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## NORTHERN NIGERIA'S FIRST PHARMACIST ADAMU DIKKO HONOURED WITH A PHARMACY GARDEN AT KASU



The Pharm. Adamu Dikko Pharmacy Garden has been officially commissioned at the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Kaduna State University (KASU) Main Campus. The ceremony was performed by the Kaduna State Commissioner of Education and Pioneer Vice-Chancellor of KASU, Emeritus Prof. Abubakar Sani Sambo.

While commissioning, he highlighted the significant impact of the late Pharm. Adamu Dikko on generations of Nigerians, particularly within academia. He advised the university to diversify its economic base through agriculture and renewable energy initiatives. He further recommended planting medicinal and pharmaceutical seedlings within the garden and across the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences to promote learning and research.

In his remarks, the Wakilin Maganin Zazzau, Prof. Ahmed Tijjani Mora (OON, mni) described late Pharm. Adamu Bako Dikko as a trailblazer and the first Northerner to qualify as a pharmacist. He noted that the occasion was organized to celebrate and immortalise Dikko's legacy and his immense contributions to pharmacy, healthcare delivery, and humanity through the noble practice of the pharmacy profession.

Prof. Mora expressed deep appreciation to the KASU Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Abdullahi Ibrahim Musa, for his unwavering support for the project. He explained that the Pharmacy Garden initiative was conceived by the Pharmaceutical Association of Nigerian Students (PANS), KASU Chapter, in December 2023, in recognition of the late pharmacist's exemplary service to the profession and society.

He recalled that the Vice-Chancellor, members of the Dikko family, himself, and the PANS executives jointly laid the foundation for the garden. He added that the Vice-Chancellor, family members, and other distinguished dignitaries made generous financial commitments that ensured the successful completion of the project.

Speaking on behalf of the Dikko family, Engr. Ahmad Adamu Dikko expressed profound gratitude to everyone who contributed to the construction of the garden. He particularly thanked the Vice-Chancellor for his exceptional effort in ensuring that the project became a reality.

In his remarks, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Abdullahi Ibrahim Musa appreciated the Dikko family for their lifelong service to humanity. He noted that KASU's strategic plan is designed to reshape and elevate the university, emphasizing that every investment, including the Pharmacy Garden and the Green KASU initiative, was made to support long-term institutional growth. He assured that the garden is intended primarily for students' relaxation and academic inspiration, and he pledged to provide adequate lighting and security to ensure their safety while using the facility.



