



CHANCELLOR CALLS FOR CONTINUED TEAM-WORK

Chancellor of the University, His Royal Majesty Alayeluwa Oba (Dr.) Rufus Adeyemo Adejugbe Aladesanmi III, the Ewi of Ado-Ekiti, has called for continued unity among members of the Governing Council, Management and Staff of the University.

He made the call at his palace in Ado-Ekiti when members of the Governing Council of the University paid him a homage during this year's celebration of one of the historic tradition and culture of the Ekiti people, "Udiroko," on Tuesday, August 18, 2026.

The Chancellor said a university is a system that can only progress when every part performs its duties diligently, effectively and efficiently, in accordance with the guiding rules of the Act



establishing the University and its conditions of service.

He said teamwork win trophies, while in a university, teamwork is what enables

the institution to add value to society and the world at large. He added that before becoming someone in the system, one must have work patiently for many years, and urged members to ensure effective and efficient communication, which he said brings about understanding within an organisation.

The Chancellor recounted his 13 years of service as Chancellor of the University of Jos and expressed his desire to leave every university where he serves as Chancellor better than he met it.

He urged the Council Chairman and the Vice-Chancellor to call on him whenever there is any problem, assuring them that his door is always open. He said his appointment was to help ensure peace and unity, which would bring about the needed development of Abubakar Tafawa Balewa University (ATBU).

He thanked the delegation for attending Udiroko 2026, noting that they had continued to be part of the celebration since he became Chancellor of ATBU. He described the celebration as a source of pride for the Ekiti people and a long-standing tradition of the people of Ekiti State.

The Pro-Chancellor and Chairman of the

Dr BALA WUNTI ARENA DESIGN AND EXHIBITION COMPETITION HELD IN ATBU.

The Bala Wunti Arena Design and Exhibition and Award has held in ATBU on September, 29th, 2026.

The competition was open to the Students of the Abubakar Tafawa Balewa University Bauchi, several of who participated in approved groups. The event took place at the Red lecture theater of the SPESSE-CE of the University at Gubi campus.

Dr Bala Maijama'a Wunti, who participated in the occasion via zoom said the project is meant for the University with a modern facility for sporting activities, academic and institutional programmes, Convocation, and other major events. He said, the Arena is expected to accommodate 10,000 people and will be completed within 50 weeks. He described the project as his modest contribution to the University that provided the foundation for his professional Career.

He said the initiative was conceived as a practical way of giving back to the education sector while creating an enduring legacy that would benefit generations of Students and the wider University Community

Dr Wunti expressed confidence that investments in modern infrastructure would strengthen ATBU and other Nigerian Universities and enhance

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Dr Bala Wunti Representative & VC presenting Cheque of 5m to the Winners

ATBU RETAINS FIRST POSITION IN ENERGY AND INNOVATION, SECURES PATENTS FOR INVENTIONS

Abubakar Tafawa Balewa University (ATBU), Bauchi, has retained its SCImago ranking position as the first University in Energy and innovation for the year 2026, further proving its prowess as a leading institution in practical science and technology.

The global ranking assesses institutions using an open matrix of 20 indicators that benchmark performance across three core areas: research output, innovation, and societal impact. While ATBU held firm to its leading position in energy and innovation, the university recorded a minor one-point shift in its overall ranking, as well as in engineering and general research.

Reacting to the new ranking, the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Ibrahim Hassan Garba commended the university community for the achievement while challenging staff not to lose their momentum. He urged researchers to double down on their efforts and drive ATBU to

become the overall top university in Nigeria.

Professor Garba emphasized that ATBU was deliberately built to equip students with practical skills in science, engineering, and technology. The goal, he noted, is to graduate self-reliant problem-solvers who create jobs rather than hunt for them—a core principle he



promised the institution will continue to uphold.

Meanwhile, researchers at the university have bagged official patents

for three innovative homegrown technologies after rigorous evaluation by the National Office for Technology Acquisition and Promotion (NOTAP).

The newly patented inventions include: Self-Sustaining Energy Thermochemical Reactor System — Led by Dr. Isah Yakubu Mohammed of the Department of Chemical Engineering.

Co-Mn/Hydroxyapatite Catalyst from Spent Lithium-Ion Batteries and Animal

Bone: A Method of Preparation — Also led by Dr. Isah Yakubu Mohammed.

Self-Charging Energy Mechanism for Automotive Systems — Led by Sunday Jonathan.

With these achievements, ATBU continue to demonstrate that university research can directly address real-world energy and industrial challenges while

VCN PAYS ASSESSMENT VISIT TO ATBU

Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Ibrahim Hassan Garba said the University will employ more staff to close the manpower gap in the area of teaching and research of the University.

