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## NO SHORTCUT TO SUCCESS ... INTEGRITY PAYS - Beneficiary



Following his upright stance during the 2023 UTME registration at Aina Awaw CBT Centre, Ilu-Abo, Ondo

State, the management of the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB) has handsomely compensated a distinguished Nigerian youth, who displayed uncommon diligence that led to the arrest of three notorious individuals who visited the centre in an attempt to impersonate some other candidates.

While fielding questions from JAMB Bulletin on Monday, 8th May, 2023, at the Board's National Headquarters, Abuja, the young man, a graduate of Meteorology with vast skills in graphic design, computer hardware maintenance, network

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The Chairman of Nigerians in Diaspora Commission (NiDCOM), Rt. Hon. Abike Dabiri-Erewa, has made a case for Nigerian students studying in Sudan, whose academic pursuits were curtailed by the ongoing crisis in that country, and who had been

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## NASU PROFFERS WAYS OF CONFLICT RESOLUTION ...Says Union and Management are Partners

The National President of Non-Academic Staff Union of Educational and Associated Institutions (NASU), Comrade (Dr.) (Barr.)

Hassan Makolo (JP), has proffered ways of resolving trade disputes between unions and their management saying the two bodies are partners in achieving organisational goals.

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## ATTENTION!!!



**RESULTS OF  
MOP-UP UTME  
HELD ON  
SATURDAY, 6TH MAY,  
2023 RELEASED**

## JAMB DIRECTOR BURIES FATHER

It is with great sadness that we announced the death of Pa Samuel Adeagbo Akanbi, the father of Director, Test Development Department, Mr. David Akanbi.

Pa Akanbi, aged 91 years, passed unto greater glory on Sunday, 23rd April, 2023, and was buried Friday, 5th May, 2023, at his country home in Ibadan.

The Board's delegation comprised the Director, Human Resources, Mr. Muhammed Sule Shehu, and Ag. Director, Test Administration Department, Mrs. Ville

Pius, among others. While commiserating with the family, the entire management staff of the Board thanked God for a life well spent and urged the family to take solace in God.

Pa Akanbi was described as a religious leader, community emancipator, moralist and a philanthropist, who derived pleasure and passion in putting smiles on people's faces.

The late elder statesman was survived by children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

## ...No Shortcut to Success ...Integrity Pay - Beneficiary

engineering, sound engineering; who also doubled as Computer-Based Test (CBT) centre operator, submitted that there is no shortcut to success, while encouraging Nigerian youths to eschew corruption in its entirety, saying, integrity pays.

Analysing the scenario, the Meteorologist chronicled how the trio had previously visited a CBT centre for UTME registration, and thereafter ending up at his CBT centre to complete their ignoble acts.

According to him, "When I login to register the first candidate, I discovered that the photograph on the screen was different from the person sitting before me. I challenged him on the matter but he maintained that it was his photograph that appeared on the screen. I asked him to step aside and asked the second one to take his seat and the same scenario played out. I told the third to sit and it was

the same situation."

"At that point, I had no option but to contact the Ondo State Coordinator, who came with the operatives of the Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps (NSCDC) and arrested the three impersonators on the spot."

Responding to what spurred him to act differently, knowing full well that some CBT centre operators would have seen the situation as an opportunity to enrich themselves.

"Our CBT Centre Proprietor always encourages us to uphold his culture of integrity. He always admonished us that it pays to be honest even if no one is watching you, as the Almighty will one day reward you and that is exactly what has happened."

"He will tell us not to prioritise profit over national interest and to cherish our family names over cheap popularity. Aside these, I naturally detest corrupt practices, it is not in my blood," he said.

While fielding questions on his views

on the Board's widely-acclaimed stance on corruption, he submitted that JAMB is the only examination body in Nigeria he could vouch for at any given time.

"JAMB takes time to upskill its human resource just as it updates its material resources towards ensuring a transparent process. Anyone who thinks he could bypass the Board's examination security system should think twice."

With regard to the issue of compensation by the Board as being speculated in some quarters for the laudable feat. He expressed his sincere appreciation to the Registrar in particular, saying, the Board has affirmed the veracity of the adage that says "one good turn deserves another."

"I have been promised various rewards - offer of appointment with the Board, sponsoring on a foreign trip, among others, which I will not like to disclose. I thank the Registrar for these gestures," he disclosed.

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## THIRD-PARTY EXAMS: JAMB STANDARD NOT NEGOTIABLE - PROF. OLOYEDE ...As CDCFIB Fixes Examination for 18th May

The Registrar, Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB) Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, has stated that the existing operating standard for the conduct of third-party examinations and the Unified Tertiary Matriculation Examination (UTME) are non-negotiable.

The Registrar disclosed this on Thursday, 11th May, 2023, when he received the Executive Secretary of Civil Defence, Correctional, Fire and Immigration Services Board (CDCFIB), at his office in Bwari, Abuja.

According to the Registrar, in any public undertakings by the Board, its integrity and name is at stake, and, as such, urged clients, who sought the services of the Board to do the needful before requesting JAMB to conduct their recruitment,

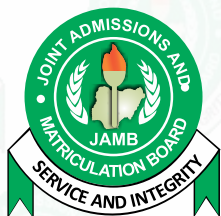
promotion or scholarship examinations. He pointed out that it was this unrivalled attention to details that made people believe that once the name of JAMB is associated with any particular exercise then there must be standard, integrity and quality hence JAMB had to be choosy in terms of clients to do business with.

He pointed out that conducting examinations for third-parties is not for any pecuniary motive but is an avenue to showcase its competence as the Board would be availed the opportunity to deploy the full complement of its operational prowess leading to the conduct of examinations devoid of malpractice. He urged CDCFIB to take into cognisance some of the problems earlier itemised in the various communications between the two

agencies and ensure that those problems are resolved ahead of the examination scheduled for 18th May, 2023, while adequate and requisite information to the prospective candidates, either via e-mails, bulk SMS, date for the examination, as well as credentials required for accreditation of candidates, need to be communicated to test takers as early as possible.

Earlier, the Secretary of CDCFIB, Mr. Ja'afari Ahmed, stated that he had discussed with his Management team the modalities for the successful conduct of the upcoming recruitment examination as stipulated by JAMB. He promised that the CDCFIB would do the needful for a hitch-free examination while thanking the Registrar and his Management for the warm reception accorded his delegation.





