



BUK Emerges Among 10 Nigerian Universities Selected for AFD/NUC ICT Project

By Suleiman Salihu

Bayero University Kano has emerged as one of the Ten Nigerian Universities selected to benefit from the Blueprint ICT-Development Project funded by the French Development Agency in collaboration with the National Universities Commission.

The project is aimed at strengthening the integration of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) into teaching, learning, research, and administrative operations across selected Nigerian universities.

As part of efforts to enhance project visibility and strategic communication, Communication officers from the beneficiary institutions participated in a high-level training programme held at Zanzibar Beach Resort from April 27 to May 1, 2026.

The training programme, organised by the Center for International Business Entrepreneurs in collaboration with the NUC, focused on *Strategic Communication and Project Visibility: Enhancing Impact in Donor-Funded Projects within the Nigerian University System*.

The programme was designed to equip participants with modern communication strategies, digital tools, and visibility frameworks needed to promote transparency, sustainability, stakeholder engagement, and accountability in donor-funded projects.

Other participating universities included University of Calabar, University of Maiduguri, University of Nigeria Nsukka, Federal University of Technology Minna, Nnamdi Azikiwe University, Modibbo Adama University, University of Jos, University of Ibadan, and Obafemi Awolowo University.

Declaring the conference open, the



Participants in a group photograph with the Training Facilitators at the Conference



Participants in a group photograph with CIBE, USA and NUC Representatives after the Session

President and Training Director of CIBE USA, Adebayo Paul Adejola, described the gathering as a convergence of professionals and development leaders committed to advancing institutional impact through strategic communication.

According to him, many development projects achieve remarkable results but fail to communicate their impact effectively or adequately engage stakeholders and donors. He explained that the training was specifically

designed to bridge that gap.

Adejola noted that the conference would help reposition institutions, strengthen credibility, improve sustainability, and enhance opportunities for future funding through effective communication and visibility strategies.

He stressed that communication remains central to project success, adding that visible projects attract stronger partnerships, stakeholder confidence, and sustainable impact.

“It is not enough to do the work; the work must speak, the impact must be seen, and the story must be told,” he stated.

During the conference, participants attended presentations on digital communication, donor visibility requirements, monitoring and evaluation systems, impact storytelling, and communication planning.

Presenting a paper on *Digital Platforms and Social Media Strategy for Development Projects*, Lambe Isaac highlighted the growing importance of digital platforms and multimedia tools in amplifying development communication and project visibility.

Similarly, the African Regional Representative of CIBE USA, Abosede Famuyiwa, delivered a presentation on donor branding, visibility guidelines, and reporting

standards, emphasizing compliance, institutional identity, and best practices in donor-funded communication.

From the State University of Zanzibar, Salum Ali spoke on integrating communication with Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) systems, while Umar Haji Kombo discussed data-driven storytelling and impact narratives.

Another presentation by Abdulrahman Suleiman Khamis focused on designing effective communication and visibility plans throughout project lifecycles.

Earlier in his remarks, the NUC representative, Nehemiah Dauda, said the training was organised to strengthen participants' capacity, encourage collaboration, and improve project management and communication within the Nigerian university system.

He urged participants to maximise the opportunity to learn, relearn, and adapt to emerging trends in strategic communication and donor-funded project visibility.

The conference featured interactive sessions, group discussions, presentations, question-and-answer engagements, and certificate presentations.

Participants also undertook guided tours of Zanzibar's historical and cultural landmarks, including Stone Town, the Slave Market Museum, and the Christ Church Cathedral, among other heritage sites.

CDA Hosts Key Stakeholders on Dryland Crop Innovation, Variety Advancement

By Nura Garba and Hamza Usman

Centre for Dryland Agriculture, Bayero University Kano, in collaboration with the Lake Chad Research Institute and the Institute for Agricultural Research, hosted a two-day Product Advancement and Planning Committee meeting under the framework of the Dryland Crops Project.



