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JAMB ORGANISES CAPACITY BUILDING WORKSHOP ON ASSESSMENT COMPETENCES



Participants during the Capacity Building Workshop on Critical Assessment Competences

The Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB) has organised a capacity building workshop on critical assessment competences for tertiary education lecturers in Nigeria.

The five-day workshop held from 11th to 15th October, 2020, at the Researcher's lodge, University of Ilorin, Kwara State, was a huge success.

In a remark shortly before the commencement of the workshop, the Registrar, JAMB, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, thanked the group of experts assembled at the workshop for their contributions and assured them of the full support of the Board in the realisation of the set goals to improve assessment techniques within the tertiary education system in Nigeria.

Similarly, the Chairman of the organizing

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JAMB HOLDS RETREAT TO REVIEW CLAIMS OF BIOMETRIC CHALLENGES IN THE 2020 UTME

The Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB) has held a Retreat to review the various cases of candidates who were unable to be biometrically verified during the conduct of the 2020 Unified Tertiary Matriculation Examination (UTME).

To unravel the circumstances leading to the ugly development, the Board had set up a committee of experts to scientifically verify the various claims. The verification exercise was conducted at the University of Ilorin.

The Board had earlier conducted a manual verification exercise out of which a reasonable number of the candidates were identified as fraudsters. However, given the sensitive nature of the issue and being a responsive organisation, the Board further engaged professionals in the area of biometric technology to holistically review the candidates' claims. The exercise, which revealed the many antics of candidates to circumvent the watertight security process put in place by the Board, confirmed the result of the

manual exercise with more candidates discovered to have engaged in acts inimical to the conduct of the examination.

Consequently, the Board has decided that for those candidates with which it has not established any case of acts contrary to its examination ethics, an examination would soon be scheduled for them.

It is to be noted that impersonation has been one of the major means of cheating in public examinations especially since its transition from paper-pencil testing to

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...JAMB Organises Capacity Building Workshop On Assessment Competences

committee, Prof. Boniface Nworgu, University of Nigeria, Nsukka, assured the Registrar of quality deliberations and outcomes at the end of the exercise.

Prof. Nworgu who spelt the issues to be deliberated upon at the workshop also mapped out a programme of activities for hitch-free deliberations.

The workshop was designed to improve the quality of assessment in Nigeria with a view to ensuring that academic communities are properly trained on the importance of psychometrics in higher education assessment.

During the course of the workshop, experts dwelled on conceptual and policy issues in assessment; the meaning, process and types of assessment (assessment of, for and as learning), national policy framework on assessment (CA) & implications.

Other topics discussed included: typology of educational measures, different test formats and what they measure; developing credible examinations; types of examinations, curriculum/syllabus, objective levels, coverage (test blueprint), alignment of learning outcomes with assessment.

Other areas of discussions were constructing good achievements tests; types of questions/items (essay, objective, practical, oral, portfolio), refining test items (item qualities) and other very critical assessment issues.

Among the group of eminent academics assembled at the workshop were: Prof. Boniface Nworgu, University of Nigeria, Nsukka; Prof. Gbenga Adewale, University of Ibadan; Prof. Monday Joshua, University of Calabar, Calabar; Prof.

Abubakar Haman Tukur, University of Maiduguri and Prof. (Mrs.) C. Ugodulunwa, Alex Ekwueme Federal University, Ndufu Alike Ikwo.

Others are: Prof. Bayo Lawal, University of Ilorin; Prof. Muhammad I. Yakasai, Bayero University, Kano, and Prof. O. A. Afemikhe, University of Benin.

There were also Prof. Henry Owolabi, University of Ilorin and Dr. (Mrs.) Christina Agi of the Federal University of Agriculture, Markudi.

Dr. Akinyele O. Ariyo, a Deputy Director in the Psychometrics Department of the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board also worked with the team.

JAMB ISSUES GUIDELINES FOR SAFETY RESUMPTION

...Urges Staff To Adhere To Extant COVID-19 Protocols

Following the directive of the Federal Government that officers on Grade Level 10 and below should resume work, the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB) has issued a set of guidelines for the safe resumption of staff.

The Registrar, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, disclosed this at a virtual meeting with staff on Monday, 19th October, 2020. According to him, the enactment of the guidelines became imperative in view of government directive that all official engagements must be subjected to social

distancing which is a vital component of the COVID-19 protocols.

The Board also reminded the staff of the need to adhere strictly to the various COVID-19 protocols and precautionary measures in order to protect themselves and colleagues against the deadly virus.