# JOINT ADMISSIONS AND MATRICULATION BOARD

## REPORT OF INFLOW AND OUTFLOW FOR THE PERIOD

### MAY 06 2023 – MAY 12 2023

#### FINANCIAL INFLOW

S/N	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
1	E-facilities	181,914,778.00
2	PRC Service Charge	1,239,000.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>183,153,778.00</b>

#### FINANCIAL OUTFLOW

S/N	DESCRIPTION	PURPOSE OF PAYMENT	AMOUNT
1	Staff Claims	Various	64,635,422.00
2	Supervision of Examination	Third Party Examination	1,814,750.00
3	E-Pin Agents	Refund of Unsold 2023 Registration e-pins Deposit	340,392,125.00
4	Supervision of Examination	UTME 2023	128,596,507.90
5	Abuja Electricity Distribution Company	Electricity Charges	759,977.00
6	Sabkon Integrated Ltd.	Internet Data	150,000.00
7	Tomeh Travels and Tours Ltd	Flight Tickets	19,324,115.00
8	Michael Hammond Eng. Co	Office Equipment	1,458,898.80
9	Precise Company Nig Ltd	Printing of 2023 UTME Manual	8,460,000.00
10	Dirham Nig Ltd	Computerisation of Owerri PTC	5,050,362.74
11	Hammer General Ventures Ltd	Publicity	1,800,000.00
12	Remita	Financial Charges	81,549.50
	<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>572,523,707.94</b>

### JAMB CELEBRATES STAFF BORN MAY 15<sup>TH</sup> – MAY 22<sup>ND</sup> 2023

#### 15<sup>TH</sup> MAY

Abba Dan-Malam  
Friday Ekure  
Musa Mohammed  
Amina Aliyu Mohammed  
Joshua Oribgo  
Amos Yunana Awokson  
Maureen Adams  
Juliet Nkechi Ossai  
Grace Olima-William  
Adegoke Lukman Adeyemi  
Boma Vanessa Ombu  
Abdullahi Aminu Muazu  
Oladipo James Meseda

#### 16<sup>TH</sup> MAY

Felicia Jagaba  
Salman Rasaq Ademola  
Bridget Doourun Magnus

#### 17<sup>TH</sup> MAY

Shuaibu Bello  
Comfort Unekwu Edetanlen  
Azeez Abdul Adamu  
Rafiu Tunde Oseni  
Idris Mohammed Jungudo  
Nana Isioma Azibiantu  
Hauwa'u Danladi Inuwa  
Esther Olayinka Sijuwola  
Rosemary Myina Kanu

#### 18<sup>TH</sup> MAY

Euphemia Ekene Okoroafor  
Gideon Zuma Thomas  
Yusuf Adamu Adoye  
Marian Akor Ebuta

#### 19<sup>TH</sup> MAY

Tunde Bola Ahmed

Victoria Olubunmi Adeyemo  
Collins Sunday Nweze  
Gloria Tochukwu Okeke  
Ijeoma Lilian Ogbonna

#### 20<sup>TH</sup> MAY

Aliyu Dan'Asabe Abdullahi  
Sani Dabo  
Kafayat Adenike Ojo-Ibrahim  
Blessing Aigbavboa  
Segun James Abiara

#### 21<sup>ST</sup> MAY

Ijeoma Henrietta Ogbogu  
Helen Aladi Akinyooye  
Ishaku Barau Bwari  
Umar Labaran  
Peter Chidiebere Nwaogu  
Nkechi Modesta Ejikeme

Happy Birthday





## EDUCATION IN THE MEDIA

**PUNCH NEWSPAPER SUNDAY 8TH MAY, 2023 – 80,000 Sit Rescheduled UTME, Minister Hails Exercise:** The Minister of Education, Mal. Adamu Adamu, Saturday expressed satisfaction over the conduct of the rescheduled 2023 Unified Tertiary Matriculation Examination.

Mal. Adamu, alongside the Registrar of the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board, Prof Is-haq Oloyede, monitored the examination at the Computer-Based Test centre located in Mambilla Barracks, Asokoro, Abuja, expressed delight over the smooth conduct of the exercise.

Addressing journalists at the centre, Mal. Adamu said, "I am very happy with what I have seen. The (temporary) holding room (for the candidates), and the arrangement where they are, everything is okay. The Minister said, "Perhaps they should have a class for the holding room, I think that is the only improvement they will make here," Adamu said.

Meanwhile, JAMB's Head of Public Affairs and Protocol, Dr. Fabian Benjamin, in an interview with journalists earlier on said about 80,000 candidates, who could not sit the 2023 UTME within their scheduled time owing to no fault of theirs, sat the rescheduled UTME across the country.

**PUNCH NEWSPAPER MONDAY 8TH MAY, 2023. – Mop-up UTME: JAMB Releases Results Of 80,000 Candidates:** The results of the 80,000 candidates who participated in the mop-up Unified Tertiary Matriculation Examination on Saturday, May 6, 2023, have been

released, The PUNCH can confirm.

The PUNCH had earlier reported how the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board following an emergency Board meeting held in Abuja on May 1, 2023, arranged a mop-up UTME for candidates who missed the chance to sit the examinations between the period scheduled by the Board owing to "no faults of their own." **Also available in NATION NEWSPAPER MONDAY 8TH MAY, 2023 and DAILY TRUST NEWSPAPER MONDAY 8TH MAY, 2023.**

**NATION NEWSPAPER MONDAY 8TH MAY, 2023 – JAMB Debunks Multiple Rescheduling Candidate For UTME:** The Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB) has described allegations of multiple rescheduling a female candidate for the Unified Tertiary Matriculation Examination (UTME), as false. It urged the public to always verify claims before making conclusions. JAMB's spokesperson Fabian Benjamin, after monitoring the rescheduled examination last Friday in Ibadan, Oyo State, said the Tiktok video made by Yahaya Suleiman Aminat accusing the Board was misleading.

According to him, Aminat registered for the examination in Abuja, but relocated to Ibadan. He said, all information in the video were not the true reflection of what transpired.

Benjamin said: "Not all messages on social media are actually the true position of things. Nigerians should always verify messages on social media, and not just swallow it hook, line and sinker.

**THISDAY NEWSPAPER WEDNESDAY 10TH MAY, 2023 – EKSU VC Explains Why University Will Now Hold Convocation Twice Yearly:** The Vice-Chancellor of Ekiti State University (EKSU), Ado Ekiti, Prof. Edward Olanipekun, has explained the reason why the University would now hold convocation twice in a year.

The Vice-Chancellor, who spoke during the 27th convocation of the University held in Ado Ekiti, the Ekiti state capital, said the move was to ensure that every obstacle that could cause delay in issuance of certificates immediately after graduation were addressed.

