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Govt. Reforms Support Academia/Industry Collaborations

— *PMB at FUT, Minna Convocation*

President Muhammadu Buhari, GCFR, has stated that his administration's decision to invest in infrastructure to support reforms in Agriculture and Solid Minerals for economic growth would offer opportunities for academia and industry to forge useful collaborations.

The President and Visitor to the university made the statement in his speech at the 36th Founders' day and 28th convocation ceremony of Federal University of Technology, Minna held last Friday at the university's Convocation arena.

The President was ably represented by the Executive Secretary, NUC, Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed MFR, FNAL.

The Visitor to the university, pointed out that his administration was making

Government Enterprise Empowerment Programme (GEEP) initiative, government had



President Muhammadu Buhari

substantial investment in training programmes at all levels of the education sector and through

disbursed loans to 259, 451 individuals across the 36 states and FCT out of the 478, 388 eligible

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beneficiaries whose applications were processed.

He further stated that under GEEP, the Bank of Industry had provided loans and necessary support for start-ups, urging the graduands to explore the available opportunities to add value to their capacities and to further build the nation's economy.

He said that under the Social Investment Programme (SIP)

impacted as secondary beneficiaries under the National Social Safety Net Programme comprising poor and vulnerable household members, farmers, cooks and other needy individuals.

On the achievements of his administration in the last 4 years, President Buhari said it had remained committed to delivering on its promises of improving security, creating job opportunities and fighting

that his administration had doubled efforts in stamping out corruption from public life and it was common knowledge that security agencies were currently prosecuting or seriously attending to corruption cases involving high profile Nigerians. He said that government would continue to wage war against corruption and indiscipline in Nigeria until it succeeded in operating a polity decent enough to promote genuine progress and prosperity to the people.



Reps. of Visitor, Prof. Abubakar Rasheed during the Recession after the convocation

meant to fulfil the present administration's pledge of job creation, about 7million Nigerians out of the projected 10 million had so far benefitted from the N-Power scheme.

He said that the figure represented 70% success rate in the implementation of the programme. In addition to the 7 million direct beneficiaries, he informed that another 1.75 million persons had also been

corruption. He reiterated that the government had succeeded in downgrading the threat Boko Haram was posing to the nation's territorial integrity and national cohesion. "We are succeeding in rooting out the remaining pockets of the misguided group as well as the cowardly acts of other miscreants operating in other parts of the country". He declared.

President Buhari also reported

The President said that the government has taking some tough decisions in order to bequeath to the youth a better tomorrow. He enthused that "We want to bequeath to you a country that is self-sustaining, where your innovations will flourish, drive our economy and compete globally; a country where stealing of our commonwealth will no longer be seen as edifying but those involved in it be treated common as thieves."



On the need for national peace and unity, the President said that it was the duty of government to ensure peaceful coexistence. He highlighted that the cosmopolitan environment under which the graduands studied had fostered the spirit of coexistence and tolerance among them, emphasising that with less crises, more resources could be channelled towards addressing other developmental needs in the society.

President Buhari also expressed dismay over the dangerous trend of fake news through the social media. He said that people had resorted to concocting all manners of tales for character assassination and spreading false, scary and inciting narratives leading to violence.

He assured that as responsible government, it would not fold hands and allow the dangerous trend to continue as Law enforcement agencies would continue to apprehend promoters of hate speech, cautioning the new graduates to beware of such practices.

On the forthcoming 2019 general elections, the President urged Nigerians to actively and credibly participate in the exercise, enjoining the students to participate responsibly, shun violence and avoid being used as political thugs by those who did not mean well for their future

and that of the country. He then charged the graduands to be guided by thoughts of better Nigeria for all.

In his speech, the Executive Governor of Niger State, Dr. Abubakar Sani Bello, who was represented by the Commissioner for Tertiary Education, Science and Technology, Hon. Muhammad Baba Adamu,



**Reps of the Visitor
Prof. Abubakar A. Rasheed
delivering speech**

appreciated that for the past 36 years, FUT Minna had lived up to the expectations of Nigerians in terms of access and opportunity for university education.

He said that the convocation ceremony was a milestone in the history of the university based on recent security challenges that had characterised the education system as many parents were confident to send their wards to

FUT Minna due to peace and security that was guaranteed in the state.

Governor Bello also stressed that as Nigeria was preparing to go to the polls in the forthcoming general elections, Nigerians should demonstrate high moral standards and conduct themselves in peaceful manner during and after the exercise.

He charged the graduands that as young people to play crucial roles in addressing the situations as positive agents, by advocating for peace, unity, collective national bargain towards unified aspiration for development devoid of ethno-religious sentiments in the society.

The governor charged them to remain resolute in their quest for hardwork and excellence. He also admonished undergraduates to imbibe moral ethos and be worthy in learning and character so as to contribute to the development of the nation and humanity in general.

The Chancellor of the university, His Eminence, Eze Eberachi N. Dick, the Eze Udo 1 of Mgboko Ngwa Amaise, Abia State, noted that as a specialised university of Science and Technology, FUT Minna was committed to raising self-working and confident graduates who were ready to compete in the highly competitive 21st century market of innovations, inventions and discoveries. The university also explore information





and ideas designed to make great difference in business and professional work as well as

Femi Odekunle informed that as part of the determination of the Governing Council to support

convocation ceremony was graduating a total number of 4,443 students comprising of 3,672 first



L-R the representative of the Visitor, ES, NUC, Prof. Rasheed and the Chancellor, His Eminence, Eze (Dr.) Eberechi N. Dick (JP) behind the visitor is the DCC, Ibrahim Usman Yakasai

impact on humanity.

