

MacArthur Foundation holds Round Table Meeting in FUK

By Dalhatu Abubakar



MacArthur Foundation has held a two (2) day round table meeting in Federal University of Kashere on issues and challenges in investigative and data driven journalism in North Eastern Nigeria media.

The event which attracted media experts from far and near was held at the Entrepreneurship Development and Service Learning Center Auditorium of

the University from Thursday, 25th to Friday 26th July, 2024.

While declaring the event open, the Chairman of the occasion, and Country Director, MacArthur Foundation, Dr Kole Shettima stated that McArthur supports investigative journalists to effectively discharge their responsibilities. And, the Foundation has been supporting investigative agencies like Center for Journalism,

Innovation and Development (CJID), Dubawa among others. Dr Kole Shettima also disclosed that the foundation is in partnership with anti-corruption agencies such as EFCC, ICPC, Code of Conduct Bureau etc to improve transparency and accountability in the fight against corruption.

The Country Director further stated that as part of its mandate and magnanimity, McArthur Foundation has fully

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Dr Kole Shettima

equipped the Radio and Television studios of Bayero University, Kano and supported some of its students with scholarships as well as people living with disabilities. He also stated that the

Foundation has assisted twenty seven (27) other higher institutions of learning in Nigeria.

Delivering his keynote address, the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Umaru A. Pate stated that MacArthur Foundation and TETFund donated equipment for the establishment of modern Radio and Television studios as well as over 50 Laptops in the University for the training of students.

The media icon lauded the Foundation for its tremendous support for the development of the society particularly in the area of investigative journalism, adding that investigative



Prof. Christopher Ogbonda

journalism can change people's behavior, and build confidence in the minds of people.

Prof. Pate however stated that UNESCO and other agencies reports indicated that huge number of journalists are harassed and killed every year, most of whom are



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investigative journalists. He therefore advocated for journalists safety, and safety protocols in media houses to enable them to effectively discharge

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Prof. Joseph Wilson

their social responsibilities.

In his remark, the host, and Head of Mass communication Department, Federal University of Kashere, Prof. Joseph Wilson appreciated the Vice Chancellor for the opportunity for such round table discussions that will impact positively on the participants because of

the high caliber of the speakers.

He said the era of technology has changed the narrative of investigative journalism, as it is evolving and easing the work of journalists. He encouraged journalists to hasten up and embrace the technological era.

The gathering attracted many participants from far and near. Worthy of note are: USA based Communication and Media icon, Prof. Christopher Ogbonda, Mr Cyril Stober of NTA, Director General Gombe Media Corporation, Mr Ibrahim Isah General Manager Jewel FM, Dr. Garba Ubale Danbatta, Gombe State NUJ Chairman, Saidu Bappa Malala, Rep of GM Vision



Prof. U. A. Pate

FM Gombe, Sam-an Ibrahim.

Also all Heads of Media organisations as well as NUJ chairmen from all the six North Eastern States were in attendance.



Photo Gallery of MacArthur Foundation Round Table Meeting at FUK



Procurement students to get international Scholarship

By Ganiyat Abdulsalam

The Department of Procurement has celebrated its week with various activities, being one of the youngest Departments in Federal University of Kashere. The Procurement Department created a week of awareness of their existence within the campus by showcasing series of events, ranging from rally within the campus, board cleaning, football matches, and paper presentations, among others.

Delivering a lecture at the Entrepreneurship and Service Learning Center of the University, the Dean of the Faculty of Management Sciences, Professor Usman Shehu Hassan said that Procurement has become a critical tool used by the government for promoting social and environmental goals that can lead to sustainability and quality service



Prof Shehu Hassan

delivery. He maintained that procurement, which has recently attracted a lot of interest, is a process used by organizations to satisfy their needs for goods, services, works, and utilities in a way that maximizes value for money over the course of its entire life cycle, benefitting not only the organization but also the

society, the economy and the environment. Prof Shehu Hassan highlighted few requirements to become a successful procurer, among which are good communication and management skills, strategic thinking, risk management skills, emphasizing that a good Procurer must maintain high integrity standards along self development.

