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Commissioning of KWASU Senior Citizens Centre KSCC



The KWASU Senior Citizens Centre, dedicated to the care and healthy ageing of senior citizens, was commissioned by the Vice-Chancellor today, Friday, March 7, 2025. The KWASU Senior Citizens Centre (KSCC) is a unique facility that provides proactive health care

services to older persons with the goal of improving their quality of life.

The Vice-Chancellor, Professor Shaykh-Luqman Jimoh, in his address, stated that the Centre will not only provide service to the older members of the community but also train world-class professionals in caregiving.

Professor Jimoh who was represented by the Deputy

Vice-Chancellor (Administration), Professor Moshood Mahmood Jimba, noted that the training facilities at the Centre will ensure that the much needed human resource in the field of geriatric care is given adequate and professional training while ensuring that senior citizens have access to physical therapies that will stimulate and improve their quality of life.

The Chairman of the Board of the Centre, Professor Emmanuel Ajani, thanked the management of the university for giving the needed support to kickstart activities at the centre. He said just three months into the Centre, activities are already in top gear. This, he said, is a clear indication

that the KSCC will be a massive success.

The director of the KWASU Senior Citizens Centre, Dr. Nimat Idris, in her opening remarks, noted that counselling and therapies such as lifestyle modification will be used primarily in the care of senior citizens.

She emphasised that the KSCC currently runs a basic certificate in caregiving with over 250 students certified by the centre.

Dr. Idris added that plans are in place to commence a professional diploma in caregiving where holders of the diploma would be inducted as Fellows of Community of Caregivers (FCOC).

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Dr. Musa



Mr. Waheed

Kwara State University's Dr. AbdulWaheed Musa of the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering has emerged Researcher of the year, 2024. This award comes with a cash prize of N250,000, a certificate, and a plaque. The notification signed by the Registrar, Dr. Kikelomo W. Sallee, dated 7th March 2025 stated that Dr. Musa

received the award for his outstanding research contributions in the advancement of knowledge in his field.

Similarly, Mr Waheed Awuni Sunmon of Registry Department was awarded the Best Staff of the Year 2024 for his "dedication, hard work, and contributions to the efficient functioning of the University". These awards are part of Kwara

State University's strategy to drive research excellence and to motivate staff. Mr. Sunmon, a pioneer staff of the University and currently, the Secretary to the Dean, Faculty of Engineering and Technology, will receive N100,000, a certificate, and a plaque.

Dr. AbdulWaheed Musa, an Associate Professor of wireless communication, artificial intelligence, and renewable energy, is an award-winning senior academic with international exposure and experience in research, mentoring, leadership, and consulting. He is the Founding Director of KWASU's Centre for Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning Systems (CAMS) and currently, the Head of the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering. He also served as the Founding Director of the Centre for

Telecommunication Research and Development (CTRD).

Dr. Musa is a senior member of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE)- USA, a registered engineer with the Council for the Regulation of Engineering in Nigeria (COREN), and a member of the Institution of Engineering and Technology (IET)- United Kingdom. He was a Postdoctoral Research Fellow between February 2017 and January 2020 and a Senior Research Associate between November 2020 and October 2023 at the Institute for Intelligent Systems, the University of Johannesburg.

Some of his research and projects have been funded by both local and international donor agencies, including the Royal Academy of Engineering (United Kingdom), the Gender and

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Responsible Artificial Intelligence Network (GRAIN), the Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund), the Nigerian Communications Commission (NCC), the National Information Technology Development Agency (NITDA), among others.

As a telecommunication specialist, Dr Musa was on Nigeria's delegation to the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) Telecom World (Bangkok 2016). He was also invited by the Government of South Africa to the ITU Telecom World (Durban 2018), and the 2019 edition of World Economic Forum (WEF) on Africa. As an AI expert, he has taken part in developing the National Artificial Intelligence Strategy (NAIS) for Nigeria as coordinated by the Federal Ministry of Communications, Innovation and Digital Economy in 2024.

With over seventy (70) scholarly papers published in reputable journals and conference proceedings, Dr Musa possesses excellent technical, organizational, and communication skills, and aims to become an extraordinary and successful knowledge generation, dissemination, and application professional.

