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Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB), National Headquarters Complex.

As part of its contributions to the ongoing efforts aimed at combatting the ravaging COVID-19 Pandemic, the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB), in collaboration with the Nigerian Defence Academy and Premium Times, would be hosting a virtual colloquium on Tuesday, 11th August, 2020.

This colloquium has become necessary following the preponderance of divergent opinions from professionals on some of the

pharmaceutical and non-pharmaceutical measures being adopted by relevant authorities to curb the spread of the virus. It is to be noted that these arguments have been ventilated in almost equal and convincing measures by several individuals and agencies to the extent that the populace is becoming increasingly confused and concerned as to whether these measures are life-saving or life-threatening. For example, disinfectant booths whereby chemicals are sprayed on human skin each time one passes through have become a common sight in public

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SCHOOLS REOPENING: JAMB CONSIDERS NEW COMMENCEMENT DATE ON ADMISSIONS ...Meets With Tertiary Institutions

The Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB) is considering a new date for the commencement of the 2020 admissions processes from the earlier announced date of 22nd August, 2020.

Accordingly, the Board will be meeting all the tertiary institutions on Monday, 10th August, 2020, to brainstorm on the possibility of shifting the commencement of admissions to a date that would better

accommodate the vagaries of the COVID-19 Pandemic.

As a responsive organisation whose mantra is equity and fairness, the Board desires that every aspiring candidate who had taken its UTME be given equal opportunity to compete with his/her peers for the available openings. This is the reason for its call for another meeting with all the institutions with a view to amending the earlier and mutually-

agreed date for the conduct of Post-UTME screening and other processes.

As intellectuals, it is incumbent on the Board and the various tertiary institutions to always provide practical solutions to perceived challenges for the smooth running of the sector without being prompted by the government. Such solutions, when arrived at, would then be forwarded to the relevant Ministries or Agencies for

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...COVID-19: JAMB Hosts Virtual Colloquium On Appropriate Measures Against COVID-19

buildings. It would be noted that as much as the use of body disinfectant booths and tunnels have been canvassed by several agencies, there have been vociferous arguments against their deployment by other individuals and bodies.

In the same vein, some professionals have also argued that hand washing with soap alone is not completely effective without the additional use of alcohol-based hand sanitizers, while some experts have argued that one can serve in place of the other.

Meanwhile, resource persons at the colloquium would be interrogating pertinent issues ranging from the effect of

too much sanitising chemicals on the hand more so that we are advised to undertake frequent hand sanitisation to the effect of face/nose masks on our breathing, especially for those with respiratory issues or those who are advanced in age, among others.

Some of these contentious issues and many more that would be ventilated and interrogated at the colloquium would help to broaden our knowledge while imparting useful advice that would equip individuals with relevant skills to navigate the new normal.

Expected at the virtual colloquium are

the representatives of the Presidential Task Force on COVID-19; the Executive Vice Chairman/Chief Executive of the National Science and Engineering Infrastructure (NASENI); the Director-General, National Institute for Pharmaceutical Research and Development (NIPRD); Deputy Managing Director and Professor of Chemistry, Nigerian Defence Academy (NDA) Consultancy Services and the Director-General, Nigeria Centre for Disease Control (NCDC) among other eminent scholars from the academia.

JAMB RECEIVES VERITAS UNIVERSITY MANAGEMENT ...Pledges Support



■ Rev. Fr. Prof. Hyacinth Ichoku, VC, Veritas University (4th from left); Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, Registrar, JAMB (3rd from left) with members of management of JAMB and Veritas University during the visit of the university to JAMB.

The Registrar of the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB), Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, on Wednesday, 5th August, 2020, received the Management staff of VERITAS University, Bwari, Abuja, who paid a working visit to the National Headquarters of the Board.

The Vice-Chancellor, Veritas University, Rev. Fr. Prof. Hyacinth Ichoku, who led a five-man delegation to the JAMB Headquarters, commended Prof. Is-haq Oloyede and his Management team for the excellent work they have done which has not only repositioned the Board but also gone a long way in transforming its image.

He said they were at the Board to, among other things, familiarise themselves with the operations of the Board as well as seek its support in addressing some challenges faced by the fast-growing University.

