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Investiture ceremony...

### FUTB Welcomes Pioneer Chancellor His Imperial Majesty With Colorful Gala Night

#### *His Imperial Majesty Lands with 35 Strong Delegation*

The various programmes lined up for the investiture of Olowo of Owo and Paramount Ruler of Owo Land, His Imperial Majesty, Alayeluwa Oba (Dr) Ajibade Gbadegesin Ogunoye, as the pioneer Chancellor of Federal University of Technology (FUT) Babura Jigawa State, Nigeria, commenced on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2024 with a Gala Night organized in his honour. It was organized by the management of Federal University of Technology Babura under the leadership of its Vice Chancellor Prof. Sabo Ibrahim B/Kudu.

He arrived with a 35 strong delegation amongst whom were Prince Ajibola Seyi and Princess Adejumoke Abiola Ogunoye, as well as high chiefs, members of his Advisory Council and a retinue of courtiers, all intent on witnessing his investiture as the Pioneer Chancellor of FUT Babura. Amongst them were: Prof. Ogunbodede Eyitope former VC, OAU Ile Ife; Prof. Aje Isaac, Dean, FUT, Akure; Alh. Alli Ahmed, Director, FUT, Akure; Alhaji .Abaas Obayoriju Jimmy; and Princess Chief Dr. Folasade V. Ogunoye-Fabuluje.



*Part of the high table at the Gala Night: (Seated from left) A Guest; VC of Federal University of Dutse, Prof. Abdulkarim Sabo Muhammad The Olowo of Owo, His Imperial Majesty; VC FUT Babura, Prof. Sabo I. Birnin Kudu; and VC Baba Ahmed University Kano, Prof. Adamu Idris Tanko*

Earlier in the day, the principal officers of FUT Babura, led by Vice Chancellor Prof. Birnin Kudu received and welcomed the Pioneer Chancellor His Imperial Majesty Aleyeluwa, at the Malam Aminu Kano International Airport (MAKIA).



*The Royal Princesses: (1<sup>st</sup> left) Princess Adejumoke Abiola Ogunoye; one of the Chiefs and Princess Chief (Dr.) Valentine Folashade Ogunoye-Fabuluje (1<sup>st</sup> right) at the Gala Night*

The colourful Gala Night on Thursday evening took place at the Global Luxury Suites (Swimming Pool Side), Hadeja Road in Bompai, Kano. All the FUT Babura principal Officers and some staff were in attendance.

Highlights of the occasion was the Buffet Dinner and Cultural Displays by the famed Koroso Dance Troupe (Kano State History and Culture Bureau) and the Yoruba Troupe from Bayero University Kano, Department of Theatre and Performing Arts. It was rounded up with the presentation of a special gift by the University to the Pioneer Chancellor, in form of a carpet specially embroidered with the seal of His Majesty and the Owo Kingdom.



*The highly acclaimed Koroso Cultural Troupe thrilled His Majesty at the occasion*

In his response to the Vice Chancellor's warm welcome remarks, His Majesty expressed his happiness at the hospitality shown to him and his delegation. The Oba was delighted with the rich cultural show – which showed a rich mix of cultures from two centres of culture in the north and south – Kano and Owo. He challenged the academia to look deeply into the meeting point of science and culture for the benefit of the nation. His Imperial Majesty Aleyeluwa said his hosts, “the people of the north are people of culture, discipline, perseverance who desire the development of Nigeria”. The Olowo

Concluded that the mix of the people of Nigeria, through “understanding, cooperation and mix of ideas in nation building” would take Nigeria into the great comity of nations.

Other principal officers at the Gala Night included: the Deputy Vice Chancellor, Prof. Bala Sidi Aliyu; the Registrar, Fatima Binta Mohammed *mni*; the Bursar, Malam Ibrahim Alhassan; and the University Librarian, Dr. Atiku Abashe Maidabino; as well as some Deans and Directors.

Some of the most prominent Chiefs in attendance from the Oba's delegation were: Chief Ajana Olawande Gbenga, Ch. Afolabi Jamiu Ekungba, Ch. Osuporu Olaniran Adewole, Ch. Aderibigbe Tajudeen Nene; Ch. Usikaye; Ch. Oludasa; Ch. Ogunoye Samuel Adebo; Ch. Ademola Adetula, Ch. Dr. Folasade V. Ogunoye Fabuluje and Ch. Bolanle Toyin Hellen.