According to Olanipekun, "law graduates cannot go to law school without their certificates, the medical doctors cannot obtain their licences to practice their professions without certificates.

"Apart from this, it is not a new thing, in some universities in Europe, convocation holds throughout the year and some do it every month, graduands would just fix a date that would be convenient for them and go for it."

Speaking further, the Vice-Chancellor said: "Gone are the days when years after graduation, our alumni would begin to run helter-skelter without their certificates, we have now put in place mechanism that would ensure that every obstacle that can cause delay in issuance of certificates immediately after graduation are addressed and we are already achieving it.

"So, I want to assure the chairman of council, Prof. Akin Oyeboode that the University Management will do the

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needful to facilitate the process for successful convocation twice a year and ensure that their certificates henceforth are released as and when due without hindrance."

### **PUNCH NEWSPAPER THURSDAY 11TH MAY, 2023 - Sudan: JAMB to Support Evacuated Nigerian Students:**

The Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board said it would ensure that Nigerian students evacuated from war-torn Sudan are integrated into the nation's universities.

The JAMB Registrar, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, made this known on Tuesday in Abuja during a meeting with the head of Nigerians in Diaspora Commission, Abike Dabiri-Erewa.

In a statement issued on Wednesday, Oloyede who empathized with the students, commended NIDCOM for the effective handling of their evacuation, adding that JAMB would ensure the desired support.

"What we will do is that we will provide the necessary infrastructure, the necessary enablement to make you accommodate or return these candidates (students) to our educational system," Oloyede said.

The JAMB boss, however, called on the students not to tread the path of those who returned to the country over a year ago as a result of Ukraine's war but refused to comply with the stipulated procedures that would have ensured they continue their academic programmes seamlessly in Nigerian universities.

He said, "We must thank NIDCOM for making efforts that the students are brought into the Nigerian university system and we have given the Commission the process and procedure.

"There are procedures (for transfer of students); the transcript, the rules and regulations, and nobody should be delusional that any Nigerian university will award certificate with less than two years stay and residency in the university, and the

procedure is done legitimately and properly with the cooperation of the National Universities Commission and the individual institution."

Explaining further on the issue of spending a minimum of two academic sessions for students who transferred to any Nigerian university, Oloyede said: "If you are doing a five-year programme, you will go to year four, because you are going to spend year 4 and year 5.

"For instance, if you are studying Medicine and you are in your 600 level, and if the Medical and Dental Council assesses what you have done is practically okay, they will just move you to year 5, 500 level. You will do 500 level and 600 level, and you will have the certificate of the institution in Nigeria."

On her part, NIDCOM Chairman, Dabiri-Erewa, said 1,730 Nigerians have been evacuated from Sudan as of Tuesday, adding that the majority of them are students eager to continue their education in Nigeria while waiting for the war to be over.

The NIDCOM boss assured that the necessary procedures will be followed to integrate the affected students into Nigerian schools.

She said, "The key thing is that there are processes to follow but they are not difficult processes and that is what we learnt from JAMB.

"The institutions are already saying they want to give support, they want to admit them but the key thing is to follow the process as stipulated by JAMB.

"I will also appeal to the students that there is a crisis, it is affecting them one way or the other. How we will limit the impact on them, whichever way, we must follow the process."

**Also available in LEADERSHIP NEWSPAPER THURSDAY 11TH MAY, 2023, BLUEPRINT NEWSPAPER THURSDAY 11TH MAY, 2023 and TRIBUNE NEWSPAPER THURSDAY 11TH MAY, 2023.**

### **PUNCH NEWSPAPER FRIDAY 12TH MAY, 2023 - School Advocates Stakeholders' Support to Curb Malpractices:** Topdeal College, Ikorodu, Lagos, has said providing quality teaching for students preparing for external examinations will help to curb examination malpractices.

Speaking at a seminar titled, 'Students on Track,' Proprietor, Topdeal College, Dr Oladeji Akinola, explained that if candidates were taught properly, they would not engage in exam malpractice.

He urged candidates taking the 2022/2023 West African Senior School Certificate Examination and the Unified Tertiary Matriculation Examination to shun all forms of examination malpractices.

He said, "This is the eighth edition of the seminar and it was established to serve as an eye-opener to some of the challenges students are likely to encounter at universities and also how they will tackle them.

"WAEC and JAMB have been trying to curb examination malpractices in the country. Examination malpractice is a deep cankerworm in Nigeria's education system. School owners need to come together to see how we can be of help in terms of creating a more stable and standard practice of testing and examining students."

Akinola also emphasised that the low number of universities in the country was a contributory factor to exam malpractice, saying that parents would not have to bribe their way to get admissions for their children if there were enough universities.

"The Nigerian government should create more federal universities so that students can have the assurance of getting admissions, having met the requirements. This is the reason some parents are desperately buying admissions and bribing their way through."



## CORRUPTION A HYDRA-HEADED MONSTER – By Clement Ojo

**C**orruption is a cankerworm, which has eaten deep into every aspect of the socioeconomic life of Nigeria. It is a hydra-headed monster, which tentacles had not only tarnished the good name of many leaders, but has also stifled the development of the country.

Hence, it is not uncommon in the country nowadays to see or hear of fraudsters walking scot-free after perpetrating their heinous deeds, evading law enforcement agents and even when caught, perverting the course of justice.

Prospective UTME candidates are not left out as many have been caught involving themselves in various forms of examination malpractice to secure higher scores by hook or crook just to gain undue advantage in the admission process.

These heinous practices have now become so ubiquitous that they had wrought untold havoc on national life. One other area of concern is the educational sector, where square pegs had found their ways into round holes, as candidates with lesser abilities wantonly displaced those with higher abilities in the admission process.

For our nation to return to the path of greatness and achieve her developmental aspirations, integrity must be the watchword, a feat that the current management of the Board under the leadership of Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, had been championing for a while now.

Undoubtedly, when one's thoughts and actions are based on sound values, rather than on personal gains or selfish interests, such actions are bound to have positive influence on

national life.

Furthermore, it should be noted that valuable things do not come cheap hence Prof. Oloyede's campaign against corruption is no different as he had made huge investments in personnel and material resources such that the Board's sophisticated machinery has made it absolutely impossible for any scammer to bypass the system.

It is, therefore, not surprising that the just-concluded 2023 UTME was adjudged the best so far in the history of the Board on account of the near zero cases of examination malpractice recorded.

If only Nigeria could sustain the tempo, then its developmental aspirations could be achieved sooner rather than later. All that is needed is for everyone to play their part and shun corrupt practices.

