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CHRISTIAN JOURNALISTS HONOUR JAMB REGISTRAR WITH "INTERGRITY PUBLIC SERVANT PERSONALITY OF THE YEAR" AWARD



The Registrar of JAMB, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede receiving the "Integrity Public Servant Personality of the Year Award"

The Nigerian Association of Christian Journalists (NACJ) has honoured the Registrar of JAMB, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, with the "Integrity Public Servant Personality of the Year Award".

At the investiture ceremony held at Sheraton Hotels, Abuja on 23rd September 2021, NACJ

said the award which was conceived almost a decade ago was designed to motivate men and women of integrity who have distinguished themselves in the service of their fatherland.

NACJ, in a statement, pointed out that Prof. Oloyede has wrought unprecedented

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"WE ARE IN JAMB TO BLOW WHISTLE OF INTERGRITY" - WARN

Whistle-blower Anti-Corruption Reporting Network (WARN) has said that the network was not only out to expose or fight corruption but to also honour individuals or organisations with a proven record of integrity.

The Executive Director, WARN, Mr Gabriel Onwe, stated this when he led a delegation of the Association to the National Headquarters of the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB) on a courtesy visit on Thursday, 23rd September 2021.

Furthermore, the Director pointed out that, in line with the mantra of the Anti-corruption Network which is to blow the whistle when they see corruption, the

outfit also blow the whistle when they see integrity.

The Director of the anti-corruption watchdog added that WARN was in JAMB to identify with the exemplary leadership and high level of integrity being deployed in JAMB by Prof. Oloyede.

Mr Onwe said, "Having observed that you have demonstrated a high level of integrity in the discharge of your mandate and lived up to your well-known credentials of a man with high administrative acumen, as well as a high level of financial discipline and transparency, you have attracted our attention and confidence, and by design, you have distinguished yourself and qualified yourself for this visit and

patronage."

He said, "There is no doubt that since you were appointed the Registrar of JAMB five years ago, you have remained one of the most visible poster boys of President Muhammadu Buhari's war against corruption. JAMB has never been this good despite the challenges of funding owing to COVID-19 and others, you and your team have done well."

He said the mission of WARN in JAMB was to create opportunities for partnership with the Board towards the eradication of examination malpractice, bribery and corruption and other malfeasance in the examination and admission process in Nigeria.

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...Christian Journalists Honour JAMB Registrar With “Integrity Public Servant Personality Of The Year” Award

transformations in the affairs of the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB) since his assumption of duty as the Registrar.

It also maintained that Prof. Oloyede has significantly revamped the fortunes of the Board to the admiration of all and sundry, therefore, placing JAMB on the world map as an efficient and result-oriented organisation.

According to NACJ, Prof. Oloyede was the first Registrar to have remitted over N20 billion to the coffers of the nation coupled with other innovations introduced to reform the conduct of the UTME, admission of candidates and prudent management of human and material resources.

NACJ said, “This award is in recognition of

your intellectual contributions to the improvement of Nigeria's academic system coupled with your patriotism, diligence and excellent leadership skills.”

The Registrar, in his remarks, thanked the organisers of the award for finding him worthy adding that the award would spur him to do even more in the service of the fatherland. He commended the initiative and wished the organisers the best as they continue to recognise excellence.

In a lecture delivered by the Honourable Minister of State for Mines and Steel Development, Dr Sam Uche Ogah, titled: “Integrity is Everything”, the erudite scholar charged Christian journalists to remain above board in their reportage.

The Minister pointed out that integrity is doing the right thing even when no one is

watching or prompting you. He urged Christian journalists to eschew those acts that are capable of slandering people in their reportage.

He said the consequences of fake reportage are enormous and grievous to the psyche of the victim (s) and the nation urging that Christian journalists should reflect deeply on the aftermath of their reportage and not involved themselves in anything that could impugn their integrity.

The JAMB Registrar was honoured alongside other recipients such as the Niger State Governor, Alh. Abubakar Sani Bello, and Senator, Dr Victor Umeh, among others.