VISUALLY IMPAIRED CLUB HONOURS KATSINA STATE COORDINATOR

In recognition of his immense contributions to the cause of the visually impaired, the Katsina State Blind Children Intellectual Club has conferred a merit award on the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB) State Coordinator, Mr. Isyaku Muhammad Kankiya.

At a ceremony, which was held the previous week, the State Coordinator was conferred with the Award as part of activities marking the 12th Anniversary and the launching of the Club's maiden Almanac. Other activities line up for the occasion included seminars and workshops aimed at drawing attention to the plight of the visually impaired, among others.

The Club's major preoccupation is in the area of boosting enrollment of visually impaired children so that they could acquire necessary skills that would not only be beneficial to them but also to the society as a whole as well as curbing the menace of street begging.

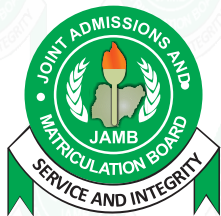
The Award was in recognition of Mr. Kankiya's sterling performance on the job especially as he had facilitated the cordial relationship between the State Office and the Government School for the Blind, Kofar Yandaka, Katsina State, since he assumed duty as the State Coordinator.

The school, which was established in 2008 and registered with the Corporate Affairs Commission (CAC) and Katsina State Ministry for Youths and Sports, was

saddled with the responsibility of providing the much-needed education to visually impaired children in the State.

The Club observes 3rd December every year as "World Disabled Day" in line with the United Nations declaration.

The club, which started with ten members has Comrade Nasir Dauda 'Yansiliyu' as its pioneer Chairman, as well as over 80% of its members comprising primary and secondary school students drawn from Government Schools for the Blind across the nineteen Northern States. In Katsina State alone, it has over 4,000 registered members.



JOINT ADMISSIONS AND MATRICULATION BOARD

REPORT OF INFLOW AND OUTFLOW FOR THE PERIOD OCTOBER 17 - OCTOBER 23, 2020

FINANCIAL INFLOW

S/N	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT(N)
i	E-Facilities/Sales	32,890,551.00
ii	CBT Centre Service Charge	334,386.00
	TOTAL	33,224,937.00

FINANCIAL OUTFLOW

S/N	DESCRIPTION	PURPOSE OF PAYMENT	AMOUNT(N)
i	Staff Claims	Various	10,958,565.00
ii	Gombe State Government	Building Plan Approval	430,323.75
iii	National Orthopedic Hospital	Medical	626,869.80
iv	Federal Ministry of Works & Housing	Ikoyi Land Certificate of Occupancy	635,000.00
v	Danny Motors Nig. Ltd.	Maintenance of Motor Vehicle	51,658.75
vi	Remita	Financial charges	15,533.75
	TOTAL		12,702,417.30

JAMB CELEBRATES STAFF BORN OCTOBER 26TH 2020 – NOVEMBER 1ST 2020

26TH OCTOBER

Ugboga Adama
Janet Ogechi Osuji
Amina Mohammed Ado

27TH OCTOBER

Ifeoma Jennifer Nwokorie
Nwachukwu Washington Onuoha
Ibrahim Teslim Ayinla
Ali Mohammed Shekara
Alekirri Nnanta Abalogu
Garba Shuaibu
Rueben Shekarau Luka

Chinwendu Victoria Nwoko

28TH OCTOBER

Happiness Nkasiobi Kalu

29TH OCTOBER

Hameedat Adeola Adesope
Lucy Ugonna Amajirionwu
Josephine Ebele Ossai

30TH OCTOBER

Juliet Chinwemma Ejiofor

Negedu Isaiah
Abdulmalik Oluwatosin Alabede
Theresa Oghogho Osemwegie
Islamiat Titilope Olatunji
Dupe Ayoson

31ST OCTOBER

Rifkatu Mbikah Dauda
Aminat Abiola Busari

1ST NOVEMBER

Ramat Titilayo Shittu
Nafisatu Odariko

Happy Birthday



EDUCATION IN THE MEDIA

DAILY INDEPENDENT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2020 - 92,591 Candidates Take Common Entrance Exams Nationwide: No fewer than 92,591 candidates have sat for the 2020 National Common Entrance Examination spread across over six hundred centres nationwide. However, with constraints of limited carrying capacity of the schools, the Federal Government has said only about 30,000 out of the 92,591 candidates may be offered admission, representing a ratio of 1 out of 3 candidates that would be given admission at the end of the exercise. **Also in Daily Trust, Sunday, October 18, 2020.**