## CBT ENHANCES JAMB INTEGRITY - OYO CEE

**T**he JAMB Oyo State Chief External Examiner, who also doubles as the Rector, Ibadan Polytechnic, Prof. Kazeem Adebisi, in an exclusive interview with JAMBulletin on Monday, 8th May, 2023, bared his mind on the conduct of the 2023 Unified Tertiary Matriculation Examination (UTME), other processes of JAMB and the state of the education sector in Nigeria.

During the interactive session, the Professor of Mechanical Engineering, highlighted the various achievements of the Board, particularly under the leadership of Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, while taking a holistic assessment of the Nigerian educational sector, using JAMB as a case study.

JAMBulletin: Over the years, policymakers have made various efforts to develop the education sector, what is your assessment of their efforts in connection with the current state of the sector?

CEE: We have made appreciable progress. Let's take JAMB as an example, in the past, candidates, who wished to sit the UTME would

queue to purchase application forms at designated banks and do the same after a long wait to buy scratch cards to check their results. All these have become history. This is because digitisation has improved educational processes across all levels in the country. The education sector is now open to investors to complement the efforts of the government. We may not be where we want yet, our good may not be the best, but an honest and objective evaluation of the sector in the last decade would show that we are not stagnant.

JAMBulletin: As the Oyo State Chief External Examiner of JAMB, you have firsthand contact with the Board, you understand its workings and how it had delivered on its mandate over the last few years. What do you think of today's JAMB?

CEE: You know I started with JAMB. Except anyone wants to call a dog a bad name, then you'll say JAMB has not developed over the years. For instance, there is a great improvement in this year's UTME when compared with that of last year and I am sure that next year will

be even better. Evidently, it has been a case of a yearly improvement on the part of JAMB. The evidence and the statistics support this claim, no one can deny this.

JAMBulletin: We concluded the conduct of the 2023 UTME recently with the administration of the supplementary examination on Saturday, 6th May, 2023. Considering the adoption of e-testing for UTME, what is your assessment of the growth of CBT in Nigeria over the years?

CEE: The Computer-Based Testing mode, to me, is a laudable step as it had enhanced the level of integrity associated with the UTME. Again, we have seen this in 2023 UTME in terms of the successes recorded. The concept of e-testing as obtained the world over is something that needs to be widely embraced in Nigeria as the level of adoption is still abysmally low. I observe that when our people apply for admissions abroad, they sit the relevant tests through their respective e-testing channels. For instance, in Sweden, which system I am familiar with,

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## ...SUDAN CRISIS: NiDCOM in JAMB, Makes Case for Nigerian Students Affected by War

evacuated to Nigeria to be integrated into the nation's tertiary institutions.

The Chairperson, who led a high-powered delegation to the National Headquarters of the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB), Abuja, on Tuesday, 2nd May, 2023, said her mission to JAMB was to discuss ways of integrating these returning students into Nigerian tertiary institutions.

She pointed out that 1,730 Nigerians have been evacuated from Sudan so far and that majority of them are eager to continue their education in Nigeria while waiting for the crisis to be over.

The former parliamentarian assured the Registrar, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, that necessary procedures would be followed to integrate the affected students into Nigerian schools.

While fielding questions after the visit, the NiDCOM Chairperson said, "The key thing is that there are processes to follow but they are not difficult processes and that is what we learnt from JAMB."

"The institutions are already saying they want to give support; they want to admit them but the key thing is to

follow due process as stipulated by JAMB and they had promised to provide the enabling environment and infrastructure."

While appealing to the affected students to take their predicament in good faith, she disclosed that relevant information would be made available to them to facilitate their smooth integration into the system.

In his remarks, the Registrar sympathised with the students while commending NiDCOM for the laudable manner it had handled their evacuation and promised that JAMB would provide the desired support.

He advised the students not to tread the path of those who returned to the country over a year ago as a result of the Ukraine's war noting that the Ukraine returnees had refused to comply with the stipulated procedures to continue their academic programmes in Nigeria.

The Registrar also informed the delegation on the extant advisories on inter-university transfer and other related advisories. He pointed out that the procedures for transfer of students are sacrosanct stating that nobody should be under any illusion that Nigerian universities would

award certificate to any student with less than two-year stay or residency in the university in line with existing guidelines by the National Universities Commission (NUC).

"Students, who are to be transferred must spend a minimum of two academic sessions. If you are doing a five-year programme, you will go to Year 4, because you are going to spend Year 4 and Year 5. For instance, if you are studying Medicine and you are in your 600 level, and if the Medical and Dental Council assesses what you have done and okay your practical, they will simply move you to Year 5 or 500 level. You will then do 500 level and 600 level, and you will have the certificate of the institution in Nigeria," he explained.

One of the parents of the affected students, Hajia Asmau Yerima, commended NiDCOM and JAMB for ensuring that the students would not be abandoned at home doing nothing.

"Our children are ready to go back to school, we don't want to keep them at home and we don't want them to be traumatised," she declared.





## ONAKPA RETURNS AS JAMB-NASU CHAIRMAN

**C**omrade Andrew Onakpa, the current Chairman of the NASU Branch of the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB), has been returned unopposed as Chairman to serve the Union for a second term of four years.

Comrade Onakpa would be assisted by Mrs. Mary Sunday Eteng and Mr. Attah Audu Linus, who were also nominated unopposed to the position of Secretary and Treasurer respectively.

Ex-officio members are: Mr. Mohammed Ahidjo Aminu, Quality Assurance Department; Mrs. Ella Virginia from Information Technology Services (ITS) Department; Mrs.

Martina Abumbi, Finance and Accounts Department; Mrs. Ruth Isoemimen, Test Development Department; and Isiaku Musa Azi, General Services Department. Mr. Azi had defeated Okon Glory Effiong by 8 to 3 votes.

The eight-man executive committee was later sworn in by the Assistant General Secretary, NASU National Headquarters, Comrade Damola Adelakun.

In his acceptance speech, the Chairman, thanked NASU members for their support and mandate to serve for another term of four years stating that "my team and I would continue to strive hard in the path of

fostering industrial harmony for the overall benefit of our teeming members. I assure you, distinguished comrades, that I will use my good offices to promote every action that would advance the objectives of the Union and the goals of the Board at all times."

NASU -JAMB was inaugurated in February, 2011. The pioneer Chairman, Comrade Samuel Azaba, served from 2011 to 2019, while Comrade Onakpa took over the leadership of the body from 2019. Comrade Onakpa's second tenure, which commenced on 4th May, 2023, would expire in 2027.

