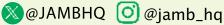


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The 2024 Policy Meeting has approved the admission guidelines for 2024, setting the minimum admission scores as follows:

100 for polytechnics, monotechnics, and innovative enterprise institutions (IEIs),

100 for colleges of education.

These scores are the minimum tolerable (thresholds) for consideration of candidates for admission to the various tiers of tertiary institutions in Nigeria.

EDITORIAL BOARD > JAMB UNPRECEDENTED ACHIEVEMENTS **EXCITES NASS**

...As DSP Makes Case for Elevation, Honours for Oloyede



Distinguished Senator Barau Jibrin, Deputy Senate President

mpressed by the unprecedented achievements recorded by the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB) under the leadership of its indefatigable Registrar, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, the Deputy Senate President (DSP), Distinguished Senator Barau Jibrin, has vowed to personally sponsor the nomination of Prof. Olovede for a higher national honour.

The DSP who was the Special Guest of Honour at the 4th National Tertiary Admissions Performance Merit Awards (NATAP-M) underscored the need to honour the Registrar for his selfless service to humanity and the education sector in general.

Distinguished Senator Jubrin, while pledging his undying support for the Board and the Registrar, urged other agencies of government to emulate JAMB in delivering quality service to the

He said, "We are impressed with what the

18 YRS AGE LIMIT: EDUCATION MINISTER COUNSELS **TERTIARY INSTITUTIONS, STAKEHOLDERS**

he Hon. Minister of Education, Prof. Tahir Maman, has stated that the 18-year admissible age limit for candidates seeking admission is a matter of law and policy and as such it must be respected. The Minister, therefore, urged

Heads of Tertiary Institutions and critical stakeholders to ensure compliance with the law as doing contrary would be a breach and violation of the constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria. The

2024 POLICY MEETING: SUNUNU RESTATES GOVERNMENT **COMMITMENTS TO EDUCATION SECTOR**

... As Mamman Decries Effects of Non Compliance to Directives

t the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB) policy meeting on July 18, 2024, Honourable Minister of State for Education, Dr. Yusuf Tanko Sununu,

reaffirmed the federal government's dedication to prioritizing the education sector. The minister emphasized the government's aim to make the sector viable and productive, aligning with

NATAP-M AWARD: JAMB DOLES OUT N1.875 BILLION IN FOUR YEARS TO TERTIARY INSTITUTIONS

compliance with guidelines in the conduct of admissions into tertiary institutions in the country, as well as Admissions and Matriculation Board

n its bid to promote excellence and consolidate on the gains of the National Tertiary Admissions Performance Merit Award (NATAP-M) Awards, the Joint

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JAMB Registrar is doing. In fact, I would personally sponsor the nomination of the Registrar for a higher national honour as an award for his service to the nation.

"I wish to use this opportunity to commend the Registrar, management and staff of the Board for initiating the award to honour and encourage best practices and improve productivity, as well as recognising individuals and institutions, that have demonstrated exceptional performance in the admission value chain, is truly commendable"

Continuing, the Parliamentarian said, "Your commitment to maintaining high standards and promoting meritocracy in education

deserve our highest commendation and to us, in the National Assembly, is a sign of respect for the rule of law in our society. This way, we believe if other agencies of government follow in your footsteps, Nigeria would be a land of our dreams as envisaged by our founding fathers"

According to the high-ranking Senator, "In the course of the four and half decade of its existence JAMB, as a prime player in the admission of candidates into tertiary institutions in Nigeria, has dominated national discourse on account of its fairness, integrity and excellence in the admission process." Furthermore, he stated that the journey of the Board in the last few years has been marked by an

unwavering commitment to transparency and innovation, adding that the Board has continuously adopted cutting-edge technology and methodology to streamline the admission process, combat malpractices and uphold the principles of meritocracy. This, he said, has not only enhanced the quality of intakes into our tertiary institutions but has also opened doors of opportunities for countless students across the nation and other parts of the world.

"I'am aware that the foreign component of the UTME took place few days ago, this is an endorsement of the Board's processes across borders," he said.

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...18YRS AGE LIMIT: Education Minister Counsels Tertiary Institutions, Stakeholders

Minister disclosed this at the annual Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board 2024 Policy Meeting on Admissions into tertiary institutions in the country held at the Body of Benchers Auditorium, Abuja, on Thursday, 18th July, 2024.

Prof. Tahir Maman, reiterated that the 18-year age limit for admission into tertiary institutions is a matter of law and policy, and therefore, must be respected. However, after some stakeholders expressed concerns considering the fact that many of those categorised as underage candidates had already taken the 2024 UTME without anticipating the directive, the minister agreed to grant a one-time waiver for 16-vearold candidates to be admitted for the current year only. This means that: - Candidates who are 16 years old can be admitted into tertiary institutions for the 2024 academic year only. - From next year, the 18year age limit will be strictly enforced. It's important to note that this waiver is an exception and not a permanent change to the policy. The minister's directive is aimed at ensuring compliance with the law

and avoiding any potential legal issues.

"Our laws require students to be in school from six years -Yes, there are those who do that from five which is not proper. They are to be in primary school for six years; secondary school for six years making eighteen years before proceeding to the tertiary level . This does not require a statement from the minister. We are only restating what is in the law," he explained. Continuing, the Hon. Minister said, "JAMB is hereby instructed to admit only eligible students. That is those who have attained approve age limit as prescribed by our laws,"

The policy meeting, which is chaired by the Minister of Education, is a forum for critical stakeholders in the admission value chain in the country, and included; Vice Chancellors, Rectors, Provosts of universities.

polytechnics, colleges of education and monotechnics respectfully along with their Registrars. Others stakeholders present at the meeting were Heads of Regulatory Agencies such as the National Universities Commission (NUC), the National Board for Technical Education (NBTE), and the National Council for Colleges of Education (NCCE), the National Youth Service Corps (NYSC),the Federal Competition and Consumer Protection Commission (FCCPC), among others.