*The FUTB Vice Chancellor Prof. Sabo Ibrahim Birnin Kudu presents a gift of a carpet, specially embroidered with the Royal seal of the Owo Kingdom, to Kabiyesi, to commemorate his investiture as the Pioneer Chancellor of FUT Babura; Kneeling is Prince Adebimpe Adeoye Ogunoye, bearer of the Oba's staff of office called "Ada"*

## Olowo of Owo Historic Courtesy Visit to Kano Emirate

### ...EMIR OF KANO ASSURED TOTAL COMMITMENT AND SUPPORT TO FUTB

In the first of several diplomatic handshakes across the River Niger, the Pioneer Chancellor of Federal University of Technology (FUT) Babura, His Imperial Majesty Aleyeluwa, Oba (Dr) Ajibade Gbadegesin Ogunoye III was warmly received at the Palace of the Sarkin Kano, Alhaji Aminu Ado Bayero CFR, on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May, 2024.

In his remarks, the Olowo, Oba Ajibade Gbadegesin Ogunoye III, thanked His Highness the Emir of Kano, for his hospitality and deeming it fit to receive him. He added that, it became imperative

as a Chancellor of FUT Babura, located in northwest Nigeria, to acquaint himself with Kano as a mother state and seek for support, to jointly nurture and synergise to make sure the university attained the desired height. The pioneer Chancellor assured of his readiness to work with resilience towards the development of the young university.

His Highness the Emir of Kano. Aminu Ado Bayero CFR gave thanks to Allah for receiving his brother His Imperial Majesty the Olowo of Owo Kingdom, praying that the visit will further promote good

relations between the people of Owo and the people of Kano. He also congratulate him for his well-deserved appointment as Chancellor of FUT Babura

His Highness would have wished that his His Imperial Majesty has been appointed Chancellor of a University in Kano but is consoled that Jigawa and Kano are the same. His Highness is assured His Imperial Majesty will promote the progress and development of FUTB. The Emir also congratulated the management of FUTB for having a person of His Imperial Majesty's quality as leader. The Emir assured the Chancellor that the University Management is equally led by high calibre of management staff, imbued with resilience, perseverance and hardworking, "who knows themselves and who will rise to any challenge."

Emir Ado Bayero disclosed that among the Management staff, the Registrar was his undergraduate school mate; at that time she was reputed to be highly dedicated, hardworking and intelligent. His Highness assured that the rest of the team are made of the same stuff thus the progress of the university is assured, God-Willing. Turning to the Management, His Highness prayed for their success and advised them to join hands with the Chancellor to ensure that all contributions are positively for the development and progress of the University.



*(From right) The Princess, Chief (Dr.) Folashade Valentine Ogunoye-Fabuluje ; Registrar, Fatima Binta Mohammed mni; the VC Prof. Sabo Ibrahim Birnin Kudu; His Highness Emir of Kano, Alhaji Aminu Ado Bayero and His Imperial Majesty, Oba Ajibade Gbadesin Ogunoye III*

His Highness further assured to his Majesty that this palace is open for the Olowo and even his emissary will be received with full protocols; and His Highness looks forward to visiting Owo kingdom at a time most suitable to the Ondo Monarch. He finally wished both His Imperial Majesty and the entire management of FUTB successful tenures. The Emir expressed delight at being given a symbolic sword, as gift called "Agada" meaning "The Unconquered" by the visiting Oba. The Sword was presented to the Emir by the trio, VC FUTB Prof. Birnin Kudu; Prof. Aje Isaac, Dean, FUT, Akure and Prof. Ogunbodede Eyitope former VC OAU, Ile Ife

## *Jigawa State Governor Pledges Administration's Unalloyed Support to FUTB*

His Imperial Majesty Olowo of Owo and paramount Ruler of Owo Land, continued his visit on 3rd of May 2024 to Jigawa State, in preparation for his investiture as Chancellor Federal University of Technology Babura Jigawa State with a courtesy visit to the Governor of Jigawa State, Mallam Umar Namadi at the State House, Dutse

The Governor who was unavoidably absent during the visit because he was bereaved, and was represented by the State Head of Service, Alhaji Muhammad Dagacheri with scores of top government functionaries

In his speech, His Majesty thanked the governor for receiving him saying, the courtesy call became imperative because, as a Chancellor of a Federal

Institution located in the state, he needed to acquaint himself with the State Government and seek for support so as to jointly nurture the University attain the desired heights. He presented a symbolic sword, as gift called "Agada", to the Governor.