The Eze Udo I, commended the Vice-Chancellor for the rapid infrastructural development and expansion of programmes in the university particularly for the breakthrough in securing a deal with Urban Shelter Limited for construction of students' hostels which would provide environment for effective learning.

He appreciated the determination of the graduands, saying that despite the challenges faced during their studies, they stood against all odds to be found worthy in character and learning for their graduation, urging them to remain focused and be in touch with their alma mater.

The Pro-Chancellor, Professor

the efforts of the university's management, it was instrumental to the attraction of billions of naira to the university in furtherance to its development.

Professor Odekunle said that the Council had also taken keen interest in sustenance of integrity and discipline in the university as it had expeditiously treated cases of misconduct, plagiarism and sexual harassment. He stated that the Council had zero-tolerance for indiscipline and those involved had been appropriately sanctioned. He assured all stakeholders that the Council would continue to put in its best possible to ensure that the university lived up to its ideals.

Giving the university's achievement in the last one year, the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Abdullahi Bala reported that the

degrees including three affiliate institutions and 772 postgraduate degrees and diplomas. Among the graduands, he said that 72 had first class degrees.

He also announced that the university had recently secured a 4 million dollar competitive grant from the World Bank for establishment of Africa Centre of Excellence (ACE) in Mycotoxin and Food Safety. Earlier, it had also secured a 9 million naira research grant from Federal Ministry of Mines and Steel Development for geological mapping and assessment of metallic and industrial mineral in some parts of North-central Nigeria.

The Vice chancellor explained that in the area of quality assurance, all programmes in the



university were well accredited, adding that far-reaching reforms had recently been introduced in the postgraduate programmes in order to improve on enrolment, retention and graduation of postgraduate students, which he said was beginning to yield positive results.

He added that to expand access to university education, FUT Minna had in the last one year obtained approval from NUC for three institutions to run the following Bachelor of Technology programmes in affiliation with the university: Federal Polytechnic, Bida.

Industrial Technology Education in Electrical/ Electronics Technology, Wood work and Metal work Technology.

The Vice-Chancellor further stated that in recognition of the excellent performance of the university's Master's Research Programme (MRP) on Climate change and Adapted Land Use, the funding agency, the West African Science Service Centre on Climate Change and Adapted Land Use (WASCAL), had approved the upgrade of the programme from Master's to Doctoral level. The programme draws students from Nigeria and

university had in the past one year approved study fellowships for 48 Academic staff bringing the number of staff on study fellowships to 118 all over the world and 117 staff for local and international conferences.

In order to improve the employability of students, he said that the university had signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Huawei Technologies Company Limited, China, to operate a Huawei Authorised Information and Network Academy (HAINA). Under the partnership, FUT Minna Academy would deliver Huawei



Cross section of Postgraduate

Electrical/Electronics Engineering, Building Technology and Quantity Surveying; Federal Polytechnic Offa, Computer Science, Mechanical Engineering, Electrical/Electronics and Food Science and Federal College of Education (Technical) Gusau;

other West African countries, would henceforth run PhD programme on Climate Change and Human Habitat.

Professor Bala further stated that in the quest to improve teacher and teaching quality, the

Technologies ICT Training, encourage staff and students to obtain Huawei certification and develop talents with practical skills for ICT industry. He further disclosed that 56 students had successfully completed the



training and passed the certification examination.

Also, the university had signed an MoU with German development agency GIZ, for development of start-up business training for students in entrepreneurial and managerial competences. According to the Vice-Chancellor, this was conceived to empower students to transform their creative and innovative ideas into market-ready products and to form start-up companies, thereby

appreciated the contributions of Nigerian Communications Commission (NCC) for the Universal Service Provision Fund (USPF) and the wireless internet Cloud with one year maintenance and support to improve connectivity in the university, provision of 115 two-in-one Zinox E-pads to aid ICT training and nomination of the university for NCC's School Support Project which involved construction of mini ICT Square and installation of ICT equipment and software for

physical infrastructure and upgrading of some facilities for maximum impact.

To commercialise FUT Minna research products and invention, the Vice-Chancellor said that the number of applications for patents by staff had significantly increased and the university had submitted five patent applications to the National Office for Technology Acquisition (NOTAP), including that on Othropomorphic Prosthetic foot which had recently been approved.



Cross section of graduands

making them employers of labour and reducing the rate of unemployment in the country and further enhance the university's position in the labour market.

Reporting on the various development projects in the university, Professor Bala

research and development.

He also commended Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund) for its continued support in infrastructural development especially the approval for FUT Minna Special High Impact Project (SHIP) to the tune of 3 billion naira for

Also present at the event were the Speaker, Niger State House of Assembly, Rt. Hon. Muhammad Marafa Guni and visiting Vice-Chancellors of sister universities as well as the Director, Corporate Communications, NUC, Alh. Ibrahim Usman Yakasai.



