



10th Anniversary of ACE: VC Admits CDA Impacts Positively in Making BUK Great

By Lamara Garba



The Vice Chancellor, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas

Intervention from the World Bank under the Africa Centre of Excellence (ACE) project at the University's Centre for Dryland Agriculture (CDA) has impacted positively in the creation of more Research Centres in Bayero University, Kano, the Vice Chancellor, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas, has disclosed.

Speaking on Friday, 22nd March, 2024 while fielding questions on the impact of CDA's ACE project as part of the 10th year assessment of the programme in the institution, Prof. Abbas noted that the Centre had impacted positively in the aspect of increasing research activities in the University.

“Amongst the impacts of CDA is that it has led to the establishment of many research centres.

In addition, interest in research activities which led to many discoveries has tremendously increased thereby contributed to the creation of ACEPHAP, another

beneficiary of ACE project in the University,” said the Vice Chancellor.

Professor Abbas noted that the disbursement nature of funding of CDA in particular has made the University management tie reward to performance, which has increased commitment and productivity among the members of staff.

Another impact of the ACE Project was that CDA through the DLI 7.5 has assisted the university in setting up Continuing Professional Development Unit.

The Vice Chancellor disclosed that the CDA's source of funding included capturing the staff of the centre in the University's budget line in addition to securing external grants.

He said the management had provided funds for teaching and research worth millions of naira as well as in-kind funding which included providing the building housing the center.

On sustainability of the centre, after expiration of ACE grants, the Vice Chancellor disclosed that already, the management has put machinery in motion by including the center in its budget.

He equally revealed that the CDA has developed a number

of programmes that are attractive and of high quality which will bring more enrolment from within and outside the country for its sustainability.

Professor Abbas also disclosed that the management is facilitating access to external funding such as from the African Development Bank and other organisations.

BUK VC Felicitates with Emperor of Japan ...Promises Collaboration with Japanese Institutions

By Lamara Garba

The Vice Chancellor of Bayero University, Kano, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas, has joined other leaders and well-wishers across the world to celebrate with the people of Japan on the birthday of His Majesty, the Emperor of Japan, Mr. Naruhito.

In a goodwill message presented at a birthday dinner organized by the Embassy of Japan, which took place at Hilton Transcorp Hotel, Abuja on Thursday, 14th March, 2024, Professor Abbas, who described His Majesty, the Emperor, as an inspirational leader with the interest of his people at his heart also prayed Allah to continue to bless him with good health and long life to serve the people of Japan and lead the country to greater heights.

The Vice Chancellor, who was represented on the occasion by the Head of Public Affairs Directorate, Lamara Garba, said Bayero University, Kano is always open for mutual collaboration with the Embassy of Japan and by extension Japanese institutions and other research centres for educational development.

“I write on behalf of the Senate, Management, Staff and entire students of Bayero University, Kano to join millions of people across the world in felicitating with His Excellency, Mr Matsunuga Kazuyoshi, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Japan in Nigeria on the occasion of the 64th birthday of His Majesty, the Emperor of Japan,” the letter reads in part.

Earlier in his speech, the Ambassador of Japan in Nigeria, Mr Matsunuga Kazuyoshi, said Japan and Nigeria have a good bilateral relationship spanning over six decades, which has impacted positively on the socio-economic growth of both countries.

According to him, Japan looks forward to further deepening its cooperation with Nigeria. “Despite the various challenges we both face. Japan is facing unprecedented population ageing and decline, Nigeria is facing an economic crisis. But Japan has its advanced technology, and Nigeria has its rich human and natural resources. They complement each other.”

Mr Kazuyoshi noted that together and united as one, Japan and Nigeria can become a formidable force for a better future. “Especially as 2024 is the Year of the Dragon in Japan - a symbol of courage, strength-. With these qualities and our unwavering unity, we will triumph over any obstacle in our path. So here's to another year of deepening

friendship, fruitful cooperation, and shared prosperity between Japan and Nigeria.

He said in particular the synergy between security and economic growth is a powerful demonstration of the strength of the bilateral relationship.

The Ambassador revealed that over the years, Japanese companies are making an increasingly significant impact on Nigeria's economic landscape, despite the current difficult economic situation.

He thanked the Vice Chancellor of Bayero University and other invitees who found time to grace the occasion and looked forward for more bilateral relationship. Many people attended the dinner who cut across private and public sectors as well as members of diplomatic corps.



Head of Public Affairs Directorate, Lamara Garba presenting the VC's message to the Ambassador of Japan in Nigeria, Mr. Matsunuga Kazuyoshi, while his wife looks on



Head of Public Affairs Directorate, Lamara Garba in a group photograph with Japanese Ambassador in Nigeria, Mr. Matsunuga Kazuyoshi and his wife and defense attache, Mr. Morita with his wife

VC Charges *Ulama* on Good Preaching ...Commends Centre for Qur'anic Studies

By Lamara Garba



VC, Prof. Sagir Adamu Abbas presenting his address

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas, has said Islamic preachers must update their knowledge on the techniques and translation in order to make their followers and listeners understand the teaching of the Holy Qur'an well.

He spoke on Tuesday, 12th March, 2024 while declaring open a two-day workshop on techniques and understanding of the translation of the Holy Qur'an organized by the Centre for Qur'anic Studies. He noted that without proper understanding of the meanings, a preacher cannot translate it adequately.