Rev. Fr. Prof. Ichoku stated that some of the difficulties the University is facing include its inability to admit candidates who sat IJMB in the University but could not obtain their

Direct Entry application forms, mainstreaming the admissions of some of their Sisters who had obtained the Higher Education of Sisters in Africa (HESA) Certificate in foreign institutions in the 2020 Admission exercise and the possibility of reinstating the accreditation of the University Computer-Based Test Centre, which the Vice Chancellor said, met the immediate needs of its students, Bwari residents and its environs. The Registrar, in his response to these requests, commended the University for the big strides it had made, since its inception, in nurturing the nation's future leaders. He added that the place of faith-based institutions in value reorientation could not be overemphasised.

On the request of the institutions for the admission of IJMB candidates, the Registrar explained that, as a policy, a candidate must register with the Board for UTME and then convert to DE or register for DE directly before he could be considered for admissions.

Prof. Oloyede expressed optimism that most of the said candidates might have registered for UTME and could simply convert to DE at no cost.

He said the rationale for this was that, besides facilitating the collation of data for national development, the candidates would also run into serious challenges in future if they do not do the right thing at the right time.

On the Sisters with the Higher Education of Sisters in Africa (HESA) Certificate, Prof. Oloyede explained, in detail, the processes involved in the transfer of foreign candidates to Nigerian universities and urged the University Management to avail itself of this facility. He added that the Board had made adequate provisions to cater for such candidates who desire to come back home and continue with their education.

Speaking on the reinstatement of the University's CBT centre, the Registrar directed the Board's Director, Information Technology Services, to visit the institutions to assess the institution's facilities with a view to accrediting a functional centre for the school.

Members of the delegation included the Registrar of the University, Mrs. Stella Okonkwo, and other top members of the Institution's Management.

EDUCATION IN THE MEDIA

DAILY TRUST, MONDAY, AUGUST 3, 2020

–Kano Govt. Approves JAMB Centres for 5 Emirates: Kano State Executive Council has approved the establishment of Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB) Computer-Based Test Centres (CBTCs) in the five Emirate Councils as Kano State CBT Zonal offices covering the 44 local government areas in the state. According to the State's Commissioner for Information, Malam Muhammadu Garba, the need for an increase in the number of CBTCs was informed by the increasing demand and also to prevent a situation where candidates have to pick examination towns in neighbouring states of Bauchi, Kaduna, Jigawa, Katsina to sit the UTME.

GUARDIAN, MONDAY, AUGUST 3, 2020

–Minister Urges Schools to Communicate Reopening Dates to Parents: The Minister of State for Education, Dr Chukwuemeka Nwajiuba, has directed all schools to communicate their specific reopening dates to parents and students to avoid chaos. The minister lauded principals of Unity Colleges for the comprehensive preparation put in place for resumption. He said that the commissioners had reported varying degrees of preparation and readiness for reopening between the Aug. 4 and Aug. 10, 2020, in all schools within their jurisdictions. He also stated that the Honourable Minister of State for Education, Permanent Secretary and Directors would embark on an assessment tour of all Unity Colleges to ascertain and confirm the reports they have received from the Principals.

DAILY TRUST, TUESDAY, AUGUST 4, 2020

–Ganduje Appoints Outgoing BUK VC Pro-Chancellor: Kano state governor, Dr Abdullahi Umar Ganduje has approved the appointment of outgoing Vice-Chancellor, Bayero University Kano (BUK), Prof. Muhammad Yahuza Bello, as Pro-Chancellor and Chairman Governing Council of Yusuf Maitama Sule University.

PUNCH, TUESDAY, AUGUST 4, 2020

–Resumption: Stay at Home, FG Tells Students with Cough, Other Symptoms: The Presidential Task Force on COVID-19 has asked students with

symptoms of COVID-19 to stay at home as the resumption of the Senior Secondary School 3 begins this week nationwide. The PTF faulted state governments asking students to produce results of their COVID-19 tests before resumption. It said instead of compulsory test, which would only be valid for the period the test was conducted, students already showing symptoms of the virus should be asked to stay away.

