



KASU COLLEGE OF MEDICINE CELEBRATES 6TH SPONSIO ACADEMICA AND OATH-TAKING CEREMONY



Medical students captured in a cross-sectional moment as they take their professional oath.

Kaduna State University witnessed a monumental event as the College of Medicine celebrated its 6th Sponsio Academica and Oath-Taking Ceremony for graduating students. The ceremony took place at the university's 1000-seater auditorium on Friday, 25th July 2025, marking a pivotal milestone for the medical students in an event filled with inspiring speeches and heartfelt appreciation.

Prof. Husain Yahya, Provost of the College of Medicine, welcomed everyone to his first Sponsio as Provost. He highlighted the importance of the modified Hippocratic Oath for new medical graduates, reflected on his own graduation, and congratulated the graduates on their achievements. "Since its inception in 2008, the College of Medicine at KASU has grown significantly, with 187 doctors graduated and 539 students currently enrolled," the Provost said. He acknowledged key contributors to the college's development and announced an upcoming lecture on integrating Artificial Intelligence into medical training. Graduates were encouraged to be proud ambassadors of their institution and to serve humanity with dedication. He expressed gratitude to all guests and the organizing committee.

The Vice Chancellor, Prof. Abdullahi I. Musa, emphasized the significance of the day for the entire university community, marking the end of perseverance and the beginning of a new journey filled with further education and hard work.

He expressed immense pride in the College of Medicine, stating that KASU's strength lies not in its size but in the exceptional students it produces. While the College of Medicine continues to excel, other programmes at KASU are also striving to cultivate graduates who will become global citizens. He advised graduates to build connections as they enter the professional world and to embrace opportunities, reminding them of the government's significant investment in their training.

Prof. Fatima Kyari, Registrar of the Medical and Dental Council of Nigeria, expressed her delight at being present for the induction. She commended the Vice Chancellor and praised the faculty for their dedication. Prof. Kyari encouraged graduates to serve, train others, and maintain humanity, kindness, and cultural awareness in their practice.

She stressed the importance of teamwork and ethical responsibilities in medicine, urging graduates to continue their studies and uphold the profession's integrity for patient safety.

The ceremony featured the pledge for inductees, signing of the register, collection of licenses, and the presentation of awards to academically outstanding students. The Vice Chancellor, members of Management, and several guests donated cash gifts to the best graduating student, Durojaiye Omolara.

Guest lecturer, Prof. Mu'utassim Ibrahim, delivered an engaging lecture on integrating Artificial Intelligence into medical training and practice, stressing the need for adaptation to technological advancements. He reminded the graduating MBBS Class of 2025 of their responsibilities, urging them to prioritize compassion and well-being as they begin their careers.

In his goodwill message, Prof. Abdulkadir M. Tabari, Chief Medical Director of Barau Dikko Teaching Hospital, Kaduna State University, congratulated the graduates and reminded them that the vow they took is a lifelong covenant. He appreciated the Vice Chancellor and the entire management for their consistent support in achieving the milestone observed at the ceremony.

He welcomed the graduates to their internship at Barau Dikko Teaching Hospital, noting that learning continues every day and encouraging them to serve with empathy. He also thanked the graduates' families and congratulated them once again.

Delivering his goodwill message, the Pro-Chancellor of Kogi State University, Prof. Ibrahim Abdu-Aguye, stressed the importance of selecting the right individuals for medical education and commended KASU for gaining national recognition. He congratulated the students for their resilience and acknowledged the support of their colleagues and parents throughout the journey.

The event concluded with a vote of thanks by the Deputy Provost, Dr. Stephen B. Bature, who expressed gratitude to the university management and the Vice Chancellor for their presence. He thanked his colleagues for their support in achieving this milestone and extended appreciation to members of the press and all attendees, marking the end of the event.

KASU HOLDS TWO-DAY ORIENTATION AND REORIENTATION FOR NEW AND EXISTING STAFF WITH FOCUS ON MENTORSHIP, PRODUCTIVITY, AND INSTITUTIONAL VALUES



Group picture of new and current staff following the two-day orientation.

Kaduna State University (KASU) held a comprehensive two-day orientation and reorientation programme for newly recruited and existing staff on Tuesday, 22nd, and Wednesday, 23rd July 2025. The event, organized by the Registry Department in collaboration with the Centre for Mentorship and Career Development (CMCD), took place at the University’s main campus and focused on institutional values, professional development, mentorship, digital literacy, ethics, and productivity.

In her opening remarks, the Registrar, Barr. Samira Balarabe, emphasized the need for staff to align with the University’s values of integrity, discipline, and unity. The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Abdullahi Ibrahim Musa, in his keynote address, described the University as a family and highlighted mentorship as a tool for institutional continuity and staff development.

Several principal officers and resource persons delivered goodwill messages and presentations. These included Prof. Yusha'u I. Ango, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic); Prof. Muhammad Bashir Ali, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Administration), Hajiya Hauwau Dalhat, University Bursar; Dr. Hadiza Talatu Muhammad, Deputy University Librarian; Prof. A.F. Abdulsalam, Director of Academic Planning; and Prof. Audee T. Giwa. All emphasized mentorship, innovation, accountability, and professionalism.

A key highlight of the event was Prof. Helen Afang Andow’s presentation on Kaduna State University's Future Vision and Strategic Plan. She emphasized the need for staff—especially the younger generation—to understand the University's past, present, and future goals. Prof. Andow outlined five strategic pillars:

teaching and research excellence, community engagement, student-centeredness, and structural development. She urged continuous self-improvement, collaborative research, and bridging theory with practice to boost graduate employability. She also recognized parents’ trust in the institution and called on staff to enrich students' lives with dedication and care.



Staff members captured during the orientation session.



The DVC Academic, Registrar, and Bursar, accompanied by other senior members of the University



This first day featured a general session for all staff, covering diverse topics relevant to academic, technological, and administrative roles. Notable sessions included:

- Institutional Policies, Regulations, and By-Laws by Mr. Lucky Bala Kantoma, Deputy Registrar and Secretary, College of Postgraduate Studies;
- Code of Conduct, Workplace Ethics, and Disciplinary Procedures by Barr. Abdulmutallab Idris, Deputy Registrar (Staff Matters);
- Work-Life Balance and Social, Emotional, and Mental Health by Dr. Fatima Jaafar;
- Conflict Resolution, Professionalism, and Teamwork by Prof. Hauwa’u E. Yusuf, Administrator of the Kafanchan Campus;
- Professionalism and Work Ethics in University Administration by Mrs. Florence Suleiman, Deputy Registrar, Student Affairs Division;
- Financial Literacy and Entrepreneurship by Prof. Maryam Abdu;
- Exploring the Library and Its Resources by Dr. Esther Gani, Head of Community Service, University Library;
- Harnessing Soft Skills and Expertise by Prof. Audee T. Giwa; and
- Project Supervision and Mentorship in Academia by Prof. Binta Abdulkadir.

The second day of the program featured focused breakout sessions tailored to the specific needs of academic, administrative, and technical staff. These targeted discussions provided a platform for each group to engage deeply with issues relevant to their roles, share experiences, and explore practical strategies for professional growth and improved service delivery within the University.

Administrative-focused sessions included:

- Promotion Criteria and Career Advancement by Alheri Precious Sarki, Deputy Registrar, College of Medicine;
- Digital Tools for Academic and Administrative Efficiency by Engr. Martins Sambo, Director of ICT;
- Time Management and Productivity by Mrs. Amina Audu Abutu, Deputy Registrar and Academic Secretary;

Academic-focused sessions included:

- Assessment and Quality Assurance by Prof. A.K. Babajo, Provost of the College of Humanities, Education, and Law;
- Teaching Ethics, examination invigilation and Bloom’s Taxonomy by Prof. Auwal Farouk Abdussalam;
- High-Impact Research: Driving Innovation and Societal Progress by Prof. Bashiru Kayode Sodipo;

- Innovative Teaching Methods: Leveraging KASU E-Learning Platforms by Dr. Usman Yahaya;
- Networking and Academic Collaboration by Dr. B.R. Gandhi;
- Academic Research and Publishing by Dr. Muhammad Aminu Ahmad.



KASU - VC, Prof. Abdullahi I. Musa,

Laboratory Technologist -focused sessions included:

- The Role of Technologists in Innovation and Research by Prof. Timothy Bulus;
- Best Practices in Laboratory and Technical Support Services in Academia by Dr. Solomon Bitrus;
- Health, Safety, and Environmental (HSE) Standards in University Laboratories by Comrade Aliyu Garba.

The Chairpersons of SSANU, Hajiya Saadiyya Mustapha, NAAT, Comrade Aliyu Garba and NASU, Comrade Nina Ochigbo were also in attendance and expressed appreciation for the management’s efforts in organizing the impactful sessions. Abubakar Abdullahi, Chairman of the ASUU-KASU Branch, commended the depth and relevance of the discussions. Dr. Bashariya Mustapha Baba, Director of the Centre for Mentorship and Career Development, acknowledged the commitment of both facilitators and participants and delivered the vote of thanks for all the sessions.

The programme ended with a group photograph, symbolizing unity and a renewed commitment among staff to uphold KASU’s mission, enhance productivity, and foster a collaborative work environment.



From Left: Lecturer, Amira Galadima, , Director of the Centre for Mentorship and Career DevelopmentDr. Bashariya Mustapha Baba, DVC - SI&SD, Prof. Helen A. Andow and other staff members



Staff members captured during the event



Group photo with Prof. Tim Stapleton, Prof. Roy Doron, KASU - VC, Prof. Abdullahi I. Musa, and other participants after the seminar.

In a bid to enhance research capacity and publishing competence among academics, a one-day seminar titled “Navigating Research Grants and Academic Publishing” was held on Monday, 21st July 2025, drawing participants from various academic disciplines.

The event featured two key sessions led by renowned international scholars: Prof. Tim Stapleton and Prof. Roy Doron, who provided practical insights into securing research funding and publishing in reputable journals.

Accessing Research Grants: Insights from South Africa and Canada



KASU - VC, Prof. Abdullahi I. Musa, presenting an award to Prof. Tim Stapleton of the University of Calgary's CMSS and History Department, Alberta, Canada

Prof. Tim Stapleton opened the seminar with a comprehensive presentation on strategies for accessing research grants. He emphasized the structural differences between South African and Canadian funding systems, with particular attention to Canada’s Tri-Agency Funding System, which includes: Medical Research Funding, Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council (NSERC) and Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC).

These agencies, he explained, offer a range of funding opportunities with varying eligibility and partnership requirements. Understanding these nuances, he noted, is crucial for scholars seeking international research support.

Contributing further, Prof. Roy Doron advised researchers to study grant documents meticulously and review successful applications from past recipients. “Replicate effective methods,” he urged.

Prof. Doron also facilitated the second session on the fundamentals of publishing in reputable journals.

He walked participants through the academic publishing process, stressing the importance of: Choosing the right publication outlet, avoiding predatory publishers and adhering to editorial guidelines and peer review protocols

He also provided a detailed framework for structuring academic papers, including key components such as a well-crafted introduction, literature review, main body, and conclusion. He encouraged scholars to tailor their submissions to the expectations of their specific disciplines and maintain logical consistency within the standard word count range of 8,000–12,000 words.

