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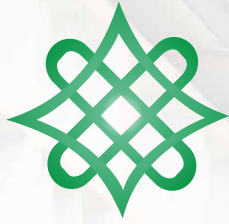
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# AHMADU BELLO UNIVERSITY, ZARIA



## *Vision*

Ahmadu Bello University shall be a world-class university comparable to any other, engaged in imparting contemporary knowledge, using high quality facilities and multi-disciplinary approaches, to men and women of all races, as well as generating new ideas and intellectual practices relevant to the needs of its immediate community, Nigeria and the world at large

## *Mission*

To advance the frontiers of learning and break new grounds, through teaching, research and the dissemination of knowledge of the highest quality; to establish and foster national and international integration, development and the promotion of African traditions and cultures; to produce high-level human power and enhance capacity-building through retraining, in order to meet the needs and challenges of the catchment area, Nigeria and the rest of the world

Our cover story for this very edition is one the inauguration of the recently reconstituted Governing Council of Ahmadu Bello University held in Abuja on 15<sup>th</sup> July, 2021. ABU is among the 19 federal universities and for four inter-university centres whose Governing Councils were inaugurated by the Honourable Minister of Education, Malam Adamu Adamu, after their reconstitution by the Federal Government. Elder statesman and Wazirin Fika, Malam Adamu Fika, GCON, returned as Pro-Chancellor and Chairman of Ahmadu Bello University Governing Council. We also bring forth, in reasonable details, a report on the visit to Dan Dickou Dankoulodo University in Maradi in Niger Republic by a delegation from Ahmadu Bello University led by Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Administration, Prof. Ahmed Doko Ibrahim, in relation to the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) jointly signed by both institutions in 2015 to promote regional integration through research and cultural activities. Equally, we have a story on the “Huawei Campus Talk and Job Fair” held at

Ahmadu Bello University for Nigerian students. The global communication company praised the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Kabiru Bala, and staff of the University for promoting the growth of ICT in the Institution. The event, which was the second time the global ICT giant had launched its ICT job fair on Campus in ABU, has been described as “an exciting moment” for the company. We also have in the edition a report on the “1<sup>st</sup> National Conference on Research, Training and Development” declared open by the Honourable Minister of Education, Malam Adamu Adamu. Aply represented by the Executive Secretary of Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund), Prof. Suleiman E. Bogoro, the Minister noted that ABU had earned a rightful place in the ivory tower by churning out graduates that compete favourably with other best brains anywhere in the world. All these stories are in addition to many others that centre on donations, student academic competitions, appointments, collaborations and staff development. We wish you happy reading!

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# Minister inaugurates reconstituted Governing Council for ABU

- Elder statesman Malam Adamu Fika, CON, returns as chair
- Dr. Sani Ibrahim Amin reappointed member

The Governing Councils of 19 universities and four inter-university centres, among them Ahmadu Bello University, have been inaugurated.

It would be recalled that following the expiration of the tenure of Governing Councils of some universities, the Federal Government had recently reconstituted the composition of external members of Governing Councils of 19 universities and four inter-university centres.

The Honourable Minister of Education, Malam Adamu Adamu, inaugurated the newly reconstituted Councils at the Auditorium of the National Universities Commission (NUC) on Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> July, 2021.

The 17-member Governing Council of Ahmadu Bello University chaired by elder statesman Malam Adamu Fika (Wazirin Fika), GCON is made up of external and internal members.

The external members include Prof. Isiaka Adekunle Amoo, Dr. Sani Ibrahim Amin, Alhaji Abubakar Ibrahim Azara, Dr. Stella Ngozi Anasi and Mrs. Ujam Claris, who will represent the Federal Ministry of Education on the Council.

The internal members of the 17-member council are Prof. Aliyu Rafindadi Sanusi, Department of Economics and Prof. Kawu Muhammad Umaru, Faculty of Veterinary Medicine. Both of them were elected on Thursday, 25<sup>th</sup> May, 2021 to represent the University Congregation on the Council.

Renowned economist and former Chairman of FSB International Bank Plc, Mohammed Hayatu Deen is also an internal member of the Council having been chosen to represent the University



Hon. Minister of Education, Malam Adamu Adamu

Convocation on the highest decision-making body of the Institution.

Hayatu Deen, an alumnus of the University, having graduated in 1976 with BSc Economics, was elected at the Convocation meeting held on Saturday, 22<sup>nd</sup> May, 2021. His Excellency, Former Vice-President, Arc. Muhammad Namadi Sambo joined the meeting virtually in his capacity as an alumnus of the University.

Other internal members, who were picked to represent the University Senate on the Council, are Prof. A.A. Liman, Department of English and Literary Studies; and Prof. M.K. Othman, Department of Agricultural and Bio-resources Engineering. They also include

Prof. Sadiq Umar, Department of Physics and Prof. Abubakar Muhammad Madaki, Department of Private Law.

The Vice-Chancellor and the two Deputy Vice-Chancellors are equally internal members of the Council. The Registrar always serves as Secretary to the Council while the Bursar and the University Librarian are on the Council only in attendance.

Inaugurating the reconstituted Governing Councils of 19 universities and four inter-university centres, the Honourable Minister of Education, Malam Adamu Adamu, congratulated and thanked Chairmen and members of the Councils for accepting to serve the Nation in that capacity.

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“It is my singular honour and privilege to formally inaugurate the Governing Councils of 19 federal universities and four inter-university centres. I pray that Almighty God will guide you in discharging these onerous and patriotic responsibilities to our dear Nation”, he said.

While advising that the “powers of Council shall be exercised as in the Laws and Statutes of each University, the Minister pointed out that “Council shall be the governing body of the University with powers of general control and superintendence over the policy, finances and properties of the University”.

Malam Adamu further stressed that in accordance with the relevant laws, the Councils consist of two categories of members – external and internal. Experience over the years, according to him, had shown that most successful councils were those that drew no rigid line between these two categories of

membership.

The Minister also explained that the composition of members of the Councils was such that could effectively enrich and enhance decision-making and policy formulations because both the external and internal members are distinguished personalities with wide experience and considerable exposures.

Malam Adamu, who expressed confidence in the ability of members of the Councils, urged them to emulate this global practice that had worked well for the system.

The Vice-Chancellor, Ahmadu Bello University, Prof. Kabiru Bala and the Acting Registrar of the Institution, Malam Alhassan Garba, were among the several personalities who witnessed the inauguration of the reconstituted Councils.

Other universities whose reconstituted Governing Councils were inaugurated include University of Benin; University of

Nigeria, Nsukka; Federal University of Petroleum Resources, Effurun; Bayero University, Kano; Federal University of Technology, Owerri; Federal University of Technology, Akure and Federal University of Technology, Minna.

They also include University of Maiduguri, University of Abuja, University of Calabar, University of Uyo, University of Jos, University of Ilorin, and National Open University of Nigeria (NOUN).

Others are Abubakar Tafawa University, Bauchi; Modibbo Adama University, Yola; Nnamdi Azikiwe University, Awka; and Usmanu Danfodiyo University, Sokoto.

The four inter-university centres whose Councils were equally inaugurated are National Mathematical Centre, Abuja; National Arabic Village, Ngala; National French Village, Ajara – Badagry; and National Institute for Nigerian Languages (NINLAN), Aba.



Front row seated: The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Kabiru Bala (right), Dr. Sani Ibrahim Amin and Prof. Isiaka Adekunle Amoo at the inauguration of the Council

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Inauguration of the reconstituted composition of external members of Ahmadu Bello University Governing Council by the Honourable Minister of Education, Malam Adamu Adamu, at the Auditorium of National Universities Commission (NUC), Abuja on 15th July, 2021



From Left: Executive Secretary, National Universities Commission (NUC), Prof. Abubakar Rasheed Adamu; Honourable Minister of Labour and Employment, Mr. Chris Ngige; Honourable Minister of Education, Malam Adamu Adamu; and Honourable Minister of Environment, Mohammad Mahmood Abubakar at the occasion



From Left: Prof. Isiaka Adekunle Amoo, Dr. Stella Ngozi Anasi, Dr. Sani Ibrahim Amin and Alhaji Abubakar Ibrahim Azara in a group photograph shortly after their inauguration



A cross section of members at the event



Prof. Isiaka Adekunle Amoo receiving a document containing their appointments from the Honourable Minister of Education, Malam Adamu Adamu



Dr. Sani Ibrahim Amin (left) and Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Kabiru Bala after the inauguration

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**DR. SANI IBRAHIM AMIN**  
External Member



**ADAMU FIKA (WAZIRIN FIKA), GCON**  
Pro-Chancellor & Chairman ABU Governing Council



**PROF. ISIAKA A. AMOO**  
External Member



**ALH. ABUBAKAR I. AZARA**  
External Member



**DR. STELLA NGOZI ANASI**  
External Member



**MRS. UJAM CLARIS**  
External Member



**MOHAMMED HAYATU DEEN**  
Internal Member



**PROF. M. K. OTHMAN**  
Internal Member



**PROF. A. A. LIMAN**  
Internal Member

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**PROF. KAWU M. UMARU**  
Internal Member



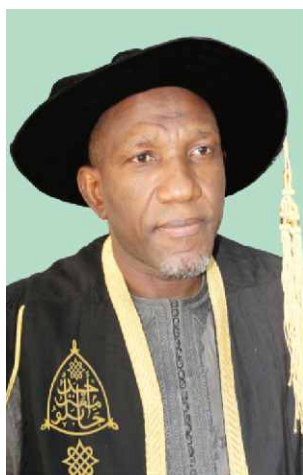
**PROF. ALIYU R. SANUSI**  
Internal Member



**PROF. SADIQ UMAR**  
Internal Member



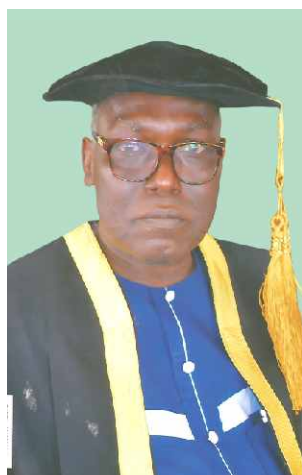
**PROF. A. M. MADAKI**  
Internal Member



**PROF. KABIRU BALA**  
Internal Member



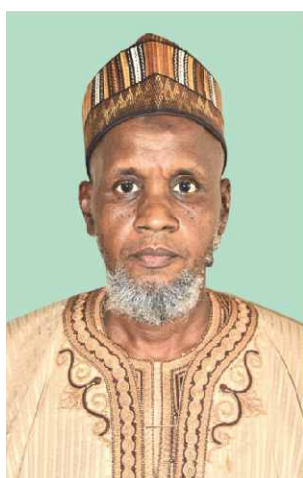
**PROF. A. D. IBRAHIM**  
Internal Member



**PROF. D. A. AMEH**  
Internal Member



**MAL. RABIU SAMAILA**  
Internal Member



**MAL. MOHAMMED B. A. GURIN**  
Internal Member

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**MAL. ABDULHAMID L. GAMBO**  
Internal Member



# ABU to nurture Niger Republic University

## ● Institution's 24 pharmacy students to undergo three-month intensive practical sessions in Ahmadu Bello University

A delegation from Ahmadu Bello University led by Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Administration, Prof. Ahmed Doko Ibrahim, was in Maradi, Niger Republic on a return visit to Dan Dickou Dankoulodo University (UDDM) in relation to the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) jointly signed by both institutions in 2015. The visit was to ensure proper implementation of the MoU which is aimed at promoting regional integration through research and cultural activities between Nigeria and the neighbouring Niger Republic.