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REPORT OF INFLOW AND OUTFLOW FOR THE PERIOD **JULY 13 - JULY 19 2024**

FINANCIAL INFLOW

S/N	DECRIPTION		AMOUNT (N)
1	E-facilitities/Sales		122,800,000.00
2	PRC Service Charges		1,646,300.00
	TOTAL		124,446,300.00
	The sum of N31,111,575.00 was a	uto-deducted by the OAGF bei	ng 25% of inflow
	for Operating Surplus remittance	e to CRF	

FINANCIAL OUTFLOW

S/N	DECRIPTION	PURPOSE	AMOUNT (N)
1	Staff Claims	Various	17,354,681.44
2	CBT Centre	Supplementary 2024 UTME	75,935,000.00
3	Federal Inland Revenue Service	Taxes	38,553,657.54
4	States Tax Office	Taxes	1,204,257.03
5	Kash and Franchise	Printing	8,146,108.00
6	JAMB Zonal/State/PRC	3rd Quarter, 2024 Allocation	30,900,000.00
7	Hammer General Ventures Ltd	Publicity and Advertisement	14,500,000.00
8	Hammer General Ventures Ltd	Publicity and Advertisement	8,500,000.00
9	Hammer General Ventures Ltd	Publicity and Advertisement	1,852,150.00
10	Royal Point Integrated Inv Ltd	Supply of Furnitutre	1,222,000.00
11	Remita	Financial Charges	43,085.46
	TOTAL		198,210,939.47

- JULY 28TH 2024 JAMB CELEBRATES STAFF BORN JULY 22ND

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Olugbenga Olufemi Akintola Comfort Oluyemi Omole Basirat Adenike Ovakpoyen Solomon Nwaiwu Dubem Eagle Ikechukwu

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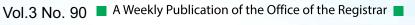
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PUNCH, TUESDAY, JULY 16, 2024: JAMB Begins 2024 Admission, Holds Policy Meeting on Thursday: -

The Joint Admission Matriculation Board (JAMB) has disclosed that all necessary processes are in place for the commencement of admission into tertiary institutions. In its weekly news bulletin, published on Monday, JAMB announced that the 2024 annual policy meeting is scheduled to take place on Thursday, July 18, 2024.

As stated in the bulletin, the Minister of Education, Professor Tahir Mamman, will preside over the policy meeting in Abuja, authorizing the commencement of the 2024 admission process. The meeting will also feature the National Tertiary Admissions' Performance-Merit Award (NATAP-M Awards), with the overall winner receiving a prize of N500 million and other consolation winners sharing a total of N250 million.

The policy meeting, which will be attended by vice-chancellors of universities, rectors of polytechnics, mono-technics, and innovation enterprise institutes, provosts of colleges of education, and other key stakeholders, will deliberate on and approve the guidelines for the 2024 admission exercise.

LEADERSHIP, TUESDAY, JULY 16, 2024: NECO Releases 2024 Unity School Common Entrance Examination Results: -The National Examinations Council (NECO) has officially released the results of the 2024 National Common Entrance Examination (NCEE) for Unity Schools. This announcement was made by the Minister of State for Education, Dr. Yusuf Sununu, during a press briefing on Tuesday, where he presented the outcome of the examination.

The 2024 NCEE was administered on Saturday, June 1, 2024, in Nigeria, as well as in the Benin Republic and Togo. A total of 71,291 candidates registered for the examination, with 66,931 candidates sitting for the test and 4,360 absentees.

According to the Minister, the highest score achieved was 203 out of a possible 210, attained by one candidate, while 13 candidates scored the lowest mark of 1. Additionally, Dr. Sununu reported that 52 candidates (2 from Lagos State and 50 from Rivers State) were involved in examination malpractice, an unprecedented number.

The Minister also confirmed that the admission process will be based on the traditional 60% merit criterion. Also in Punch, Tuesday, July 16, 2024; Vanguard, Tuesday, July 16, 2024.

PUNCH, TUESDAY, JULY 16, 2024: 60% 2024 Unity School Admission to be Merit-Based-FG: – The Federal Government has established three key criteria for admission into the 115 Unity schools located throughout the country. The Minister of State for Education, Dr. Yusuf Sununu, announced the results of the examination during a press briefing in Abuja.

As previously reported, a total of 71,291 candidates participated in the 2024 National Common Entrance Examination, which was administered in 599 centres on Saturday, June 1, 2024. According to data released by NECO, Lagos State had the highest number of candidates, with 17,751, followed by the Federal Capital Territory (FCT) with 10,209, and Anambra State with 4,972 candidates.

Dr. Sununu emphasized that the examination is highly competitive and is administered annually to Nigerian children both within and

outside the country who seek admission to the 115 Federal Unity Colleges. He noted that these colleges promote national unity, as reflected in their motto, "Pro Unitate" (For Unity).

The Minister confirmed that the admission criteria for selecting qualified candidates into Federal Unity Colleges remain unchanged, comprising: 60% Merit, 30% Equality of State, and 10% Exigency. These criteria ensure a balanced and fair selection process.

PROMPT NEWS ONLINE, TUESDAY, JULY 16, 2024: <u>UNILORIN Retains Top Spot in JAMB Institutional Rankings:</u> The University of Ilorin (UNILORIN) has once again emerged as the most sought-after institution in Nigeria, according to the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB) Institutional Ranking for the 2022/2023 admission exercise. This was disclosed by Mr. Kunle Akogun, Director of Corporate Affairs at UNILORIN, during a recent media briefing.

The university topped the list in two categories: Most Subscribed Institution and Institution with the Highest Number of Admitted International Students. UNILORIN admitted 70 international students, surpassing Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria, which admitted 18 foreign students.

Mr Akogun noted that UNILORIN has consistently been the most preferred institution by admission seekers since 2013 and has won the JAMB award every year since its introduction in 2018. In 2023, the university received N150 million for being the Most Subscribed Institution and an additional N75 million for admitting the highest number of international students.

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JAMB's ranking criteria encompass five areas, including Most Subscribed Institutions by Candidates; Most National in Terms of Admission Spread; Most Improved in Gender Balance; Most Students; and Most Compliant to Admission Guidelines

In the category of Most Subscribed Institution by Candidates, UNILORIN secured the top spot with an impressive 97,351 applicants.

VANGUARD, TUESDAY, JULY 16, 2024: UNILAG, LASU, Pan Atlantic Sign STEM Pact with U.S. Varsity: - The University of Lagos (UNILAG), Lagos State University (LASU), and Pan-Atlantic University (PAU) have entered into an educational cooperative partnership agreement with Spelman College, Atlanta, Georgia, USA. This partnership aims to establish a collaborative framework between the four institutions to advance women's education and Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) education.

The agreement encompasses various areas, including Faculty and student international exchange programmes, Collaboration in creative industries, and Mutual benefits in academic and research endeavours.

The signing ceremony was attended by Prof. Folasade Ogunsola, Vice-Chancellor, UNILAG; Prof. Adenike Boyo, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Administration), LASU; Prof. Sola Oni, Dean, School of Management and Social Science, PAU; and Dr Helene Gayle, Spelman College.

