



BUK 2016 successful Accreditation

The outcome of 2016 accreditation exercise in Bayero University Kano (BUK) is highly commendable. Twenty five (25) academic programmes were examined, and all of them received full accreditation for the next five years.

The successfully accredited programmes include Adult Education, Agriculture, Agricultural Engineering, Anatomy, Banking & Finance, Biology, Business Administration, Criminology, Economics, Economics Education, Electronics & Physics, English, Entrepreneurship and Geography Education. Others are International Relation, Islamic Studies, Law, Linguistics, Mass Communication, Mechatronics Engineering, Public Administration, Physiology, Physiotherapy, Special Education and Theatre & Performing Arts.

All the 12 programmes that got interim accreditation in 2014 are among the successful 25 that received full accreditation last year.

While the University and departments that participated in the exercise are being commended for obtaining the full accreditation, it is important to note that the success was as a result of their dedication and hard work. The University gave the departments all necessary support and the departments studied the requirements and worked hard to ensure that they meet them.

The success can equally be attributed to the commitment of successive administrations in the University that provided enabling learning environment in all respects. This landmark achievement has not only been maintained by the current administration but the management is making efforts toward raising the BUK to an even higher position amongst its peers.

The success recorded in the 2016 exercise should be an eye opener to other departments and the University in general to avoid fire brigade approach towards accreditations. The departments should constantly update themselves of the requirements and get them ready. They should always approach the University whenever there is need to do so not until a month or two to the arrival of their accreditation teams.

The University, on its part, should review some areas that need improvement and address them accordingly. For example, now that we are in the digital age and globalised

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Don suggests ways to handle differences among Muslims

Seeking knowledge with discipline; avoiding disdainful behavior and approaching issues in a patient manner have been identified as some of the measures for improving interactions toward resolving differences among Muslims.

The suggestion was given by Professor Ahmad Murtala of the Department of Islamic Studies and Sharia, Bayero University, Kano (BUK) at this year's annual Ramadan lecture organised by the Muslim Forum. The lecture, held on Sunday 11th June, 2017 at the BUK Old Campus Central Mosque, was titled *Sabani Ba Adawa Bane: Ludubban Mu'amala Da Abokin Sabani A Ra'ayi Ko Akida*.

Prof. Murtala said the way Allah had created mankind in different colours, tribes and nations was an indication that their methods of reasoning would also differ. He, therefore, said no one should consider his understanding of an issue as ultimate and final.

"While interacting with hope of reaching consensus over an issue in Islam, consider your stand as right which may also be faulty and the position of your challenger as faulty but which may also be right as well", he said.

He added that: "There is the need for us to seek sound

knowledge if we want to handle our differences harmoniously. The level of misunderstanding among Muslims in the 80s and 90s has drastically reduced at the moment due to improvement of knowledge. People, especially students, should make sure that they seek knowledge with discipline to make it beneficial to the Muslim Ummah".

He said discipline was more important than having a lot of knowledge without respect. He cited Abdullahi ibn Mubarak (R) saying that he searched for people with knowledge and found that there were a lot of them but when he searched for those with discipline he found that most of them departed.

Prof. Murtala emphasized that there were etiquettes for seeking knowledge, which students were expected to learn and put them to practice more than the knowledge itself.

Professor Auwal Ibrahim Magashi, Chief Imam of the Kano State University of Science and Technology (KUST), who commented on the lecture, called on the new generation of students to avoid going into issues of differences among Muslims that were supposed to be handled by Islamic scholars, with vast knowledge.

In their separate comments, the Director, School of Continuing

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Education (SCE) of the BUK, Professor Salisu Shehu and Dr. Babangida Muhammad Babangida of the Department of Islamic Studies and Sharia, reiterated the need of engaging a challenger, while discussing issues of differences, with respect and dignity.

One of the Imams of the BUK Old Campus Central Mosque, Dr. Sani Ayagi, highlighted on the need to put all that was delivered by the resource

persons at the lecture to practice.

