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Kufena Mountain, Kaduna
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A MESSAGE FROM DR. AUWAL F. ABDUSSALAM

I welcome everyone to the June edition of our monthly bulletin. According to the academic calendar, the second semester starts officially on the 10th of June, 2019 for the undergraduate students. Let me use this opportunity to welcome everyone back and wish you the very best of the semester.

The 300 L students are out of the school for their Industrial Training (IT). I call on them to be good ambassadors of the department (and the school at large) at their various places of attachments. I encourage them also to use the opportunity to apply their knowledge of Geography and gain practical experience.

On a closing note, I am calling all on our staff and students to contribute to the development of this bulletin in terms of content and concepts.

Thank you.

DID YOU KNOW?

85% OF PLANT LIFE IS FOUND IN THE OCEAN

DID YOU KNOW?

MORE THAN 75% OF ALL COUNTRIES ARE NORTH OF THE EQUATOR
“Jalla! Babbar Hausa,
Gari ba Kano ba dajin Allah,
Yaro ko da me ka zo an fi ka!”
(Kano city’s old anthem, Hausa version)

Jalla! The greatest of the Hausa kingdoms,
Any city other than Kano is just a forest,
Boy, in Kano there’s always someone better than you!

GEO 334 – Field Studies in Geography is an academic exercise that consist of practical field work within Nigeria. It is mandatory course offered by 300L students of Geography Department designed to illustrate the application of theories, concepts and techniques of geographical analysis.

The choice of Kano metropolis by the amiable Head of Department, Dr. A.F. Abdussalam was inspired by its position as a commercial hub and cultural melting point in greater Sudan area, earning it the sobriquet of “Manchester of Africa” by the British Colonialists.

Its physical landform, landscape and natural environment presents a good opportunity for studies in the various fields of Geography.

The journey started at exactly 10:00am at the Department of Geography, Kaduna State University main campus with a hundred and forty-one (141) students and nine (9) members of staff.

The first stop was Tiga Dam, spanning across Tudun Wada and Rano Local Government Areas of Kano State. The fact that it is being expanded for Hydro-Electric Power production did not in any way diminish its potential for agriculture, fishing and tourism. The Kano Irrigation Project at Kura is the next, the rice paddy was a lovely site to behold, after which Hajiya Bashariya ‘spoiled’ the team with a sumptuous meal or rice and chicken, using Hafiz’s Constant of ¼ (refer to Mal. Hafiz for further explanation). Some locals seized the opportunity to entertain the team with some scintillating swimming skills, becoming celebrities.

An interesting turn was when Hajia Bashariya Baba and Mr. E.D. Monday discovered two young girls cycling from school. They told the team that their home is 30 minutes ride on their bicycles to school. The head of department was highly impressed by their resilience that he gave them a thousand Naira for "fuelling", as the party headed to next destination (Tamburawa Water Treatment Plant).
After a much deserved night rest, the team visited the Dawanau Cereal Market at Dawakin Tofa LGA, the acclaimed largest grains market in Africa. It was an eye opening experience discovering how valuable the sesame seed ("ridi") has become attracting foreign exchange. Next stop was the famous Dala Hill where we learned about the "Barbushe" (the local Chief Priest) and "Tsumburbura" (the Evil Spirit) myth. Then we proceeded to Kurmi Market, which is over 500 years old and Kofar Mata Dye-Pit before taking a rest at our serene camp in "Afforestation Control and Planning Unit", on Gwarzo road.

The "Kano-at-night" tour was the climax of the day, as it gave us the opportunity of seeing the old city's burgeoning night life and savouring Kano's variety of cuisine. Behold, KASU Geography students never given to "dulling" as they used the opportunity to snap "selfies" for posting on social media. Most of their posts the next morning were reading: 

"#Chilling_things_@_SAHAD_stores", even for those that only bought chewing gums and candies or nothing at all.

Final day for activities was Thursday, which was set for Industrial studies. This saw the team visiting MULTITAN Tanning industry in Challawa Industrial Layout. ‘Come see as "kponmo" just dey waste’ for fashion-sake. Worthy of commendation is the camaraderie that was evident among staff and students. Prof. Bala Dogo, Dr. A. Abdussalam, Dr. Y. Saleh, Dr. I.I. Abbas, Mr. E.D. Monday, Haj. Bashariyya Baba, Mr. Jonah Birga, Mal. Hafiz Garba and yours sincerely (my humble self) all took turns to impart knowledge on the students.

The entourage left for Kaduna on Friday after students had an examination and subsequently meeting the staff of Department of Geography, Bayero University – Kano. It was indeed a grand opening, grand closing!

Yakub Yunus Yakub,
Department of Geography,
Kaduna State University.
PEOPLE AND EVENTS

Field Trip to Kano: Emir’s Palace, Kano

A group picture of Staff and Students of Geography Department at the Emir’s Palace, Kano

Staff of Geography Department at the Emir’s Palace, Kano

Field Trip to Kano: Dala Hill, Kano

L-R: Mrs. B.B. Mustapha, Dr. A.F. Abdussalam and Mr. A. Garba while climbing the Dala Hill, Kano

A group picture of Staff and Students of Geography Department at the top of Dala Hill, Kano
Field Trip to Kano: Kadawa Irrigation Project

Dr. A.F. Abdussalam, Dr. I.I. Abbas and two female students who cycle 30 minutes to attend school at --- Village, Kano.

Mrs. B.B. Mustapha, Mr. A. Garba and Dr. I.I. Abbas at Tamburawa Water Treatment Plant, Kano

Field Trip to Kano: Multitan Challawa

A group picture of staff from Geography Department and staff of Multitan Tanning Industry, Challawa – Kano.

A group picture of staff from Geography Department and a staff of Multitan Tanning Industry, Challawa – Kano.
Field Trip to Kano: Bayero University, Kano

The HOD invigilating a section of the students during their examination.

A group picture of staff and students of Geography Department at Bayero University – Kano.

Visit to Yakub Yunus’ Family

Staff of Geography Department visited the family of Mr. Yakub Y. Yakub to congratulate them on their newborn.
GEOGRAPHICAL JOKE

Climate Change

Contributed by: Dr. AF Abdussalam

Environmental Conservation

Somewhere out there there is a tree, tirelessly producing oxygen so you can breathe.

I think you owe it an apology.

- House.
SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Dear all,

Here we inform you about the activities happening at the department, as well as provide you with up to date information about our staff and students.

- **FIELD STUDIES:** The 300 Level students’ Field Trip to Kano commenced on 17th June, 2019 and ended on the 21st June, 2019.

- **NEW BORN:** Mrs. Hannatu Abdullahi has been blessed with a baby boy. Mother and child are doing well.

- **NEW BORN:** The family of Mr. and Mrs. Yakubu Yunusa has also been blessed with a baby boy. Mother and child are doing well.

- **RESUMPTION:** Mrs. Joyce Jakada resumes from her maternity leave.

- **SPORTS:** The Departmental football team (Hurricane Boys) is taking part in the Maiden Edition of the KASU Students’ Super VI Football Competition.

- **BREAKFAST:** The Departmental monthly breakfast comes up on the 8th of July, 2019.

- **PRAYERS:** The university community continues to pray for Prof. A.A Adepetu (Baba) who has gone to United States for Medical Treatment. We pray for his quick recovery.

- **PRAYERS:** We pray for the speedy recovery of Mrs. B. Shehu and H. Abdullahi.

- **OBITUARY:** Dr. A.F. Abdussalam (Head of Department), Mr. A.N. Sankey and Mr. E.D. Monday are bereaved from the loss of their loved ones.