DIRECTOR, HUMAN RESOURCES, DD, SERVICOM TO ATTEND NDC TRAINING



Director, Human Resources, Mr Abdulkadir Ibrahim Maska wearing his War College badge.



Deputy Director, SERVICOM, Mr Gani Abd'rahim wearing his War College badge.

The Director, Human Resources, Mr Abdulkadir Ibrahim Maska, and Deputy Director, SERVICOM, Mr Gani Abd'rahim, have been nominated by the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board to attend the National Defence College Course 30.

Speaking at a brief ceremony, the Registrar of the Board, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, stated that the nomination letters and joining instructions to be handed over to the nominees symbolised their acceptance by the College.

It would be recalled that the nomination

of the duo was endorsed at a special meeting of the Board's Management team. During the meeting, members had eulogised the nominees' dedication and commitment to the progress of the Board.

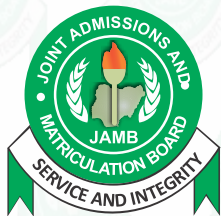
The National Defence College was established in 1992 as the highest military institution for the training of senior military officers in Nigeria. It is also the apex military training institution for the Nigerian Armed Forces, and a centre of excellence for peace support operations and training at the strategic level in the West African sub-region.

At the end of the programme, the duo are expected to be imbued with immense administrative knowledge as well as develop the expertise and skills expected of senior military and civilian officers through a firm understanding of the fundamentals of national security. Knowledge acquired will expectedly prepare these officers for higher responsibilities at operational and strategic levels in national and international assignments.

It is to be noted that this is the first time in the history of the Board that it is sending representation to such a prestigious training institution that is the exclusive preserve of top security and civil organisations across the globe.

The participation of the Board's nominees is a fallout of the tremendous transformations of the Board's operational processes by the current leadership of the over four-decade-old examination body.

In the same vein, functionaries of the Board have been welcomed at the National Institute for Security Studies, Abuja and other highly distinguished training institutions, both local and international, all in a bid to attain requisite expertise that will catapult JAMB to even greater heights.



JOINT ADMISSIONS AND MATRICULATION BOARD

REPORT OF INFLOW AND OUTFLOW FOR THE PERIOD SEPTEMBER 18 - SEPTEMBER 24, 2021

FINANCIAL INFLOW

1	E-facilities/Sales	113,337,511.00
2	PRC Service Charge	2,079,400.00
3	2021 Late Registration	12,395,153.00
4	Consultancy	15,169,361.00
	TOTAL	142,981,425.00

FINANCIAL OUTFLOW

S/N	DESCRIPTION	PURPOSE OF PAYMENT	AMOUNT(N)
1	Staff Claims	Various	15,465,322.50
2	Advertisement and Publicity	Publicity	600,000.00
3	CBT Centres	2021 UTME Mop-up	8,961,650.00
4	Computer Professional (Registration) Council of Nigeria	Supervision of Examination	1,676,500.00
5	Nigeria Postal Service	Postages and courier Services	54,400.00
6	Federal Inland Revenue Service	Taxes	3,433,081.83
7	Mujram Nigeria Ltd	Construction of stamped concrete	23,233,605.00
8	Bwari Kitchen Nig Ltd	Meals	2,493,708.75
9	IJUNT Construzion Ltd	Maintenance of Building at Headquarters	3,198,672.25
10	IJUNT Construzion Ltd	Emergency Maintenance of Umuahia Office	28,315,360.75
11	JATED Nigeria Ltd	Computerisation of Okoko Item PTC	11,243,221.75
12	Assorted Buka	Meals	655,126.87
13	Cummins West Africa Ltd	Maintenance of Generator	826,884.60
14	Remita	Financial charges	18,898.50
	Total		100,176,432.80

