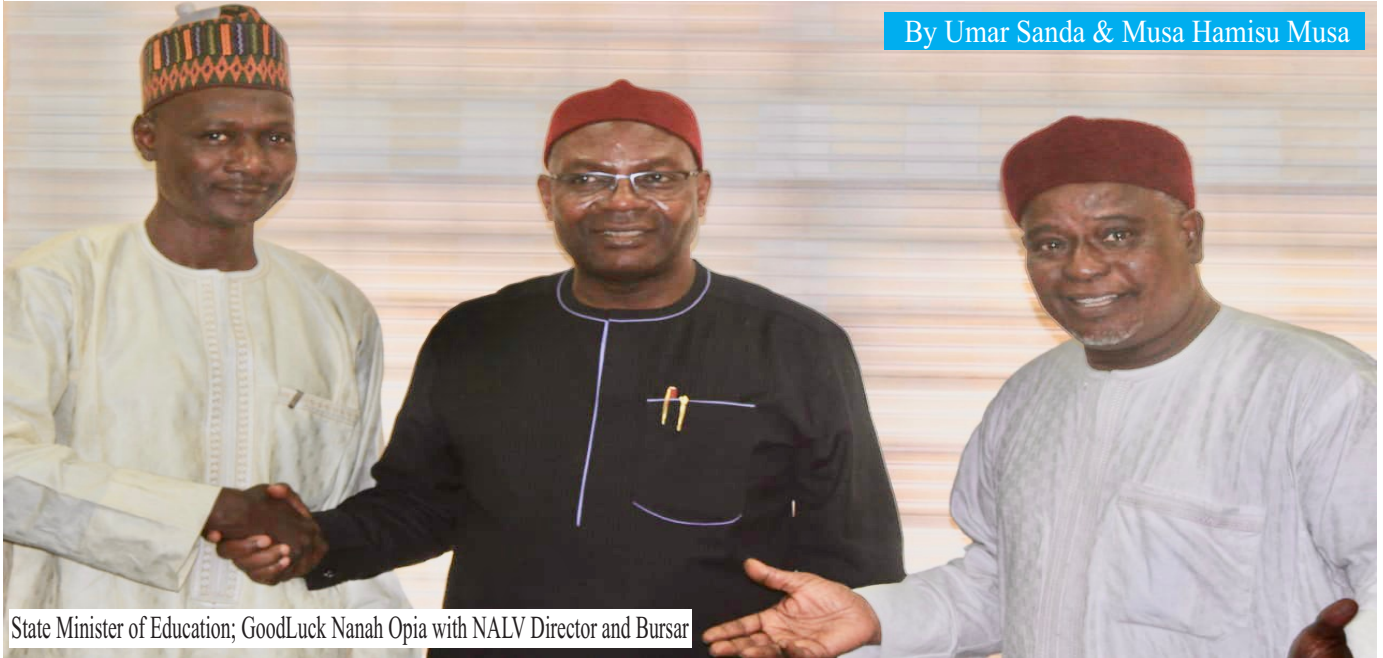




NALV DIRECTOR/CEO BRIEFS NEW STATE MINISTER OF EDUCATION

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State Minister of Education; GoodLuck Nanah Opia with NALV Director and Bursar

The Director/CEO Nigeria Arabic language Village, Ngala, Professor Ibrahim Muhammad had on Thursday 4th August 2022, at the Federal Ministry of Education briefed the newly appointed Honourable Minister of State for Education, Goodluck Nanah Opia in his office.

Professor Ibrahim Muhammad congratulated the Minister for his well-deserved appointment as Minister of the Federal Republic of Nigeria by President Muhammadu Buhari.

During the briefing, the Director Chief Executive had inform the minister that, Nigeria Arabic Language Village, Ngala is an Inter University Centre for Arabic Studies established in 1992 to replace the one year abroad programme for 300 level Arabic students of the Nigerian Universities. The village caters for Language Immersion needs of the Arabic students in Nigerian Universities which used to be conducted abroad. Aside that, it also provides Acculturation programme, Arabic proficiency, special Arabic programme among other Arabic programmes.