NUC Recognises Bayelsa Medical University As 3rd For The State

The Bayelsa state government has established a new specialised university, Bayelsa Medical University (BMU)

Physical masterplan as well as to receive the certificate of Recognition from the NUC.

critical investments in education through building of schools and provision of necessary learning facilities for convenient teaching



Gov. of Bayelsa State Hon. Henry Seriake Dickson supported by Commissioner for Education, Bayelsa State, Hon. Johnathan Euwebite; Vice-Chancellor, BMU, Prof. Ebitemi Etebu; receiving certificate of recognition of the newly established Bayelsa Medical University from Prof. Abubakar A. Rasheed flanked by DCC, Mal. Ibrahim U. Yakasai (far right); DESO, Chris J. Maiyaki (2nd right)

making it the 3rd university owned by the state, the 48th state university and 2nd public medical university as well as the 4th medical university in Nigerian University System (NUS).

The state Governor, Hon. Henry Seriake Dickson, last Thursday, led a delegation to the National Universities Commission (NUC), to submit the vital documents for the establishment of the university including its Law, Academic brief and

Governor Dickson informed that the visit was to also solicit the Commission's professional and expert guidance on running the new specialised university as being done to Niger Delta University (NDU) and University of Africa (UA) also owned by the state.

He said that furthering the course of education was core to the present "restoration" government in Bayelsa state under his leadership. He stated that the present administration in Bayelsa had embarked on

and learning environment.

Governor Dickson disclosed that when he took over power seven years ago, there was no single boarding secondary school in Bayelsa state, but with the "restoration" agenda of his administration, the state currently had 15 model boarding schools spread across the local governments and 25 constituency schools.

He added that the crisis situation of education sector in the state made him to sign a Law





stipulating penalty for any parent whose child or ward

stepped out of school. He explained that to encourage



**Gov. Seriake Dickson
delivering his speech**

parents to be in tune with the state of emergency programme declared in education, the government had ensured that schools below tertiary level were tuition-free.

Mr. Dickson said that there were ten thousand (10, 000) students currently under the model scheme enjoying free feeding, uniforms, learning materials and facilities.

He further stated that due to government's aggressive policy on education in the last three years, the state had moved from 27th position in education at national level, to impressive 2nd to 5th position, adding that registration for WAEC was also free for students in the state. The Governor said that all those

reforms were backed by policies that would guarantee continuity by subsequent administrations, stressing that Bayelsa state planned to be centre of excellence in education, not only in oil and gas.

“We saw a relationship between social vices and insufficient investment in education. If we fail to invest in education, by building more schools, we should prepare to build more prisons”. He stressed.

The Governor also pointed out that to help fund the sector effectively, the government had established Bayelsa Education Development Trust Fund (BEDTF) where every government worker in the state contributed certain percentage to the Fund with the Governor as the highest contributor. To ensure accountability and judicious spending of the Fund, he said that a Committee of respectable persons had been set up to manage the Fund without government interference.

Elaborating on the state's policy on tertiary education, Governor Dickson said that the government was giving priority to Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics (STEM)). He also said that part of government's efforts towards making Bayelsa a role model in education was to ensure that tertiary institutions were cosmopolitan and universal in

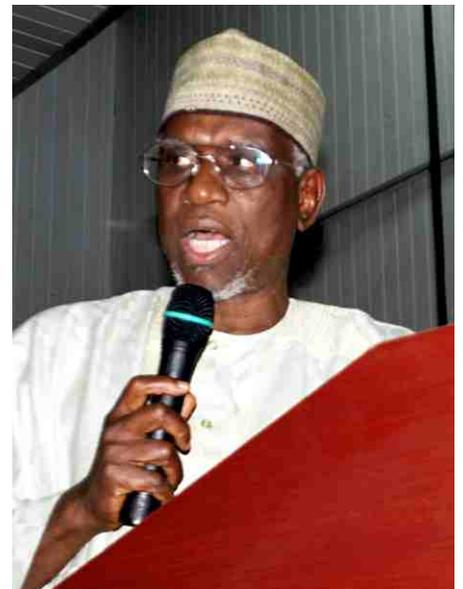
nature.

Mr. Dickson further stated that Science and Technology Development Fund (STDF) had also been established to cater for the needs of tertiary institutions for technological development of the state.

Reporting on the state of higher institutions in the state, the Visitor stated that UA was waxing stronger and had attracted lots of international faculty despite being

a young university and that vacancy was still open for more interested persons both locally and internationally, while NDU had

been reorganised to meet global trend in university education.



**Prof. Abubakar A. Rasheed
delivering his speech**

He further explained that BMU would be a fee-paying institution to be run on Public-Private Partnership (PPP) model as



Nigerians were yearning for quality university education, which he assured, could be achieved without travelling out of the shores of Nigeria. He stressed that investing in higher education was an expensive venture and to acquire education at that level would also be expensive in order to achieve quality and global status.

He decried that, “Universities should not be cheaper than primary and secondary schools. It is unfortunate that people still play politics with funding higher education and our universities are dying”.

The Governor said that it was

He said that BMU was modelled to be a global university that would attract both local and international faculty and students. The university would be governed by a world class team of eminent personalities with requisite experience as the Governing Council. He said that universities were supposed to be universal and cosmopolitan in their operations, therefore, any effort to reduce them to local settings would interfere with their quality and essence of existence.

Governor Dickson further disclosed that BMU already had a 400-bed capacity hospital, modern diagnosis centre with

on maternal and childcare.

The Governor highlighted that BMU was not just established for the sake of proliferation of higher education which might later suffer negligence, but as a necessity for the progress of the state, pointing out that Bayelsa was not known for abandoned projects.

