



ICESCO Officially Recognizes Arabic Village as a Hub for Training of Arabic Language in Nigeria



Secretary General ICESCO, Federal Ministry of Education Nigeria. Ibrahim Muhammad Bashir (left) with NALV Director, Prof. Ibrahim Muhammad

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Islamic world Educational, Scientific and Cultural & Tsangaya teachers.

Organization ICESCO is an organization that operates under the aegis of Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) and is concerned with the fields of education, science, culture and communication in Islamic countries in order to support and strengthen relationships among member states. The organization's headquarter's is located in Rabat, Morroco.

Nigeria Arabic language village Ngala is an Inter-University Centre for Arabic studies, established in 1992 by the Federal Government of Nigeria under the tutelage of National Universities Commission (NUC) and Federal Ministry of Education (FME).

The mandates of the village are to offer Language Immersion Course to 300 level undergraduate students of Arabic language in Nigerian Universities and Acculturation course for Arabic students of colleges of Education. The village also offers diploma programme, Arabic Proficiency and special Arabic training for interested individuals and also trains Arabic teachers of Tertiary, Primary and Post Primary education as well as focusing on teaching out of school children, (Almajiri)

It could be recalled that, the Arabic village has recently invited committee of experts and stakeholders of Arabic language for Repositioning and Revitalizing the Arabic language village, where more than a dozen of Professors of international repute across the six Geopolitical zones of Nigeria were invited and attended the exercise in Maiduguri, Borno State.

In view of the above, the Village was officially recognized by ICESCO as the Hub for Arabic Language training in Nigeria in cooperation with Hamdan bin Rashid al Makhtoum Foundation on the recommendations of the Federal Government through the Honourable Minister of Education Mallam Adamu Adamu.

Since establishment, the Arabic village is for the first time recognized by an international organization as a training Hub for Arabic Language in Nigeria. The Director/CEO of the village Professor Ibrahim Muhammad has recognized and acknowledged the role played by the Federal Ministry of Education in this regard.

2022 Budget Defense and Implementation Status of 2021



NALV Director/CEO Prof. Ibrahim Muhammad with his Entourage at the National Assembly for 2022 Budget Defense

The Nigeria Arabic language Village, Ngala, led by the Director/CEO Professor Ibrahim Muhammad were at the National Assembly for 2022 Budget Defense and implementation status of 2021 on going projects.

The Budget Defence is an Annual exercise attended by all Nigerian Universities, Inter-University Centres, MDAs and Parastatals of Government, which yearly present and defend their budget before the relevant committees of the National Assembly.

The Budget defense was a special one as it was jointly conducted by the Chairmen Senate Committee on Tertiary Education and TetFund as well as that of House of Representatives. Committee members of the two committees have attended the proceedings. At the

end of the presentations by NUC, all Nigerian Universities and Inter-University Centres followed suit. At the end of each presentations questions were asked and responses were provided.

The NALV Director/CEO had presented the 2022 Budget of the village and 2021 implementation Status of projects to the join committees.

In the Director's team were, the Ag Registrar Ali Abdullahi Ali, The Ag Bursar Usman Jibrin Kaira, the Head of procurement Engr. Magaji A. Datti and Ag. Coordinator Arc. Mohammed Yusuf Mohammed respectively.

The Budget presentation and Defense of 2022 and implementation status of ongoing projects 2021 ended up successfully.

Nigeria Arabic Language Village Held its 2021 Pre-qualification and Financial Bids

In line with the provision of procurement Act of 2007 as amended, the Nigeria Arabic language village Ngala, had on Thursday 11th November, 2021 held its pre-qualification and financial bids for the year 2021. The exercise was conducted under the chairmanship of Professor Ibrahim Mohammed Director/CEO of the village.

This year's Pre-qualification and Financial bids were conducted virtually through the (Zoom Meeting). due to the covid19 global pandemic.

Unlike the previous exercise where contractors appeared physically at the venue to participate in the process.

All contractors joined the programme through the same medium.