The village had in the recent time keyed into the 9 points agenda of Mr President in Education sector (2030) to teach Arabic to out of school children and Girl Child with a view to addressing the growing number of out of school children in Nigeria.

Professor Ibrahim has also told the minister that, since 2013, the village relocated to Maiduguri from its permanent site at Ngala. He said, the insurgents have completely destroyed the facilities and structures at the main campus of the Village at Ngala. Critical

infrastructures and facilities destroyed among others include, the language laboratories, library complex, hostels, lecture theaters, staff quarters, recreational facilities, offices, etc. Presently, about 34,000 IDPs occupying the remnant of the destroyed structures at the main campus of the village in Ngala.

The Village in order to maintain its mandate, since 2014 has been operating and conducting the programmes in its Maiduguri liaison office and other outreach centres across Nigeria.

Professor Ibrahim Muhammad also told the minister that, on assumption of duty as the Director of the Village, he has so far visited 20 Universities and 65 Colleges of Education emphasizing the need to attend the Immersion and Acculturation programmes of the Village. It is only done for the Village to maintain its mandate.

In view of the present realities, the Director/CEO appealed for immediate intervention of the Minister with a view to addressing the myriad of problems the village is facing as an entity under the Federal Ministry of Education.

The Honourable Minister, in his response thanked the Village Director/CEO and his entourage for coming and expressed satisfaction with the Director's level of performance as the Chief Executive of the Village. The Minister then advised Professor Ibrahim Muhammad to continue with the good job and further assured him that, all the issues raised were well noted and will be substantially addressed as appropriately as possible.

Annahada Society of Nigeria Pays a Courtesy Visit to Arabic Vallage

The Director/CEO, Nigeria Arabic Language Village Ngala, Professor Ibrahim Muhammad had on 10th August, 2022 received in audience the members of Annahada Society of Nigeria, who were on a courtesy visit.

In a brief introduction, Dr. Ibrahim Umar Ilyas introduced the members of Annahada Society of Nigeria. They were; Prof. Ali M. Al'ahmar, Dr Bukama Ahmad Ibrahim, Dr. Ahmad Umar Bashir, Dr. Muhammad Alhaji Abubakar (Admin Secretary), and Dr. Al Baqir Ramat Ahmad. The team is also the Editorial Board of Al Hidayah Journal, Published by the Centre for Trans-Sahara Studies – University of Maiduguri.

In his opening remarks, the Secretary of the Editorial Board, Professor Ali M. Ahmar congratulated Professor Ibrahim Muhammad on his appointment as Director/CEO of the Village. He also acknowledged the immense contributions towards the advancement of Alhidaya Journal, where he is a member of advisory committee. Prof. Ali Ahmar said, the journal came into the circle of academic in collaboration with the Centre of Trans-Saharan Studies at its three years of commencement.

While responding, Professor Ibrahim Muhammad thanked the Editorial Board for paying him the courtesy visit to congratulate him and for extending their hands of partnership to the Village. He said, this will assist the Village in renewing its activities back to track in rendering what it supposed to render to the society in terms of teaching of Arabic Language.

Similarly, Prof. Ibrahim went on memory lane to give his brief acquaintance with Annahada. He said, the name Annahda goes with the name of the custodian of Arabic in Nigeria – Sheikh Sheriff Ibrahim Saleh Alhussainiy. He said, Annahda was established in 1957 with the main purpose of eradicating illiteracy and

promoting education in Nigeria. Since then it has been working round the clock to ensure the success of the philosophy, vision and mission upon which it was established are realized.



NALV Director in a group photograph with Members of Annahada

Professor Ibrahim Muhammad also urged the members to put their heads together and that they should not relent in their resolve to meet the expectations of Sheikh Sheriff Ibrahim Saleh Al Hussainiy.

Professor Ibrahim Muhammad also added that, Annahda is not sectarian by being whole inclusive and accept all workings for promoting knowledge.

On collaboration with Annahada, Prof. Ibrahim Muhammad said, the village's doors are always open and looking forward to collaborate with the Society in a view to advancing the spread, growth and development of Arabic language in Nigeria.