He expressed appreciation to NUC for its continued commitment towards quality university education in Nigeria and for professional support to the universities owned by Bayelsa state. He assured that BMU as others, would operate under NUC laid down regulations and guidance in order to achieve its goals of being



Gov. Dickson and Prof. Rasheed (middle); L-R: Dr. Esther Adesina, Dr. Noel Saliu; Dr. Ramon Yusuf; Vice-Chancellor, Niger Delta University, Prof. Samuel Eduomukumo; Sen. Foster Ogola; DES, Barr. Onuoha; Hon. Johnathan; VC, Prof. Etebu and Provost College of Medicine, BMU, Prof. Abdul Nasidi

irony that most Nigerians were not willing to pay fees to adequately fund education locally but would rather pay heavily in foreign currencies for their children to acquire same education in foreign countries.

state-of-the-art facilities and accommodation for one thousand (1,000) students. He said that the diagnosis centre was planned to be one of the reputable health care centres that would provide modern health care services especially

a world class university added that the university hoped to live to its ideals which were encapsulated in its motto-“Service to God and Man”

Earlier in his welcome remarks, the



Executive Secretary, NUC, Professor Abubakar Rasheed pointed out that the revolution in education undertaken by Governor Dickson was in line with NUC's reforms and repositioning agenda of the NUS. He said that though access to university education had been a daunting issue in the university system, the Commission would not compromise on quality and standard.

passion and commitment towards promoting education especially at tertiary level in the state. He described the Governor as one of the few Nigerians to be proud of, noting that the appointment of a renowned Professor of Public Health Dr. Abdulsalami Nasidi as the pioneer Provost of the College of Medicine in the new university was an indication that Governor Dickson was a detribalised

universal institutions that incorporated every scholar.

He emphasised that Nigerian universities could only attain global recognition by building global community of teachers and learners to solve key problems in the society. He stressed that ranking criteria for university to be globally recognised were based on reputation and the new university had the prospect of becoming one.



R-L: Prof. Rasheed, Gov. Dickson, Mal. Yakasai and Mr. Maiyaki

“We do not want proliferation for the sake of proliferation, but with the pedigree of Governor Seriake Dickson, NUC feels that anything he touches turns to gold and we believe that BMU will be pacesetter in many aspects”

Professor Rasheed commended Governor Dickson for his

Nigerian who was passionate for the best and not guided by ethnic and religious sentiments.

The Executive Secretary also noted that the decision to source for the best brains both locally and internationally to run BMU was quite commendable and in tandem with NUC regulations, as universities were meant to be

Professor Rasheed however, expressed dismay that many Nigerian universities were losing universal character due to ethnic and religious sentiments which had bedevilled the system. He said that it was disheartening that a federal university would be so localised to the extent that even the best hands from other regions of the country would not be given the opportunity



of leadership or other positions based on sentiments that did not conform to universality system.

The NUC Scribe further stated that NUC had a target of licensing more universities to expand access, while acknowledging that the establishment of BMU had opened up more space for access to university education giving a total number of 169 universities in the NUS.

He advised that BMU should concentrate on being a small but

Commission would notify Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB) and National Youth Service Corps (NYSC) of its recognition.

Also speaking, the Deputy Executive Secretary, NUC, Barr. Victor Onuoha stated that the Commission was proud to associate with the remarkable education transformation project by Governor Dickson. He commended the Governor for appreciating the issue of fee-paying in funding university education in Nigeria which he

humanity in general.

He also expressed delight that a formidable team had already been set up for the smooth take off of the new university, saying that it was a bold initiative as NUC was also concerned with the issue of ensuring effective governance in the NUS.

Highpoint of the event was the presentation of certificate of recognition of BMU to Governor Dickson by the Executive Secretary, NUC, Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed.



Gov. Dickson (5th right) and Prof. Rasheed (6th right) in a group photograph with the NUC Management and BMU Delegation

focused world class specialised university that would deliver world class education rather than striving to be a big institution. He informed the delegation that with the recognition of BMU, the

said had been a major challenge to the NUS. He expressed optimism that BMU would reduce the rate of medical tourism in Nigeria as it was hoped to provide better health services to the state, Nigeria and

In the Governor's delegation were Bayelsa State Commissioner for education, Mr. Jonathan Obuebite; Vice-Chancellors, NDU, Prof. Samuel Edoumiekumo; University of Africa, Prof. Ibitimi Etebu.....



Jim Ovia Plans James Hope University

The Executive Secretary, National Universities Commission (NUC) Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, MFR, mni, FNAL, has reiterated that universities in Nigeria must attract students from Africa and the rest of the world.