The village head of procurement Engr. Magaji A. Datti, the Ag. Head of Works and physical planning Department (W&PPD) Arc. Mohammed Yusuf

Mohammed, the A.g Registrar, the A.g Bursar and all other internal and external members, NGOs consultants and security agencies have attended the exercise.

The exercise was successfully conducted.



The Chairman Governing Council with NALV Director and other Dignitaries during the Pre-qualification Bids at the NALV Liaison Office Maiduguri

Nigeria Arabic Language Village, Ngala Introduces Modern Teaching Method/Techniques

Lecturers at the Nigeria Arabic Village, Ngala, Borno State have been trained on modern teaching methods/techniques of teaching Arabic Language.

The lecturers participated in a capacity building workshop under the theme, ‘Modern Techniques for Teaching Arabic Language’ which the village engaged the services of international experts in teaching Arabic language.

The Director/CEO of the village, said the essence of the workshop was to improve teaching and learning of Arabic language and to develop the skills of

lecturers to compete with their peers’ worldwide.

Professor Ibrahim Muhammad said the exercise will be a continuous one and the village will collaborate with other agencies to sponsor the training of its lecturers abroad.

According to The Chairman of the training committee , Professor Attahir Mohammed Dawud, the lecturers were able to acquire new global educational trends in teaching and learning of Arabic Language.

The staff also have expressed satisfaction and thanked the management of the village.

NALV Director Visits Al-Ansar Academy



NALV Director/CEO Prof. Ibrahim Muhammad (4th right) in a group photograph with his Entourage at Al-Ansar Academy.

Professor Ibrahim Muhammad Director/CEO had paid a visit to Al-Ansar academy in Maiduguri. The visit of the NALV Director was in response to the interest shown by the academy for training of their Arabic teachers by the village.

The Director/CEO thanked the management of the school for showing their interest for the village to train their Arabic teachers.

He further informed them that it is the mandate of the Village to train and retrain the Arabic teachers of primary, secondary and tertiary institutions across Nigeria. He had also informed

them that recently the Islamic World Centre for Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization (ICESCO) has selected the Village to be a Hub for Training of Arabic language in Nigeria.

It could be recalled that, in the course of his interaction with Director/CEO of the village in Abuja

. The President and founder of Al-Ansar Foundation Dr Muhammad Kyari Dikwa *mni* promised to send his Arabic teachers for further training and capacity building to the village.

NALV Director's Visits to Yusuf Maitama Sule University Kano

The NALV Director/CEO Professor Ibrahim Muhammad has paid a courtesy visit to the management of Yusuf Maitama Sule University Kano. The visit of the Director was in connection with his continues visitation to Universities and colleges of education across Nigeria.

The NALV Director has called on the VC of the University Prof. Mukhtar Atiku Kurawa to start sending his 300 level Arabic students of Arabic for the Immersion programme of the village. He further reiterated that, attending the immersion course is a minimum requirement for the award of BA Arabic by all Nigerian Universities offering Arabic. In view of this and with the recent improvement in the security situation in Borno state and the North East in general, the University would consider sending their student to the immersion course.

Among other issues discussed by the Director/CEO with the management of the University is in the areas of collaboration such as: Exchange of staff and Student, Staff training, join conferences, research



NALV Director Prof. Ibrahim Muhammad with Yusuf Maitama Sule University VC Prof. Mukhtar Atiku Kurawa

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The VC Prof. Mukhtar Atiku Kurawa thanked the Director/CEO for the visit and assured him of his readiness and full cooperation to collaborate with the village and further promised him of his cooperation toward the realization of the set objectives of the village under the leadership of Prof. Ibrahim Muhammad.

The Director was accompanied by the Ag. co-ordinator works and Physical Planning Department Arc. Mohammed Yusuf Mohammed.