**A**hmadu Bello University and Dan Dickou Dankoulodo University, Maradi (UDDM), Niger Republic, have expanded the Memorandum of Understanding they had earlier jointly signed in 2015 to initiate cooperation and collaboration on academic activities for the benefit of both institutions.

In the renewed MoU, ABU had accepted to assist UDDM establish a full-pledged Faculty of Veterinary Medicine that would produce sufficient veterinary doctors for the Francophone country.

ABU had also agreed to nurture UDDM's Faculty of Agriculture through joint research project and joint grant utilization as well as to assist the young university establish a vibrant department of agricultural extension services.

Vice-Chancellor of Dan Dickou Dankoulodo University, Prof. Zakari Moussa Ousmane, had in March last year visited ABU to discuss the renewal of the expanded MoU following the expiration of an earlier one jointly signed by the two institutions.

Consequently, ABU's Directorate of University Advancement was mandated to work with UDDM's Directorate of Linkages to develop the revised MoU aimed at promoting regional integration through research and cultural activities.

Last month's return visit to Dan Dickou Dankoulodo University,



UDDM Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Zakari Moussa Ousmane and Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Administration, ABU, Zaria, Prof. Ahmed Doko Ibrahim co-chairing the collaboration meeting

Maradi, Niger Republic by a seven-member delegation from Ahmadu Bello University was primarily to ensure proper implementation of the expanded Memorandum of Understanding.

The delegation, led by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor,

Administration, Prof. Ahmed Doko Ibrahim, had a series of discussions on issues of importance about the agreement that centered, among others, on promotion of regional integration through research activities, development of joint research in areas of mutual interest

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and competence, organization of colloquia, conferences, symposia, seminars and other scientific activities.

As part of the immediate implementation of the Memorandum of Understanding, it was agreed that the UDDM's final year students of Pharmaceutical Sciences should be brought to ABU along with their lecturers for practicals at the institution's Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences.

The intensive practical training, which is expected to begin next month, would be for a period of three months and both academic staff and technologists from Ahmadu Bello University would be involved in the delivery of the training.

ABU, in liaison with ABU Teaching Hospital, would also make its facilities available for the training and all other cost components such as registration, accommodation, assessment, library fees, internet services and other utilities would be waived for the students.

The limited number of academic staff at UDDM's Faculty of Health Sciences informed the dire need for assistance in many respects, especially deployment of staff on sabbatical, visiting and secondment from ABU to help address the critical situation.

Significantly, the UDDM's desire is for their pharmacy students to acquire the requisite skills and competencies to begin medical formulation beyond the mere sale of drugs and that the mentality of pharmacy services on the sale of drugs should be changed to drugs production.

Other areas covered in the expanded MoU included the need for ABU Department of Computer Science to assist UDDM in computation of students' results and hands on training on ICT and other related fields as well as for ABU to



UDDM Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Zakari Moussa Ousmane (middle) and Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Administration, Ahmadu Bello University at a meeting in UDDM



ABU's Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Administration, Prof. Ahmed Doko Ibrahim, listens as a technologist explains a point of interest at a Laboratory in UDDM's Department of Civil Engineering

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introduce short term training for UDDM staff, especially technicians and technologists.

The two institutions identified sports as a strong factor that could help strengthen their relationship, and they, therefore, stressed the need for resuscitation of the Nigeria-Niger Exchange Programme to further enhance the ECOWAS regional integration.

Both universities, however, fingered language barrier as the major challenge to the collaboration but it was agreed that English/French Proficiency Programme should be introduced through e-learning programmes to address the challenge.

Dan Dickou Dankoulodo University started as Institute of Technology in 2008 and it became fully established as a university on 1<sup>st</sup> July, 2010. The University was later named after a renowned professor of chemistry, Prof. Dan Dickou Dankoulodo, on 16<sup>th</sup> October, 2014.

The University, which started with only 31 students, has an Institute of Technology, Faculty of Science and Technology, Faculty of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences and Faculty of Health Sciences.

At present, the university has over 5,000 students with more than 200 staff members comprising academics, technologists and administrative personnel.

The ABU delegation was at the conclusion of the visit taken round to inspect teaching facilities at UDDM's Faculty of Science and Technology by the Dean of the Faculty, Prof. Karim Saley Doyen.

The seven-member delegation from ABU was led by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Administration, Prof. Ahmed Doko Ibrahim. Other members of the delegation included former Dean, Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Prof. Nuhu Muhammad Danjuma; Head,



From right: Prof. N. M. Danjuma of ABU's Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences, UDDM Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Zakari Moussa Ousmane, ABU's Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Administration, Prof. Ahmed Doko Ibrahim and an academic staff of Dan Dickou Dankoulodo University, Maradi in a group photograph after the meeting

Department of French, Dr. Marian Birma; and Director, Public Affairs Directorate, Malam Auwalu Umar.

They also included Assistant Director, Advancement Services and Linkages, Directorate of University Advancement, Malam Ahmed Zakaria; Students Advisor, French, Yesufu Mamudu; and Travel Guide, Salissou Abdou.

The team from UDDM was led by its Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Zakari

Moussa Ousmane at the discussion. Members of the team included Prof. Abdoulaye Diouf, Prof. Karim Saley Doyen, Prof. Ali Moumino, Prof. Ibrahim Wagani, Prof. Boukany Bawa and Dr. Souley Djibo.

Others were Dr. Ali Albani, Dr. Adakal Ousseni, Dr. Kassoum Djataou Bahari, Dr. Ousmane Abdoulaye, Dr. Mamman Bachir, Dr. Harouna Laouali and Dr. Oumar Abdoulaye.



Prof. Ahmed Doko Ibrahim in a group photograph after a visit to one of the UDDM laboratories

# ABU, PMA Foundation sign MoU for establishment of Professorial Chair in Polymer & Textile Engineering

Ahmadu Bello University and The Paul and Mary Achimugu Foundation have jointly signed a Memorandum of Understanding for the establishment of a Professorial Chair in Polymer and Textile Engineering in the University. It is for the promotion of educational advancement and pursuit of academic excellence in the area of polymer and textile engineering through teaching, research and publications.

The collaboration is also for award of scholarships to indigent and underprivileged students, award of academic excellence to the best graduating students and organizing annual lecture series on critical issues affecting the Cotton, Textile and Garment (CTG) sector.

According to the agreement, the Foundation shall provide financial support for the maintenance of the professorial chair, The Sunday Achimugu (PSA) Professorial Chair in Polymer and Textile Engineering which is to be domiciled at Department of Polymer and Textile Engineering.

The MoU was signed in Abuja on Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> August, 2021. The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Kabiru Bala, signed on behalf of Ahmadu Bello University while Chairman of Paul and Mary Achimugu Foundation, Chief Anibe Achimugu stood in for the Foundation.

The Foundation, according to the MoU, undertook to pay annually the sum of N10 million as a polymer and textile endowment fund for a period of five years.

Other collaborative activities as contained in the MoU may include but not limited to development of projects that will add value, enhance or promote community wellbeing, sustainability and community engagement and management.

These activities, according to the agreement, shall be designed to fall within the parties mandates which will increase opportunities to build social infrastructure, community services and sustainable economic development.

An Endowment Management Committee will be raised for the purpose of maintaining the Chair with the Vice-Chancellor as its

Chairman. Other members of the Committee shall include PMA representative, CTG representative, Head of Department of Polymer and Textile Engineering, PMA Chair Occupant, the Bursar and the Registrar who will also serve as Secretary.

Speaking at the MoU signing ceremony, the Chairman of Paul and Mary Achimugu Foundation, Chief Anibe Achimugu, assured that the foundation would support the University's Department of Polymer and Textile Engineering to become a centre that promotes teaching, research and development in polymer and textile engineering.

In his remarks, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Kabiru Bala, noted that the MoU would evolve a symbiotic relationship between the academia and the cotton textile and garment industry.

The Head of Department of Polymer and Textile Engineering, Prof. M. M. Buhari, and the immediate past Head of Department, Prof. I. Giwa, witnessed the occasion.



The Chairman of Paul and Mary Achimugu Foundation, Chief Anibe Achimugu in a hand-shake with the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Kabiru Bala, after the MoU signing

# Council approves appointments of Doko, Ameh as Deputy Vice-Chancellors



**PROF AHMED DOKO IBRAHIM**  
Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Administration



**PROF DANLADI AMODU AMEH**  
Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Academic

The Governing Council of Ahmadu Bello University has approved the appointments of Prof. Ahmed Doko Ibrahim as Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Administration and Prof. Danladi Amodu Ameh as Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Academic.

The appointments of the two principal officers followed their election at the University's 507<sup>th</sup> (Emergency) Senate Meeting held on Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> June, 2021. Both appointments were contained in a letter to each of them by the Institution's Acting Registrar, Malam Alhassan Garba.