Ameer of the Muslim Forum, Professor Musa Muhammad Borodo said the lecture was organised to sensitise the Ummah on the need to minimise the differences and work together in spreading the message of the religion as taught by the Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) more than 1,400 years ago.

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world, BUK will remain a local champion if the outside world cannot access it and its students and academics continue to rely on personal subscription to access the Internet. Efficient and effective Internet service is necessary for our corporate image both locally and in the digitalised global community.

There is also the need to sensitise both the students and staff of the available online resources the University has subscribed with so as to access and expose themselves to scholarly academic materials around the world. This will surely help them in all their academic endeavour and other challenges ahead.

Sponsor bills for free interest FG's loan – Muslim elected reps urged

Muslim elected representatives at both national and state assemblies have been urged to unite in protecting their constituency through sponsoring bills that will ensure Muslims in the country benefit from federal government poverty and business intervention programmes without interest.

The call was made by Director, Centre for Islamic Civilisation and Inter-Faith Dialogue, Bayero University Kano (BUK), Dr. Bashir Aliyu Umar at the 2nd Ramadan lecture organized by Islamic Forum of Nigeria, on 10th June, 2017 at Open Theatre 1, Old Campus titled *Tanade-Tanaden Magance Talauci na Gwamnatin Tarayya da Matsayin Musulunci a Kansu*.

Dr. Umar said: "What the Muslim Ummah need from their elected representatives is to help them live their lives without inviting the wrath of Allah. They should sponsor bills that will require Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN), Bank of Industry (BOI) and Bank of Agriculture (BOA) to ensure that any business assistance or poverty intervention

programme from the federal government or the CBN is in line with Islamic provisions for Muslims to be carried along and benefit."

Leader of the Kano Council of Ulama and Adviser to the state governor on Special Duties, Sheik Ibrahim Khalil said people don't have clear understanding of their power. "If we know what people's power means, as far as our elected representatives are concerned, most of our problems would have been solved."

He said the real means of addressing poverty was through having middle class citizen in the society and that could be possible if the well-to-do in the society give out alms (Zakat) according to how Allah (SWT) prescribed.

"Wealthy individuals don't give Zakat when it is due until it is Ramadan period and even during the Ramadan, they give it out in piece meal and sometimes to their relatives. If 1000 or 100 rich people can genuinely give out Zakat for 5 to 10 years, then abject poverty will be a thing of the past among us," he said.

New Site Islamiyya elects new PTA exco

Parent Teachers Association of New Site Islamiyya Bayero University, Kano has elected new officials to run the affairs of the association for two years.

Before the election which took place on 2nd January, 2017 at the

premises of the school, members thanked the previous executives for their achievements which include getting assistance for building a block of two classes, sourcing six computers and providing office for head of the school.

The newly elected executives are Dr. Abdulhamid Umar Yusuf, Chairman; Dr. Salisu Ahmad, Vice Chairman; M. Sirajo Abdullahi

Getso, Secretary; M. Suleiman Bello Isma'il, Asst. Secretary; M. Salisu Inuwa, Treasurer; Dr. Nura Ibrahim, PRO; Dr. Ahmad Maiyaki, Auditor and Professor Habu Nuhu Aliyu and Dr. Bala Muhammad as Technical Advisers.

The new chairman thanked the members for their confidence in the new exco and promised that they would give a new lease of life to the association and the school.

Muslim Forum organises Iftar for inmates

Bayero University Muslim Forum has organised Iftar for Goron Dutse and Kurmawa Central Prison inmates, Secretary of the Forum's Welfare Committee, Dr. Aminu Bukar, said.

Dr. Bukar said about one thousand

inmates from each of the two prisons participated in the event organised to interact and make them feel not being forsaken by the society during the holy month of Ramadan.

He said the Committee also donated some food stuff to Nasarawa Children Home and Goron Dutse Children Remand Home. Some of

the items donated included milk, spaghetti, biscuits and more than 300 pieces of diapers.

Dr. Bukar said the Committee spent N250,000 in financing the Iftar and the donation.

In another development, the Forum has donated N150,000 for renovation of Court Road BUK Staff Quarters Mosque.

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