



Nigeria Arabic Language Village, Ngala Sign Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Yobe State University (YOSU)

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On the 5th of July, 2023, an auspicious event unfolded as the Director and CEO of Nigeria Arabic Language Village (NALV), Professor Ibrahim Muhammad, embarked on a visit to Yobe State University in Damaturu, Nigeria. This visit marked a significant milestone in the realm of educational collaboration.

Upon arrival at the university, Professor Ibrahim Muhammad and his delegation were accorded a warm reception by none other person than the esteemed Vice Chancellor of the institution, Professor Mala Mohammed Daura in the company of the Acting Registrar, Mohammed Mala Waziri along with other members of the university's top management staff.

In his remarks, Professor Ibrahim Muhammad expressed his deep gratitude and admiration to Yobe State University's dedication to fostering a fruitful partnership with NALV. This partnership, forged since the university's inception, culminated in the official signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on this memorable day. The MoU delineated various areas of cooperation between the two institutions including the following:

- 1. Language Immersion Programme:** The agreement outlined plans for a Language Immersion Programme tailored for third-year Arabic language students, aligning with the legal framework underpinning the establishment of the Arabic Village.
- 2. Capacity Building:** NALV and the university planned to organize capacity-building workshops and

training sessions for Arabic language lecturers, fostering professional development and expertise in this field.

3. Teaching and Innovative Research: Both parties pledged to collaborate on teaching initiatives and engage in innovative research within the domain of Arabic Studies, in order to further enrich the academic landscape.

4. Exchange Programs: The MoU outlined the exchange of academic staff, encompassing sabbaticals, visiting adjunct professors, and facilitating student exchange programs and excursion visits, fostering a robust intellectual exchange.

5. Joint Academic Activities: The agreement envisaged the organization of joint lectures, seminar, and conference, providing a platform for scholarly discuss and knowledge dissemination.

6. Any Other Endeavours: Recognizing the dynamic nature of education, the MoU remained open to accommodate any additional avenues that will enhance the teaching and learning of the Arabic language.

As the MoU was ceremoniously signed, the Vice Chancellor of Yobe State University lauded the effort NALV Director/CEO community for their unwavering commitment to the advancement of Arabic Language education in Nigeria. He emphasized that this landmark agreement is a gateway to mutual benefits through cooperation and collaboration between the university and NALV.

The historic Memorandum of Understandings (MoU) was officially sealed, signifying the commitment of both the Yobe State University and the Nigeria Arabic Language Village Ngala toward a promising future of educational partnership and innovation in the field of Arabic language studies. This landmark occasion was witnessed by the Acting Registrar of Yobe State University, Mohammed Mala Waziri, and Mal. Abdulhamid Muhammad Abdulahi, NALV Deputy Registrar in charge of Junior Establishment.

Lastly, the Vice Chancellor of Yobe State University, Prof. Mala Muhammad Daura described NALV Director/CEO, Prof. Ibrahim Muhammad as a true leader, humble and a workaholic person who is always chasing the mandate and bringing new innovation to the Village.

NALV Management Discuss Issues Regarding Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Yusuf Maitama Sule University

By Falola Hammed Opeyemi

The Director Nigeria Arabic language Village Ngala, Professor Ibrahim Muhammad had on 20th July, 2023 discussed vital issues before the final adaptation of Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with management of Yusuf Maitama Sule University, Kano.

On arrival at the University, the Director and his entourage were warmly received by the deputy vice chancellor administration Professor Salisu Garba alongside the Registrar Ishaku Adamu, the head of department of Arabic studies, Dr. Said Abdulaziz Dan Liman and the legal officer of the University. The Village had earlier submitted a draft copy of MoU to the university for their inputs. This visit of the Village Director to the university was to discuss and finalize on the MoU before final signing. It is believed that when the MoU is finally sign, the University and the Village will establish a productive partnering and relationship in many areas of interest for the two institutions.

In his opening remarks the Director Nigeria Arabic Language Village, Professor Ibrahim Muhammad appreciated the university for accepting to



enter into collaboration and partnering with Nigeria Arabic Language Village Ngala. He submitted that when the MoU is finally sign, the Village and the university will no doubt benefit immensely from one arrangement.