*Opening prayers at the commencement of the courtesy call on Governor of Jigawa State, represented by the Head of Service, Alhaji Muhammad Dagacheri*

Responding, the Governor congratulated His Majesty on His appointment as a Pioneer Chancellor of the young University.

The Governor, who described Alayeluwa as “one of us” because he served in the State as Youth Corp Member and now a Chancellor of a University in the State, pledged his administration’s unalloyed support and cooperation in his (His Majesty’s) quest to advance institution forward.

## *Emir of Dutse Commends Oba’s Entourage*

His Imperial Majesty Alayeluwa Oba Oba (Dr) Ajibade Gbadesin Ogunoye III also met the Emir of Dutse and members of the Dutse Emirate Council at the hilltop Dutse Palace, after which both the monarchs drove to Babura for the investiture ceremony.

His Highness the Emir of Dutse, Alhaji Hameem Nuhu Sunusi CFR welcomed his Imperial Majesty and his large entourage.

His Highness expressed his excitement that His Imperial Majesty was the one appointed as Pioneer Chancellor of Federal University of Technology Babura. The Emir, Alhaji Hameem Sunusi confessed that having seen lots of entourage of kings from the South West but has never seen an entourage as rich as that of His Majesty.

His Highness identified the diverse and rich cultures of the people of Nigeria as an untapped tourism potential. In his response, The Olowo of Owo agreed that given our fascinating cultures, it is time more appreciation is given to mining culture for its values, aesthetics and even economic potentials. He also presented a symbolic sword, as gift called “Agada”, to the Emir.



*His Imperial Majesty and members of his entourage with His Highness, the Emir of Dutse, Alhaji Hameem Nuhu Sunusi CFR and Principal Officers of FUT Babura*

## EMIR OF RINGIM ADVISES PIONEER FUTB CHANCELLOR

... Oldest northern Emir shares experience of 20 yrs as Chancellor Delta State Univ., Abraka

The oldest living first class Emir in the 19 Northern states, a scion of Bayero royal blood in Kano, His Highness, the Emir of Ringim, Alhaji (Dr.) Sayyadi Abubakar Mahmoud con also received his Imperial Majesty, at his palace, on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May, 2024. Adorned with the academic regalia as Chancellor of the Delta State University, Abraka, Delta State, complete with cap, for the past 20 years, the Emir’s distinguished service record to humanitarian causes was recited along with awards showered on his all over the world, especially on his work on Cooperatives. The Emir through his spokesman, Dr. Abbas extolled the virtue of nurturing universities by serving as Chancellor, whose best practices he urged the Olowo of Owo to emulate and uphold.

In his response, His Imperial Majesty Alayeluwa Oba Oba (Dr) Ajibade Gbadesin Ogunoye III expressed joy at the opportunity to drink from the fount of the elder Emir, during the courtesy call. He repeated his call on Nigerians to give culture its due in the scheme of things and uphold the high principles which our history, culture and traditional institutions teach, so as to navigate better in the modern world. He also presented a symbolic sword, as gift called “Agada”, to the Emir.

The Emir honoured his guest by taking a ride with him through Ringim town in his long limousine.

His Imperial Majesty returned to Kano Saturday night and flew back to Owo the following day Sunday. Ambassadors Club, Owo and Diaspora, was at hand to welcome His Imperial Majesty Alayeluwa Oba (Dr) Ajibade Gbadegesin Ogunoye III, home, to the magnificent ancient Palace of Owo Kingdom from Jigawa State.