He was speaking through the Deputy Vice-Chancellor Administration, Prof Ahmed Sarki Fagam when the Veterinary Council of Nigeria was in the University for an assessment and accreditation of the program at the Faculty of Veterinary medicine of the University on September 23, 2026 at the Council Chamber Prof Buba Bajoga Senate building in Gubi Campus.

He assured the team that the university would continue recruiting additional staff and expanding infrastructure through the construction of new buildings.

The Vice-Chancellor acknowledged the challenges and stated that efforts were being made to restore and effectively utilize the university's solar power system. He also assured the team that secretariat staff would be provided where necessary to reduce the administrative burden on academic and technical staff.

He further stated that the university would continue to improve its ICT facilities and library services to support

teaching, learning, and research in the Faculty. He also mentioned plans to acquire an engraving machine and provide hostel accommodation, including a four-bedroom facility for Veterinary Medicine students.

Vice-Chancellor indicated management's commitment to addressing these concerns through continued recruitment, infrastructural development, improved facilities, and enhanced support for staff and students.

In his speech during the exit meeting with Management, the leader of the team Prof Caleb Kudi said the team assessed the University by evaluating the current state of the Veterinary Facility, with particular attention to infrastructure, staffing, equipment, laboratory facilities, transportation, administrative support, and general management.

Prof. Caleb observed that while the facility has an adequate number of staff in some areas, there is still a need for additional personnel, particularly technical staff. It was also noted that most of the technical staff are trained as Animal Husbandry Technicians rather than professionals in Science Laboratory Technology (SLT), he highlighted the need for more specialized personnel to strengthen

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VC SPEECH AT THE BALA WUNTI ARENA EXHIBITION & AWARD CEREMONY

It gives me great pleasure to welcome you all to this important occasion marking the exhibition and award ceremony for the Bala Wunti Arena Design Competition organised exclusively for students of Abubakar Tafawa Balewa University, Bauchi. Today is a celebration of creativity, innovation, talent, and the remarkable potential of our students.

First, I wish to express my profound happiness and satisfaction with the successful conclusion of this competition and, more importantly, with the enthusiastic participation of our students. I am particularly impressed by the number of students who participated, as well as the zeal, commitment, determination, and creativity they demonstrated throughout the exercise. This is even more commendable considering the short period given for the preparation and submission of their designs, coupled with the fact that the competition took place alongside ongoing academic examinations.

Despite these challenges, our students rose to the occasion and demonstrated that they possess the intellectual capacity, technical competence, and innovative spirit required to address real-life design challenges. I congratulate all the participating students and teams for their courage, dedication, and outstanding efforts. To the winning teams, I extend my warmest congratulations. To those who did not emerge as winners, I encourage you to regard this

experience as an important opportunity for learning, growth, and professional development. In a competition of this nature, participation itself is an achievement, and every participant deserves commendation.

I wish to emphasise that the true value of this competition extends beyond the announcement of winners or the

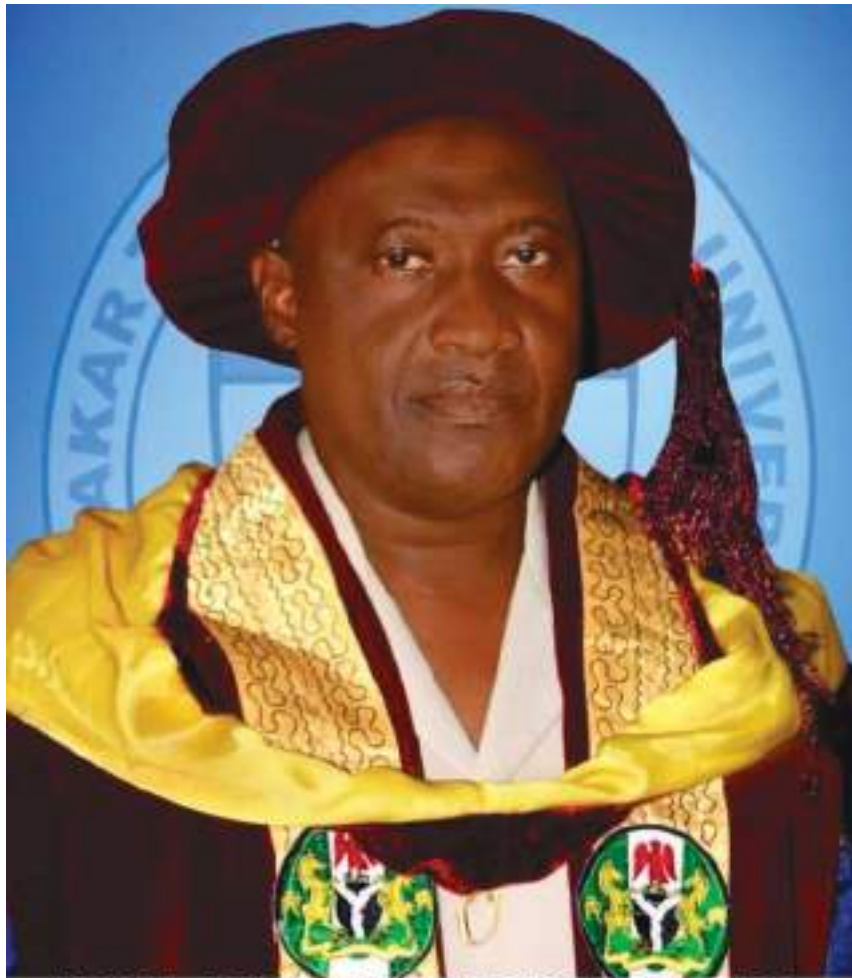
confidence in the abilities of our students. His decision that the design competition should be restricted exclusively to students of ATBU demonstrates a strong belief in the capacity of our University to nurture talents capable of producing innovative and world-class designs. This gesture is particularly significant because it provides our students with