The partnership, titled "Developing Partnerships between U.S. and Nigerian Institutions of Higher Education," seeks to foster stronger ties with the diaspora community to promote STEM education in Nigeria.

Prof. Ogunsola, the chief host, emphasized the importance of leveraging partnerships to build capacities in key areas, including sports, artificial intelligence, robotics, fin-tech, entrepreneurship, and more. She assured the commitment of the consortium to promote capacity building, collaborations, exchange opportunities, co-creation of curricula, and multi-disciplinary

research engagements.

Dr Gayle congratulated the consortium of universities in Lagos for initiating this partnership, acknowledging its potential to drive growth and address global issues.

THE CABLE, TUESDAY, JULY 16, 2024: NBTE Sets New Qualifying Examination as Condition for Polytechnic Graduation: - The National Board for Technical Education (NBTE) has introduced a new mandatory skills qualification (MSQ) exam as a requirement for polytechnic students to graduate.

According to Prof. Idris Bugaje, the board's executive secretary, this policy takes effect in 2024 and aims to ensure that polytechnic graduates possess practical skills.

Speaking at the NBTE head office in Kaduna on Monday, July 15, 2024, Prof. Bugaje emphasized that this new policy marks a significant shift in polytechnic education, aligning with the board's goal of producing diploma holders with real-world skills

Additionally, the NBTE has approved a new scheme of service for the polytechnic sector, which includes the requirement for principal and chief lecturers to hold doctorate degrees. This scheme has been circulated, and proposals for amendments have been submitted to Folasade Yemi-Esan, the Head of Service of the Federation (HoSF).

Prof. Bugaje noted that while polytechnics seek parity with universities, master's degrees cannot be the highest academic qualification in polytechnics. The new MSQ policy aims to eliminate "indolent" academics who have previously avoided pursuing doctorate degrees.

The revised scheme recognizes HND holders as Graduate Assistants, equivalent to their university counterparts, for the first time. Prof. Bugaje described the 2024 scheme as a revolutionary document that will make polytechnic lecturers unique, possessing both academic and hands-onskills.

THE EAGLE, WEDNESDAY, JULY 17, 2024: <u>Tinubu Appoints New Head of Civil Service:</u> President Bola Tinubu

has formally approved the appointment of Didi Esther Walson-Jack as the new Head of the Civil Service of the Federation, effective August 14, 2024. Mrs Walson-Jack, a seasoned civil servant, was appointed as a Federal Permanent Secretary in 2017 and has garnered extensive experience serving in various Ministries, including the Federal Ministry of Education.

She will succeed the incumbent Head of the Civil Service of the Federation, Dr Folasade Yemi-Esan, who is scheduled to retire on August 13, 2024. President Tinubu expressed his gratitude to the outgoing Head of Service for her dedicated service and stewardship.

In the appointment letter, President Tinubu charged the incoming Head of Service, Mrs. Walson-Jack, to discharge her duties with innovative flair, integrity, and strict adherence to the extant rules and regulations governing the Civil Service of the Federation. This appointment marks a significant milestone in the leadership of the Nigerian Civil Service, and Mrs Walson-Jack is expected to bring her wealth of experience and expertise to bear in her new role.

PUNCH, WEDNESDAY, JULY 17, 2024: 1.3 Million Candidates Registered for 2024 SSCE- NECO: — The National Examinations Council (NECO) has announced that a total of 1,376,391 candidates have registered for the ongoing 2024 Senior School Certificate Examination (internal). This was disclosed by the Registrar/Chief Executive of NECO, Prof. Dantani Wushishi, on Wednesday, July 17, 2024, after monitoring the examination at various centres in Enugu.

According to a statement signed by the Head of Public Affairs, Azeez Sani, Prof. Wushishi expressed satisfaction with the smooth conduct of the examination, attributing the success to the measures put in place to prevent examination malpractice. He emphasized the importance of hard work and dedication, stating that "there is no shortcut to success."

Prof. Wushishi has personally monitored the examination in

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several states, including Edo, Delta, Bayelsa, Rivers, Abia, Imo, and Anambra, with a total of 1,376,371 registered candidates. Stakeholders in these states have commended NECO for the measures implemented to ensure a seamless examination process.

Additionally, the examination is being conducted in several countries, including Togo, Benin Republic, Gabon, Equatorial Guinea, Niger Republic, Cote d'Ivoire, and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, highlighting the global recognition and acceptance of NECO certificates.

The 2024 NECO SSCE commenced on June 19 and will be concluded on July 25, 2024, with candidates sitting for examinations in 76 subjects.

PREMIUM TIMES, THURSDAY, JULY 18, 2024: 2024 UTME: JAMB Lists 13 Candidates with Highest Marks: - The Joint Admissions and Matriculations Board (JAMB) has released the list of top-performing candidates in the 2024 Unified Tertiary Matriculation Examination (UTME). During a presentation at the 2024 admission policy meeting in Abuja, JAMB Registrar, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, announced the highest-scoring candidates.

According to the list, three candidates achieved the highest mark of 367 out of a possible 400. This exceptional performance was noted by Prof. Oloyede when JAMB released the results, highlighting that only 8,401 candidates (0.5%) scored above 300, while 77,070 (4.2%) scored 250 and above, and 439,974 (24%) scored 200 and above.

The top-scoring candidates are Olowu Joseph Oluwasijibomi - 367; Alayande David - 367; Orukpe Joel Ehijele - 367and Emmanuel Jeremiah Jewel - 365.

In addition to achieving high UTME scores, candidates are also required to possess Senior School Certificate Examination (SSCE) results with credits in five subjects relevant to their chosen courses of study, including English Language and Mathematics.

CHANNELSTV, THURSDAY, JULY 18,

2024: <u>JAMB Cancels Aptitude Test</u> for 2024 <u>Direct Entry:</u> – The Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB) has announced the cancellation of the aptitude test for 2024 <u>Direct Entry candidates</u>. In a statement published on its official X account on Monday, JAMB revealed that alternative factors will be considered for <u>Direct Entry</u> admissions in place of the test.

The statement reads: "Attention 2024 DE Candidates! This is to inform you that the Board has decided not to conduct the aptitude test for this year. Instead, other placement criteria will be considered for your admission, while adequate preparation is underway for the exercise next year."

Furthermore, JAMB confirmed that all necessary processes have been put in place for the commencement of admission into the nation's tertiary institutions, ensuring a smooth and efficient admission process.

INFO DAILY, THURSDAY, JULY 18, 2024: FG to Introduce New Curriculum for Secondary Schools: — The Minister of Education, Prof. Tahir Mamman, has announced that a new curriculum will be introduced in secondary schools across the country by September 2024. This announcement was made at the 2024 Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board policy meeting in Abuja.