DAILY INDEPENDENT MONDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2020 - #EndSARS Protest: NECO Reschedules 2020 SSCE Computer Exam: The National Examinations Council (NECO) has rescheduled its Paper I, Computer Studies Practical earlier scheduled to take place on Monday 19 October 2020, at 10 am. According to the Council, the paper I, Computer Studies Practical, will now hold on Monday 16 November 2020, at 10 am. While regretting any inconveniences this rescheduling may cause its esteemed stakeholders, the Council said it decided to secure its examination and candidates. **Also in Punch, Monday, October 19, 2020, Daily Trust, Monday, October 19, 2020.**

DAILY INDEPENDENT MONDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2020 - SEC Set to Introduce Capital Market Studies in Primary, Tertiary Institutions: The Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), has stated that it is working with other stakeholders in the market to introduce capital market studies in primary, secondary and tertiary institutions in the country.

Mrs Efe Ebelo, the Head of Corporate Communication, SEC, Abuja, said that the move would boost the level and quality of financial literacy among the citizens. She said that the delivery of the plan would change the face of financial literacy in the country.

PUNCH MONDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2020 - NBTE, ARCON Sign MoU on Accreditation Visitation: The National Board for Technical Education (NBTE) and the Architects Registration Council of Nigeria (ARCON) have signed a Memorandum of Understanding to jointly accredit the training of architecture in polytechnics and Colleges of Technology. The MoU, which was signed by the Executive Secretary of NBTE, Dr Masa'udu Adamu

Kazaure and the Registrar of ARCON, Umar Murnai, stipulates that visitation to Polytechnics, Colleges of Technology, Vocational and Innovation Enterprise Institution, Technical Colleges and similar institutions for accreditation shall be jointly undertaken. The agreement also notes that a joint template for accreditation which shall encompass the academic and professional aspects of the training shall be evolved and used for uniformity. **Also in Daily Trust, Monday, October 19, 2020, This Day, Tuesday, October 20, 2020.**

PUNCH TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2020 - Varsities Must Focus on Skills Acquisition- Minister: The Minister of Communications and Digital Economy, Dr Ali Pantami, has urged universities to emphasise more on skills acquisition than paper qualification, adding that such would make graduates self-reliant. According to him, in developed countries, less preference is given to paper qualification and more to skill acquisition. Paper qualification is supposed to be a validation of the skills acquired. He also stated that by producing graduates with skills, we are producing potential employers as they would be more self-reliant.

PUNCH TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2020 - OUI Gives Graduates Loans to Support Job Creation- Chancellor: The Chancellor and the founder of the Oduduwa University, Ipetumodu, Osun State, Dr AbdulRahman Adedoyin, has said the university gives out loans to its graduates to support their businesses and fight unemployment. He said, "The Federal Government should pay attention to creating jobs for graduating students and drastically reduce expenses on political appointees. This he said would address unemployment to some extent. According to him, loans which can be monitored should be given to graduates after leaving universities. This will encourage them to be independent. We give loans to graduates of OUI. We classify them to groups and give them loans for their businesses.

DAILY TRUST, THURSDAY OCTOBER 22, 2020 - NYSC Contributes to Success of Anambra Education Dev't: The Coordinator of Anambra State National Youth Service Corps (NYSC), Mr Kehinde Aremu, has said the scheme is instrumental to the success

story of the state's development, especially in the education and health sector. According to him, most people from the state are not interested in the civil service as such there is a dearth of workers, especially teaching staff. Aremu also said the success stories in the state about education, in terms of excellent results in the Senior School Certificate Examination (SSCE), National Examination Council (NECO) and others, enjoy immense contribution from the scheme.

PUNCH, FRIDAY OCTOBER 23, 2020 - Chinese Embassy Pledges Education Cooperation: The Embassy of the People's Republic of China in Nigeria has pledged to promote education exchange and cooperation between China and Nigeria. The Charge d'affaires of the Chinese Embassy, Mr Zhao Yong, while speaking during the presentation of the Oct. 1st China-Nigeria friendship award to outstanding secondary school students and teachers in Abuja, said that had always been the top priority of the embassy. The envoy explained that fund was also donated to schools for procurement of teaching facilities, including power generators. A total of N6m was presented to 12 FCT secondary school teachers with each receiving N.5m cash while 120 students from 12 schools each received N10,000.

PUNCH, FRIDAY OCTOBER 23, 2020 - 20 Students Win Conrad Challenge Scholarship: Twenty students from Greensprings School, Lekki Campus have been presented with \$60,000 each totalling 1.2 million dollars for emerging finalists in the 2020 Conrad Challenge. This was after working on various innovative STEM projects.

