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Says...Admission Outside CAPS Is Null And Void



Malam Adamu Adamu, the Honourable Minister of Education.

Stiffer penalties now await tertiary institutions and Admissions racketeers, who flagrantly bypass the admission processes and the automated admissions electronic platform, widely known as the Central Admissions Processing System(CAPS) developed by the Joint Admissions and

Matriculation Board(JAMB) to conduct transparent admissions devoid of human interference.

The Minister of Education, Mall. Adamu Adamu, gave this warning on Tuesday in Abuja while declaring the 2021 Policy Meeting open.

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"I MANIPULATED MY SCORE"-Chinedu Confesses To JAMB

...Lawyer And Father Flabbergasted

Chinedu Ifesinachi John, a 2021 Unified Tertiary Matriculation Examination candidate, who had planned to study Medicine at the University of Nigeria, Nsukka, has confessed that the fear he might not be offered the programme of his choice with the score he had, propelled him to alter his UTME result.

On further interrogation, he stated that he used the telephone number of his sister, Chinecheremi John Ifemkpa, and saved her number as '55019' a sort code used by JAMB for official communications with candidates to create profiles, check UTME results,

among others. He added that he simply used the number to send the edited result from his sister's phone to his own for it to appear as if it was sent by JAMB to substantiate his allegation of multiple results.

The journey of his confession was very interesting and dramatic.

The first stage started with Chinedu alleging that in 2019, his JAMB score was tampered with as well as his 2020 UTME. Chinedu, a son of a contractor, had through his lawyer, Barrister Akaiwe Ikeazor, petitioned JAMB alleging that the Board had tampered with his 2021 UTME result while praying that he should be

allowed to take the UTME again.

He claimed that the Board had issued him two results: the first reading 380, while the second one was alleged to have been 265.

The Board ignored his letter knowing that he was parading a manipulated result as the Board had already identified and flagged eleven candidates including Chinedu, who had manipulated their 2021 UTME results and forwarded same to the Vice-Chancellors of their chosen institutions.

However, when his lawyer wrote a second letter and threatened to press for N1billion damages, the Board then felt

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The Federal Government had earlier directed JAMB to compile the names of erring institutions for sanctions.

The Minister, who was represented by the Permanent Secretary, Federal Ministry of Education, Arc. Sonny Echono, on the occasion, said all guidelines issued at the meeting must be strictly adhered to as the Ministry would not condone any abuse of admission guidelines.

Furthermore, the Minister stated that CAPS was designed to safeguard the integrity of the admission process and ensure that all human errors and biases are eliminated wondering why institutions would jettison the automated platform.

He declared, "It is saddening to note that in spite of the clear directives issued at previous policy meetings, some institutions still surreptitiously admit candidates outside CAPS. I consider such an act as a direct affront to the system and appropriate sanctions shall be meted out to those found culpable."

Continuing, he said, "Any institution that issued admission letters to candidates outside CAPS, will be punished for such gross indiscipline and fraud."

"The consequence of admissions conducted outside of CAPS is grievous. It subjects the candidates to a gloomy future as the awful consequences of the

illegal admission await them after their studies when it would be impossible to take full advantage of their acquired certificates. However, efforts are being put in place to further ensure that illegitimately processed admissions shall be a permanent burden that both the institution and the candidate would have to bear forever."

The Hon. Minister stressed that flouting of the clearly-spelt out rules of the admission processes distorted the nation's database as inaccurate statistics are supplied and harvested by interested parties.

He said, "As a demonstration of our resolve, I have directed JAMB to bring forward for appropriate sanctions, the list of all institutions involved in the violation of the directive of government which was personally conveyed by me at the 2018 Policy Meeting at Gbongan, Osun State. The Ministry is very resolute that Heads of such institutions will be held personally responsible, either in or out of office. As such, if we are to sanitize our society, we must begin from the academics as they are saddled with the responsibility of moulding the character of future generations."

The Minister commended JAMB for complying with the government's directives on the National Identification

Number (NIN) stating that the instrument was a potent weapon in the fight against examination malpractice as observed in the statistics provided by the Board.

The Registrar, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, in his presentation, disclosed that for the 2021/2022 Unified Tertiary Matriculation Examination (UTME), the Board is introducing two new subjects: Computer Studies and Physical and Health Education, bringing the total number of UTME subjects to 25.

Speaking on the 2020 Admissions, Prof. Oloyede said out of the 956,809 admission spaces in the 962 higher education institutions in the country about 600,000 have so far been filled.

Consequently, he pointed out that the shortfall in the number admitted vis-a-vis available admission spaces was owing to a lack of willing and qualified candidates.

To buttress his point, the Registrar said all the private universities in the country were only able to admit 36,381 candidates out of the 120,938 spaces available to them.

Further into his presentation, Prof. Oloyede highlighted various reasons why the high-performing candidates sometimes failed to gain admission.

The Registrar said some of the factors

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NILE UNIVERSITY COMMENDS JAMB, SAYS PARTNERSHIP HAS YEILDED RESULTS

The Nile University of Nigeria has commended the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB) for keeping faith with its vision, mission and mandate.

The Vice-Chancellor of Nile University of Nigeria, Prof. Osman Nuri Aras, gave this commendation when he led a three-man delegation to the Board's Headquarters, Bwari, Abuja, on a courtesy visit.

Prof. Aras while congratulating the Registrar on his reappointment, also commended the President for reappointing Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, for a second term. In his words: "This reappointment was as a result of your superlative performance, good governance, accountability and prudent

management of financial and human resources in the Board."

