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"OLOYEDE IS A PRIDE TO EDUCATION" - NASS ... tells him not to rest on his oars



Hon. Aminu Suleiman, Chairman, House Committee on Tertiary Education and Services (6th from right) and Prof. Is-haq Oloyede Registrar JAMB (5th from right) in a group photograph with members of the Committee, Management of JAMB and staff of NASS.

Impressed with the performance of the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB) shortly after its routine oversight function, the members of the House Committee on Tertiary Education and Services heaped praises on the Prof. Oloyede-led management of the Board.

The committee members, who were visibly elated with the prudent management of human and material resources of the Board coupled with innovative use of technology and observance of laid-down rules and

regulations in line with extant laws and the template provided by the committee, stated that the Registrar was an asset to the nation and the education sector in particular.

The Chairman of the Committee, Hon. Aminu Suleiman, gave the commendation on Wednesday, 6th October, 2021, when members paid an oversight visit to the JAMB National Headquarters, Bwari, Abuja. The visit was aimed at discharging the critical responsibility vested on them in the Constitution to ensure that public funds are

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"GO OUT AND GET VACCINATED" - SGF

"we have enough vaccines, and we are expecting more"

The Secretary to Government of the Federation, Mr Boss Mustapha, who is also the Chairman of the Presidential Task Force on COVID-19, has urged all eligible persons to go out and get vaccinated against COVID-19 saying, "On the part of the Federal Government, I want to assure Nigerians that we have enough vaccines, and we are expecting more."

He said this while delivering his keynote address at the 5th Annual Conference of the Guild of Corporate Online Publishers (GOCOP) held on Thursday, October 7, at

Sheraton Hotel, Ikeja, Lagos.

The SGF thanked GOCOP for exhibiting maturity, patriotism, and professionalism in the reporting of matters relating to the pandemic while acknowledging the role of the media in the fight against the pandemic saying, "Your constructive criticisms, prompt reports of the activities of the PTF and your concerted public enlightenment helped in no small measure to douse the negative impacts of conspiracy theories, fake news and vaccine hesitation."

Speaking on the topic: "COVID-19

Pandemic: Recovery and Reconstruction in Nigeria," the Chairman, PTF, who was represented by the Executive Director/CEO of the National Primary Health Care Development Agency (NPHCDA) disclosed that the war on COVID-19 is not over. He said the next battle is fighting the misinformation and disinformation about vaccines that has led to vaccine hesitancy. He said, "We are making progress, but we need to win this argument with facts and figures, for us to fully pull ourselves out of the socio-economic constraints imposed by the

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...“Oloyede is a Pride to Education” -NASS

properly managed and public officers perform the role they were appointed to undertake.

Fielding questions from newsmen shortly after the visit, Hon. Suleiman said this of the Registrar: “You are a pride to this nation and the education sector in particular. We would continue to encourage public officers like you who have kept faith in their oath of office. The confidence we have in you has been justified and we urge you to continue the good work as we will also give you all the support that you need.”

“This Committee is absolutely satisfied with the services that are being provided by JAMB under the leadership of Prof. Is-haq Oloyede. I urge the management and staff of the Board to sustain the prudent, honest and transparent manner they have been managing the resources placed in their care.”

Continuing, he said, “This Committee does not shy away from its responsibilities and, as such, say things the way they are. This visit is to establish the true position of things in the Board and I am glad to say that we are more than impressed by all that we have seen on this oversight visit. If it were to the contrary, definitely, we wouldn’t have shied away from pointing it out. But we must say it as it is and commend Prof. Oloyede for his prudence in his management of public resources. We have found a classical example that Nigerians can learn from. However, this is not to say that he should rest on his oars, rather he should continue to strive and the committee, on its part, would do all within its power to render necessary support.”

Speaking on the issue of examination malpractice which had seemed intractable, Hon. Suleiman said, “We are

on the same page with JAMB and the Federal Ministry of Education on their determination to stamp out this menace in our education system so that the nation could achieve her developmental aspirations and the integrity of our educational system would not be in doubt.”