NALV Management Condoles Dangote's Family

The management of Nigeria Arabic Language Village, Ngala had on Wednesday 17th November 2021 paid a condolence visit to Alhaji Aliko Dangote the president of Dangote Group over the death of his brother Alhaji Sani Dangote. who passed away after a protracted illness and also condoles with the entire family of Dangote, the Mother Hajiya Mariya Dantata and particularly Alh Aminu Dantata and also Commiserated with Alh Dr Muhammad Indimi. The Chairman Oriental Energy Resource who is an in-law to the deceased.

NALV Director Professor Ibrahim Muhammad prayed to Allah to accept and forgive the soul of the deceased and the Dangote family to have the fortitude to bear this irreparable lost.

The Director described the late Alh Sani Dangote as a great man who is always in the forefront of helping the orphans, widows, less privileged members of the society and humanity in general.

In his response Alh Aliko Dangote thanked the Director/CEO professor Ibrahim Muhammad and management of Nigeria Arabic Language village, Ngala who came all the way from Maiduguri to condole him and prayed for their safe return.

During the condolence visit in Kano, the director was accompanied by Arc. Mohammed Yusuf Mohammed the Ag. Coordinator works and physical

planning Department (W&PPD) and Mal. Umar Sanda Mohammed P.A to the Director on Information and Public Relations.

NALV Director paid a courtesy visit to DPO GRA police station

NALV Director paid visit to GRA Police Station Maiduguri. In continuation of his familiarization visit to Universities, colleges of education, security outfits and organization in Nigeria and Borno in particular, the Director visited the Divisional Police Officer GRA Police station.

The DPO of the station DSP Waziri Mohammed received the Director and his entourage in his office. Professor Ibrahim Mohammed inform the DPO that, he was in the station to inform the DPO that, the village liaison office is located within the area of his jurisdiction. and also thanked the DPO for the security coverage rendering to the village its surrounding and the community .

In his response, the DPO thanked the management of the village and assured them of his support at anytime.

NALV Director's Visit to Kaduna State University



NALV Director with his Entourage in a group photograph with KASU Management

As part of the NALV Director familiarization visit to Universities and colleges of Education offering Arabic across Nigeria, Professor Ibrahim Muhammad Director/CEO paid a courtesy visit to the VC Kaduna State University, Professor Muhammad Tanko.

In his opening remarks Professor Ibrahim Muhammad expressed his happiness on his long standing relationship with KASU and in the same vein seized the opportunity to inform the VC the mandate of the village, which according to him includes the following: Language Immersion course for University Students, Acculturation program for College of Education, Special Training, Proficiency, translations etc.

The Director/CEO specifically informed the VC that, the language immersion program of the village is by law a compulsory course which must be taken by all 300 level students of Arabic in all Nigerian Universities.

Professor Ibrahim Muhammad also said that, with the relative peace being enjoyed in Borno state, the Village is looking forward to receiving the 300 level

students of KASU for the immersion program. He said, 300 level students of Arabic from University of Maiduguri are in the Village for the programme, and they will soon be joined by Yobe State University, Bayero University Kano and Sule Lamido University Kafin Hausa in Jigawa state.

The Director also informed the VC that, about two weeks ago the village was recognized by ICESCO as Hub for the training of Arabic language in Nigeria. ICESCO is an international organization that operates under the aegis of OIC and has its headquarters in Rabat Morocco.

Professor Ibrahim Muhammad has also assured the VC that, whenever there is an opportunity for capacity building the village will consider KASU.

In his response the VC appreciated and thanked the NALV Director for the visit and assured him of KASU's cooperation in all the areas highlighted above.

During the visit the Director was accompanied by Arc. Mohammed Yusuf Mohammed the Ag. Coordinator works and Physical Planning Department (W&PPD) and Umar Sanda Mohammed P.A on Information and Public Relations in the director's office.

NALV Director met with Dean and HOD Arabic Department at KASU

It was a great time and indeed a great moment for the NALV Director/CEO Professor Ibrahim Muhammad, when he paid visit to Kaduna State University KASU, The Director took his time to visit the Department of Arabic language at the University, where he had a robust discussion with some Senior staff of the department among them were, the HOD Dr. Khalid Ibrahim Adam, former Dean of Art Professor Imam Isa Abdulkareem, Dr. M.M Rabi, Dr. Fuad S. Sheriff, Dr. Ishaq Hudu Muhammad Bello, Dr. Nasiru M. Ibrahim, Dr. Salisu A. Salihu and other Senior academic

staff of the department.

