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## FG to provide lasting solution to flood in FULafia, says SGF Akume

By Nnamdi Lucy

The Secretary to the Government of the Federation (SGF), Sen. George Akume, has said that the Federal Government would address the problems of reoccurring flood in Federal University of Lafia (FULafia), lamenting that floods ravage peoples' properties during every rainy season in the country.

Akume spoke during a recent meeting he held with the Pro-Chancellor and Chairman of the Governing Council of Federal **(Continue on pg. 3...)**



Hon. Akande presents a document to Sen. Akume.

## FULafia V-C emphasises importance of leadership training



Abdul Rahman

By Paulinus Auta

Professor Shehu Abdul Rahman, the Vice-Chancellor, Federal University of Lafia (FULafia), said that leadership training is crucial for equipping aspiring and existing leaders with essential skills to succeed.

Abdul Rahman spoke during a one-day special training on Effective Leadership for new Deans and Deputy Deans, held at the New Senate Chamber, Permanent Site Campus, Lafia.

He highlighted the benefits of leadership training to **(Continue on page 4...)**

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- \* The institution will constitute and remain a reputable centre for academic and intellectual discourse, productive research, and meeting point for local, regional and international scholars engaged in high level manpower production for the nation.

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University of Lafia, Hon. (Mrs.) Lola Fibusola Akande.

The meeting took place at the Office of the SGF (OSGF) in Abuja.

Lamenting the devastations caused by flooding during rainy season, the FULafia Council Chairman, Hon. (Mrs.) Lola Fibusola Akande, appealed to Sen. Akume to use his office to help FULafia overcome the problems of flooding.

She presented some pictures of flooding devastated areas in FULafia and the plan on how to address the problem to Sen. Akume.

Seeing the pictures presented to him by Hon. (Mrs.) Lola Fibusola Akande, Akume, visibly disturbed by the sad images, promised to do something before the next raining season to address bad situations.

The Pro-Chancellor and Council Chairman of FULafia, Hon. (Mrs.) Lola Fibusola Akande, was accompanied to the SGF's Office by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Research and Partnerships, Prof. Sama'ila Usman Dakyes.



Sen. Akume addresses Hon. Akande and her delegation during a courtesy visit.



Sen. Akume poses with Hon. Akande, Prof. Dakyes, and other members of the delegation.

(...from page 1) include informed decision-making, good communication skills, strategic planning, adaptability, personal development and acquisition of organisational skills.

"It's not just about moulding individuals into leaders, it's about creating a collaborative, efficient and innovative work environment where everyone is motivated to achieve their best," he said.

The vice-chancellor tasked the participants to take active part in the training and take-home useful lessons.

In her welcome remarks, Mrs. Becky Kadjo, the Head of the Staff Productivity and Promotion Unit (SPPU), said that the training was organised in conjunction with the Professorial Sub-Committee of the Academic Monitoring Team to equip deans and deputy deans with leadership qualities for effective day-to-day management.

Represented by Agyege Dan-Asabe Osewiyo, Kadjo expressed her gratitude to the vice-chancellor for facilitating hosting of the training.

The topics covered included strategic plan for the faculty, academic and faculty management, ethical and inclusive decision-making for effective leadership, financial and resource management, stakeholder engagement and communication, alumni relations and faculty branding, and fundraising and external funding opportunities

The resource persons were Professor Aleruchi Chuku (Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Academic Affairs), Professor Ali Is'haq Shugaba (Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Administration), Prof Samaila Dakyes (Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Research and Partnerships), Prof Ilemona Adofu, (Director, Academic Planning), Prof. Ibrahim Awwal and Dr Fatima Adis Adamude, (Acting Director, Linkages and Advancements).



Prof. Aleruchi Chuku



Prof. Ali Shugaba



Prof. Samaila Dakyes.



Mr. Dan-Asabe Agyegye



Dr. Fatima Adamude Adis.



A cross-section of Deans and Deputy Deans in attendance.

# Revitalise cultures for national unity, Prof. Halima Amali urges authorities

By Musa Ishaq



Prof. Hamila Amali

Halima Idris Amali, a professor of African literature in the Department of English and Literary Studies, Faculty of Arts, Federal University of Lafia (FULafia), has identified folktales as tools for cultural revitalisation and fostering of unity in Nigeria.

Lamenting the decline of folktales in contemporary societies, Prof. Halima said that plenty of advantages were lost as a result of the disappearance of the culture of traditional storytelling.

She identified reasons such as the lack of parental involvement in passing down storytelling traditions

to younger generations, regretting that educational institutions no longer prioritise the practice of folktales.

The professor raised her concern regarding the educational curriculum in Nigeria, noting a disproportionate emphasis on non-African literature, with works of Shakespeare

being made compulsory in objective tests.

