge Capacity of Boreholes in Maidugiri Metropolis, Borno State, Nigeria

(Ph.D Proposal, Seminar II)

Chairperson: Prof. Adnan Abdulhamid

Assoc. Prof. Murtala Mohammed Badamasi

Second Presenter: Patrick Odjenabor Michael

Topic: Investigation The Physico-Chemical Parameters and Heavy Metal Concentration in The Ground Water Near To a Reclaimed Pond in Kano City, Kano State, Nigeria

(Ph.D Review, Seminar I)

Chairperson: Assoc. Prof Ahmad Fate Ali

Date: Wednesday 22nd May, 2024.

Time: 10.00am prompt **Venue:** Departmental seminar room

Note: Attendance to seminars is compulsory to all MSc I MSc II Ph.D I and II

Dr. Abubakar I. Umar Appointed as Chairman,

Senate Committee on Examination Misconduct and Leakages

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas, has approved the appointment of Dr Abubakar Isa Umar (Dean, Faculty of Law), as the Chairman, **Senate Committee on Examinations Misconduct and**

Leakages with immediate effect and until further notice.

The letter of appointment was signed on 6th May, 2024 by the Ag. Registrar, Amina Umar Abdullahi

RESIDENTIAL PLOTS

This is to notify the Bayero University community that the Bayero Cooperative Society Limited (BCSL) in collaboration with M. I. Real Estate and General Enterprises Ltd have 200 residential plots for sale on loan scheme.

Location: Sabon Gida Panisau, off Ungogo Local Government Area, Kano State.

Cost of the Plot: N1,500,000 (One Million Five

Hundred Thousand Naira only).

Duration of Payment: 30 months installments

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Mohammed Sunusi Waziri of the Information and Publication Division, wishes to invite the University Community and the general public to the Wedding Fatiha of his Daughter **Sailuba Sunusi Waziri** and her fiancé,

Nura Bello Waziri, scheduled as follows:

DATE: Sunday, 26th May, 2024

TIME: 11:00am

VENUE: BUK Old Campus Juma'at Mosque

APPRECIATION FROM DR. KABIR UMAR

Dr Kabir Mustapha Umar of the Centre for Dryland Agriculture (CDA) wishes to express his appreciation to the entire members of the University Community over the condolence visits paid to him on the occasion of the death of his father, who died on Sunday, 12th May, 2024.

His special appreciation goes to the Vice Chancellor, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas, the DVC Academics, Professor Sani Mohammed Gumel, the DVC Management Services, Professor Mahmoud Umar Sani, the University Librarian, Dr Kabir Dahiru Abbas, the

University Bursar, Alhaji Rabi'u Dauda and the Acting Registrar, Hajiya Amina Umar Abdullahi.


His special appreciation also goes to the Director CDA, Professor Jibrin Mohammed Jibrin, Deputy Directors of CDA and other staff members of CDA, as well as ASUU, SSANU, NASU and NAAT and others too numerous to mention.

He is grateful to Dr Ahmed Ali Yakasai, Professors A.A Rasheed, Hafizu Abubakar and M. Y Bello.

May Allah reward all abundantly, amin.



THE CENTRE FOR DRYLAND AGRICULTURE
Bayero University, Kano




Cordially invites

to the **3RD CDA OPEN DAY**

Date: Thursday 30th May 2024 **Time:** 9.00 am Prompt
Venue: CDA Premises, Bayero University, Kano New Campus

Featuring: Exhibition and Awards Presentation



BUK MICROFINANCE BANK INTRODUCES ASSETS FINANCING LOANS

BUK Microfinance Bank wishes to inform members of the University Community that it has introduced asset financing loan to interested members of staff.

The assets to be financed are:-

(1) Tricycle Loan (2) Electric Motorcycle Loan (3) Electric Bicycle Loan (4) Solar System of Various Capacities (5) Loans ranging from 1KVA to 10KVA as per below:

Capacity (KVA)	Connected Loads
1	1TV, 1 decoder, 2 ceiling fans, 2 phones, 1 computer and 10 light bulbs
1.5	TV, 1 decoder, 1 home theater, 3 ceiling fans, 3 phones, 1 computer and 10 light bulbs
2.5	2TVs, 2 decoders, 1 home theater, 5 ceiling fans, 5 phones, 3 computers and 15 light bulbs
3.5	3 TVs, 3 decoders, 2 home theater, 5 ceiling fans, 5 phones, 3 computers, 20 light bulbs and 1 fridge
5.0	3 TVs, 3 decoder, 2 home theater, 10 ceiling fans, 5 phones, 3 computers, 20 light bulbs, 1 fridge and 1 1HP AC
7.0	3 TVs, 3 decoders, 2 home theater, 10 ceiling fans, 5 phones, 3 computers, 30 light bulbs, 1 fridge and 2 1HP ACs
7.5	2 TVs, 1 decoder, 2 home theater, 10 ceiling fans, 5 phones, 3 computers, 25 light bulbs, 2 fridges, 1 1HP AC and 1 Pressing-iron
10.0	2 TVs, 1 decoder, 2 home theater, 10 ceiling fans, 5 phones, 3 computers, 25 light bulbs, 2 fridge, 3 1HP ACs and 1 Pressing-iron

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