Each of them is to serve for a period of two years with effect from 2<sup>nd</sup> August, 2021.

Prof. Ibrahim is coming for the first time as Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Administration, while Prof. Ameh's appointment as Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Academic is for a second and final term

of two years.

The Council's approval for the two appointments was made at its 196<sup>th</sup> (Regular) meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> August, 2021.

The new Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Administration, who until his election was the Director, Directorate of University Advancement (DUA), succeeds Prof. Sadiq Z. Abubakar, whose tenure expired on Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> June, 2021.

A Professor of Quantity Surveying and Construction Project Management, Doko was the Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer, Ahmadu Bello University Consultancy Services (ABUCONS) Nig. Ltd. from January, 2010 to May, 2016.

Prof. Doko also held sway as Head, Department of Quantity Surveying, Ahmadu Bello University, between October, 2008 and September, 2012.

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Doko was at different times a member of various committees of the University. For example, he was, among others, Member, Council Committee on the Development of Students Hostels through PPP, 2012-2014; Member, University Board of Research, 2008-2011; and Member, University Project Planning, Implementation and Monitoring Committee, 2012-2015.

At present, Prof. Doko is Chairman, Management Committee on the Development of Grants Management Policy for Ahmadu Bello University; Member, University Tenders Board; Member, Management Committee to Develop Regional Policy for Ahmadu Bello University; Member, Management Committee on Corporate Imaging and Ranking of Ahmadu Bello University; and Member, Management Committee to Develop Affiliations Policy for Ahmadu Bello University.

Born at Doko in Lavun Local Government Area of Niger State on 14th September, 1974, Prof. Doko attended Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria; King Fahd University of Petroleum and Minerals (KFUPM), Dhahran, Saudi Arabia; and Loughborough University, United Kingdom for his B.Sc (Hons) Quantity Surveying; M.Sc Construction Engineering and Management; and PhD in Construction Project Management, respectively.

A Fellow, Nigerian Institute of Quantity Surveyors, the new Deputy Vice-Chancellor was promoted to the rank of Professor of Quantity Surveying and Construction Project Management in October, 2013.

Ameh, who is coming for a second and final term of two years as Deputy Vice-Chancellor,

Academic, is a renowned Professor of Nutritional and Medical Chemistry.

Born at Inye in Ankpa Local Government Area of Kogi State, Prof. Ameh joined the services of the University in 1983 on transfer of service from National Institute for Trypanosomiasis Research (NITR), Vom, Jos where he briefly worked as a research officer.

Ameh graduated with BSc Biochemistry with Second Class Upper Division from Ahmadu Bello University in 1977; and in 1981 he got his MSc also in biochemistry from the same University. Prof Ameh was at the University of Alberta, Edmonton where he bagged his PhD still in biochemistry in 1991. Ameh, a Canadian Commonwealth scholar, held a number of administrative positions, including Head of Department, Biochemistry, Acting Deputy Dean, Faculty of Science (now Faculty of Life Sciences); member, Standing Committee, Faculty of Science; member, Board of Studies, Faculty of Medicine; and member, Governing Board, School of Basic and Remedial Studies, Funtua.

Prof Ameh, who is known for his research effort at the Department of Biochemistry, has vast research and extension experience since his days at the University of Alberta as a PhD student where he conducted a research on the influence of bacterial endotoxins on intestinal amino acid metabolism. He is currently into research in medicinal plants for the treatment of trypanosomiasis and diabetes as well as research in toxicological evaluation of protein-rich plant products that are not conventionally eaten for possible utilization.

**The new Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Administration, who until his election was the Director, Directorate of University Advancement (DUA), succeeds Prof. Sadiq Z. Abubakar, whose tenure expired on Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> June, 2021. A Professor of Quantity Surveying and Construction Project Management, Doko was the Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer, Ahmadu Bello University Consultancy Services (ABUCONS) Nig. Ltd. from January, 2010 to May, 2016**

**Ameh, a Canadian Commonwealth scholar, held a number of administrative positions, including Head of Department, Biochemistry, Acting Deputy Dean, Faculty of Science (now Faculty of Life Sciences); member, Standing Committee, Faculty of Science; member, Board of Studies, Faculty of Medicine; and member, Governing Board, School of Basic and Remedial Studies, Funtua**

# House Committee on Tertiary Education on oversight visit to ABU

Members of the House of Representatives Committee on Tertiary Education and Services led by its Chairman, Hon. (Dr.) Aminu Suleiman, have visited Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria, as part of the Committee's oversight activities in the North-West.

They arrived in the University on Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup> September, 2021. And, they were received by the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Kabiru Bala, and some principal officers of the University.

Later on Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> September, 2021, both sides had fruitful deliberations on all the submissions made to the Committee by the University. The interactive session took place at the University Senate Chamber.

The Committee Chairman, Hon. (Dr.) Aminu Suleiman, thanked the Vice-Chancellor and other management staff of the University for the responses to all the questions put to them by members of the Committee during the deliberations.

In his remarks at the conclusion of the deliberations, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Kabiru Bala, expressed gratitude to the Committee for all the observations made and promised to effect all the corrections on the submissions in two weeks time as requested by the Committee.

The Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Administration, Prof. Ahmed D. Ibrahim; Ag. Bursar, Alhaji Gambo Muktar Ibrahim; the Overseer, Physical Planning and Municipal Services, Prof. Abdullahi Abubakar; and Ag. Registrar, Malam Alhassan Garba, were present at the interactive session with members of the Committee.



Chairman, House of Representatives Committee on Tertiary Education and Services, Hon. (Dr.) Aminu Suleiman, speaking during the Committee's visit to the University



The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Kabiru Bala, briefing members of the Committee on the state of the University



A member of the Committee making a remark during the visit

# 'ABU determined to develop capacity in its academics'



The Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Academic, Prof. Danladi A. Ameh (3rd from right), chairing at the workshop on Research Grant Proposal Writing organised by the Directorate of Academic Planning and Monitoring

Ahmadu Bello University is making deliberate efforts to develop sufficient capacity in its academics to be able to compete favourably in the global research community, the Director, Directorate of Academic Planning and Monitoring, Prof. Yahaya M. Ibrahim, has said.

Prof. Ibrahim made this known at a one-day research grant proposal writing workshop held at the School of Postgraduate Studies, Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria.

The workshop, which was the first of many to come in the series, was intended to prepare participants drawn from all academic departments of the University to write winning research proposals.

Prof. Ibrahim stressed the

importance of research, which according to him, remained a core responsibility of academics, saying that through it academics always distinguished themselves and also raised the profile and prestige of their institutions and nations.

“Our research activities and the value that we create through them define the essence of our existence as a University. We must, therefore, accord it the attention it deserves,” he said.

He described research grants as important avenues for funding research activities and that such grants provide a vital means for both the University and the researcher.

In addition, according to him, research grants provide a platform for research mentoring since a good

number of them encourage training of early career academics as part of the requirements.

“Academics also take pride in grants and in publishing good quality papers which raise their personal and institutional profiles,” Prof. Ibrahim further said.

The Director expressed hope that the workshop would serve as a call to action such that more efforts would be put towards applying for, and winning research grants in the University.

Prof. Ibrahim, therefore, recommended that the University Management should challenge each staff on the rank of Senior Lecturer and above to put in a proposal for the next round of TETFund National Research Fund grants or any other grants for that matter.

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## 'ABU determined to develop capacity in its academics'

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The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Kabiru Bala, who declared the workshop open, enjoined all academics from the University to pursue research with vigour and admiration.

Prof. Bala assured that the University through the Directorate of Academic Planning and Monitoring would continue to organize training for writing winning research grants proposals for its academics to remain relevant in the global research community.

Three resource persons made presentations at the workshop. Prof. Raymond Bako of Faculty of Education, Ahmadu Bello University, made two presentations on “Finding Grant Information” and “Strategies to Becoming a Competitive Grant Applicant.”

Prof. Hussaina Makun of National Animal Production Research Institute (NAPRI), Ahmadu Bello University, spoke on “Hands-on Workshop on Grant Writing, while Prof. Y.K.E. Ibrahim of Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Ahmadu Bello University, talked on “Managing Grants”.

**Our research activities and the value that we create through them define the essence of our existence as a University. We must, therefore, accord it the attention it deserves**



The Director, Directorate of Academic Planning and Monitoring, Prof. Yahaya M. Ibrahim speaking at the occasion



Prof. Hussaina Makun of NAPRI speaking at the workshop



A cross section of participants at the event

# Minister lauds ABU for knowledge sharing effort

The Honourable Minister of Industry, Trade and Investment, Chief Otunba Adeniyi Adebayo, CON, has lauded Ahmadu Bello University for its interest and passion for national development.

Speaking at a workshop on 'Academia-Industry Alliance for Effluent Management with Biocoagulants in Nigerian Oil and Gas Industries' organized by the University, the Minister said that the workshop was an addition to the accomplishment of the drive to create a sustainable platform for knowledge sharing.

Funded by the Royal Academy of Engineering, London, United Kingdom under the Higher Education Partnership in Sub-Saharan Africa, the workshop was part of the research effort to, among others, develop a bio-based flocculation system for oil and water treatment in oil and gas industries.

The Minister, who was represented by Mrs. Patience Ehujor, a Deputy Director in the Federal Ministry of Industry, Trade and Investment, also said that the workshop was in line with the economic diversification drive of the present administration's effort which seeks to develop, particularly, the non-oil sector by boosting production and processing, encouraging value addition, wealth and job creation.

"It is common knowledge that information dissemination between academic institutions and industries is critical for the development of innovative ideas and projects that would contribute positively towards a sustainable economy and better livelihood for the population.

"That is why the Federal Government at all levels is committed to drive initiatives of industrialization and diversification as articulated in the Economic Recovery and Growth Plan (ERGP) and Nigerian Industrial Revolution Plan (NIRP)", he said.

He said it was encouraging that



Mrs. Patience Ehujor, the representative of the Honourable Minister of Industry, Trade and Investment, speaking at the occasion

the reality that unquantifiable wealth lays within the sector, and that aggressive financing of research and investment in the sector was, therefore, critical in order to advance the quest for sustainable economic development in Nigeria.

The Minister further stated that collaboration with industry was critical for academia to create scientific knowledge and obtain industrial data and vice-versa.