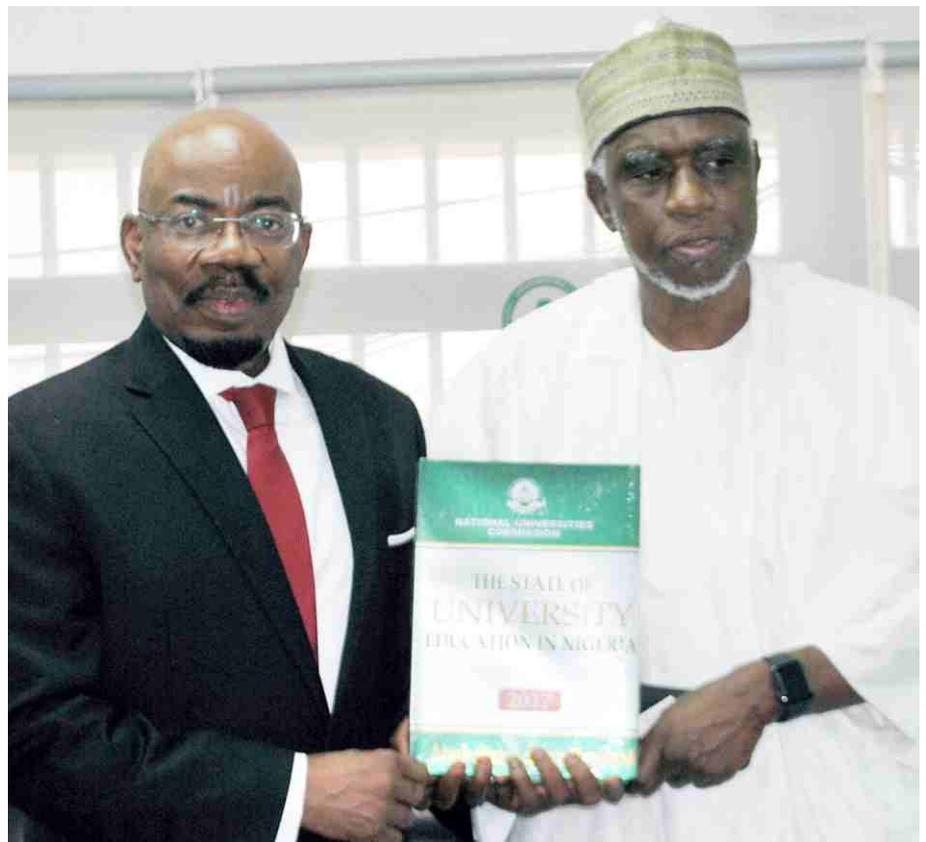
He said this when the Chairman and founder of Zenith Bank Group, Mr. Jim Ovia visited him to consult on his plans to establish a Private University to be known as James Hope University in Agbor, Delta State that the country needed people like Mr. Ovia, who were extremely successful in the business world to venture into university education and lead the way for the internationalization of Nigerian Universities.

Prof. Rasheed stated that the total number of private universities in Nigeria rose to Seventy nine (79) including newly four approved by Federal Executive Council (FEC) to be issued with licences on Tuesday 5th February, 2019. He said the

total enrolment of students stood at 5.6% which he described as very low stating that about 68% of these universities were owned by the church, 5% by Islamic

universities had been turned into tribal universities.

The NUC Scribe stressed the need for Nigerian universities to attract foreign students so that our

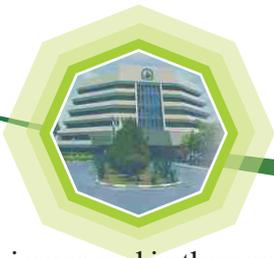


Prof. Abubakar A. Rasheed with the Chairman, Founder, Zenith Bank PLC. Mr. Jim Ovia displaying a document Published by the Commission on "The State of University Education in Nigeria"

organizations and 20% by individuals. While speaking on challenges of university education in Nigeria he enumerated some of them as security challenges, crisis and misguidance which had turned our higher institutions to tribal institutions, even Federal

universities could begin to truly be universal. He describes insecurity as monster that deter foreigners from patronizing our universities and the crises in our Ivory Towers also contribute a lot. He told the visiting team that mechanism were being implemented to tackle most of the





issues and in the next few years Nigeria would overcome most of its challenges.

The Executive Secretary assured Mr. Ovia and his team that the Commission would send a three (3) man technical team comprising of NUC directors to visit the proposed site of the university for first hand assessment.

He encouraged the promoter to build a world class university

In his address Mr. Jim Ovia made his intention known that, it has always been his dream to build a world class university.

He informed the executive secretary that about one hundred (100) hectares was acquired at Agbo, Delta State for the university. According to him the university would have a state-of-the-art facilities that

could attract foreign students and NUC would be proud to

universities development plan.

He maintained that the road to the university was good and when the university buildings were completed and academic programmes commenced with NUC's support it would affect the lives of the indigenes in a positive way, by scaling up development, to the local populace, the economic well being of the people and upsurge in the hospitality business.



Prof. Rasheed (2nd right), Mr. Ovia (2nd left), Mr. Yakasai (1st Left) and Deputy Managing Director, Zenith Bank, Adaora Umeoji (1st right)

with good structures and Iconic university that could make meaningful contribution to nation building, development and to offer services to mankind.

have midwived such an institution.

At its inception, Mr. Ovia projected that the institution implemented to commence with six (6) faculties and many would be added in the

Mr. Ovia thanked the Executive Secretary for the advice and plan to revisit his plan of an ICT university for being too restrictive, but to build a conventional university that could accommodate many courses and impact more to the society.





ASUU will Ensure Success of NUPEMCO

— Prof. Ogunyemi

The President Academic Staff Union of Universities (ASUU), Professor Biodun Ogunyemi has said that the union would ensure the success of the newly licenced Nigerian Universities Pension Management Company (NUPEMCO) in the discharge of its mandate of effectively managing the pension of university retirees.

He said while receiving the NUPEMCO Operation Licence from the Ag. Director-General, PenCom, Haj. Aisha Dahir-Umar in Abuja.