JAMB CELEBRATES STAFF BORN SEPTEMBER 27TH – OCTOBER 3RD

Happy Birthday

27TH SEPTEMBER

Ekaete Joseph Eyo
Sunday O. Alabi
Aminu Iliyasu Abubakar
Ndukwe Okocha
Olufunmilade Adebani Agbana
Chukwuma Solomon Ekeoma

28TH SEPTEMBER

Henry Daniel

29TH SEPTEMBER

Danladi Mohammed
Prisca Ijeoma Ufoegbunam
Osundu Obilor
Danjuma Kambai Yohanna

30TH SEPTEMBER

Olanrewaju Onaope Apata
Juliet Ukamaka Elegbusi
Obloh Joseph Ogharibhor

1ST OCTOBER

Deacon Friday Osemeilu
Anthonia Ngozi Mgbakor
Phoebe Nwaikpeghi Udeh
Maimunat Abdulazeez Usman
Uba Muhammed
Ahmadu Yusuf
Salisu Muhammed
Augustine Chimagua
Yahaya Abubakar Sadiq

2ND OCTOBER

Safiya Tenin Ibrahim
Chinenye Nwaogu
Helcharda Shadrach Hanawa
Musa Muhammad
Theresa Omoyemwen Odibo

3RD OCTOBER

Folasade Christiana Onikoyi
Abosedede Adijat Ayinmodu
Jane Odili Chuks-Oruchalu
Aminu Isma'il
Hassana Dauda





EDUCATION IN THE MEDIA

NEW TELEGRAPH, MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2021- Okebukola: State Varsities, Satellite Campuses, Cause of Half Baked Graduates: A former Executive Secretary of the National Universities Commission (NUC), Prof. Peter Okebukola, has attributed the cause of unemployable and half-baked graduates in the country to underfunding of state-owned universities.

Prof. Okebukola, who stated this while delivering the convocation lecture of Elizade University, Ilara-Mokin, Ondo State, said the situation had led to the establishment of satellite campuses across the country where unfit graduates were being rolled out.

According to the former NUC boss, most universities created satellite campuses for the sole purpose of making money rather than achieving proper academic goals.

Prof. Okebukola said, "In an attempt to meet their financial needs especially, for salaries, these universities literally sell their certificates through running poorly-delivered courses in poorly-resourced campuses affiliated to other private or public institutions far from the main campuses. These are the persons giving the products of the Nigerian university system a bad name. The other factor of course is an interruption to academic calendar brought about by endless cycles of strikes."

THISDAY, TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2021- Over 1.57m Candidates for Examination in 19,000 Centres Nationwide: Over 1.57 million candidates are sitting the 2021 West African Senior School Certificate Examinations (WASSCE) across Nigeria.

The Permanent Secretary, Federal Ministry of Education, Arc. Sonny Echono, who made this known recently, while monitoring the conduct of the exams at Federal Government Girls' College, Bwari, and Government Girls Secondary School, Dutse, said, "The examination is holding in 19,000 centres across the nation."

Arc. Echono expressed satisfaction with the conduct of the exams. He said, aside from the disruptions witnessed by candidates in the South-East where some candidates were stopped from writing

their exams due to the sit-at-home order in the region, the conduct of the 2021 WASSCE was peaceful and stress-free. He, however, assured that candidates who missed the 2021 West Africa Senior School Certificate Examinations (WASSCE) in the South-East, would be given another opportunity to write the examination.

In a related development, the Permanent Secretary reported that the number of cases of examination malpractices witnessed during the internal component of the examinations in public schools was low compared to private schools. Arc. Echono further said, "The federal government is addressing incidences and cases of examination malpractices recorded during similar examinations and will arrest any person found culpable."

Also in Guardian, Tuesday, September 21, 2021, Punch, Tuesday, September 21, 2021, Leadership, Tuesday, September 21, 2021, New Telegraph, Tuesday, 21 September 2021

THISDAY, WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2021- TETFund, ATBU Train Lecturers, Heads of North East Institutions: The Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund) and the Abubakar Tafawa Balewa University (ATBU), Bauchi, have organised a training workshop for lecturers and heads of tertiary institutions in the North-East on grant-writing skills.