The Deputy Vice Chancellor Administration, Professor Ababakar Salisu Garba, thanked the Director and his entourage for the visit, and he particularly appreciated the effort of the Director for initiating the MoU that will go a long way in benefiting the two institutions. In a later date the MoU is expected to be officially signed between the University and Nigeria Arabic Language Village Ngala.

In the company of the director were the duo of Dr. Kasim Alkali the Head of Tsangaya and Out-of-School Children who is also the NALV-FME Liaison officer and Arc. Mohammad Yusuf Mohammed Coordinator Works and Physical Planning Department (W&PPD).

Bayero University Kano (BUK) Releases some Facilities to Arabic Village

The Vice Chancellor, Bayero University, Kano Professor Sagir Abbas Adamu has approved the released some facilities which include: office accommodation, class rooms and Auditorium to Nigeria Arabic language Village (NALV), Ngala for smooth running of its programmes in the North West and North Central Zones of the country. This noble gesture from the management of Bayero University was geared toward facilitating the progress of the Arabic Language Immersion Program.

The presentation of the facilities was performed by the Deputy Director Centre for Islamic Civilization and Inter-Faith Dialogue Dr. Taufiq Abubakar Hussain on behalf of the Director of the centre.

The facilities that were allocated are all within the premises of the centre. They are expected to be used for effective running the programs of the village in the North West and North Central zones.

While receiving the facilities, the Director Nigeria Arabic Language Village, Professor Ibrahim Muhammad, expressed his appreciation and thanked the VC for approving the facilities to the village.

He acknowledged that with these facilities on ground all programs of the Village, such as Acculturation, capacity Building, training of Arabic Teachers etc. will be conducted hitch free. The symbolic presentation of the facilities was witnessed by Dr. Muhammad Usman Abubakar who Coordinates the programs of the village in the North West and North Central. Others who witnessed the program of the presentation of the facilities were the Head of Tsangaya and Out-of-School Children who is also the NALV-FME Liaison Officer Dr. Kasim Alkali, Coordinator Works and Physical Planning Department Arc. Mohammed Yusuf Mohammed, Dr. Ahmad Tijjani Ramadan and some lecturers and staff of Nigeria Arabic language Village Ngala.



Arabic Village Receives Officials from GIFMIS Office, Abuja

By Muhammad Suleiman (Baffa)

A two man team from Government Integrated Financial Management Information System (GIFMIS) were on 26th July, 2023 visited the Nigeria Arabic Language Village, Ngala at the Liaison Office in Maiduguri.

The team comprised Mustapha I. Aminu the team leader from the office of the Accountant General of the Federation and Umar Mohammed Kellube. The purpose of the visit was to validate the Bursary Staff of the Village on the role players on Government Integrated Financial Management Information System (GIFMIS).

On arrival at the Village, the GIFMIS representatives were warmly received at the liaison office by the Bursar of the Village Rawa Mallam Mustapha and the Registrar of the Nigeria Arabic Language Village, Ngala Ali Abdullahi Ali. In his opening remarks, the team leader said that, they were in the village for an exercise which the office of the Accountant General of the Federation organized to validate role players on GIFMIS and its going to be a yearly routine exercise.

Earlier in his welcome address, the Bursar thanked them and appreciated their efforts for coming to the village for the exercise. The Village was presented with GIFMIS users Application form for MDA which

will be used by the Users for validation. The team after meeting with Bursar, proceeded to met with the Director/CEO, Professor Ibrahim Muhammad to formalize the exercise. The Director appreciated the visitors and expressed his optimism that the exercise will help the village in many areas. He added, that the village is always ready to welcome innovation and ideas that will go a long way in uplifting the village service delivery. And thanked them for the official visit to the village.