a platform to demonstrate their competence, creativity, and readiness to contribute meaningfully to national development.

We are equally grateful for Dr Wunti's willingness to bring such a gigantic and potentially transformative edifice to our University. The proposed Bala Wunti Arena represents more than a physical structure; it symbolises a commitment to institutional development, educational advancement, and the creation of facilities that can support academic, social, cultural, and other important activities within the University

community. We sincerely appreciate his confidence in ATBU and his desire to leave a lasting legacy that will benefit present and future generations of students, staff, and the wider community.

This initiative is also a practical demonstration of the important role that individuals who have benefited from education can play in supporting their institutions and contributing to the advancement of society. We hope that this noble gesture will inspire other well-meaning individuals,



PROF. IBRAHIM HASSAN GARBA

presentation of awards. It lies in the opportunity it has provided our students to translate classroom knowledge into practical solutions, work under demanding conditions, think critically, and compete constructively with their peers. These are essential qualities that will prepare them for the challenges of their future professions.

On behalf of the University Management, I wish to express our profound appreciation to Dr Bala Wunti for his vision, generosity, and

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alumni, corporate organisations, and development partners to identify with the University and support its vision for sustainable growth and development.

I must also specially commend the Evaluation Panel for the excellent work it has done in assessing the submissions and identifying the winning designs. The task of evaluating creative architectural proposals, particularly when presented by enthusiastic and talented students, requires diligence, professionalism, fairness, and careful consideration of the relevant criteria. We appreciate the time, expertise, and commitment invested by the panel members in ensuring that the exercise was conducted successfully. Your contribution has been instrumental to the success and credibility of this competition.

I also acknowledge all those who contributed to the planning, coordination, and execution of the competition, including members of the organising team and other stakeholders whose efforts have brought us to this memorable occasion. Your collective commitment demonstrates what can be achieved when individuals work

together towards a common goal.

Distinguished ladies and gentlemen, the exhibition we are witnessing today provides an opportunity to appreciate the ideas, concepts, and design solutions developed by our students. I encourage members of the University community and other invited guests to examine the displayed works with open minds and recognise the creativity and effort behind each submission. I also urge our students to continue developing their skills, embracing innovation, and pursuing excellence in their academic and professional endeavours.

As a University committed to teaching, research, innovation, and community service, ATBU will continue to encourage initiatives that bridge the gap between theoretical knowledge and practical application. We believe that our students should not only acquire knowledge but also develop the capacity to apply that knowledge in solving real-world problems and contributing to national development. Competitions and similar initiatives provide valuable opportunities to advance this objective.

As we celebrate the winners today, let us also celebrate every participant, the vision of our benefactor, the dedication of the Evaluation Panel, and the collective effort that has made this competition a success. May this initiative mark the beginning of further collaborations that will promote creativity, innovation, and infrastructural development in our University.

Once again, I congratulate all the participating teams, particularly the winners, and express our sincere gratitude to Dr Bala Wunti for his confidence in our students and his commitment to the development of ATBU. I also thank the Evaluation Panel and everyone who contributed to the success of this exercise.

It is my sincere hope that the Bala Wunti Arena, when realised, will stand as a lasting symbol of partnership, innovation, and the immense potential of our students.

Thank you all for your attention, and God bless Abubakar Tafawa Balewa University, Bauchi. Thank you.