"Therefore, for the economy to achieve greater growth in the future, the financial industry must be encouraged to serve the real sectors of the economy while corporate bodies should be encouraged to serve the real sectors of the economy while corporate bodies should be encouraged with favourable government policies to give entrepreneurs the impetus to thrive through increased patronage", Otunba Adebayo said.



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He explained that government, in this connection, was building partnership with banks, non-governmental organisations, donor agencies and research organizations to mitigate some of these challenges that currently affect industrialists.

The Minister expressed confidence that the outcome of the workshop would, no doubt, stimulate investment across different sectors of the economy which would chart a sustainable course towards increased productivity.

In his remarks, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Kabiru Bala, congratulated the researchers who won the grants from the Royal Academy of Engineering, London, United Kingdom, to conduct research on effluent management with bio-coagulant in Nigerian oil and gas industries.

The Vice-Chancellor stressed that attracting grants remained a thing of joy in the academia, given that such grants were highly competitive and only the best research proposals could win.

Prof. Bala expressed gratitude to the Honourable Minister of Industry, Trade and Investment, Otunba Adeniyi Adebayo, for the keynote address at the workshop.

The occasion was chaired by the Provost, Airforce Institute of Technology, Prof. Muhammad Dauda, who in his address, explained the significance of knowledge sharing.

The Department of Petroleum Resources (DPR) made a presentation at the workshop. The presentation was made by Engineer. S. Yusuf, Zonal Operations Controller, DPR, Kaduna Zone, on behalf of the Director, Engr. Sarki Auwalu.

Project Coordinator, Higher Education Partnership in Sub-Saharan Africa (HEPSSA), Dr. M.U. Kaisan, who gave an overview of the research project, called for the establishment of a waste management centre by Ahmadu Bello University.

A total of 15 research papers were presented at the workshop's technical session declared open by the Head, Department of Mechanical Engineering, Prof. D.M. Kulla.



The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Kabiru Bala, speaking during the event



The Provost, Airforce Institute of Technology, Prof. Muhammad Dauda who chaired the occasion



Project Coordinator, Higher Education Partnership in Sub-Saharan Africa, Dr. M.U. Kaisan



The Project Coordinator, Higher Education Partnership in Sub-Saharan Africa, Dr. M.U. Kaisan, speaking at an exhibition after the opening ceremony

# Huawei lauds ABU for promoting ICT growth in Nigeria

## ...As it holds job fair for Nigerian students



From right: The Director, Service Delivery for Huawei Technologies Co. Nigeria Ltd., Melissa Chen; Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Kabiru Bala; and Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Administration, Prof. Ahmed Doko Ibrahim, during the Huawei Campus Talk and Job Fair

**H**uawei Technologies Company has praised the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Kabiru Bala, and staff of Ahmadu Bello University for promoting the growth of ICT in the institution and students.

Speaking at the 2021 Huawei ICT Job Fair held at Ahmadu Bello University for Nigerian students, the Director, Service Delivery for Huawei Technologies Co. Nigeria Ltd, Melissa Chen, explained that the effort of the University gave a lot of hope for ICT companies like Huawei to keep pushing for a “better digital Nigeria”.

The event is the second time

global ICT giant has launched its ICT job fair on Campus in Ahmadu Bello University.

Melissa, who described the job fair as “an exciting moment” for Huawei, also assured that the ICT company would shape the future of the ICT industry in Nigeria by bridging the digital divide and bringing latest technologies into the industry.

“I see a great hope for the development of ICT in Nigeria. I would like to thank the Vice-Chancellor and staff of ABU for promoting the growth of ICT in the school and students”, she said.

She observed that Nigeria

attached importance to the development of ICT, and basic education of ICT, saying that Huawei would continue to support Nigerian students as they learn the latest technologies through its various programmes.

Melissa also said that since Nigeria was fast developing in industrialization, infrastructure and economy in general, ICT remained one of the key factors for the country's development and that was why Huawei would need to give more opportunities to the upcoming ICT engineers.

The key to success, according to her, had been given to many

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Nigerian students through training and retraining them to face new challenges in the ICT industry as it was growing very fast.

She further said that there was so much students could offer in the ICT industry because a lot of Nigerian students had shown their capabilities.

Melissa stated that in last year's Huawei ICT Competition, for example, Ahmadu Bello University, University of Port Harcourt and University of Ibadan students won “The Global Grand Prize in the Network and Cloud Track and Second Prize in the Network Track”, a feat that had never been achieved by any country in the competition.

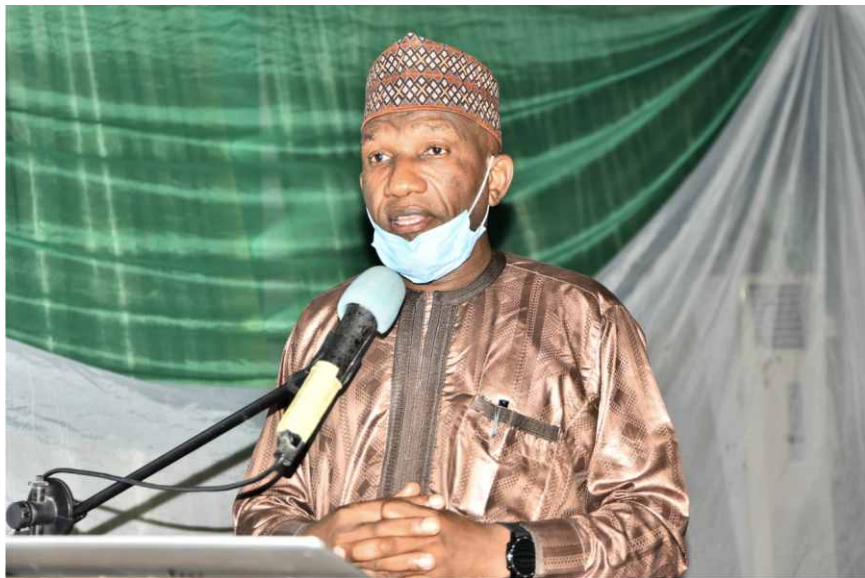
In his remarks, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Kabiru Bala, thanked the global ICT company for its support towards empowering Nigerian students through the use of Huawei ICT solutions.

The Vice-Chancellor, who congratulated the students that participated in the qualification test and interview session, said that the more proficient you were in ICT the more distinguished you would become.

Good messages from Huawei partners were delivered at the occasion. Muhammad Kabiru Haladu spoke on behalf of Micro Access Limited, while Olushola Fashina spoke for Certified Systems Limited.

To fully understand Huawei general operations, Oreofeoluwa Opemipo Omolaolu of Huawei Public Relations Unit gave an overview of the ICT company, just as Kenneth Igwe spoke on the objectives of Huawei ICT job fair.

The participating students at the job fair first went through a qualification test and later participated in an interview session anchored by a team of interviewers from the ICT company and its partners.



The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Kabiru Bala, speaking at the occasion



A cross section of audience at the occasion



A group photograph after the occasion

# ABU early career academics interact with Vice-Chancellor



The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Kabiru Bala, addressing the early career academics

**E**arly and middle-career academics from Ahmadu Bello University has interacted with the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Kabiru Bala, who charged them to work hard in order to build a successful academic career.

The young academics drawn from Faculty of Engineering and Environmental Design were

delighted to have in their midst the Vice-Chancellor who freely interfaced with them on many academic matters that affect their career progression.

The event took place at the main lecture theatre of the Faculty of Environmental Design.

The Vice-Chancellor spoke on a number of issues such as research

grants information, ICT, quality assurance, journal publications, communication channels and many others.

Prof. Bala's remarks at the interactive session which last three hours were clearly in response to the various questions and observations made by the early career academics.

The Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Administration, Prof. Ahmed D. Ibrahim and Director, Directorate of Academic Planning and Monitoring, Prof. Yahaya M. Ibrahim, were at hand to assist the Vice-Chancellor in responding to some of the issues raised.

## Brief...

### Arabic Village Director visits ABU

The Director and Chief Executive Officer of the Arabic Village, Gamboru Ngala, Prof. Ibrahim Mohammed, paid a courtesy visit to the Vice-Chancellor, Ahmadu Bello University, Prof. Kabiru Bala.

The visit was in a bid to seek for help and guidance, given the wealth of experience the University is endowed with. He said he would visit the University again for the signing of Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) in the nearest future.

The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Kabir Bala, who was represented by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Administration, Prof. Ahmed Doko Ibrahim, assured the Director of ABU's readiness to do anything possible to see that the Arabic Village achieved its aspiration.

The Director was accompanied by the Bursar, Malam Usman Yakubu, the Deputy Registrar (Information), Malam Umar Sanda Mohammed and Personal Assistant to the Director, Umar Abba Monguno.



A cross section of participants at the occasion

# Education Minister declares open national conference on research in ABU

- Says ABU should not take rear seat in research



The Executive Secretary, Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund), Prof. Suleiman E. Bogoro (left), stressing a point when he called on the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Kabiru Bala

Ahmadu Bello University's Institute of Education has organised the 1<sup>st</sup> National Conference on Research, Training and Development which was declared open by the Hon. Minister of Education, Malam Adamu Adamu.

“Research, Training and Development in Nigerian Educational System in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: Challenges and Way Forward” was the theme of the five-day conference. It took place at the University Assembly Hall, Samaru, Zaria.

Declaring the conference open, the Minister stressed that ABU as one of Nigeria's first generation universities should not take the rear seat in the area of research.

Malam Adamu, who was represented by the Executive Secretary, Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund), Prof. Suleiman E.

Bogoro, also said that the University had earned a rightful place in the ivory tower by churning out graduates that compete favourably with other best brains anywhere in the world.

The minister recalled with nostalgia some of vibrant intellectual activities organised by students that attracted many to ABU, citing, as example, the popular Moot Court at the Faculty of Law and the Mock Summit at the Department of Political Science and International Studies.

Sadly, the minister further said, those epoch-making events by students were no longer heard in recent years.

Malam Adamu, however, expressed happiness that such vibrant campus academic activities had begun to pick up in ABU with the coming of Prof. Kabiru Bala as the Institution's Vice-Chancellor.