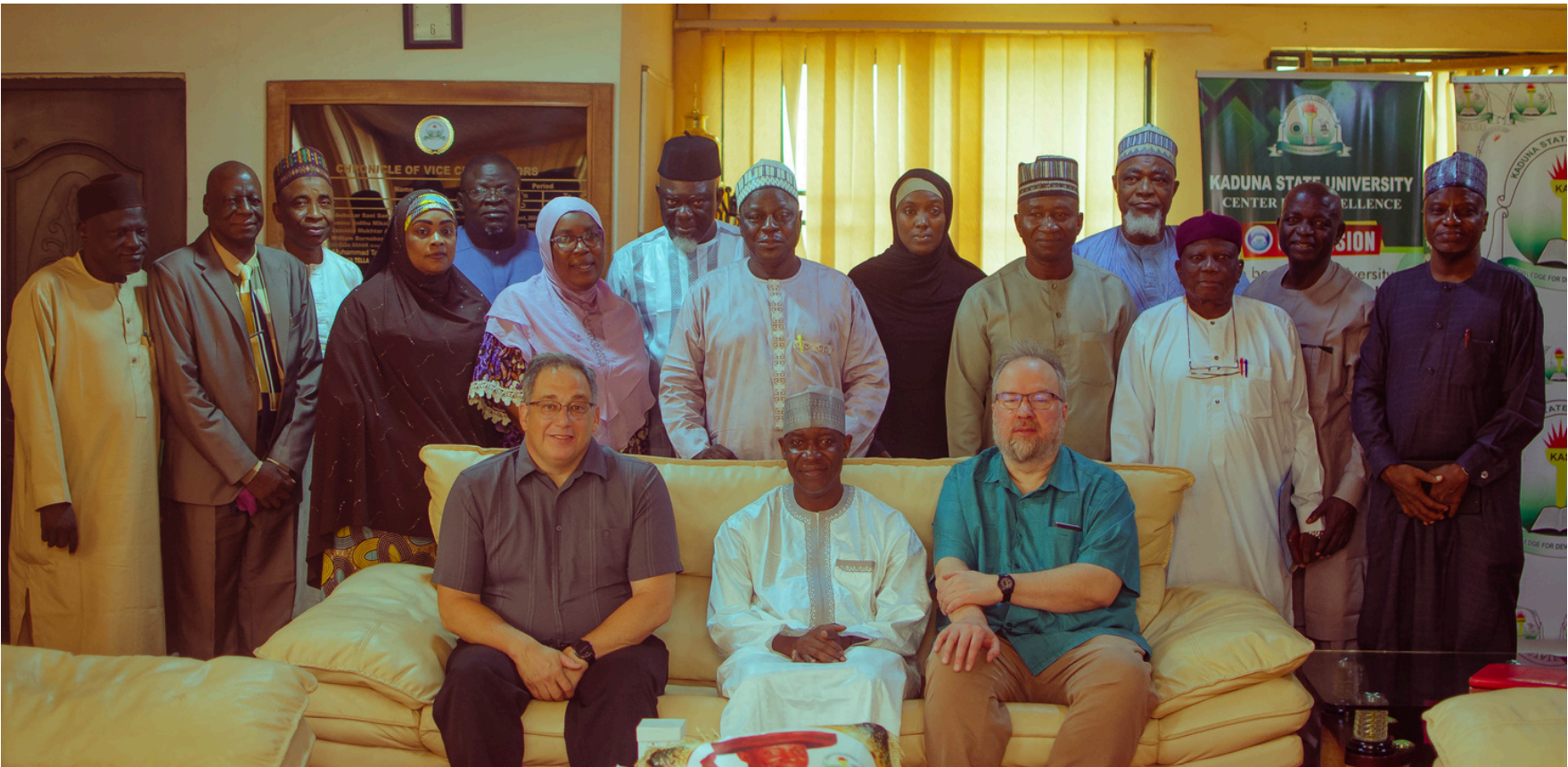
Prof. Doron underscored the peer review process as a vital, though time-consuming, aspect of academic publishing. He outlined typical review outcomes—acceptance, revision, or rejection—and encouraged attendees to view feedback as an opportunity for improvement.

The seminar highlighted the essential link between strategic planning and scholarly success. Participants left with practical knowledge on aligning research with funder priorities and increasing their chances of publication in respected journals.



KASU VC, Prof. Abdullahi I. Musa, presenting an award to Prof. Roy Doron of Winston-Salem State University, USA.

KASU HOSTS INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARS IN STRATEGIC COURTESY VISIT



Group photo with the KASU team led by Prof. Solomon Oduma Aboh, hosted by VC Prof. Abdullahi I. Musa, alongside Prof. Tim Stapleton, Prof. Roy Doron, and KASU management.

Kaduna State University (KASU) on Monday, 21st July 2025, received two distinguished scholars, Prof. Tim Stapleton from the Department of History and Fellow/Program Director, Centre for Military Security and Strategic Studies (CMSS), University of Calgary, Alberta, Canada and Prof. Roy Doron, CD Spangler Distinguished Professor of African/African History , Managing Editor, Journal of African Military, Department of History , Politics and Social Justice, Winston-Salem State University, North Carolina, USA, on a courtesy visit aimed at strengthening academic collaboration with KASU.



The delegation was led by Prof. Solomon Oduma Aboh. The meeting was hosted by the Vice Chancellor of Kaduna State University, Prof. Abdullahi Ibrahim Musa

Also present were key university officials, including the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic), Prof. Yusha'u I. Ango, the Registrar, Barr. Samira Balarabe as well as several provosts, professors, and educational psychologists.

During the visit, Professors Tim Stapleton and Roy Doron expressed their joy at being welcomed to KASU and extended their appreciation to the Vice Chancellor for the warm reception.

They both noted their enthusiasm for the potential collaboration with the university, particularly in research and academic publication.

Prof. Solomon Oduma Aboh explained that the purpose of the courtesy visit was to establish stronger ties between the visiting institutions and KASU, with a major focus on collaborative research and high-quality journal publications.

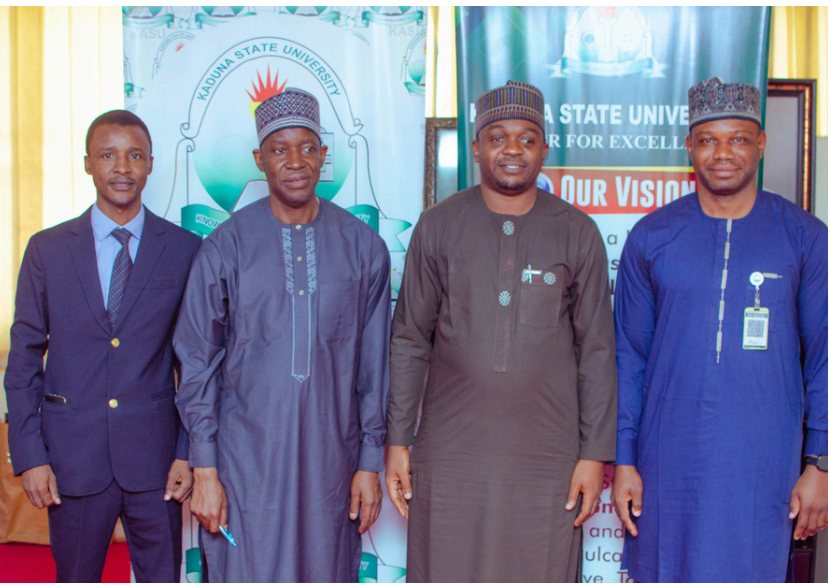
In his remarks, the Vice Chancellor thanked all the guests for honoring the university with their presence. He especially appreciated Professor Solomon Oduma Aboh for facilitating the visit and extended his gratitude to the visiting professors. He acknowledged that the proposed collaboration aligns with the university’s current strategic plan and comes at a time when KASU is actively seeking meaningful international partnerships.

Prof. Musa assured the visitors that the university’s management is fully committed to supporting the partnership. He added that a concrete action plan would be developed to ensure successful implementation, especially in areas related to scholarships and other educational benefits.

The visit concluded with a photo session involving Management, the visitors and other participants.



KASU PARTNERS WITH SOFPON TO ADVANCE HEALTHCARE, TRAINING, AND WELLNESS INITIATIVES



Dr. Ibrahim Ahmad Abubakar, Dr. Abdullahi Musa, and Dr. Bello Usman of the Society of Family Physicians of Nigeria (SOFPON) paid a courtesy visit to Prof. Abdullahi Ibrahim Musa, the Vice Chancellor of Kaduna State University (KASU) on Tuesday, 8th July 2025.

During the meeting, SOFPON proposed collaborations with KASU in areas such as family medicine training, wellness programs, student workshops, and virtual mentorship.

The society commended KASU's progress and innovation, likening its reforms to global institutions. The Vice Chancellor welcomed the partnership, highlighting the university's strategic vision and the recent launch of the Center for Strategic Skills. He stressed the importance of aligning initiatives with KASU's development plan and encouraged SOFPON to submit concept notes and CVs of interested collaborators.

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KASU HOSTS SEMINAR ON INDIGENOUS HERBAL REMEDIES AMIDST ECONOMIC HARDSHIP



Cross-section participants during the seminar at KASU's College of Allied Health and Pharmaceutical Sciences.

In a timely and insightful response to Nigeria’s current economic challenges and the need for accessible healthcare solutions, the College of Allied Health and Pharmaceutical Sciences, Kaduna State University (KASU), organized a thought-provoking seminar on the role of indigenous herbs in modern medicine.

The seminar, held on 28th July 2025, attracted academics, healthcare practitioners, and students, all eager to explore sustainable alternatives to conventional healthcare. Declaring the event open, Dr. A.A. Jimoh, Head of the Department of Pharmacology and Toxicology, emphasized the significance of revisiting traditional medical knowledge in addressing contemporary health issues. He underscored the seminar's relevance in equipping scholars and health professionals with affordable, locally sourced treatment options in a time of widespread economic strain.

Following the opening, Dr. Sani Shehu presented the citation of the guest speaker, Dr. Uwaisu Iliyasu, a Senior Lecturer in the Department of Pharmacognosy and Drug Development, whose presentation formed the core of the seminar.

“Exploring the Use of Indigenous Herbs as a Remedy for Contemporary Health Challenges in the Face of Economic Hardship”

The presentation, the fifth in the university’s monthly seminar series, offered a rich historical overview of herbal medicine, tracing its use back to ancient civilizations—Egypt, India, China, Greece, and Rome—dating as far back as 3500 BC. Dr. Iliyasu explained the Signature and Resemblance Theory, which associated plant appearance with specific bodily ailments.

Despite the advances of modern medicine, Dr. Iliyasu emphasized the ongoing relevance of medicinal plants, noting that approximately 25% of modern pharmaceutical drugs are derived from plant sources. He categorized traditional medicine systems into Ayurvedic, Siddha, and Unani, each with unique approaches blending herbs, minerals, and physical therapies.

Further, he explained the global relationship models between traditional and modern medicine:

1. Tolerant: Traditional healers exist without official recognition.
2. Parallel: Both systems operate legally, as seen in India.
3. Integrated: Education and practice are merged, such as in China and Vietnam.
4. Monopolistic: Modern medicine holds exclusive legal practice rights, typical in many Western countries.