The Chairman said that the Committee was visiting the Board as part of its annual oversight visit to all education agencies in the country. He pointed out that the Committee was unable to conduct that of 2020 owing to the COVID-19 pandemic. He expressed satisfaction with the responses provided by the Registrar and top functionaries of the Board. He disclosed that the visit had provided the Committee with a platform to interact with the Board, exchange ideas, as well as assess its challenges to give support wherever they can.

Earlier, the Registrar, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, made a presentation in line with the Committee’s template sent to the Board to cover 2019 to 2021 financial years in terms of recurrent expenditure, recruitment, assessment of projects (ongoing and completed), revenue and utilisation, capital projects, remittances, among others.

Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, while thanking the Committee for its support to the Board, said the visit was timely as it would be an impetus to the Management of the Board to do more.

Furthermore, the Registrar briefed the august visitors on the necessity of acquiring a befitting corporate headquarters in the city centre by the Board. That, according to him, would enable the Board to have unlimited access to infrastructure which is needed for effective discharge of routine

activities of the Board. He lamented that the offices of the Board are currently located in three different areas within Bwari and that this is hampering its efforts not only to accommodate all its staff but also brought about the disruption of services.

Similarly, the Registrar intimated to the Committee that there were issues of frequent disruption of its signals owing to the damage to its underground cable network occasioned by the many construction works in the area.

He, however, stated that plans are at an advanced stage to secure a more befitting corporate headquarters for the Board as soon as possible. He said when that is done its present Headquarters would be turned into a mega CBT centre to serve candidates in the FCT and its environs.

In another vein, Prof. Oloyede decried the alarming rise in cases of examination malpractice, stating that parents and even elites in the society are actively involved in the practices. He, however, announced that with the introduction of the National Identification Number (NIN) in the 2021 Unified Tertiary Matriculation Examination registration process, the Board has been able to reduce the incidence of infractions drastically especially as it concerns impersonation. He added that the Federal Ministry of Education has put in place some measures to further consolidate on efforts to stem examination infractions while also soliciting the support of the Committee to ensure that the plans have the full backing of the law and ensure complete success in the fight against the scourge.

ESCAT MATRICULATES 91 CANDIDATES

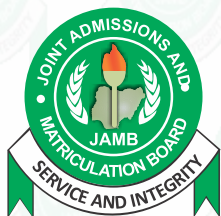
Ekiti State College of Agriculture and Technology, Isan-Ekiti, has matriculated no fewer than 91 candidates in its maiden matriculation ceremony for the 2020/2021 Academic Session.

Declaring the ceremony open on Tuesday, 5th October, 2021, the Rector, Prof. Johnson Kayode Adesodun, advised the newly-matriculated students to be good ambassadors of the institution.

Similarly, the Rector expressed appreciation to the Registrar, Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB), Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, management and staff of the Board for their immense contributions towards the smooth take-off of the institution.

Delivering the Board’s goodwill message, the State Coordinator, Mr Hakeem AbdulHameed, congratulated the students and reiterated the Board’s

position vis-a-vis admission into tertiary institutions. He informed the institution that all admissions into its programmes must be done through the Board’s Central Admissions Processing System (CAPS) as an admission done via other means and platform would be null and void. He admonished the students to be of good conduct and give high priority to their academic pursuits.



JOINT ADMISSIONS AND MATRICULATION BOARD

REPORT OF INFLOW AND OUTFLOW FOR THE PERIOD OCTOBER 2 - OCTOBER 8, 2021

FINANCIAL INFLOW

S/N	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT(N)
1	E-facilities/Sales	140,928,936.00
2	PRC Service Charge	1,909,675.00
3	2021 Late Registration	508,339.00
4	Consultancy Services	28,720,164.00
	TOTAL	172,067,114.00