He stressed the importance of research in any academic community the world over, saying that the number of academic publications were not enough, as what mattered most was the amount of research grants one attracted to his or her university as a professor or senior academic.

The minister rejoiced with Ahmadu Bello University for winning a total of 12 research grants in 2020 from TETFund as against the five it won in 2019.

“I am really happy that things are gradually changing in Ahmadu Bello University. As one of the first generation universities in Nigeria, ABU should not take the rear seat in the area of research and other academic activities”, he said.

The minister expressed gratitude to President Muhammad Buhari for doing a lot in the area of education, saying that the Federal Government

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## Education Minister declares open national conference on research in ABU

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had now decided to raise by 50 percent the budgetary allocation to education sector in next year's budget in order to address the shortfall in funding the all-important sector.

Malam Adamu also explained that the President had approved the increase in the TETFund research grants to universities and other tertiary institutions from N5 billion for 2019 to N7.5 billion for 2020 and N8.5 billion for 2021.

The Executive Secretary, Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund), Prof. Suleiman E. Bogoro, had later presented a lead paper at the conference which attracted a number of academics from different universities and other tertiary institutions across the country.

Bogoro's paper, "Research, Training and Development in Nigerian Tertiary Level of Education: Challenges and the Way Forward", discussed and demonstrated how all other key

elements of the topic were concentric to the critical factor of research and development. He also announced the centrality of research & development and innovation to everything TETFund had embarked upon under his stewardship.

Earlier in his address of welcome, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Kabiru Bala, stressed the importance of research in national development, hence the decision by the Institute of Education to begin the yearly national conference on research, training and development.

The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Kabiru Bala, had earlier before the start of the conference received the TETFund Executive Secretary, Prof. Suleiman E. Bogoro, who paid him a courtesy visit in his office. Prof. Bala was assisted by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Administration, Prof. Ahmed D. Ibrahim and Director, Institute of Education, Prof. Bashir Maina, in receiving the TETFund Executive Secretary.

**I am really happy that things are gradually changing in Ahmadu Bello University. As one of the first generation universities in Nigeria, ABU should not take the rear seat in the area of research and other academic activities**



The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Kabiru Bala (second from right), responding to the remarks by Executive Secretary, Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund), Prof. Suleiman E. Bogoro, who arrived in ABU to deliver a lecture at a conference



# How to achieve financial sustainability in Nigeria's tertiary institutions,

## by Prof. S.A. Abdullahi



Prof. S.A. Abdullahi delivering the lecture

**F**or Nigerian tertiary institutions to have financial sustainability they must put in place a number of efficiency measures that would generate more revenue for them, the Dean, School of Postgraduate Studies, Ahmadu Bello University, Prof. Sani A. Abdullahi, has said.

The don teaches at Department of Banking and Finance, ABU Business School, Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria.

Prof. Abdullahi, a long standing academic with over 30 years teaching experience in the university system, also noted that considering the role of universities as agents of economic growth and development, certain important drivers must exist for them to be financially sustainable.

The don spoke when he delivered a lecture, entitled “Financial Sustainability in Nigerian Public Tertiary

Institutions: Challenges and Way Forward”, at a symposium organized by Ahmadu Bello University Business School.

Such measures, according to him, should include establishment of an investment unit that would be responsible for developing investment portfolio and business development strategies to enable universities to get adequate financial resources for effective knowledge creation.

Stressing the need for a university leadership that leads by example and upholds extant financial regulations to ensure value for money, Prof. Abdullahi also canvassed that academic value that emphasizes quality, skills and student employability should be deeply entrenched.

The Dean further fingered collaboration among institutions in order to save on spending as well as reduction in overheads relative to

the core functions of institutions as also key measures that could help universities have financial sustainability.

Prof. Abdullahi stated that universities should put in place processes to generate additional third stream funding and emphasize more on research proposals writings to attract additional funding and grants from foreign donor agencies and countries.

While emphasizing that no revenue generating unit should be ignored no matter how small, he said that efforts should equally be made at increasing IGR on a continuous basis rather than adhoc with full involvement of university management.

He stressed that compliance with corporate governance principles was necessary and that some forms of semi-autonomy should be considered for all IGR units with clear deliverables and workable

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**Prof. M.H. Sabari**  
Dean, Business School



**Prof. Danladi D. Ameh**  
Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Academic



**Prof. Suleiman Karwai**  
Business School



**Prof. M. Duru**  
Business School

reward system to encourage high performance.

Prof. Abdullahi, equally, listed some factors that negatively affect the viability and sustainability of tertiary institution's venture. These, he said, included poor recruitment policy thereby compromising quality and talented staff.

Mismanagement, poor funding,

low interaction with private sector, weak internal control system, poor financial reporting and limited knowledge of business also remained the major factors militating against the financial sustainability of Nigerian public tertiary institutions.

The Vice-Chancellor, Ahmadu Bello University, Prof. Kabiru Bala,

was represented at the symposium by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Academic, Prof. Danladi A. Ameh, with the Dean, ABU Business School, Prof. M.H. Sabari and Director, CBN Centre for Economics and Finance, Ahmadu Bello University, Dr. Mohammed Auwalu Haruna, in attendance.



A cross section of dignitaries at the symposium

# ABU don lists factors hindering Nigeria's entrepreneurship development

**L**ending culture, economic integration policy and decay of the infrastructure are some of the major factors militating against the entrepreneurship development in Nigeria, Prof. Mustapha I. Abdullahi, Head, Department of Educational Psychology and Counselling, Faculty of Education, Ahmadu Bello University, has said in Zaria.

Presenting a paper at a symposium organised by Faculty of Education, Ahmadu Bello University, Prof. Abdullahi explained that the lending culture of the banks with prohibiting antecedents which manifested in high interest rate charges posed a serious problem by discouraging a great deal of local investments.

The lending culture, according to him, had hampered the floating and growth of medium and small scale enterprises across the country.

The don, who spoke on “Entrepreneurship and Culture: A new Horizon in Counselling Practice in Nigeria”, also said that integrating the Nigerian economy into the world economy had forced the Nigerian government to open its borders to other countries for import and export of goods and services to the detriment of the local producers.

This policy, he said, had turned the country to a dumping ground for all sorts of substandard goods and services from foreign countries with devastating effects on indigenous business enterprises.

“This has led to closing down of many local industries ranging from textile industries, tools manufacturing industries, motor car plants among other several business enterprises that have folded up in the country”, he said.

Prof. Abdullahi further went to add that the deterioration and inadequacy of infrastructural facilities across the country such as



Prof. Mustapha I. Abdullahi delivering the lecture

electricity had more often time led the country's economy into recession.

“The development has led to erratic or epileptic power supply to the indigenous industries and local enterprises which forced them to depend heavily on diesel power generating plants leading to additional expenses and financial burden among other economic disadvantages for the indigenous business to bear.

“As a result of this many industries have relocated to other African countries such as Ghana and South Africa where there is stable power supply to all sectors of the economy”, he explained.

The don equally fingered multiple taxation policy, declined productivity and effect of colonialism as other factors hindering entrepreneurship development in Nigeria.

According to him, there was no clear taxation policy in Nigeria to the effect that multiple taxation had been imposed on Nigerians ranging from the federal, state and local governments.

He stated that the decline in the

productivity of an average Nigerian was a negative effect posed by the experience of oil boom scenario, saying that government at all levels erroneously reduced the working days in a week from six to five days, with many holidays interrupting the year working days.

“This, indeed, discouraged many foreign investors who perceived the effect of this as a slowdown syndrome to the progress and growth of any business. This makes a distinction between Nigerian developing economy and the developed economy”, Prof. Abdullahi further said.

**The decline in the productivity of an average Nigerian was a negative effect posed by the experience of oil boom scenario**

## ABU don lists factors hindering Nigeria's entrepreneurship development

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He said that the colonialization of the African countries by the imperialists was still having a lingering negative effect.

For example, he also said, some Francophone countries in sub-Saharan Africa, preferred importing goods and services from far away European countries of their colonial masters or somewhere else even when they knew that there were such goods and services in their neighbouring African Anglophone countries.

“For instance, it is confirmed that the cable wire produced in Nigeria is one of the best cable wires in the world, yet the product has not been well patronized by the neighbouring countries.

“It is also confirmed that Benin Republic imports less quality cement from far away China when cement of high quality produced in Nigeria is closer to them. This is done without any political and economic justification”, he said.

Earlier in his remarks while declaring the symposium open, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Kabiru Bala, explained that the philosophy and practice of organizing symposium was a global phenomenon.

Ably represented by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Administration, Prof. Ahmed D. Ibrahim, the Vice-Chancellor also said that it was a thing of joy to always give the academics the opportunity to give their own contribution towards the development of humanity.

Some of the personalities who attended the symposium included the Dean, Faculty of Education, Prof. Halidu Bayero; Director, Directorate of Academic Planning and Monitoring, Prof. Yahaya M. Ibrahim; Director, Institute of Education, Prof. Bashir Maina; former University Librarian, Prof. Zakari Mohammed; Ag. Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences, Dr. Shamsuddeen Mohammed; and Director, Counselling and Human Development Centre, Dr. Sa'adatu Mohammed Makarfi.



Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Academic, Prof. Danladi A. Ameh (second left); Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Administration, Prof. Ahmed Doko Ibrahim (third left) and Director, Directorate of Academic Planning and Monitoring, Prof. Yahaya Makarfi Ibrahim at the occasion

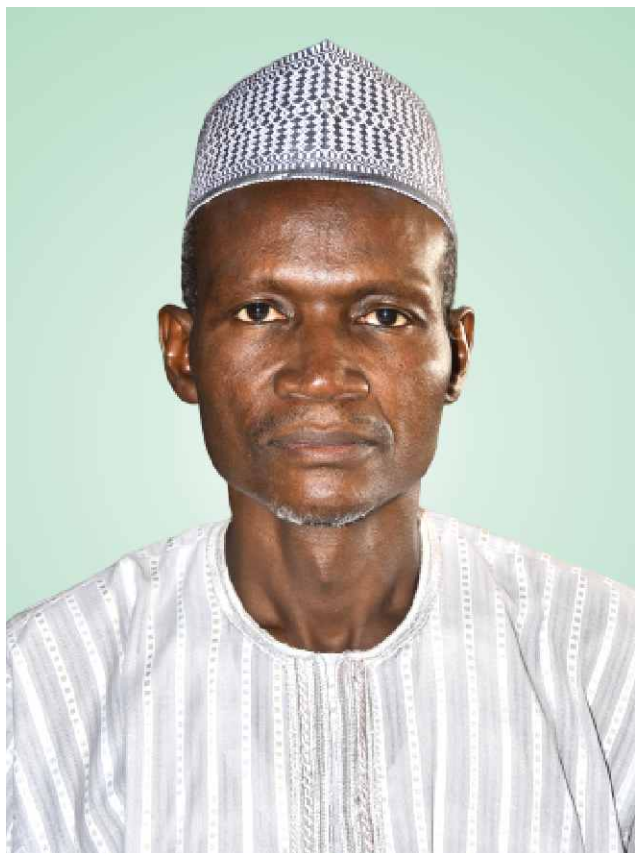


The Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Administration, Prof. Ahmed Doko Ibrahim, who represented the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Kabiru Bala, speaking

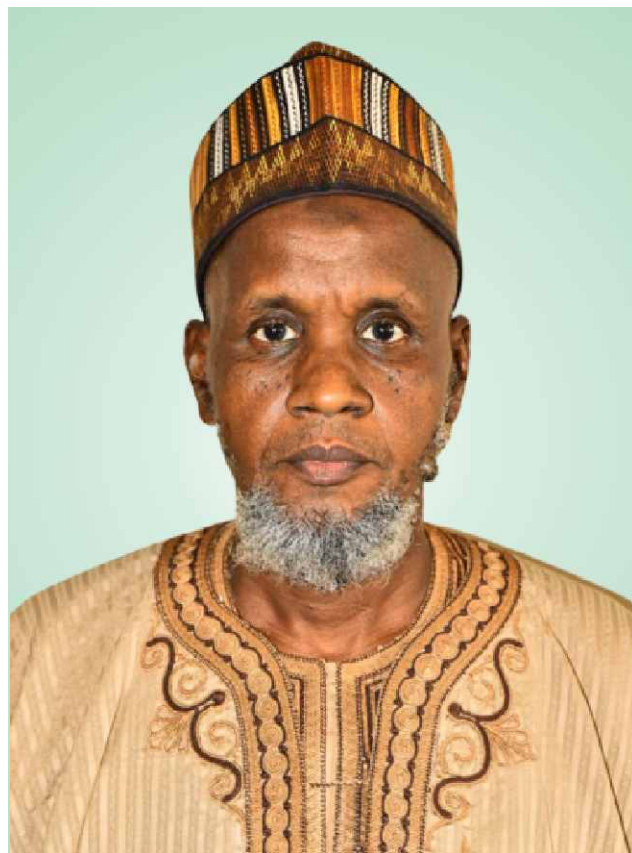


A cross section of audience at the symposium

# ABU gets new Registrar, Bursar



**MALAM RABIU SAMAILA**  
Registrar



**MALAM MOHAMMED BELLO AMINU GURIN**  
Bursar

The Governing Council of Ahmadu Bello University has approved the appointment of Malam Rabiu Samaila as the substantive Registrar for the Institution.

Equally, it approved the appointment of Malam Mohammed Bello Aminu Gurin as the institution's substantive Bursar.

Both appointments take effect from when they assume duties. Each of them is to serve for a one-term period of five years.

The appointments of the two principal officers of the University, according to the Institution's Ag. Registrar, Malam Alhassan Garba, followed consideration of the report and recommendation of the Joint Council/Senate Selection Board at the Council's 196<sup>th</sup> (Special) Meeting held on Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> September, 2021.

The Council's approval for the appointments was in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Section 6 (1) of the Universities (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Amendment) Act 1993, as amended.

In a letter dated 17<sup>th</sup> September, 2021 to each of the appointees conveying the appointment, the Ag.

Registrar congratulated and wished them all the best.

Until his appointment, the new Registrar was the Deputy Registrar, Human Resources Development Department. He served as the Ag. Registrar and Secretary to Council of the University on two occasions: December, 2014 – September, 2015 and February – June, 2016.

Born in Tudun Wada, Zaria, Kaduna State on 1<sup>st</sup> September, 1964, Malam Rabiu Samaila graduated with B.A. (Combined Honours) in History and Political Science with Second Class Honours (Upper Division) from the Department of History, Ahmadu Bello University in 1987. He also obtained a Master of Public Administration degree from the Department of Public Administration, Ahmadu Bello University in 2011.

The new Registrar joined the services of Ahmadu Bello University as an Administrative Assistant in the Registry Department on 29<sup>th</sup> March, 1989 and rose through the ranks to the position of Deputy Registrar on 1<sup>st</sup> October, 2006.

In the course of his career, he served in different

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parts of the University, namely: School of Postgraduate Studies, Institute of Education, Directorate of Academic Planning and Monitoring, Vice-Chancellor's Office and Human Resources Development Department, where he headed and was directly responsible to the Registrar since 2011.

Samaila is a member of many professional bodies such as Association of University Administrators (UK), Association of Common-Wealth Universities' Human Resources in Higher Education Community, and Chartered Institute of Personnel Management of Nigeria. This is an addition to being a Licensed Human Resource Professional.

Until his appointment, the newly appointed Bursar for the University, Malam Mohammed Bello Aminu Gurin was the

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**Born in Gurin town in Fufore Local Government Area of Adamawa State on 16<sup>th</sup> February, 1964, the new Bursar holds a degree in Accounting from Ahmadu Bello University, where he graduated in 1995**

serving Bursar, Federal University, Gashua on secondment from Ahmadu Bello University. He started working as an Assistant Chief Clerical Officer (Accounts) in Ahmadu Bello University on 6<sup>th</sup> June, 1988 and rose through the ranks to become Deputy Bursar.

Born in Gurin town in Fufore Local Government Area of Adamawa State on 16<sup>th</sup> February, 1964, the new Bursar holds a degree in Accounting from Ahmadu Bello University, where he graduated in 1995.

A member of the Association of National Accountants of Nigeria (ANAN), the new Bursar had at different times worked with the Petroleum Trust Fund (PTF) from 1996 to 1999 and Common Wealth Manufacturing Company Limited, Abuja between 2009 and 2010.



Ahmadu Bello University Senate Building

# Kaduna Police Command to support ABU strengthen security on Campus

The Kaduna State Police Command has reiterated its commitment towards providing all the necessary support to Ahmadu Bello University to strengthen security in the institution.

The newly appointed Commissioner of Police for the Command, Mudassiru Abdullahi, made this known when management staff of the University led by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Administration, Prof. Ahmed D. Ibrahim, visited the command in Kaduna to congratulate him.

Abdullahi described Ahmadu Bello University as a huge institution with massive structures all the over place, stressing that all hands must be on deck to strengthen security in the University and neighbouring communities.

The Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Administration, Prof. Ahmed D. Ibrahim, had earlier told the Commissioner that they were at the Command to congratulate him on behalf of staff, students and management of the University on his “well-deserved appointment as Police Commissioner, Kaduna State Police Command”.

Prof. Ibrahim, who stood in for the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Kabiru Bala, said that Abdullahi's appointment glaringly showed the confidence that the Inspector General of Police had in his ability and capacity to perform.

The Deputy Vice-Chancellor expressed gratitude to the Command for the donation recently to the University of a refurbished Armoured Personnel Carrier (APC) which had added value in responding to security challenges in and around the University community.



Kaduna State Police Commissioner, Mudassiru Abdullahi, speaking when some Management Staff of Ahmadu Bello University, led by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Administration, Prof. Ahmed Doko Ibrahim, called on him

Prof. Ibrahim also expressed the belief that the age-long cordial relationship that existed between ABU and the Command would continue to grow and be sustained.

Members of the University Management led by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor on the visit to the Command included Dean, School of Postgraduate Studies, Prof. Sani A. Abdulahi; Dean of Students, Prof. Muhammad

Fatihu; and Director, University Health Services, Prof. Muhammad S. Isah.

Others were Ag. Chief Security Officer of the University, Malam Ashiru T. Zango; Director, Public Affairs Directorate, Malam Auwalu Umar; Deputy Registrar and Special Assistant to the Vice-Chancellor, Malam Auwal Y. Mohammed; and Principal Assistant Registrar, Mr. I.D. Voh.



A group photograph after the visit



The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Kabiru Bala (2nd right), inspecting a Toyota Camry donated to the Directorate of Academic Planning and Monitoring by the Division of Agricultural Colleges (DAC). The Division Director, Prof. Musa Abdullahi Mahadi (second from left) presented the vehicle to the Vice-Chancellor



The Vice-Chancellor (second from right) receiving a donation of a digital multifunctional system to Ahmadu Bello University by an alumnus of the University, Dr. Zaid Abubakar. Dr. Abubakar, who was represented, is the Chairman, Kaduna State Internal Revenue Service (KADRIS)



A representative of Class of '79/80 - School of Basic Studies (SBS), Malam Ibrahim A. Jibril (Magayakin Zazzau) commissioning a borehole at Danfodio Student Hostel. The borehole was drilled and donated by the Class. Second from right is the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Administration, Prof Ahmed Doko Ibrahim



The Headmaster, Ahmadu Bello University Staff School, Malam Umar Bala (left) presenting a 'Meritorious Service Award' to the former Headmaster of the School, Malam Muhammad Gimba Alfa at a ceremony held on 30th September, 2021



A representative of Near Foundation, Muhammad Umar Danfulani (right), distributing meat to some members of the University community on the occasion of Eid-el-Kabir





Members of the Investigative Committee on NEEDS Assessment led by Prof. Suleiman Karwai chatting with the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Kabiru Bala, when they came to present their report



Newly elected executive members of Postgraduate Representatives Council (PRC) taking the oath of office after their election

# ABU begins public presentation of its physical projects

Management of Ahmadu Bello University, under the leadership of the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Kabiru Bala, came up with many laudable reforms towards repositioning the Institution in line with global best practices, the Overseer of Physical Planning and Municipal Services (PPMS), Prof. Abdullahi Abubakar, has said.