She lamented the absence of space for oral literature within these teaching syllabi.

Halima, who is the Head of Department of English and Literary Studies of the Faculty of Arts and Director at Centre for Gender and Development Studies, spoke while delivering her professorial inaugural speech, the 22nd in the institution.

Halima's inaugural lecture was titled: "Burning Down the House of Knowledge: The Idoma Folktale Performative Tradition."

The event was held at the MIS Multi-Purpose Hall, Permanent Site Campus of the University.



Prof. Hamila Amali displays her plaque, flanked by Prof. Abdul Rahman and a guest.



Front row: Dakyes, Halima, Abdul Rahman, Fatima Abdul Rahman, and Aleruchi.

Halima observed that "Having and promoting Western literatures where the traditional literature is unharvested and unprojected is a harm to the sustenance of the oral genre of folktales."

Halima cautioned against prioritising Western literatures at the expense of traditional African oral genres, stating that neglecting the rich heritage of folktales could jeopardise the sustainability of this cultural heritage.

Prof. Halima Idris Amali underscored the importance of integrating traditional storytelling practices into education and society, emphasising the need for cultural revitalisation to strengthen national unity.

Halima, who delved into the importance of Idoma traditional folktales, highlighted some importance of Idoma folktales and expressed her concern over their decline.

She attributed this decline to factors such as entertainment hubs, the social media, television and modern movies, saying that they have distracted people from traditional oral storytelling.

Halima that the lack of oral narrators and the influence of foreign media have contributed to the diminishing interest in Idoma folktales.

She called on authorities to promote and sustain the oral lore by reintroducing folktales in educational curricula and supporting research in the field.

Earlier, while declaring the occasion open, the Vice-Chancellor of FULafia, Professor Shehu

Abdul Rahman, commended Halima for her dedication to preserving African traditional values, acknowledging her contributions to the field of African literature.

He described her as a hardworking academic, praising her performance as the director of the Centre for Gender and Development Studies and Head of the Department of English and

Literary Studies.

Welcoming the participants to the occasion, the Chairperson of the Inaugural Lecture Committee of the University, Prof. Josephine Odey, said that Halima's contributions to the body of knowledge have added value to Idoma culture and underscored the importance of preserving and promoting oral traditions in modern society.



Prof. Halima receives a gift from Prof. Abdul Rahman.

The occasion climaxed with the presentation of certificate, plaque and gift to Halima by Abdul Rahman.

Abdul Rahman also used the occasion to present plaque to other professors, including himself, who had presented their inaugural lecture in other universities before transferring their service to FULafia.

The lecture was attended by well-wishers and dignitaries including the former deputy vice-chancellor of FULafia and husband of Halima, Prof. Idris O.O. Amali, wife of Abdul Rahman, Hajiya Fatima Shehu Abdul Rahman, former secretaries to the Government of Nasarawa State, Dr Zainab Ahmed and Mr Timothy Anjide, Prof. Amina Bashir from the Federal University, Dutsinma, representatives of Andoma of Doma, the Madakin Lafia, Commandant of NDLEA, Nasarawa State, Mr. Peter Odaudu, former deputy speaker, Nasarawa State House of Assembly, and President, Association of Nigeria Authors, Dr Usman Oladipo Akanbi.



Professors Odey, Abdul Rahman, and Halima, flanked by family members.



Security officers at the event.



R-L: Dr. Zainab Ahmed, Prof. Halima Amali, and Aisha Lawal in attendance.



# Shugaba: Anatomy is foundation of medical practice

*By Musa Ishaq*



Prof. Abdul Rahman of FULafia and Prof. Chagok of Uni Jos

Professor Ali Is'haq Shugaba, the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Administration, and Provost, College of Medicine, Federal University of Lafia (FULafia), has reaffirmed the vital role of anatomy in medical practice.

Shugaba stated that anatomy remains the foundation of medicine, ensuring a solid basis for medical practice and guarantees safe life.

Shugaba said that understanding of anatomy was crucial for the success of biological and medical sciences.

He said: "Understanding gross human anatomy is fundamental to daily clinical activities, such as symptom evaluation, physical examination, imaging

techniques interpretation and therapeutic procedures."

Shugaba spoke while delivering his professorial inaugural lecture, the 23rd, in FULafia.

Shugaba's inaugural lecture was titled: "Between Creation and Dying: Of Structures, Functions and Diseases."

The event was held at the MIS Multi-purpose Hall, Permanent Site Campus of the University.

Shugaba, who delved into the intricate relationships between biological processes and life, highlighted the importance of anatomy in the processes.