Committee for the Review of Criteria for Appointment, Appraisal and Promotion Submits Report

► Dr. Idris Ahmad Yunus ◀

The Vice Chairman of the committee for the review of criteria for appointment, appraisal and promotion, which was earlier constituted by the Director/CEO, Professor Ibrahim Muhammad, Dr. Idris Ahmad Yunus, had on Tuesday 16th August, 2022 submitted the report of the committee to the management of the Village.

The Director/CEO, Professor Ibrahim Muhammad had constituted the committee to review the criteria for the appointment, Appraisal and Promotion of Academic, Administrative, Technical and Professional staffs of the Village.

While submitting the

report of the committee to the Registrar, the Ag. Chairman of the Committee, Dr. Idris Ahmad Yunus, on behalf of the entire members of the committee, thanked the management of the Village for appointing them to serve in the committee.



Dr. Idris Ahmad Yunus presenting report of the committee to the Register Ali Abdullahi Ali

While receiving the report, Alhaji Ali Abdullahi Ali, the Registrar of the Village, who received the report on behalf of the Director/CEO, thanked the members of the committee for the job well-done. And he promised to present the report to the Management before taking it to the Governing Council for final consideration and approval.

NALV Delegation Attends FCC Sensitization Programme for Stakeholders in the North East Zone

The Federal Character Commission (FCC) under the presidency had on 25th August, 2022 organized a one-day sensitization programme for stakeholders in the North East Zone.

The programme was declared open by His Excellency, Professor Babagana Umara Zulum mni, the Executive Governor of Borno State. The Governor, while declaring the programme open promised to construct Housing Estates to be allocated to the staff of Federal Government Agencies operating in Borno State.

The Nigeria Arabic Language Village, Ngala participants led by the Registrar, Ali Abdullahi Ali. Other members in his company include the Coordinator of Works and Physical Planning Department (W&PPD), Arc. Mohammad Yusuf Mohammed and the Deputy Registrar (Special Duties), Mal. Abdulhamid M. Abdullahi. They attended the Sensitization programme which took place at the Musa Usman Secretariat, Maiduguri.

The Theme of the sensitization was: "Promoting Peace and National Development Through Equitable Distribution of Socio-Economic Amenities and Infrastructural Facilities Nationwide"

In the whole, three (3) papers were presented in the programme. The first paper titled: "Equitable Distribution of Socio-Economic Amenities and Infrastructural Facilities: The Borno State Example" was presented by Mr. David O. Fakeye, Special adviser

to the Executive Chairman. The second paper, "Conception, Application, and Misapplication of the Federal Character Principles in Nigeria", was presented by Professor Haruna Dantoro Dlakwa, the Deputy VC



Cross Section of the Participant

Academic, Borno State University (BOSU) and the last paper titled: "Reliable and Authentic Data: Ingredients for Successful Application of Federal Character Principle in the Distribution of Socio-Economic Amenities and Infrastructural Facilities in Nigeria" was presented by Benson Onobun, former Director Federal Character Commission.

After the papers were presented, there was a session for questions and answers. Participants from NALV have actively participated in the proceedings.

NALV HOD Acculturation Visit Jigawa State College of Education and Legal Studies Proposed the College to Serve as an Outreach Center for Hosting Nearby Colleges of Education

In preparation to host the Arabic Acculturation programme by Jigawa State College of Education and Legal Studies, the HOD Acculturation programme, Dr. Yunus Bukar Abdullahi alongside the Head, Revenue and Special Duties of the Village, Mal. Baba Gana Baba Kura on 2nd August, 2022, paid a courtesy visit to the Provost, Jigawa State College of Education and legal Studies Jigawa, Jigawa State.

On arrival, the NALV team were received by Dr. Sule Haruna, the Provost of the College along with other top management staff of the institution.

The HOD Acculturation, Dr. Yunus Bukar Abdullahi had in his opening remarks conveyed the message of good will from the NALV Director/CEO, Professor Ibrahim Muhammad to the management of the institution. He said, Acculturation programme is a prerequisite course for all students offering Arabic language from Colleges of Education across Nigeria. The law establishing the Village made it mandatory for the Village to conduct the Acculturation programme for the colleges.