President Muhammadu Buhari recently approved the increase of the National Research Fund (NRF), domiciled in TETFund from N5 billion to N7.5 billion in 2020.

Executive Secretary of TETFund, Professor Suleiman Bogoro, who declared the workshop open, lamented the poor performance of North-East tertiary institution lecturers in writing grant proposals for research. He urged the participants to rise to the occasion by coming up with the most recognised and acceptable research and grant proposals that the North-East can benefit from.

PREMIUM, THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2021- JAMB 2021: Oyo, Osun, Ogun Highest Number of Applicants: Oyo, Osun

and Ogun States had the highest number of applicants in the 2021 edition of the Unified Tertiary Matriculation Examination (UTME). This was contained in the data published by Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB). The three states together also had more candidates than the combined figure of the 10 states that had the least candidates.

Applicants from the three states totalled 227,706 of the country's 1,351,215 applicants that sat the 2021 UTME, one of the prerequisites for any Nigerian student seeking higher education in Nigeria.

The data also shows that there is no state from the North-East region among the first 15 states on the chart.

Four of the top ten states with the highest applications in the 2021 UTME are in the South-west region. Ekiti, Lagos and the two other states in the region ranked 17th and 20th on the log respectively.

Likewise, Delta is the only South-south state in the top ten category. Meanwhile, in the least ten category there are four states from the North-West, the region with the highest number of out-of-school children.

LEADERSHIP, THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2021- Federal Govt. to Establish E-Learning Centres in Public Schools: Minister of Humanitarian Affairs, Disaster Management and Social Development, Hajiya Sadiya Umar Farouk said the main reason for the establishment of e-learning centres in public schools across the country is to develop science, technical and engineering education.

Hajiya Farouk said the STEM project is a component of the National Social Investment Programme (N-SIP) under the N-Power programme of the ministry which is aimed at empowering youths across the country.

She said, "The project is aimed at ensuring that students in public schools have access to digital and updated learning. The STEM project has two components which include the set-up of

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the centres in the carefully selected government-owned secondary schools and the training of the teachers in the schools so selected."

LEADERSHIP, FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2021- Nigeria Education System Well Funded- Gbajabiamila: Speaker of the House of Representatives, Femi Gbajabiamila, has said that contrary to public opinion, the Nigerian education system is well funded considering the lean resources of the federal government. Speaking at the book presentation of "Gamaliel Onosode Classicus, an Honourable Life" and discussion on "Harnessing Nigeria's Greatest Resource: Growth through Education", Gbajabiamila said the education sector is getting more funding than people acknowledge. Gbajabiamila, who noted that the resources of the government are currently lean and what could be done is being done, said the funding of the sector is however not enough as it is still not up to the 23 per cent provision advised by UNESCO.

NATIONAL ACCORD, THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2021- NUC Releases List of Proposed Private Universities Awaiting FG's Final Approval: The National Universities Commission (NUC) has released the list of new proposed universities that are awaiting the Federal Government's approval. It was gathered that the promoters of the proposed private universities have successfully submitted their letters of intent at the NUC new Board Room. The Executive Secretary of the NUC, Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, in a recent interactive session with the promoters of the proposed private universities, said their attempt to venture into the establishment of private universities would bridge the existing gaps between the ever-increasing number of qualified candidates who aspire yearly to gain admission into the Nigerian university system but could not achieve their aspiration due to the inadequacy of accessibility and space. The NUC boss reminded the promoters of the proposed private universities that much was expected from them as running a university is capital intensive. He urged them to remain focused and law-abiding by adhering strictly to the rules and regulations of the NUC especially about the Benchmark Minimum Academic Standard (BMAS).