The Vice-Chancellor extolled the ties and synergy that existed between the University and JAMB saying those had helped in repositioning the founders' ideals of providing high-quality tertiary education for Nigerians and others across the world.

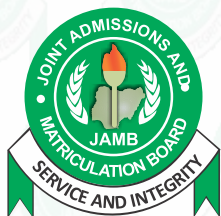
Prof. Aras urged the Board to sustain its support to the various institutions as they strive for excellence. According to him, this would justify the Board's renewed determination to improve on quality education. He prayed that the Registrar's second tenure would reposition the universities and other institutions for better service delivery.

In his remarks, the Registrar, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, thanked the delegation for the visit stating that as he was once a Vice-Chancellor, he appreciated the huge responsibilities being shouldered by respective Vice-Chancellors of the nation's universities, particularly the private ones.

He pledged the continued support of the Board to the University towards achieving its goals adding that he stood for openness and doing things at all times by laid-down rules and regulations without not

cutting corners. He advised the University to continue to search for new ways of doing things in its bid for excellence.





JOINT ADMISSIONS AND MATRICULATION BOARD

REPORT OF INFLOW AND OUTFLOW FOR THE PERIOD AUGUST 28 - SEPTEMBER 03, 2021

FINANCIAL INFLOW

S/N	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT(N)
1	E-facilities/Sales	101,685,900.00
2	PRC Service Charge	1,945,400.00
	TOTAL	103,631,300.00

FINANCIAL OUTFLOW

S/N	DESCRIPTION	PURPOSE OF PAYMENT	AMOUNT(N)
1	Staff Claims	Various	19,241,722.55
2	Supervision of Examination	2021 UTME	3,100,000.00
3	Outsourced Service	Agency Service	6,415,000.00
4	Assorted Buka	Refreshment and meals	498,750.00
5	Advertisement and Publicity	Publicity	900,000.00
6	Remita	Financial charges	54,610.00
	TOTAL		30,210,082.55

JAMB CELEBRATES STAFF BORN SEPTEMBER 6TH – SEPTEMBER 12TH

6TH SEPTEMBER

Eunice Chinyere Iheukwumere
Mariam Adenike Ogieriakhi
Bilqees Nasir Muhtar
Chukwudi Obisike Anuforom
Hakeem Abdulhameed

7TH SEPTEMBER

Chinyere Perpetual Ezema
Simon Terparse Yerkwagh
Saka Hassan Ayinde
Safiya Bello Tukur
Ismaila Oluwasegun Ayinla
Zaphania Usman
Lydia Turba

8TH SEPTEMBER

Obinna Pius Onyeajuwa
Felix Ossainzeteh Ossai
Adedoyin Lukman Fashanu
Bello Abubakar Agwai
Vivian Hammandikko Johnfelix
Aishat Olatinuke Jaji - Buhari
Abdulmalik Ahmed Kagara
Mohammed Zayyanu Abubakar

9TH SEPTEMBER

Blessing Eiene Ammeh
Sarah Arike Olaitan
Surajudeen Olajide Lawal
Saidat Modupe Adejimi
Virginia Ene Ocheme
Oluwaseun Lola Shogunle

10TH SEPTEMBER

Rasheed Salau Abudu
Ngozi Goodness Iheukwumere

11TH SEPTEMBER

Nwanneka Divine Celestine
Adamu Halliru Imam
Umaru Umaru Wasuru
Muhammed Samaila Augie

12TH SEPTEMBER

Anthonia Ifeyinwa K-Oluoha
Islamdeen Abdulwahab
Adesipe E. Adekunle
Adeola Christianah Gbadamosi

Happy Birthday





EDUCATION IN THE MEDIA

DAILY INDEPENDENT, MONDAY, AUGUST 30, 2021- Management, Alumni Celebrate EKSU as 3rd Best Varsity in Nigeria: The Management of the Ekiti State University (EKSU) has celebrated the current ranking of the institution as the third best state university in Nigeria. The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Edward Olanipekun, while acknowledging the feat attained during his tenure, also urged admission seekers to make the institution their choice. The Vice-Chancellor said, "The pledge as well as vision and mission of Ekiti State University is to produce men and women of honour equipped with qualitative education, strong character, high level of morality and integrity." He assured further that the university would continue to improve on its standard.

DAILY SUN, TUESDAY, AUGUST 31, 2021- Psychometric Examination: Education Stakeholders Laud IPC Over Support to Students: Rector, Akwa Ibom State Polytechnic, Moses Umobong and the leadership of Polytechnic Students Union have commended the International Psychometric Centre (IPC), Ibadan, for encouraging students that come out top in psychometrics examination organised for polytechnic and colleges of education students in the country with a cash award. They gave the commendation during the presentation of N100,000 worth of scholarship award by the IPC to Victor Nkodi, an HND one student of the Department of Electronics and Telecommunication, Akwa Ibom State Polytechnic, Ikot Osorua, who emerged best in the recently held psychometrics examination. National President of Polytechnic Students Union, Oladere Benedict, thanked IPC for introducing the online

course to the schools' curricular. He equally appreciated National Board for Technical Education (NBTE) and National Commission for Colleges of Education (NCCE) for the full accreditation of the course.