Council, Management visit Tertiary Education Commissioner, pledge cooperation



The Chairman of the Governing Council of Kwara State University, Professor AbdulGaniyu Ambali OON, has described KWASU as a supportive and progressive institution that is committed to adding value to the state.

Professor Ambali said this when he led a delegation of Council Members and Management of KWASU for a courtesy visit to the new Commissioner of Tertiary Education in Kwara State, Hajia Saa'datu Moddibo-Kawu, on Tuesday, March 25, 2025, **Continued on page 3**

Vice-Chancellor Commissions Two Students Sponsored Projects



The Vice Chancellor of Kwara State University, Professor Shaykh-Luqman Jimoh, has charged students' associations in the university to live up to the spirit of community service by organising activities that will have lasting and positive impact on the university and human society in general.

Professor Jimoh gave this charge when he commissioned a borehole and a solar electric system donated by students associations in the Faculty of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) on Tuesday, March 11, 2025.

Professor Jimoh said the projects were symbolic because they represented one of the core mission of the university, which is community development. He lauded the students for coming up with the idea of donating the facilities to their faculty, stressing that the projects showed that the students had imbibed the lessons on the importance of giving back to society. "Other students' associations on campus should emulate your actions," he stressed.

The Dean of the Faculty of ICT, Professor Isiaka Aliagan, in his welcome address, said the students came up with the projects to compliment the efforts of management in providing providing critical infrastructures that will aid research, teaching and learning. Professor Aliagan noted that the presence of the Vice-Chancellor and other Principal Officers of the institution at the commissioning of the projects will encourage the students to come up with more impactful solutions to challenges they may encounter as students of the university.





It was with great delight that I received the news of the confirmation and swearing-in of one of Kwara State University's frontline staff, Dr. Lawal Olalekan Olohungbebe, as the new Commissioner of the Ministry of Education and Human Capital Development in Kwara State. Dr. Lawal Olalekan Olohungbebe was before this appointment the Senior Special Assistant to His Excellency, the Governor, on Community Development. This was a position he executed excellently well, just as he had hitherto performed his role as Director of KWASU's Centre for Community Development with passion and sincerity. It therefore was no surprise to us at Kwara State University that His Excellency, Mallam AbdulRahman AbdulRazaq, would find Dr. Olohungbebe a worthy individual to assign greater tasks.

On behalf of the Council, Management, Staff, and Students of the Green University for Community Development and Entrepreneurship, I applaud the Governor of Kwara State for the recognition accorded Dr. Lawal Olalekan Olohungbebe and by extension, Kwara State University. We at KWASU remain committed to the Kwara project and individually and collectively align with the mandate of the Governor to drive the state to unprecedented heights.

I also congratulate the Honorable Commissioner of Education and Human Capital Development, Dr. Lawal Olalekan Olohungbebe, on this new role. It is our expectation that the excellence with which he and KWASU are known would again be brought to bear in this new assignment.

Professor Shaykh-Luqman Jimoh
fcipdm, fcpa

Vice-Chancellor,
Kwara State University, Maletе

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It would be recalled that Hajia Saa'datu Modibbo-Kawu was recently redeployed as commissioner to the Tertiary Education Ministry from the Ministry of Education and Human Capital Development.

On the entourage of the KWASU Governing Council Chairman was Professor Ibrahim Jawondo and Engineer Mariam Daudu, as well as Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Administration) Professor Moshood Mahmood Jimba and the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic) Professor Olubukola Christiana Dada.

Others are the Registrar, Dr. Kikelomo Wasilat Sallee; the Bursar, Alhaji Mohammed Sani Abubakar; and the University Librarian, Professor AbdulSalam Abiodun Salman.

Professor Ambali assured the new commissioner of the readiness of the institution to continue to advance the educational, research, and community development fortunes of the state as the University has been doing.

Also speaking during the visit, the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Shaykh-Luqman Jimoh, informed the commissioner that the Osi Campus of the University had commenced academic activities, and that preparations were underway for the Ilesha-Baruba Campus to follow suit by April this year.

Hajia Saa'datu Modibbo-Kawu, in her response, expressed gratitude to the Council and Management of the institution for their congratulatory visit, pledging to utilize her position to promote the institution's interests.



