



Arabic Village Celebrates World Arabic Day and Host NATAIS National Conference in Maiduguri



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The Director, Nigeria Arabic Language Village Ngala has appreciated Governor Babagana Umara Zulum for supporting the Village to execute its mandate of enhancing the study of Arabic language. He made the appreciation while speaking at this year's World Arabic Day and opening ceremony of the 39th National Conference of National Association of Teachers of Arabic and Islamic Studies which took place at Musa Usman Secretariat, Maiduguri.

Speaking at the event, Governor Babagana Umara Zulum lauded the Association of Arabic and Islamic Studies teachers for choosing Borno State for its 39th National Conference and assured his support to Nigeria Arabic Language Village, Ngala. Governor Zulum described Professor Ibrahim Muhammad as the most committed Director Nigeria Arabic Language Village, Ngala has since its establishment. He stressed further that he has signed MoU with Al-Azhar University to propagate Arabic and Islamic Studies, assuring that his administration would established twenty-seven higher Islamic schools in the State.

While wishing the Village and NATAIS fruitful calibration, Professor Zulum implored them to feel at home as his administration is committed to support the

course of Islamic Education and Arabic.

The Guest Speaker at the occasion who is also a former Vice-Chancellor, University of Maiduguri, Professor Abubakar Mustapha said, the theme for this year's World Arabic Day, "Politics and Citizens Welfare in Nigeria: the role of Arabic and Islamic Studies" is apt and called on scholars to encourage virtues and promote unity.

Earlier in a remark, the Director, Nigeria Arabic Language Village, Ngala Professor Ibrahim Muhammad appreciated Governor Zulum for reviving education sector in the State, saying they have received many interventions from the present administration and called on the people of the State to support the Governor.

Also speaking, the National President of NATAIS, Professor Musa Abdulrahim poured encomium on Governor Umara Zulum for reviving the State stressing the governor's performance is a pride to Professors in the country, urging him not to relent in proper servicing of his people.

In a remark, the Vice Chancellor, University of Maiduguri who was represented by Professor Laminu Mele, commended organizers of the programme, saying they are partners in progress.

The event featured presentation of meritorious award to some deserving dignitaries for their outstanding performance among whom are; Governor Umara Zulum, Sheikh Sheriff Ibrahim Saleh Alhussaini, Grand Khadi of Borno State and the Khadi Umar Ramat Munkaila among others.

Also featured was the lunching of Magazines and books where Professor Babagana Umara Zulum lunched some copies with a sum of ten million naira, while the chief luncher, Alhaji Muhammad Ibrahim

Babangida who was represented by the Vice Chancellor, Borno State University, Prof. Umar Kyari Sandabe lunching the journal with two million naira.

Speaking on behalf of the awardees, the Grand Khadi of Borno State, Khadi Umar Ramat Munkaila thanked Nigeria Arabic Language Village, Ngala and the association of Teachers of Arabic and Islamic Studies (NATAIS) for recognizing their efforts and promised to do more.

NALV had a Special Meeting with HODs of Arabic from Universities and College of Education Across Nigeria



NALV Director, Prof. Ibrahim Muhammad addressing the participants

said, indicated that Prof. Zulum did not forget his root as a teacher.

Professor Musa Adesina has also emphasized on the important of the Arabic Village and lauded the effort of the Governor for restoring peace and stability in Borno State.

On his part, the NALV Director/CEO, Professor Ibrahim Muhammad appreciated the president of NATAIS for accepting Arabic Village to host the 2022 NATAIS conference, when he said, Borno has never host such a conference since the establishment of NATAIS over 40 years ago. Professor Ibrahim Muhammad also thanked and appreciated the

The Director, Nigeria Arabic Language Village, Ngala had on 17th December, 2022 met and discussed some important issues with HODs of Arabic language from Nigerian Universities and Colleges of Education as well as other stakeholders of Arabic across Nigeria. The special meeting took place at the Liaison Office of the Village in Maiduguri where the Director used the opportunity to remind the stakeholders about the Village's mandate.

As the Village is hosting the 39th National Conference of National Association of Teachers of Arabic and Islamic Studies (NATAIS) and intellectuals gathered in Maiduguri for the 2022 conference, it was indeed an opportunity for the village to meet and rub minds with them.

While welcoming members to the meeting, the NATAIS President, Professor Musa Adesina Abdulrahim, described the NALV Director/CEO as someone who is committed towards making the 2022 conference the best of its kind in the history of NATAIS.

He also used the forum to thank the Executive Governor of Borno State, Professor Babagana Umara Zulum, for the support he has been rendering to the Village. He added that, they were not treated as just teachers, but accorded a Red Carpet Reception; this he

HODs of Arabic and Islamic Studies as well as other stakeholders in attendance.

Prof. Ibrahim Muhammad thereafter informed the gathering that, the Village is back on its feet to pursue its mandate. He equally recounted his message during his earlier visit to the Universities and Colleges of Education across the nation when he informed them that Maiduguri is more peaceful than any other part of Nigeria. Thus, the Village look forward to receiving their students for Immersion And Acculturation programs.

He further said the restoration of peace in the State was due to the effort of the President Muhammadu Buhari and His Excellency, Governor Babagana Umara Zulum. As good ambassadors of Arabic, he urged them that when they go back to their respective states, they should tell their people that peace had been restored in Borno State. According to him, the Village is hosting the conference in lieu of the generosity extended to the Village by Governor Zulum.

All the HODs who spoke during the meeting have expressed their satisfaction that, peace has truly returned to Borno State and have also promised to start sending their students to Arabic Village for the Immersion and Acculturation programs.