DAILY INDEPENDENT, WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2021- 2021 UTME: Varsities, Polys, COEs at Liberty to Set Cut-Off Marks- JAMB: Contrary to held opinion, the Board has not cancelled any minimum admissible score. Rather it has empowered the institutions as has always been done to admit within its defined admissible minimum score. Speaking during the meeting, the Registrar of JAMB, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, said some universities such as the University of Maiduguri proposed 150, Usman Dan Fodio University, Sokoto, proposed 140; Pan Atlantic University proposed 210; University of Lagos, 200; Lagos State University, 190; Covenant University, 190; Bayero University Kano, 180. The stakeholders also approved October 29, 2021, as the deadline for the closure of amendments for 2021 admissions. **Also in Thisday, Wednesday, September 1, 2021, Punch, Wednesday, September 1, 2021, Nation, Wednesday, September 1, 2021, First News, Wednesday, September 1, 2021, Daily Trust, Wednesday, September 1, 2021, Guardian, Wednesday, September 1, 2021**

DAILY TRUST, TUESDAY, AUGUST 31, 2021- UNILAG Invention Bags FG Award: The Ambubag based Medical Ventilator invented by the University of Lagos was among outstanding innovations which won the Lagos State Government the second position at a Science Technology

Research and Innovation Expo.

The Expo, which took place at the Federal Capital Territory between Monday, March 15 and Friday, March 19, 2021, was organized by the Federal Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation.

The Low-Cost Rapid Deployable Synchronous Two-Motor Ambu-Ventilator for Patients in Respiratory Distress, which was patented by the Federal Government in November 2020, was exhibited by the Lagos State Science, Research and Innovation Council (LASRIC) at the Science Technology Research and Innovation Expo.

According to a letter from the Lagos State Science, Research and Innovation Council (LASRIC), the Ambubag Ventilator, which was developed by a team of researchers in the University of Lagos led by Professor Hakeem Amuda in partnership with the Lagos State Science, Research and Innovation Council as part of a national response to the COVID-19 pandemic, was among very few innovations which caught the attention and won the admiration of stakeholders during an exhibition at the expo, a feat which also won the Lagos State Government an award.

THISDAY, WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2021- Visitation Panels Chides Varsities for Prioritizing IGR: The Presidential Visitation Panel has observed with dismay that tertiary institutions in Nigeria are giving priority to Internally Generated Revenue (IGR) at the expense of quality education.

The Chairman of the panel, Mr Bukar Aji, who spoke on behalf of chairmen of visitation panels of 88 institutions, disclosed that the federal government

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had invested, and still investing in tertiary institutions. He called for an improved quality to justify the government's expenditure on institutions.

He added that at the inauguration of the panels, the committees took upon themselves to address all 11 terms of reference given to them.

"We painstakingly took time to X-ray the entire university management and did our forensic work to come up with the report.

"We took time as a panel to see the extent of the white paper of the last visitation panel and we observed areas of disappointment. From approval of the last white paper at the University of Abuja, only about 45 per cent of the recommendations were implemented which may not be a pass mark.

While responding, the Minister of Education, Malam Adamu Adamu, promised that adequate attention would be given to the recommendations that emanated from the report.

He said a sub-committee would be set up to look into the white paper that would be drawn from the recommendations. **Also in Punch, Wednesday, September 1, 2021**

NATION, THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2021- Lagos Candidate Tops UTME Results With 358: The Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB) has said one of the candidates in this year's Unified Tertiary Matriculation Examination (UTME) from Lagos State, Monwuba Chibuzo Chibuikem, got 358 out of 400 marks.

The Board also announced other candidates with the best results in the 2021 UTME. The best 10 candidates are from Lagos, Osun, Ogun, Rivers, Oyo, Ekiti and Edo States.

Two candidates – Qomarudeen Abdulwasii Alabi and Adeogun Kehinde Oreoluwa from Osun and Ogun States shared the second position with 350 marks apiece.

Ajayi Eberchukwu Isiah, also from Lagos State, came third with 349 marks, while Okariki Favour Kenneth from Rivers State came fourth with 348.

DAILY TRUST, THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2021- 50% of Nigerian Teachers Not Qualified, Says TRCN: As the deadline

issued to teachers to get certification expires, the Teachers Registration Council of Nigeria (TRCN) has lamented that more than 50 per cent of those currently teaching in primary and secondary schools nationwide are still not qualified to be in the classroom.

The Registrar and Chief Executive of TRCN, Prof. Josiah Ajiboye, said, "It is worse in private schools. Apart from the fact that these so-called teachers, particularly those in private schools are not qualified, they are simply not registrable by the council."

"Teachers in this category do not have basic teaching educational qualifications, which is the National Certificate in Education (NCE) as stipulated by the National Policy on Education." Ajiboye said, "Whoever is to be engaged as a teacher in any school in the country either public or private, must possess a minimum of NCE plus TRCN certificate. The two certificates are mandatory and none is optional for teachers' recruitment, as evidence has shown that professional teachers perform their duties more committedly."

While lamenting the damage being done to the sector by quacks, the Registrar said the Council would not relent in "weeding out those who assumed that the teaching profession is an all-comers affair." He advised schools to prioritise training and retraining of teachers for efficient delivery.

GUARDIAN, THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2021- FUTA Student Wins Women in Aquaculture Global Scholarship: A final year student of the Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture Technology of the Federal University of Technology, Akure (FUTA), Miss Augustina Oyebadejo, has emerged as one of the two winners of the 2021 Women in Aquaculture Global Scholarship Programme.

GUARDIAN, THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2021- LASU Wins 2020 TETFUND Research Grants: Two research teams from Lagos State University (LASU), led by a former Dean, Faculty of Arts, Prof. Adeniyi Harrison, and the current Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences, Prof. Omobitan Olufunso, have won the 2020 Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund) national research fund to the tune of N66.8

million.