FINANCIAL OUTFLOW

S/N	DESCRIPTION	PURPOSE OF PAYMENT	AMOUNT(N)
1	Staff Claims	Various	56,812,413.19
2	Supervision of Examination	Third Party	10,502,520.00
3	Federal Inland Revenue Service	Taxes	86,531,367.45
4	Zagadco Global Investment Ltd	Supply of Computer Consumables	40,626,319.50
5	Skyrule Travels Ltd	Flight Tickets	2,294,900.00
6	Bwari Kichen Nigeria Ltd	Refresment and Meals	803,058.75
7	Outsourced Service	Agency Service	19,015,000.00
8	ABDULGANIYU Bello Enterprise	Maitenance of Motor Vehicle	99,500.00
9	Tomeh Travels and Tours Ltd	Flight Tickets	1,963,195.00
10	Remita	Financial charges	34,808.50
	TOTAL		218,683,082.39

JAMB CELEBRATES STAFF BORN OCTOBER 11TH – OCTOBER 17TH

Happy Birthday

11TH OCTOBER

Oluwayemisi Abimbola Otumor
Adepemi Adepeju Elutilo
Shukurat Bolanle Eleja

12TH OCTOBER

Mohammed Babanma Abubakar
Olaide Omowunmi Olatunde
Abbas Bello Nuhu
Comfort Etta Okoi
Abba Mustapha Grema

13TH OCTOBER

Cyril Chukwuemeka Mozie
Theresa Tersoo Chile
Abdulwakil Abdulkarim

Lateefat Olajumoke Atanda
Sarah Waje
Harriet Ibebieru Osuari

14TH OCTOBER

Charles Akujobi Egere
Hauwa Ibrahim
Peter Onyeke Akogwu

15TH OCTOBER

Adekunle Akindele Makinde
Womotimi Grace Ohemu
Ethel Chibuzor Ugwueze
Stella Nkiru Chinedu
Jumai Grace Isaac

Abiola Temitope Iyilade
Esther Simeon Umoh
Sanusi Muhammad Gummi
Jamila Karmu

16TH OCTOBER

Bilkisu Musa Buba
Uzoma Ifeanyichukwu Onuoha

17TH OCTOBER

Wuraola Mujidat Ambali





EDUCATION IN THE MEDIA

DAILY SUN, TUESDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2021- [Greensprings Student Tops in SAT, Earns Recognition from America's College Board](#): For scoring 720/800 in the English Language papers and emerging in the 90th percentile of this year's SAT exam, Toluwalope Semowo of Greensprings School has been declared a winner in the National African American Recognition Programme.

This announcement was made by the College Board, the organisation that administers standardised entrance exams into colleges and universities in the US. He stated that the administrative style of the school contributed to her success and emergence as one of the top scorers in all the SAT papers.

The College Board functions as the Joint Admissions and Matriculations Board (JAMB) for colleges and universities in the United States of America. The National African American Recognition Programme was designed to honour talented African Americans who perform exceptionally in SAT or AP exams. Recipients of this award are eligible for admission on scholarships from top American colleges and universities.

NATION, WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2021- [FG Approves Stipends for Education Students in Public Tertiary Institutions](#): The Federal Government has approved the sum of N75,000 as a stipend per semester for students undergoing degree programmes in Education in public universities in Nigeria.

Also, the Nigeria Certificate in Education students will get N50,000 as a stipend per semester as part of the deliberate effort of the government to attract the best brains into the teaching profession as promised by President, Muhammadu Buhari last year.

Minister of Education, Mal. Adamu Adamu, who announced this on Tuesday, at the World Teachers' Day celebration,

said his ministry would collaborate with the state governments to ensure automatic employment for the students on graduation.

TRIBUNE, THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2021- [UNILORIN Inducts 33 Vet Doctors](#): The Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, University of Ilorin, Kwara State, has inducted a total number of 33 young veterinary doctors into veterinary medicine practice. Speaking during the third induction/oath-taking ceremony of the young vets in Ilorin, the president, Veterinary Council of Nigeria (VCN), Assistant Inspector General (AIG) Aishatu Abubakar Baju, said that the veterinary medicine practice provides immense employment opportunities that cut across different federal and state government agencies, organizations as well as private practice.

The VCN president said the council would protect the interests of the young graduates. He also said, "The council is working on policies as well as collaborating with governmental and non-governmental agencies towards providing employment and other necessities for young Vets either in public or private sectors of the economy."