Prof. Mamman stated, "We are working diligently to ensure the introduction of a new curriculum for secondary schools by September." He noted that this initiative has been underway for the past year and that a stakeholders' meeting is scheduled for August 6, 2024.

The Minister emphasized that the plan is to implement this new program in all schools, both public and private, by September. This announcement comes after the National Senior Secondary School Education Commission recently expressed concerns about the deplorable state of senior secondary schools in the country, highlighting challenges such as infrastructural deficits, unqualified teachers, obsolete curriculum

and deplorable libraries and laboratories.

The commission emphasized the need for collaboration to address these challenges and noted that plans are underway to introduce a new curriculum, which is now confirmed to be implemented by September 2024.

NATION, THURSDAY, JULY 18, 2024: Tinubu Kicks Off Payment of N32bn to Students as Loans: - President Bola Ahmed Tinubu has launched the Student Loan Scheme, a flagship programme of his administration, with an initial allocation of N32 billion. The scheme, managed by the Nigeria Education Loan Fund (NELFUND), received 103,000 successful applications out of 164,000 registrations between May 25 and July 17 2024.

To symbolically commence the programme, President Tinubu presented dummy cheques to students and vice-chancellors. The initiative aims to provide financial assistance to indigent students or those struggling to pay their fees, ensuring that no student drops out of school due to financial constraints.

As announced by the President, the scheme will disburse tuition fees directly to the institutions, while successful applicants will receive stipends. President Tinubu emphasized the significance of education as a vital tool in combating poverty and insecurity, stating that it is the "biggest weapon against poverty and the most effective battle axe to fight insecurity." Also in The Eagle, Wednesday, July 17, 2024.

PUNCH, THURSDAY, JULY 18, 2024: JAMB Excludes Inmates, Albinos, PWDs from Post-UTME: - The Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB) has announced specific categories of candidates who will be exempted from the Post-UTME screening test. According to the Registrar, Prof. Ishaq Oloyede, the following candidates will be excluded from the Post-UTME screening: International candidates who applied through UTME/DE modes, who will instead undergo screening after admission; candidates with disabilities,

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including but not limited to blindness; deafness; muteness; autism; amputations; lameness; paralysis; down syndrome; Dyslexia; Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder; albinism; cerebral palsy and disfigurements.

Prof. Oloyede emphasized that institutions must clearly disclose this exemption in their post-UTME screening test advertisements and strictly enforce this policy.

Earlier, stakeholders established the minimum benchmark scores for admissions into universities at 140, and polytechnics and colleges of education at 100, respectively.

<u>UNILAG.EDU.NG</u> WEDNESDAY, JULY 17, 2024: <u>UNILAG Receives New Pro-Chancellor: -</u> On Tuesday, July 16, 2024, the University of Lagos (UNILAG) management formally welcomed the newly appointed Pro-Chancellor, Chief Wole Olanipekun SAN, on his inaugural visit to the institution. Upon arrival, Chief Olanipekun was received by Vice-Chancellor Professor Folasade Ogunsola, OON, FAS, accompanied by other principal officers.

The delegation proceeded to the Vice-Chancellor's office, where each management team member briefed the Pro-Chancellor on their respective office's activities. Professor Ogunsola congratulated Chief Olanipekun on his appointment and expressed management's readiness to collaborate with him and the Governing Council to advance the university's interests.

She informed the Pro-Chancellor of ongoing initiatives aimed at enhancing staff and student value, as well as infrastructure development, emphasizing the need for his support and input to actualize these efforts.

In his remarks, Chief Olanipekun stated that his visit was a deliberate effort to familiarize himself with the UNILAG management team ahead of the inaugural Governing Council meeting scheduled for Monday, July 22, 2024. He commended successive UNILAG management for the institution's remarkable growth, achievements, and impactful strides, acknowledging the university's continued progress.

PUNCH, THURSDAY, JULY 18, 2024: North Tops Applicants' List as FG Begins Students Loan Disbursement: Dr Akintunde Sawyerr, Managing Director of the Nigerian Education Loan Fund (NELFUND), has expressed concern that students from higher institutions in Nigeria's southern region are hesitant to apply for loans due to scepticism about the programme's viability. He made this statement during a briefing with State House correspondents after President Bola Tinubu launched the loan disbursement programme at the Presidential Villa, Abuja, on Wednesday.

Dr. Sawyerr attributed the higher application rate from students in the North to better coordination and support from tertiary institutions in the region. He acknowledged that southern regions have shown growing interest, but also expressed concerns about widespread scepticism, with many questioning the programme's authenticity.

Dr Sawyerr assured Nigerians that as more loans are disbursed, initial scepticism will dissipate. He also revealed that university students have applied for loans in greater numbers than students from polytechnics and colleges of education.

He emphasized that the loan scheme is a genuine initiative, backed by President Tinubu, and aims to provide opportunities for needy and capable Nigerians. Dr. Sawyerr highlighted the program's potential to positively impact many lives, particularly those who will make decisions affecting the country's future.

CHANNELSTV THURSDAY, JULY 18, 2024: Education Minister Okays 16 Years as Admission Age for 2024: – The Minister of Education, Professor Tahir Mamman, has approved the admission age of 16 years for tertiary institutions for the 2024/2025 academic session. Initially, Professor Mamman had proposed 18 years as the minimum admission age for undergraduates. However, after considering the fact that students under 18 had already registered, sat, and passed the Unified Tertiary Matriculation Examination (UTME)

and were awaiting admission, he agreed to delay the implementation of the new age requirement until the 2025 admission year.

This decision was made during a meeting held in Abuja on Thursday, attended by the JAMB Registrar, Ishaq Oloyede, vice-chancellors, registrars, and other stakeholders. Professor Oloyede reiterated the minister's decision, stating, "We appreciate the minister's concession, but we will enforce the new age requirement starting next vear."

Earlier, Professor Mamman, as the chairman of the 2024 Joint Admissions Matriculation Board's (JAMB) policy meeting on Education, had advocated for the enforcement of 18 years as the minimum admission age for tertiary institutions in the country. Also in Punch, July 18, 2024.

CHANNELSTV FRIDAY, JULY 19, 2024: No Such Thing as Cut-Off Mark - JAMB: - The Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB) has issued a statement denying reports that it has established cut-off marks for admissions into higher institutions in Nigeria. On Thursday, the Board posted a clarification on its official X account, refuting claims that it had set 140 as the cut-off mark for universities and 100 for polytechnics.

