



NIGERIA ARABIC LANGUAGE VILLAGE TO ESTABLISH LINKAGE WITH AL-AZHAR UNIVERSITY CAIRO

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NALV Director/CEO Professor Ibrahim Muhammad with Nigerian Ambassador to Egypt; Alhaji Nura Abba Rimi

The Nigeria Arabic Language Village (NALV) Director/CEO, Professor Ibrahim Muhammad was at the Nigerian Embassy at 13 Gabalaya Street Zamalek in Cairo, Egypt. He was received by the Nigerian Ambassador to Egypt Alhaji Nura Abba Rimi in his office, where they had a discussion on the way forward to establish collaboration and linkages with Cairo based institutions such as Al-Azhar University, the International Arab League, the International Center for the Arabic Language "Majma'u Lugatul Arabia" and other centers and institutions of teaching Arabic Language in Cairo.

Al-Azhar University is a public University in Cairo, Egypt. It is Egypt's oldest degree-awarding University – The world's second-oldest degree awarding University. The University is renowned as the most prestigious University for Arabic and Islamic learning. In addition to higher education, Al-Azhar also oversees a national network of schools with approximately two million students. As of 1996, over 4,000 teaching institutes in Egypt were affiliated with the University.

Nigeria Arabic Language Village, being the only Inter University Center for Arabic studies in Nigeria, was established by the Federal Government in 1992 to replace the one year abroad studies for 300 level student of Arabic from Nigerian Universities. It offers Arabic Language Immersion courses to Degree students in over 28 Universities in Nigeria. It is mandatory for all 300 level Arabic language students to attend one-year immersion course at NALV.

The students will be examined at the end of the programmes in line with the Benchmark Minimum Academic Standard (BMAS) of the National Universities Commission (NUC). Arabic village also offers Acculturation courses to all students of Colleges of education in Nigeria offering Arabic Language (NCE) it also runs other programmes apart from the few mentioned above.

It's against this background that, the NALV Director/CEO visited the Nigerian Embassy in Cairo to further explore other avenues of collaboration and to establish linkages with some International Centers for teaching Arabic Language in Cairo and the Arab League.

The Nigerian embassy in Cairo would serve as a bridge between Nigeria Arabic Language Village and these institutions and organizations to strengthen the relationships and collaborations.

The Nigerian Ambassador to Egypt Alhaji Nura Abba Rimi had expressed his appreciation for the official visit to the embassy by the NALV Director/CEO. He said that the visit was the right thing to do in the right direction, since the collaboration which the village was seeking to establish was an international one, involving two independent nations. He thanked the Director for the visit and assured him of contacting all the institutions and centers teaching Arabic language proposed by the Arabic village to establish linkages and collaboration. Professor Ibrahim Muhammad also visited the office of the Minister-Counselor Alhaji Bashir Ibrahim Ma'aji.

NALV Inaugurates Islamic World Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (ICESCO) Academic and Technical Team

By: Umar Sanda

The Deputy Director Dr. Zakir A. Sheriff had on Monday 11th April 2022 inaugurated the NALV ICESCO Team at the Council chamber of the village liaison office in Maiduguri.

The two committees were simultaneously inaugurated. While inaugurating the committees, Dr Zakir A. Sheriff who represented the Director/CEO lauded the appointment of Dr Idris Ahmed Yunus as the leader of the team and called on him to justify the confidence the management of the village reposed in him. He also called on all members of the team to rally around the leadership of the new leader of the team in implementing all programmes of ICESCO in Nigeria.

It could be recalled that on 22 March 2022 the NALV Director/CEO Professor Ibrahim Muhammad was at the Headquarters of ICESCO in Rabat, Morocco where he signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the organization in the area of teaching Arabic Language in Nigeria. With this inauguration of the ICESCO team by NALV, all programmes of the organization in Nigeria will be implemented by Nigeria Arabic Language Village, Ngala. The Village is the only recognized Hub for the training of Arabic language in Nigeria by ICESCO.

In his response, the leader of the team Dr. Idris Ahmed Yunus thanked the Management of Arabic

village for finding him worthy of the appointment and pledged to justify the confidence bestowed on him by the Management. He also used the avenue to call on all



ICESCO Academic and Technical Team Members

members of the team to give him their maximum support and cooperation, so that together they can achieve the desired objectives of implementing all programmes of ICESCO in Nigeria.

Other members of the team include; Dr. Muhammad Qasim Muhammad, Dr. Ahmad Al-amin Al-Bashir, Dr. Kasim Alkali and Mal. Addai Hamid to serve as Secretary of the committee.

The technical team consist of the following members; Mal. Umar Sanda Mohammed, Abdullahi Mai Modu and Musa Hamisu Musa.

Immediately after the inauguration, the team went into a closed-door meeting.

NALV MANAGEMENT GIVES RAMADAN PACKAGE TO STAFF

By: Abba Sidi

The month of Ramadan falls in the ninth month of Islamic calendar. This is a holy month when billions of Muslims from around the world fast and focus their attention on giving out charity known as sadaqat.