According to him many scholars engaged in the art of preaching without acquiring the basic knowledge of preaching which make them to interpret the verses of the Qur'an upside down which often adversely affected the real meaning and understanding of the verses.

“Your role in the society is paramount, as you are the ones that interpret the Holy Qur'an and the sayings of the Holy Prophet Muhammad SAW, but in order to do justice in this aspect, one must always be updating one's knowledge and read well to get full understanding of the meaning before interpreting it to others,” he declared.

The Vice Chancellor noted that the workshop was timely and apt, taking into consideration that we are now in the month of Ramadhan in which scholars hold preaching sessions all over.

Professor Sagir Abbas commended the foresight of the Centre for Qur'anic Studies for organizing an all-important workshop. He charged them to continue hosting similar workshops and trainings with a view to creating more knowledge and skills of preaching.

Earlier, the Director of the Center, Professor Ahmad Murtala, disclosed that the workshop, which was the first of its kind, was organized for Islamic Preachers in order to give them modalities and easy ways of understanding the concept of preaching.

According to him, Islamic scholars play an important role in shaping the society as well as transforming it. However, this could only be achieved in a situation where preachers understand the true meaning of the divine revelations.

Professor Murtala who described the turnout as impressive, explained that the attendees have outnumbered the projected participants, which, he said, had underscored the importance of the programme.

The Director expressed appreciation to the Vice Chancellor and the Management of the University for the support and assistance given to the centre.

The communiqué issued at the end of the workshop emphasized the need for regular conduct of such workshops, saying moral armament in the society could only be achieved through good preaching.

The need for preachers to update their knowledge and good understanding of the meaning of the Qur'an is paramount for good preaching.

The communiqué read by Professor Rabi'u Muhammad Rabi'u also charged preachers to be guided by the teaching of the Qur'an, as well as always be telling the truth and to avoid sentiments in their preachings.

The communiqué also called for the establishment of an agency for the regulation of preachers with a view to controlling their activities.

The participants commended Bayero University's Centre for Qur'anic Studies for organizing the workshop which is important in sensitizing the preachers.

SSANU-BUK Happy with Members' Cooperation ...Says Strike Huge Success

By Lamara Garba

Members of the Senior Staff Association of Nigerian Universities (SSANU), Bayero University, Kano joined other universities across the country in compliance with the directives of the national body for the nationwide seven-day-warning strike.

The SSANU and NASU declared a seven-day warning strike to press home their demands for the settlement of their withheld four months salaries and other agreements reached with the federal government over the years.

At the commencement of the strike on Monday, 18th March, 2024, members of the non-teaching staff all deserted their offices thereby disrupting both academic and administrative activities in the University.

Chairman of the SSANU-BUK Chapter, Comrade Mustapha Aminu while briefing newsmen, expressed happiness on the total compliance by the members, saying the strike became imperative following the continued government's lopsidedness on addressing the demands of the unions.

"I must commend our members for their steadfastness and compliance with the strike. It was a huge success and *In sha Allah*, there would be light at the end of the tunnel," said the Chairman.

He said already, the strike had made an impact as the government had quickly summoned an emergency meeting with the national body of the Joint Action Committee of SSANU and NASU. "We now await further directives."

A visit to the university by our correspondent, during the strike revealed that the campuses became the ghost of their

former self with all offices under lock and key. Also the monitoring team set up by the two unions yielded positive dividends.



SSANU members during the protest

DEPARTMENT OF BIOCHEMISTRY: DEPARTMENTAL PG SEMINAR NOTICE

PhD First Progress Seminar

Presenter 1: Farida Jazuli Usman (SPS/19/PBC/00001)

Topic: The Effect of TPS3 Mutations (Gain of Function) on the Metabolic Adaptation of Prostate Cancer Cells.

Degree in View: PhD Biochemistry

Supervisor: Dr. Binta G. Kurfi

PhD Proposal Seminar

Presenter 2: Okwanya Musa Idu (SPS/19/PBC/00004)

Topic: Effect of Lifestyle and Food-Drug Combination Index on the Management of Diabetes Mellitus.

Degree in View: PhD Biochemistry

Supervisor: Dr. S. M. Abubakar

M.Sc. Completion Seminar

Presenter 3: Oyedeji Grace Oyenike

(SPS/18/MBC/00081)

Topic: Effect of Adenium obesum (Forssk) Roem & Schult Stem Bark Extract on Doxorubicin-Induce Cardiomyopathic Albino Rats.

Degree in View: M.Sc. Biochemistry (Toxicology)

Supervisor: Dr. Aminu Ibrahim

Internal: Dr. Abba Babandi

Presenter 4: Abdulsalam Habib Adeniyi

(SPS/19/MBC/00032)

Topic: Analysis of Mutation in the Nucleocapsid Protein of Covid-19 and its Potential for Vaccine Development.

Degree in View: M.Sc. Biotechnology

Supervisor: Dr. Dayyabu Shehu

Internal: Prof. A. A. Imam

Presenter 5: Jeremiah Obaje Odeh

(SPS/18/MBC/00062)

Topic: Effect of Sprouted and Unsprouted Soy Beans Complementary Based Food on Gut Health Markers of Albino Rats.

Degree in View: M.Sc. Biochemistry (Nutrition)

Supervisor: Dr. A. M. Gadanya

Internal: Dr. M. M. Jibril

Chairman: Dr. Aliyu Maje Bello

DATE: Tuesday 26th March, 2024

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