In his speech, the Dean, Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, University of Ilorin, Professor Moshood Raji, reminded the young Vets never to stop learning and never to forget that veterinary medicine is an art practised by doctors of veterinary medicine.

NEWS AGENCY OF NIGERIA, THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2021- [New Salary Structure for Nigerian Teachers to Begin in January](#): The Minister of State for Education, Dr Chukwuemeka Nwajiuba, has said that Nigerian teachers will begin to enjoy the new salary structure promised by President Muhammadu Buhari from January 2022. Dr Nwajiuba disclosed on

Thursday, in Abuja at a symposium organized by the Ministry of Education.

The symposium is part of activities to mark the 2021 World Teachers Day with the theme: "Teachers at the Heart of Education Recovery."

He further disclosed that work was also being concluded on other incentives promised by the president during the 2020 World Teachers' Day.

He stressed that the other incentives ranged from allowances, housing, training, to elongated service year from 35 to 40.

"The President has approved the enhanced salary structure and we will finish it very soon." The President specifically approved that it should take effect from 2022.

PUNCH, THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2021- [We Don't Determine Cut-Off Marks, JAMB Replies El-Rufai](#): The Joint

Admissions and Matriculation Board has absolved self of blame over a statement credited to the Kaduna State Governor, Mal. Nasir El-Rufai, accusing the board of lowering the standard of admissions to tertiary institutions in the northern part of the country.

Gov. El-Rufai had, in an interview with Channels Television, accused the examination body of repeatedly lowering the cut-off marks for admissions into tertiary institutions for northern candidates. The governor had said the situation led to poor educational development in the region.

But JAMB, in its weekly bulletin said critics, including the governor, were misconstruing admission policy.

The Board said, "The fact is that it is the proprietor of each institution in Nigeria that determines the criteria for admission into their respective institutions subject to the law, policies of the government and international treaties to which Nigeria subscribes.

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"Moreover, educationally-less developed states are neither determined by JAMB nor limited to the states in the northern part of Nigeria. No admission policy in Nigeria lowers the international stipulated tertiary education admission criteria for candidates from any part of Nigeria."

DAILY TRUST, THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2021- NSSEC to Sanction Private Schools Operating Below Standard:

The Executive Secretary of the National Senior Secondary Education Commission (NSSEC), Dr Benjamin Abakpa, has disclosed that the commission would look into private schools' admission policies and the procedures of their operations.

He also said the commission would sanction any school operating below standard. He said the exercise would be carried out with support from the states. He added that the commission has the task of prescribing the minimum standard for senior secondary education and the responsibility of intervening in key areas in the states, which would come after proper need assessments to have a real database for secondary education in the country.

While noting that the commission would not shoulder the responsibility of states, he said, "We are only going to support the states in critical areas given to us by their state plan for education and also based on our needs assessment."

DAILY TRUST, THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2021- Togolese Varsity Honours ABU Ex-Scribe, Misau, with Doctorate:

The Liberal Bilingual University, Republic of Togo, in collaboration with the Institute for Commerce Research Enterprises Development (ICRED), has conferred a professional doctorate on a former Academic Secretary of Ahmadu Bello University (ABU), Zaria, Alhaji Aliyu Umar Misau, who is also a retired judge, for his promotion of academic excellence and humanitarian services across Africa.

The Registrar/Secretary of Governing Council of the university, Dr Ahmed Abdullateef Tayo, during the award ceremony held in Abuja recently, said the varsity council said his nomination for the award of Professional Doctorate Degree

in Commerce and Enterprises Development for the year 2021 is premised on his support and promotion of academic excellence, outstanding achievements, innovative programmes, implementation skills and humanitarian services across Africa.

He said, "The award is designed to recognize and to reward your effort as Ambassador for peace (APCR), which characterises your experience as a traditional title holder and a magistrate that discharges judgment without fear or favour and Senior Research Fellow of the Institute for commerce research and enterprises development because, without peacebuilding, there will be no transformative approach to economic development."