JAMB emphasized that the concept of "cut-off marks" does not exist in the admission process to tertiary institutions in Nigeria. Instead, individual institutions determine their minimum tolerable scores.

This denial comes in response to widespread reports that JAMB had announced 140 as the cut-off mark for university admissions and 100 as the minimum cut-off point for polytechnics and colleges of education. The reports attributed the announcement to JAMB Registrar, Professor Ishaq Oloyede, who allegedly made the statement at the 2024 Policy meeting of the Board in Abuja. The meeting was attended by the Minister of Education, Prof. Tahir Mamman, vice-chancellors, rectors, registrars, and other stakeholders.



Intrepreneurship education is the collection of formalised teachings that informs, trains and educates anyone interested in participating in the socioeconomic development of the society through any project that aims at promoting entrepreneurship awareness, business creation or small business development.

entrepreneurship studies developed as a follow-up to the declaration of the United Nations on Entrepreneurship in 2005 and its adoption by the Nigerian Government in 2006. The National University Commission (NUC), as a consequence, started a mandatory entrepreneurship development course for all undergraduates before graduation in 2007. This measure is to address the problem of graduate unemployment and strategically position the economy for sustainable development.

The philosophy underscoring the undergraduate B.Sc. entrepreneurship programme in

Nigerian universities is to develop a crop of broadly-educated entrepreneurial professionals. Through this programme, students are exposed to the most recent research and theory in international business, market research, promotion, advertising and many more. It also focuses on business opportunities exploitation, business plan development and control, start-up establishment, management, team-building, market strategies, human resource management, leadership, innovation, intellectual property, economy, networking, market research, among others.

A career in this field is lucrative on account of the upward trend in unemployment among graduates. To venture into entrepreneurship, business owners are trained on how to set up and manage start-ups (small or medium-scale enterprises). Graduates of entrepreneurial programmes can also work in private and government-owned

establishments, industries, research institutions, academia, banks, schools, etc. It is a four-year course under the Faculty of Administration in most of tge nation's universities.

UTME subjects required include Use of English, Economics, Mathematics, and any of the trio of Accounts, Government or Geography. O' level requirements include a credit pass in English Language, Mathematics, Economics and any two Art or Social Science subjects. For special waivers from institutions, check the brochure at www.ibass.jamb.gov.ng.

Universities that offer Entrepreneurship include Bayero University, Kano, University of Benin, Obafemi Awolowo University, among other federal, state and private universities. The professional body is the Institute of Professional Entrepreneurs and Strategic Administrators of Nigeria (IPESA-Nigeria) for the purpose of promoting standards and values of the profession in Nigeria.

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alobal best practices.

Dr. Sununu highlighted the President's commitment to revamping the sector through increased budgetary allocation, with education receiving the second-highest allocation after defense. He urged Nigerians to be patient with the ongoing economic reforms, which aim to make the

country better.

The minister also stressed the importance of character and skill acquisition in education, announcing plans to establish Digital Resource Centres across the country to address the teacher shortage crisis. He acknowledged that this challenge is not unique to Nigeria, but a global phenomenon exacerbated by the COVID-19

pandemic and brain drain.

Dr. Sununu emphasized the need for stakeholders to ensure the credibility of certificates awarded and decried the prevalence of fake certificates. He commended JAMB for its efforts in curbing examination malpractices and conducting credible exams.

In his remarks, Honourable Minister of Education, Prof. Tahir Mamman,

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MANDATORY USE OF THE NATIONAL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (NIN) FOR REGISTRATION WITH JAMB BY CANDIDATES APPLYING FOR NON-REGULAR PROGRAMMES

This Advisory is issued to all the concerned institutions, and candidates desirous of applying to study under the non-regular mode of study in tertiary institutions in Nigeria.

As part of measures to checkmate the nefarious activities of fraudulent characters, who are scheming to compromise candidates' records through dubious registration channels and in compliance with its enabling act, JAMB has mandated that all applicants desirous of studying in Nigerian tertiary institutions must provide their NIN while registering for any programme of study in any tertiary institution in Nigeria irrespective of whether the mode of study is **regular and non-regular.**

- 2. Consequently, it has now become mandatory for all prospective candidates in the **non-regular category (NOUN, Distance Learning, Part-time and Sandwich programmes)** to create a profile code, before registering with JAMB, by sending their NIN, through their unique phone number to either of the Board's sort code (55019 or 66019).
- 3. Immediately after the creation of profile, each candidate will proceed to a CBT Centre for registration. After the registration, the candidate's details will appear on the CAPS of the institution of choice under non-regular admission. The institution will then propose and recommend to the Board for approval and the candidate will accept and print admission letter.
- 4. Furthermore, all previous candidates in the non-regular programmes, who had not integrated their NIN or unique phone number on the Board's platform, would have to create a profile using their respective NINs to access any of the services of the Board.
- 5. No candidate can use the process to change any of the data already supplied to the Board.
- 6. JAMB, as a responsive organisation that is conscious of the peculiarities of the non-regular studies, will continue to make the registration process as flexible as possible by making its platform available throughout the year. It is, therefore, expected that candidates, who fall under this category, will apply through JAMB before approaching their preferred institutions to process their admission with their respective JAMB registration numbers. They would also be expected to pay their preferred institution a processing fee as determined by the respective institutions.
- 7. Please be guided for compliance.

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expressed concerns about the effects of non-compliance with directives and government policies. He warned that such disregard could lead to distorted data for national planning, undermine the integrity of the system, and compromise accountability.

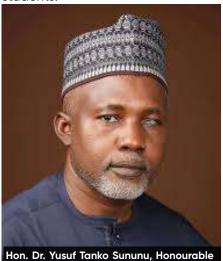
Prof. Mamman emphasized the importance of adhering to the Central Admissions Processina System (CAPS) and warned against conducting admissions outside of it. He reminded heads of tertiary institutions and stakeholders of the need for applicants to update their profiles with their respective NINs to prevent dishonest practices.

The minister also highlighted the significance of complying with the National Matriculation list and the free interest loan initiative launched as part of the President's renewed hope agenda.

Goodwill messages were received from various dignitaries, including the Chairman of the Senate Committee on Tertiary Institutions and TETfund, Senator Dandutse Muntari Mohamed; the Chairman of the Senate Committee on ICT and Cybercrime, Senator Shuaib Afolabi Salisu; the Executive Secretary, National Universities Commission (NUC), Mr. Chris Maiyaki; the Executive Secretary, National Commission for Colleges of Education (NCCE), Prof. Paulinus Okwelle: and other heads of MDAs at the meetina.