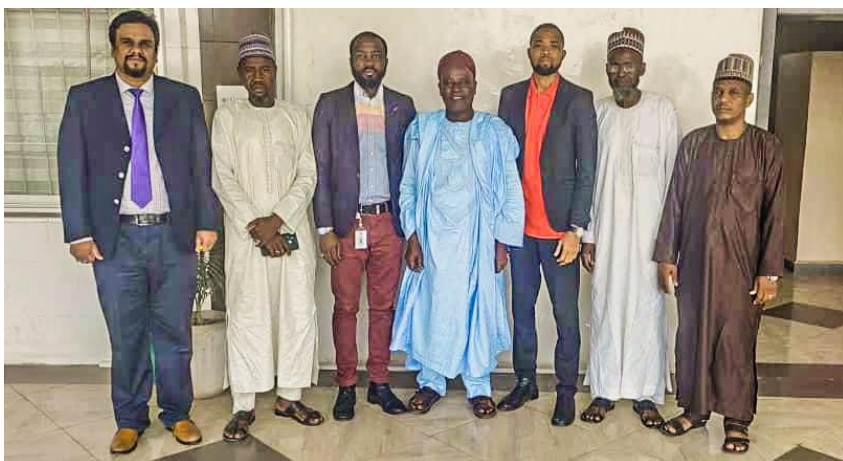


Skyline University Seeks Collaboration with Arabic Village

By Arc. Mohammed Yusuf Mohammed

On invitation by Skyline University Kano, the Director/CEO Nigeria Arabic language Village Ngala, Professor Ibrahim Muhammad had on 20th July, 2023 paid a working visit the University.

appreciated the effort of the University for introducing Arabic Language and promised on behalf of NALV to assist the institution whenever need arises. The supervisor (CCL) earlier thanked the Director/CEO for his support to the university and expressed his appreciation to him for honouring the invitation extended to him. He further expressed the readiness of the institution to work with the Nigeria Arabic language Village Ngala in order to impact Arabic knowledge on the students. The two team later proceeded into discussion on key critical issues of mutual benefit between the University and the Nigeria Arabic Language Village Ngala. The two sides thereafter, agreed that, in a later date a Memorandum of Understanding will be signed between the two institutions. The discussion was witnessed by the University legal officer and some senior staff of the University.



Upon arrival the Director and his entourage were received by Abdul Ganiyu Abdulkareem the Supervisor Centre for continue learning (CCL). The University had earlier written to the Village, seeking for collaboration with a view to enhance the Arabic Language program in the University.

While making his remarks earlier on, the Director/CEO Nigeria Arabic Language Village, Ngala

During the visit, the Director of the village was accompanied by Dr. Kasim Alkali the Head of Tsangaya and Out of School Children who is also the NALV-FME Liaison officer and Arc. Mohammad Yusuf Mohammed Coordinator Works and Physical Planning Department (W&PPD).

NALV Director/CEO Pays Visit to Federal College of Education, (FCE) Kano

By Muhammad Suleiman (Bafia)

The Director/CEO Nigeria Arabic language Village, Ngala, Professor Ibrahim Muhammad had on 3rd July, 2023 paid a visit to the Federal College of Education (FCE), Kano.

On arrival at the FCE, Professor Ibrahim Muhammad was received by the Head of the Department of Arabic studies, Dr Alhafiz alongside the Village Coordinator of Acculturation in Kano State, Dr. Muhammad Usman Abubakar, and Mallam Aliyu Muhammad Usman. The HOD thanked the Director for coming to supervise and evaluate the Acculturation program since the commencement three weeks earlier. It could be recalled that, the FCE Kano is one of the centres where Acculturation is currently going on. The program commenced on the 18th of June, 2023.

The visit of the Director/CEO to FCE was to supervise and evaluate the programme. He further acknowledge the effort of the facilitators and expressed his satisfaction to the student's for their ability to demonstrate before him what they had been thought.

During the interaction with the students he advised them to be focussed and serious with their studies, adding that 'Education is a ladder on which they

can achieve their life ambition".



NALV Management Pays Courtesy Visit to Aminu Kano College of Legal and Islamic Studies

By Muhammad Suleiman (Bafia)



The Nigeria Arabic Language Village (NALV) conducted a visit to Aminu Kano College of Legal and Islamic Studies on [Insert Date]. The purpose of the visit was to foster collaboration, strengthen educational ties, and interact with the staff of the college. This report provides a comprehensive overview of the visit, highlighting key observations, discussions, and potential areas of cooperation.