PUNCH, TUESDAY, AUGUST 4, 2020

–Varsity Partners Oil Firm on Technology Transfer: The Federal University of Petroleum Resources, Effurun, Delta State, said it had partnered Onose Deep Oil and Gas Limited in the area of modular refinery technology transfer. Under the collaborative arrangement, students of FUPRE would acquire relevant practical skills to deepen the value chain in the industry and achieve sustainable growth academically.

DAILY INDEPENDENT, WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5, 2020

–139 Nigerian Students Receive Cambridge International Awards: Nigeria students again have received outstanding results in their Cambridge International examinations for 2018 and 2019 exam series. To this end, 139 have been granted the prestigious Outstanding Cambridge Learner Awards in various subjects in Cambridge IGCSE, Cambridge O'Level and Cambridge International AS & A Levels. The award winners include 16 students who have excelled in subjects such as Geography, Mathematics and Business and would receive the 'Top in the World' honour. **Also in The Nation, Thursday, August 6, 2020.**

DAILY TRUST, WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5, 2020

–WAEC Releases 2020 WASSCE Timetable: The West African Examinations Council (WAEC) has released the timetable for the 2020 West African Senior School Certificate Examination. According to WAEC's spokesperson, Demianus Ojijeogu the examination would begin from August 17, through September 12, 2020. He also urged the candidates to abide by the rules and regulations guiding the conduct of the

examination by shunning all acts of malpractice and obeying all COVID-19 protocols that have been put in place at the examination centres. **Also in Guardian, Wednesday, August 5, 2020, Punch, Wednesday, August 5, 2020**

PUNCH, WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5, 2020

–NUC Believes Varsities Will Reopen Soon, Laments ASUU Strike: The National Universities Commission in Abuja has said preparations were in top gear to reopen the nation's universities after the forced closure due to COVID – 19 pandemic. The commission said it was collating data on the assessment of the level of preparedness by the various universities through their Vice-Chancellors to determine if the universities would be safe to resume both academic and non-academic activities. He, however, regretted the expected resumption may be marred by the ongoing strike by the Academic Staff Union of Universities in public varsities. He added that efforts were underway to look for a permanent solution to the incessant industrial action in universities. **Also in Guardian, Wednesday, August 5, 2020**

DAILY TRUST, THURSDAY, AUGUST 6, 2020

–How Nigerian Universities are Contributing to Anti-COVID-19 Fight: As the world awaits scientists across the globe to provide vaccines and drugs to save humanity from the novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, it is apparent that the process for a specific and acceptable drug for the virus requires a wide-range of knowledge. Nigeria, however, in the bid to tackle the challenge of the pandemic, has increased the research grant for the Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund) from N5billion to N7.5billion to accommodate academics and private entities to be engaged in meaningful research to tackle the COVID-19 and boost national development. A compendium containing the ongoing efforts of the Nigerian University System (NUS) to the national response to COVID-19, recently launched by the National Universities Commission (NUC), showed that over 32 universities are involved in various researches and inventions as part of efforts

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to mitigate the pandemic.

PUNCH, THURSDAY, AUGUST 6, 2020 –JAMB and UTME Candidates' Centres: In this rebuttal article, the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB) seeks to explain the process of candidates' posting during its Unified Tertiary Matriculation Examination. This article is coming on the heels of an earlier publication made by Punch on Monday, August 3, 2020, with the caption: Stranger than fiction: How JAMB posted candidates living in Abeokuta to Zamfara for UTME. The Board states emphatically that it does not post candidates to examination towns. It challenges anybody with proof of any posting to examination town to come forward with it.

■ EXAMINOTRICKS ■



- **DAILY TRUST, THURSDAY, AUGUST 6, 2020 –Plagiarism Checker 'NoCopyCopy' Launched in Higher Institutions:** An App, NoCopyCopy, has been launched in Nigerian higher institutions to promote the integrity of virtual knowledge experience in the global spread of the COVID-19. The Chief Executive Officer of NoCopyCopy, Stephen Oji, said that while these unprecedented times may have exposed the gaps in our education system, it is believed that technology will help to close them. According to him, the App would help provide proper referencing of intellectual work to students, lecturers, bloggers, among others.
- **THE NATION, THURSDAY, AUGUST 6, 2020 –FUTA Student Suspended for Hacking:** A Final Year student in the Department of Food Science and Technology, Federal University of Technology, Akure (FUTA) Afolabi Emmanuel, has been suspended indefinitely for allegedly hacking the website of an online news publication, Premium Times. The institution described it as an act that constituted misconduct and misuse of its Information Technology infrastructure.