Conrad Challenge is a yearly competition that brings together a dynamic community of innovators and entrepreneurs who work together to develop extraordinary and viable solutions that benefit our world in the areas of Aerospace and Aviation, Cyber Technology and Security, Energy and Environment, Health and Nutrition, and Smoke-free World. This challenge is an initiative of the Conrad Foundation, USA, and this is the second consecutive year that students of the school made it to the final and received the scholarship award attached to the challenge.

JAMB-ACTU ORGANISES TRAINING ON ETHICS AND COMPLIANCE IN THE WORKPLACE FOR STAFF

The Anti-Corruption Transparency Unit (ACTU) of the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB) has organised a virtual training titled: "Ethics and Compliance in the Workplace" for staff.

The virtual training which held on 20th October, 2020, was anchored by a seasoned expert on ethics and corruption matters and a Deputy Director, Mr. Richard Adedamola Bello, Anti-corruption Academy of Nigeria (ACAN), Keffi.

Shortly before the commencement of the training, the Registrar of JAMB, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, in an opening remark said the purpose of the training was to remind staff of the essence of ethics and compliance in the workplace.

The Registrar, who spoke through the Chairperson, ACTU - JAMB, Mrs. Munirat Abimbola Lawal, urged staff to pay close attention to the lecture and ask questions on grey areas as the training was interactive in nature.

Mrs. Lawal said, "The training would also sensitise participants to what constitutes corrupt acts, as well as encourage them to develop ethics and good conduct. It would also ginger the staff to key into the vision of a corruption-free and integrity-driven Board being canvassed by its current leadership."

According to the ACTU-JAMB Chairperson, the training would go a long way in fostering the much-needed behavioural change that would bring about the best conduct in the workplace. To buttress her point, she quoted a saying, "When one loses wealth, he has lost nothing, when one loses health, he has lost something but when one loses character, he has lost everything."

The Chief Trainer, Mr. Richard Adedamola Bello, said work ethics involved moral standards as they apply to organisational policies, institutions and behaviour, noting that they are rules of work by which the propriety of an organisation's activities may be judged.

Mr. Bello pointed out that ideal ethical behaviour expected from a responsible public officer include but not limited to discipline, respect for constituted authority, punctuality, good conduct and ethical behaviour and avoidance of discrimination on the grounds of age, sex, faith, religion and ethnicity, among others.

Similarly, the Resource Person listed what constitute unethical behaviour or conduct in the work place. These, he said include, non-compliance with rules and regulations, leakages of confidential information, abuse of office, indebtedness and difficult financial

situation and receipt of Duty Tour Allowance and other allowances without attending the event.

Others are bribery, gratification, unjustified delays, touting, indecent dressing, receipt of undue favour, among others.



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the computer-based testing regime. As such, it was, principally to address this mode of cheating that the Board introduced biometric verification which became a masterstroke that has closed the door on impersonation.

In many instances, fraudulent candidates would hire examination takers who would register for the examination using their details. With the stringent measures put in place by the Board at the point of entry into the examination hall, many of the 'mercenaries' refused to show up forcing these candidates to appear for the examination. Of course, it would be impossible to verify them as it was not their fingers that were captured ab initio at the point of registration.

In most cases, such candidates would invariably complain that they had registered for the Board's examination but could not be verified on the day of examination. Interestingly, many people fail to appreciate the undercurrents of these bogus claims as such candidates are, more often than not, using details that were never captured but who still expected to be allowed to enter the examination hall even when their biometrics could not match what is in the Board's database.

It would be recalled that just a couple of weeks ago, a clear case of impersonation was presented to the general public. The case involved one Mr. Etim Israel who had confessed to hiring a school teacher to

take the examination on his behalf. The hired examination taker had taken the examination but Mr. Israel could not use the result to gain admission as the Board had earlier forwarded a master list of candidates who had chosen the particular institution along with their photographs. Consequently, the purported result was rejected at the point of screening as the photos were different.

The use of biometrics and photographs of candidates at the point of registration and at the point of screening has effectively curtailed impersonation as the number recorded paled in comparison to those recorded in past examinations.



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ZONAL AND STATE OFFICES OF THE BOARD

S/N	ZONAL OFFICE	STATES IN THE ZONE
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, Ondo, Osun and Oyo
6.	Kaduna	Kebbi, Sokoto, Kaduna and Zamfara
7.	Kano	Jigawa, Kano and Katsina
8.	Lafia	Benue, Nasarawa and Plateau
9.	Lagos	Lagos and Ogun
10.	Maiduguri	Adamawa, Borno and Yobe
11.	Port-Harcourt	Akwa Ibom, Bayelsa, Cross River and Rivers

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