A key insight shared by Dr. Iliyasu was the benefit of using whole plants in herbal remedies, allowing for synergistic effects that reduce toxicity and enhance therapeutic value. He stressed the practice of herb combinations, which improves efficacy and reduces side effects—contrasting this with the often single-compound focus of modern drugs.

Referencing a 1989 WHO resolution, he reaffirmed the importance of integrating traditional medicine into national healthcare policies and strategies.

Dr. Iliyasu highlighted the urgency of this shift by citing current economic statistics: by the end of 2025, over 13 million more Nigerians are projected to fall below the poverty line due to inflation, high interest rates, and currency depreciation. In rural areas, more than 75.5% of the population already lives in poverty.

In this context, he argued, indigenous herbal medicine offers not just an alternative, but a lifeline—especially where access to conventional healthcare is limited by distance or cost.

He listed commonly available Nigerian medicinal plants with healing properties: Moringa, Bitter kola, Bitter leaf, Ginger, Telfairia (fluted pumpkin), Hibiscus, Baobab

These plants, he noted, can be combined to enhance their medicinal potency and affordability in treating both chronic and common ailments.

Dr. Iliyasu challenged the long-standing perception of traditional medicine as unscientific or outdated. He proposed a new outlook that sees herbal medicine as:

Holistic, Cost-effective, Locally available, Culturally relevant, Scientifically promising

He called on universities and policymakers to support rigorous research, recognition, and promotion of traditional medical practices as part of Nigeria’s broader health resilience strategy.

The seminar was formally concluded by Prof. Musa Garba, who lauded the depth and relevance of the presentation. He praised Dr. Iliyasu for successfully bridging scientific knowledge with cultural wisdom, and urged institutions of learning to take the lead in validating and documenting traditional medicine.

> “Today’s seminar reminds us that innovation is not always about looking outward — it is often about rediscovering the wisdom within,” Prof. Garba remarked.

He pledged KASU’s continued commitment to supporting interdisciplinary collaboration and integrating traditional medicine into academic research and community health outreach.



HOD Pharmacology and Toxicology, Dr. A.A. Jimoh

ASUU-KASU ELECTS NEW EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, PLEDGES INCLUSIVE AND PEOPLE-CENTERED LEADERSHIP



Photo taken during the ASUU-KASU election process.

The Academic Staff Union of Universities (ASUU), Kaduna State University (KASU) Chapter, has successfully conducted its long-anticipated election to usher in a new set of executive leaders.

The election took place on Thursday, 10th July 2025, at the University’s Main Campus in Kaduna, following the expiration of the tenure of Dr. Peter Adamu, who currently serves as ASUU’s National Treasurer.

The electoral process commenced with the accreditation of voters at 9:00 am. Members from various KASU campuses turned out in large numbers to exercise their voting rights in a peaceful and transparent atmosphere. The process was observed and supervised by Professor Abdulkadir Danbazu, ASUU Zonal Coordinator for Kano.

Eight executive positions were up for grabs, with three Chairman, Vice Chairman, and Assistant Secretary contested, while five others were returned unopposed.

The newly elected ASUU KASU executive members are:

Chairman: Dr. Abubakar Abdullahi (popularly known as Skippo)

Vice Chairman: Adamu Mohammed Bashir

Assistant Secretary: Uwaisu Iliyasu

Unopposed positions include:

Financial Secretary: Sani Dari

Treasurer: Murtala Abdullahi

Welfare Secretary: Bala Reuben Gandu

Internal Auditor: Musa Umaru Gargati

Investment Secretary: Mary Goje

A bye-election is scheduled to be held in two weeks to fill the position of the Secretary .

In his acceptance speech, the new Chairman, Comrade Dr. Abubakar Abdullahi, expressed deep appreciation for the trust placed in him and pledged to lead with a focus on staff welfare, meaningful reforms, and policies centered on the needs of members.

He emphasized his commitment to inclusive governance and strengthening cooperation with the university management and relevant government agencies to improve the working conditions of academic staff.

The newly elected leadership is expected to build upon the foundation laid by the outgoing administration and steer the union toward greater achievements.



KASU - VC, Prof. Abdullahi I. Musa casting his vote during the ASUU-KASU election



KASU STAFF EARN CYBERSECURITY CERTIFICATIONS IN NATIONAL CAPACITY BUILDING PROGRAMME



Nine staff members of Kaduna State University (KASU) have been awarded Certificates of Proficiency in Cybersecurity after successfully completing an intensive 11-week training programme organized by the Virtual Institute for Capacity Building in Higher Education (VICBHE).

The programme ran from 28th April to 15th July 2025 and was facilitated by the renowned Distinguished Professor Emeritus Peter Okebukola, OFR.

The training, which emphasized hands-on practical cybersecurity skills, is part of a broader initiative to strengthen the digital capacity of academic institutions across Africa.

The KASU participants performed excellently, with two earning the highest honour of Distinction Plus, four others achieving Distinction, two earning Credit, and one awarded Merit. The certified participants are:

1. Prof. Peter Ayuba – Distinction Plus
2. Prof. Abdu Sadiq Garba – Distinction Plus
3. Yakubu Musa Itopa – Distinction
4. Shehu Rhundak Funom – Distinction
5. Dr. Joseph Moses Kpop – Distinction
6. Abdulkareem Abubakar – Distinction
7. Dr. Adamu Peter – Credit
8. Dr. Adam Usman Ahmed – Credit
9. Mustapha Amina Muhammad – Merit

This achievement underscores KASU’s commitment to building a digitally secure academic environment and promoting the professional development of its workforce. The university management has commended the participants for their dedication and exemplary performance.

A WELL ACCOMPLISHED PHARMACEUTICAL RESEARCHER AT THE KADUNA STATE UNIVERSITY, DR. AISHA SHEHU HAS DEVELOPED KASUTAB500, A MEDICINAL SUPPLEMENT FROM THE INDIGENOUS AFRICAN PLANT, ADANSONIA DIGITATA, KNOWN AS KUKA IN HAUSA. A TEACHING STAFF OF THE AHMADU BELLO UNIVERSITY ZARIA (ABU), DR. SHEHU SAT DOWN FOR AN INTERVIEW WITH STAFF OF THE INFORMATION AND PROTOCOL UNIT.



2nd from right: KASU - VC, Prof. Abdullahi I. Musa, KASU Pro - Chancellor, Mal. Husaini Adamu Dikko, Dr Aishatu Shehu and others

Q: Can you tell us a bit about your academic and research background?

A: I am Dr Aishatu Shehu, an academic staff of the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Ahmadu Bello University where I obtained my BPharm (2009), MSc (2014) and PhD (2018). I also went to Uniben to become a Doctor of Pharmacy (PharmD). I rose from the rank of an Assistant lecturer from 2013 up to the rank of an Associate Professor in 2023. As a young researcher, I am extremely diligent and very resourceful, with confidence and commitment that support my activities.

I have once been rated amongst the top 2% best staff in the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences ABU, Zaria and College of Medicine BAZE University, Abuja before proceeding to Kaduna State University, Kaduna on Sabbatical this year. I vigorously participate in all activities related to me and development of my academic pursuits, and that gave me a connectivity with my superiors, colleagues, friends and students. Most times, my determination gives me the ability to deliver optimal results when required.

I am also a member of Pharmaceutical Society of Nigeria (PSN), American Society of Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics (ASPET), British Pharmacological Society (BPS, UK), West African Society of Pharmacology (WASP-SOAP), NAPA, ALPS etc.

Q: What inspired your research into African medicinal plants and their potential for drug development?

A: My creativity and passionate interest in research inspired me. It has a connection with the quality of work I do and several awards received from primary school (overall best graduating student from primary 1-6, 1991-97), secondary school (over all best graduating student in 2002) and best PhD thesis in 2018. I also went on to publish many articles in first quartile journals and presented my work at both local (Ghana, Cotonou, Cote D’voire) and international conferences (up to the level of World Congress: Glasgow in Scotland, England and Manchester). I have also won several awards and travel grants. Additionally, being that most of the medications produced by developed countries target their nature of health challenges and their available resources. The developed countries like China and US are looking at our food and medicinal plants to harness from it. So also, recent advocacy from Nigerian government to make Agriculture attractive for young Nigerians to feed ourselves and boost our economy.

Q: Can you walk us through the process of how you discovered and developed these new drugs—from plant identification to scientific validation?

A: Research has been my passion! It has been a journey that I walk through all the times, so this is just a dream come true. We always target a disease process as scientists and wait until we fall sick before we get medication to cure or manage the ailments. Out of being curious, I paused and said No! We can actually do better! Why not target preventive medicine rather than cure? I then started my research, with a lot of reports on all our African food getting recognition both nationally and internationally. I arrived at a broad topic: “AFRICAN FOODS AS MEDICINES: TARGETTING PREVENTION RATHER THAN CURE”

Walking through the discovery process Like I disclosed earlier, it is a dream come true! I conducted an ethnobotanical survey in 2016 and a mini research on one of our African plants - Adansonia digitata (popularly known as Kuka in Hausa and Baobab in English). It formed a preliminary study as part of my PhD at first but it turned into a game changer. In addition to the several reports of its nutritional and economical value, it also has medicinal and wide safety value. Part of its medicinal value is its richness in a lot of phytoconstituents that improve immune system, gut and mental health. Those that use the plant tend to have improved memories than those who do not. A process begins here and a lot of review process started. Many researches went on from animal studies to humans. It is our food, so all safety assessment was excellent. In 2025, the Vice Chancellor, Prof Abdullahi Ibrahim Musa revisited the process and that led to the development of KASUTAB-500! He invested a lot of resources, energy, time and mentorship



Attendees at the Laboratory Safety and Management best practices lecture

The Library Systems and Information Services Department of Kaduna State University (KASU) on Tuesday, 24th June 2025, organised a lecture titled "Sharing Best Practices for Laboratory Safety and Management." The lecture was facilitated by Rabiya Abubakar Idrees of the Department of Biochemistry, who provided a comprehensive overview of essential lab safety principles and procedures. Opening the session, the facilitator underscored the significance of laboratory safety, describing a laboratory as a facility equipped with scientific instruments operated by trained personnel to generate accurate and reliable results. She emphasized that a strong culture of safety is vital to ensuring not just productivity, but also the well-being of staff and students.

The lecture explored critical components of laboratory safety, including accident prevention, regulatory compliance, data integrity, and environmental protection. It also examined common hazards—biological, physical, and chemical—and presented mitigation strategies such as waste segregation, proper disposal protocols, and consistent use of personal protective equipment (PPE).

Key safety practices highlighted included:

- Proper education and training of laboratory staff on safety protocols
- Safe handling and storage of chemicals and reagents
- Routine equipment maintenance and calibration.
- Use of appropriate PPE

Emergency response procedures for situations like chemical spills, fires, and electric shocks

The facilitator also addressed the importance of effective documentation, such as updated safety manuals, incident logs, and labeling systems. Participants were encouraged to adopt a proactive approach to hazard identification and risk assessment, and to maintain open channels of communication to promote a robust safety culture.

The lecture concluded with an engaging interactive session featuring real-life case studies of laboratory incidents and the lessons drawn from them. The session received enthusiastic feedback from participants, who commended the practical insights shared and the relevance of the topic to their work and study environments.