The Nigeria Arabic Language Village (NALV) is a renowned institution dedicated to the promotion and teaching of the Arabic language and culture. Aminu Kano College of Legal and Islamic Studies is a respected educational institution specializing in legal and Islamic studies. The visit aimed to explore opportunities for

synergy between the two institutions.

Observations and Opportunities:

During the visit, several key observations were made, which present potential opportunities for collaboration between NALV and Aminu Kano College of Legal and Islamic Studies:

- Complementary Goals:** Both institutions share a common goal of promoting Arabic language education and Islamic studies, making them natural partners for collaborative projects.
- Teacher Training:** NALV can offer teacher training programs to enhance the proficiency of Arabic language instructors at the college.
- Cultural Exchange:** Opportunities for cultural exchange programs can enrich the educational experiences of students at both institutions.
- Research Collaboration:** Joint research projects in the fields of Arabic linguistics, Islamic studies, and cultural studies could be explored.

The visit to Aminu Kano College of Legal and Islamic Studies was a significant step toward strengthening ties between NALV and the college. The interactions, discussions, and mutual interests identified during the visit present promising avenues for future collaboration. Both institutions are eager to explore opportunities that will contribute to the advancement of Arabic language education and cultural enrichment in Nigeria.

NALV Holds its 13th Management Meeting

By Muhammad Suleiman (Bafia)

The management of Nigeria Arabic Language Village Ngala, had on 8th July held its 13 management meeting at village council chamber, Lagos Street, maiduguri.

The meeting was presided over by the Director and chief executive officer himself Prof Ibrahim Muhammad,

In his welcome address, the Director has acknowledged the effort of the members of the management for always making it possible to attend the meeting.

The meeting discussed extensively on the issue of white paper implementation as directed by the presidency, in view of this, the management constituted a committee for the immediate and proper implementation of the white paper. And the committee were urged to strictly implement everything they paper said. He further appealed to the all management members to avoid spread of rumors mongering in respect of the white paper.

However, the meeting also discussed the issues concerning Language Immersion and Acculturation program, adding that due to the constant Visit to Universities, Colleges of Education and Colleges of Legal studies, the Director was able to bring more Universities to attend the Language Immersion Program. Among the Universities that show interest to participate in the program were: Federal University Kashere Gombe State, Sule Lamido State University Kafin Hausa, Yusif Maitama Sule University and Bayero University Kano (BUK).

The Director Also make it clear to the management that even the Federal Ministry of

Education also made some effort to notify the Universities on the importance of the Immersion Program. They did this severally on its meeting with Vice Chancellor in different occasions. With this effort, the village is expecting more Universities on come on



board. Furthermore, he stressed that, now that the village is relocating to former sir kashim college where there's lot of facilities enough to host and accommodate all village programs.

Lastly the meeting ended successfully where issues were deliberated and decision were made all with the aims of uplifting the village.

Those who attended the meeting were: The Deputy Director Dr Idris Ahmad Yunus, the Registrar Ali Abdullahi Ali, the Bursar Rawa Malam Mustapha and others.

NALV Holds 37th Principal Officers Meeting

By Muhammad Suleiman (Bafia)

The 37th Principal Officers (POs) meeting of the Village which took place at the liaison office in Maiduguri was presided over by the Director and Chief Executive Officer Professor Ibrahim Muhammad.

In his opening remarks, the Director/CEO thanked all the Principal Officers for attending the meeting. He also used the forum to thanked and express his appreciation to the management and staff of the village for attending the wedding fatiha of his daughter which took place on 14 July, 2023 in Kano state.

During the Meeting, reports were received from the following Academic departments:

- I. Immersion Department
- II. Acculturation Department

Other issues deliberated upon in the meeting include the following;

- Implementation of 2021 Presidential White Paper.
- signing of the memorandum of understanding (MoU) with state governments, universities, colleges of educations and colleges of Islamic and legal studies among others. On each of the above mentioned items members of the POs had exhaustive deliberation on the issues while far reaching decisions were taken for further action.

The 37th POs meeting was attended by the Deputy Director, the Registrar who is the Secretary of the POs, the Bursar, the Ag. librarian and the Coordinator Works and Physical Planning Department (W&PPD).