The meeting which lasted for over 2 hours bordered on many issues such as:

- The mandate of the village as relates to Language immersion and Acculturation, joint research, conferences and journals, staff development and recent peace in Borno State and particularly Maiduguri enjoying under the able Leadership of Prof Babagana Umara Zulum, ICESCO recognition of the village as Hub for the training of Arabic language were among other issues discussed during the interaction.

The NALV Director Professor Ibrahim Muhammad has particularly emphasized on the mandate of the village with regards to language immersion, which he said is a requirement of the law that, all 300 level students offering B.A Arabic in Nigerian Universities must have to fulfil before he or she will be awarded B.A Arabic. He emphatically said, attending the Immersion course by all 300 level students of Arabic is something that cannot be overstretched as far as the law establishing the village is concerned.

He informed them that at the moment, students from University of Maiduguri have since resumed for the programme and they will soon be joined by Yobe,

BUK, Sule Lamido University, Kafin Hausa in Jigawa state and other Universities earlier visited by the NALV Director/CEO.

The HOD had informed the Director that, the Arabic Department of KASU so far have 1 Professor, 6 Associate Professors, 4 Senior lecturers, 20 other academic staff and 313 students.

In view of the above, he said the department is willing to cooperate and work with the NALV for achieving the overall objective of introducing the village. He also assured the Director of his Departments readiness to send their students for the immersion program.

By Umar Sanda

NALV Director's Visit to Sa'adatu Rimi College of Education Kumbotso

In continuation of his visit to Universities and Colleges of Education across Nigeria Prof Ibrahim Muhammad the NALV Director/CEO who was accompanied by Arc. Mohammed Yusuf Mohammed visited Sa'adatu Rimi College of education in Kumbotso Kano state,

During the visit the provost of the college was represented by the Dean of languages Dr. Ambu Jibril Masukwani, HOD of Arabic Language and some senior academic staff of the college were also present.

In his opening remarks the Director/CEO has clearly explained the mandate of NALV towards Arabic in Nigeria.

At the end of the visit the management of Sa'adatu Rimi College of Education promised and assured the Director of their mutual and maximum cooperation to participate in the Acculturation programmes of the village.

NALV Director Prof. Ibrahim Muhammad Congratulates BUK Registrar Jamil Salim

The NALV Director/CEO Professor Ibrahim Muhammad had on 17th November, 2021 visited the newly appointed Registrar of Bayero University Kano (BUK) in his office and congratulated him over his recent appointment as the Registrar of the University by the Governing council of BUK.

Mal. Jamil Salim until his recent appointment was a staff of the University. who worked in various Directorates, Departments, and Units of the University in different capacities.

Professor Ibrahim Muhammad prayed for Allah SWT to guide and protect him as he is getting set to face the multiplicity of assignments of his new office which he said are so demanding and challenging.



NALV Director, Prof. Ibrahim Muhammad with Malam Jamil Salim

NALV Director Receives in Audience Alhaji Zanna Deribe

The NALV Director/CEO Professor Ibrahim Muhammad had on 12th November, 2021 received in audience Alhaji Zanna Ahmed Deribe the eldest son of the late business tycoon Alhaji Mai Deribe.

During the visit the August visitor has expressed his happiness on the level of transformation he has seen on ground, which he said, for many years he was passing through the main road and in front of the village gate, but has never witnessed such changes and transformation in terms of Digital Bill Board, solar lights etc. He applauded the effort and leadership style provided by Professor Ibrahim Muhammad and urged him to do

more.

The Director thanked and appreciated Alhaji Zanna Deribe for the visit and he later led the visitor to inspect some of the facilities at the liaison office Maiduguri.