KASU PARTNERS WITH SOFPON TO ADVANCE HEALTHCARE, TRAINING, AND WELLNESS INITIATIVES

The Nigerian Library Association (NLA) has named the Vice Chancellor of Kaduna State University (KASU), Prof. Abdullahi Ibrahim Musa, as its official Brand Ambassador. The announcement was made at the opening ceremony of the 63rd Annual National Conference and Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Association, held from Sunday, 6th to Friday, 11th July 2025, in Benin City, Edo State. The Vice Chancellor was represented by the University Librarian of KASU, Dr. Umar Babangida Dangani, who received the honour on his behalf. The appointment recognizes Prof. Musa’s unwavering support for library development, academic research, and knowledge dissemination across Nigeria’s higher education landscape. It also reflects his commitment to promoting the visibility and relevance of libraries in the digital age,

particularly through strategic investments in library infrastructure and human capital at Kaduna State University. Speaking on behalf of the Vice Chancellor, Dr. Dangani expressed profound gratitude to the Nigerian Library Association for the honour. He reiterated the Vice Chancellor's dedication to promoting innovation and excellence in Nigeria’s academic system, noting that libraries remain the bedrock of any serious educational institution. Speaking on behalf of the Vice Chancellor, Dr. Dangani expressed profound gratitude to the Nigerian Library Association for the honour. He reiterated the Vice Chancellor's dedication to promoting innovation and excellence in Nigeria’s academic system, noting that libraries remain the bedrock of any serious educational institution.

Through this appointment, the Nigerian Library Association aims to strengthen its advocacy and public engagement efforts by aligning with visionary academic leaders who are passionate about literacy, lifelong learning, and access to information. This year’s conference, themed “The 5th Industrial Revolution and the Future of Library and Information Service Delivery in a Changing World,”



Middle: KASU Librarian Dr. Umar Babangida Dangani, Receives NLA Brand Ambassador Honour on Behalf of VC Prof. Abdullahi I. Musa



Dr. Armiya'u A. Yelwa making his presentation during the Allied Health and Pharmaceutical Sciences section

The College of Allied Health and Pharmaceutical Sciences, Kaduna State University (KASU), Kaduna, on Monday, 16th June 2025 held a thought-provoking seminar titled "Uncovering the Link: Oxidative Stress and Male Infertility."

Dr. A.A. Jimoh opened the seminar by welcoming participants and underscoring the significance of the topic, particularly in a society where conversations around male infertility are often overshadowed by a focus on female reproductive health. He encouraged attendees to fully engage with the presentation and contribute actively to the discussion.



Dr. A.A. Jimoh

The keynote presentation was delivered by Dr. Armiya'u A. Yelwa, who provided deep insight into how oxidative stress contributes significantly to male infertility. He explained that oxidative stress—an imbalance between reactive oxygen species (ROS) and antioxidants—can lead to sperm DNA damage, reduced motility, and compromised fertilization ability.



Dr. Armiya'u A. Yelwa
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Dr. Yelwa highlighted lifestyle choices such as smoking, poor diet, and environmental exposures to toxins and radiation as key contributors, alongside medical conditions including infections and chronic diseases. He also noted that sperm cells are especially susceptible to oxidative stress due to their limited antioxidant defenses and delicate structural properties.

He elaborated on the biological mechanisms involved, including lipid peroxidation of sperm membranes, DNA fragmentation, apoptosis of germ cells, and hormonal disruptions that hinder sperm production. Addressing the diagnostic and treatment landscape, Dr. Yelwa emphasized that while traditional semen analysis has its place, more advanced tests are often required to assess oxidative stress and antioxidant levels. Treatment approaches include lifestyle modifications, antioxidant therapy, management of underlying health conditions, and assisted reproductive technologies. He also mentioned that innovative therapies and personalized medical strategies are emerging to improve male fertility outcomes.



A diverse group of participants



Participant during the program

The session saw enthusiastic participation, with attendees asking questions and contributing to discussions, highlighting the growing interest and need for awareness around male infertility.

The Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic), Prof. Yushau I. Ango lauded the seminar as a valuable multidisciplinary engagement and encouraged entrepreneurs present to explore the potential opportunities arising from the subject. He welcomed participants once again and called for a vigorous and inclusive discussion.



DVC (Academic), Prof. Yushau I. Ango

The event concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by Pharm. Sarah Ene Oduma, who appreciated the speakers and participants for their active involvement.



Pharm. Sarah Ene Oduma



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Group photo at the 2025 World Blood Donor Day event by BDTH/KASU and NBSA (NW Zone, Kaduna)

The Department of Haematology and Blood Transfusion at Barau Dikko Teaching Hospital/Kaduna State University, in collaboration with the National Blood Service Agency (Northwest Zone, Kaduna Branch), organized a special program to mark the 2025 World Blood Donor Day. The event, held on Monday, June 16, 2025, at the Academic Block of Barau Dikko Teaching Hospital, was themed “Give Blood, Give Hope. Together We Save Lives,” aligning with the global theme “Blood Connects Us All.”

In her welcome address, the Head of the Department of Haematology, Dr. Ijeoma P. Ijei- Enesi warmly received the distinguished guests and participants. She emphasized the importance of blood donation not only as a life-saving act but also for the health benefits it offers to donors.

In his remarks, the Vice Chancellor of Kaduna State University, Prof. Abdullahi Ibrahim Musa, described blood donation as a vital and noble act, particularly for patients in critical need. He encouraged the public to cultivate a culture of regular blood donation and assured the Department of the University’s commitment to providing the necessary equipment and support for effective service delivery.



KASU - VC, Prof. Abdullahi Ibrahim Musa

Representing the Chief Medical Director, Dr. Habiba Zubairu, the Deputy Chairman Medical Advisory Committee (DCMAC), Clinicals and Head of the Department of Family Medicine commended the department for organizing such a timely and impactful event. She highlighted the critical importance of blood donation and praised the initiative for its relevance.



Zonal Director of the National Blood Service Agency (Northwest Zone), Dr. Peter Maiyaki

Delivering the keynote address, the Acting Zonal Director of the National Blood Service Agency (Northwest Zone), Dr. Peter Maiyaki, revealed that Kaduna State ranks second in maternal mortality, largely due to blood shortages. He commended regular donors—especially those who donate every three months—noting that it benefits both the donors and the recipients. He reminded attendees that blood has a limited shelf life and urged more people to become regular donors.

In his goodwill message, the Imam of the Ahmadiyya Foundation, Naseem Ahmad, described blood donation as both a moral and religious duty, stating that “to save one life is to save humanity.” He stressed that without blood, life is impossible.

Also delivering goodwill messages were Prof. Ibrahim Abdu-Aguye, Head of Clinical Pharmacology and Therapeutics, who encouraged public engagement in blood donation, describing it as a noble act that should be promoted across communities; and Dr. Hassana Yakasai, President-elect of the Medical Women's Association of Nigeria (MWAN), Kaduna Chapter, also commended the initiative.

An interactive session followed, allowing participants to ask questions and engage in discussions on blood donation, including myths, facts, and procedures.

In his closing remarks, former Head of the Department of Haematology and Blood Transfusion, Prof. Livingstone G. Dogara, expressed profound gratitude to all who participated and contributed to the success of the program.



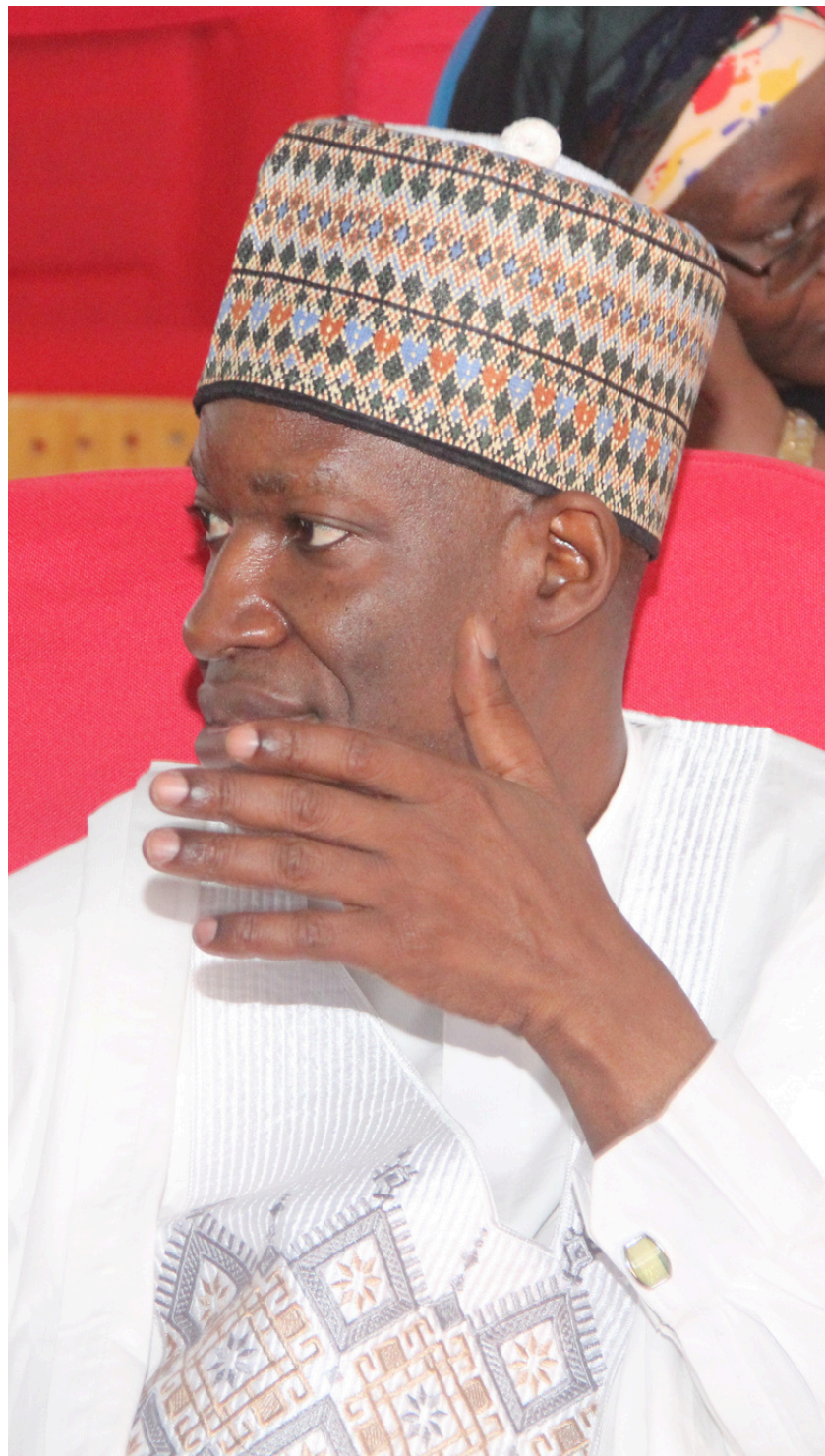
Practical aspect of blood donation demonstrated at the World Blood Donor Day 2025 event.