NALV Delegation Participates in a 5-Day Medium Term Sector Strategy (MTSS)



(m) Prof. Ibrahim Muhammad

A delegation from Nigeria Arabic Language Village, Ngala led by the Village Director/CEO, Professor Ibrahim Muhammad alongside the NALV Liaison Officer to the Federal Ministry of Education, who is also the Head of Sangaya and Out of

School Children of the Village, Dr. Kasim Alkali and the Coordinator, Works and Physical Planning Department (W&PPD), Arc. Mohammad Yusuf Mohammed were among the delegation participating in a five-day programme of the Department of Educational Planning and Development under the Federal Ministry of Education, Abuja, Nigeria.

The 5-Day programme commenced on 12th December, 2022 and it's expected to end on 16th December, 2022. The programme is taking place at the National Commission for Colleges of Education - (NCCE) Auditorium, Abuja. The meeting is focussing on preparation of 2023-2025 Medium Term Sector Strategy (MTSS).

NATAIS President Visits Zulum Campus of the Village

The President of the Nigeria Association of Teachers of Arabic and Islamic Studies, Prof. Musa Adeshina Abdulrahim had on 19th December, 2022 paid an familiarization visit to the Zulum Campus of the Nigeria Arabic Language Village, Ngala located opposite University of Maiduguri.

During the visit, the Director/CEO of the Village, Professor Ibrahim Muhammad told the NATAIS President that, the one hectare of land was donated to the Village by the Borno State Government, and the contract for the construction of 8 classrooms and 16 academic offices was awarded in March 2022. As at the time of the visit the work has reached 95% completion.

It is expected that, after completion some academic activities of the Village will be transferred to the site, pending the time the Village will relocate to its permanent site at Ngala Local Government Area 130 kilometres away from the capital city of Maiduguri.

Prof. Ibrahim Muhammad told his guest that, the Zulum campus of the Village will eventually be used as a transit camp for students coming from other states for Immersion and Acculturation programmes of the Village before proceeding to Ngala Main Campus.



NATAIS Executive during official visit to Zulum Campus

In this regard, Prof. Adesina extolled the Executive Governor of Borno State, Professor Babagana Umara Zulum for donating the land to Arabic Village. He said, from what he saw on ground, the Governor truly had passion for education, Arabic Village and Arabic language in particular. He also expressed his satisfaction with the level of work done.

The president had also lauded and commended the effort of the Village Director for such a gigantic project on the site.

Nigeria Arabic Language Village Holds 7th Management Meeting

As work resumes today, being 28th December 2022, the Management of Nigeria Arabic Language Village, Ngala held its 7th Management meeting. The meeting took place at the Council Chamber of the Village at the Maiduguri Liaison Office. The meeting was presided over by the Deputy Director, Dr. Zakir Alhaji Sheriff who in his opening remarks emphasized on importance unity among the staff for the overall progress and development of the village. He also called on the members of the

management team to work hard in order to achieve the vision, mission and objectives of NALV.

The meeting was attended by all Management staff, academic heads, heads of departments and head of procurement. Members of the management committee have positively contributed in the proceedings of today's meeting. All issues on the agenda were discussed and some far reaching decisions were also taken with a view to achieving the goal of the Village.

NALV Management Appoint new Head of ICESCO

The Director/CEO, Nigeria Arabic Language Village Ngala, has approved the appointment of Ibrahim Addai Hamid as the Head of NALV-ICESCO Unit. The approval of the appointment was contained in a letter dated 23rd December, 2023.

Ibrahim Addai Hamid is a graduate of University of Maiduguri, had his second Degree from Kaat University, Niger Republic and presently a PhD candidate of Arabic at University of Maiduguri. Before his recent appointment, he was the Secretary of ICESCO, Nigeria Arabic Language Village, Ngala. He succeeded Dr. Idris Ahmad Yunus.

Similarly, the appointment of Mal. Baba Gana Hassan as Secretary of NALV- ICESCO has also been



Mal. Ibrahim Addai ICESCO Chairman

approved by the Director CEO. Mal. Baba Gana Hassan is also a graduate of University of Maiduguri and had his Master's Degree from Al-Wifaq University, Nyamai Niger Republic.

It could be recalled that, in 2021, ICESCO with headquarters in Rabat, Morroco, had chosen Nigeria Arabic Language Village Ngala as a training hub in Nigeria. To that effect, the Village has signed an MoU with ICESCO for the implementation of their programmes in Nigeria.

The NALV Director/CEO, Professor Ibrahim Muhammad has congratulated them for his well-deserved appointment and wished him success.



ZULUM CAMPUS



NALV Management Present Christmas Welfare to Staff

The Management of the Nigeria Arabic Language Village, Ngala in line with its tradition of extending gesture to staff during festive periods, had on 23rd December, 2022 presented Christmas welfare packages to the Christian staff at the Liaison Office of the Village in Maiduguri.

The Registrar, Alhaji Ali Abdullahi Ali, while making a symbolic presentation of the packages to the staff on behalf of the Director/CEO said, the Management of the Village under the leadership of Professor Ibrahim Muhammad has made it a policy to extend welfare packages to its staff during Sallah and Christmas periods.

Items presented include; a carton of spaghetti and a gallon of palm oil given to each of the Christian staff while wishing them happy Christmas and new year in advance.

The symbolic presentation was witnessed by the Ag. Chairman of Welfare Committee, Babagana Ali Mala and the Secretary of the committee, Engr. Yahaya Usman Onimesi.

Responding on behalf of the beneficiaries, Madam Asabe Yakubu thanked the Management for extending such gesture to them and prayed for their success towards uplifting the Village under the able leadership of Professor Ibrahim Muhammad.



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