DAILY TRUST, FRIDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2021- Ex-BUK Lecturer, Gurnah Wins Nobel

Prize for Literature: Tanzanian-born novelist, Abdulrazak Gurnah has won the 2021 Nobel Literature Prize, the Swedish Academy said.

Gurnah, whose work touches on colonialism and refugee life, lectured at the Bayero University, Kano in Nigeria from 1980 to 1982.

He is best known for his 1994 novel "Paradise", set in colonial East Africa during the First World War, which was shortlisted for the Booker Prize for Fiction.

The Nobel Prize comes with a medal and a prize sum of 10 million Swedish kronor (about 980,000 euros, \$1.1 million). He was honoured "for his uncompromising and compassionate penetration of the effects of colonialism and the fate of the refugee in the gulf between cultures and continents," the Swedish Academy said.

DAILY TRUST, FRIDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2021- Institutions Presenting Unqualified

Graduates for National Service- NYSC: The Director-General of the National Youth Service Corps (NYSC), Brigadier-General Shuaibu Ibrahim, says NYSC has faced challenges occasioned by the presentation of unqualified graduates for national service.

Speaking in Abuja at the opening ceremony of the 2021 Batch 'C' Pre-Mobilisation Workshop, he warned that any corps-producing institutions involved

in any fraudulent practice would be sanctioned.

He said all stakeholders in the mobilisation process should display a sense of integrity in the discharge of their duties.

Shuaibu noted that the NYSC had recorded tremendous improvement in data integrity.

"The ongoing reforms in the mobilisation process and other aspects of our operations are therefore in line with our quest to sustain this relevance," he stated.

FCT Minister, Muhammad Bello, represented by the Acting Secretary, FCT Social Development Secretariat, Kelvin Ike, said his administration would support the implementation of the NYSC's programmes. Also in Punch, Friday, October 8, 2021.

LEADERSHIP, FRIDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2021- Nigerian Teacher Wins Facebook Most-Engaged Community Manager's Award:

An outstanding Nigerian teacher, Dr Peter Ogudoro, has been announced by Facebook as one of the world's amazing virtual community managers.

Dr Ogudoro developed the world's most helpful and engaged educators' platform called "Nigerian Teachers' which provides free continuous professional development opportunities to teachers in the world.

The ingenious online teacher-training and attitude-modification platform for teachers has over 240,000 teachers from around the world.

The platform is a peer-support community for teachers who use the platform to follow trends in teaching, classroom management, and school leadership. Parents also use the platform to learn effective parenting styles that enable them to collaborate with teachers for the global competitiveness of young people. Membership of the community is free.

This award by Facebook makes Ogudoro a member of the multinational corporation's elite group of 131 outstanding community managers in the world currently benefitting from its Community Accelerator Programme.



PUNCH, WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2021- Gombe Federal Varsity Expels 24 Students for Forgery, Examination Malpractices: No fewer than 24 students of the Federal University of Kashere, Gombe State, have been expelled. The former 23 students and one other who was rusticated were said to have committed varying degrees of crimes punishable by the institution. According to a press statement by Suleiman Malami, Head of Information and Protocol, the students flouted the extant laws regulating the federal university. Malami revealed that 23 students were expelled for forging results

and examination misconduct.

INSIDEHIGHERED.COM, FRIDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2021- Jury Convicts Parents In Admissions Scandal Case: A federal jury today convicted two wealthy fathers of illegally paying bribes to get their children admitted to the University of Southern California (USC). Gamal Abdelaziz and John Wilson, both prominent businessmen, paid hundreds of thousands of dollars to Rick Singer-the mastermind behind the admissions scandal-and to USC in the cases. Some of the funds went to USC coaches as payment for accepting students on athletic teams for which they were not

qualified to play, and did not play. Their trial was the first in the scandal, which became public in March of 2019, when the first 50 people were indicted. Abdelaziz and Wilson were the first to opt for a trial. Thirty-three parents have pled guilty to charges related to paying to have their children admitted to college. In some cases, the funds were used to bribe coaches to list the child as a recruited athlete -- even though the children didn't play the sports. In other cases, the bribes involved paying proctors to change SAT or ACT scores. Some of the parents admitted to both kinds of misconduct.