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candidates sit occupational research examinations and some engineering courses through e-platforms. If that can be done at that level, what prevents us from embracing same in the country in line with global best practices. This is what JAMB is doing. I could recall years back when e-testing was introduced in the conduct of language tests like TOEFL and others which entailed a move from the paper-pencil test mode. If it can be done at that level, I don't see why Board's efforts to align with global best practices should not be commended and widely emulated.

JAMBulletin: The Board's management led by Prof. Is-haq Oloyede has introduced some landmark policies, which have elicited favourable feedbacks from various quarters such as tertiary institutions, private investors and other government agencies. How would you rate the productivity these groundbreaking reforms have birthed?

CEE: As I said earlier, once you buy into an idea, you have to give it your all. Let us exemplify with CAPS. When it started, procedures were laid

down for regularising illegal admissions, my institution bought into the idea and we ensure full compliance. It is important to understand that input determines output in a production system. For tertiary education to significantly improve in Nigeria, admission into our tertiary institutions must be devoid of anomalies. Institutions that have supported the Board's vision can attest to the gains of complete compliance.

JAMBulletin: Speaking about compliance, the introduction of CAPS in 2017 and the recent integration of IBASS and CAPS in 2022 are a few of the Board's proactive reforms. A reactive reform is the window of opportunity instituted by the Board to legitimise the illegal admissions done from 2017 to 2020, of which your institution is not a defaulter, could you, from a personal perspective, connect how compliance with the rules has improved the quality of students intake in your institution?

CEE: It is visible in the output. We have complied, hence, we do not worry about the readiness of our products to confront the challenges

of life after graduation.

JAMBulletin: In conclusion, with a clear understanding of the progress recorded in the Nigeria's educational sector and the role of JAMB, what is your advice for the sector's key players?

CEE: What I would say is that there is an urgent need for regulators, including JAMB, to synergise for effective discharge of their mandates to move the nation forward through quality service delivery. If could recall what I said earlier concerning what compliance with admission guidelines has done for our institution where I had mentioned that, no matter how good your technology is, if your raw material (intakes) is not good, then your output (graduates) may not give the desired result. Hence, if we only oratorically process low-quality inputs in our educational institutions, we may not be able to get the desired results as a nation. So, in essence, cooperation with JAMB and other regulators is vital so that we can push for the realisation of other national goals and objectives.





## FEW FACTS ABOUT JAMB

- ❁ The Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB) was established for the general control of the conduct of matriculation examinations for admissions into all universities, polytechnics, monotechnics, colleges of education and ( recently added) Innovation Enterprise Institutes (IEIs).
- ❁ Section 5 (2) of the ACT establishing the Board provided as stated: For the avoidance of doubt, the Board shall be responsible for determining matriculation requirements and conducting examinations leading to undergraduate admissions and also for admissions to National Diploma and the Nigerian Certificate in Education courses, but shall not be responsible for examinations or any other selective process for postgraduate courses and any other courses offered by the tertiary institutions. In the implementation of this section, there is always a synergy with the National Universities Commission (NUC), the National Board for Technical Education (NBTE) and the National Commission for Colleges of Education (NCCE) with the endorsement of the National Council on Education (NCE).
- ❁ In exercising this power, the Board is always guided by admission guidelines approved by the Policy Meeting under the Chairmanship of the Hon. Minister of Education with all Heads of Tertiary Institutions and other stakeholders in attendance.
- ❁ Since the inception of the Interim Joint Matriculation Board Examination (IJMBE), JAMB appoints moderators for all its questions as well as the grading of candidates scores. It has always done this without failing to still accommodate 'HSC' within the current 6-3-3-4 system. The National Council on Education (NCE) guidelines for the Joint Universities Preliminary Examinations Board (JUPEB) also endorsed the practice for JUPEB.
- ❁ The Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board shall continue to operate within its laws.

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### ...No Shortcut to Success ...Integrity Pay - Beneficiary

Commenting on his message to the Nigerian youths on hardwork and wholesome practices, he encouraged them to embrace

hardwork and eschew corruption in its entirety, saying, "There is no shortcut to success. Men of integrity receive honour and do not only

stand tall but stand out in the comity of friends, integrity pays."



### ...NASU Proffers Ways to Conflict Resolution

The NASU President stated this on Thursday, 4th May, 2023, at the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB)-NASU Branch Quadrennial General Meeting and Election.

Comrade Makolo, while responding to the remarks of the Branch Chairman, Comrade Andrew Onakpa, who had lamented the predilection of some staff to write petitions against the hardworking management of the Board, urged aggrieved individuals to avail themselves of the many processes of seeking redress. He added that it was when such are exhausted that the aggrieved party could resort to petitioning.

He stressed the need for all staff to

embrace the path of meaningful dialogue with management at all levels within the ambits of their various Unions' instruments for conflict resolution. He cited such instruments as the general meeting, State and National Council Meetings, Trade Group Councils, among other channels, to ventilate their grievances.

"Some members assess your performance and progress based on how often you fight the management but what happens if you fight with management for years without achieving anything?"

"Union leaders and management are partners in progress and staff stand to gain nothing if JAMB is grounded as they had to lose their

jobs. Unionists should know that their primary focus is JAMB and its only the Board that could provide the canopy for its operations. Therefore, it is mutually beneficial for unionists to cooperate with their management to reap maximal benefits from such synergies," he added.

He commended the Registrar, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, for the accolades that had been bestowed on him from various quarters on account of his many landmark achievements, especially in terms of staff welfare.



## **AUCTIONING!!! AUCTIONING!!! AUCTIONING!!!**

**This is to inform the general public that the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB) would be auctioning seventy-two (72) pieces of Shoto 12V 200 AH (C10) Inverter Batteries at its office in Abia as follows:**

**Date - Wednesday, 17th May, 2023.**

**Time - 10.00am prompt**

**Venue- JAMB State Office, Along Port-Harcourt/Enugu Expressway, Near Ubakala Junction, Umuahia, Abia State.**

**ANNOUNCER:**

**AUCTIONING COMMITTEE**



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## RESUMPTION OF DIRECT ENTRY EXERCISE

You will recall that the Board commenced the 2023 Direct Entry registration on Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> February, 2023, but had to immediately suspend it following the discovery of the plethora of devices and machinations to circumvent and compromise the standard of A'level qualifications required from DE candidates. Recall that recent joint operations of the Federal Ministry of Education and the Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission (ICPC) on DE qualifications brought to light some of these unsavoury and nefarious activities. Bayero University, Kano (BUK) has also consistently brought to the fore the high rate of forgery of A'Level qualifications for DE.