Kaduna State University (KASU) held a thought-provoking public lecture on Monday, 2nd June 2025, centered on Bloom’s Taxonomy and its relevance to contemporary teaching philosophy. The event underscored the importance of promoting higher-order thinking and meaningful learning in academic settings.

The Vice Chancellor, Prof. Abdullahi Ibrahim Musa, warmly welcomed participants and delivered a keynote address, emphasizing the value of critical thinking and student empowerment in the learning process. He noted that students should be seen as capable, intelligent individuals who can contribute meaningfully to academic discourse and innovation.



KASU - VC, Prof. Abdullahi Ibrahim Musa

The lecture focused on Bloom’s Taxonomy—a hierarchical framework for categorizing educational objectives across three domains: Cognitive (Knowledge-based), affective (Emotion/Feeling), and psychomotor (Physical Skills). It was developed in 1956 by Benjamin Bloom and colleagues and revises in 2001 by Anderson and Krathwohl. Participants were encouraged to adopt teaching strategies that go beyond rote memorization to foster analysis, evaluation, and creativity among students.

A highlight of the event was a virtual presentation by Dr. Ibrahim I. Ali, who spoke on the use of backward design in lesson planning. He explained how aligning learning objectives with instructional strategies and assessment tools ensures effective and outcome-driven teaching.

The Vice Chancellor, in his presentation, reiterated the significance of Meaningful education, interactive classrooms and independent thought. He called for emotionally intelligent educators who are guided by a clear teaching philosophy and are responsive to students’ needs.



The session also featured a joint presentation by the Deputy Vice Chancellor, Strategy, Innovation and Service Delivery, Prof. Helen Afang Andow, and the Special Adviser to the Vice Chancellor on Research Culture, Prof. Hauwa’u Evelyn Yusuf. Together, they co-anchored the programme, highlighting the university's commitment to pedagogical excellence.



SA to the VC on Research Culture, Prof. Hauwa’u Evelyn Yusuf and DVC (SI&SD) Prof. Helen Afang Andow,

Additionally, MSc Philosophy students made a thoughtful presentation to the Vice Chancellor, contributing to the event’s interactive spirit. The session closed with an engaging dialogue, as lecturers posed insightful questions and shared experiences, to which the Vice Chancellor responded with candor and depth.

KASU CONSULT ORGANISES SENSITISATION LECTURE FOR FEMALE HOSTEL RESIDENTS



Attentive participants during the sensitisation session organised for female residents of the university’s hostels

As part of its continuous efforts to promote safety, discipline, and awareness among students, the Kaduna State University Consultancy Services Unit (KASU Consult) organised a sensitisation lecture for all female students residing in the university’s hostel accommodation.

The sensitization session which took place on Friday, 30th May 2025, featured three expert resource persons who delivered insightful lectures on key issues affecting student life on campus:

- 1. “Impact of Cooking and Use of Electrical Appliances in the Hostel: What a Student Needs to Know,” delivered by Mal. Salisu Jibril, Fire Service Unit. The lecture emphasised fire safety, responsible use of electrical appliances, and preventive measures to avoid fire outbreaks within the hostel premises.
- 2. “Moral Decadence vis-à-vis Fundamental Human Rights: Issues and Challenges on Campus”

Delivered by Dr. Muhammad Kabir Dauda, Dean, Student Affairs. This presentation addressed the erosion of values among students, its implications on personal rights and communal living, and the need for students to uphold moral and ethical standards.

- 3. “Obligations of Students within the University Premises and Current Security Challenges”

Delivered by Col. (Rtd) Ahmed Yabagi, Chief Security Officer.

The session highlighted students' responsibilities regarding security, university regulations, and how to navigate emerging security concerns within and around the campus.

The students expressed appreciation for the timely and impactful sensitisation and appealed to KASU Consult to make such engagements a regular feature of student support and welfare initiatives.

KASU HOSTS SENSITIZATION RADIO PROGRAM TO MARK INTERNATIONAL ARCHIVES WEEK 2025



Dr. Khali Allahmagani, flanked by Mr. Eke-Nkemka Amadi Nnana, Assistant Director at the National Archives, Kaduna Branch; and Mr. Suleiman Abadullahi Rigachuku

As part of the global commemoration of International Archives Week 2025, Kaduna State University, in collaboration with the International Council on Archives (ICA) and the Society of Nigerian Archivists (North-West Zone), hosted a live sensitization radio program on 9th June 2025.

The program, which aired on KASU FM 98.5 in both English and Hausa, was designed to raise public awareness about the significance of archives and to promote inclusive access to archival materials, aligning with this year’s theme: “Archives for Accessibility – Archives for Everyone.”

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The session featured distinguished archival professionals and stakeholders, including Dr. Khali Allahmagani of Kaduna State University; Mr. Eke-Nkemka Amadi Nnana, Assistant Director at the National Archives, Kaduna Branch; and Mr. Suleiman Abadullahi Rigachuku, who represented the Head of Archives Section, Arewa House (Mr. Musa Salih Muhammad).

The panelists explored a range of critical topics such as the role of archives in preserving cultural heritage, ensuring transparency in governance, and supporting education and citizen engagement. They also addressed the barriers to accessing archival materials and emphasized the importance of inclusive archival practices that cater to all members of society.

Listeners were educated on how archives serve as vital tools for accountability and historical continuity. The panel further stressed the need for institutional and public investment in archival infrastructure and capacity building. The role of modern technology in improving access and preserving digital records was also highlighted.

The sensitization program successfully engaged the public, stimulated discussion, and reinforced the collective responsibility to ensure that archives are accessible, inclusive, and sustainable for future generations.

KADUNA STATE UNIVERSITY’S CENTER FOR BIOSECURITY, BIOSAFETY, INFECTIOUS DISEASES AND ONE HEALTH (CEBBIDOH) HOSTS AWARENESS PROGRAM ON ANTIMICROBIAL RESISTANCE (AMR)



Photo of participants at KASU’s CEBBIDOH Awareness Program on Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR)

Kaduna State University’s Center for Biosecurity, Biosafety, Infectious Diseases and One Health (CEBBIDOH) organized an impactful awareness program focused on Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR), a growing global health threat. The event which took place on 4th and 5th June 2025 brought together leading experts and key stakeholders to explore the causes, consequences, and potential solutions to this pressing issue.

The program commenced with a welcome address by Prof. J.C. Igwe, Director of CEBBIDOH, who acknowledged the presence of distinguished guests and speakers, notably Prof. Charles Esimone, former Vice Chancellor of Nnamdi Azikiwe University (UNIZIK), who delivered the keynote address. Prof. Igwe expressed deep appreciation to the Vice Chancellor of Kaduna State University, Prof. Abdullahi Ibrahim Musa, and the university management for their unwavering support.



Director of CEBBIDOH, Prof. J.C. Igwe

In his keynote address, Prof. Esimone emphasized that AMR arises when microorganisms evolve and become resistant to medications, rendering standard treatments ineffective. He described AMR as a significant threat to public health, food security, and global development. Stressing the interconnectedness of human, animal, and environmental health, he said, “AMR is not insurmountable. With science, solidarity, and a One Health approach, we can preserve the efficacy of life-saving antimicrobials for future generations.”

He further highlighted the environmental dimension of AMR, particularly the persistence of antibiotic-resistant genes in agricultural soils following the application of manure. This, he noted, contributes to the spread of resistance from agriculture to human populations. Prof. Esimone called for greater community involvement and the generation of context-specific data on resistance patterns across humans, animals, and the environment.

Representing the Commissioner of Police, CSP Dr. John Aboh commended the initiative and conveyed the commissioner’s support, describing him as a strong advocate of such public health programs.

The first plenary session, led by Prof. J.A. Onaolapo, delved into the causes of AMR, citing poor water and air quality, misuse and overuse of antibiotics, inadequate sanitation, and broader socioeconomic challenges such as weak governance and limited investment in antibiotic research.

Prof. Ngwai Yakubu, Director of Research and Innovation at Nasarawa State University, Keffi (NSUK), explored the far-reaching consequences of AMR, while Professor Busayo Olayinka of the Department of Pharmaceutical Microbiology, Ahmadu Bello University (ABU), Zaria, addressed global governance and the international response to AMR.

In his closing remarks, Prof. Abdullahi Ibrahim Musa, Vice Chancellor of Kaduna State University, expressed gratitude to the speakers and participants. He particularly commended Professor J.C. Igwe and the CEBBIDOH team for their dedication and contribution to addressing AMR. The Vice Chancellor reaffirmed the university’s continued support for CEBBIDOH’s programs and presented awards to several distinguished speakers in recognition of their contributions.

The event underlined the critical need for coordinated and sustained action to combat AMR and promote a healthier, more secure future for a



Former VC, Nnamdi Azikiwe University (UNIZIK), Prof. Charles Esimone,



Provost, College of Allied Health and Pharmaceutical Sciences, (KASU), Prof. J.A. Onaolapo,

KASU TO ESTABLISH AI LABORATORY AS HON. ABDULMALIK BUNGUDU PLEDGES CUTTING-EDGE TECH FACILITY



From right: DVC (SI&SD, Prof. Helen A. Andow, KASU - VC, Prof. Abdullahi I. Musa, Physics lecturer, Dr. Rabi'u Adamu, Director of ICT, Engr. Martins Sambo, Director Academic Planning, Prof. Auwal Farouk and Prof. Peter Ayuba