NALV Registrar Inspects Offices at the Liaison OfficeCall for Punctuality

By Muhammad Suleiman (Baffa)

In an effort to maintain Civil Service Rules and Regulations in collaboration with the current Village administration under the leadership of Professor Ibrahim Muhammad, the Registrar of the Village Ali Abdullahi Ali had on 3rd July 2023 inspected all offices within the Liaison office, Maiduguri. The visit was aimed at ensuring the punctuality of staff, cleanliness, and strict compliance with the Public service rules.

During the inspection, the Registrar directed the cleaning of the environment. He further directed all Staff who were not found on the seat to immediately report to his office for further action. In the meantime, the Registrar appreciated and commended Staff who have reported to their duty post and advised others to emulate the good conducts.

During the inspection, the Registrar was accompanied by Deputy Registrars of Information Media and Publicity Umar Sanda, Security



Management, Council Affairs Ibrahim Muhammed, and the Chairman of the NALV Sanitation Committee Muhammad Auwal Isa.

NALV Registrar Interface with Lecturers of Proficiency Department

The Registrar Nigeria Arabic language Village Ngala Alhaji Ali Abdullahi Ali had on 16 July 2023, organized an interactive session with the lecturers of the Department of Proficiency in the village liaison office in Maiduguri.



The purpose of the meeting with the lecturers was to inform them of the need to improve the quality and standard of the program to match contemporary needs of the society.

During the session, the Registrar reiterated that the Proficiency Department is one of the pillars of the village through which, the Arabic language will be effectively taught to all those who may be interested in learning the language. He emphasized that the lecturers

have many pivotal roles to play in the actualization of the mission, vision, and objective upon which the department was created.

He further expressed his confidence and opined that, with the number of qualified lecturers in the department, achieving the goal of making individuals, groups, organizations, and institutions become proficient in the Arabic language is achievable.

Similarly in allusion to the this, the Director/CEO, Nigeria Arabic Village Professor Ibrahim Muhammad had recently approved the formation of a five-man committee to look into the issues surrounding the program and make a far-reaching recommendation to the management to further improved the quality and standard of the proficiency program.

Earlier, in his remarks, Dr. Muhammad Qasim Muhammad the HOD Proficiency thanked the Registrar for organizing the interface, he said, it was an opportunity for them to have met with the Registrar to robustly discussed critical issues militating against the progress of their department with a view to finding solutions to them.

Dr. Qasim, while acknowledging his position as the head of the department, he promised to ensure the success of the program. All the lecturers that spoke during the interaction, lauded the efforts of the management for creating an enabling environment for teaching and learning of Arabic language to thrive. Lastly, they assured the management to work hard in order to ensure the success the Proficiency program.

Language Immersion Program First Examination Commence at the NALV Liaison Office, Maiduguri

By Muhammad Suleiman (Baffa)



Prior to the establishment of Nigeria Arabic Language Village, Ngala, 300 level Students of Arabic language used to be sponsored abroad by the Federal Government for a one-year immersion program.

However, due to the excruciating economic meltdown of the 80s, the Federal Government had in 1992 decided to establish Nigeria Arabic Village, Ngala. The Language Immersion Programme is a compulsory one-year program for all 300-level Arabic students from

NALV Immersion Student Holds one Day Program on Translating the Theory into Practice

The Immersion Students from the University of Maiduguri who have just concluded their first-semester examination in Village on 22nd July 2023 organized a sort of intellectual get-together to interact with one another, where they put into practice what they have been taught in theory.

The occasion took place at Zulum Hall of the Village Liaison office in Maiduguri.

The Head of the Department Immersion Program Dr. Ahmad Al-Amin Al-Bashir in his welcome address expressed his appreciation to all those who came to attend the program. He said the turnout of staff and students and other invited personalities was an indication that the village community has placed a higher premium on the activities of the students. He further added that it's a morale booster for the students to have such kind of attendees in the program.

Dr. Ahmad Al-Amin lauded the students for organizing the program He particularly expressed his excitement on the level of intellectualism and capacity resources exhibited by the participating students during the program . The program witnessed, the presentation of Arabic poetry and articles by the students. Many students showcase their wisdom and talents in many academic and intellectual areas.

Nigerian Universities.