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...Schools Reopening: JAMB Considers New Commencement Date On Admissions

further inputs and necessary approvals. It is in view of this that the Board is working to pre-empt any unpalatable situation that may arise if institutions conduct their admissions without accommodating the vast number of candidates that are about to take their O'level examinations. Consequently, the Board would, at the meeting, be looking at the possibility of ensuring that the various institutions either delay or prolong their screening exercises to accommodate candidates who will be taking the 2020 O'level

Examinations to be conducted by WAEC, NECO, NABTEB, etc.

The public will recall that owing to the lockdown occasioned by COVID-19 Pandemic, candidates who had sat the Board's UTME under the Awaiting Results stipulation, were unable to take the Senior School Certificate Examinations conducted by the West Africa Examination Council (WAEC), National Examinations Council (NECO), National Business and Technical Examination Board (NABTEB) etc., as scheduled.

It would also be recalled that owing to the

further relaxation of the COVID-19-inspired restrictions by the Federal Government, the West African Examination Council has fixed the commencement of its examinations from 17th August, 2020, and end them on 12th September, 2020; National Business and Technical Education Board would conduct its series of examinations from 21st September, 2020, to 15th October, 2020, while the National Examinations Council would commence its own examination from 5th October and end same on 17th November, 2020.

FINANCING THE INFRASTRUCTURE DEFICIT IN THE EDUCATION SECTOR THROUGH PUBLIC PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP (PPP) AND INTERNALLY-GENERATED REVENUE (IGR)

By Johnson Adebisi

The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) affirms that education is a fundamental human right and that added that access to education must be matched by quality. It is in recognition of the great importance of education that governments all over the world devote substantial funds to its sustenance in order to achieve human and national development.

Regrettably, inadequate funding and neglect of the education sector by different tiers of government in Nigeria has over the years, constituted a source of worry to relevant stakeholders. This neglect had manifested in dilapidated facilities, inadequate

teaching equipment and personnel, incessant labour unrest, among others, which have adversely affected the quality of education and prevented Nigeria from realising her developmental aspirations. There are many factors responsible for the neglect of the education sector in Nigeria, namely, lack of political will, challenges of insecurity, armed banditry, climate change and infrastructure gap in other critical sectors of the economy like power, transportation, health, just to mention a few. It is a fact that the primary responsibility of any government is to protect the life and property of every citizen. However, it should be noted that while the ongoing efforts and huge

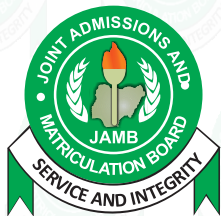
resources committed by the Nigerian government to curb the spread of the COVID-19 Pandemic, insurgency, banditry, and other security challenges are steps in the right direction, the attention of the Government had been distracted from other pressing needs.

It is against this background that stakeholders in the education sector need to look for alternative sources of funding to address the infrastructure deficit in the education sector.

A Public-Private Partnership (PPP) is often defined as a long-term contract between a private party and a government agency for providing a public asset or service, in which the private party bears significant

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REPORT OF INFLOW AND OUTFLOW FOR THE PERIOD AUGUST 01 - AUGUST 07, 2020

FINANCIAL INFLOW

S/N	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT(N)
1	E-facilities /sales	74,720,819.00
2	CBT Centre Service Charge	266,756.00
	TOTAL	74,987,575.00

FINANCIAL OUTFLOW

S/N	DESCRIPTION	PURPOSE OF PAYMENT	AMOUNT(N)
1	Staff Claims	Various	4,129,476.81
2	Remita	Bank charges	4,515.00
3	CBT Centres	2020UTME	2,817,900.00
4	Emacs Engineering Consulting Ltd	Consortium Consultancy Fees	6,967,303.07
5	Alpha Technologies	IT Consulting	573,562.50
6	Ojuelegba Amala Point	Refreshment & Meals	114,000.00
7	Polaris Bank Plc	Refund of VAT	202,500.00
	TOTAL		14,809,257.38

