



## **ICESCO Training Pole in Nigeria Organizes Seminar on ... Arabic Language Between Authenticity and Renewal**

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**T**he ICESCO Training Pole for Excellence in the Field of Arabic for Non-Arabic Speakers in Nigeria held a seminar on, “The Arabic Language: Between Authenticity and Renewal,” with the participation of several university professors, researchers and students.

The seminar discussed three themes; the history of Arabic language in the Barnawi community in Nigeria: Gains and Challenges, the future of Arabic in Nigerian universities, and constructive cooperation to spread Arab culture in Nigeria.

The seminar was held at the Arabic Language Village Ngala, under the supervision of its Director, Prof. Ibrahim Muhammad. The session was attended by a host of professors, notably, Prof. Shariff Abdulkader Abdullahi, Prof. Muhammad M. Abubakar, Prof. Muhammad Saleh Jamal; Prof. Umar



Yunus, and Prof. Ali Muhammad Al-Ahmar.

## **BUK VC Inaugurates the appointment of Prof. Ibrahim Muhammad as Member of International Islamic Center Development Committee**



NALV Director/CEO in a group Photograph with members of the Inaugurated Committee

**T**he appointment of Prof. Ibrahim Muhammad as member of Bayero University Islamic Centre Development Committee was contained in a letter dated 7th November, 2022 signed by the Registrar of the University, Jamil Ahmed Salim.

Among other terms of reference of the committee are;

- to propose a comprehensive structure for the Centre.
- to advise the mosque management committee on fund raising for the development of the centre and manage the fundraising activities.
- to propose the objective of the Centre.
- to propose sustainable sources of funds for maintaining

the Centre and its activities.

- to identify sources of equipping the Centre's library with relevant resources.
- to propose the scope of the activities of the centre after establishment.
- to propose any other activity it deems fit to the mosque management committee.
- to carry out any other responsibilities incidental to the above terms of reference.

The committee will be chaired by Emeritus Professor Sani Zaharaddeen. Other members of the committee are;

Prof. Mahmoud Umar Sani, Prof. Musa Muhammad Borodo, Prof. Rukayya Ahmad Rufa'i, Prof. Binta T. Jibrin, Prof. Usman Aliyu Dutsinma, Prof. Shehu Bustani, Prof. Salisu Shehu, Prof. Hassan S. Darma, Prof. Ibrahim Muhammad, Dr. Bashir Aliyu Umar, Dr. Muhammad Sani Umar R/L, Sheikh Aminu Ibrahim Daurawa, Dr. Nauman Habib, Dr. Surayya Aminu Dantata, Arc. Bashir Hassan Hanga, Dr. Sani Ibrahim Amin, Engr. Bashir Dan Umma, Engr. Sa'ad Gobir, Alhaji Ahmad Umar (Dan Malikin Kano), Alhaji Ibrahim Dan Yaro and Dr. Nura Ibrahim.

We wish the committee and NALV Director/CEO, Professor Ibrahim Muhammad in particular a successful committee work. Congratulation Sir.

## Federal University Dutsin-Ma Appoints Prof. Ibrahim Muhammad as Member Advisory Board, Center for Qur'anic Studies and Research

In a letter dated 4<sup>th</sup> November 2022, signed by the Registrar of the University, Iliyasu R. Falalu, the VC Federal University Dutsin-Ma, Professor Armadale H. Bitchi has approved the appointment of Professor Ibrahim Muhammad as member, Advisory Board of the Centre for Qur'anic Studies and Research (CQSR).

The Advisory members of the board were inaugurated on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> November, 2022. The board will be chaired by Justice Musa Danladi, Chief Justice (CJ) Katsina, with the following as members;

- Prof. Adamu Abubakar Gwarzo-President and founder of MAAUN -Vice Chairman
- Prof. Ibrahim Muhammad. NALV Director/CEO - member
- Alh. Sada Muhammad (Yandakan Katsina) -member
- Alh. Abubakar Jalli Gambo -member
- Alh. Aminu Makera Dutsin-Ma -member
- Shehu Gwani Abubakar Sa'id Musa (Funtua) - member
- Sheik Yakubu Musa Hassan Katsina -member
- H.E. Ambassador Isa Dodo (Grand Kadi Rtd) - member
- Gwani Muhammad Adam Alkali(00N),Garkuwan Gwanayen Al-Qur'ani. -member
- Alh. Iro Maikano (Fagacin Katsina). -member
- Alh. (Dr.) Bilya Sanda (khadimul-Islam) -member

-Dr. Hajia Talatu Nasir. -member  
 -Dr. Jabir Musa Sulaiman, Director CQSR -Secretary.  
 The Management of Nigeria Arabic Language Village Ngala, staff and students wishes to congratulate



Professor Ibrahim Muhammad on this well-deserved appointment and pray for Allah (SWT) to guide and protect him and all members of the committee of CQSR in carrying out their responsibilities successfully.