Professor Ogunyemi said NUPEMCO had been a major issue in the 2009 FGN/ASUU Agreement aimed at catering for the welfare of members of the university community after retirement.

He appreciated the Honourable Minister of Education, Mallam Adamu Adamu, the Permanent Secretary Ministry of Education, Arch. Sunny Echono, the Executive Secretary, Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed and all well-meaning stakeholders, including the other university based unions that have contributed immensely to the success of the laudable project.

He assured PenCom that ASUU as a critical Stakeholder of this project would do its best

to ensure that NUPEMCO attains the desired standard of efficiency in service delivery.

The Academic Staff Union of Universities (ASUU) strike would soon be called off, considering the number of commitments and



Prof. Biodun Ogunyemi
ASUU President

pronouncement by the Buhari led government following series of discussions and negotiations between government and the Union. This was made by the President of the union, Professor Biodun Ogunyemi, in an exclusive interview granted at the National Universities Commission.

During the interview Professor Biodun who double as president and a lecturer at the Olabisi Onabanjo University Ago-iwoye, lauded the Federal Government for the approval of

Nigeria Universities Pension Management Company (NUPEMCO). The president reiterated the need to have a separate Pension Fund Administrator (PFA) for university workers to ensure a secured and guaranteed future for retirees from the tertiary institutions.

He said that the new PFA was designed to be a unique, rooted philosophy of compassionate support for people working in the educational sector as observed that retirees face a lot of challenges retrieving their pension after retirement. The President stressed that NUPEMCO was conceived by a team of experts that had been assembled to ensure that the company performs to its maximum peak. Talking about members that have been retired before the coming of NUPEMCO, Professor Biodun said that their names would be added to the new pension board.

Professor Biodun emphasised the fact that NUPEMCO has fulfilled all necessary requirements to be given a licence to operate. He said the union doggedness on its resolve to motivate government to do the needful in uplifting education especially university education has started yielding the desired outcomes. He appreciated members of the union for their patience, hope and trust in the leadership of the union.



The President said NUPEMCO was not plan to be a profit making venture but a platform for concrete intervention for members especially, and a future agency for supporting life, as all gains would be invested back to the system.

Responding to the impact of a long strike on student, the university Don expressed sadness on the option to embark on industrial action, stating that the intention of the union has never been to always resort to strike, insisting that 60% of its members have their wards in public universities. He explained that all measures had always been taken to avoid taken industrial action but it

happy with the issue and had called on its members to disassociate themselves from such dubious acts and university authorities should monitor their colleagues to avoid re-occurrence of such acts.

The President revealed that with the recent development by the federal government in approving part of the agreement it would still not relent as all agreement must be met to have a good working and learning environment.

He also expressed joy that, for the first time in recent history, federal government would allocate 50% of its annual budget to education a development that would turn

members of the Nigerian University System (NUS), particularly Academic Staff Union of Universities (ASUU) for the NUPEMCO initiative created to cater for the welfare of the Nigerian university workers after retirement from service.

The DG said this last Monday during the issuance of Operating License to Nigerian Universities Pension Management Company (NUPEMCO) to commence full operation as a Pension Fund Administrator (PFA) to manage the Nigerian University Pension Fund.

She urged the company to live up to the expectation for its establishment by employing competent hands to manage the



Prof. Ogunyemi in an interview with the *Monday Bulletin* crew

seemed to be a powerful drum that successive governments listened to.

On the recent dismissal of a lecturer from Redeemers University Ede, Ogun State, the Don said ASUU was not

around the sector if the budgetary allocation would be maintained and sustained.

In her earlier address, the A.g Director General, PenCom, Hajia Aisha Dahir-Umar congratulated the entire

company in line with best global practices. Mrs Umar then assured the members of ASUU that PenCom under her watch would continue to cooperate with the company by providing necessary assistance for the success of the company.



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University of Ilorin
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DISMISSAL: DR. ALABA JOHN FALADE,

Please recall our letter Ref. No. RUNjREGjSSPFj262j134 dated 19th July, 2018 and your letter Ref. No. UIL/SSE/PF/4331 dated 20th July, 2018 on Dr. John Alaba Falade.

I write to inform you that Council at its 52nd Statutory Meeting held on Thursday, 16th August, 2018 approved the recommendation of the Senior Staff Disciplinary Committee to dismiss Dr. John Alaba Falade, a Senior Lecturer in the Department of Physical Sciences, Redeemer's University from its services with effect from 20th August, 2018.

Our investigations revealed that while he was on full time employment in Redeemer's University, he was also on full time employment at the University of Ilorin, Ilorin and on Sabbatical Leave at Landmark University, omu-Aran, Kwara State.

This was contrary to the regulations governing the appointment of staff in our University.

The above is for your information and necessary action.

With regards,

Olukayode E. Akindele
Registrar

cc: Vice-Chancellor
 Executive Secretary, NUC
 Secretary General (AVCNU)

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NATIONAL UNIVERSITIES COMMISSION

ADVERTORIAL

NUC MAKES HISTORY IN RANKING OF OPEN EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES (OER)

The National Universities Commission has made history in conducting the first-ever ranking of Open Educational Resources (OER) held in institutional repositories. It is the first exercise of its kind in the world and it was initiated by the Executive Secretary of NUC, Professor Abubakar Rasheed, mni, MFR for application in the Nigerian University System. The exercise showed that with 12,070 quality OER holdings presented by 50 universities for the inaugural exercise, Nigerian Universities are now among the best in Africa in OER. It is estimated that with full release of the OER holdings and participation by all universities, this number may quadruple in the next two years making the Nigerian University system the richest in OER in Africa. The OER ranking exercise is to be conducted twice a year.