The Managing Director, Nigeria Education Loan Fund (NELFUND), and co-sponsor of the meeting, Mr. Akintunde Sawyer, delivered a

presentation on the modalities of the loan and provided participants with vital information regarding the interest-free loan for Nigerian students.



Hon. Dr. Yusuf Tanko Sununu, Honourable Minister of State for Education.

JAMB INTENSIFIES CAPACITY BUILDING ON ADMISSION PROCESSES, TRAINS ADMISSION OFFICERS AHEAD OF **HE 2024 ACADEMIC YEAR**

s a part of the programmes heralding the 2024 Policy ▲Meeting, the Board has organised a training session for all admission officers of Nigerian tertiary institutions.

The capacity-building exercise, which took place at Idris Abdukadri Auditorium, National Universities Commission (NUC), on Wednesday, 17th July, 2024, was organised to update the knowledge of the officers handling admission processes in the country's ivory towers.

Welcoming the participants, the Director of Admissions Department, Mr. Mohammed Babaji Ahmed, revealed that the programme was organised to consolidate on the gains recorded in the quality and efficient service delivery in admission process, stressing that the Board's transparent platform for admission the Central Admissions Processing System (CAPS) has not only been upgraded to be a communication channel between the Board. institutions and the candidates but has also incorporated the processing

of non-regular admissions, undisclosed admissions as well as aradina of Direct Entry (DE) results of the applicants, while stressing that CAPS had been designed to be userfriendly.

In his remarks, the Registrar, Prof. Ishaq Oloyede, reiterated that enhancing efficiency was one of the reasons for organising the training for the participants, saying training was a veritable means of improving efficiency in service delivery, particularly when technology was involved.

According to the Board's helmsman, "...with the spate of turnovers of change of Registrars and Vice Chancellors in our tertiary institutions, capacity deficit will set in without constant training. You should, however, not only come for regular training and retraining, but try as much as possible to also train yourselves from resources and advisories placed on our website."

Furthermore, Prof. Oloyede decried the ineffective use of technology by some tertiary institutions in the country, citing instances of some Heads of Institutions and their Registrars using personal email addresses in official communications.

Cautioning the admission officers against initiating illegal admissions, he said, "You should be careful not engage in sharp practices as no illegal admission could be given without the knowledge of admission officers. I, therefore, appeal to you to join hands together with us to eliminate corruption in the admission system."



Director of Admissions Department, Mr. Mohammed Babaji Ahmed

UTME DEEPENS NIGERIA AND THE GAMBIA'S BILATERAL RELATIONS

he Ag. High Commissioner of Nigeria to the Republic of The Gambia Ms. Temidayo Balogun, has commended JAMB for deepening Nigeria's bilateral relations with Gambia through the conduct of its Unified Tertiary Matriculation Examination(UTME). This was emphasised in an exclusive interview with JAMBULLETIN after the recently-concluded 2024 UTME in foreign centres. In her submissions, the Ag. High Commissioner touched on the challenges faced in piloting the affairs of the High Commission in The Gambia, where close to 40,000 Nigerians reside, among others. According to her, challenges such as trafficking and prostitution have been met with efforts from professionals equipped with resources to protect vulnerable Nigerians. She, however, admitted that beyond economic growth and trade facilitation between both countries, a major effort in fighting these challenges is education, which is central to the Board's mandate. In her words, "many Nigerian students abroad interested in tertiary education in Nigeria are now benefiting from the Board's commitment to projecting and elevating Nigeria's tertiary education sector. We have to commend JAMB under Prof Oloyede for this initiative and for looking out for Nigerian students in the diaspora." Speaking further, the Ag. High Commissioner recalled the Registrar's 2023 visit to The Gambia, where Prof. Oloyede, based on an

informed appreciation of the understanding of the landscape, had promised to add his voice to a proposed Memorandum of Understanding structured to allow qualified Gambians to enjoy scholarships to study in Nigeria's tertiary institutions. While commenting on the Commision's commitment to JAMB's vision, which is hugely reflected in its anple preparations for the examination, Ms. Balogun explained the need to amplify the good work that JAMB is doing. She also referenced the sensitization and planning drive of the Commission led by the Head of Education Protocol, Mr. Shehu Usman Ilu, and pointed out the need to engage in more sensitization. According to her, "It is what Nigeria gives us that we project so what JAMB is doing is what we are projecting, just like the Technical Aid Corps Volunteers we have from Nigeria. These are Nigerians doing so well in their fields and are deployed to different countries to serve. Nigeria has been key to The Gambia's progress and efforts like this will strengthen bilateral relationship." In her evaluation of the UTME and the admission process, the Ag. High Commissioner reflected on the progress made over the years and acknowledged the transparency and the competitiveness that had been embedded in the process. She alluded to the fact that technology, through visionary leadership, has been fully utilised to bring drastic

and needed changes to the examination process, which has now led to an admission process that only puts forward candidates deemed worthy of higher education placement. According to her, "Prof Oloyede has solidified the place of technology in JAMB. Its impact is evident and the output will encourage us (the High Commission) to amplify the good and commendable deeds of agencies in Nigeria to the Nigerian community in The Gambia and to the Gambian government for more improved partnership." Ms. Balogun, therefore, implored members of the public and the media to propagate the laudable efforts made by Nigerians and Nigerian agencies for the betterment of the country, for trade and economic opportunities and for stronger bilateral relationships. "If JAMB can deploy technology, resources and personnel to foreign locations to accommodate Nigerians in the diaspora, such efforts and many others should be publicized, made to go viral as itger countries had been doing," she said.



The Ag. High Commissioner of Nigeria to the Republic of The Gambia Ms. Temidayo Balogun.

STAFF HOUSING LOAN: NASU COMMENDS JAMB REGISTRAR

he Non-Academic Staff Union of Educational and Associated Institutions (NASU) has commended the Registrar of the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB)Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, for setting aside the sum of one billion naira for the proposed housing scheme for the staff of the Board.

JAMB-NASU, in a statement signed

by its Chairman, Comrade Andrew

Onakpa, thanked the Registrar for prioritising staff welfare through a proposal sent to the Federal Housing Authority (FHA) to ensure that all staff of the Board secure their own personal houses.

JAMB-NASU also lauded the alternative arrangements made by the Board for those, who will be retiring between the next four to five years to offset the cost of houses

stating this act was commendable. Onakpa said the gesture would no doubt enhance job security, productivity and efficiency of labour as he reiterated the union's unalloyed loyalty and commitment to the service of the Board.

