

## KASU SET TO ADVANCE BEACH SOCCER DEVELOPMENT THROUGH PARTNERSHIP WITH NIGERIA BEACH SOCCER ASSOCIATION



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The President of the African Beach Soccer Union and Coordinator of Beach Soccer in Nigeria, Mahmud Hadeja, paid a courtesy visit to the Office of the Vice-Chancellor of Kaduna State University (KASU) on Tuesday, June 2, 2026.

The visit was aimed at fostering collaboration and establishing a strategic partnership between the Nigeria Beach Soccer Association and Kaduna State University in the development and promotion of beach soccer within the institution and across Northern Nigeria.

Speaking during the visit, Mahmud Hadeja stated that beach soccer had traditionally been played predominantly in the southern part of Nigeria. However, recent discoveries have shown that the northern region also possesses suitable sandy terrains and beach-like environments that can effectively support the development of the sport.



He expressed his admiration for Kaduna State University's remarkable performance in the recently concluded Beach Soccer Championship held at Murtala Muhammed Square, where KASU emerged as champions. He congratulated the university management, coaching crew, and players for the outstanding achievement.

The President further encouraged the university management to provide a designated space within the institution for the construction of a standard beach soccer arena, which would serve as a training and competition venue for students and other stakeholders.

In his response, the Vice-Chancellor Professor Abdullahi Ibrahim Musa, described the proposed partnership and collaboration as timely and beneficial, considering the positive impact of beach soccer on youth development, recreation, and talent discovery.

He reiterated the university's commitment to partnering with relevant organizations and sister agencies in achieving its mandate of academic excellence and holistic student development. The Vice-Chancellor assured the delegation that the university had already established a committee to oversee matters relating to beach soccer and its development within the institution.

Prof. Musa further directed the Director of Sports, Professor Simon Daniel K., to work closely with the Director of Corporate Services to create a suitable platform for beach soccer activities at KASU. He also charged both offices to collaborate effectively in coordinating and supporting the activities of the newly established committee.



The Vice-Chancellor emphasized that Kaduna State University remains open to innovative ideas and partnerships that will enhance the institution's reputation and contribute to its continued growth and development.

The visit concluded with mutual assurances of cooperation and a shared commitment to advancing beach soccer development in Kaduna State University and beyond.