Participants in a group photograph

The meeting, held between Wednesday, May 13 and Thursday, May 14, 2026, focused on assessing progress made since the last Project Development Team session and taking strategic decisions on the advancement and possible

release of promising crop varieties emerging from late-stage gate trials.

The programme brought together researchers, seed companies, processors, development partners, marketers, and farmers to deliberate on issues relating to dryland cereal and legume crops, particularly sorghum, millet, and groundnut.

Welcoming participants, the Director of CDA, Professor Sanusi Gaya Mohammed, expressed optimism that the deliberations would contribute significantly toward improving agricultural productivity, strengthening food security, and developing climate-resilient crop varieties suitable for dryland farming systems.

He noted that collaboration among research institutions, agricultural stakeholders, and development partners remains critical to addressing the challenges facing dryland agriculture and ensuring sustainable food production in Nigeria and across sub-Saharan Africa.

The meeting also provided participants with an opportunity to review research outcomes, exchange technical knowledge, and explore strategies for accelerating the development and dissemination of improved crop varieties capable of withstanding harsh climatic conditions.

Deliberations during the session centred on enhancing seed systems, improving farmers' access to high-yield and

drought-tolerant varieties, and promoting innovations that would boost dryland agricultural productivity and livelihoods.

In her remarks, Rekiya Abdulmalik urged participants to engage actively in the discussions, stressing that critical decisions would be taken on whether some crop varieties would be advanced or discontinued based on performance and market relevance.

Also speaking, the Country Representative of International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics in Nigeria, Ignatius Angarawai, expressed satisfaction with the diversity of stakeholders participating in the meeting, including researchers, processors, seed companies, marketers, professors, and farmers.

He urged participants to look beyond scientific findings and focus on real-world realities, particularly in the context of climate change, economic challenges, and declining product performance.

In her contribution, Doris Puozaa of International Maize and Wheat Improvement Center (CIMMYT), commended the progress achieved from product development to advancement stages, while calling for sustained improvement and collaboration among stakeholders.

The representative of the Kano State Ministry of Agriculture, Alhaji Faruk Kurawa noted that the programme aligns with the agricultural transformation agenda of the Kano State Government. He disclosed that the government had introduced initiatives aimed at improving nutrition, supporting women in agriculture, and enhancing household income generation.

According to him, empowering women through agricultural value addition and the production of nutritious food would contribute significantly toward tackling

malnutrition and strengthening livelihoods across communities.

Earlier, Maryam A. Dawud outlined the expected outcomes of the meeting to include updating marketing information and targeted product profiles, reviewing benchmark varieties, advancing promising varieties in key segments, and planning trial activities for the 2026/2027 cropping season.

In a technical presentation, Micheal Ndegwa highlighted critical considerations in variety development, including performance gaps, benefits over benchmark varieties, processor and consumer preferences, nutritional value, hybrid opportunities, and stepwise variety improvement.

He explained that the advancement process was designed to confirm agronomic performance, validate adaptability and yield consistency across different environments, assess processing quality and farmer acceptance through on-farm trials, and ensure regulatory compliance, seed multiplication feasibility, and market demand before release.

A goodwill message was delivered by the Managing Director of Dala Foods, Ali Madugu, who commended the organisers for creating a platform that connects research with industry and market realities.

The meeting ended with an extensive interactive session where participants exchanged ideas, experiences, and recommendations aimed at strengthening varietal advancement processes and planning trial activities for the 2026/2027 cropping season.

BUK's WANDA Initiative Promotes Nutrition, Food Innovation and Women Empowerment

By Fausat A. Opayomi

Bayero University Kano, through its Women Advancing Nutrition, Dietetics and Agriculture (WANDA) initiative, has organised a community outreach project aimed at promoting nutrition awareness, food innovation, entrepreneurship, and women empowerment.

The programme, titled “*Nourishing Communities: Empowering Women through Food and Agriculture*,” was held on Saturday, May 2, 2026, at the Faculty of Physical Sciences Conference Hall, Bayero University Kano.