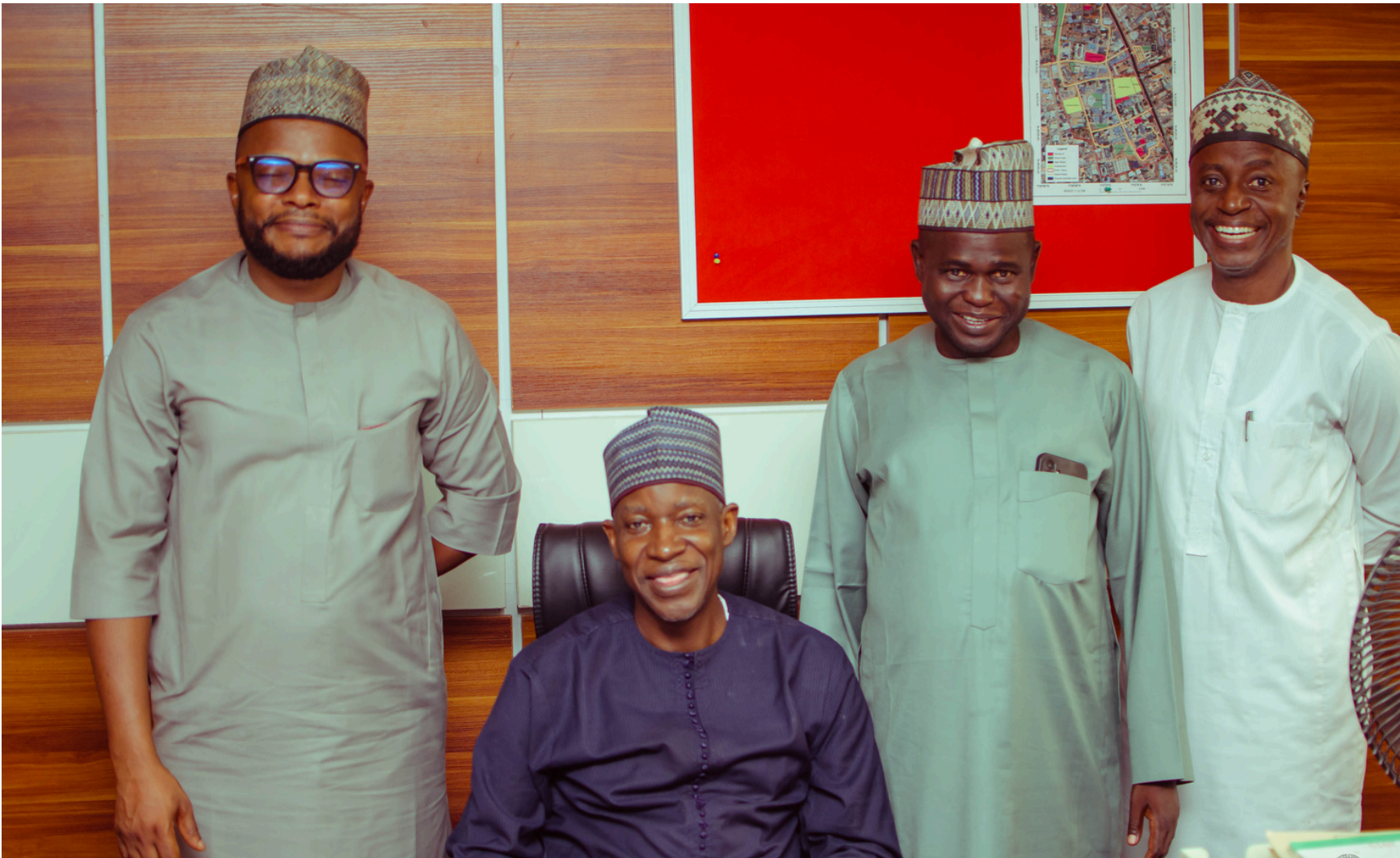
Kaduna State University (KASU) is set to benefit from a major technological boost following a visit on Tuesday, 17th June 2025, by a delegation representing Hon. Abdulmalik Bungudu, the Member representing Bungudu/Maru Federal Constituency at the National Assembly.

The delegation, led by Dr. Rabi'u Adamu, a Physics lecturer at the Federal University Kashere, Gombe, visited the University to deliver Hon. Bungudu's pledge to establish an Artificial Intelligence (AI) laboratory at KASU. The move is part of the lawmaker's broader commitment to advancing technology education in Nigeria.

Speaking during the visit, Dr. Adamu commended Kaduna State University for pioneering the development of an AI curriculum—an innovation he noted as the first among public universities in the country. He emphasized that the AI laboratory will not only equip students with industry-relevant skills but also serve as a vital research hub for emerging AI technologies. Receiving the delegation, the Vice Chancellor of KASU, Prof. Abdullahi I. Musa, expressed profound appreciation to Hon. Bungudu for the generous initiative.

He noted that the planned laboratory aligns with the University's vision to strengthen physical and academic infrastructure. The Vice Chancellor also highlighted the significance of the gesture, pointing out that it extends goodwill beyond Hon. Bungudu's immediate constituency. Prof. Musa assured the delegation that the University would put the promised facility to the best possible use and reaffirmed KASU's commitment to producing technologically empowered graduates. He wished the visitors a safe return and thanked them for their thoughtful visit.

KASU TO PIONEER GREY SOFT EXTENDED REALITY LABS, USHERING IN A NEW ERA OF IMMERSIVE LEARNING WITH VR, AR, AND MR TECHNOLOGIES



From right: Director of ICT, Engr. Martins Sambo, KASU Librarian, Dr. Umar Babangida Dangani, KASU - VC, Prof. Abdullahi I. Musa and MD and CEO, Grey Soft Technology, Mr. Ralph Isah

Kaduna State University (KASU) is set to pioneer the implementation of Grey Soft Extended Reality (GXR) Labs, a cutting-edge technology that integrates virtual reality (VR), augmented reality (AR), and mixed reality to enhance the learning experience. The Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of Grey Soft Technology, Mr. Ralph Isah, paid a courtesy visit to KASU's Vice Chancellor, Prof. Abdullahi Ibrahim Musa, on Wednesday, 25th June 2025, to discuss the project's details.

The GXR Labs will enable students, particularly those in science-related fields like Chemistry, Physics, and Biology, to utilize VR headsets to explore complex concepts in a more immersive and interactive way. For instance, medical students can use VR to dissect virtual human anatomy, perform operations, and examine the heart's chambers and components in detail.

This innovative approach is expected to revolutionize the learning experience, making it more engaging and effective compared to traditional textbook-based learning. KASU will be the first university to implement GXR Labs. The Vice Chancellor plans to accommodate the GXR Labs in both the ICT and Library departments and has suggested that the project be funded under the Tertiary Education Trust Fund (Tetfund) intervention. This development underscores KASU's commitment to embracing emerging technologies and enhancing the quality of education.



MD and CEO, Grey Soft Technology, Mr. Ralph Isah



KASU Management and others in a group photograph

The Department of Procurement and Supply Chain Management, Kaduna State University (KASU), in collaboration with Learn Logistics, organized a 5-day intensive training workshop on the Field Trip Structured Practical Program, aimed at equipping students with practical skills and industry knowledge in logistics and supply chain management.

The training, held from Monday, 23rd June to Friday, 27th June 2025, at the Collaboration Study Space, Main Library, KASU, brought together university dignitaries, renowned logistics practitioners, faculty members, and students.

In his welcome remarks, Dr. Usman Abbas, Head of the Department of Procurement and Supply Chain Management, stressed the importance of industry experience for students entering the labor market. “This collaboration will help bridge the gap between theoretical knowledge and practical expertise,” he noted.

Mr. Stephen Akut, a representative of Learn Logistics, stated that the university relies on industry partners like Learn Logistics to train graduates, award certifications, and support their transition into the workforce. He added that the program would include field visits to companies to observe real-world operations. He also mentioned plans to leverage social media platforms for improved learning access and engagement.

Dr. Ramatu Abdukadir encouraged students to fully commit to the training, emphasizing that the sessions would be hands-on and facilitated by professionals to ensure proper understanding. She thanked the university community for participating and supporting the initiative.

The Dean, Faculty of Management Sciences, Dr. Rahilahtu Muhammad Ahmad, highlighted the value of practical exposure and emphasized the importance of collaboration between academia and industry. “Technology partnerships must not be overlooked,” she added.

Prof. Auwal Farouk Abdussalam, Director of Academic Planning, commended Learn Logistics for their commitment and proposed the expansion of the partnership to include the Department of Procurement and Supply Chain Management collaborating with Department of Geography, citing the importance of land as a critical factor in logistics management.

In his remarks, Prof. Muhammad Bashir Ali, Deputy Vice Chancellor (Administration), advised students to take the training seriously. He noted that beyond earning certificates, the real value lies in acquiring skills. “With the right skills, jobs will chase the students,” he said.

Also speaking, Prof. Yushau I. Ango, Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic), emphasized that skill acquisition is key in today’s global job market. “Globally, skills are the currency of employment, and programs like this are where those skills are developed. The logistics sector is 100% recognized worldwide,” he stated.



KASU - Registrar, Samira Balarabe, Esq

The Vice Chancellor of KASU, Prof. Abdullahi I. Musa, in his keynote address, expressed pride in the university’s strides in academic and professional development. He noted that KASU is the first university in Nigeria to have a professor in Supply Chain and the first to initiate a collaboration of this kind with Learn Logistics. “We must take this fundamental sector seriously,” he urged, “as the knowledge it offers is both relevant and essential.”

Delivering the vote of thanks, Prof. Nurudeen Usman Miko appreciated the university for providing a conducive environment for the training. He also thanked Learn Logistics for their commitment and dedication, as well as the students for their active participation.

The workshop reaffirmed KASU’s commitment to bridging academic learning with industry practice and further positioned the university as a forward-thinking institution in the field of supply chain and logistics management.

Other attendees included the Registrar, Samira Balarabe, Esq.; the Bursar, Hajiya Hauwau M. Dalhat; the representative of the Dean, Student Affairs Division, Mrs. Florence Suleiman; and the facilitators of the workshop, Dr. Obiora Edwin and Mr. Kingsley Itodo, participants, staff and students, among others.



Prof. Nurudeen Usman Miko



DR. USMAN ABBAS OF KASU HONoured WITH PRESTIGIOUS AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN PUBLIC PROCUREMENT AT AFRICA SUMMIT



KASU Director of Procurement, Dr. Usman Abbas, with his award at the 7th Africa Procurement Summit 2025.

Dr. Usman Abbas, Director of Procurement and Head of the Department of Procurement and Supply Chain Management at Kaduna State University (KASU), has been conferred with the Outstanding Contribution to Public Procurement award at the 7th Africa Procurement and Supply Chain Summit & Awards 2025, held on Friday, 4th July 2025 at the Lagos Oriental Hotel, Victoria Island.

The summit, themed “Driven Impact through Innovation: The Future of Procurement, Logistics, and Supply Chain in Africa,” brought together leading voices from across the continent, including policymakers, academics, and industry professionals.

Dr. Abbas received the award in recognition of his visionary leadership in championing ethical procurement practices, driving digital transformation, and promoting sustainable supply chain systems within Nigeria’s public sector. Under his leadership, KASU has recorded significant progress in procurement transparency, compliance, and operational efficiency.

In his acceptance remarks, Dr. Abbas dedicated the award to his team and the Kaduna State University community. “This award is a testament to the collaborative spirit and steady commitment to excellence at KASU. We remain focused on promoting innovation, integrity, and capacity-building to redefine procurement practices in Africa,” he stated.

The Africa Procurement and Supply Chain Summit & Awards is a continental platform that recognizes trailblazers and innovations in procurement and logistics. This year’s event featured sessions on emerging technologies, green procurement, and strategies for building resilient supply chains across Africa.

Beyond his administrative role, Dr. Abbas is a leading academic and policy advisor whose work bridges the gap between research and practice. His contributions have significantly shaped procurement education and public procurement reforms, positioning KASU’s Department of Procurement and Supply Chain Management, under the Faculty of Management Sciences, as a hub for professional excellence.



KASU DEPARTMENT OF ESTATE MANAGEMENT HONORED BY VICE CHANCELLOR AFTER NATIONAL COMPETITION



from right: KASU Bursar, Haj. Hauwau Dalhat, Maiyaki Isaiyah I.K, Staff Adviser, ESV Wahab Babatunde, KASU VC, Prof. Abdullahi I. Musa HOD, Estate Management, Dr. Ayodele Ibuoye and Oglekwu Augustine Oche

On Wednesday, 4th June 2025, the Department of Estate Management, Faculty of Environmental Sciences, Kaduna State University (KASU), Kafanchan Campus, visited the main campus to present the trophy won at the National Quest Competition organized by the Nigerian Institution of Estate Surveyors and Valuers (NIESV).

Led by the Head of Department, Dr. Ayodele Ibuoye; Staff Adviser, ESV Wahab Babatunde; and student representatives Maiyaki Isaiyah I.K. and Oglekwu Augustine Oche, the team was warmly received by the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Abdullahi I. Musa.