2. For instance, it was discovered that, in previous years, some candidates used unacceptable and forged A' level certificates/qualifications to register for Direct Entry and eventually got admitted. For example out 148 candidates verified by BUK, only 6 were found to be genuine. By implication 142 of the results were forged. The Board, concerned stakeholders and institutions are working assiduously to detect such and the ones already found, are being dealt with according to the provisions of the law.

3. In order to further checkmate the anomaly and to also prevent recurrence of such irregularity, the Board has decided that the 2023 DE registrations will not only be restricted to JAMB PTCs but will also be done under strict supervision.

4. The Board has provided additional guidelines to all DE registration outlets (JAMB-owned centres), Officers of the Board and candidates on the 2023 Direct Entry registration exercise: -

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- i. At the point of registration, all candidates **must** fill in:-
- Registration/Matriculation Number of the previous school attended where the qualification was obtained;
  - Subject(s) of qualification;
  - Awarding Institution;
  - Institution actually attended.
- ii. The Board will only recognise and accept thirteen (13) qualifications/certificates for the 2023 Direct Entry registration exercise as highlighted in the table below:-

S/N	QUALIFICATION	REQUIREMENT(S)		GRADING (POINTS)
		CERTIFICATE/STATEMENT OF RESULT HOLDERS	CANDIDATES ON AWAITING RESULT	
A	First (1 <sup>st</sup> ) Degree	In addition to 4 (i), candidate must upload: a) Copy of certificate used in the application (statement of result can only be accepted for qualifications obtained after 2018) b) Letter of Admission, offered by JAMB, for the qualification obtained.	Not acceptable	16
B	University Diploma/ Nigerian French Language Diploma and Module III Certificate	In addition to 4 (i), candidate must upload: a) Copy of certificate used in the application (statement of result can only be accepted for qualifications obtained after 2018) b) Letter of Admission, offered by the University/ Nigerian French Language Diploma for the qualification obtained.	Not acceptable	i. Distinction – 16 ii. Merit – 12 iii. Credit – 10 iv. Pass – 6
C	Higher National Diploma (HND)	In addition to 4 (i), candidate must upload: a) Copy of certificate used in the application (statement of result can only be accepted for qualifications obtained after 2018) b) Letter of Admission, offered by the University/JAMB, for the OND/ND obtained.	Not acceptable	i. Distinction – 16 ii. Upper Credit – 12 iii. Lower Credit – 10 iv. Pass – 6



S/N	QUALIFICATION	REQUIREMENT(S)		GRADING (POINTS)
		CERTIFICATE/STATEMENT OF RESULT HOLDERS	CANDIDATES ON AWAITING RESULT	
D	Ordinary National Diploma /National Diploma (OND/ND)	In addition to 4 (i), candidate must upload: a) Copy of certificate used in the application (statement of result can only be accepted for qualifications obtained after 2018) b) Letter of Admission, offered by JAMB, for the qualification obtained.	Not acceptable	i. Distinction – 16 ii. Upper Credit – 12 iii. Lower Credit – 10 iv. Pass – 6
E	Nigeria Certificate in Education (NCE)	In addition to 4 (i), candidate must upload: a) Copy of certificate used in the application (statement of result can only be accepted for qualifications obtained after 2018) b) Letter of Admission, offered by JAMB, for the qualification obtained.	Not acceptable	i. Distinction – 16 ii. Credit – 12 iii. Merit – 10 iv. Pass – 6
F	Interim Joint Matriculation Board (IJMB) A' Level	In addition to 4 (i), candidate must provide the year and date of registration and also upload: a) Copy of IJMB certificate being used for the application. b) Letter of Admission into IJMB programme given by IJMB.	In addition to 4 (i) candidate must provide the year and date of registration, <b>INDICATE AWAITING RESULT</b> and (ii) also upload Letter of Admission, offered by IJMB.	i. A – 5 ii. B – 4 iii. C – 3 iv. D – 2 v. E – 1
G	Joint Universities Preliminary Examination Board (JUPEB) A' Level	In addition to 4 (i), candidate must provide the year and date of registration and also upload: a) Copy of JUPEB certificate being used for the application. b) Letter of Admission into the JUPEB programme given by JUPEB.	In addition to 4 (i) candidate must provide the year and date of registration, <b>INDICATE AWAITING RESULT</b> and (ii) also upload Letter of Admission, offered by JUPEB.	i. A – 5 ii. B – 4 iii. C – 3 iv. D – 2 v. E – 1
H	NABTEB Advanced National Business Certificate (ANBC)	In addition to 4 (i), candidate must provide the year and date of registration and also upload: a) Copy of NABTEB certificate being used for the application. b) Letter of Admission/registration slip into the NABTEB programme by NABTEB.	In addition to 4 (i) candidate must provide the year and date of registration, <b>INDICATE AWAITING RESULT</b> and (ii) also upload Letter of Admission/registration slip, offered by NABTEB.	i. A – 5 ii. B – 4 iii. C – 3 iv. D – 2 v. E – 1

S/N	QUALIFICATION	REQUIREMENT(S)		GRADING (POINTS)
		CERTIFICATE/STATEMENT OF RESULT HOLDERS	CANDIDATES ON AWAITING RESULT	
I	<b>NABTEB Advanced National Technical Certificate (ANTC)</b>	In addition to 4 (i), candidate must provide the year and date of registration and also upload: a) Copy of NABTEB certificate being used for the application. b) Letter of Admission/registration slip into the NABTEB programme by NABTEB.	In addition to 4 (i) candidate must provide the year and date of registration, <b>INDICATE AWAITING RESULT</b> and (ii) also upload Letter of Admission/registration slip, offered by NABTEB.	i. A – 5 ii. B – 4 iii. C – 3 iv. D – 2 v. E – 1
J	<b>NABTEB GCE-A' Level (2015 – 2021) Only certificates obtained from 2015 to 2021 and on the existing database of the Board, would be accepted for Direct Entry admission. From 2026, it would no longer be accepted</b>	In addition to 4 (i), candidate must provide the year and date of registration and also upload: a) Copy of NABTEB certificate being used for the application. b) Letter of Admission/registration slip into the NABTEB programme by NABTEB.	Totally non-existent	i. A – 5 ii. B – 4 iii. C – 3 iv. D – 2 v. E – 1
K	<b>Higher Islamic Studies Certificate (HIS) by NBAIS To be accepted for Direct Entry admission for studies into Arabic, Islamic and Shar'ia related only.</b>	In addition to 4 (i), candidate must provide the year and date of registration and also upload: a) Copy of NBAIS certificate used in the application. b) Letter of Admission into the NBAIS Programme by NBAIS.	In addition to 4 (i) candidate must provide the year and date of registration, <b>INDICATE AWAITING RESULT</b> and (ii) also upload Letter of Admission, offered by NBAIS.	i. A – 5 ii. B – 4 iii. C – 3 iv. D – 2 v. E – 1
L	<b>International Qualifications: I. Baccalaureate (IBN) For foreign certificates only. II. Cambridge A' Level</b>	In addition to 4 (i), candidate must provide the year and date of registration and also upload a copy of certificate being used for the application	Not acceptable	
M	<b>National Registered Nurse /National Registered Midwife (NRN/NRM)</b>	In addition to 4 (i), candidate must upload: a) Copy of certificate being used for the application b) Letter of Admission offered by the awarding Institution, for the qualification obtained	Not acceptable	i. Distinction – 16 ii. Upper Credit – 12 iii. Lower Credit – 10 iv. Pass – 6