Speaking during the event, the Coordinator of WANDA and lecturer at the School of Continuing Education Bayero University Kano, Abdulkadir Ismail, described WANDA as a scholarship initiative established to support female students studying Nutrition and Dietetics as well as Food Science and Technology at BUK.

According to him, the initiative provides school fees support, transportation allowances, and capacity-building



Participants of the WANDA workshop in a group photograph

opportunities aimed at improving the academic and professional development of beneficiaries.

He disclosed that the programme, funded by a philanthropist based in the United States, currently supports 25 female students, many of whom have progressed successfully through their studies, while some have already graduated.

Abdulkadir added that the long-term vision of the initiative is to expand the number of beneficiaries from 25 to 250 students.

Delivering a presentation on career opportunities in Nutrition, Dietetics, Food Science and Technology, Dietician Rakiya Balarabe of the Kano State School of Health Technology Bebeji highlighted the diverse opportunities available within the profession.

She explained that nutritionists and dieticians can work in hospitals, public health agencies, non-governmental organisations, schools, and private healthcare facilities, where they provide nutritional counselling, monitor patients, and support intervention programmes.

According to her, professionals in the field also play critical roles in maternal and child healthcare through pregnancy nutrition counselling, infant feeding education, growth monitoring, and malnutrition prevention.

Rakiya further noted that social media and digital platforms have created new opportunities for nutritionists and food scientists to educate communities on healthy eating, food preservation, food safety, and lifestyle

management through online consultancy and content creation.

On Food Science and Technology, she explained that graduates can build careers in quality control, food processing, product development, research, and regulatory agencies such as National Agency for Food and Drug Administration and Control (NAFDAC), where they contribute to food safety and quality assurance.

In another presentation, the Chief Executive Officer of AHNAF Enterprises, Binta Idris, encouraged participants to embrace entrepreneurship in food processing, packaging, and marketing.

She urged students to explore opportunities in food formulation, value-added agricultural products, and community nutrition education, stressing that the food production sector offers enormous potential for job creation, economic growth, and women empowerment.

The speakers collectively encouraged participants to strengthen their communication, research, leadership, and interpersonal skills while actively participating in professional associations, conferences, mentorship programmes, and volunteer activities.

They also urged the students to remain worthy ambassadors of Bayero University Kano and contribute meaningfully to society through nutrition advocacy, food innovation, and community development initiatives

BUK, CHPRBN Explore Possibility of Mounting B.Sc Community Health Programme

By *Bilkisu Muhammad Yusuf*

The management of Bayero University Kano is exploring the possibility of mounting a Bachelor of Science (B.Sc.) degree programme in Community Health following a visit by members of the Community Health Practitioners Registration Board of Nigeria (CHPRBN) to the Vice Chancellor, Professor Haruna Musa, fsi, on Thursday, 14th May, 2026.

The delegation, led by Professor Gimbal Daniel, said the visit was aimed at discussing the process of establishing the programme in the university.

Speaking during the visit, Professor Daniel explained that the programme is highly sought after across the country, noting that only a few universities currently offer it, with only one institution running the programme in the entire Northern region.

According to him, Bayero University Kano is well positioned to commence the programme considering its academic standing, population strength and strategic location in the North-West.

Professor Daniel further stated that the Board was established by the provision of Decree 61 of 1992, now CAPC19 Laws of the Federation of Nigeria 2024, with the mandate to regulate, control and supervise the training and practice of Community Health Practitioners as well as maintain ethical standards within the profession.

He added that in view of the enormous potential of the programme, BUK stands to contribute significantly towards improving expertise and employability in the



Members of the Community Health Practitioners Board of Nigeria during a discussion with management of BUK

health sector, particularly within the North-West region.

Responding on behalf of the Vice Chancellor, the Deputy Vice Chancellor, Academic Affairs, Professor Ahmad Muhammad Tsauni, expressed delight over the visit, which he described as timely.