Prof. Musa praised their achievement, describing it as a milestone for the university, and pledged continued support. He awarded ₦50,000 each to the participating students and encouraged the team to strive for even greater success.

Dr. Ibuoye and ESV Babatunde expressed gratitude for the Vice Chancellor’s support, highlighting the department’s consistent success, including three consecutive zonal wins and a second-place national finish.



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The National Quest Competition is an annual event organized by NIESV that challenges tertiary institutions across Nigeria in estate management knowledge and skills.

This victory reinforces KASU’s reputation as a leading center for estate management education.

KASU SSANU WOMEN HOLD SEMINAR ON STRESS MANAGEMENT AND WORK-LIFE BALANCE FOR CAREER WOMEN



Participants

The Senior Staff Association of Nigerian Universities (SSANU) Women, Kaduna State University (KASU) Branch, on Wednesday, 16th July 2025, held an empowering seminar aimed at equipping women with practical strategies to manage stress and achieve a better balance between work and home life. The seminar, themed “Effective Strategies for Balancing Career Women’s Home/Work Issues for Empowerment and Sustainable Development,” brought together all female members from various faculties and units of the institution.

The event opened with a warm welcome from the KASU SSANU Women Coordinator, Mrs. Victoria Mairafi, who acknowledged the vital roles women play in society as caregivers, professionals, mothers, and leaders. She emphasized the importance of such gatherings in reminding women of the need to prioritize self-care, develop healthy coping mechanisms, and build supportive communities to navigate the mounting pressures of modern life.

In her remarks, the Vice Chairman of SSANU KASU Branch, Mrs. Rebecca Akapson, commended the women wing for organizing the maiden seminar. She described the initiative as timely and commendable, encouraging participants to take the lessons seriously and apply them both at work and at home. Mrs. Akapson also advised career women to strive for balance between their professional and domestic responsibilities, stressing that such equilibrium is essential for personal fulfillment, family harmony, and professional growth.

Delivering the seminar lecture, Dr. Ayodele A. Omengala addressed key stressors faced by career women in the academic environment, including the unequal distribution of household responsibilities, lack of spousal support, challenges in raising children, workplace conflicts, poor office amenities, and systemic denial of rights such as promotions and study leave.

Dr. Omengala highlighted that while KASU was established in 2004 to provide quality higher education and foster holistic development, the institution’s vision cannot be fully realized without empowering the women who contribute significantly to its mission.



Dr. Ayodele A. Omengala

She proposed a number of strategies to help female staff achieve a healthy work-life balance.

These include using weekly planners to manage tasks, hiring trained childcare providers, practicing financial discipline, avoiding gossip and conflict in the workplace, and applying empathy and effective communication at work and at home. Time management and mastering conflict resolution techniques were also emphasized as crucial tools for reducing stress and enhancing productivity.

Recommendations from the paper called for greater attention to child welfare—especially for at-risk children—and more proactive use of conflict resolution techniques such as de-escalation and collaborative problem-solving in both domestic and professional settings.

The seminar created a safe and supportive space for women to share experiences and learn from one another, reinforcing the message that stress is manageable and does not have to hinder personal or professional growth.

The Deputy Registrar, Student Affairs Division, Mrs. Florence Suleiman, gave the closing remarks and vote of thanks.

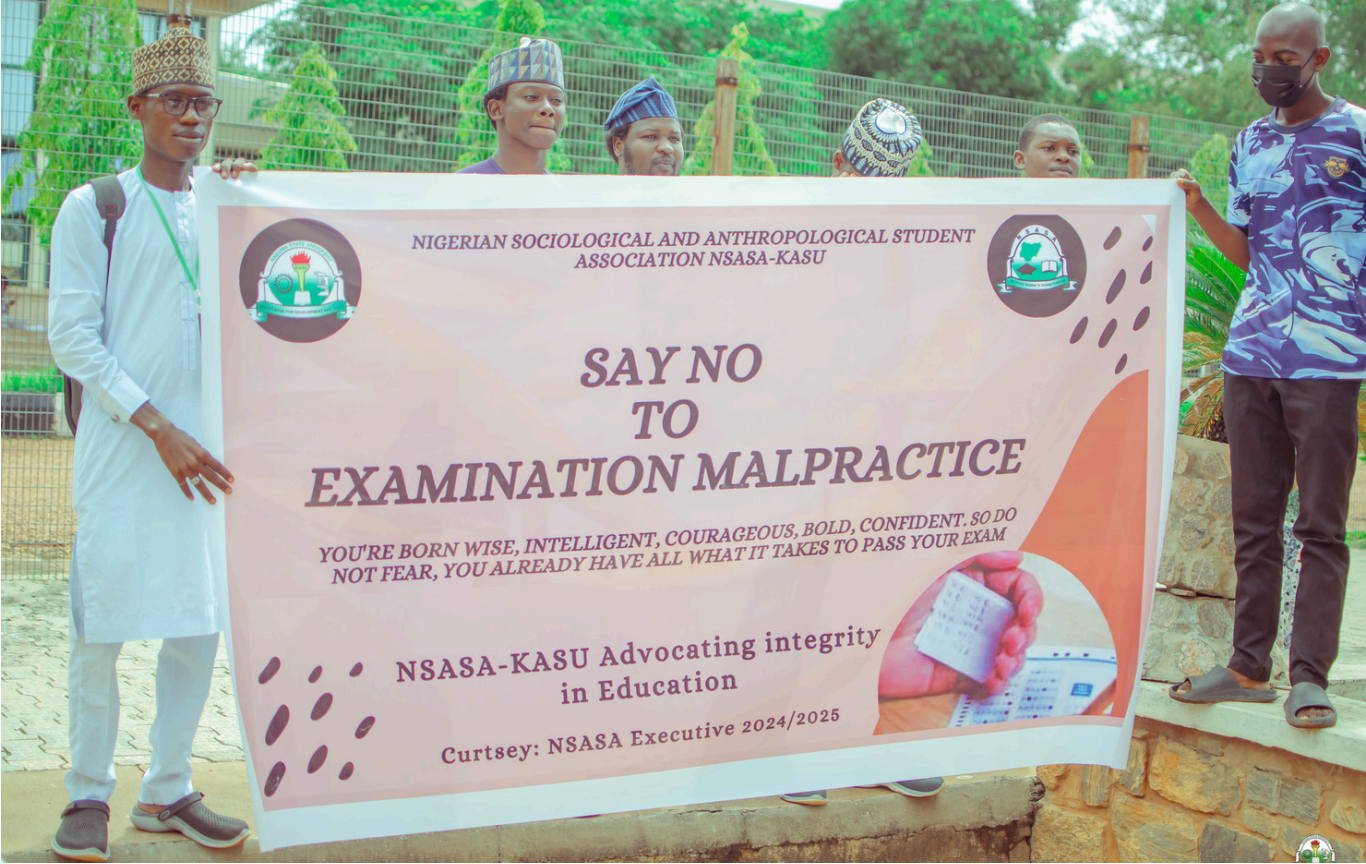
Participants left the event renewed and better equipped to face their dual responsibilities, with many applauding the university and SSANU KASU Women Wing for organizing such a timely and impactful initiative.

The seminar ended on a high note with a call for women to continue supporting each other, prioritize their well-being, and remember that taking care of themselves is not selfish—it is essential for sustainable development both at home and in the workplace.



STUDENT ANGLE

Photo highlights from the Nigerian Sociological and Anthropological Students Association (NSASA) at Kaduna State University (KASU), advocating for integrity in education through the campaign: 'Say No to Examination Malpractice'.



COLLEGE OF COMPUTING, ENGINEERING, AND SCIENCES HOLDS ORIENTATION FOR NEW STUDENTS



The College of Computing, Engineering, and Sciences on Tuesday, 3rd June 2025, organized an orientation program for its newly admitted students to formally welcome them into the academic community and prepare them for their academic journey.

In his opening remarks, the Provost of the College, Prof. Abubakar S. Magaji, welcomed the new students and encouraged them to seek mentorship from the academic staff. He emphasized that the orientation was designed to equip them with the necessary tools and guidance as they begin their studies.

Delivering a presentation, the Dean of the Faculty of Engineering, Prof. Muhammad Dauda, congratulated the students on their successful admission, describing them as privileged pioneers—being the first cohort to receive an orientation in the college. He urged them to strive for excellence and set a high standard as the inaugural students of the faculty.

While discussing career opportunities in computing, engineering, and the sciences, Prof. Dauda advised the students to consider taking Biology as an elective, in addition to their core courses. He also encouraged them to leverage artificial intelligence tools to aid their studies, avoid involvement in cultism, and always abide by the university’s rules and regulations.

Speaking on student conduct, the Dean of the Faculty of Physical Sciences, Dr. M.K. Dauda, advised the students to regularly consult the university’s student handbook in order to familiarize themselves with institutional policies. He emphasized the importance of mutual respect—among themselves, towards their colleagues, and toward their lecturers—and encouraged them to remain attentive in class.

In his presentation on examination ethics and regulations, Dr. Yakubu Aliyu Tanko advised students to maintain at least 75% class attendance to enhance their continuous assessment scores.



From right: Dean, Faculty of Engineering, Prof. Muhammad Dauda, Provost, College of Computing, Engineering, and Sciences Prof. Abubakar S. Magaji and others

He highlighted the importance of punctuality during examinations and stressed the need for students to be aware of their continuous assessment marks to help them set targets for their exams.

Dr. Tanko also warned against examination misconduct. He cautioned students not to enter examination halls with unauthorized materials such as mobile phones or paper chits and discouraged impersonation, stressing that Kaduna State University (KASU) has a zero-tolerance policy for examination malpractice.

During the event, students were also taught how to calculate their Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA) and Grade Point Average (GPA), equipping them with essential academic skills for tracking their performance throughout their studies.



COLLEGE OF ALLIED HEALTH AND PHARMACEUTICAL SCIENCES HOLDS ORIENTATION FOR NEW STUDENTS



The College of Allied Health and Pharmaceutical Sciences, Kaduna State University, held an orientation programme for newly admitted students of the 2024/2025 academic session. The event took place on Tuesday, 3rd June 2025 at the 500-seater lecture theatre.

In his address, the Provost of the College, Prof. J.A. Onaolapo, urged the students to put their best foot forward in both academic and social pursuits.

He reminded them to be exemplary ambassadors of the College on campus and encouraged them to take full advantage of the numerous opportunities available at the University.

Also speaking at the event, the Head of the Department of Pharmaceutical and Medicinal Chemistry, Dr. A. Danbaba, advised the students to explore available student loan schemes as a means of easing the financial burden of obtaining quality education at KASU.

In his closing remarks, the Head of the Department of Pharmacognosy and Drug Development, Dr. I. Uwaisu, expressed gratitude to the Vice Chancellor of KASU for his continued support of the College’s growth and development. He encouraged the students to build positive relationships with both staff and fellow students to enrich their university experience and broaden their horizons. Dr. Uwaisu thanked the students for their participation and wished them success in their academic journey.