VANTAGE NEWS, TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER

21, 2021- NUC Lists 58 Fake Universities in Nigeria: The National Universities Commission (NUC) has made a list of 58 universities operating illegally in the country. In a statement made available on its official website, the commission also disclosed that it was investigating eight other universities for running illegal degree programmes. The Commission has warned that anybody who patronises or obtains any certificate from any of these illegal institutions does so at his or her own risk. NUC added that appropriate law enforcement agencies have been informed of necessary action against the universities. For the full list of the Fake institutions, visit the Commission's official website [National Universities Commission | \(nuc.edu.ng\)](http://National Universities Commission | (nuc.edu.ng))

GUARDIAN, THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2021- How to Have More Female Vice-Chancellors in Nigerian Varsities: Mr Adelowo Adebumtimi in this piece stated that since the advent of university education in the country, only a handful of females have become vice-chancellors. Despite having about 200 institutions, the system cannot boast of producing 25 substantive female vice-chancellors, either from the public, faith-based or private institutions. He said the teaching and learning industry is generally perceived as female-dominated, but this trend changes within the career trajectories of women as their representation begins to decline in a higher academic environment, and more so at the senior management level. In some parts of the country, people are still clinging to some old patriarchal values, believing that only men should take the lead while women follow. This has resulted in women working twice as hard to reach the same place where their male counterparts get, navigating through minefields and roadblocks placed on their paths. He however declared that, many stakeholders are of the opinion that gender difference should not be an excuse for women not to achieve this role. Speaking on the issue, Professor of Environmental Sustainability and Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Academic, Research, Innovations, and Partnerships (ARIP), Osun State University, Prof. Anthony Kola-Olusanya, said there is no gender discrimination in any university anywhere in the country as no institution would prevent women from attaining any leadership position. He said, "There are many levels of

leadership in the university, and it is not just the VC position alone that women can occupy. At the University of Ibadan (UI), for instance, the number of women professors is almost more than that of men in other younger universities. Nothing stops a woman from leadership. If a woman can be dean, provost, HOD or director, then they can be VC. I think it is just a question of time for us to experience a huge increase in the number of women vice-chancellors," Kola-Olusanya added.

GUARDIAN, THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2021- Stakeholders Canvass Implementation of Education Bank Act: In this report, Iyabo Lawal looks at the desires of stakeholders for a full implementation of education bank act. She said for over a decade, calls for the establishment of Nigerian Education Bank has been on, but not much has been heard in terms of implementations. The 1993 Nigerian Education Bank Act mandates the bank when established to approve and disburse loans for educational purposes and matters connected therewith. She said though the bank has long been given legal backing by the Supreme Court, the legal pronouncement was never implemented. The bank, as proposed, would, among others, meet the financial needs of less privileged teachers and students and enable average Nigerians to achieve their educational goals. It will also go a long way in alleviating the suffering of poor Nigerians who cannot afford the services of the conventional banking system. Under the scheme, repayments are made when the former students have graduated and started earning income. The National Assembly is seeking to re-establish students' loans board targeted at students in higher institutions. There are separate bills on students' loans and scholarships before the Senate and House of Representatives, aimed at increasing access to higher education without financial hindrances. Former Director, Federal Scholarship Board, Fatima Ahmad, said, "The students' loans bill seeks to provide access to education for Nigerian students. The bill will assist students, who ordinarily cannot afford to go to school." She said the major problem that affected the previous students' loans board was insincerity on the part of some students, who took loans and refused to pay them back.



...“We Are In JAMB To Blow Whistle Of Integrity”-WARN



Members of WARN in a group photograph with the Director, Finance and Accounts, Mr. Mufutau Bello (4th from right) and the Head of ACTU JAMB, Hajia Munirat Lawal (4th from left) during WARN visit to JAMB.

Other areas of partnership include: information sharing to expose malpractice, indiscipline and admission infractions from tertiary institutions which admit candidates against the Federal Government’s policy

guidelines on admission which mandated the conduct of all admissions through the Central Admissions Processing System (CAPS), among others.

In his remarks, the JAMB Registrar, who was represented at the occasion by the Director of Finance and Accounts, Mr Mufutau Bello, commended the ingenuity of the forum in the fight against corruption.