Professor Tsauni noted that Kano State has an abundance of community health practitioners and therefore would greatly benefit from the commencement of the programme.

Coach Idris Shines at Maiden Nigerian Athletics Championship, Clinch Three Medals

By Nura Garba



Coach Ibrahim Idris

Bayero University, Kano athlete-coach, Ibrahim Idris, delivered an impressive performance at the maiden edition of the Nigerian Masters Athletics Championship, winning three medals and emerging as one of the standout athletes of the competition.

The championship, held at the Moshood Abiola National Stadium, Abuja on May 11, 2026, brought together retired athletes and sports veterans from across the country in a celebration of athletic excellence, fitness, and sportsmanship.

Representing BUK with distinction, Ibrahim Idris secured a silver medal in the 100 metres event and added two bronze medals in the 200 metres and long jump categories, demonstrating remarkable versatility, endurance, and continued competitiveness in athletics.

His performance attracted admiration from fellow athletes, coaches, and sports enthusiasts, further reinforcing the growing reputation of BUK in sports development and

He assured the delegation that the university would deliberate on the matter at the Academic Development Committee meeting with a view to starting the programme in earnest.

athletic excellence.

The maiden championship also served as a platform to promote active living, healthy competition, and continued participation in sports among veteran athletes across Nigeria.

His impressive outing not only highlighted his personal commitment to sports development but also reflected Bayero University Kano's growing presence and contribution to athletics and sports excellence in Nigeria.

The event was organised by Nigerian Athletics Masters (NAM), the championship attracted former athletes from Lagos, Benin, Port Harcourt, Warri, Kano, and other parts of the country. Stakeholders described the event as a timely initiative aimed at promoting active lifestyles among retired athletes while strengthening grassroots sports development.

Speaking during the event, the President of NAM, Richard Ogunleye, said the championship was designed to encourage retired athletes to remain physically active and continue contributing to sports development after retirement from active competition.

He noted that despite initial doubts about the viability of hosting a successful masters championship in Nigeria, commitment and determination made the maiden edition a success.

Also speaking, the Secretary-General of NAM, Sefiya Yahya, expressed satisfaction with the turnout and participation of athletes from across the country.

Sports stakeholders commended the organisers for creating a platform that reconnects former athletes with competitive sports while fostering unity and healthy living.

President of ARSMW, Sunday Ayedele, described the championship as a commendable initiative capable of strengthening bonds among former athletes.

One of the participants, Odey Stanley, encouraged retired athletes who had abandoned training to return to sports, stressing the importance of physical fitness and healthy living.

Similarly, retired Air Commodore Rahinatu Garba, who competed in the 55–59 years category, described the experience as rewarding and memorable.

Organisers disclosed that the next edition of the Nigerian Masters Athletics Championship is expected to hold in Edo State as preparations continue for the 2026 World Masters Athletics Championship.



BAYERO UNIVERSITY, KANO

APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION INTO 1-YEAR REMEDIAL SCIENCE PROGRAMME

Applications for the 2025/2026 Session Admission into the Bayero University Remedial Science Programme is now open. The programme aims to:

- i) provide an A-level foundation for Students;
- ii) prepare Students for the University Tertiary Matriculation Examination (UTME);
- iii) provide Students with Practical Skills and
- iv) prepare Students to remedy O-level credits deficiencies.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Applicants with SSCE O-level result or its equivalent are eligible to apply when they have: a) minimum of FIVE O-level credits in relevant science subjects including English and Mathematics in not more than two sittings. b) less than Five O-level credits but must remedy the deficient credits before admission into a degree programme.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

The candidates who pass through the remedial programme, possess FIVE O-level credits including Mathematics and English, and obtain the Bayero University minimum UTME points shall seek admission into a science - based degree programme based on their UTME Scores. However, those without UTME requirement could be recommended for related part-time degree programmes in the School of Continuing Education (SCE) but requires regularization with JAMB.