Prof. Harrison-led research project titled: "Developing functional Metalanguage for the 21st century needs of Nigerian national languages," got a grant of N32m, while Prof. Omobitan's project titled: "Emerging patterns and determinants of rape: Comparative study of rural-urban communities in Nigeria," won a grant of N33, 824m. The projects will run for a period of 18 and 23 months respectively. In a brief ceremony held at the Acting Vice-Chancellor's office to present letters of award to leaders of the two groups, the Acting VC, Prof. Oyedamola Oke, congratulated the awardees for putting together the award-winning proposals, which attracted a chunk of the N7.5b TETFund research facility to LASU.

Prof. Harrison, who spoke on behalf of recipients, thanked the university for its support for the researchers' effort and canvassed the institution's continued support throughout the project duration.

PUNCH, FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2021- UNILORIN, UNILAG Top 10 First Choice Varsities: The Joint Admissions Matriculation Board (JAMB) has said the University of Ilorin and University of Lagos, Akoka are the first two institutions who had the highest numbers of candidates who picked them as first choice universities in Nigeria.

According to a report made public by the Board, UNILORIN which was the first had 78,466 applications, UNILAG had 59,190, University of Benin, 49,763; University of Nigeria, Nsukka, 47,239; Federal University, Oye-Ekiti, 45,920; Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria, 44,509; Bayero University, 44,352; Nnamdi Azikiwe University, 43,542; Obafemi Awolowo University, 42, 614 and University of Jos, 38,309.

Furthermore, the report said the 2021 UTME cumulative performance statistics revealed that out of a total of 1,312,992 applicants who wrote UTME in 2021, 168,613 scored 200 and above, 236,936 scored 190 above, 327,624 scored 180, 445,597 scored 170 above, 599,015 scored 160 above, 772,463 scored 150 above, 964,098 scored 140 above and 1,134,854 scored 130 and above. It added that 66,811 scored below 120 and 1,245,449 scored 120 and above.



ICPC RATES JAMB HIGH ON INTERGRITY AS IT INDUCTS ACTU MEMBERS



The newly-elected executive committee of JAMB-ACTU taking their oaths of office.

The Independent Corrupt Practices and other related offences Commission (ICPC) has rated the Prof. Oloyede-led Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB) high in terms of integrity, transparency and service delivery.

The ICPC Chairman, Prof. Bolaji Owasanoye, represented by the Principal Superintendent Officer, Mr Lawrence Abuo, gave this commendation at the induction of the newly-elected executive committee of JAMB Anti-Corruption Transparency Unit (JAMB-ACTU) on Wednesday, September 1, 2021, at the Board's National Headquarters, Bwari, Abuja.

Mr Abuo, while congratulating the Registrar of the Board, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, on his reappointment, described him as "integrity personified". He said, "I believe that JAMB today is

better than what it was in the past and this is because of the dedication, transparency, accountability and integrity associated with the person of Prof. Oloyede."

He prayed that the relationship between the ICPC and JAMB would wax stronger for the overall growth and progress of the nation.

The Chairman, in his statement on the occasion, had congratulated the new inductees saying, "I congratulate you for being found worthy to serve in this capacity. I implore you to showcase high ethical standards and sterling qualities worthy of being emulated, while also working together as a team in maintaining the culture of discipline and accountability within your organisation."

Earlier, the JAMB Registrar, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, while declaring the ceremony open, pointed out that the Board

constantly interfaced with the ICPC and is conscious of its roles in terms of ensuring that things are done right and by the law.

The Registrar, who was represented on the occasion by the Director of Finance and Accounts Department, Mr Muftau Bello, stated that ACTU was the only ad hoc committee that had been given full support by the Board and, as such, they have had no course to regret it.

Similarly, the Chairperson JAMB-ACTU and Acting Director Test Administration Department, Hajia Munirat Abimbola Lawal, pledged the support of the Unit to the Board saying, "We assure you of our sincere efforts to more vigorously fight corruption in line with our mandate as well as serve as whistle-blowers to expose and enlighten staff on what constitute corrupt practices in the system."

Hajia Lawal thanked the Management of the Board for all the support given to JAMB-ACTU stating that ACTU had enjoyed and still enjoying tremendous support from the Registrar and his Management team. That, according to her, had enabled the Unit to record important milestones such as the production of banners at every state and zonal office of the Board, domestication of a Code of Ethics document to guide staff on what constitutes corrupt acts, provision of an operating budget for ACTU as well as setting up of a befitting secretariat for the Unit, among others.

The highlight of the occasion was the administering of the Oath of Office on the new inductees as well as a brief training session to acquaint them with the operational strategies of ACTU.

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included: applicants' rigidity, that is when a candidate, who wants a particular programme, refuses to settle for anything else; wrong O'level subjects combination; low post-UTME screening score; UTME-combination deficiency.

Other reasons are: duplication of applications, absence from post-UTME screening exercises conducted by

institutions; mismatch of catchment institutions, the failure of some candidates to upload their O'level results and O'level deficiencies, among others.

On the minimum admissible score, participants adopted the various submissions of the institutions as presented to the meeting by the Registrar.

By implication, institutions are to set their minimum admissible score, add the score to other necessary perimeters and keyed same into the Central Admissions Processing System (CAPS) under the watchful eye of the Board to ensure that no candidate is shortchanged.

SELECTED COMMENTS PICKED OUT OF THE CONGRATULATORY MESSAGES FROM EMINENT NIGERIANS

...I have no doubt that you will do more and I pray that Allah continues to guide and guard you as you proceed on your second coming

Once again Congratulations

Hon. Justice Suleiman B. Belgore

Judge

High Court of the Federal Capital Territory

...It is our fervent prayer that Almighty God will back you to have another successful tenure even as the University looks forward to a continuous mutually benefit relationship with the Board.