From right: Provost of the College of Allied Health and Pharmaceutical Sciences, Prof. J.A. Onaolapo, Dean, Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Dr. Musa Garba and Chief Security Officer, Col. (Rtd) Ahmed Yabagyi

KASU ARCHITECTURE STUDENTS HONoured BY NIA PRESIDENT



A group photo of KASU Architecture students (Kafanchan Campus) with NIA President Arc. Mobolaji Adeniyi, taken on May 14, 2025, ahead of the Council Meeting

Students of the Department of Architecture, Kaduna State University (KASU), Kafanchan Campus, were recently hosted by the President of the Nigerian Institute of Architects (NIA), Arc. Mobolaji Adeniyi, FNIA, PNIA, on May 14, 2025, ahead of the Council Meeting.

During the brief ceremony, Arc. Adeniyi presented the students with their award for emerging runners-up at the Students Design Competition organized by the NIA Kaduna Chapter in February 2025.

Congratulations to the students for this outstanding achievement and for bringing pride to the university.

KASU AND GCSAYN UNITE TO EMPOWER YOUTH AND CHAMPION CLIMATE-SMART AGRICULTURE FOR A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE



A group photo marking KASU Management's strategic partnership with the Global Climate Smart Agriculture Youth Network (GCSAYN)

Kaduna State University (KASU) has entered into a strategic partnership with the Climate Smart Agriculture Youth Network Global (GCSAYN) to promote sustainable development, innovation, and youth empowerment in agriculture. This collaboration, aligned with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), marks a significant milestone in advancing climate-resilient solutions and inclusive growth.

The partnership was formalized through a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) aimed at strengthening research, community engagement, and institutional capacity-building in climate-smart agriculture and allied sectors. It reflects the shared commitment of both institutions to tackle pressing global development challenges through collaborative and innovative approaches.

As part of the implementation framework, KASU has launched an Internship Programme facilitated by its GCSAYN Linkages Officer, Dr. Khali Allahmagani, and Co-Facilitator, Prof. Ibrahim Abbas Sodangi. The maiden cohort comprises 14 students drawn from the Departments of Biotechnology and Agricultural Science. The programme is designed to equip students with practical skills, hands-on experience, and exposure to global best practices in sustainable agriculture.

Executive Director of GCSAYN, Mr. Divine Ntiokam, accompanied by Dr. Fakunle Aremu, commended KASU's Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Abdullahi Ibrahim Musa, for his visionary leadership and support in fostering the partnership.

They expressed optimism that the collaboration will empower emerging scholars, enhance academic research, and strengthen community resilience through sustainable, climate-responsive agricultural practices.

Also contributing to the success of the initiative are the departmental facilitators, Dr. Hauwa'u Yakubu Bako and Mr. Peter Adejo, whose involvement has been instrumental in coordinating student engagement and ensuring the effective delivery of the internship programme at the grassroots level.

This initiative embodies a shared vision of inclusive development, intergenerational equity, and a sustainable future for all.

**INSPIRING YOUNG MINDS: DIRECTORATE OF LABORATORY SERVICES, KADUNA STATE UNIVERSITY
HOSTS PUPILS OF SACRED HEART PRIMARY SCHOOL ON EXCURSION TAGGED ' A DAY AT WORK PLACE'**



Pupils from Sacred Heart Primary School, led by Mr. Kolawole Irefin, visited KASU’s Central Laboratory on an educational excursion.

Pupils from Sacred Heart Primary School, led by their teacher, Mr Kolawole Irefin, embarked on an educational excursion to the Central Laboratory of Kaduna State University (KASU) on Tuesday, 24th June 2025, as part of their work place learning experience. The visit particularly aimed to expose the pupils to Science and the daily practices of Scientists in order to stimulate their interest in science as a profession. The session was anchored by the Head of the Central Laboratory, Mrs Khadijah Abubakar Vatsa, who warmly welcomed the enthusiastic pupils (all in their laboratory coats) and guided them through a series of engaging scientific demonstrations and hands-on activities. The children were introduced to the five key principles of scientific inquiry: Observation, Questioning, Experimentation, Recording, and Analysis. These foundational steps were explained in a simplified and interactive manner, allowing the young learners to understand the concepts effectively.

Major highlights of the visit include demonstrations on weighing of samples, measurement of liquids, observing blood cells through the microscope and determination of colour intensity using a photometer. This hands-on exposure helped them connect classroom knowledge with real-world applications. Additionally, a series of simple but insightful experiments were conducted. One of the memorable activities was a field demonstration of the grafting of a mango tree performed by Prof. Bala Dogo which symbolized environmental awareness and scientific responsibility. The pupils also observed and participated in basic chemical mixtures, sparking curiosity about chemical reactions and laboratory tools. The pupils were formally received by Prof. Timothy Bulus, Director of Laboratory Services, who commended the school for prioritizing practical education.

He encouraged the young visitors to pursue academic excellence and emphasized the importance of early exposure to scientific environments in shaping future scientists and innovators.

The excursion concluded with question and answer session. The pupils finally engaged in some laboratory activities and report writing. The pupils were then served light refreshment and took photographs with the laboratory staff.

The visit was not only informative but also inspiring, leaving the pupils with lasting impressions and increased enthusiasm for science and learning. The management of Sacred Heart Primary School expressed profound gratitude to Kaduna State University for the warm reception and enriching experience.



From right: Head of the Central Laboratory, Mrs Khadijah Abubakar Vatsa, Prof. Bala Dogo, Director of Laboratory Services, Prof. Timothy Bulus, Mr Kolawole Irefin and the pupils on excursion



In a pioneering move to enhance students’ readiness for industrial training, the Directorate of Laboratory Services, in collaboration with the Department of Biochemistry, Kaduna State University (KASU), organized a Pre-SIWES Counselling Lecture for 300-level students of Biochemistry and Biotechnology. The event took place on Wednesday, 16th July 2025, at the Science Lecture Theatre 1, Main Campus.

In her welcome address, Dr. Maimuna Zubairu, Head of the Department of Biochemistry, underscored the significance of the Students Industrial Work Experience Scheme (SIWES) as a bridge between theoretical learning and practical experience. She urged the students to uphold discipline, integrity, and professionalism during their placements, reminding them that they are ambassadors of both the university and their respective disciplines.

Dr. Zubairu emphasized the importance of punctuality, active participation, and respectful conduct within their host organizations.

Speaking further, the Director of Laboratory Services, Professor Timothy Bulus, described the event as a “first of its kind in the university,” aimed at helping students maximize the opportunities presented by SIWES. He encouraged students to take the initiative seriously and to prepare thoroughly, stating that the experience could shape their future careers.

The main lecture was delivered by Malama Rabiatsu Idris Abubakar, who provided a comprehensive guide on how students can effectively navigate their SIWES. She advised students to:

Secure placements in reputable laboratories or industries relevant to their fields;

Abide by the rules and regulations of their host organizations;

Apply theoretical knowledge in real-world settings;

Understand and demonstrate professional ethics, effective workplace behavior, and communication skills;

Build positive relationships with colleagues and supervisors.

Malama Rabiatsu also highlighted the numerous benefits of SIWES, including career clarity, a foundation for future research, and a deeper understanding of scientific principles. She urged students to begin seeking placements early, be adaptable, observe closely, ask questions when in doubt, and maintain an eagerness to learn.

In her concluding remarks, she emphasized the need for students to remain proactive and professional, be time-conscious, and uphold high standards of hygiene, safety, and ethical conduct throughout their industrial training. The event concluded with an interactive session, where students posed questions about their upcoming SIWES journey. The resource persons responded to their concerns, capping off a highly engaging and impactful session.



KASU Director of Laboratory Services,
Prof. Timothy Bulus



HOD Biochemistry, Dr. Maimuna Zubairu



KADUNA STATE UNIVERSITY'S INSTITUTE OF EDUCATION HOLDS MATRICULATION AND ORIENTATION FOR NEW DIPLOMA STUDENTS



Group photo from the matriculation and orientation ceremony for new Diploma students with KASU Management

Kaduna State University's Institute of Education successfully held its matriculation and orientation ceremony for new Diploma students on Wednesday, 16th July 2025. The event took place at the 1000-Seater Theatre and brought together staff, students, and special guests to formally welcome the new students into the academic community.

The Deputy Director of the Institute, Dr. Sadiq Rabi, delivered the welcome address, expressing joy in receiving the new students and assuring them of the university's commitment to training them in academics, knowledge, and character. He emphasized that students that meet the required points in their studies upon graduation will be automatically promoted to 200 level in their respective programs.

The oath-taking segment was led by Mrs. Àsià Ismail on behalf of Barr. Abdulmutalab Idris, guiding students through the official oath and highlighting the importance of adhering to university rules and standards. Mrs. Àsià addressed the students on expected ethics and integrity, emphasizing decent dressing, mutual respect, and the dangers of assault, cybercrime, and exam misconduct. She urged students to report any form of sexual harassment immediately.

The Director, Mentorship and Career Development, Dr. Bashariyya Mustapha spoke on mentorship and career development, encouraging students to be intentional about self-growth and make the most of their time in the university.

Abusufiyan Yusuf guided students on the essential skills in e-registration, explaining how to navigate the university's portal.

Goodwill messages were delivered by representatives from the Directorate of Academic Planning, Students' Affairs, and the Deputy Vice Chancellors. Dr. Ahmad Musa gave the vote of thanks, expressing appreciation to all who contributed to the event's success.

The ceremony concluded with prayers, group photographs, and short interviews with some newly matriculated students.

The event marked the beginning of a new academic journey for the Diploma students at KASU's Institute of Education.

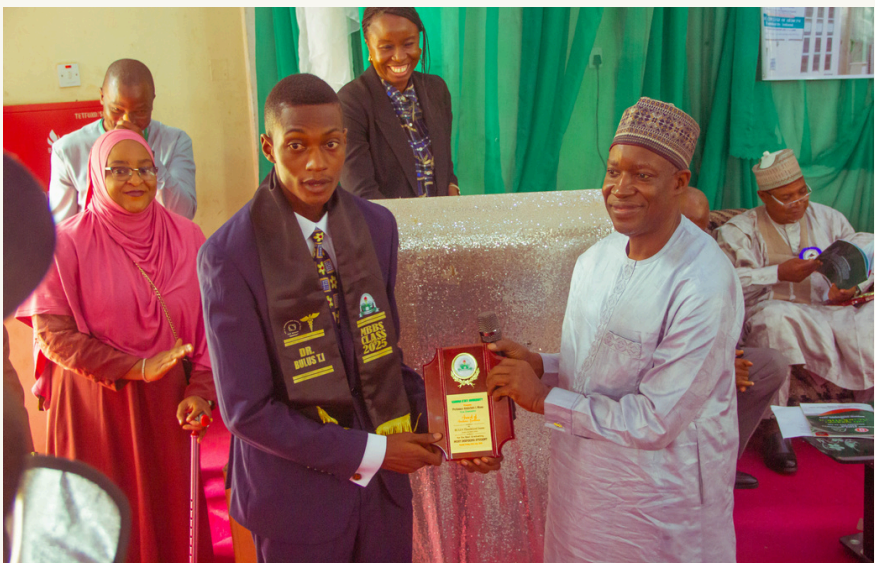


Oath-taking session during the matriculation and orientation ceremony for new Diploma students at KASU



Group photo with DVC Academic, Prof. Yusha'u Ango, and the Institute of Education Management, Kaduna State University

Photo Gallery: KASU College of Medicine Marks 6th Sponsio Academica and Oath-Taking Ceremony







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