AVAILABLE PROGRAMMES

Candidates may seek admission based on their UTME scores only into Level 100 in about forty five (45) science - based degree programmes in the College of Natural and Pharmaceutical Sciences, College of Health Sciences, Faculties of Agriculture, Veterinary Medicine, Computing, Earth and Environmental Sciences, Education, Engineering and School of Continuing Education (SCE).

NATURE OF THE REMEDIAL PROGRAMME

The programme is domiciled in the College of Natural and Pharmaceutical Sciences. It is for one Academic Session only. Students will register and be comprehensively taught Mathematics and any three of the following: Biology, Chemistry, Geography and Physics. The contents are designed

to remedy O-level deficiencies and provide A- level foundations. Optional English Language Proficiency and Computer Mastery courses will be available at affordable additional charges.

COMMENCEMENT OF THE PROGRAMME

The programme for the 2025/2026 Session is to commence in May, 2026 and the candidates with the required Bayero University 2026 UTME scores shall be eligible for admission into a degree programme in the 2026/2027 Academic Session after undergone the University Screening Exercise.

FEES AND CHARGES

Application: Five thousand naira only (N5,000.00) for accessing and submitting the online application.

Acceptance: Two thousand naira only (N2,000.00) for admitted candidates and \$10 for Foreign Students.

Registration: Sixty thousand naira only (N60,000.00) for admitted candidates. Foreign Students will be charged tuition fees of \$100.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Visit <https://mybuk2.buk.edu.ng/bukrems/application> to apply now by.

- i) Click Sign up at the bottom of the page.
- ii) After creating an account, sign in to upload a recent passport photograph and provide the required information. iii) Use a Debit Card or bank transfer to complete the application via Remita payment.
- iv) Scroll right and click Check Payment Status.

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CHAIRMAN: Prof. Adnan AbdulHamid

2nd PRESENTER: Umar Abba

TOPIC: Challenges and Constraints of Tourisms' Destination Determinants and Sustainable Tourism Cluster Framework Development in Kano State.

CHAIRMAN: Prof. Nuratu Mohammed

3rd PRESENTER: Aishatu Abdullahi

TOPIC: Spatial Displacement in Under-Five Mortality in Kano Metropolis, Nigeria: A 11-years of Clinical Causes, Demographic Risks, and Geographical Hotspots (2013-2023)

