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Prof. Haruna Abdullahi Birniwa presenting the 36th Inaugural Lecture at UDUS

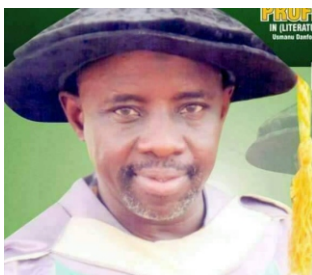
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Usmanu Danfodiyo University Sokoto, formerly University of Sokoto has been a citadel of learning and research located in the city of Sokoto, North western Nigeria. The University is one of the 12 institutions founded by the Federal Government in 1975 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 communication seems to appreciate such compositions, 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



Prof. Aminu Mode

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.



Prof. Ahmed Haliru Amfani



UDUS WINS 3RD POSITION AT A NATIONAL PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION

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, Usmanu 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

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



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

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

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UNIVERSITY SECONDARY SCHOOL SEEKS RELOCATION

Sadeeq Aliyu

The Principal of the stands at 149 students, having also the University Librarian, University Secondary existed for 24 years. This, she explained that the School, Dr. Hafsatu attributed to parents Management of Usmanu Shehu has appealed to the withdrawing their wards from Danfodiyo University was Management of Usmanu the school for different aware of all the problems Danfodiyo University, Sokoto to reasons, mostly economic. highlighted by the Principal and consider relocating the School The Principal also highlighted assured that plans were to a suitable place in the town other problems bedeviling the underway to upgrade the or find an alternative means to school that include lack of school. e a s e t h e e x i s t i n g adequate fencing and security He commended the Principal transportation difficulties personnel, which result into for all she has been doing in being faced by the students, frequent theft. She therefore managing the school, staff and parents. solicited for assistance from especially securing the new Dr. Hafsatu who made the well-meaning individuals to curriculum and its subsequent appeal during the 17th Annual rebuild the school fence. implementation. Speech and Prize Giving Other problems she said are Professor A. A. Aliero, who was Ceremony held recently, stagnation in the promotion of Guest Speaker on the occasion, explained that among the teachers and non-teaching charged parents to be vigilant problems which necessitated staff due to lack of funds, about the activities of their the call for relocation of the dilapidated buildings and wards especially on the school are, distance of the broken down furniture of the influence of peer groups and school from town, frequent school. She however social media which impede breakdown of school buses expressed appreciation for the reading culture. which disrupt academic efforts of the University The Dean of Faculty of Arts of activities and recent hike in fuel Management towards solving the University, Professor Shehu price which forced some the problems of the school. Sidi was among recipients of parents to look for alternative Representative of the awards for his contributions schools close to their homes. Chairman of the of the towards uplifting the academic She lamented the low Occasion, Dr. A. K Nuhu who is standard of the school. population of the school which

Stories in PICTURES

The Vice-Chancellor, Usmanu Danfodiyo University Sokoto, Prof. Lawal Suleman Bilbis while receiving NUC Resource Verification teams on Tuesday, 3rd October, 2023 in preparation for the commencement of Ph.D Medicine, Ph. D. Surgery; PGD, M.Sc & Ph.D Nursing Science, PGD, M.Sc. & Ph.D Public Health, PGD, M.Sc. & Ph.D Pharmacology, PGD, M.Sc & Ph.D Medical Microbiology and PGD, M.Sc & Ph.D Radiology programmes.



Stories in PICTURES

Usmanu Danfodiyo University Model Secondary School



Stories in
PICTURES

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





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The Vice-Chancellor of universities in the region. said IU had set up 13 resource centres across the country. Dr Shadi thanked Prof. Bilbis for the meeting and praised The IU VC stated that the UDUS as a mentor to IU. He purpose of their visit was to seek partnership and open, distance and e-learning collaboration with UDUS, the first of its kind especially with its Centre for Open and Distance Education (CODE). 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.

Prof. Bilbis, the Vice Chancellor, enthusiastically extended invitation to IU and other private universities in

that IU had been approved and accredited by the National Universities Commission (NUC) to offer 14 Bachelors Degree programmes, which would commence in a week. He also



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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 Cussons for the donation and the University's commitment to research excellence and the bridging the gap between the country's high level of research capacity and its academic institutions among the staff of UDUS.

DVC Academic Mr. Richard Odafi, the leader of the delegation and the

Research and Development lead of PZ Cussons in Nigeria, expressed his satisfaction with the expected impact of the instruments on the University's research and development activities.

use of the instruments. 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

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 collaboration between



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Publicspeakingcategory. Chancellor of Veritas University proud at different While receiving the University, Abuja, which hosted tournaments. He further participants, the Vice- the Championship. In addition, pledged his unwavering Chancellor expressed the Vice-Chancellor directed support towards making the happiness over their that participants at the ANUDC Debating Club of the University performance. He further Championship be enlisted stronger. informed the participants that among invitees of the Vice- he was congratulated on their Chancellor's Annual Dinner for performance by the Vice- students that made the

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the region to the consortium, communication technology to also praised the UDUS Senate an idea conceived 14 years enhance teaching and for approving Blended- ago on his visit to the United learning in the Nigerian Learning programme, which State of America (USA). He University explained that the System, which consortium would use faces many information and challenges. He



allows lecturers to deliver half of their lectures online.

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academic scholarship and Cussons Nigeria Plc. The study, most notably chemistry, industrialisation as well as CSR University carefully selected biochemistry, pharmacy, or the good of Nigeria. the BET surface area, petroleum, and geology. The NOTAP, under its IRLUP, had viscometer, and cloud instruments arrived at UDUS earlier requested the point/pour point tester. These on Monday, 16th October, University to select state-of-the-art instruments 2023, and were installed in instruments worth N100 are needed for cutting-edge CASRAS laboratory at the main million to be procured by PZ research in numerous fields of campus of the University.



UDUS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION HOLDS A DINNER FOR ITS 7TH NATIONAL CONVENTION

Muhammad Sajo/Gazali Mukhtar

Usmanu 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 Usmanu 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 Usmanu 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





NEW NATIONAL EXCO FOR UDUS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION TAKING OATH OF OFFICE

Muhammad Sajo

NEW EXECUTIVE OFFICERS OF THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

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