NALV Director with Alhaji Zanna Deribe

Department of Islamic Studies Unimaid paid a Congratulatory Visit to NALV Director/CEO

The academic staff members of Islamic Studies Department University of Maiduguri led by the HOD Dr. Yahaya Musa Kasa paid a congratulatory visit to Prof. Ibrahim Muhammad and present an award to him on his recent appointment by President Muhammadu Buhari as Director/CEO of the village.

The delegation from the Department who came to the liaison office of the village along Lagos street, included some Senior members of the academic from the department: Prof. Ahmad H. Song, Prof. Adam Muhammad Ajiri, Dr. Ibrahim M. Hassan, Dr Muhammad Sunusi Abdullahi, Dr Zara Muhammad Jajere, Dr Fatima Sheriff, Dr. Abubakar Umar Isa, others includes Mal. Ali Mustapha Ibrahim, Mal. Aliyu Salihu, and Mal. Abdulmutalib Mukhtar.

The leader of the delegation who is also the HOD of Islamic Studies Dr. Yahaya, has said that, they were at the village to congratulate Prof. Ibrahim Muhammad who has been an external examiner to the Department for many years and to present an award to him for his years of meritorious services he has been rendering to the Department. The HOD added that, the Department is grateful for the valuable advice. Prof. Ibrahim has been rendering to them, and urged him that, he should not relent in advising them at all time.

During the congratulatory and award presentation the Director was represented by the Deputy Director in person of Dr. Zakir Alhaji Shariff. He welcomed the team and thanked them for the visit. Visibly elated the deputy director has said that, University of Maiduguri has been playing a big brother

role to the village since the establishment of the centre. He said, University of Maiduguri has never stopped patronizing the village in terms of sending their 300 levels students to the immersion programme of the village. Also added that, the symbiosis relationship existing between them would be sustained for the mutual benefit of the University and the village.

The occasion was attended by the Ag. Registrar Ali Abdullahi Ali, the Ag Bursar Usman Jibrin Kaira and Ag. Coordinator works and physical planning Department Arc. Mohammed Yusuf Mohammed and other members of the management.

High point of the visit was the presentation of gift to the Director by the HOD Islamic studies. The gift was received by the Deputy Director Zakir Alhaji Sheriff on behalf of the Director/CEO.



Deputy Director, Dr. Zakir A. Shariff received the Award of Excellent on behalf of the Director/CEO

NALV Organizes Capacity Building for Tsangaya Teachers

Nigeria Arabic language village, Ngala has organized capacity training for teachers of Tsangaya school. The training programme first of its kind is a pilot programme which started with Ba Buji Model Tsangaya school located at Bolori ward of Maiduguri Metropolitan Council.

The school was randomly selected for the pilot programme. For a start about 40 teachers were selected and they are currently undergoing the intensive Arabic training. In addition to this about two hundred (200) Almajiri (students) of Ba Buji are also receiving their lecture on Arabic language.

This is in line with the Ministerial Strategic plan for the eradication of out of school children and mainstreaming of the non-formal system of education into formal.

Ba Buji Model school is one of the largest Tsangaya in the north east.

—————By Dr, Kasim Alkali —————

Hadiza Memorial Islamic School Qur'an Graduation



■ Dr. Idris Ahmad Yunus representative of NALV Director Hadiza Memorial held its 6th Qur'anic graduation and 1st Public Lecture.

The 6th graduation ceremony of Hadiza Memorial Islamic School took place at the premises of the school located at Abuja Sharaton, Maiduguri.

The NALV Director/ CEO Professor Ibrahim Muhammad was represented by the HOD Acculturation Course Dr. Idris Ahmad Yunus.

