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Usman Danfodiyo University Sokoto, formerly University of Sokoto, has been a citadel of learning and research located in the city of Sokoto, North western Nigeria. The University is one of the 12 institutions founded by the Federal Government in 1975 during the Nigeria's oil boom. Inaugural lectures of the Nigerian Universities are ways of informing people about what academic and research activities a professor has carried out over the years and what their future research interests are.

The 36th Inaugural lecture of Usmanu Danfodiyo University Sokoto was presented by the Jigawa-born Professor of Hausa Literature, Haruna Abdullahi Birniwa. In his lecture presentation, Professor Haruna Abdullahi Birniwa said the choice of the theme "Hausa Political Verse as a Catalyst to Politicking in Hausa phone Nigeria" was deliberate because of his interest in the composition of praises by poets for their parties and patrons as well as on how they use such poems to lampoon other rival political parties. Professor Birniwa said the Hausaphone society covering most part of the North where Hausa is the main medium of communicaon seems to appreciate such composions, hence the popularity of such performance. The Professor noted that oral performance in form of oral songs accompanied by drumming and chorusing has been an old accepted norm from time immemorial.

He stated that the Hausa language was effectively utilised to campaign for various parties by the use of poems in the first and second republic Nigerian political periods. Professor Haruna Abdullahi Birniwa said these and many other reasons encouraged him to present the paper with the theme.

The programme was attended by principal officers of the University, professors, doctors, academic and non-academic staff, students and the general public.

In an interview after the occasion, Professor Muhammad Aminu Mode of the Department of English and Literary Studies, and Professor Ahmad Haliru Amfani of the Department of Linguistics spoke on the importance of an inaugural lecture to a scholar, the university community as well as the general public.
On Friday the 6th day of October, 2023, the Dean, Student Affairs Professor Umar Aliyu led participants of the 10th All Nigeria Universities Debating Championship to visit the Vice-Chancellor, Usman Danfodiyo University, Professor Lawal Suleman Bilbis. The visit was with a view to presenting the prizes won by the participants at the Championship as well as to brief the Vice-Chancellor about the outstanding performance of the students in the championship. Present during the visit were, the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Research, Innovation and Development, Professor Yusuf Sa'idu, the Deputy Registrar VC's Office, Usman Ngaski, as well as the Deputy Dean, Students' Affairs (Main Campus) Dr Tukur Muhammad Mukhtar who led the participants at the Championship. The ANUDC is a Championship organised by its council yearly and this year's championship marked the 10th from the beginning of the championship. The championship serves as a platform where young undergraduate students of all universities in Nigeria come together to compete in quiz, debate and public speaking championship. This year's tournament was hosted by Veritas University, Abuja between 27th August and 3rd September, 2023.

The VC in company of the DVC RI&D, Dean of Students' Affairs, Receives Participants of the Competition and the Staff Lead Six participants represented the University at the Championship, four students formed two debating groups as UDUS A and B while two students participated in the public speaking championship. Bashir Bunyamin Balogun and Oluwabukola Islamiyyat Isain UDUS A, while Aboki Yusuf and Olarenwaju Umar Faruq in UDUS B. On the other hand, Hussein Abdulbasit and Ishaq Abdulyazid Musa participated in the Public Speaking Championship individually. The UDUS A and B debating groups were able to scale to the quarter finals while UDUS A succeeded to the Semi finals of the debating championship. In the Public speaking category, Hussein Abdulbasit succeeded through the rounds to the finals, and emerged third in the Public speaking championship. He further had the overall third best public speaker medal for the championship.
UNIVERSITY SECONDARY SCHOOL SEEKS RELOCATION

Sadeeq Aliyu

The Principal of the University Secondary School, Dr. Hafsatu Shehu has appealed to the Management of Usmanu Danfodiyo University, Sokoto to consider relocating the School to a suitable place in the town or find an alternative means to ease the existing transportation difficulties being faced by the students, staff and parents.