Shugaba, a professor of clinical and microscopic



Abdul Rahman

anatomy, pointed out the significance of micro anatomy in gaining insights into the relationships between structure and function of the human body, leading to advancements in medicine, biotechnology, and biomedical engineering.

He recommended that a basic degree in anatomy should be made requirement

for studying medicine and dentistry, urging professional associations to enhance anatomy education for a comprehensive understanding of living systems.

Shugaba emphasised the importance of incorporating AI in the field of medicine, calling for caution and ethical considerations in its

application.

He proposed the establishment of a department of biomedical engineering at FULafia to train and provide services related to biology, nutrition, engineering, technology and AI.

Shugaba re-emphasised the need for regulatory bodies and other post-graduate professional establishments to collaborate with governments to provide better health for effective and improved healthcare delivery in the society.

Earlier, while declaring the occasion open, the Vice-Chancellor of FULafia, Professor Shehu Abdul Rahman, praised Shugaba for his commitment to medical sciences while recognising his significant contributions to the field of anatomy.

Abdul Rahman said that Shugaba's lecture was the first from the Department of Anatomy and the second in the College of Medicine.

He commended him for his hard work, dedication to academic excellence while he served as the director of Research and Creative Thoughts Directorate.

On his part, Professor Ishaya Tanko, the co-chairman of the event and representative of the vice-chancellor of University of Jos, Professor Nestor Chagok, the Dean, Faculty of Natural Science, said that Shugaba's significant contributions to the Department of Anatomy at the University of Jos, praised Shugaba for his excellence in the field of anatomy.

Chagok congratulated the Vice-Chancellor of FULafia, Professor Abdul Rahman,



Prof. Shugaba receives a plaque from Prof. Abdul Rahman.



Abdul Rahman presents a certificate to Shugaba.

for leading the University towards achieving a prominent position among academic institutions.

Chagok expressed his admiration for FULafia's commitment to excellence, noting that the University "is making a mark on the world stage."

Prof. Josephine Odey, the Chairperson, Inaugural Lecture Committee of the FULafia, who was represented at the event by the Dean, Faculty of Education, FULafia, Prof. Abu Ozegya, expressed her gratitude for Shugaba's contributions to medical knowledge, noting that his work has advanced clinical

practices globally.

The event was climaxed with the presentation of certificate and plaque to Shugaba by Abdul Rahman.

The lecture attracted well-wishers, traditional rulers, politicians and other dignitaries.



HRH, Dr Kabiru Ibrahim (Emir of Azara); Dr Faisal Shuaibu, Prof. Yakubu Ashuku; and Prof. Is'haq Shugaba.



Distinguished guests, including HRH, Ahmadu Omaku (Sarkin Adogi); Dr Abubakar Ahmed II (Magajingar in Nasarawa); Justice Suleiman Umaru Diko (rt'd); and Dr Nuradeen Mu'azu Maifata (Acting Rector, IMAP).



Vibrant Eggon traditional dancers.



L-R: Shugaba, Kida, Abdul Rahman, Amali, and Aliyu at the reception.



Shugaba with his wives.



Shugaba with family members.

# Financial frauds pose threat to Nigeria's survival, says Prof. Kida



Emir Sidi Bage, Prof. Abdul Rahman of FULafia, and Prof. Yabpella of FU Wukari in a group photo.

By Musa Ishaq

An accounting guru and Dean, Faculty of Management Sciences, Professor Mohammed Isa Kida, has warned that unless Nigeria fights financial fraud to a standstill, the nation would crumble.

Kida, also the Chairman, Committee of Provosts, Deans and Directors of the Federal University of Lafia (FULafia), while highlighting the grave impact of financial fraud on Nigeria's public sector, governance and the country's economic development, stated that frauds such as procurement scams, payroll manipulations, phishing, identity theft and payment fraud, exposed systemic

vulnerabilities of Nigeria and demanded immediate attention.

Kida, a professor of accounting, spoke while delivering his professorial inaugural lecture, the 24th, in FULafia.

Kida's inaugural lecture, was titled: "Unveiling the Dynamics of Financial Fraud in the Nigerian Public Sector: The Crucial Role of Accountants and Auditors in Perpetuating and Deterring the Menace."

The event was held at the MIS Multi-purpose Hall



Prof. Kida

permanent Site Campus of the University.

Kida stressed the importance of empowering accountants and auditors, enhancing legal frameworks, leveraging

technology, and promoting ethics to combat fraud effectively in Nigeria.

He acknowledged the pivotal role played by accountants and auditors in identifying and preventing

fraud, emphasizing the importance of upholding ethical standards and professional integrity.

While commending Nigeria's efforts in establishing legal frameworks to address financial fraud, including the Economic and Financial Fraud Commission (EFCC) and the Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission (ICPC), Kida highlighted the need for improved enforcement of and compliance to the nation's laws against frauds.