Prof. Abdullahi said this at the maiden edition of the public presentation of physical projects in Ahmadu Bello University Zaria held at ABU Assembly Hall on Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> August, 2021. The presentation was the first of three presentations scheduled to hold every Thursday for three consecutive weeks.

The Overseer also said the presentation was intended to update members of the University community, as major stakeholders and end users of these projects, on ongoing and proposed projects in the University and to enable them to make their inputs for better service delivery.

Two projects were presented at the maiden edition by Trend Design Consultants, the first being the proposed Department of Building, Faculty of Environmental Design to be located at ABU Phase II and the second being two designs of proposed students hostel to be located at Danfodio Hall. Both projects are to be built under Abdul Samad Rabi'u Africa Initiative which donated N1bn to the University.

The Vice Chancellor, Prof. Kabiru Bala, appreciated the valuable inputs made by the University community and assured that all inputs would be taken into consideration. He also said the aim of the presentation was achieved and that all University projects would be subjected to such presentation from planning to execution.



The Overseer, Physical Planning and Municipal Services, Ahmadu Bello University, Prof. Abdullahi Abubakar, speaking at the event



Seated from the front row: The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Kabiru Bala (right); Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Academic, Prof. Danladi A. Ameh; and Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Admin., Prof. Ahmed Doko Ibrahim



A cross section of stakeholders at the presentation

# ABU honours lecturers, students for winning at Unilever, NSBMB competitions

Management staff of Ahmadu Bello University have received two teams of students who recently won prizes at Unilever Ideathrophy and NSBMS National Quiz Competitions and congratulated them on the feat achieved.

The students were honoured along with their lecturers who mentored and led them to the competitions.

Unilever Ideathrophy is a competition organized by Unilever, a multi-national corporation that produces Fast Moving Consumer Goods (FMCG) in Nigeria.

This competition is mainly for Nigerian university students to work on different Unilever brand and to provide ideas that would make the brand stand out as well as to teach and develop in students work ethics for career engagement after school.

The ABU team passed through all stages of the competition and emerged as the 1<sup>st</sup> runner up for the Unilever Ideathrophy 2018 in Lagos. This earned the team an opportunity to represent the University and Nigeria in the competition on an all-expense paid trip at the Unilever Africa Ideathrophy (UAIT) 2019 held in South Africa.

While in South Africa, the team emerged as the finalist and as the 2<sup>nd</sup> runner up among different students across all African countries.

It was the second time the University won a place to represent the institution and Nigeria in the continental competition in South Africa.

The students who participated in the competition were Temidayo Abdulazeez, Department of Botany; Fah'd Abdulmalik, Department of Polymer and Textile Engineering; and Adebayo Bonojo, Department of Polymer and Textile Engineering.

Prof. Mari Jonathan of Department of Science Education, who is the Unilever Faculty Adviser, Faculty of Education, Ahmadu Bello University, accompanied the students to the competition.

The other team of students participated in the 2021 Nigerian Society of Biochemistry and

Molecular Biology (NSBMB) Conference and National Biochemistry Quiz Competition held at Usmanu Danfodio University, Sokoto under the guidance of Prof. Abdullahi Balarabe Sallau, who is the current Head, Department of Biochemistry.

The students, who participated in the competition and emerged 3<sup>rd</sup> position, were Muhammad Abdulgafar, Fatima Ibrahim Binta, Yusuf Muhammad, Khalil Sanusi,

Mikail Bawa Ali and Odunola Safiyyah Adedoyin. They are from Department of Biochemistry.

Congratulating the students and their mentors, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Kabiru Bala, expressed delight that ABUSITES were making the University proud all over the world.

The Vice-Chancellor presented letters of congratulation to them after they handed over to him the trophies won at the competitions.



Prof. Mari Jonathan of Department of Science Education, who is the Unilever Faculty Adviser, presenting the trophy won to the Vice-Chancellor (right)



The students receiving commendation letters from the Vice-Chancellor



A group photograph after the trophy presentation

# UNESCO, IAEA donate teaching equipment to ABU

The International Centre for Higher Education Innovation under the auspices of the United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO – ICHEI) has donated to Ahmadu Bello University a total of 21 different digital devices under the framework of their academic partnership.

A letter of explanation by Director, UNESCO – ICHEI, Prof. Dr. LI Ming, regarding the donation to the institution, said that the devices were delivered to the University as “token of appreciation”.

The digital devices include one smart watch (Huawei Watch Fit), two smart bracelets (Xiaomi Smart Band 5) and eight wireless presenter (Deli 2801). Others are eight Bluetooth keyboard (B.O.W. HB 066) and two wireless headphones (Oppo Enco W31).

Since the start of the partnership in 2019, according to Prof. Ming, ABU and UNESCO – ICHEI had fruitful collaborations in the areas of teacher-ICT capacity building, digital educational infrastructure, and academic exchanges.

Receiving the devices from Prof. M.B. Mu'azu of Department of Computer Engineering, Ahmadu Bello University, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Kabiru Bala, expressed the Institution's profound gratitude and appreciation to the Centre for the “generous donation”.

The Vice-Chancellor explained that the devices came at a right time and that they would “indeed make a huge difference in the advancement of teaching and learning” in ABU.

In a related development, the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEI) has donated 40 assorted laboratory equipment and other consumables worth 73,148.93 euros to the University for use at its Africa Centre of Excellence for Neglected Tropical Diseases and Forensic Biotechnology (ACENTDFB).



The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Kabiru Bala, receiving an ICT equipment donated to the University from HoD, Computer Engineering, Prof. M.D. Mu'azu (right)

The donated laboratory equipment and other consumables which were delivered to the University through the Nigeria Atomic Energy Commission (NAEC) are mainly for COVID-19 analysis.

They include Biohazard Safety Cabinet Airstream Class BS III, BIOBASE, Biohazard Safety Cabinet Airstream Class BS II, BIOBASE; Thermocycler, Real Time PCR including software; Micro-Centrifuge including rotor,

for sample extraction; PCR Hood, BIOSAN, UVC/T-AR and Shaker, Vortex mixer, Genius 3 with attachment.

Others are Scanner for Cryotube; Variable Single Channel Pipette, 0.5-10ul; Variable Single Channel Pipette, 5-50ul; Variable Single Channel Pipette, 20-200ul; Variable Single Channel Pipette, 100-1000ul and Cryobox for assorted 1.5ml vials.

The Management staff of the University ably led by the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Kabiru Bala, inspected the equipment at the Centre domiciled at the Centre for Biotechnology Research and Forensic Training.

The inspection of the equipment was guided by the Centre Leader, Africa Centre of Excellence for Neglected Tropical Diseases and Forensic Biotechnology, Prof. Y.K.E. Ibrahim.

The Vice-Chancellor expressed immense gratitude to International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) for the “wonderful” donation and Nigeria Atomic Energy Commission (NAEC) for facilitating the gesture.

**The devices came at a right time and that they would indeed make a huge difference in the advancement of teaching and learning in ABU**

# Izah, Dunmoye, Saddique, Garba honoured for meritorious services to ABU



Prof. P.P. Izah (right) receiving a plaque from the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Kabiru Bala, in appreciation of the services rendered to the University



The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Kabiru Bala (left) presenting another plaque to Prof. R.A. Dunmoye

Four eminent academics who retired recently from the Department of Political Science and International Studies, Ahmadu Bello University, have been honoured for their meritorious services to the Department, University and humanity in general.

Those honoured are Prof. P.P. Izah, Prof. R.A. Dunmoye, Dr. Abubakar Saddique Mohammed and Malam Aminu Garba.

Izah and Dunmoye served the Department for 47 years. Both joined the Department as Graduate Assistants and rose through the ranks to become professors. Also, Saddique and Garba served the Department for many years.

They were honoured at a sendforth organised specifically for them by the Department. The brief but colourful event was chaired by the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Kabiru Bala, who noted with appreciation the tremendous contributions the scholars made towards the development and growth of the Department and the University as a whole.

The Vice-Chancellor also acknowledged their immense capacity to deliver as academics. Prof. Bala also said the four scholars would continue to be remembered for their unique character, way of teaching and mentoring.

Earlier in her speech, the Head, Department of Political Science and International Studies, Dr. Rahanatu Lawal, explained that the event was organised to express their deep appreciation to the retired academics whom they described as the “elders” of the Department.

Dr. Rahanatu also said the retired scholars were honoured for their dedication, hard work and passion for teaching, research

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## Izah, Dunmoye, Saddique, Garba honoured for meritorious services to ABU

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The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Kabiru Bala (2nd left) presenting a plaque to Dr. Abubakar Siddique Mohammed. First from right is the Head of Department, Dr. Rahanatu Lawal



A cross section of personalities at the sendforth



A group photograph after the event

and community service. She described them as a role model that should be emulated by the young ones who have chosen teaching as a career.

Speaking at the occasion, the former Head, Department of Political Science and International Studies, Prof. Aliyu Yahaya, said he had a wonderful working experience with all of them as his teachers and colleagues at the Department.

Prof. Yahaya also said they would continue to remember them for their selfless services to the Department and the University in general.

Responding on behalf of the honoured scholars, Prof. P.P. Izah expressed gratitude to all staff of the Department, especially the Head of Department, Dr. Rahanatu Lawal and other female lecturers for “this kind of gesture”.

Prof. Izah also thanked the Vice-Chancellor and all other guests who came to celebrate with them, stressing that “ABU is still a home to them.”

The Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences, Dr. Shamsuddeen Mohammed was at the occasion to felicitate with them. Other dignitaries present included three former Deans, Faculty of Social Sciences, Prof. Mohammed Umar Ka'oje, Prof. Kayode Omojuwa and Prof. Abdullahi Hudu as well as former Head, Department of Economics, Prof. Salamatu Isah.

They also included former Dean, ABU Business School, Prof. A.R. Sanusi; Director, Directorate of University Advancement, Prof. Sani Abba Aliyu; and former Director, Public Affairs Directorate, Prof. Isma'ila Shehu.

Each of the honoured scholars was presented with a plaque and souvenir all in appreciation of their meritorious services to the Department, University and humanity.

# Prof. Aliyu takes over as Director of Advancement for ABU

Prof. Sani Abba Aliyu of Department of English and Literary Studies has taken over as the new Director, Directorate of University Advancement, Ahmadu Bello University, from Prof. Ahmed D. Ibrahim who was recently elevated as the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Administration.