Dr. Hafsatu who made the appeal during the 17th Annual Speech and Prize Giving Ceremony held recently, explained that among the problems which necessitated the call for relocation of the School are, distance of the school from town, frequent breakdown of school buses which disrupt academic efforts of the University.

Other problems she said are, stagnation in the promotion of teachers and non-teaching staff due to lack of funds, dilapidated buildings and wards especially on the broken down furniture of the influence of peer groups and social media which impede reading culture.

She lamented the low population of the school which stands at 149 students, having also the University Librarian, Dr. A. K. Nuhu who is also the University Librarian, explained that the Management of Usmanu Danfodiyo University was aware of all the problems highlighted by the Principal.

The Principal also highlighted that plans were underway to upgrade the school that include lack of school and other problems bedeviling the school including fencing and security, which result into frequent theft. She therefore solicited for assistance from especially securing the new well-meaning individuals to rebuild the school fence.

Representative of the occasion, Dr. A. K. Nuhu who is Chairman of the occasion, expressed appreciation for the efforts of the University, Professor A. A. Aliero, who was Guest Speaker on the occasion, charged parents to be vigilant about the activities of their wards especially on the influence of peer groups and social media which impede reading culture.

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Usmanu Danfodiyo University Model Secondary School
Prof. Aliyu Tambuwal Umar presents his Inaugural Lecture titled: "Land, Sea and Air: The Pillars of Climatic Noise in Nigeria" at the Auditorium, Main Campus of Usmanu Danfodiyo University, Sokoto, Thursday 12/10/2023
The Vice-Chancellor of Usmanu Danfodiyo University, Sokoto (UDUS), Professor Lawal Suleman Bilbis has hosted the Pro-Chancellor and Management Committee of Iconic University (IU) on a courtesy visit on 23rd October, 2023. The IU delegation headed by its Vice-Chancellor, Dr. Shadi Sabe, was warmly received by the UDUS VC. Prof. Bilbis who congratulated Dr. Shadi for establishing an institution being an alumnus of UDUS. He said he had been following and supporting the progress of IU since its inception. He also assured the delegation of his continuous support for the development of IU and other universities in the region.

Dr. Shadi thanked Prof. Bilbis for the meeting and praised the UDUS as a mentor to IU. He explained IU as a private, seek partnership and open, distance and e-learning collaboration with UDUS, university, the first of its kind in Northern Nigeria. He stated that IU had set up 13 resource centres across the country.

The IU VC stated that the purpose of their visit was to explore and accredited by the National Universities Commission (NUC) to offer 14 Bachelor's Degree programmes, which would commence in a week. He also said IU had set up 13 resource centres across the country.

Prof. Bilbis, the Vice Chancellor, enthusiastically extended invitation to IU and other private universities in the region. He expressed his hope that both institutions would benefit from knowledge sharing and making education accessible to more people.

Dr. Shadi, who had earlier visited Sokoto State University, expressed his interest in joining UDUS’s plan to form a consortium of Northwest universities.

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PZ CUSSONS DONATES MULTI-MILLION NAIRA RESEARCH INSTRUMENTS TO UDUS

PZ Cussons Nigeria Plc has recently shown its goodwill to Usmanu Danfodiyo University, Sokoto (UDUS), by donating three advanced research instruments and a 10 KVA UPS system worth N100m. The donation was facilitated by the National Office for Technological Acquisition Programme (NOTAP), through its Industry Research Laboratory Upgrade Project (IRLUP).

A team of PZ Cussons and NOTAP, which visited the University to inspect the instruments, paid a courtesy call on the Vice-Chancellor Professor Lawal Suleman Bilbis. The Deputy Vice Chancellor Academic (DVC Academic), Prof. M. G. Mahuta, who represented the Vice Chancellor, received the delegation. The DVC Academic, on behalf of the University Council, The Vice-Chancellor and the entire University community welcomed the delegation to the most peaceful University in Nigeria.