## NALV Governing Council has Approved the Appointment of 103 Academic, Senior and Junior Non-Academic Staff.

By: Ibrahim Mohammed (Mai Kanuri)

The Governing Council of Nigeria Arabic Language Village, Ngala under the Chairmanship of Professor Jidda Hassan Jumu'a, during its 62nd Council meeting held on 3rd December, 2022 has approved the promotion of 103 staff of the Village, comprising of Academic, Senior and junior non-academic staff to various ranks.

In a symbolic presentation of the promotion letters to the staff during a brief occasion organized by the management on 6th December 2022, the Deputy Director, Dr. Zakir Alhaji Sheriff has on behalf of the Governing Council and the Director/CEO, Professor Ibrahim Muhammad congratulated all those who were promoted for their well-deserved promotions to various ranks. He also urged them to justify the promotion given to them by dedicating themselves more to the service of the Village.

The symbolic presentation of the promotion letters was attended by the Registrar, Ali Abdullahi Ali, the Bursar, Rawa Mal. Mustapha and some management staff of the Village.

While responding on behalf of his colleagues, Mal. Umar Sanda has expressed his happiness and thanked the Governing Council for promoting them. He

assured them that, they would work hard to add value to the services of the Village through maximum productivity and efficiency in service delivery. In the same vein, the Council of the Village has announced the



NALV staff members in a group photograph

dismissal of two Senior Staffs for gross misconduct.

The Director/CEO, Professor Ibrahim Muhammad, who was in an official journey, has on behalf of the Governing Council and himself sent in his congratulatory message to all promoted the staffs of the Village and has called on them to justify the worthiness of being promoted to the next rank.

## Acculturation Program Commences at Federal College of Education (Technical) Gusau

By: Mal. Nazifi Balarabe

It is reported from Gusau Zamfara State that the Village Acculturation programme has commenced on 21<sup>st</sup> November, 2022, with over 75 students. The NALV team of lecturers led by Mal. Nazifi Balarabe were in Zamfara State for the conduct of the programme. During the opening of the programme on behalf of the NALV Director/CEO, Professor Ibrahim Muhammad, Mal. Nazifi Balarabe said, the Nigeria Arabic Language Village Ngala, is the only Inter-University Centre for Arabic Studies in Nigeria. He said, the Village is mandated by law to conduct the Acculturation programme to all students offering Arabic language from Colleges of Education across Nigeria. He also emphasized that, the Acculturation programme is a mandatory programme for all students of Arabic to participate in.

He also used the occasion to deliver the good will message of the Director CEO to Management of the College. He said; "the Director/CEO, Professor Ibrahim Muhammad thanked the Management of the College for hosting the 2021/2022 Acculturation programme". Prof. Ibrahim Muhammad equally called on the participating students to dedicate themselves in their studies throughout the period of the Acculturation. He also extended his best wishes to all participating students at FCE Gusau, Zamfara State.

It was a brief, but colourful occasion attended by Dr. Aliyu Ahmad, the HOD Arabic, Yahaya Shehu Sambo, the Deputy Director Education Support Services (Acculturation), Dr. Abbas Abubakar Bunza, the Dean School of Languages and the Director of Consultancy Services, Dr. Isa Bala Homawa.

Speaking during the occasion, Dr. Abbas Abubakar Bunza, who is the Dean School of Languages of the FCE Gusau, thanked the Village for considering and approving the Federal College of Education (Technical) to serve as one of the Acculturation centres in Nigeria. He also thanked and expressed his appreciation to the Village Management for the honour given to them. He thus enjoined the Village to maintain such cordial working relationship with FCE, Gusau.



NALV Participants with the Management of the College in a group photograph

## NALV Acculturation Program Commences at Oyo Special

By: Dr. Ramadan Yunus

The Acculturation Programme of the Arabic Village has commenced on the 16<sup>th</sup> November, 2022 at Federal College of Education Oyo (Special). At the South West outreach centre. The team of lecturers from the Village were received by Dr. Yusuf, who is the Dean of Languages, the Head of Arabic Department of the College, Miftahu Lanahun, Alhaji Adeboku and Dean of Languages from Ansarudeen Lagos. They all welcomed the team of lecturers from the Village led by Dr. Ramadan Yunus who were there to facilitate the Programme. Dr. Yusuf also thanked and appreciated the Management of NALV for chosen FCE Oyo as one of its outreach centres for the Acculturation programme. Moreover, he expressed gratitude to the lecturers who came all the way from Maiduguri to conduct the programme for their students.