...NATAP-M AWARDS: JAMB Doles Out N1.875Billion in Four Years to Tertiary Institutions

(JAMB) has doled out the sum of It would be recalled that the N1.875billion to winning tertiary institutions in the country since its inception in 2018.

The award, which was initiated in 2018 by the Prof. Is-haq Oloyede-led administration was to recognise tertiary institutions complying with admission auidelines as well as spur healthy competition among the institutions.

The maiden edition of the Awards for 2018, which was held in 2019, featured five categories, namely: the most-subscribed institutions by candidates, the most-national institution in terms of admission spread and the institution with the highest number of admission of international students.

He listed the other categories as: the most-improved institution in intake of female students and the mostcompliant institution in keeping within the guidelines, rules and regulations of admissions.

Prof. Olovede, in his remarks on the occasion, stated that the Board would continue to support excellence in the nation's tertiary institutions to ensure that Nigerians desirous of tertiary education attained same.

University of Ilorin, University of Maiduguri, Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria, Rivers State University and Kaduna Polytechnic, benefited from the maiden edition of NATAP-M with the prize money of №125 million.

In the 2019 NATAP-M Awards, the sum of ₹500 million was up for grabs while in the 2020 Awards, the 3rd edition, the sum of N500million was given to winning institutions and was held on 21st July, 2022.

The fourth edition, which combined those of 2021/2022 and 2022/2023 respectively featured a cash prize of ₩710million

To ensure transparency and equity, the Federal Competition and Consumer Protection Commission (FCCPC)was part of the assessors, who were invited by the Board to grade the qualfied institutions.

The University of Ilorin, emerged the best institution for the years 2021 and 2022 after securing 12 points and was, therefore, awarded a N500 million prize in the overall category of the award.

Meanwhile, Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria, emerged the second best institution with 11 points winning a cash prize of N75 million, Borno State

University came third with nine points to win a cash prize of N25million.

Also, Kaduna Polytechnic, Kaduna, emerged as the best Polytechnic with an aggregate of 12 points and received a N50 million prize at the sectoral awards while Federal College of Education, Zaria. emerged as the best College of Education with 11 points to win the N50 million prize in the years under review.

In the Innovation Enterprise Institutions category, PEFTI Film Institute, Lagos, emerged winner with six points and a cash prize of N10 million.

Earlier, the Registrar, JAMB, Prof. Ishaa Olovede, said the overall award prize was increased to N750million to help the winner achieve tangible results with the money, added that overall winners would not be able to win again until after five years to enable the prize go round.

Prof Oloyede further disclosed that after setting aside the N750 million to be given to the winning institutions, the Board was still able to remit over N3.5 billion naira to the Federal Government this year.

OKEBUKOLA, GALADANCI, BELLO, NWORGU, OTHERS BAG RECOGNITION AWARDS



he Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB) has honoured the former Executive Secretary, National Universities Commission(NUC), Prof Emeritus Peter Okebukola.

Prof. Okebukola was honoured for his invaluable contributions to the

operations of the Board particularly his laudable roles in the functionality of the JAMB- Equal Opportunity Group(JOEG).

Also honoured was the National Coordinator, UBEC Digital Resource Centre, Prof. Bashir Galadanci, whose immense contributions to the Board's digital exploits were epochmaking.

On his part, the former Vice Chancellor, Bayero University, Kano, Prof. Yahuza Bello, was honoured for his indefatigable role in NIPEDS, the Board's A'level database manager.

Prof. Boniface Nworgu, a renowned psychometrician, and professor of measurement, was honoured for his

exploits in psychometrics and contribution to the operational processes of the Board and the education sector in general.

Speaking on behalf of the awardees, Prof. Okebukola thanked God and the Board for the honour bestowed



PICTURES OF THE JAMB POLICY MEETING HELD ON 18TH JULY 2024



The Deputy Senate President, Distinguished Senator Barau Jibrin in a handshake with Senator Shuaib Afolabi Salisu on his arrival at the NATAP-M Awards, held on Thursday, July 18, 2024



The Deputy Senate President, Distinguished Senator, Barau Jibrin (I) with the Registrar, JAMB at the NATAP-M Awards, held on Thursday, July 18, 2024.



The Registrar of JAMB, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede (right) receiving the Hon. Minister of Education, Prof. Tahir Mamman on his arrival at the 2024 Policy Meeting.



The Hon. Minister of Education, Prof. Tahir Mamman, SAN (left) with the Registrar of JAMB, Prof. ls-haq Oloyede, CON.



The Hon. Minister of State for Education, Hon. Dr. Yusuf Tanko Sununu (left) with the Hon. Minister of Education, Prof. Tahir, Mamman at the 2024 Policy Meeting, held on Thursday, July 18, 2024.



The Registrar, JAMB, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede (left) with Senator Shuaib Afolabi Salisu at the 2024 Policy Meeting held on Thursday, July 18, 2024.



Prof. Peter Okebukola (L) with Prof. Muhammad Yahuza Bello at the 2024 Policy Meeting held on Thursday, July 18, 2024.



The Hon. Minister of State for Education, Hon. Dr. Yusuf Tanko Sununu delivering his Ministerial Remarks at the 2024 Policy Meeting, on Thursday, July 18, 2024.



Mr. Akintunde Sawyerr Managing Director, Nigerian Education Loan Fund speaking on NELFUND procedures at the 2024 policy meeting held on Thursday, July 18, 2024.



Distinguished Senator, Dandutse Muntari Muhammad, giving a goodwill message at the NATAP-M Awards on Thursday, July 18, 2024.



The Executive Secretary, National Commission of College of Education (NCCE), Prof. Paulinus Okwelle delivering his Goodwill Message.



The Director General, Council of Legal Education, Nigerian Law School, Prof. Isa Ciroma, delivering his goodwill message.



lajiya Walida Sadique, Director Mobilisation, IYSC, delivering her goodwill message at the Policy Meeting held on Thursday, 18th July, 2024.



The Director, of Admissions, Mr. Mohammed Ahmed Babaji, delivering his welcome address at the 2024 Policy Meeting.



The Conference of Provosts of Colleges of Legal and Islamic Studies in Nigeria, presenting an Award to the Registrar of JAMB, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede.

PICTURES OF THE 2021/2022 NATAP-M AWARDS



The Deputy Senate Senator Barau Jibrin, presenting a symbolic cheque to University of Ilorin, Kwara State for emerging as the Best Institution at the NATAP-M Award held on Thursday, July 18, 2024.



The Hon. Minister of State for Education, Hon. Dr. Yusuf Tanko Sununu, presenting a symbolic cheque of N75m to Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria, Kaduna State for emerging as the Runner-up Institute at the NATAP-M Award held on Thursday, July 18, 2024.