Prof. Adeniyi Olatunbosun

Vice-Chancellor

Kola Daisi University, Ibadan

...Indeed, your transparency, hardwork and continuous transformation of JAMB have loudly attested to the selfless service you are offering to this nation's Education sector.

You have remained a catalyst of transformation and accountability in the education sector all through your first tenure and we congratulate you for these rare to find qualities...

Dr. Peter Okey Ejikeme

Registrar

Hezekiah University, Umudi

I write on behalf of the Board of Directors, Management and the entire staff of Media Trust Limited (publishers of *Daily Trust* and its sister titles), to extend my warmest congratulations to you on your reappointment as JAMB Registrar...

Nura Mamman Daura

Ag. Chief Executive Officer

Daily Trust

...During your first term in office, you brought your sterling leadership qualities and wide-ranging experience to bear on the challenging task of examination administration and admission placements into Universities across the country. Your tireless effort in instilling discipline and ethics have laid the foundation for efficient, fair and just processes in conduct of examination

Please accept our congratulations

Kabir Ahmed Tijjani

Executive Director

Premium Pension Limited

On behalf of the University Council, Senate, Staff, and Students of Clifford University, we heartily rejoice with you over the reappointment of a second term of office...

Prof. Chimezie A. Omeonu

Vice-Chancellor

**Clifford University,
Owerri**

...It is our belief that your second tenure provides an opportunity for you to consolidate on your achievements.

We wish you great success in the task ahead.

Hon. Abike Dabiri-Erewa

Chairman/CEO

NIGERIANS IN DIASPORA COMMISSION

...You have massively impacted the nation's education sector and brought integrity and discipline to public administration.

Please accept the assurance of our esteemed regards

Prince Peters A. Adeyemi

General Secretary

**Non-Academic Staff Union of
Educational and Associated
Institutions**

...As you come back to assume the mantle of leadership of this great office, may Allah (swt) in his infinite mercy continue to guide, protect and see you through a successful tenure.

Prof. Shehu G. Ado (*Waziri Garki*)

Vice-Chancellor

Al-Qalam University, Katsina

On behalf of the Management, Staff and entire students of the University, it gives me great joy to congratulate you on your reappointment as Registrar of JAMB by President Muhammadu Buhari, GCFR...

Prof. Oluwatoyin T. Ogundipe

Vice-Chancellor

University of Lagos

...We pray that God shall continue to grant you the wisdom to excel, as usual, in this new term of office and do restate our commitment to continue to partner with the Board to attain her ICT goals.

Hassan U. Alao

Executive Director

SIDMACH TECHNOLOGIES NIGERIA LIMITED

...We have no doubt that your work ethics, determination and integrity will make you perform better as you assume office on your second tenure.

Congratulations, sir

Mallam Usman Ibrahim

Chairman

Abuja National Mosque Staff Welfare Committee

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...We wish you a resounding success in your new term while looking forward to having a sustainable relationship with you and the Board,
Please accept the assurances of my highest regards.

Dr. Mrs. Oyebola Ayeni
Registrar
Lead City University

On behalf of the Chancellor, His Royal Highness, Alhaji (Dr.) Nuhu Muhammadu Sanusi, (CON), The Emir of Dutse, Chairman and Members of the Governing Council, Management, Senate, Staff and the entire Students of Sokoto State University, Sokoto. I wish to rejoice with you on your re-appointment as the Registrar, Joint Admissions and Matriculations Board (JAMB), by President Muhammadu Buhari...

Professor S.M. Dangoggo
Vice-Chancellor
Sokoto State University, Sokoto

It is with great joy and delight that the entire Management and Staff of National Commission for Colleges of Education received the news of your reappointment for a second tenure in office as the Registrar of JAMB...

Prof. Paulinus Chijioke Okwelle
Executive Secretary
National Commission for Colleges of Education

HEARTY FELICITATIONS ON YOUR REAPPOINTMENT AS REGISTRAR OF JAMB:

...We pray God to grant you the much-needed wisdom and indeed all other necessary wherewithal to continue to handle your onerous responsibilities and surpass the landmark achievements of the first tenure.

Once again, we congratulate you.

Prof. Elijah A. Ayolabi
Vice-Chancellor
Mountain Top University

...We wish you the very best for a successful tenure of office, happiness and lasting legacy.

Again, congratulation on this momentous occasion.

Dr. A. O. Jegede
National President
Association of Proprietors of Innovation and Vocational Institutions

...You have by your sterling performance, ensured improved quality of prospective candidates for admission into the nation's tertiary institutions.

We are therefore pleased to identify with you and pray for more successful second tenure.

Please accept the assurances of Founder's highest regards

Prof. Noah Yusuf
Vice-Chancellor
Al-Hikmah University, Ilorin

...Accept our warmest congratulations on your well-deserved reappointment. You are a great fit for the role.

Please accept my best regards and assurances

Prof. Shehu Abdul Rahman, PhD, FNAAE,
FHORTSON, FASI
Vice-Chancellor
Federal University of Lafia

...It is our legitimate expectation that under your superintendence, our Education system will achieve global stature of relevance, Insha Allah.

WISHING YOU FURTHER ARTICULACY OF PERFORMANCE.

Alhaji Idris Abdulrahman
Pro Chancellor & Chairman of Council
Atiba University Oyo.

...I pray to Allah to guide you and continue to give you the will and courage to push through your vision which has served the tertiary education in the country well.

Prof. Abdul-Rasheed Na'Allah
Vice-Chancellor
University of Abuja

...No doubt, you will, by the grace of God, provide excellent leadership to JAMB beyond your first term in office and consolidate on the gains of your first term in office.