He called for coordinated efforts from all stakeholders to strengthen the country's financial system and restore public trust.

Earlier, while declaring the occasion open, the Vice-Chancellor of FULafia, Professor Shehu Abdul Rahman, lauded Professor Mohammad Isa Kida for his dedication to solving economic related problems in Nigeria.

Abdul Rahman highlighted Kida's significant contributions to the field of accountancy, saying that Kida's lecture was the first from the Department of Accounting and the first from the Faculty of Management Sciences of FULafia.

Professor Jude Sammani Rabo, the Co-Chairman of the event and Vice-Chancellor of Federal University, Wukari, Taraba State, represented by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Central Administration, Prof. Gary Garbunga Yebpella, commended Kida's outstanding contributions to the Department of Accounting, Federal University, Wukari, where he served before transferring his services to FULafia.

He commended Abdul Rahman for leading the FULafia to greatness, saying: "Your University is attaining a prominent position among academic institutions."

Professor Josephine Odey, the Chairperson of the Inaugural Lecture Committee of FULafia, represented by Professor

David Ugal, expressed her gratitude for Kida's contributions to the field of accounting.

Odey noted the global recognition of Kida's work in advancing accounting knowledge.

The event was climaxed with the presentation of certificates and plaques to

Kida by Abdul Rahman.

The lecture attracted many dignitaries including the Emir of Lafia and Chairman, Nasarawa State Council of Chiefs, Hon. Justice Sidi Bage Muhammad 1, JSC (rtd), other traditional rulers, politicians, well-wishers, family members and friends of the inaugural lecturer.



Prof. Abdul Rahman presents a plaque to Prof. Kida.



Kida receives his certificate from Abdul Rahman.



Cross-section of Senate Members of FULafia.



Palace guard leading the Emir of Lafia to the inaugural lecture.





Front row: Prof. Mainoma, Prof. Shugaba, HRH Emir Sidi Bage, HRH Umar Bwala, Prof. Kida, Prof. Abdul Rahman, and Dr. Ikrama.



HRH, Umar Bwala (Sangarin Shabu), Alh. Isiaka Dauda (Madakin Lafia) and other guests.



Amb. Azores, Dr. Zainab, Prof. Amali, Dr. Ikrama, and Prof. Mainoma.



Security officers at the event.



# FULafia *Bulletin*

## FULafia Governing Council extends tenures of Bursar and Librarian

The Governing Council, Federal University of Lafia (FULafia) has, during its 6th Extraordinary Meeting, approved one-year extension to the tenures of office for Bursar, Dr Daniel Anjola Wilson, and University Librarian, Professor Abiodun Olaide Iyoro.

The extension was in consonance with Section 5, Subsection 5 of the Universities (Miscellaneous Provision) (Amendment) Act, 2012, which grants the Governing Council authority to extend the tenure of key university officers under specific circumstances that support the institution's stability and strategic needs.

According to a statement issued by the Registrar of FULafia, Malam Nuradeen Abdu, the Council in extending the Bursar's tenure, looked at the need for continuity in the University's financial and administrative operations, completing the ongoing automation and digitisation processes in the bursary and significance of allowing the newly constituted FULafia Governing Council to acclimatise to the University's frameworks and ongoing financial strategies.

The statement said that Wilson provided an invaluable leadership in the financial administration of FULafia, strengthened financial operations and ensured fiscal responsibility in the financial system.

Consequently, said the statement, the Bursar's tenure of office, initially expected to end on May 5, 2025, has been extended and it would now terminate on May 4, 2026.



Dr Wilson



Prof. Iyoro

Similarly, in extending the tenure of the University Librarian, the statement said that the Governing Council considered the need for continuity in the University's academic administration, completion of some essential projects, including the e-resource library for faculties and mentoring for the incoming librarian and seamless transition.

The statement praised Iyoro for his exceptional services and demonstration of innovative leadership, citing his pivotal role that led to the gaining of full accreditation for 98 per cent of the University's programmes and development of e-libraries for faculties.

The council, therefore, approved one year extension of office for Iyoro from July 2, 2025, to July 1, 2026, to allow him to make further contributions to the University's development.

# FULafia V-C emphasises value addition

*By: Paulinus Auta*



Prof. Shehu Abdul Rahman delivers a speech.

Professor Shehu Abdul Rahman, the Vice-Chancellor of Federal University of the Lafia (FULafia), has stated that true success is measured by the number of positive impacts someone makes in the society.

He applauded the college staff's efforts in enhancing medical education quality, reiterating his administration's commitment to the FULafia Medical College's development.