iii. For those who desire to upgrade from UTME to DE, only candidates with 2023 qualifications (in view) and who also uploaded the required Awaiting Result documents would be allowed to do so (with effect from 2024 registration).

iv. **ALREADY REGISTERED CANDIDATES (2023 DIRECT ENTRY)**  
The one hundred and twenty-seven (127) candidates who had earlier registered for the 2023 Direct Entry, before the exercise was suspended, would be requested to return to the registration centres and update their application, so as to comply with the new registration processes.

Signed  
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### Nigeria Post-secondary Education Data System (NIPEDS)

Following the enormity of the challenges associated with the A 'level qualifications and stakeholders determined efforts to address them, an A 'level bank was instituted under the chairmanship of the former Vice-Chancellor of Bayero University, Kano, Prof Muhammad Yahuza Bello. The Data Bank has now been renamed "Nigeria Post-secondary Education Data System (NIPEDS)".

The conversion to NIPEDS is to streamline the functions of the A 'level bank in line with international standard thereby bringing total sanity to the entire process of A 'level qualifications that has been fraudulently manipulated by some candidates to gain undue advantage in securing admission into Year Two of the University Degree programmes.

Signed  
REGISTRAR

## HADIZA HOOKS MAHMUD IN GRANDEUR

**I**t was a glamorous and magnificent event when former Miss Hadiza Yusuf Alfa hooked her heartthrob, Mr. Mahmud Abdulrahman, a son of the second Registrar of the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB), Dr.

Mohammed S. Abdulrahman. The wedding solemnisation, which took place in the pious atmosphere of the Central Mosque, Federal University of Technology, Minna, on Friday, 5th May, 2023, had in attendance various dignitaries from

all walks of life.

In his remarks, the father of the groom, Dr. M. S. Abdulrahman, expressed his warm appreciation to the entire JAMB family, particularly, the Registrar for gracing the occasion with so many personalities.

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## INNOVATIONS IN THE UTME AND A CALL FOR UNDERSTANDING

It will be recalled that the Board has gradually upgraded its operational processes since 2017, and as is usual with change, it came with some challenges including resistance. Given public support and understanding, the Board since 2018 has reached the cruising level. However, there is always room for improvement and the Board has decided to move to the next stage of its technological transformation.

The next stage requires all hands to be on deck as we take some crucial steps. The Board has instituted some measures which are to be deployed during the 2023 UTME exercise. Despite the fact that the innovations have been tested and certified, yet it is not unlikely that some hiccups might spring up when the new technology is deployed live and nationwide. We therefore solicit your support and understanding as we promptly address any unforeseen circumstances. Hardly can there be growth without audacity and courage.

One major feature of the new dispensation is that no examination would be allowed to take place after one hour of its scheduled start time because the Board has discovered that some of the problems reported at the centres are contrived to delay the commencement of a session in some centres with a view to securing undue advantage for the delayed candidates.

Consequently, any session that, for whatever reason(s), could not take-off within one hour of its schedule is automatically rescheduled. When such occurs, affected candidates are expected to file out of the examination hall into the waiting hall and await the new scheduled time and place which most

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likely would be the same or following day. Candidates are expected not to disrupt subsequent sessions but to simply await information on reschedule. Parents have constituted major intrusion into the examination process. While we appeal for parents to keep-off the examination venues, we would not hesitate to sanction the candidates and (parents) whose parents obstruct the smooth running of the centre.

The rescheduling does not permit a candidate who was initially marked absent during the screening to be part of the rescheduled session since the questions meant for such absentees have been withdrawn and not available for the rescheduled session.

In addressing possible rescheduling, an extra session has been created for every centre on every examination day.

**Signed**  
**REGISTRAR**

## **MAGASHI CHARGES FRESH INTAKES OF AL-QALAM UNIVERSITY ON GOOD CONDUCT**

**T**he Katsina State Coordinator of the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB), Mr. Nasiru Magashi, has charged the fresh intakes of Al-Qalam University, Katsina, to be of good conduct as well as concentrate on their studies rather than pursuing frivolous activities on campus.

The State Coordinator made the charge in a chat with the JAMB Bulletin at the sidelines of the 18th Matriculation Ceremony of the institution for the 2022 Academic Session held on Thursday, 4th May, 2023, at the Convocation Hall of the University in Katsina.

According to Mr. Magashi, the students should desist from any act

that would spoil their parents' names while admonishing them to adhere strictly to the rules and regulations of the University.

Earlier in his Convocation speech, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Nasiru Musa Yauri, disclosed that 1,780 students were matriculated.

Prof. Yauri also revealed that Al-Qalam University is a private non-profit university established by the General Assembly of the Katsina Islamic Foundation (KIF) with a view to imparting relevant and meaningful knowledge rooted in the fear of Almighty Allah to her students. He, therefore, called on the newly-matriculated students to devote themselves to rigorous

studies so as to carve a niche for themselves in the future.

"The labour market of today is highly-competitive, and only those who have something to offer are celebrated, no one wants to associate with failure," he said.

Continuing, he admonished them to make good use of the opportunity given to them to study at the almost free-of-charge citadel of learning while warning that the University frowns at examination malpractice, nudity, drug abuse, alcoholism, licentiousness, cultism and other anti-social behaviours, stressing that adequate sanctions would be meted out to any erring student.