JAMB CELEBRATES STAFF BORN AUGUST 10TH 2020 – AUGUST 16TH 2020

10TH AUGUST

Augustine Uzodinma Igbokwe Maduba
Loritha Obiageli Okechukwu
Zakari Maisaje
Olaide Gbemisola Soji-Oluwatosin
Peace Minabai Mark-Ederi

11TH AUGUST

Solomon Abimaje Adejoh
Salihu Abdulrahman Musa

12TH AUGUST

Mary Bassey Ogbogu
Innocent Iroakazi Oguegbe
Idris Sule Ogola
Bamanga Yahya Muhammed

Sewuese Celina Iortyer

13TH AUGUST

Flora Etusi Usuh
Sulaiman Lemo
Ishaku Waje Irimiya
Mohammed Awwal Abubakar
Akinyele Oyetunde Ariyo

14TH AUGUST

Shem Awoya

15TH AUGUST

Emmanuel Amodu Wambai
Nanre Manasseh Sungbaa
Ezekiel Luka Azi
Halima Musa

Adekemi Oyindamola Alayoayo
Hasiau Iyabo Mutiu
Justina Ekor Odey
Chinenye Felicitas Uzozie
Ismaila Musa
Pauline Fulani Bakoshi
Lydia Joshua

16TH AUGUST

Isma'il Baba Muhammad
Nasir Muhammad Argungu
Abdulrahman Moh'd Jada

Happy Birthday



...Financing The Infrastructure Deficit In The Education Sector Through Public Private Partnership (PPP) And Internally-Generated Revenue (IGR)

risk and management responsibility (World Bank, 2012). For instance, the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB), has, over the years, engaged in PPP to fill the financial and technical gap in its operations. This is especially true with respect to collaboration with service providers in the deployment of essential services and other IT needs of the Board. Similarly, in the provision of test centres, the Board had partnered with private investors, tertiary institutions, state governments and government agencies such as NCC, etc. In the area of facilitating seamless payment, provision of test centres among others, banks and other financial institutions have been worthy partners of the Board.

Consequently, the Board, through the PPP initiative, has been able to save billions of naira which would have been expended on providing essential services including CBT centres to accommodate the ever-increasing population of UTME candidates.

It is in the light of the above scenario that institutions of higher learning in the country are enjoined to embrace the PPP model so as to maximise their potential as well as bridge their infrastructure gap in terms of classrooms, hostel accommodation, furniture, ICT facilities, etc.

Another alternative financing approach to infrastructure deficit in the education sector is through rejuvenation of the Internally-Generated Revenue (IGR) mechanisms of the various tertiary institutions. In this wise, institutions of higher learning could establish consultancy units to identify their areas of strength and market same to other institutions and agencies.

Institutions are encouraged to vigorously take advantage of their respective students' population by engaging in the production of basic needs like water, Independent Power Projects, food processing plants, and other student consumables, etc., and sell same to the students and their immediate

community. More importantly, managements of these institutions are enjoined to make policies that would protect their business ventures in the face of competition, such as, placing a ban on the influx of same goods into their institutions, among others. However, good as the PPP model may appear, stakeholders in the education sector are advised not to just jump at any offer but scrutinize each proposal carefully to get the best bargain. In conclusion, stakeholders in the education sector are advised to avail themselves of the opportunities offered by PPP as well as look inwards in terms of boosting their IGR not only to address their infrastructure gap but also to complement government's efforts in the provision of quality education and national development.

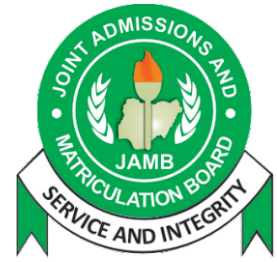
AL-QALAM HOLDS VIRTUAL MATRICULATION EXERCISE



■ Prof. Shehu Ado Garki, VC Al-Qalam University, Katsina (right on the front row); Dr Muhammad Kabir Kado, DVC of the University with other top management at the hosting venue of the virtual Matriculation exercise.



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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

Zonal Offices bear the names of the towns they are located.



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