He made this remark during a courtesy visit to his office by the executive committee members of the newly established Association of Specialist Medical Doctors in Academics (ASMEDA), FULafia Chapter.

"The importance of health cannot be overstated, as it is the foundation for creativity, productivity and success," he said.

Abdul Rahman commended the association's establishment, describing its members as critical stakeholders in the University.

The vice-chancellor encouraged ASMEDA to develop programmes to motivate younger academics and make them to pursue higher degrees, with a view to positively impacting others.

Earlier, Dr. Ahmed

Muhammad Rabi, the ASMEDA FULafia Chapter Chairman, expressed his gratitude for the vice-chancellor's support and introduced the association's officials.

He said that ASMEDA, an affiliate of the Nigerian Medical Association, focuses on advancing medical education and research within academic environments.

Rabi pledged partnership with the University in research, community service and medical outreach.

Professor Ali Shugaba, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Administration) and ASMEDA Patron, assured the vice-chancellor of the association's commitment to encourage its members to acquire higher degrees.

The visit culminated in presenting an award to the vice-chancellor for championing standards in medical education.

The ASMEDA FULafia officials present included Dr Ahmed Muhammad Rabi (Chairman), Dr Sadiq Mu'azu Maifata (Secretary), Dr Aminat Suleiman-Alabi (Treasurer), Dr Mary Matthew (Editor-in-Chief), Dr Lawal Abdulmumin (Auditor) and Prof. Ali Is'haq Shugaba (Patron).



Dr. Rabi addresses Prof. Abdul Rahman.



Prof. Shugaba makes a presentation to Prof. Abdul Rahman.



L-R: Lawal, Aminat, Rabiu, Abdul Rahman, Shugaba, and Maifata.

# FULafia set to partner ANAN University on training and research *By: Musa Ishaq*



*Alhassan, Agbawu, Kida, Dakyes, Abdul Rahman, Aleruchi, and Ajayi.*

As part of its efforts to collaborate with institutions and agencies in the country, the Federal University of Lafia (FULafia) plans to partner with the Association of National Accountants of Nigeria (ANAN) University, in the area of training and research.

The Association of National Accountants of Nigeria (ANAN) University is an institution of excellence established to provide quality university education in the specialised field of accountancy and allied subjects in Nigeria.

The decision to collaborate with ANAN University was made known during a tour of facility in Lafia belonging to ANAN University.

The facility shall be handed over to FULafia for the training of accounting students after the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between FULafia and ANAN University, soon.



*Ozomata and Abdul Rahman in a discussion.*

Prof. Shehu Abdul Rahman, the Vice-Chancellor of FULafia, disclosed that he recently received a letter in that regard from the vice-chancellor of ANAN.

Speaking after the tour, Abdul Rahman said that the Management of FULafia was happy with such development.

He said that the University would continue to seek ways of collaboration with other institutions and agencies for training and research.

Abdul Rahman appreciated the Management of ANAN University for releasing the facility to FULafia to use for training and research in the area of accounting.

Expressing his appreciation to the Dean of Management Science, Prof. Mohammed Isa Kida, the Head of Accounting Department, Dr Tijani Ahmed Ajayi said: "This collaboration with ANAN University will not just stop here, there are a lot of things we can share together. Once we sign the MoU, a lot of activities will be unfolded so that we can have a robust exercise for our students."

Speaking, the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Research and Partnerships, Prof. Sama'ila Usman Dakyes, appreciated the Vice-Chancellor of ANAN University for agreeing to partner FULafia in the area of giving students the best training, adding that his office was committed to bringing more developmental opportunities in the University.

Also speaking, the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Academic Affairs, Prof. Aleruchi Chuku, said that "this, indeed, will add value to our students."

Earlier, the Head of Department of Accounting, Dr Tijani Ahmed Ajayi, who led the tour to the Accounting Knowledge and Research Opportunity (AKARO) Centre in Lafia, said that the collaboration was in line with Prof. Shehu Abdul Rahman's led administration's policy in the area of collaboration, assuring the vice-chancellor that the accounting department and the faculty would leverage on the opportunity to train students in the area of accounting technology.

Members of the delegation included the special assistant and personal secretary to the vice-chancellor, Dr Musa Bashir Agbawu and Mr Bashir Ozomata, respectively, and Ag. Director of Centre for General Studies (GST), Dr Alhassan Abdulkareem.



Ajayi and Abdul Rahman exchange ideas.



Agbawu, Kida, Ajayi, Abdul Rahman, Aleruchi, and Dakyes.