The main issue discussed during the courtesy visit were the proposed hosting of the Acculturation programme by the Jigawa State College of Education. Another important issue discussed during the visit was the proposed that the college to serve as an Outreach Centre for the nearby Colleges of Education.

In his response, the Provost of the College thanked the delegation from Arabic Village for the visit. He said, "such a visit to discuss on the preparation for hosting the programme is timely, and that it would go a long way in determining the success of the programme". He further said, early preparation is more likely to produce desired results. He equally extended his appreciation and gratitude to the Director of the Village, Professor Ibrahim Muhammad, for sending such a powerful delegation to discuss on the issue as well as other issue relating to hosting the nearby Colleges of Education. More importantly, choosing Jigawa State College of Education to serve as an outreach Centre, was indeed a recognition accorded to the college by the management of Arabic Village.

Those who attended the meeting include the Deputy Provost of the College, Mal. Muktar Sarki, Mal. Auwal Muhammad Magaji, the Dean of School of Languages, Mal. Yahaya Tahiru, the HOD Arabic Language, Dr. Muhammad T. Ibrahim, Director Academic Planning, Mal. Lurgan A. Sabo, Level Coordinator and the Registrar of the College, Mal. Aminu Abubakar.

It was a very successful meeting which ended up with some far reaching decisions for successful hosting of the Acculturation programme by Jigawa State College of Education and Legal Studies.

NALV Management Pays a Congratulatory and Courtesy Visit to Dr. Alh Muhammad Indimi



Alh Dr. Muhammad Indimi OFR with NALV Management Team

The Management of the Nigeria Arabic Language Village, Ngala led by the Director/CEO had on 19th August, 2022 paid a congratulatory and courtesy visit to International business mogul and Chairman Oriental Energy Resource Ltd, Alhaji (Dr) Muhammad Indimi OFR, in his Maiduguri's office.

In his opening remarks, the Director/CEO of Arabic Village, Professor Ibrahim Muhammad described Alhaji (Dr) Muhammad Indimi as a father, leader, pride of Borno and Nigeria, well-known figure and a global figure who rose from grass to grace. He said Dr. Muhammadu Indimi stands for humanity, the needy, the poor and the weak members of the society.

Professor Ibrahim Muhammad introduced the Nigeria Arabic Village, Ngala to (Dr.) Muhammadu Indimi. He said, the Nigeria Arabic Language Village Ngala was established in 1992 with a mandate to cater for Language Immersion Programme for 300 level Arabic students of Nigerian Universities and Acculturation programme for Arabic students of Colleges of Education in Nigeria.

The Director has equally said, the Village was part of the great occasion that took place in University of Maiduguri, where Alhaji (Dr) Muhammadu Indimi was honored with Doctorate Degree.

Professor Ibrahim Muhammad also said, people from all over the world came to Borno to witness the

special convocation in honour of Alh. Dr Muhammadu Indimi.

The Director has used the visit to present three (3) Special Bulletin printed by the Village:

> Visit of Borno State Governor to the permanent site of the village in Ngala.

> Visit of NUC Executive Secretary (ES) to the Village

> When Indimi was honoured by UNIMAID with Doctorate Degree.

In the same vein the Director/CEO also presented a plaque to Alh. Dr. Muhammadu Indimi. He then requested Alhaji Indimi to thank the Borno State Governor, Professor Baba Gana Umara Zulum, for donating two (2) hectares of land to the Village.

The Director CEO further sought for support and intervention to the Village from the International Business Mogul.

In his response, Alhaji (Dr) Muhammad Indimi expressed his gratitude to the Nigeria Arabic Language Village Director, Professor Ibrahim Muhammad. He said, he was pleased with the presentation and also appreciated the Management of the Village for the visitation and presentation of plaque. Alhaji Muhammadu Indimi then assured the Director and his entourage that, he has heard all the issue raised and Insha Allah, will receive the desired attention.



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