Prof. Hassan advised the students to study hard and be of good character and be result oriented future Procurers. The Dean however thanked and appreciated the students, revealing that ten (10) best students will get selected for Scholarship by Amburgh University, USA.

In his vote of thanks, the president of the Association, Emmanuel Jatau, appreciated all invited guests and pledged to intensify efforts towards the growth and

development of the association.

Highlights of the event included a life stream session organized by the 300 level students showcasing ways and procedures of bidding, presentations of merit award to the pioneer Head of Department, Mr David Igbeki and the Dean School of Management Studies, Professor Shehu Usman Hassan, among others.



MSSN FUK Chapter hosts 2024 SHICOMS, MSSN Debate

By Hassan Kwami

The Federal University Kashere branch of the Muslim Students Society of Nigeria (MSSN) has hosted the State Higher Institutions Convention of Muslim Students (SHICOMS).

The convention which is aimed at fostering intellectual discourse and community engagement among Muslim students, featured a series of impactful events organized by the Gombe Area Unit of MSSN for participants from various Higher Institutions within Gombe State.

In his welcome address the Amir MSSN Gombe Area Unit, Malam Bilyaminu Abdullahi, emphasized the significance of Higher Institutions in MSSN programs and commended the participants for their efforts in that regard.

He said the aim of the event was to showcase the contributions of Islam to Science and Technology, and to promote a better understanding of the topics among the audience.

The Guest Speaker, Malam Babangida Bala who represented Prof. Yahaya Ibrahim Yero of the Religious Studies Department, spoke on the Topic *"Islamic and Global Challenge, shaping a better future thorough knowledge and Dialogue"*

He provided profound insights into Islamic teachings and contemporary challenges faced by Muslim youth, emphasizing the importance of education and moral uprightness among the youths.

In his remarks the patron of MSSN FUK chapter, Dr Muhammad Umar who is also



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the Director of Academic Planning applauded the leadership of MSSN of Gombe Area unit for organizing the programme and appreciated the invited Guests for attending.

The participants who took part in the competition include Adamu Aliyu Abubakar from Gombe State University who made a presentation on *"Islamic Modern Science and Technology: Bridging the Gaps,"* exploring the history of science and technology in Islam and referencing Quranic verses, Muhammad Aminatu Mijinyawa from Federal University of Kashere gave a presentation on the "Contribution of Islam in Modern Science, while Amina Muhammad Musa from Federal College of Education Technical (FCT) Gombe spoke on "Promoting Peace and Conflict Resolution and Beyond through Islamic Teachings."

The convention also featured spirited debate session where participants engaged in rigorous arguments and critical thinking, reflecting the commitment of the students to intellectual dialogue while discussing on contemporary issues affecting Muslim

students and the society as a whole.

The Topics of debate included: *"Global climate change caused by industrial countries enhanced the movement for afforestation in developing countries is that fair?"*, *"Does the Digital Age erode or enhance Islamic values?"* and *"Can Islamic Banking systems outperform conventional Banking in today's global economy"*

Earlier, the chairman of the panel of judges, Malam Salisu Yunusa Hassan outlined the rules for the presentations, stressing that the focus was on confidence, grammar structure, and audience engagement, rather than a mere competition. He expressed satisfaction with the performance of the participants, especially their confidence and knowledge of the subject matter, urging them to sustain the tempo.

In a vote of thanks, the Amir MSSN FUK branch, Ustaz Ibrahim Gambo thanks the MSSN Gombe Area Unit for finding the FUK branch worthy to host the programme. and extended his gratitude to all participants from various Higher Institutions in Gombe State. At the end of the Programme FUK Contingent took first position in the debate while FCE (T) Gombe became first6 in paper presentation.



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NAKSS FUK Chapter organizes Education Summit, Cultural day

Janet I. Ezekiel

The National Association of Kwara State Students (NAKSS) has organized an Education summit in honour of the University



Dr Yusuf Musa Hammaw

Librarian, Prof. Jibril Alhassan.