AFRICAN PRINCIPALS CONFERENCE INITIATIVE INDUCTS PROF. OLOYEDE AS FELLOW



Dr. Fabian Benjamin, Head, Public Affairs and Protocol receiving the African Principals award on behalf of the Registrar of JAMB, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede.

The Registrar of the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB), Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, has been inducted as a fellow of the African Principals Conference Initiative (APCI).

At the Induction ceremony and workshop held on Thursday, 7th October 2021, at the prestigious Green Minds Hotel Utako, Abuja, the Registrar, who was represented on the occasion by the Head, Public Affairs and Protocols, Dr Fabian Benjamin, commended the organisers for the honour done to him.

Dr Benjamin, while receiving the Fellowship Certificate, pointed out that JAMB, as a Federal Government agency, was committed to discharging its mandate with integrity, vigour, commitment, transparency, and selflessness.

The Board's spokesman pointed out that the Board has been able to carry out its duties creditably well adding that in the

realisation of these noble objectives, the Board has introduced several measures to enhance its service delivery in terms of deployment of technology to safeguard the sanctity of its examination and the automation of its operations notably the admission process as exemplified by the institution of the Central Admissions Processing System (CAPS).

Speaking further, Dr Benjamin decried the menace of examination malpractice which, according to him, has been the bane of public assessment in the country. He commended the efforts of the Board and the Federal Ministry of Education for working round the clock to tackle this menace frontally even as he

urged the inductees and other stakeholders to join in the campaign against the hydra-headed monster.

Dr Benjamin, in the same vein, bemoaned the dwindling gross enrollment into Colleges of Education and gave indications as to some of the proactive measures the Board is taking to remedy the situation. He also gave kudos to the recently-announced Federal Government's initiatives aimed at boosting enrollment into education programmes as well as motivating teachers through improved conditions of service.

The keynote address titled: "Challenges of Human Resources Management and Productivity in Institutions of Learning" was delivered by an erudite scholar and Dean, Faculty of Education, Prof. Maicibi Alhas Nok.

Presentations were also made by the Teachers Registration Council of Nigeria (TRCN), Director, Basic Education, Federal Ministry of Education, among others.

APCI was conceived to enhance research performance in schools and brands; organise training and performance improvement seminars in addition to ensuring international best practices in the management of African brands.

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pandemic."

The Lagos State Governor and his Delta State counterpart, who were special guests of honour, also made vital remarks at the event.

The Lagos State Governor, represented by the State's Commissioner for Information and Strategy, Mr Gbenga Omotosho, said, "The State Government is set to establish a world-class vaccine research and production centre that would be the best of its kind in Africa."

This, according to him, is to prepare the state and the nation at large towards attaining new heights in epidemiology, vaccine production and other curative remedies to combat outbreaks of viral infections in various communities. The centre, when fully operational, would also wean the country from its excessive reliance on COVID-19 vaccines.

In his contribution, the Delta State Governor, Dr Ifeanyi Okowa, applauded the Nigerian media for its role in the overall management of the COVID-19 pandemic, stressing that advocacy and enlightenment by the media helped to create public awareness.

Also Dr Okowa, in his goodwill message at the event, specially thanked GOCOP members for showing remarkable professionalism in their reportage of the pandemic. Dr Okowa was represented by Mr Jackson Ekwugum, General Manager, Communications, to the Governor.

The outgoing Director-General, Nigeria Centre for Disease Control (NCDC), Dr Chikwe Ihekweazu, challenged the media to carry out more advocacy as part of measures to curtail the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic.

In his presentation, Dr Ihekweazu said the role of the media in the ongoing campaign could not be overemphasised. Represented by a Director, Yahya Disu, Ihekweazu described COVID-19 as "more of a social problem than medical."

Furthermore, the National Information Officer at the United Nations Information Centre (UNIC), Dr Seyi Soremekun, on behalf of the United Nations Information Centre (UNIC), called on the Guild of Corporate Online Publishers (GOCOP) to team up with the centre in fighting fake news as well as hate speech which is almost becoming the norm across the globe.