NAF, NEDC PARTNER ATBU ON SKILL ACQUISITION

Nigerian Air Force, Special Operations Command, Bauchi and ATBU have joined partnership to empower Women, Youth, and Students through skill acquisition. This is as part of efforts to promote self-reliance and economic independence.

This arrangement was flagged off as an eight-week skill acquisition and empowerment

program. The initiative targets women and youth from NAF barracks as well as ten neighboring

host communities of Durum, Kuhu, Malmo, Gubi, Barkaya, Rudayausa, Makersa, Sabon

Kaura, Gwamma, and Guwaiya.

The program offered practical training in key

trades, including Solar and CCTV Installation, Fashion Design, Agricultural Services, Hairdressing, Welding,

Capentry, Shoe and Bag Making and Catering Services.

In a parallel initiative funded by the North East Development Commission (NEDC), ATBU

undergraduate students across all levels (100 to 500 Level) received specialized training

in catering, fashion design, and leatherwork (shoe and bag making).

Organizers of the training have urged participants to take full advantage of the training to become self-reliant and future employers of labour. Certificates of training



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12th Governing Council of the University, Air Commodore Emmanuel K. Jekada (Rtd.), assured the Chancellor of the Council's readiness to work with the University Management in accordance with established rules.

He said the Council would ensure that it operates according to the rules, as rightly stated by the Chancellor. He added that disagreements are bound to arise in any organisation, but whenever they occur, they must be managed with due diligence and integrity.

He congratulated the Chancellor and the good people of Ekiti State on the annual celebration of the long-standing Ekiti culture and tradition of Udiroko.

The Vice-Chancellor, Professor Ibrahim Hassan Garba, said that since assuming office on October 10, 2024, he met a debt of over ₦3 billion, adding that, Alhamdulillah, his administration had so far been able to settle ₦1.8 billion of the debt.

He said the University Management, in

its quest to reposition the University, had been able to block financial leakages, which had contributed to the administration's ability to settle part of the outstanding debt.

He added that his administration is committed to the welfare of staff and students, as well as the upgrading of the teaching and learning environment. He also highlighted the upgrade and renovation of hostels at both the Yelwa and Gubi campuses.

The Vice-Chancellor expressed appreciation to the Chancellor for being objective in handling issues that arise from the University. He noted that the Chancellor's fatherly guidance had helped the Management move towards achieving the purpose for which the University was established.

He said it was his hope and desire to leave the University better than he met it, adding that such an achievement could not be realised without teamwork.

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globally.

He added that the construction materials for the project would be locally sourced so as to stimulate local business, support economic activities and create employment opportunities, particularly for young people. He described the initiative as a "Project for ATBU by ATBU" stressing that students should not only benefit from University development but also have opportunities to contribute their ideas, skills and creativity towards shaping the University.

Dr Wunti then, Commended the University management and the panel of assessors who put the Students through rigorous process to get the best outcome of the competition.

Eleven teams competed, the first position went to W-Nexus who went home with the sum of 5million naira, first runner-up was Spatial Mind who went home with 4 million and the second runner up won and got a cash prize of 3 million while all other groups who participated were given 1 million each.

The Assessment panel were given 3 million naira only for its diligent role played in evaluating the students.

FACULTY OF AGRICULTURE DRIVES YEAR-ROUND VEGETABLE PRODUCTION.

The Faculty of Agriculture and Agricultural Technology, Abubakar Tafawa Balewa University, is leading efforts in sustainable food production through its modern Greenhouse facility located at the Center of the faculty and Research Farm, Gubi Campus. The facility was showcased during an educational visit by students and reporters of ATBU HERALD. The visit was aimed to expose students to

modern farming techniques and their direct link to nutrition, agribusiness, and public health.

Addressing the Correspondents, Dr. Rashida Bala of the Faculty described the Greenhouse as a climate-controlled structure used for the cultivation of crops under regulated conditions.

According to her, the facility is equipped with sprinkler and drip irrigation systems, shading nets, pest nets, soil beds, and monitoring devices for humidity and soil moisture. This enables the faculty to control heat and sunlight for optimal crop growth all year round.

"The Greenhouse is currently producing cucumbers, leafy vegetables, beetroots, lettuce, moringa, and other vegetables. We are working relentlessly to make it a model for sustainable food security and home gardening," Dr. Rashida stated.

She further noted that the initiative

promotes healthy dieting and supports medical experiments. "Women can adopt these practices at home to ensure nutritious diets. These vegetables also provide remedies for blood deficiencies, ulcers, and other common illnesses," she added.

In his remarks, Prof. Amba appreciated the University management and called on them to provide more support and sponsorship to enable the faculty to expand the project into a national reference for sustainable agriculture and agricultural development.