The event which took place at the Entrepreneurship Centre of the University featured activities such as cultural display, award and presentation of certificate, as well as swearing in of new executive members

of the Association.

In his remark, the Guest Speaker, Dr Yusuf Musa Hammaw a who is the Director of Entrepreneurship Centre of FUK, decried the poor

efforts of Government and other agencies in providing job opportunities for youths, advising the students to develop entrepreneurial mind set while in the University.

"Therefore it is imperative, Entrepreneurship today is becoming an increasingly attractive employment option, not only for experienced and highly skilled professionals but also for University Graduates."

He also identified some factors that led to the high level of unemployment in the Country,

"Youth unemployment is at an all-time high in the country, and the economy has steadily been de-industrializing. Being an import dependent nation, the ability to create decent jobs through industry is low, thereby aggravating the unemployment situation. Pressure on scarce foreign exchange reserves keeps growing as well, leading to higher and higher costs of goods

and services"

He added that small and Medium Enterprises are



Dr Shittu Tajuddeen

the major drivers of the economy globally and serve as the alternative option for the graduates, advising the students to acquire at least one skill and to showcase their talents through innovation to make themselves attractive while seeking for jobs.

Dr. Hammawa added that "Globally, the MSME sector accounts for diffusing an average of 80% of new technology prototypes or adaptation of existing technology into new products and services



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NSBMB Celebrates Maiden day

By Ganiyat Abdussalam

The Nigerian Society of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology (NSBMB) at the Federal University of Kashere has celebrated its first Biochemical Day at the Entrepreneurship and Innovation Center Hall.

Declaring the event open, the Vice Chancellor FUK, Prof. Umaru Alhaji Pate, represented by the Dean of the Faculty of Sciences, Prof. Razaq Bello congratulated the NSBMB for the successful hosting of the event.

He specifically appreciated the initiative of



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degrees as tools for making significant contributions to the society.

Also commenting, Head of the Chemical Science Department, Dr. Easter Turu, represented by Dr. Zakari Abdu, stressed the critical role of chemistry in medical and other scientific fields and emphasized the importance of such gatherings in building future leaders in chemical sciences.

The Director of Consultancy Services FUK, Dr. Suwaiba Ladan delivered an insightful presentation on DNA, sharing extensive knowledge with attendees.

Earlier, the Staff Adviser of the Association, Zaharaddin Abdullahi expressed gratitude to the University management, the Department of Chemical Sciences and

all that contributed toward the success of the programme.

The NSBMB President Comr. Umar Abdulhamid welcomed all guests and commended his graduating colleagues for their cooperation and support, urging other students to focus on their academic goals to enable them succeed

The event featured presentations, quiz competitions, fast-finger contests, a dance quiz, music, and a T-shirt unveiling, attracting a large gathering from FUK and other institutions, including Gombe State University.



Dr. Fatima Maigari

offering free tests, which typically require payment, and urged students to avoid examination misconduct as the second semester exams approaches

The Keynote speaker Dr. Fatima Maigari from the Gombe State University, represented by Mr. Natash, highlighted the potentials of biochemistry students in addressing public challenges and encouraged the students to consider their



NSBMB Celebrates ...



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in the marketplace. Hence, it is vital to ensure sustained growth for the Nigerian MSME sector, as the best mechanism to create and retain decent jobs. Therefore it is imperative Entrepreneurship today is becoming an increasingly attractive employment option not only for experienced and highly skilled professionals but also for university graduates.”

In their separate remarks, the Director of GST, Dr Shittu Tajuddeen, the Acting Director of Printing Press Dr Abdurraheem Rafiuddeen Asalejo and Dr Joseph Awolabi Lawal, all who also received awards commended the association for organizing the programme and assured of their continued moral and financial supports.

Earlier, the Outgone President of the association, Sen. Raji Nasirudden Onilawani expressed gratitude to God for

the successful tenure and lauded the members for giving him the opportunity to serve the association in that capacity.