During Ramadan both fasting and act of charity are obligatory upon Muslims who are able to do so. Fasting from sun rise to sunset is a representative of spiritual cleansing and equally, it's an effort to become closer to Allah SWT. It's also an attempt to gain a better understanding of human suffering. The act of fasting calls for Muslims to practice self-discipline and sacrifice, as well as reflect open and show compassion to the poor and the less privileged. In this regard, Muslims are reminded to be generous and increase their charitable activities. As a result, during Ramadan much charitable gifts are done by community. Donations are usually focussed on giving to those stricken by poverty, destitution and hunger.

The Nigeria Arabic Language Village, Ngala is not an exception, it has been a tradition that, for a very long time, during the month of Ramadan the village gives charity in form of commodities, such as sugar, rice and other condiments to the staff during Ramadan in order to ease their hardship. Hence, this time and under the able leadership of Prof. Ibrahim Muhammad the

Director/CEO of the village, was able to procure and purchased forty-five (45) bags of sugar to staff and (17) bags to Community Leaders.

The 45 bags were equally shared to all members of staff, regardless of Religious faith.

In order to carry out the exercise, a committee for distribution of Ramadan welfare was earlier constituted by the Management. The committee distributed the sugar to staff.

Meanwhile, all beneficiaries have expressed appreciation and thanked the Management of the village for its magnanimity and compassion to the staff.

The committee was chaired by the Deputy Registrar Special Duties Mallam Abdulhamid Mohammed Abdullahi who urged the staff to reciprocate the gesture by using this blessed month (Ramadan period) to pray for the progress and development of the Village. He Also reiterated that, staff should be steadfast and give support to the administration of Professor Ibrahim Muhammad the Director and Chief Executive Officer towards moving the Village to the next level especially in the post insurgency era. The staff in there response appreciated the good gesture exhibited by the Director Chief Executive Officer and his Management team and also prayed for Allah S.W.T to reward them.

NALV Present Proposal & Draft Memorandum of Understanding on Capacity Building Training for Arabic Teachers of Primary, Secondary and Sangaya Education

By: Dr Kasim Alkali (Wali of Bama)

The head of Sangaya and Out of School Children of Nigeria Arabic Language Village (NALV) Dr. Kasim Alkali on the 26th of April, 2022 was at the Ministry of Basic and Secondary Education Damaturu, Yobe State to present proposals on the capacity Building training for Arabic teachers of Primary and secondary Schools, and also a proposal on the training of Sangaya School teachers (Traditional Qur`anic Schools) and the Al-ma`jiri (Students).

This was as a result of the positive response of the Commissioner of Basic and Secondary Education, Honourable Dr. Muhammad Sani Idris El-Balaturee. The Commissioner during the three Day workshop on Stakeholders Engagement on critical areas of Sangaya Education and Al-Majiri reforms. Moreover, in the submission there was also a draft of Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) designed to be signed by NALV and Yobe State Ministry of Basic and secondary education. The draft memorandum was a proposal submitted to the ministry to study and make inputs on the agreement for the collaboration, particularly on the areas of roles and responsibilities. These include funding, venue, duration, content of the training and certification of the participants at the end of the programme. The document was received by the permanent secretary to the Ministry of Basic and Secondary Education Yobe State, Alhaji Yakubu Dokshi.

While responding, The Permanent Secretary stated that on behalf of the Commissioner of Basic and Secondary Education Hon. Dr. Muhammad Sani, staff and the entire people of Yobe State thanked and appreciated the effort of NALV for their concern on the

development of education, particularly the Al-ma`jiri education. He also added that the need for the collaboration on the training of Arabic teachers of primary and secondary Schools and specifically training of the teachers and Al-Majiri of Sangaya came at the right time. This is because Yobe State Government had recently constituted a Steering Committee on the reform of Sangaya education. The committee is currently gathering information and working towards the enhancement of the Sangaya education.

On 22nd March 2022, Yobe State Government in collaboration with UNICEF had organized a three 3 day stakeholders engagement on critical areas of Sangaya education and Al-majiri reforms in Yobe State. NALV being a custodian of Arabic Language and the centre that has statutory mandate for training of Arabic language at all educational levels was giving a prominent position among the great stakeholders of Sangaya education. In view of this development Yobe State selected the Director/CEO of Nigeria Arabic Language Village to chair the session.

It was on this background and coupled with the effort of the Director /CEO who is has much concern, zeal and also known for his tireless efforts and dedication in rendering services to the development of education particularly the Sangaya education.

The permanent secretary assured Nigeria Arabic Language Village that experts would carefully study and make possible inputs before sending it to the village for final preparation of the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding. The Memorandum if signed by the two parties is expected to open a new page for the Sangaya and Almajiri system in Yobe State.