The Hon. Minister of State for Education, Hon. Dr. Yusuf Tanko Sununu, presenting a symbolic cheque of N25m to the Borno State University for emerging as the Second Runner-up Institution at the NATAP-M Awards, held on Thursday, July 18, 2024.



The Hon. Minister of State for Education, Hon. Dr. Yusuf Tanko Sununu presenting a symbolic cheque to Kaduna Polytechnic for emerging as the Best Polytechnic at the NATAP-M Awards, held on Thursday, July 18, 2024.



The Hon. Minister of State for Education, Hon. Dr. Yusuf Tanko Sununu presenting a symbolic cheque of N50m to the Federal College of Education, Zaria for emerging as the Best College of Education.



The Hon. Minister of State for Education, Hon. Dr. Yusuf Tanko Sununu presenting a symbolic cheque of N10m to PEFTI Film Institute, Lagos for emerging as the Best IEI at the NATAP-M Awards held on Thursday, July 18, 2024.



From L-R: Prof. Peter Okebukola; Prof. Muhammad Yahuza Bello; Prof. Boniface Nworgu and Prof. Bashir Galadanci all recipients of Merit Award at the NATAP-M Award held on Thursday, July 18, 2024.



The Registrar JAMB, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede (2nd Left), with Abdsalam Abdwahab Babatunde, Resident Monitor (1st Left); Ekoja Rosemary, BVR (3rd left); Badamasi Awolu Isiaka, Technical Officer (2nd right) and Ejiwunmi Risqiat Abiodun, Supervisor, the recipients of the 2024 Best UTME Team.



The Deputy Senate President, Distinguished Senator, Barau Jibrin with the Hon Minister of State for Education, Hon, Dr. Yusuf Tanko Sununu on the arrival of the Deputy Senate President at the NATAP-M Awards, held on Thursday, July 18, 2024.



The Deputy Senate President, Distinguished Senator Barau Jibrin in a handshake with the Ag. Director Quality Assurance, Mrs. Doom Mbachiatim shortly after the NATAP-M Awards heled on Thursday, July 18, 2024

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KEEP IN TUNE WITH THE DIGITAL WORLD - SHITTU

call has been made to the members of staff of the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB) to keep in touch with innovations and trends on account of the rapid advances being made in the digital world on a daily basis.

This call was made by the Ag. Director/Coordinator of the National Headquarters Annex, Lagos, Mr. Billiaminu Shittu, during a sensitization meeting with the staff

of the office on the newlyintroduced Performance Management System (PMS) by the Head of Service of the Federation and its implications.

Shittu, while stressing the importance of the recently-introduced Performance Management System (PMS), urged the staff to keep in tune with new trends and events in the digital world adding that staying updated,

particularly with the rise of Artificial Intelligence, is essential to avoid being left behind.

He further encouraged the staff to strive for self-development as a time might come whereby they could be called upon to chair a meeting. In that event, he noted, comportment and presentation, might become an issue if they are not in tandem with current realities.

CAPACITY BUILDING: ADEBIYI INTRODUCES REFRESHER TRAINING IN GOMBE

s part of his plans to enhance the capacity of the members of staff of the Gombe State Office of the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB), the State Coordinator, Mr. Johnson Adebiyi, has introduced refresher training courses in the office in order to equip the staff with the relevant problem-solving skills for enhanced productivity and performance.

Adebiyi, in his address during the ceremony held to welcome him, submitted that higher productivity skill, in particular, requires training and retraining towards bridging the skills gap and facilitating efficiency in service delivery. He further explained that the refresher training was designed to reinforce existing knowledge of the participants.

While highlighting the concepts of the programme, he disclosed that the participants would be taken through: PSR 101: Compliance Training, which is basically designed to review extant provisions in the Public Service Rules; EMC 101: Imbibing Effective Maintenance Culture, specifically conceived

towards proper maintenance and management of material resources of the Board; HST 101: Health and Safety Training, to foster safety consciousness among staff.

Others include: PRC 101: Overview of the Board's Post Registration E-Facility Platform; and ICT 101: Essential Digital Skills.

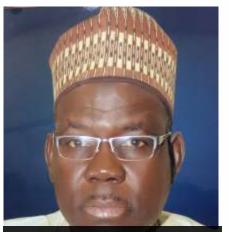
Adebiyi further explained that the training modules are designed to increase efficiency, knowledge retention, as well as fostering safety consciousness at the workplace, among others.

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"Based on our own assessment, if we are to award one person out of the



Prof. Muhammad Yahuza Bello, former VC, BUK.

220 million people in Nigeria for commitment to duty, good leadership and governance and for being a flame that is burning and showing the world how to conduct public examinations, I will give that award to Prof Ishaq Oloyede as he has been a model for transparency, accountability and diligence," he said.

Similarly, the Board also presented the Staff of Excellence Award Certificate to the Best Performing Team in the 2024 UTME. The team won a prize of one million naira and was adjudged the best in the recently-conducted (UTME) examination at Ballard Centre 2, Ikorodu, Lagos State.



ATTENTION!!!

CESSATION OF ILLEGAL/IRREGULAR ADMISSIONS

- All applications of admissions to First Degree, National Diploma, National Innovation Diploma and the Nigeria Certificate in Education into Full-Time, Distance Learning, Part-Time, Outreach, Sandwich, etc., must be processed ONLY through the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB).
- No Institution should advertise or sell "application forms" for admissions into the programmes. Institutions should advise candidates to apply to them through Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB). Duplication of application forms is **NOT** allowed.
- Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB) and the three (3) Regulatory Agencies (National Universities Commission (NUC), National Board for Technical Education (NBTE) and National Commission for Colleges of Education (NCCE) will ensure that all Tertiary Institutions comply with this policy directive. Other Professional Regulatory Agencies will also play a role in sanitizing the process.
- The duration of all Non-Full Time Studies must be maintained as approved by the Regulatory Agencies. This is generally not less than one hundred and fifty percent (150%) of the equivalence of Full Time.

<u>ADVERTORIALS</u>

- Institutions that desire to place advertisement can do so with the requirement that candidates who sat for the current **UTME** (or **DE** candidates) should change to their institutions as First (1st) Choice rather than requesting the candidates to purchase another application form or apply. This is to prevent the issue of double registration which is a violation of the mandate of JAMB.
- It should be reiterated that no Institution should advertise or sell "application forms" for admissions into the programmes listed above. Institutions should advise candidates to apply to them through Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB). Duplication of application forms is **NOT** allowed.