“Over the past year, we have worked tirelessly to promote the interests of National Association of Kwara State Students, Federal University of Kashere Chapter, Gombe State, Foster a sense of community and create opportunities for

growth and create opportunities for growth and development” he said. While appreci

ating the level of cooperation and support he enjoyed from the members, he also called for continued support

rt to the new executive members of the association for the progress of NAKSS FUK Chapter.

The Attah Igala of FUK, Abubakar Salifu and his entourage also graced the occasion to strengthen the historic relationship existing between Igala and Yoruba since 15th Century.



Faculty of Humanities Sensitizes students on Exam Misconduct

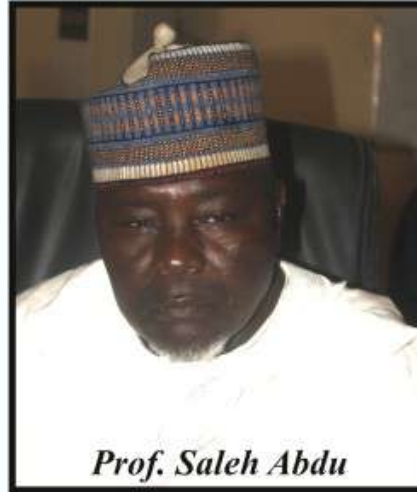
By Dalhatu Abubakar

The Faculty of Humanities Federal University of Kashere has organized an sensitization on examination misconduct and swearing in of new leadership of the students of the faculty.



Prof. Y. T. Maigari

The programmes which was attended by the Dean of the Faculty, Prof. Saleh Abdu and Heads of department was held at the FCLT 1 of the university.



Prof. Saleh Abdu

In his paper presentation the exam officer of the faculty, Dr. Usman Jibiril Mika'il warned the students against any form of examination misconduct during the forthcoming examination which is around the corner, he took time

to explain various method of examination misconduct and their penalties and advised the students to always report to examination venue on time.

While swearing in the new president and other EXCOS of the association, the Dean of the Faculty, Prof. Saleh Abdu advised them to be trustworthy and honest in discharging their responsibilities.

Also in a closing remark the former Head of Religious Studies Department, Prof. Yakubu Tahir Maigari wished the students success in the forthcoming exams and urged them to make best use of the knowledge gained.

ECWA Church Kashere organizes thanksgiving for FYBs

By Daure Yakon

The Final year Brethren (FYBs) of Federal University of Kashere worshipping with ECWA Gospel Kashere L.C Tangale DCC has



Rev. Sunday Wanzam

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ng students.

The programme took place on Sunday 14th July, 2024 at E C W A Church Kashere.

In his welcome address, the Associate Pastor, Mr. Monday Gaius who declared the programme open, quoted



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from the book of Proverbs 3:1-12, admonishing them to hold unto righteousness and shun ungodly

Faculty of Humanities ...



In his acceptance speech, the new president Adamu Abubakar from the Religious Studies Department expressed satisfaction with sensitization programme and commended the members for the

confidence in him, assuring to justify the confidence reposed in him. Earlier, in his farewell speech the outgone President of the association Akambi Sikiru Adam commended the Dean and other staff of the Faculty for



attending the event and advised other students to concentrate on their studies and obey the rules and regulations of the University.

ECWA Church Kashere ...



Presentation of certificate

practices which has become the order of the day. He also encouraged them to apply the knowledge acquired both in the classroom and the church as they go to the wider world that is full of challenges.

The guest speaker Mr. Daniel Danladi



FYB Displaying their certificate

took his reading from the book of Psalms 136:10-26 with a topic; Grateful heart for a new beginning. He prayed for God's guidance and protections to the graduating students as they go out to the wider world. He also advises the FYBs to be strong, hardworking and keep pride aside after graduation and

never compromise in their faith for whatever reasons. In his closing remark, the senior pastor of the Church, Rev. Sunday Wanzam thanked the FYBs for choosing ECWA Gospel Kashere L.C as their best place of worship throughout their stay in FUK.