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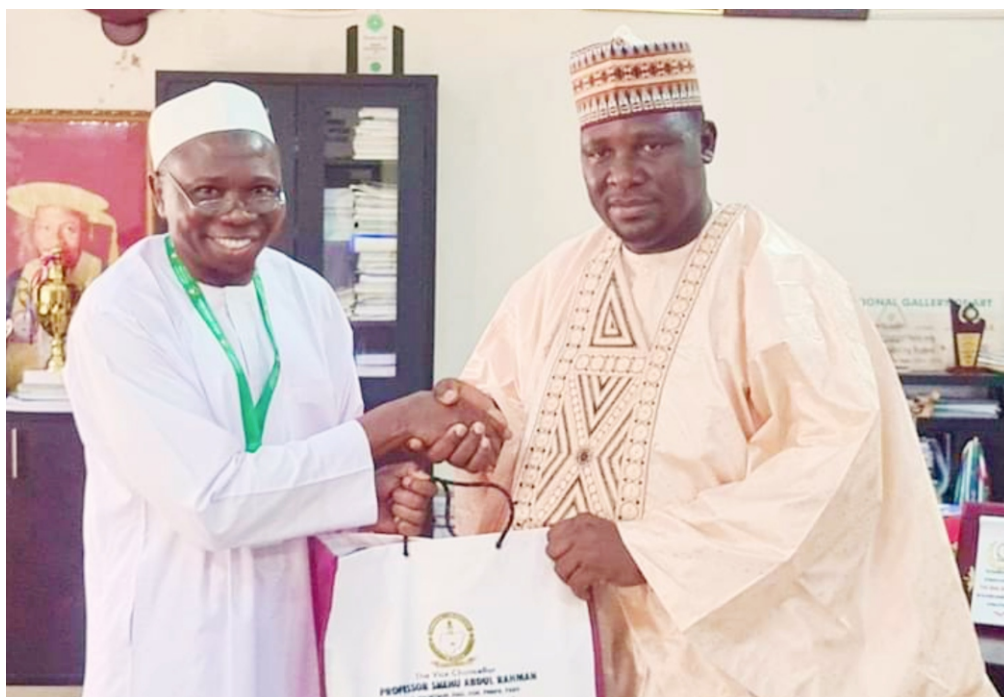
## Maidoya Donates Operational Support Vehicle to the Security Unit of Federal University of Lafia

**A**lhaji Abdullahi Maidoya, the Governorship Candidate of the New Nigerian Peoples Party in the 2023 gubernatorial election, approves the deployment of an operational support vehicle for Security Personnel in Federal University of Lafia.

Maidoya stated this during a courtesy call to the Vice-Chancellor. The Vice-Chancellor while appreciating the philanthropist for this huge selfless support, noted that Maidoya is notably among the first few Stakeholders from Nasarawa State to have contributed towards the development of the University.

Present at the meeting were the Registrar, Malam Nuraddeen Abdu, Prof. Abubakar Sadiq Aliyu and Personal Secretary to the Vice-Chancellor, Mr Bashir Ozomata, welcome to FULafia Alhaji Abdullahi Maidoya, a philanthropist.

Thursday, November 14, 2024.



Abdul Rahman shakes hands with Maidoya.





Students

## FULafia Business Admin Dept sensitises students on entrepreneurship and job creation *By Gideon David*

The Department of Business Administration, Faculty of Management Sciences, Federal University of Lafia (FULafia), has launched an intensive training programme for graduating students of Government Science School, Lafia, and Government Secondary School, Bukan-Sidi, Lafia.

The programme was titled: "Job Creation Opportunities for Secondary School Leavers in Nigeria and Small-Scale Business Management."

The initiative was spearheaded by four academics from the department, namely, Dr Abdullahi Dauda, the head of the department, Dr Ogbu James Ogbu, Dr Musa Yakubu and Mrs Hanatu Umar.

According to the head of the department, Dr Abdullahi Dauda, the programme aimed to equip students with essential skills for job creation and entrepreneurship, especially while waiting for admission into higher schools.

He said: "This initiative demonstrates the Federal University of Lafia's commitment to empowering secondary school leavers and fostering entrepreneurship in Nigeria".

In his presentations, Dr Ogbu James Ogbu, the programme's guest speaker, delivered a comprehensive lecture, highlighting vast job opportunities accessible to secondary school graduates, including: Amagriculture (farming, poultry, agro-processing), vocational skills (tailoring, hairdressing, carpentry, welding), ICT and digital services (software development, data entry, social media management), construction, creative industry (music



Dr. Ogbu and Dr. Dauda participate in the event.

production, acting, photography, videography)

Dr Ogbu also provided practical insights into managing a small-scale business, covering critical functions (planning, organising, leading, controlling), essential skills (financial management, marketing, customer service), challenges (access to finance, resource constraints,

government regulations), sources of funds (personal savings, family and friends, credit supply, bank loans, government grants)

Ogbu encouraged students to view entrepreneurship as a viable path for employment and economic contribution.

