

ENGOMIUMS POUR IN AS ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR HADIZA TALATU MOHAMMED BOWS OUT OF SERVICE FROM KADUNA STATE UNIVERSITY



Associate Professor Hadiza Talatu Mohammed

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For the Kaduna State University Library, every day is special, characteristically depending on needs and challenges presented by its teeming clients and subscribers within and outside the university community.

However, what can be described as more unique this time around was the coming together of staff for a special send forth ceremony to honour Professor Hadiza Talatu Mohammed, the Deputy University Librarian who retired following years of dedicated and impactful service to the university.

The event took place on April 30, 2026, at the Reserved New Arrival Room of the University Library, drawing colleagues, management staff, and well-wishers who gathered to celebrate her impactful career.

Delivering his goodwill message, Dr. Usman A. Adamu, Head of the E-Library Unit, described Associate Professor Hadiza as a remarkable professional who redefined the role of a library beyond books, emphasizing its human-centered value. He noted that during her tenure as Deputy University Librarian and Head of the Human Resource Unit, she demonstrated exceptional fairness, empathy, and strength—qualities that endeared her to nearly everyone within the library system.

Dr. Adamu added that although her physical presence would be missed, her legacy, values, and influence would continue to guide and inspire staff members.

In his vote of thanks, Dr. Sahabi Muhammad Kabir commended her unwavering commitment and highlighted that the high level of compliance and cooperation she enjoyed from staff was a direct reflection of her dedication to duty. He emphasized that true leadership earns trust, noting that those who believe in a leader's commitment are more likely to embrace their vision and support their mission wholeheartedly.

He further observed that the overwhelming positive testimonies from staff indicate that a significant majority were aligned with her leadership style an indication of her strong impact. On behalf of the library management, he expressed appreciation to all attendees for their presence and support.

In her response, the celebrant, Associate Professor Hadiza Talatu Mohammed, expressed profound gratitude to Almighty Allah for granting her the opportunity to serve at the university and witness the successful completion of her career. She extended her appreciation to the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Abdullahi Ibrahim Musa, for entrusting her with the responsibility of Deputy University Librarian and for the unwavering support she received throughout her tenure.



She also acknowledged the Chief Librarian, Dr. Babangida Dangani, for his consistent encouragement and guidance, especially in navigating challenging responsibilities.

Additionally, she thanked her colleagues and the entire university staff for their cooperation and teamwork, which ensured the continuous growth and effective operation of the University Library.

The ceremony was marked by heartfelt tributes, reflecting a career defined by dedication, integrity, and impactful leadership.



KASU TRAINS EXAMINATION OFFICERS ON INTEGRITY, PUNCTUALITY, AND BEST PRACTICES



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Kaduna State University (KASU) has concluded an in-house capacity-building training for examination officers under the College of Arts, Education, Humanities and Law, as part of efforts to strengthen standards and ensure the credibility of its examination processes.

Addressing participants, the Director of Admissions and Examinations, Dr. Aliyu Adamu, emphasized the importance of proper planning and coordination in the conduct of examinations. He noted that examination venues must be adequately prepared well in advance to prevent last-minute disruptions that could compromise the integrity of the process.

Facilitators at the training highlighted the need for strict adherence to security and disciplinary measures within examination halls. They reiterated that electronic devices, including mobile phones and smartwatches, remain prohibited, stressing that thorough checks must be conducted to prevent unauthorized items from being brought into the halls.

On invigilation, participants were advised that examination schedules should be released early to support effective planning. Invigilators were also urged to maintain punctuality in the commencement and conclusion of examinations, as well as in the distribution and collection of scripts, in order to sustain orderliness and transparency.

The training further underscored the importance of academic integrity in question setting. All examination questions, participants were told, must undergo proper moderation before use. While past questions may serve as references, their reuse must be carefully validated to maintain relevance and avoid predictability. Facilitators cautioned against setting questions outside the approved curriculum.

Clear protocols were also outlined for the handling of examination materials. Lecturers were directed to submit question papers only to designated Examination Officers upon request, with all submissions required to reach the Examination Department at least 24 hours before the scheduled examination. The custody of question papers, it was stressed, rests solely with the Examination Officer, and such materials must remain sealed until the appropriate time.

On marking and grading, the university issued a firm directive against score manipulation and unauthorized assessment practices. Marking is to be conducted strictly in accordance with approved schemes and with proper authorization. Participants were warned that result falsification constitutes a serious offense, with the institution reaffirming its commitment to accuracy, transparency, and accountability in result processing.

Reaffirming its zero tolerance for examination malpractice, KASU stated that continuous staff training remains essential to maintaining the integrity of its academic assessment system.

In his remarks, the Provost of the College of Arts, Education, Humanities and Law, Professor Ahmad Babajo Kofa, addressed concerns about some lecturers failing to provide continuous assessment. He stressed that continuous assessment is mandatory and plays a critical role in helping students achieve their academic goals. He also urged examination officers to regularly review their responsibilities and ensure that adequate and secure storage facilities are available for examination materials.



Chairman of the occasion, Professor Isah Alhaji Usman, commended the university management for organizing the training and encouraged staff to demonstrate greater commitment, efficiency, and professionalism in the discharge of their duties.



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