A professor of Literary Studies, Aliyu (mni) was appointed by the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Kabiru Bala, in recognition of his “administrative and academic leadership qualities”.

A letter dated 13<sup>th</sup> September, 2021 conveying the appointment expressed hope that Prof. Aliyu would continue to contribute towards the upliftment of the Directorate and the University in general.

Presenting a handover note to Prof. Aliyu at the Directorate of University Advancement Board Room today, the outgoing Director, Prof. Ibrahim, gave a brief on the general operations of the Directorate and urged all staff of the organization to give to the new Director the kind of support they extended to him to succeed.

In his remarks at the brief ceremony, the new Director, who thanked the outgoing Director for the comprehensive handover note, said he would count on the support and cooperation of all staff of the Directorate.

Prof. Aliyu also said he had long been associated with alumni and advancement matters as he played a role in the establishment of the alumni and advancement unit (now Directorate of University Advancement) of the University.

He explained that his recent project was on the “Role of Alumni Association in National Development: A Case Study of Ahmadu Bello University”, when he was at the National Institute for Policy and Strategic Studies (NIPSS), Kuru near Jos between February, 2018 and December, 2018.

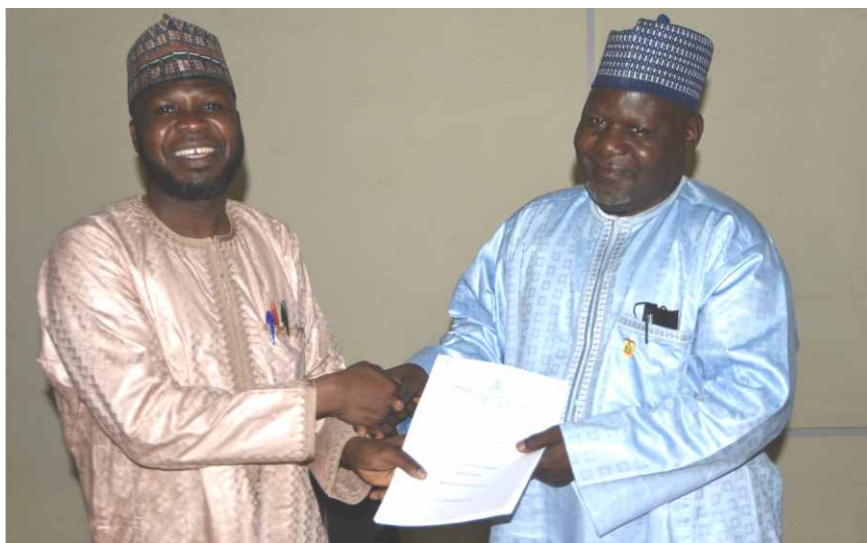
The new Director further said he would study the handover note and that he, staff and other stakeholders

of the Directorate would work collectively to achieve the desired result.

Prof. Aliyu stressed that the University faculty chapters of the alumni must come on board to strengthen the alumni relations for the overall benefit of the institution.

Some of the Directorate's key staff present at the brief handover

ceremony included Head of Alumni Relations, Malam Bashir Munir Abubakar; Head of Advancement Services and Linkages, Malam Ahmed Zakaria; Administrative Secretary, Hajiya Salima B. Mohammed; Confidential Secretary to the Director, Mrs. Blessing Agumka; and Head of Accounts Unit, Malam Hafizu Yusuf.



The outgoing Director, Directorate of University Advancement, Prof. Ahmed Doko Ibrahim (left) handing over to the new Director, Prof. Sani Abba Aliyu

## WACL awards scholarships to three ABU students for Master's degree

Three students from Department of Architecture, Ahmadu Bello University, have been awarded scholarships for master's degree programme by West African Ceramics Limited for their outstanding performance.

Mr. Shakti Mohanty of Royal Ceramics, a subsidiary of West African Ceramics Limited, explained that the scholarship package covered tuition fees as well as upkeep of the students and that it was going to be an annual gesture.

Presenting the scholarships to the three beneficiaries at a brief but colourful event at the University Assembly Hall on Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> August, 2021, Mohanty said that the students were selected for their outstanding performance and good conduct during their visit to Royal Ceramics factory in Ajaokuta recently.

The Head, Department of Architecture, Prof. Abdullahi Abubakar, expressed gratitude to the company for its magnanimity.

Prof. Abubakar, who doubles as Overseer, Physical Planning and Municipal Services, Ahmadu Bello University, also assured that the Department would keep producing world class students.

Also speaking, the Provost, College of Medical Sciences, Ahmadu Bello University, Prof. Abdullahi Jibril Randawa, who spoke on behalf of the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Kabiru Bala, applauded the WACL's gesture and encouraged academic-industry collaboration.

# 'LVT village coming for ABU long vacation students'

Ahmadu Bello University is building a village that would provide sufficient accommodation and lecture halls for its long vacation students, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Kabiru Bala, has said.

Speaking at the matriculation of the LVT students for the 2020/2021 academic session held at Mamman Kontagora Square in ABU Main Campus, the Vice-Chancellor explained that the decision to build the LVT village was to ensure efficient and effective running of the programme.

Represented by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Academic, Prof. Danladi A. Ameh, the Vice-Chancellor said ABU had well-established laws and regulations with laid down channels of communication which all students of the institution must strictly adhere to them.

Prof. Bala congratulated all the matriculating students on gaining admission into the University and urged them to always cultivate the spirit of understanding and tolerance as students.

The Dean of Education, Prof. Haladu Isah Bayero, had earlier in his speech disclosed that a total of 1611 students were admitted for the 2020/2021 academic session for the LVT programme and that they had completed their registration.

“By this matriculation, you have sworn and affirmed that you will abide by the laws of the University and uphold its tradition”, he told the matriculating students.

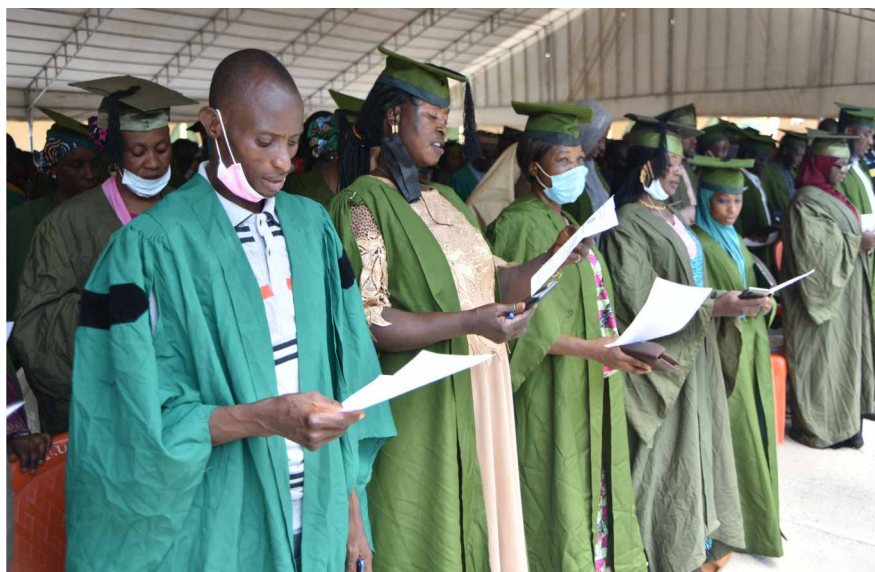
Prof. Bayero informed the fresh students that they should note that all academic programmes of the University have their maximum period within which they are expected to complete.

While rejoicing with them for the opportunity given them to study in ABU, the Dean enjoined them to face their studies seriously in order to succeed.



The Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Academic, Prof. Danladi A. Ameh, who represented the Vice-Chancellor, speaking at the occasion

**The decision to build the LVT village was to ensure efficient and effective running of the programme**



A cross section of the students taking the oath during the matriculation



# US-based foundation donates laboratory equipment worth \$150,000 to Ahmadu Bello University

Ahmadu Bello University has taken delivery of high end medical, laboratory and scientific equipment donated to it by FHDP, a US-based foundation.

The equipment, worth \$150,000 include Gen Probe Tigris DTS, which is the first diagnostic equipment that automates nucleic acid testing and automates all phases of molecular diagnostics testing from sample preparation, amplification, and detection to reporting result.

Others are three Thermo Scientific-80 degrees laboratory freezers, Varian CP-3800 Gas Chromatography, Varian GC/MS/Mass Spectrometer, Sanyo Counter Height Freezer, and several Eppendorf Centrifuges.

They also include Benchman Coulter and Centra CL3 Centrifuges and four other table top centrifuges, Diaphot and Olympus CK2 Microscopes, Cell Bio Sciences Gel Rig, and New Brunswick Scientific Gyrator Water bath shaker.

The foundation has a long history with ABU having made three previous donations to the University in 1995, 2003 and 2009 worth \$1,175,000.

It is a charitable educational and scientific foundation originally formed in 1995 by Nigerian graduate students, residents and visiting scholars in some US universities to help improve educational and medical facilities primarily in Nigeria and later in other parts of Africa.

A few members of the foundation including its founder, Prof. Ahmad-Rufai Abdullah, graduated from Ahmadu Bello University long time ago.

Donating the equipment in a letter to the Vice-Chancellor, Prof.



The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Kabiru Bala, and some members of the Management inspecting the equipment donated to the University at the Multi-User Science Research Laboratory

Kabiru Bala, the founder and president of the foundation, Prof. Ahmad-Rufai Abdullah, explained that the donation as well as others in the past were in keeping with the foundation's objective to promote the social and economic development of Nigeria through high quality education.

The Vice-Chancellor, who led members of the University

Management on Monday to inspect the donated medical equipment at the University Multi-User Science Laboratory, expressed immense gratitude to the Foundation for the gesture.

The Laboratory Manager, Mr. Silas Ekwuribe, took the management staff round to inspect all the items donated to the University by the Foundation.



The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Kabiru Bala, and some members of the Management at the inspection visit to Africa Centre of Excellence for Neglected Tropical Diseases and Forensic Biotechnology



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