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2nd November, 2022

The Ag. Registrar and Secretary to the Council,
Fountain University, Osogbo
Oke-Osun, PM.B.4491, Osogbo, Osun State,
Nigeria.

Dear Sir,

Referee Report in Support of Professor Yahya Oyewole Imam's Application for the Position of Vice Chancellor

I have known Prof. Yahya Oyewole Imam for more than three decades. First, as a colleague in the University of Maiduguri, Maiduguri where he creditably served in various capacities before transferring his service to the University of Ilorin, Ilorin in 2012 and now as a Professor on Sabbatical at the Department of Islamic Studies, Borno State University (BOSU), Maiduguri where I am the Vice-Chancellor.

On assumption of duty in August, 2021, Prof Yahya submitted a proposal to the University Management on modalities to take BOSU to greater heights. After studying the proposal, the Management accepted it and established Centre for Research and Development (CRD) with him being appointed as the Director. On expiration of his Sabbatical in August, 2022 the Management decided to extend the Sabbatical for another six months so that a solid foundation will be laid for the Centre.

Since his appointment as Director, CRD, Prof. Imam has been hitting the ground running through initiation and execution of activities that have been building research culture in BOSU and increasing the University's visibility locally, nationally and internationally. A few cases will be cited.

From 23rd -25th August, 2022, CRD under Professor Imam organized a Grantsmanship Workshop for early and mid-career academics. Facilitators were drawn within and outside BOSU. The Workshop was not only successful but also provided participants with skills to writing award winning proposals. I am delighted to state that one of the participants at the workshop responded to a call from United Arab Emirates (UAE) and was successful.



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On the 19th of September, 2022, Prof. Yahya also attracted Dr. Sharon Flynn, Project Manager, Enhancing Digital Teaching and Learning Irish Universities Association to give a virtual Guest Lecture entitled “Basics of Digital Teaching and Learning: A Perspective from Ireland ” . The Lecture was well attended by participants from different parts of the Globe.

Arising from the success of the Lecture, the University Management conferred Ambassador of Borno State University on the presenter. It is hoped that the conferment will be a good beginning of collaboration between BOSU and Irish Universities in staff and students exchange.

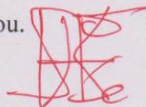
CRD under Prof. Yahya Oyewole also initiated and produced a Research Policy for the University.

While I am not surprised that these modest achievements were made within this short period of his appointment because of his antecedents at the University of Maiduguri, I am very hopeful that giving him opportunity to serve as a Vice- Chancellor of Fountain University, Osogbo he will take the University to greater heights.

Prof. Imam is a team player and goal getter. He is honest, humble and diligent.

In view of these sterling qualities, I strongly recommend that Prof. Yahya Oyewole Imam be appointed as the next Vice- Chancellor of Fountain University, Osogbo.

Thank you.



Prof. U.K. Sandabe.
Vice-Chancellor.