Inspection/Supervision to Liaison office Annex II on a Land Donated by Engr, Prof. Babagana Umara Zulum, The Executive Governor Borno State

By: Usman Jibrin Kaira

NALV Director/CEO Professor Ibrahim Muhammad had on 20th April, 2022 embarked on an official inspection/supervision visit to NALV Annex II opposite University of Maiduguri. During the visit he went round the ongoing construction of 2 Storey of 8 Classrooms and 16 Academic Staff Offices. The project was awarded in December, 2021 and has reached an appreciable level within the period of just three (3) months. The Director/CEO expressed his satisfaction on what he saw on ground and called on the contractor to accelerate work to finish the project within the stipulated period. The representative of the company, D' Inobest Investment Company Limited, while responding, had promised that the company would do everything possible to ensure that the work is finished within the time frame. He further confirmed to the Director that all materials for the project were 100% mobilized to the site, so completion within the period given is feasible.

It could be recalled that the site of the project of the land was allocated to Nigeria Arabic Language Village,

Ngala by Borno State Government under the able leadership of Prof. Babagana Umara Zulum mni in November, 2021. A land with a size of 17,480 square Metres, situated in a strategic area opposite University of Maiduguri. While receiving the land, the Director of the Village, Prof. Ibrahim Muhammad was deeply grateful to the Governor and promised to utilize the land fully for the benefit of Education in Nigeria and Borno in particular.



NALV Director Congratulates Four (4) Academic Staff for Obtaining P.hd

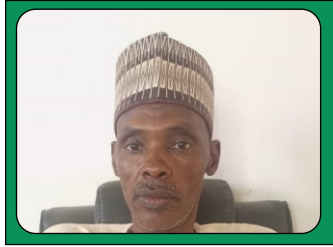
Prof Ibrahim Mohammed the Director and Chief Executive Officer Nigeria Arabic language Village, Ngala on behalf of the Management and entire Village community has felicitated with;

Dr. Ibrahim Ali Muhammed, Dr. Saleh Mohammed Kabir , Dr. Yunus Bukar Abdullahi and Dr. Ababa Sani Abagoni.

The Director/CEO commended their diligence

and resolve to attain the peak of academic qualification.

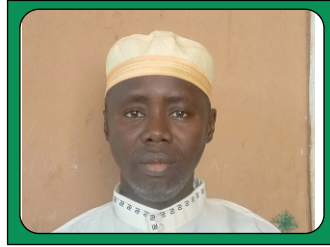
Furthermore, he charged them to make good use of the new achievements for the development of the Village as well as for the benefit of humanity at large. The Director/CEO urged other academic staff on studies to speed of and complete their studies especially those pursuing P.hd



■ Dr. Ibrahim Muhammad Ali



■ Dr. Saleh Mohammed Kabir



■ Dr. Yunus Bukar Abdullahi



■ Dr. Ababa Sani Abagoni

NALV Director/CEO Prof. Ibrahim Muhammad Condoles His Excellency Governor Zulum over the Demise of his Father In-law

The Director Nigeria Arabic language Village, Ngala Professor Ibrahim Muhammad had on behalf of himself, the management, staff and students of Nigeria Arabic Language Village, Ngala. commiserated with His Excellency, The Executive Governor of Borno State; Professor Babagana Umara Zulum over the demise of his father-in-law Alhaji Kauna Bulama Kyari who died on Friday 8th April following a protracted illness.

Professor Ibrahim Muhammad had equally condoled the bereaved family of Her Excellency, the First Lady Dr. Falmata Babagana Umara Zulum on the death of her beloved father.

The death of Alhaji Kauna was a great loss and has created a great vacuum not only to the family but to the entire state and the country.

The NALV Director/CEO described the deceased Alhaji Kauna Bulama Kyari as an elder statesman and a

devoted Muslim who made use of his life-time in preaching peace, unity and corporate co-existence among people which will be greatly missed.

while Praying for the repose of his soul, Professor Ibrahim Muhammad sympathised with the entire members of the bereaved family urging them to take solace in the saying of Allah that Every soul shall taste death. He also urge them to accept the lost with fortitude, courage and prayed for Almighty Allah to forgive his shortcomings and admit him into Al-Jannatul Firdaus.

The Borno State Governor; Professor Babagana Umara Zulum thanked all those who condoled him over the death of his Father In-Law Alhaji Kauna Bulama Kyari. Also prayed for Allah to reward abundantly all those who came to attend the burial

Signed

Professor Ibrahim Muhammad
NALV Director/CEO

Arabic Village loses Academic Staff Muhammad Musa Algoshawee

The Director/CEO Professor Ibrahim Muhammad had on behalf of himself, management, staff and students of Nigeria Arabic language Village, Ngala commensurated with the bereaved family of Sheikh Muhammad Musa Algoshawee whose sudden death was announced on 11 April, 2022. Until his death Algoshawee was academic staff of Nigeria Arabic Language Village Ngala.

Professor Ibrahim Muhammad described the deceased as humble, down to earth, and dedicated member of the academic community of the NALV, whose commitment to the course of uplifting humanity would be missing greatly.

The Director/CEO prayed Allah SWT to forgive the soul of the deceased and his bereaved family to have fortitude to bear this irreparable lost.

The family of the deceased had expressed their appreciation to the Director Chief Executive Prof. Ibrahim Muhammad and all the staff of the Nigeria Arabic Language Village, Ngala for the condolences and also prayed for the Director and the Entire Village family.



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