The 300-level students of Arabic language from the University of Maiduguri were in the last four months in the village for their one-year program. They have today completed writing their first semester examinations; Special Author (ARA 308). The semester has ended successfully without hitches. Some of the students have expressed their happiness for successfully completing their first Semester examination here in the village.

While commenting, the HOD Immersion Program Dr. Ahmad Al-Amin Al-Bashir has expressed gratitude to Allah SWT for seeing them through from the commencement of the semester to the end.

The HOD used the opportunity to thank the Director of the village Professor Ibrahim Muhammad for supporting the department which saw to the successful end of the examination today. He also thanked all lecturers for ensuring that, the program ended up successfully. In his goodwill message, the Director CEO Nigeria Arabic Language Village Ngala Professor Ibrahim Muhammad congratulated the students for successfully completing their first Semester Examination and wished them journey mercy back home.

The Registrar of the village Ali Abdullahi Ali in his brief remarks lauded the effort of the students for putting up the initiative . He said the immersion program is one of the most essential mandates of the Village. He urged the students to keep continue on the good note. All lecturers who have spoken during the program commended the efforts of the students for organizing such a program within a short period of time.

The Director Chief Executive Officer NALV Professor Ibrahim Muhammad who attended the program appreciated the effort of both the lecturers and the students for having this kind of program, which he said, will go a long way in preparing them for the future.



NALV Director/CEO Marries out his Daughter

The Director CEO Nigeria Arabic language Village Ngala Professor Ibrahim Muhammad had on Friday 14 July, 2023, married out his daughter Fatima Ibrahim Muhammad to Umar Shui'bu Gorzo upon the payment of N500,000 as dowry.

The marriage solemnization took place at Muhammad Bulama Jumma'at Mosque, Kwanar Maggi, Hotoro, GRA area. Alhaji Muhammad Bulama Shettima Kuwama of Borno; former Managing Director of Bank of the North plc, stood in for the bride and Alhaji Muhammad for the groom.

The wedding of Fatiha in Kano was attended by many notable personalities, and scholars from Borno and Yobe States, among them was the Vice Chancellor of the Borno State University Professor Umar Kyari Sandabe who led his management team for the wedding.

The VC Bayero University Professor Sagir Abbas Adamu and his Management team, immediate past Executive Secretary of National Universities Commission Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, former VC University of Maiduguri Prof. Abubakar Mustapha, former INEC Chairman Professor Attahiru Jega, Alhaji Abba Kolo elder brother to VP of Nigeria, a Maiduguri based legal practitioner Barrister Audu Musa, Alhaji Tijjani Habib, Hon. Kolo Lawan, Registrar Yobe State University Dr. Kalli Gazalli, ICESCO Desk Officer from FME Mal. Bashir Ibrahim Mohammed.

Others include; Professor Muhammad Saleh Jamal from Kasher University, Gombe State, NATAIS Secretary General Dr. Sheriff Mohammed, Dr. Moshood Ajibola from Federal University, Dutse, and many other Professors from various Universities in Nigeria. Those who came from the University of Maiduguri were; Professor Adam Muhammad Ajiri, Professor Kyari Muhammad, Professor Ali Ahmar, Prof. Mai Modu Mutai, and Dr. Ali Usman Ali.

The representative of His Royal Highness the Shehu Bama led by Dr. Kasim Alkali 'Wali of Bama' alongside Alhaji Sadiq Zanna 'Yawudima of Bama', Baba Mala Jalo and Ahmed Bukar Dowra have also attended the wedding. A delegation from Nigeria Arabic Language Village, Ngala led by the Deputy Director Dr. Idris Ahmad Yunus, the Bursar, Deputy Bursar, former Bursar and Registrar of the Village, Coordinator W&PPD, Head of Sangaya and Out of School Children, Deputy Registrars of Human Resources, Security Management were among others.

Professor Ibrahim Muhammad thanked Allah (SWT) for making it possible for him to witness the marriage of his daughter. He also thanked and expressed his appreciation to all those who came from far and near to attend the wedding. The reception was held at the residence of Professor Ibrahim Muhammad in the Jan Block area, where a special prayer was also offered for the blessings of the marriage.



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