Open Educational Resources (OER) are teaching, learning and research materials in any medium, digital or otherwise, that reside in the public domain or have been released under an open license that permits no-cost access, use, adapt and redistribute by others with no or limited restrictions. They are technology-enabled, open provision of educational resources for consultation, use and adaptation by a community of users for non-commercial purposes. Materials that constitute OER include curriculum maps, course materials, textbooks, streaming videos, pictorial materials, multimedia applications, podcast, and any other materials that have been designed for use in teaching and learning environment.

The OER ranking exercise was conducted by the 12-member National Experts Group on OER Ranking (NEGOR) and a four-person team of external experts from outside Nigeria.

Fifty universities that participated in the inaugural edition were ranked by (a) ownership (federal, State and private) and (b) generation within ownership. The results are shown below.

2017 NUSOER RANKING

Federal-First Generation (out of 6 universities)

Rank	University	Total Count	Total OER Score
1	University of Lagos	1244	25
2	University of Ibadan	1015	25

Federal-Second Generation (out of 9 universities)

Rank	University	Total Count	Total OER Score
1	Federal University of Technology, Owerri	891	30
2	Nnamdi Azikiwe University, Akwa	522	19
3	University of Port Harcourt	295	13
4	University of Maiduguri	795	12
5	Usmanu Danfodio University	532	10
6	Federal University of Technology, Minna	41	0

Federal-Third Generation (out of 11 universities)

Rank	University	Total Count	Total OER Score
1	University of Abuja	385	10
2	Federal University of Technology, Akure	354	5
3	Modibbo Adama University of Technology	32	0

Federal-Fourth Generation (out of 10 universities)

Rank	University	Total Count	Total OER Score
1	Federal University, Ndufu-Alike Ikwo	98	6
2	Federal University, Kshere	13	0

State Universities-First Generation (out of 21 universities)

Rank	University	Total Count	Total OER Score
1	Lagos State University	375	16
2	Cross River University of Technology	142	4
3	Abia State University	53	1
4	Ekiti State University	9	0

State Universities-Third Generation (out of 12 universities)

Rank	University	Total Count	Total OER Score
1	Edo University, Iyamho	563	25.1
2	University of Medical Science, Ondo City	679	19.4

Private Universities-First Generation (out of 23 universities)

Rank	University	Total Count	Total OER Score
1	Covenant University	634	25
2	Redeemer's University	656	21
3	Babcock University	480	15
4	Crawford University	257	10
5	Afe Babalola University	221	5
6	Caleb University	92	5
7	Salem University	7	0
8	Al-Hikmah University	0	0
8	Bells University of Technology	0	0
8	Joseph Ayo Babalola University	0	0
8	University of Mkar	0	0

Private Universities-Second Generation (out of 20 universities)

Rank	University	Total Count	Total OER Score
1	Mountain Top University	535	26.3
2	Landmark University	724	16
3	Wellspring University	131	6.9
4	Arthur Javis University	46	3.4
5	Adeleke University	117	2
6	Coal City University	65	1.1
7	Kings University	50	1
8	McPherson University	15	0
9	Edwin Clark University	2	0

Overall Ranking out of 160 Universities

Rank	University	Total Count	Total OER Score
1	Federal University of Technology, Owerri	891	30
2	Mountain Top University	535	26.3
3	Edo University, Iyamho	563	25.1
4	University of Lagos	1244	25
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26	Coal City University	65	1.1
27	Abia State University	53	1
28	Kings University	50	1
29	Federal University of Technology, Minna	41	0
30	Modibbo Adama University of Technology	32	0
31	McPherson University	15	0
32	Federal University, Kshere	13	0
33	Ekiti State University	9	0
34	Salem University	7	0
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Executive Secretary

A. B. Baffa, PhD.

To: All Heads of TETFund Beneficiary Institution

From: Executive Secretary, TETFund

Subject: Disclaimer

Date: November 13, 2017

The attention of the Management of the Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund) is drawn to the mischievous activities of some unscrupulous elements that are visiting public Universities, Polytechnics and Colleges of Education and some regulatory agencies and presenting themselves as staff of, and working with, the Chairman-designate of the Board of Trustees of TETFund. They usually meet the head of an institution, the bursar and/or director of works/physical planning to make all sort of offers/promises of TETFund intervention projects to be allegedly brought to the institution by the Chairman-designate. In exchange, they make different frivolous requests including nominating contractors/consultants and, in many cases, request for financial gratifications.

The Management of the Fund therefore wishes to inform the beneficiary institutions of TETFund in particular and entire public in general that these mischief-makers have nothing to do with TETFund and all their entreaties should be ignored. Anyone that enters into any transaction with them does so at his/her own risk.

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AB BAFFA

Executive Secretary

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RE: SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMME OF TURKISH GOVERNMENT

The National Universities Commission is in receipt of a letter, Ref. 330.04/19/01 dated 02 January, 2019, from the Embassy of the Republic of Turkey, Abuja notifying the Commission of the Scholarship Programme of the Turkish Government. The Programme is aimed at further strengthening the bond between Nigeria and Turkey.