*His Highness the Emir takes His Majesty for a ride in his limousine into Ringim town*



*His Highness, the Emir of Ringim, Alhaji (Dr.) Sayyadi Abubakar Mahmoud CON (1<sup>st</sup> right) and his Imperial Majesty Alayeluwa Oba (Dr) Ajibade Gbadegesin Ogunoye III*

## VC Asks 550 Fresh Matriculants to Abide By Rules and Regulations

Five hundred and fifty students, the second intake of the Federal University of technology Babura, for the 2023/2024 session have taken the oath of matriculation and have been strongly advised to “always abide by the rules and regulations governing” student life and related activities.



*The Vice Chancellor delivers his address to bring to an end the Matriculation Ceremony*

The Vice Chancellor, Prof. Sabo Ibrahim Birnin Kudu gave the advice on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May, 2024, at the Matriculation Ground of the Permanent Site of the University along Kano Road, during the combined ceremonies of matriculation and investiture of the pioneer Chancellor.

Speaking shortly after the Registrar Fatima Binta Mohammed *mni*, had administered the oath to the students, Prof. Birnin Kudu explained that the 550 students are from two schools and eight departments; and that 150 are in the School of Engineering & Technology and 400 in the School of Science, Information & Communication Technology; but if segregated by gender, 36 are females and 514 males.

“Let me advise you to strive to uphold the oath of matriculation administered to you during this formal ceremony,” the VC told the excited students, before adding “familiarize yourselves with the fundamental principles, core values and culture of excellence of our Great University, especially as articulated in the **Students’ Handbook**, which should be your constant companion for reference.”

“Your parents expect you to work hard on your academic studies by prompt attendance to lectures, diligently carrying out practicals, group work and assignments or field work.

“You must therefore avoid all distractions especially social media and anti-social behavior; while upholding good conduct throughout your years of studies” he added.

Speaking further, Prof. Birnin Kudu admitted that the young institution is “still grappling with teething problems of easing the transportation challenges of our staff and students between the two campuses and Babura town”.

“Our doors remain open for our elected representatives, private philanthropists and corporate organizations as part of their Corporate Social responsibility to assist us with busses, boreholes, buildings, roads, workshop equipment and other needs, as much as their financial ability”, he appealed.

“We therefore urge all our stakeholders and agencies assisting us to continue with their support until we have the basic minimum and the most conducive atmosphere for teaching, learning and research”, he concluded.

Turning to benefactors, the Vice Chancellor said: “we wish to also extend our gratitude to the Federal Government agencies, intervention agencies, most especially TETFund for their support; Distinguished members of the National Assembly who always support our cases of critical infrastructure needs; the Jigawa State Government, our host, for supporting our take-off and providing

## Pioneer Chancellor FUT Babura Lauds FG for Visionary Student Loan Scheme

The Pioneer Chancellor of the Federal University of Technology, Babura, his Imperial Majesty, Alayeluwa, Oba Ajibade Gbadegesin Ogunoye III, the Olowo of Owo Kingdom has praised the Federal Government of Nigeria for its visionary introduction of the Student Loan Scheme.

Speaking shortly after his Investiture on Saturday, 4<sup>th</sup> May 2024, the Chancellor noted that “this landmark initiative, signed into law by President Bola Tinubu on April 3, 2024, seeks to guarantee sustainable higher education and functional skill development for all Nigerian students and youths. It is a reflection of the Federal Government's commitment to ensuring equitable access to higher education. As a university, we pledge our support in disseminating information about this scheme and assisting our students in availing themselves of this opportunity.”



*The Representative of the Visitor Hajiya Rakiya Gambo Iliyasu, Director Tertiary Education, Federal Ministry of Education and the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Birnin Kudu assist the Chancellor with his official regalia and robe*

us with municipal services; and the good people of Babura Local Government who have graciously extended their hospitality to our staff and students. We remain grateful to you all.”



*Some of the Matriculating students seated at the Matriculating Ground, Permanent Campus, Kano Road.*

Speaking on the investiture itself, the Olowo said, “I am humbled by the trust bestowed upon me and I accept this honor not just as a personal accolade, but as a call to service for the advancement of our nation's education.” Further expressing his “immense happiness and enormous appreciation to the Visitor...for finding me worthy to be entrusted with the responsibility of pioneer Chancellor of this young but promising University of Technology.”