I pray that God will endow you with wisdom and understanding to effectively and successfully direct the affairs of JAMB.

Prof. A.B. Ekanola
Ag. Vice-Chancellor
University of Ibadan

...The Board under your watch, in the past five years, have no doubt witnessed tremendous progress especially in the areas of restoring sanctity of the Board's man mandate.

It is in view of the aforementioned, and other numerous achievements that I, on behalf of the staff and students of our university, congratulate you for this eminently-deserved reappointment.

Prof. Felix Kolawole Salako, FSSSN, FASN
Vice-Chancellor
Federal University of Agriculture Abeokuta

...“I Manipulated My Score”- Chinedu Confesses To JAMB



John Chinedu (left) with his father Mr John Ifemkpa

that it was necessary for it to do the needful.

In line with the Board's standard practice when such allegations are leveled against it, and being a responsive organisation that does not toy with its integrity and transparency, the Board had invited the candidate to come forward with his lawyer and substantiate his claims.

Poised to make its investigation open and transparent to all stakeholders, the Board invited the Educational Correspondents Association of Nigeria, Public Complaints Commission, the Federal Competition and Consumer Protection Commission, the Nigeria Human Rights Commission, SERVICOM, representatives of security agencies, among others, to witness the proceedings to ensure that fairness and equity are done to all parties.

The Registrar, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, after listening to Chinedu's lawyer and father, who had both accompanied him to the Board's Headquarters, gave the duo five minutes to meet privately with Chinedu to ask him to confess his manipulation of the result and if he does not and the truth is placed before him it will be too late as he would be handed over to the police.

The second stage of the drama unfolded after the recommended meeting with Chinedu where he had remained adamant.

JAMB then asked him to present his evidence as he claimed that a text message was sent to him.

When he showed the message on his phone, the technical team discovered that the message was faked as one of the security features was absent, a signature sign, featured by other messages that

emanated from the Board's 55019.

His lawyer, Barrister Akaiwe Ikeazor, repeatedly interjected to affirm his client's sincerity even when he was cautioned by the Registrar that he should not believe everything emanating from the candidate hook, line and sinker, to avoid avoidable embarrassment, he remained unmoved. He appeared not to be very convinced and had asked for thorough investigation.

The Board went further by calling for the history of its communications with Chinedu from the Telco number being used by the candidate. Subsequently, the details of all messages sent to him were displayed from the creation of profile for registration up to the request for the result and what was sent to him. It was at this stage that his lawyer got a rude awakening to the futility of the case.

Furthermore, it was in the course of the proceedings that it came to light that Chinedu must be one of those candidates thrown up by some unscrupulous tutorial centres and when confronted with this fact, he confessed that he, indeed, belongs to a tutorial group where he teaches Mathematics and was paying N5000 per week for tutorials in other subjects and in addition, was one of the group's WhatsApp administrators. He disclosed that the modus operandi of the group included promising candidates all kinds of scores. It was when he himself failed to score what he had expected that he resorted to his inglorious deed that landed him in trouble.

It was, therefore, owing to the refusal of the candidate to own up to his crime, that the Board, through its security instruments, had proceeded to establish that the message sent to Chinedu came

from a phone number saved as '55019' which, as he later confessed, belonged to his sister who is also a UTME candidate.

It should be noted that the 55019 sort code is used by JAMB for official communications with candidates to create profiles, check UTME results and receive SMS and other essential information.

A pensive and remorseful Chinedu then pleaded guilty to the crime after he was confronted with the facts of what he had done as he pleaded for clemency.

Chinedu had, then turned towards his father, who had vowed that his son could not do anything untoward that, "I'm so sorry for putting you through this embarrassing situation. I was afraid I'll not get the programme I wanted and had to do this, I've learnt my lesson."

Confounded by the confession of his client, the seasoned lawyer, promised to write a letter to JAMB withdrawing his petition.

In his words: "I am shocked and very embarrassed by this boy's attitude. I had asked him several times but he kept telling me lies. This circumstance has further enhanced my belief in the credibility of JAMB as an institution and Prof. Oloyede as an epitome of integrity. However, I plead for mercy for my client." Chinedu, who had sat the 2019, 2020 and 2021 UTME, had said that he had disclosed that he had wanted to study Medicine and Surgery at the University of Ibadan in 2019 and 2020.

He said, "In 2021, I decided to leave Medicine and Surgery for them. So I picked Petroleum Engineering. To ensure that I succeeded this time around, I had used my sister's telephone number which I had saved as 55019, type the results that bore 380 and sent it to myself."

After that earth-shaking admission of guilt, which Chinedu made in the presence of his father, lawyer and some members of management staff of the Board, Chinedu was handed over to the Police for further investigation to pave way for the arrest of his accomplices in the tutorial group where sundry acts of infractions are contemplated and executed.

The National Coordinator, SERVICOM, Mrs. Nnenna Akajemeli, who had followed the process keenly commended the Board for the diligent and transparent

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manner it has handled the issue. She disclosed that SERVICOM and other critical Agencies have always been invited to witness instances of candidates manipulating their scores by other organisations and had seen how they struggle to produce records. She declared her amazement at how JAMB displayed credible and reliable records and data of conversations and other engagements with candidates leaving them with no options but to confess the truth even in the presence of their parents.

Cautioning the lawyer against staking his integrity on such candidates next time, the Registrar said immediately he was informed of the allegations, he had known that the results the candidate was parading were doctored as it was part of the eleven already identified. He, however, said he had gone through all the processes to prove to the lawyer and others who are witnessing that kind of scenario for the first time that Chinedu's allegations were not only frivolous and false but also misleading and lacking in substance.