"Farming practices like this stimulate wealth creation, ensure healthy living, and can position ATBU as a leader in agricultural innovation," Prof. Amba said.

The visit provided students with practical knowledge on how controlled-environment agriculture contributes to food security, entrepreneurship, agribusiness and improved public health.



PROF. AMBROSE ADZE AMBA
DEAN FART, A.T.B.U. BAUCHI

YOUNG INNOVATORS TAKE LEARNING BEYOND THE CLASSROOM AT ATBU.

The Kid's Artificial Intelligence and Robotics Summer Training kicked off on Monday, August, 31st, 2026 at the Abubakar Tafawa Balewa University, Bauchi, stepping the course of event beyond the boundaries of the classrooms.

Spearheaded by Prof. G. A. Bakare, Centre Leader of the Centre for Embedded AI and Smart Energy Systems, the educational excursion to ATBU's Centre for Industrial Studies was designed to bridge the gap between youthful curiosity and real-world technological application.

Ejilah, who, alongside Engr. Ali Adamu and other dedicated center staff members, ushered the children into a world of practical, cutting-edge facilities.



The young innovators were warmly received by the Director of the Centre for Industrial Studies, Prof. Robinson

irrepressibly excited by the exposure. This inspiring outing marks just one highlight in an intensive week for the

Abstract concepts materialized into tangible machinery and advanced systems, offering the participants a rare, firsthand glimpse into the engine room of modern technology and all were

participants, who continue to dive deep on sessions focused on artificial intelligence, electronics, and robotics. Guided by the dedicated instruction of Engr. Nasir Abdulsalam and Engr. Jawahir M. Hashir, under the coordination of Engr. Dr. K. O. Lawal, the young learners busily refine their skills in preparation for a final project exhibition coming up soon. The seamless execution of this transformative program stands as a testament to the visionary leadership of Vice Chancellor Prof. Ibrahim Hassan Garba, whose unwavering support continues to foster an environment where the technology leaders of tomorrow can begin to take their very first steps.

"WE ARE SILENT ACHIEVERS" — Prof. Ambrose Amba.

The Dean, Faculty of Agriculture and Agricultural Technology, Abubakar Tafawa Balewa University, Prof. Amba A. Adze, has described the faculty as a "silent achiever" in the drive for sustainable agriculture and environmental development, just as he calls for more investment in irrigation and mechanisation.

Prof. Amba spoke to ATLTBU HERALD in his office. He disclosed that tree planting in an academic environment, especially within the Faculty of Agriculture and the hostels, ensures maximum utilization of available land, teaching, research equipment, and human resources.

"This is a strategic approach adopted by the Faculty to enhance production, research output, and internally generate revenue for the University," the Dean stated.

Prof. Amba further revealed that the faculty is in collaboration with the Centre for Entrepreneurship, ATBU, the Nigerian Air Force, and the International Institute of Tropical Agriculture, IITA.

He noted that the Head of Trainers of the tree planting, Mal.

Kamalu Abubakar, students, and other practitioners are working together to examine the importance of economic tree crops, cowpea production, and mechanized planting.

The Dean encouraged the University and other practitioners to adopt improved farming practices and participate in planting campaigns with seedlings. "Agriculture should be seen as a source of healthy living should be practiced everyday. Tree crops are resilient to drought and heat and have great potential for income generation," he advised.

According to him, the collaboration among agencies, farmers, and students is aimed at promoting sustainable agriculture, supporting young people interested in agribusiness, and making the faculty a conducive learning environment with an evergreen landscape that also supports the ecosystem.

Prof. Amba appealed to the University management to invest more in irrigation facilities and mechanized equipment to support planting machine, cowpea production and to ensure the sustainability of the tree planting initiative.

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laboratory and technical activities. Irregular electricity supply was identified as one of the major challenges affecting practical activities and the effective use of equipment. The need for a reliable alternative power source was therefore emphasised.

The lack of adequate secretariat support in some departments was also noted, as academic and technical staff often have to handle administrative duties alongside their primary responsibilities.

The assessment further revealed the need for regular maintenance and calibration of available equipment to ensure accuracy and reliability. The facility also requires additional equipment and facilities to meet relevant accreditation requirements and improve clinical and para-clinical services.

Transportation was also brought up particularly for academic, clinical, and practical activities. The provision of an

18-seater bus was suggested to ease transportation challenges. In addition, improved student access to the laboratory, under proper supervision, was recommended to enhance practical learning and research.

He commended the Management for improving the Faculty from where it was and hope they will do more to surpass it peers in other Universities.

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