The Chancellor described education as “the most powerful weapon which we can use to change the world. In this spirit, this university will not only be a place of learning but also a space where character is built, where the leaders of tomorrow are nurtured, and where solutions to our nation's challenges are birthed. As the Olowo of Owo, I have always championed the cause of education and cultural enlightenment. I believe that our traditions and values should walk hand-in-hand with modern education. This synergy is what will make our graduates not just academically sound but also culturally rich and ethically upright citizens. Our ancestors passed down wisdom, and now we stand at the crossroads of ancient wisdom and technological advancement. As Chancellor, I pledge to honour our heritage while embracing the future. Let us celebrate both the wisdom of our forebears and the promise of scientific discovery.”

His Imperial Majesty see FUTB as representing “the convergence of knowledge, innovation, and progress... a beacon of innovation and academic excellence, focused on building a future that is empowered by knowledge, driven by technology, and guided by the values of integrity and hard work.” “The goal of the University”, he added, “is not simply to replicate existing models, but to forge a dynamic institution that fosters technological advancement and ignites the innovative spirit within our students.”

Turning to the students, the Royal Father urged them “to take advantage of the opportunities that this university offers. Dream big, work hard, and always aim to exceed the expectations set before you. You are the heartbeat of this institution and your dreams and aspirations fuel the vision, mission and purpose of the university.” “As Chancellor,” he added, “I implore you to seek knowledge relentlessly, question boldly, and let curiosity be your compass. Remember that education is not confined to textbooks; it is a lifelong journey of growth and enlightenment.”

## “Live Up to the Dream of Your Fathers, Your Community and Your nation”

### - *President charges present and future students of FUTB*

The Visitor, His Excellency, President Ahmed Bola Tinubu, **GCFR**, has called on present and future students of FUT Babura “to work hard and live up to the dream of your fathers, your community and your nation.” Speaking through Hajiya Rakiya Gambo Iliyasu, Director Tertiary Education, Federal Ministry of Education, the President gave the charge during the combined investiture ceremony of the pioneer Chancellor and the matriculation of the 2<sup>nd</sup> set of students intake, into the 2023/2024 session. The colourful ceremony took place at the School of Science, Information & Communication Technology, Permanent Campus, Kano Road, Babura on Saturday, 4<sup>th</sup> May, 2024.

The President said the nation has done its duty by exposing the students “to a unique opportunity for self-development, professional training and a skilled future career”. While calling on them to “reciprocate by excelling in your studies and future careers”, he reminds the students that, “the nation expects you to contribute positively to the application of science and technology to solve societal problems as they arise. This will give our



*The Representative of the Visitor Hajiya Rakiya Gambo Iliyasu, pronouncing His Imperial Majesty as the Pioneer Chancellor of the Federal University of Technology, Babura*

The Chancellor advised them further as “someone who had undergone legal education, with the wisdom of an elder and the experiences of a lifetime, that staying within the confines of the law is the best option for success in life.” “As a father,” he finally admonished them, “I urge you to avoid any distraction from your studies and report any suspicious activity that is in breach of the laws and regulations, to the nearest authority.”

people and nation a better life and prosperous future, respectively.”

Beyond achieving their minimum goals, the Visitor believes the students “could achieve more and create world records like hundreds of Nigerians before you.” “Humanity is today benefitting from such Nigerians”, he explained, “working in the cutting edge of breakthroughs in medicine, computing, agriculture and numerous fields of human endeavours.”

Turning to the newly invested Chancellor, the President said, “the Federal Government has full confidence in the immeasurable benefits Kabiyesi would bring to bear on this call to national duty. I would therefore like to once again congratulate His Imperial Majesty for answering this call to national duty and urge all stakeholders to join hands with him in achieving the goals of the university.”

On the various challenges faced by the young institution, the Visitor said, “the Federal Government on its part, along with its agencies, are leaving no stone unturned to, within the challenges

of the times, give as much support as they can to all young tertiary institutions to enable them take root and have a sound foundation as they grow.”



*The Representative of the Visitor Hajiya Rakiya Gambo Iliyasu delivering the address of the President of the Federal Republic*



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