Continuing, he said, “There was never

any communication of 380 with this candidate in our records. As such, for conducting himself in a manner not worthy of a tertiary education candidate, Chinedu's result would be withdrawn pending the conclusion of the investigation.

The Registrar stated, “As far as I'm concerned, the Board will report you to the Police for further investigation to ensure your accomplices are also arrested. I fear that these are the kinds of people we are preparing for university education. If this candidate is not properly reoriented you can imagine what he'll do while in the university and after.”

Regrettably when the news was broken by the media, some persons who delighted in falsehood were making reference to the Board's server being a probable culprit. It should be borne in mind that the act of manipulation committed by Chinedu had nothing to do with any database but the doctoring of an official communication he received from the Board to mislead his father and lawyer.

The Registrar appealed to parents and other members of the public to always interrogate their wards properly before subjecting themselves to such embarrassing situations. He urged the public to desist from hasty conclusions and decried a situation whereby once a government agency is mentioned in a negative context, Nigerians would hardly give that institution the benefit of the doubt. He said he shuddered to think of what could happen if the Board had no sufficient technical know-how to detect such manipulations!

Prof. Oloyede added, “We have eleven of them who had manipulated their results by supplanting their lower scores with higher figures which they had concocted. Two of them are already being prosecuted.”

“As for the remaining ones, we're going to withdraw their results and prosecute them as well. Our reasons for doing so are to protect the integrity of the Board, sanitise the system and ensure that the leaders we want to groom for the future are men and women of integrity.”

GBONG GWOM, NITDA, MDCN, NNAD, ANAN, VARSITIES CONGRATULATE OLOYEDE

The Chairman, Plateau State Council of Chiefs and Emirs, Gbong Gwon Jos, His Majesty, Da Jacob Gyang Buba (CON), the National Information Technology Development Agency (NITDA) and Association of National Accountants of Nigeria (ANAN) have congratulated Prof. Is-haq Oloyede on his reappointment for a second term as the Registrar of the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB).

The highly-revered traditional ruler said Prof. Oloyede's reappointment was not unconnected with his exceptional performance during his first tenure.

His Royal Highness said, “In your first tenure, you have worked with diligence and dedication in addition to setting higher standards in the way and manner the business of admission is conducted across Nigerian tertiary institutions.”

Continuing, he said, “We express

appreciation to His Excellency, President Muhammadu Buhari, for this excellent decision and pray that God Almighty will guide the Registrar throughout this new tenure for the progress of our country and humanity.”

In a related development, the DG, NITDA, in a congratulatory letter to the Registrar, attributed Prof. Oloyede's reappointment to “good work and professional conduct.” He said, “Your sincerity and the wealth of experience you brought to bear on the job have, besides transforming the system towards national development, introduced new frontiers to the conduct of public examinations in the country.”

Similarly, the Registrar, Medical and Dental Council of Nigeria (MDCN), Dr Tajudeen Sanusi, applauded the Registrar's second coming saying, “Your reappointment is a testament to your dedication, commitment to duty, ingenuity and sagacity. The Board,

indeed, stands to benefit from your reappointment and we will continue to wish you well in all your endeavours.”

The Nigeria National Association of the Deaf (NNAD), through its National Secretary General, Engr. Timothy Adejumo also congratulated the Registrar. The Association of National Accountants of Nigeria (ANAN) in a letter signed by the Association's Chief Operating Officer, Dr Musa Ahmed Mohammed, congratulated Prof. Oloyede on his reappointment and charged him not to rest on his oars in the task of turning around the fortunes of education in the country.

Congratulatory messages were also received from King's University,; Al-Qalam University, Katsina; Mountain Top University,; Federal University of Lafia,; Federal University of Agriculture, Abeokuta, among others.

A THANK YOU NOTE TO JAMB'S OLOYEDE

By Tunde Akanni, PhD

This is not a regular appreciation note. It is a combination of a personal expression of gratitude as well as it is a class initiative, even if not commissioned by the presumed class. But the addressee, Prof. Is-haq Olanrewaju Oloyede, Registrar and Chief Executive of the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board, JAMB, is most deserving from me as a person, as well as from other folks with whom he shares assorted communities. Have we not lost count of Nigerians, including religious priests with the best forms of supposed education, who have lost all sense of decency? This is why worthy ambassadors like Oloyede deserve all plaudits.

First shot comes from me. It is a huge debt I should hasten to defray on account of Professor Oloyede's uncommon capability to indulge the deserving, across ethnic groups, generations, professions and all, in spite of whatever may be their imperfections. But this is not done without registering his disciplined preference for pleasant manifestations of ingenuity, hard work and diligence. Inspiringly, he keeps manifesting all of these qualities which obviously have helped him raise stakes in all his recent positions of high responsibilities.

When Prof was first appointed registrar of JAMB five years ago, I was rounding off at the 2016 edition of the International Association of Media and Communication Research, IAMCR, conference which my alma mater, Leicester University, England, hosted. Flying Turkish Airlines, it was inevitable for me to endure the usually long stop-over of almost 10 hours in Istanbul. Promptly, I moved into the mosque for passengers in transit. "Oloyede deserves all our support to succeed" I ruminated within myself. Right there I settled for an opinion article to be published in as many media as may be available and accessible to our big brother and his well wishers. The resultant article titled "Agenda for Born Again JAMB and TETFUND" was my own advisory to a man renowned for

excellent performance as the Vice-chancellor of Unilorin, peaking with the President of the Association of African Universities, a position never occupied by any Nigerian before him. I felt fulfilled that he managed to access the publication and even called me to properly acknowledge it.