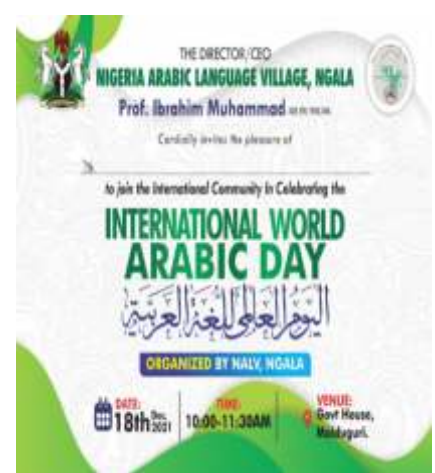
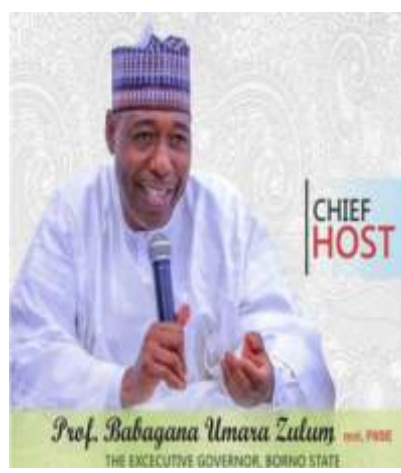
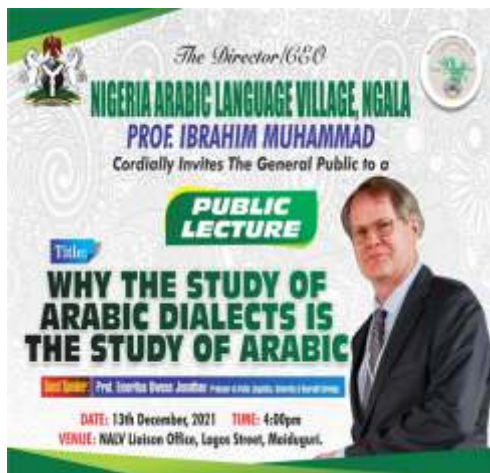
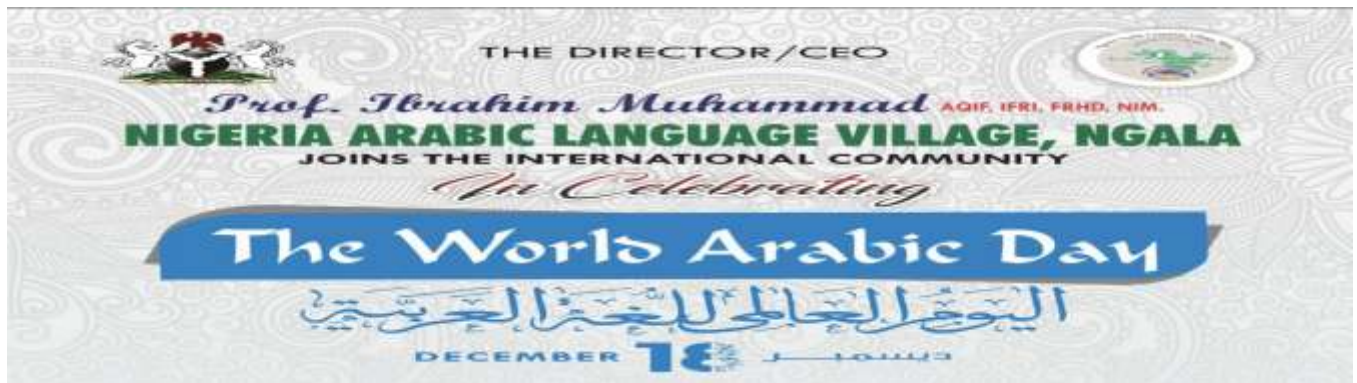
The occasion took place on 1st November, 2021. Hadiza Memorial Islamic school is a Private school established 15 years ago.

The graduation and first public lecture was well attended. At the end of the programme certificates were presented to the grandaunts and some individuals were also honored during the occasion.

—————By Dr, Idris Ahmad Yunus —————

Adverts

The Nigeria Arabic Language Village, Ngala is inviting the general public in Celebrating World Arab Day and Pre-celebration and pre-celebration public lecture by Prof. Emeritus Owens Jonathan and commissioning of Babagana Umara Zulum Hall



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