He emphasised the importance of business registration, tax compliance, and adherence to employment laws.

The students and their school management expressed their gratitude for the initiative, requesting the extension of such training to teachers, acknowledging the department's expertise in equipping them with strategic coping mechanisms for the current economic situation.



Mrs. Hanatu Umar attends the event.



Dr. Ogbu interacts with a student.



A cross-section of students participating in the programme.



**Federal University of Lafia is teaming up with MAIYAMCO Investment Nigeria LTD to establish one of Nigeria's largest agro processing plants in Nasarawa. This exciting partnership aims to boost capacity development and research collaboration in agricultural production and packaging.**

The Vice-Chancellor of Federal University of Lafia, Professor Shehu Abdul Rahman, welcomed Alhaji Abdullahi Maidoya, Chairman and CEO of MAIYAMCO Investment Nigeria LTD, to discuss the proposed collaboration. Alhaji Maidoya expressed his company's commitment to community development through this innovative venture. The Vice-Chancellor praised his foresight, courage, and dedication to the cause.



Abdul Rahman and Maidoya

This partnership aligns perfectly with Nasarawa State's export promotion strategy, which focuses on agriculture, agribusiness, and agro-industry. The state's rich agricultural landscape, with 80% of its land devoted to farming, makes it an ideal location for this project.

The collaboration will likely involve the University's Centre for Agricultural and Rural Development Studies, which is dedicated to advancing agricultural knowledge and practices. This partnership has the potential to create jobs, stimulate local economic growth, and contribute to Nigeria's food security.

Key Benefits of the Partnership:

- **Capacity Development:** Enhancing skills and knowledge in agricultural production and processing;
- **Research Collaboration:** Fostering innovation and best practices in agro-industry;
- **Community Development:** Contributing to the economic and social well-being of

Nasarawa State;

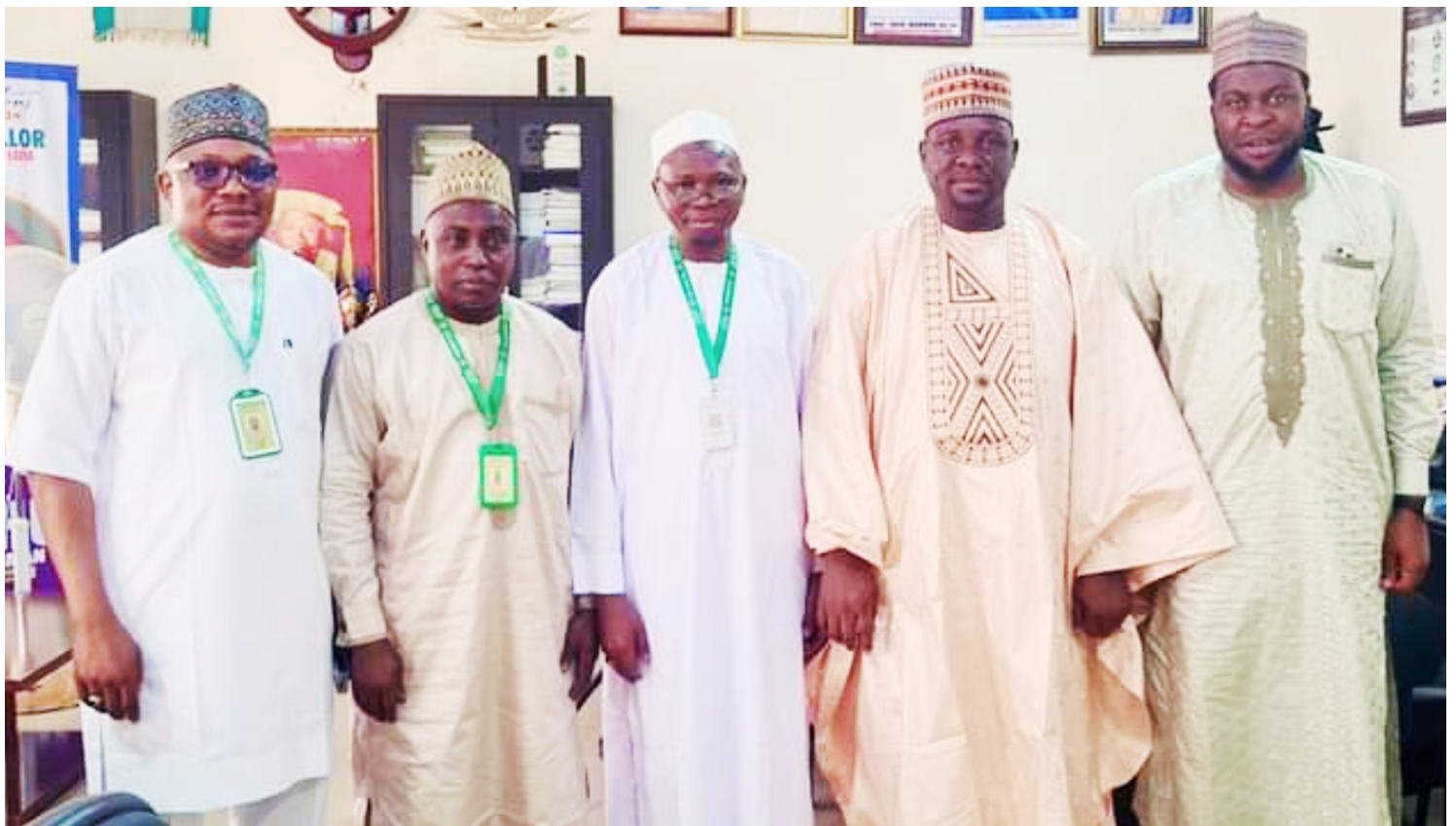
- **Job Creation:** Generating employment opportunities in the agricultural sector.