VC Congratulates Drs. Olohungbebe, Arinde on New Appointments



The Vice-Chancellor of Kwara State University (KWASU), Professor Shaykh-Luqman Jimoh, has congratulated Dr. Lawal Olohungbebe on his recent appointment as Commissioner of the Ministry of Education and Human Capital Development in Kwara State.

Professor Jimoh who delivered this congratulatory message during a courtesy visit to the new commissioner in his office on Thursday, March 20, 2025, added that Dr. Olohungbebe is the first serving staff member of the university to attain the position of Commissioner for Education in the State, describing him as an innovative, hardworking, and committed professional with excellent work ethics.

Professor Jimoh emphasized that the visit was necessary in recognition of Dr. Olohungbebe's impactful contributions to fostering peaceful collaborations between Kwara State University and its host communities during his tenure as Coordinator of KWASU's Centre for Community Development. Continued on page 6



Local farmers receive agric loan facility from KWASU Microfinance Bank



Members of the newly elected Executive Committee (ExcOs) of the Alumni Association paid a courtesy visit to the Vice-Chancellor



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In furtherance of the community development mantra of Kwara State University, KWASU Microfinance Bank has made loan facilities available to farmer groups in and around Malete Community in Moro Local Government Area of Kwara State to support their farm operations in the approaching planting season. KWASU Vice-Chancellor and Chairman Board of Trustees of KWASU Microfinance Bank,

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Professor Shaykh-Luqman Jimoh, presented letters of offer to the farmers associations in a formal event held on the bank's premises on the KWASU campus in Malete, on Wednesday, March 26, 2025.

In his address to the farmers, Professor Jimoh who was represented by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Administration), Professor Moshood Mahmood Jimba, stated that the agric loan scheme was primarily to support farmers to boost food production and enhance food sustainability. Professor Jimoh reiterated KWASU's commitment to upholding its mantra of being a "University for Community Development" by leveraging its pool of experts and resources to initiate schemes that foster the development of local communities.

The Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of KWASU Microfinance Bank, Alhaji Hassan Kolawole Hakeem, who in his opening speech stated that the agric loan scheme

piloted last year with 15 farmers as beneficiaries added that it the pilot scheme yielded positive results for both the farmers and the bank as no beneficiary defaulted in the payback of the loan.

He noted that based on this success, the scheme has been expanded to accommodate more farmers under the umbrella of different farmers' associations.

The associations benefiting from the agricultural loan scheme include Alanu Agbelere Farmers Group, Agbedola Ketere Group, Itesiwaju Agbe Group Omoni, Agbeloba Farmers Association (Malete Market), Agbeyewa Elemere Farmers' Group, Agbe Olofeere Group, and Agbeloga Malete Farmers Group.

Speaking on behalf of the farmers groups, the Chairman of Agbeloba Farmers Association (Malete Market), Alhaji Mohammed Abdulrazaq thanked the university and the bank for the trust reposed in them. He pledged, on behalf of the other beneficiaries, to utilize the loans efficiently and to ensure that the loans were repaid when due.



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He further stated that the entire KWASU community takes pride in Dr. Olohungbebe's achievements and encouraged him to continue to be an ambassador of the institution in both his official and private endeavours.

In his response, Dr. Olohungbebe expressed heartfelt gratitude to the Vice-Chancellor for his support and mentorship, describing Professor Jimoh's integrity and philosophy of life as exemplary.

He also extended his appreciation to past Vice-Chancellors of Kwara State University, Professor AbdulRasheed Na'Allah and the late Professor M.M. Akanbi, SAN, acknowledging that the opportunity to serve the university laid a strong foundation for his career.

Similarly, the Vice-Chancellor, accompanied by Principal Officers, was at the office of the newly appointed Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development, Dr. Mary Ronke Arinde.

Dr. Arinde, who was reassigned from the Tertiary Education Ministry, was recognized by Professor Jimoh for her significant contributions to Kwara State University.

In her response, Dr. Arinde expressed gratitude to the Vice-Chancellor and his team for the honour of their visit. She pledged her continued support to the university and emphasized that the visit would further inspire her to serve Kwara State diligently.