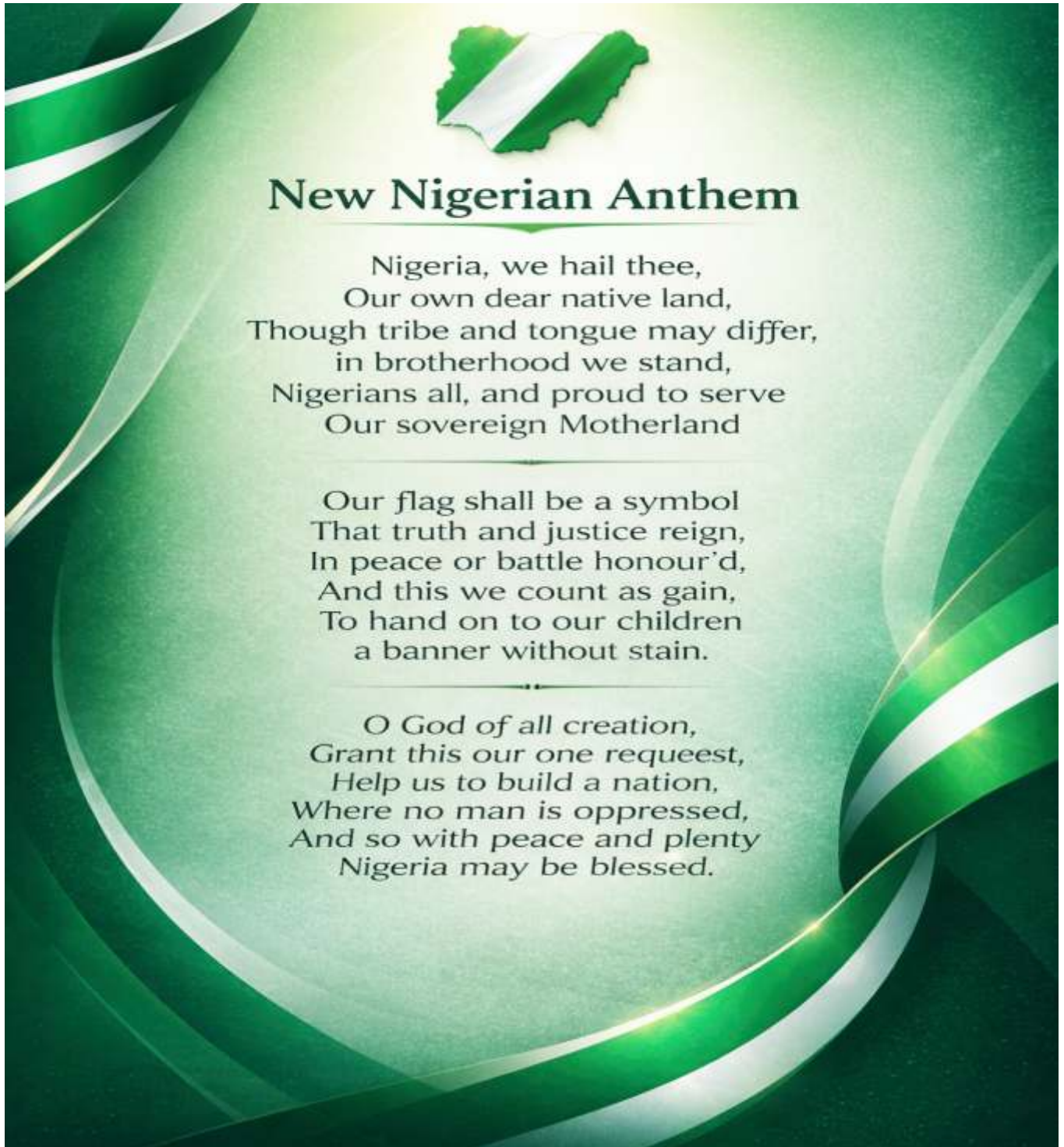
CHAIRMAN: Prof. Yusuf M. Adamu

DATE: Thursday, 21st May, 2026

TIME: 10.00 am prompt

VENUE: NRM Class, Geography Department

NOTE: Attendance to Seminar is Compulsory to all MSc 1, MSc II, and PhD I and PhD II.





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COMMENCEMENT OF 2025/2026 ACADEMIC SESSION

The Management of Bayero University, Kano wishes to inform all students (Fresh and Returning) and members of the University community that the 2025/2026 Academic Session will officially commence on Monday, 18th May, 2026.

All necessary arrangements have been concluded to ensure a smooth take-off of the session. Lecture timetables have already been released and pasted on notice boards across Faculties and Departments, while courses and their respective codes have equally been uploaded on the University portal for students' registration.

Accordingly, all Faculty Officers are directed to ensure that lecture halls and theatres are adequately cleaned and made ready for lectures, as full lectures will commence on the same Monday, 18th May, 2026.

Deans, Heads of Departments, as well as Faculty Examination Officers, are also requested to ensure that all necessary arrangements for the commencement of lectures are adequately provided at all lecture venues.

Students are advised to attend lectures promptly, as time lost will not be regained.

The Vice Chancellor's Monitoring Team will commence inspection visits from Monday, 18th May, 2026 to ensure strict compliance with lecture schedules across the University.

Once again, Deans and Heads of Departments are urged to adequately mobilise teaching staff and academic technologists for the immediate commencement of full academic activities in earnest.

Signed:

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