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### LIST OF CBT CENTRES DELISTED AFTER THE CONDUCT OF 2023 MOCK-UTME EXERCISE DUE TO TECHNICAL DEFICIENCY

S/N	STATE	CENTRE NAME
1	AKWA-IBOM	AKWA IBOM STATE UNIVERSITY, ICT CENTRE. IKOT AKPADEN, MKPAT ENIN LGA, AKWA IBOM STATE
2	AKWA-IBOM	GESTRIC INFORTECH AND MANAGEMENT INSTITUTE CTR 2, NO 74 ORON ROAD, UYO AKWA
3	ANAMBRA	ANPLUS INTERGRATED SERVICES, AFOR MARKET BYPASS, AGULU - NNEWI ROAD, ADAZI -
4	BENUE	ASHI POLYTECHNIC CBT CENTRE, ASHI POLYTECHNIC, ANYIIN, LOGO LGA, BENUE STATE
5	BENUE	FAZTLINK COMPUTERS RN39 IYORCHIA AYU ROAD BENUE STATE LIBRARY, WURUKUM MAKURDI
6	BENUE	MAKURDI COLLEGE OF HEALTH SCIENCES AND TECHNOLOGY ICT CENTRE, OPP BSU COLLEGE OF
7	DELTA	CREATIVE DEMONSTRATION SCHOOLS, 17 OGBE STREET, OFF FIRST MARINE GATE ROAD, WARRI,
8	ENUGU	UNIVERSITY OF NIGERIA, ENUGU CAMPUS, CBT TETFUND CENTRE, ENUGU, ENUGU STATE
9	FCT-ABUJA	DIGITAL BRIDGE INSTITUTE NO. 8 P.O.W MAFEMI CRESCENT UTAKO, ABUJA, FCT
10	FCT-ABUJA	LA-VOGUE BRITISH INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL, KARSHI, BY CHRIST CATHOLIC CHURCH, KURUDU,
11	IMO	ICT (CREATIVE)SCHOOL ABOH MBAISE LGA IMO STATE
12	KANO	BUTALE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (BIT) ALONG GWARZO ROAD AFTER NYSC SECRETERIAT, KANO,
13	KOGI	FEDERAL COLLEGE OF EDUCATION (FCE) OKENE CENTRE ONE (1) CBT EXAMINATION CENTRE
14	KOGI	FEDERAL COLLEGE OF EDUCATION (FCE) OKENE CENTRE TWO (2) CBT EXAMINATION CENTRE
15	LAGOS	MASSINO COMPUTER LTD. 35, ASSEMBLY HALL ROAD, LIMCA BUS STOP, TOGA, BADAGRY
16	NASARAWA	ROYAL MIDLAND CBT, KM 6, ABUJA-KEFFI ROAD, KORODUMA (ONE MAN VILLAGE), KARU
17	PLATEAU	AL-IMAN SCHOOL,NO. 3, DOGON DUTSE, JOS, PLATEAU STATE.
18	PLATEAU	BIODIRA MULTI BIZ CONCEPT, BRITISH AMERICA JUNCTION BY NO 4 LIBERTY BOURLEVARD JOS,

## RE: STORIES OF CANDIDATES SLEEPING OUTSIDE BOARD'S OFFICE

**T**he attention of the Board has been drawn to rumours circulating in some quarters of prospective candidates sleeping outside some facilities of the Board purportedly to register for the 2023 Direct Entry (DE) registration.

As a responsive and proactive organisation, the Board is not unmindful of its obligations to its prospective candidates, who are willing to be registered for the 2023 Direct Entry.

It should be noted that the Board, out of concern, for its candidates, had always strive to provide a welcoming and efficient experience for all. However, the general public would also recall that the Board had, on numerous occasions, urged aspiring candidates to always take advantage of the registration window and not wait until the last day before presenting themselves.

However, our experience with candidates over the years remains the same as some candidates, perhaps out of desire to secure undue advantage, would wait until the last day of registration in any given year to present themselves for the exercise. It should be recalled that the Board had commenced the DE registration in February, 2023, with almost all the registration points recording unimpressive turnout of candidates until the last week of

registration and most significantly, the last day, when the traffic surged uncontrollably.

It might interest the general public to note that on Friday, 12th May, 2023, which was a day to the last day of the 2023 DE registration exercise, a huge turnout of candidates was witnessed at our facility in Lagos, and other States in the South-West with high number of A' level institutions. The Board rose to the occasion by scheduling these candidates for different days so as to smoothly register all. This arrangement was going perfectly as the Board had subsequently proceeded to register a significant number of the candidates that same day.

Curiously, immediately information got out that the exercise would likely be extended yet again, the turnout of these 'prospective candidates' dropped drastically with the Office registering far less than it did on Friday, 12th May, 2023.

This has been the pattern for the past couple of years with aspiring candidates disappearing only to surface on the announced last day of the exercise.

However, the Board, being wise to the devices of these so-called candidates, has implemented some innovative strategies in the 2023 DE exercise to address the series of

infractions noted.

This development was borne out by the discovery of the means by which fake A' level certificates get into the system and, with the aid of latest technology, has ensured that such candidates do not succeed in their nefarious acts. The Board would not succumb to any pressure by jettisoning the new registration template for the old system which made it easy for candidates with fake certificates to register.

The above notwithstanding, the Board has proceeded to put adequate facilities in place to promptly attend to all aspiring candidates provided they submit themselves for the exercise on time and not wait till the last hour.

The Board, therefore, urged all candidates to avail themselves of this last opportunity of expanded registration points to register. The Board again reiterates its position of not succumbing to pressure from any quarter nor be coerced into abandoning its technologically-driven processes to arrest the wanton illegality pervading the A' level certification process. Hence, the Board expresses its determination to put all necessary mechanisms in place to curtail all incidences of infractions in the A' level Qualification value chain.

## JAMB HOLDS TECHNICAL RETREAT TO REVIEW ITS 2023 UTME OUTING

**T**he management of the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (Board) along with its technical partners and other technical actors, has held a two-day retreat in Abuja to appraise the conduct of the 2023 UTME exercise.

The retreat afforded the Board and its partners a wonderful opportunity to examine emergent issues and take critical decisions that would not only strengthen its processes but would

also ensure a more conducive examination environment for candidates while at the same time providing robust solutions to the recurring issue of examination infractions.

The meeting also looked at the increasing spate of falsification of A' level certificates and came up with series of measures aimed at making it impossible for any fake certificates to be used for DE registration.

The retreat is a usual practice in the Board and is usually held to assess its performance immediately after the conclusion of its major operational processes. This year's exercise was, however, with a difference as all actors in its examination value chain were on hand to make vital contributions aimed at making the 2024 UTME/DE the best.



# ATTENTION!!!

**Serialisation of guidelines for the 2022 admissions exercise continues.**

**Second series.**

## 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 advertise 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.

### **ADVERTORIALS**

- 🌐 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.