He charged the body, as a responsible organisation, to emplace appropriate machinery to validate information received from whistleblowers with a view to ensuring that innocent persons are not maligned unjustly. That, he said, could jeopardise the noble objectives of the outfit.

He said the requests made by WARN would be communicated to the management and the forum would be communicated appropriately.

He assured them that any initiative from any quarter that is aimed at fighting malfeasance is welcomed by the Board. He said, “You can count on the support and cooperation of the Board to sanitize the society.”

“WHY JAMB IS THE MOST SOUGHT-AFTER AGENCY FOR 3RD PARTY EXAMINATIONS” - Registrar



Hajiya Aisha Ahmed Rufai, Director/Secretary, CDCFIB being presented with the Board's annual report by the Registrar, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede during her visit to JAMB

The Registrar of the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB) Prof. Is-haq Oloyede has attributed the high level of probity in the conduct of the Board's examinations as being responsible for the soaring numbers of agencies that are seeking its services.

The Registrar disclosed this when he received the delegation from the Civil Defence, Correctional, Fire and Immigration Board (CDCFIB) on Thursday, 23rd September, 2021, in his office.

It would be recalled that CDCFIB, under the Federal Ministry of Interior, had come to solicit the Board's services in the conduct of its staff promotional examination.

The Registrar, in his address of welcome, informed the CDCFIB delegation that the Board conducts examinations for several government agencies, multinational companies and other corporate organizations in Nigeria, which have been patronising JAMB for various

examinations geared towards the recruitment of personnel, scholarship awards, staff promotion as well as professional qualification assessments, among others.

Continuing, he stated that, as of the time of speaking, the Board had received applications from several agencies seeking to partner with the Board in that regard.

Prof. Oloyede, however, said, “We conduct examination for only credible organisations and the only benefit we derive from such is that we get to test-run our facilities so that they are at their peak and not for any financial consideration as we charge only very minimal administration cost meant to defray expenses incurred.”

Furthermore, he said the conduct of third-party examination affords the Board the opportunity to

showcase its competence. In addition to amply demonstrating that if government agencies are properly managed, they can offer effective and much more secured services that are seen to be the exclusive preserve of the private sector.

He added that for effective interface with the client agency, the Board has constituted a standing committee headed by a Director to provide guidance on the rudiments and other dictates of the processes of the examination.

Prof. Oloyede also stressed that the renewed interest in the Board by many organisations for their assessment needs might not be unconnected with the big strides made by the Board in the areas of ICT, inclusiveness, and capacity building, among others.

Earlier, the Director and Secretary of CDCFIB, Hajiya Aisha Ahmed Rufai, commended JAMB for its improved service delivery and briefed the Registrar of the desire of CDCFIB to conduct the 2022 Staff Promotional Examination and solicited the professional expertise of the assessment body to deliver a credible and seamless exercise.

"The credibility and cost-effective nature of your processes have led us to you. We want an examination that would be to the satisfaction of all and it's only JAMB that can provide such," she said.

IS-HAQ OLOYEDE: PROFILE IN FORTHRIGHTNESS

By Muiz Banire

An average reader of this column may not be far from being correct if he summarizes my writings as expression of anger against all that is wrong with Nigeria, dedicated to examining the ailments afflicting the country and attempting to proffer solutions thereto. The problems of Nigeria are so frightening that anyone who is conscious of his responsibility to the coming generations would not treat them lightly. To that end, I discovered that we have been swamped by the problem of poor leadership and its concomitant effects, to the extent that we do not have time to talk about shining lights in our beclouded firmament. Certainly, in Nigeria today, multitudes of men of evil, destructive politicians and civil (evil) servants, have combined to make many conclude that the nation is without men of honour. Criminal practices of a few of our brethren outside the shores of Nigeria have painted most Nigerians to the outside world as a horde of criminals and unscrupulous elements. The way we are treated at foreign airports is a summary of the perception outsiders have about us and the margin of trust we have created is nothing to write home about. Interestingly, in the midst of this miasma, we do have excellent leaders of men whose choice of lifestyle is a source of admiration to the upright. In this clime, we have men and women who have distinguished themselves not only in learning but also in character; leaders who, when following have displayed worthy credentials of wonderful followership and excellent reflection of what good leadership commands. One of such is Professor Is-haq Olanrewaju Oloyede, the second-term chief executive of the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB). Prof, as many people and I fondly call him, was my Islamic Law teacher at the commencement of my Law Degree program at the University of Ilorin (Unilorin) before I transferred to the University of Lagos. He was an unassuming personality as a young man, a characteristic he has worn till date like skin on his tall frame.