As a parent and a university based scholar, those two organizations meant and still mean so much to me. But many will agree with me that the two were not being run with the best of what could be considered as patriotic commitment. JAMB had given some semblance of good intention to do well when it sought tutelage from Unilorin under Oloyede as VC for what may have been the secret of Unilorin's well managed Computer Based Tests, CBT, system. But it turned out that the overture was far, very far, from that of public interest as we have since been made to realise.

Though already an established administrative maestro, Oloyede isn't a genius that underrates the indispensability of expertise, even from the junior ones he is old enough to father. Same is the towering intellectual's altruistic ceaseless strive to seek learning opportunities for his darling folks like me. The implication for Nigeria as a whole: Be prepared to watch out for the interminable seminality of the Oloyede phenomenon. Our dear country shall attain true greatness.

So began what has come to be globally recognized as the inimitable, inspiring story of the genuinely "born-again JAMB" on a Saturday. That day, he chose to hold what we later learnt was the first strategy meeting with the management of JAMB. "...my brother you're joining me here at Bwari on Saturday; very important", he responded to my courtesy telephone call announcing to him that I was in Abuja for a speaking engagement. For some of us, there's no debating any such entreaty from our elders. I joined him at the said meeting, together with a similar invitee, my very good friend and brother, a smart computer scientist who, propelled by his uncommon brilliance had worked in

virtually all the highest paying sectors you can imagine in Nigeria. Such was our guy most sought after that he had to attend a job interview on his wedding day! For the IT expert, yours sincerely and several other reliable professionals, Oloyede never missed the window to register enduring impressions.

Not one lacking in a sincere and emphatic commitment to every cause he believes in, he assured us all that his approach would be open to reasonable initiatives as he hoped, in sha Allah, to deploy a far-reaching impact. Thus, we started with the review of the contents of the application form, interrogating details of grammar and logic of sequencing the constituent questions. Not a single item was left undecided upon as we ensured all decisions were fully democratised.

We were all as fulfilled as better educated on account of the rich and diverse specializations of everyone in the room. The boss, Oloyede, reminded me of the (Bill) Clintonian wisdom. As president, he had a way of picking bits of wisdom from everyone at meetings, a habit he cultivated since his undergraduate days, when he used to sleep heavily in class during winter. To the glory of Allah and the strategic leader, Prof Oloyede, it gladdens me that almost everyone in that room on that day has been found relevant for one assignment or the other. Equally interesting is the fact that the meeting doubled as networking enabler for many of us as we keep crossing each other's paths in the course of working for JAMB or some other engagements including domestic environments, small world you will say.

Today, we are all too happy and grateful to Oloyede for adding honour to us all for being privileged to associate with a sincere soul and a most consistent well wisher. "Show me your friend" and the world tells who you are.

I recall with pride that I was a part of the campaign team that got him elected as the national president of the UNILORIN Alumni Association, back in the years. Who isn't proud of his accomplishments

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years later as the first alumnus to emerge as the VC of our alma mater? Such has my delight in his accomplishments remained fresh with fervor that I reckoned with my choice as the guest speaker at a UNILORIN event, at the instance of Dr Alex Akanmu, in his honour in 2018 as a triumphant return of an old boy now a proud parent of a potential UNILORIN great. As a relentless follower of this uncommon mentor, I couldn't help referring copiously to his special speech to the students' congregation in his early days as the VC. In that speech, Oloyede made effort to impress it on the entire UNILORIN students that he was not only there to guide and guard their interest, but to also use the university to restore and even enhance the perceivably lost glory of the students.

'O ran mo nise f'aya ti', 'Senior' Oloyede, as he then was in the days of Prof IA Balogun (may Allah bless Baba's soul), has helped to cultivate and nurture many of us, yet won't abandon his project. Even now that the young have grown, he has offered to team up with a select high flying team on some brand to watch in the very near future, fitting so well with his lifelong reputation of ethical uprightness. Also in this team, it may interest you, is an inimitable, pathfinder banker, holder of a first class degree in economics and a PhD from South Africa's prestigious Wits University. I therefore can't help to keep ceaselessly congratulating the folks at JAMB for the Oloyede blessing. Has it not been said that you can't grow beyond your environment? The physical and other

infrastructural development supportive of the works of regular and ad-hoc staff like yours sincerely has been continuous since Oloyede commenced his first term till date, I can authoritatively reveal. But everyone who has had to do anything for or with JAMB since the Oloyede days began has a good story inspiring all beneficiaries and sheer witnesses alike to do our own little for our dear Nigeria.

As we anxiously await Oloyede's second term, we beseech the most merciful Allah to grant him the best of guidance and the good health to pull through successfully with the desired lofty consolidation

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PICTURES



(R-L) Acting Director, NHA Ilorin, R.T. Shittu (Mrs); V.C., Thomas Adewumi University (TAU), Prof. L.K. Ayorinde; Registrar TAU, M.M.I. Popoola (Mrs) and Mr A.O. Solagberu, Head of Monitoring and Matriculation Unit of JAMB Office, Ilorin.



Newly-elected executive committee of JAMB-ACTU in a group photograph with officials of ICPC.



Mr. David Akanbi, Director, Test Development (1st right) representing the Registrar of JAMB, Prof Is-Haq Oloyede at the 204th inaugural lecture of the University of Ilorin by Prof. Eletta Omodele Abiodun Abosedo (middle) of the Department of Chemical Engineering of the University.



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ZONAL AND STATE OFFICES OF THE BOARD

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1.	Abuja	Federal Capital Territory, Kwara, 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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