The Acculturation programme is a mandatory programme for all students offering Arabic language in Colleges of Education across Nigeria. The Nigeria Arabic Language Village, Ngala is by law mandated to conduct the Acculturation programme. The programme is supposed to hold at the Village permanent site in Ngala Local Government Area. However, due to the insurgency which hampered the activities of the Village at the permanent site, it started conducting the programme at various outreach centres across Nigeria.

With the recent improvement in security situation in Borno and the North East in general, it is expected that, the Village will soon resume hosting the programme at its permanent site.

The following Colleges of Education are participating in the acculturation programme taking place at the Federal College of Education Oyo;

- Federal College of Education (Special) Oyo State.
- Federal College of Education Abeokuta, Osiele Ogun State.
- Emmanuel Alayande College of Education Oyo, Oyo State.
- Tai Solarin College of Education Omu Ijebu, Ogun State
- Muftahu Lanahun College of Education, Ibadan, Oyo State
- Lanlate College of Education, Oyo State.
- Ansarudeen College of Education, Lagos State.

Dr. Ramadan Yunus acknowledged and appreciated the warm reception accorded to them by the representatives of the colleges and assured them that, the students would receive the best of Acculturation programme. He also conveyed the good will message of the Nigeria Arabic Language Village Director/CEO, Professor Ibrahim Muhammad to the Management of the Colleges.

Muhammed Sulaiman (Baffa)

Towards the preparation to host the 39th National Conference of the National Association of Teachers of Arabic and Islamic Studies (NATAIS) by Nigeria Arabic Language Village Ngala, the Borno State Environmental Protection Agency (BOSEPA) had on 29<sup>th</sup> November, 2022 carried out a general cleaning exercise at the NALV Liaison Office in Maiduguri.

While welcoming the staff of BOSEPA on behalf of the Director CEO Professor Ibrahim Muhammad, the Health and Sanitation Sub-Committee Chairman, Alhaji Abubakar M. Bukar has expressed delight on the cordial relationship existing between the Agency and the Village. He informed the staff of BOSEPA that, the Village will be hosting the 39th National Conference of NATAIS in December, 2022, in view of which they were invited for thorough cleaning of the Village and its environment.

After the 3 hours cleaning up exercise, the BOSEPA staff led by their team leader, Mal. Ibrahim Dukje, visited the Director/CEO, Professor Ibrahim Muhammad in his office and expressed their



appreciation over the warm reception accorded to them by the Management of Nigeria Arabic Language Village

Professor Ibrahim Muhammad thanked them for coming to the liaison office to do the clean-up exercise. He also extended his appreciation to the Management of BOSEPA for honoring the invitation extended by the village to clean up the Liaison Office.

## NALV Deputy Director Inaugurates 39th NATAIS National Conference Committees

The NALV Deputy Director, Dr. Zakir Alhaji Sheriff has on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> November, 2022 inaugurated various committees for successful hosting of the National Association of Teachers of Arabic and Islamic Studies (NATAIS) conference. The inaugural ceremony took place at the language laboratory of the Village at the Maiduguri Liaison Office.

While inaugurating the committees Dr. Zakir Alhaji Sheriff emphasized on the importance of hosting the National conference by Nigeria Arabic Language Village, Ngala and called for commitment and sacrifices on the part of all committee members in order to ensure the success of the forthcoming NATAIS National conference scheduled to be hosted by the Village in December, 2022.

The Deputy Director also added that, since the establishment of NATAIS in 1974, it has never hold its conferences in Borno and the North East in general. He also said that, it is an opportunity for the Nigeria Arabic Language Village Ngala, Borno State and the North East region in general to utilize this opportunity of hosting the conference.

Also speaking, the Secretary General of the Association, Dr. Muhammad Sheriff Ramadan explained the objectives of establishing the committee, which he said among other things, was to protect and promote Arabic language and Islamic Studies. He also traced the evolution of the association and said that, in

the last 47 years of existence of NATAIS, it has organized many National conferences, Symposia, Workshops, and Seminars.

Dr. Muhammad Sheriff Ramadan said, the theme of this year's national conference is "Politics and Citizens' Welfare, the Role of Arabic Language". Furthermore, he aptly explained the reason the theme was chosen for the 39th conference.

The following committees were inaugurated:

- Central Organizing -Committee (COC)
- Technical Committee
- Media and Publicity Committee
- Venue and Protocol Committee
- Feeding Committee
- Accommodation Committee
- Health and Sanitation Committee
- Transportation Committee
- Security Committee
- Finance Committee
- Registration Committee
- Communique Committee.

All Committees are inaugurated and are expected to immediately commence preparations of their responsibility base on the committee terms and references. Some committee's members who spoke during the inauguration have expressed willingness to work in line with the terms of reference given to them with a view to ensuring the success of the forthcoming conference.



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