On its part, the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB) called on GOCOP to partner with the Board in its determination to stamp out examination infractions in the nation's examination sector to restore public confidence in the country's education sector. Making that call was Dr Fabian Benjamin, Head, Public Affairs and Protocols, who represented the Board at the conference.

The highlight of the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Guild held at the close of the conference was the election

of the Publisher of "Realnews", Ms Maureen Chigbo, as the new president of the Guild for the next two years.

She takes over from the publisher of "The Eagle Online" Mr Dotun Oladipo, who had served out his two terms.

Ms Chigbo was elected the fourth President of GOCOP alongside 14 others as the new set of Executive Committee members. Those elected were Mr Danlami Nmodu, mni, as the Deputy President; Mr Ken Ugbechie as Vice President, South; Mr Tom Chaihemana emerged the Vice President, North; Mr Collins Edomarus as General Secretary; Mr Olumide Iyanda as Deputy Secretary-General; Remmy Nweke as Publicity Secretary, Azu Arinze as Financial Secretary, while Mrs Yemisi Izuora emerged as the Treasurer.

Others elected at the AGM were Messrs. Max Amuchie, Horatius Eguu, James Ume, Akeem Oyetunji, Raymond Ukaegbu and Tony Edike, who were elected Zonal Coordinators for the North-Central; North-East, North-West, South-West, South-South and South-East, respectively.

In her acceptance speech on behalf of her new executives, Ms Maureen Chigbo pledged to do her best to positively portray the ideals of GOCOP as well as uphold and protect the dignity of members with the support and cooperation of all.

“MEGA INTERNATIONAL PROFESSIONAL TESTING CENTRE FOR 10,000 CANDIDATES PER DAY UNDERWAY”- OLOYEDE

Determined to take quality services as provided by the Board to new heights, particularly in terms of candidates desirous of tertiary education, the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB) has concluded arrangements to build a mega International professional Testing Centre (IPTC) in Bwari, Abuja. The proposed IPTC will have a seating capacity of 10,000 candidates per day during the Board's Unified Tertiary Matriculation Examination (UTME).

The Registrar, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, disclosed this while fielding questions from newsmen on Wednesday, 6th October 2021.

The indefatigable Registrar said the multi-purpose IPTC, when completed, would take 2,500 candidates per session.

He said the Centre would take off when all due processes have been completed.

Prof. Oloyede said, "With our mega CBT centre facility located in our hitherto National Headquarters in Bwari, the Board would be able to conduct examinations for not less than 10,000

candidates per day. This is because we plan to have a 2,500-seater capacity CBT centre configured in such a way that at 4 sessions per day, we would be able to conduct 10,000 examinations for candidates per day."

For the Board to actualise the project, Prof. Oloyede said, "Advertisements have been placed, applications have been received and these are being channelled through the right avenues and once the process is completed, we would start."



PICTURES FROM AFRICAN CONFERENCE AWARD CEREMONY



PICTURES FROM THE VISIT OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TERTIARY EDUCATION AND SERVICES.





JAMB



HEADQUARTERS' ANNEXES: LAGOS, KADUNA AND ILORIN

ZONAL AND STATE OFFICES OF THE BOARD

S/N	ZONAL OFFICE	STATES IN THE ZONE
1.	Abuja	Federal Capital Territory, Niger and Kogi
2.	Bauchi	Bauchi, Gombe and Taraba
3.	Benin	Edo and Delta
4.	Enugu	Abia, Anambra, Ebonyi, Enugu and Imo
5.	Ibadan	Ekiti, Ogun, Ondo, Osun and Oyo
6.	Sokoto	Kebbi, Sokoto, and Zamfara
7.	Kano	Jigawa, Kano and Katsina
8.	Lafia	Benue, Nasarawa and Plateau
9.	Maiduguri	Adamawa, Borno and Yobe
10.	Port-Harcourt	Akwa Ibom, Bayelsa, Cross River and Rivers

Zonal Offices bear the names of the towns in which they are located.



...Decades of Enhancing Academic Excellence