This groundbreaking partnership between Federal University of Lafia and MAIYAMCO Nigeria LTD is poised to make a significant impact on Nigeria's agricultural landscape.

Thursday, November 14, 2024.



Abdul Rahman addresses Maidoya during the visit.



L-R: Ozomata, Abdu, Abdul Rahman, Maidoya, and Sadiq.



# FULafia *Bulletin*

## Abdul Rahman appoints deputy director for acad planning, another for cultural studies

The Vice-Chancellor, Federal University of Lafia (FULafia), Professor. Shehu Abdul Rahman, has approved the appointments of Dr Alhassan Abdulkareem as the Deputy Director of the Directorate of Academic Planning.

Also appointed by Abdul Rahman was Dr Innocent Okpachaya Okwanya as the Deputy Director of the Centre for Cultural Studies.

Both Abdulkareem and Okwanya are from the Department of Economics, Faculty of Social Sciences, FULafia.



Alhassan



Okwanya

According to their letters of appointment signed by the Registrar of FULafia, Malam Nuradeen Abdu, the appointments of Abdulkareem and Okwanya took effect from November 20, 2024, and would last for a period of one year.

As deputy director, each of the new appointees is expected to assist his director in providing effective and efficient academic and administrative leadership in his directorate, the letter said.



# FULafia *Bulletin*

## FULafia V-C appoints head of lib & info sci dept, acting heads for human physiology, geography

The Vice-Chancellor, Federal University of Lafia (FULafia), Prof. Shehu Abdul Rahman, has approved the appointment of Prof. Abdulrazak Abdulrahman Baba as the Head of the Department of Library and Information Science, Faculty of Social Sciences.



Abdulrazak

The appointment of Baba took effect from November 20, 2024, and it would last for two years.

Also appointed by the vice-chancellor were Dr Sadiq Mua'zu Maifata as the Acting Head of the Department of Human Physiology, Faculty of Basic Medical Science, and Dr Ibrahim Abdallahi as the Acting Head of the Department of Geography, Faculty of Social Sciences.



Maifata

A statement issued by the Registrar of FULafia, Malam Nuradeen Abdu, said that while the appointment of Maifata took immediate effect, that of Abdullahi would take effect from November 25, 2014.

It, however, said that the appointments of Maifata and Abdullahi would both last for a period of one year.

The appointees, the statement said, "are expected to provide effective and efficient academic and administrative leadership in their department," adding that they "are responsible to the vice-chancellor in the discharge" of their duties through the dean of the faculty.



# FULafia

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## **FULafia's Dr Chukwu Eze-Obia appointed Acting Registrar, Ebonyi State University of ICT, Science & Tech.**

The Governor of Ebonyi State, His Excellency Rt. Hon. Francis Ogbonna Nwifuru, has appointed Dr Chukwu Eze-Obia's as the Acting Registrar of Ebonyi State University of ICT, Science and Technology, Oferekpe.

The appointment of Eze-Obia as the registrar was announced in a statement signed by Prof. Mrs. Grace Umezurike, the Secretary to the Ebonyi State Government.

The Vice-Chancellor of Federal University of Lafia, Prof. Shehu Abdul Rahman, has since congratulated Dr Eze-Obia, praising his hard work, resourcefulness, and dedication to duty.

He wished Dr. Eze-Obia a successful tenure.

Dr Eze-Obia was, until his latest appointment, a deputy registrar at the Federal University of Lafia.



Dr Chukwu Eze-Obia



Gate House, Permanent Site Campus, Federal University of Lafia.



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