A peacemaker extraordinary and a man gifted with the capacity to multi-task

without failing in any task. His record in Unilorin still speaks for him. He is fearless, courageous and God-fearing. He is a man of no frivolity and encourages none. He could be a strict disciplinarian which accounts for his no-nonsense disposition which may be uncomfortable to the undisciplined. His honesty and incorruptibility are legendary. He once told me that his account is accessible to his children and there is no way an unusual sum can ever go in. How would he explain the source to his children? His record during the first term as the Registrar of JAMB confirms his honesty and sense of purpose always. This accounts for the jubilation that welcomed him into office on his appointment for the second term by President Muhammadu Buhari to preside over JAMB for another five years. It is one unusual instance in which staff of a public organization would be so happy to have a public official back to his office which he recently vacated as a result of expiration of tenure. In a lot of public bodies, it is usually resistance you would see. At the end of his tenure, before you could say Jack Robinson, he had handed over and moved on before he was recalled. I can say, without any form of contradiction, that he never lobbied anyone for the office. He reflects the kind of personality we need to move the nation forward. He takes decisions, knowing only that he is accountable to Allah. He discourages any form of celebration but only encourages prayer.

He is an embodiment of humility. He abhors flamboyance and lives a moderate life as commanded by his faith. He lives by example. In any place his staff stay during assignments, he occupies same. Professor Is-haq Oloyede is a first class academic and administrator. The glory that University of Ilorin displays today is a testimony to the sterling qualities of Professor Oloyede which he brought to bear to accomplish the dreams of the founding fathers of the University.

During his tenure as the Vice Chancellor, University of Ilorin recorded tremendous progress and how Professor Oloyede was able to insulate academic activities from the perennial academic and non-academic staff unions' strikes, is still a

point to marvel at. While such a feat might be described as anti-unionism, the student populace jubilated as the University of Ilorin was probably the only University not affected by ASUU strikes and students were able to graduate within the number of years originally bargained for. The situation was otherwise in many other universities where a four-year course might end up being completed after six or seven-year academic sojourn. I recalled throughout his tenure as the Vice Chancellor of the University, he refused to influence the award of contract to anyone. He completely insulated himself against such temptation. His unrivalled achievements have re-positioned JAMB as a cash cow rather than a near-insolvent organization that only gulped government allocations without remorse.

Nobody expected that JAMB could be raking in billions of Naira every year it conducts examinations for tertiary institutions candidates until Professor Oloyede came with his transparent leadership and innovative acumen by which he did not only block loopholes leaking funds of the organization, but also checked, effectively, academic malpractices that had become an albatross on the organization. Interesting to note that JAMB that had been remitting only 80 million Naira to the coffers of the government annually, suddenly started remitting 5 billion Naira and above during the first year of Professor Oloyede's tenure in office. Whatever conspiracy or cabal that was behind the financial sleaze being perpetrated in JAMB could not match his courage, resilience and wit. One wishes we could have such a leader taking charge of our nation. As a transformational leader, he deployed technology in a way never done before to make conduct and supervision of examinations easy and transparent.

His regime in JAMB has been a torment to fraudulent admission seekers and their collaborators who have been running special centers of examination fraud since the 1990s. Professor Oloyede succeeded in improving the quality of our undergraduates by ensuring that only

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those who scale the rigours of examination demands are entitled to slots in our over-crowded tertiary institutions.