He expressed gratitude to PZ collaboration. He highlighted Cussons for the donation and the University's commitment to bridging the gap to research excellence and the gap between the country's high level of research capacity and its industries. DVC Academic Mr. Richard Odafi, the leader of the delegation, assured the University of the expected impact of the instruments on the University's research and development activities.

He stated that the donation was part of his company's Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR), which aimed to bridge the gap between academia and industry in Nigeria. He said that the support was to ensure University's research output go beyond journal publication to create products and services that would benefit the economy. "I am confident that this initiative will foster innovation and economic growth in Nigeria's industrial sector," he stressed. Mr Odafi revealed that the company planned to continue that path of collaboration between academia and industry in Nigeria.

He reaffirmed the University's dedication to research and development, and its culture of sustainability and maintenance. He disclosed that the University was not only open to such partnerships but had and would continue to actively pursue them, noting that linkages and collaborations were part of the core strategies of the University in increasing its impact on society. The University had earlier signed a Memorandum of Understanding with NOTAP and expressed the University's readiness for more collaborations.

Mr. Odafi highlighted the University's commitment to research excellence and the high level of research capacity among the staff of UDUS. He stated that the company planned to continue that path of collaboration between academia and industry in Nigeria.
Public speaking category. The Chancellor of Veritas University expressed happiness over the participants' performance. In addition, he congratulated the Vice-Chancellor on their performance at the ANUDC Debating Championship. He further instructed that the participants be enlisted among invitees of the Vice-Chancellor's Annual Dinner for performance by students that made the University proud at different tournaments. He promised unwavering support towards making the Debang Club of the University stronger.

The region to the consortium, an idea conceived 14 years ago on his visit to the United States of America (USA). He explained that the Consortium would use information and communication technology to enhance teaching and for approving Blended Learning in the Nigerian Learning programme, which allows lecturers to deliver half of their lectures online.

PZ Cussons Nigeria Plc. donated Multi-Million Naira Research Instruments to UDUS. Cussons Nigeria Plc. donated academic scholarship and industrialisation as CSR activities. University carefully selected biochemistry, pharmacy, the BET surface area, petroleum, and geology. The University had earlier requested state-of-the-art instruments in 2023, and were installed in the CASRAS laboratory at the main campus of the University.
Usman Danfodiyo University Sokoto Alumni Association has organised a dinner as part of its 7th National Convention and Election of national officers. The dinner which was held at Giginya Hotel Sokoto, was attended by generations of the University including former Deputy Governor of Kano State Dr Nasiru Yusuf Gawuna.

Though it is a dinner event, prominent members of the Association took time to highlight the vital roles members are expected to play in promoting the purpose of creating the Association. These according to the speakers, are to foster unity among members, to actively participate in all the Association’s activities and to make contact and contributions for the active progress of their alma mater.

Speakers at the 7th Usman Danfodiyo University Alumni dinner include former Deputy Governor of Kano State Dr Nasiru Yusuf Gawuna, former Sokoto State Commissioner for Justice Barrister Sulaiman Usman SAN, former Resident Electoral Commissioner (INEC) Professor Riskuwa Arabu Shehu, current Vice-Chancellor of Usman Danfodiyo University Professor Lawal Suleman Bilbis, Vice-Chancellor, Alqalam University, Katsina Professor Nasiru Yauri and National President of the Association Dr Buhari Bello Kware. The attendees entertained themselves with different foods and drinks provided at the dinner.
Stories in Pictures

GALLERY OF UDUS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION CONVENTION DINNER, NOVEMBER, 2023
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- Use of worn-out or sliced trousers/skirts, T-shirts with provocative messages, and wearing of short miniskirts at academic functions. In addition, it is against the law for female students to wear shorts outside their hostels.
- Wearing of provocative earrings, necklaces, permed or woven hair by male students; etc., run contrary to University laws.
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