His accomplishments endeared him to many organisations and notwithstanding the statutory limits by which the Registrar of JAMB can only organize and conduct admission examinations for Universities, Polytechnics and Colleges of Education, Professor Oloyede's magical and golden services were sought by other government establishments like the Nigerian Police Force, the Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC) and a private organization like MTN Foundation Scholarship programme to help them conduct their screening exercises. The latest of his strides is the decentralization and democratization of the minimum cut off mark for admission into the Universities.

Professor Oloyede is an accomplished academic, an Islamic scholar of high repute and an internationally recognized intellectual. I formally met him as a Lecturer in the University of Ilorin in 1984 when I gained admission into the University where he displayed uncommon understanding of his area of studies. Prior to that, the Muslim student society used to be our meeting point. It was not surprising to see him rise in leaps and bounds up the ladder of the academia until he became a world-recognized Professor in 1995. His publications in reputable local and international journals have been widely cited. His love for the University of Ilorin was fully requited when he was entrusted with the leadership of the university as the Vice Chancellor on the 15th day of

October, 2007. He transformed the University within a period of five years into an internationally respected one which was ranked among the best in Africa and No. 1 within the shores of Nigeria. His tenure did not occur outside the time that Nigerians were lamenting of poor funding of the academia. Yet, this intellectual and administrative genius succeeded in making his alma mater the darling of all and sundry by financial wizardry and prudence. His achievements as the Vice Chancellor is an endorsement of the agitation that it is better to select the Vice Chancellor from among excellent academics who have passed through the leadership offices of a University in many capacities. We must recall that his achievements as the Best Vice Chancellor in Nigeria was highly assisted by his previous services as Director of Academic Planning of the University (2001–2003), Deputy Vice Chancellor, Academic (2003–2005), Deputy Vice Chancellor, Administration (2005–2007) before finally capping it with the primus inter pares, the Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin in 2007.

He instilled academic integrity, financial prudence and transparency; the type that had never been seen before in the University of Ilorin. His reputation as an administrator per excellence made his colleagues to elect him as the Chairman of the Association of Vice-Chancellors of Nigerian Universities and Committee of Vice-Chancellors between 2011–2012. Professor Oloyede, between 2009–2011 held the enviable position of the President of the Association of African Universities (AAU). As the Secretary-

General, Association of West African Universities (AWAU) between 2013 – 2017, he did not only set a new record, he displayed uncommon acumen in governing fellow human beings. Other universities have benefited from the intellectual and administrative acumen of this rare breed as he has served as Pro-Chancellor and Chairman of the 3rd Governing Council of Fountain University, Osogbo, Nigeria. Nigerian supreme council for Islamic affairs is another beneficiary of the acumen of this Giant in his capacity as Secretary General. His administrative strides have conferred great benefits on the International Network for Higher Education in Africa (INHEA) where he served as a member of its International Advisory Board.

My interaction with Professor Oloyede has taught me that no preaching about Godly virtues can be done without excellent character and a total devotion of love to humanity. One may be the only scripture a person unfamiliar with one's religion would read to summarize the quality of one's religious persuasion. Guided with this philosophy, his interactions with people have always been received with tremendous approval. His approach to issues is always towards solving any problem as the situation may present. Professor Oloyede is an archetypal representation of transparency, accountability and effective public service delivery in any clime. I am happy I am able to say this while he is alive as our society only excels in dressing evil on its way to the grave. We pray for more of Professor Is-haq Olanrewaju Oloyede in Nigeria. May Allah continue to guide him aright.

MORE PICTURES



The Executive Director, WARN, Mr Gabriel Onwe(left) being presented with the Board's annual report by the Director, Finance and Accounts, Mr. Mufutau Bello (right) during WARN visit to JAMB.



The Registrar of JAMB, Prof Is-haq Oloyede in a photograph with Senator, Dr Victor Umeh at the NACJ Awards.



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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

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