Consequently, I am to inform all Vice Chancellors that the application process for the Scholarship Programme will commence from 15th January to 20th February 2019, while oral interviews would be conducted in April-May, 2019. The results would be announced in July, 2019.

I am to also implore the Vice-Chancellors to widely circulate and publicise the Scholarship Programme in their respective Universities, for the benefit of stakeholders.

For additional information on Scholarship Calendar the application, kindly visit www.turkiyeburslari.gov.tr



NATIONAL UNIVERSITIES COMMISSION

Approved Open Universities and Distance Learning Centres in Nigeria

The National Open University of Nigeria (NOUN), which has 72 study/resource centres nationwide, is currently the only approved open university in the Nigerian University System (NUS).

List of approved Distance Learning Centres in Nigeria
Eleven universities in the Nigerian University System, currently have the approval of the National Universities Commission to operate distance learning centres as follows:

1. Distance Learning Centre, University of Ibadan.
2. Distance Learning Institute, University of Lagos.
3. Centre for Distance Learning and Continuing Education, University of Abuja.
4. Centre for Distance Learning, University of Maiduguri.
5. Centre for Distance Learning, Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife.
6. Centre for Distance Learning, Modibbo Adama University of Technology, Yola.
7. Ladoké Akintola University of Technology Open and Distance Learning Centre.
8. Distance Learning Centre, Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria.
9. Lagos State University Open and Distance Learning and Research Institute
10. Joseph Ayo Babalola University Centre for Distance Learning
11. University of Nigeria, Nsukka Centre for Distance and e-Learning





NATIONAL UNIVERSITIES COMMISSION

RE: MORATORIUM ON PART-TIME PROGRAMMES

The National Universities Commission, cognizant of the need to streamline the operations of Part Time and Sandwich programmes in Nigerian universities, had through a publication in the print media, including the Guardian and Sun Newspapers of Monday, 19th March, 2012, placed a moratorium on admission into parttime programmes in Nigerian universities. In the publication, the universities were requested to fully disclose all Part-Time and Sandwich programmes, with respect to enrolment and staffing profile, within four weeks of the publication, and to conduct in-house staff and student audit and forward same to the Commission. As a follow up to this, the Commission vide a letter dated 14 January, 2013, sent a reminder to the universities requesting those that were yet to provide information on their Part-Time and Sandwich programmes as well as affiliation arrangements to do so on or before 15 February, 2013.

2.0. Universities That Made Submission

Based on the submissions received, a total of forty (40) universities indicated that they would run Part-Time and Sandwich programmes as detailed below:

A. Federal Universities

1. Federal University of Technology, Owerri
2. University of Benin, Benin
3. University of Calabar, Calabar
4. University of Lagos
5. Nnamdi Azikiwe University, Awka
6. University of Port Harcourt, Port Harcourt
7. University of Uyo, Uyo
8. University of Abuja, Abuja
9. Federal University of Agriculture, Abeokuta
10. Michael Okpara University, Umudike
11. Moddibbo Adamawa University of Technology, Yola
12. University of Agriculture, Markurdi
13. Usman Danfodio University, Sokoto
14. University of Jos, Jos

B. State Universities

1. Ambrose Ali University, Ekpoma, Edo State
2. Olabisi Onabanjo University, Ago- Iwoye, Ogun State
3. Ekiti State University, Ado-Ekiti, Ekiti State
4. Adekunle Ajasin University, Akungba- Akoko, Ondo State
5. Imo State University, Owerri, Imo State
6. Tai Solarin University of Education, Ijagun, Ogun State
7. Rivers State University of Science and Technology, Port Harcourt

8. Enugu State University of Science and Technology, Enugu State
9. Ignatius Ajuru University of Education Education, Port Harcourt
10. Delta State University, Abraka, Delta State
11. Ladoke Akintola University of Technology, Ogbomoso
12. Lagos State University, Ojo, Lagos State
13. Niger Delta University, Amasoma, Bayelsa State
14. Anambra State University, Uli, Anambra State
15. Ebonyi State University, Abakaliki, Eboyi State
16. Cross River State University of Technology, Calabar
17. Abia State University, Uturu, Abia State
18. Osun State University, Osun State
19. Nasarawa State University, Keffi, Nasarawa State

C. Private Universities:

1. Crescent University, Abeokuta, Ogun State
2. Caleb University, Imota, Lagos State
3. Igbinedion University, Okada, Edo State
4. Lead City university, Ibadan, Oyo State
5. Achievers University, Owo, Ondo State
6. Benson Idahosa University, Benin – City, Edo State
7. Tansian University, Umunya, Anambra State
8. Wesley University of Science and Technology, Ondo, Ondo State

3.0. APPROVALS GRANTED TO UNIVERSITIES TO RUN PART-TIME/ SANDWICH PROGRAMMES.

Up to date, a total of thirty six (36) universities forwarded their completed documents, based on the approved format. Following the analysis of the submissions by the Department of Academic Standards and having satisfied the laid down guidelines for running Part – Time programme and Sandwich courses in Nigerian universities, all the thirty six (36) institutions were recommended to the Executive Secretary for approval. Consequent upon Executive Secretary's approval, letters were communicated to the universities accordingly. The universities are:

A. Federal Universities

1. University of Lagos
2. University of Port Harcourt
3. University of Calabar
4. University of Benin
5. University of Abuja
6. University of Uyo
7. University of Jos
8. Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile – Ife
9. Nnamdi Azikiwe University, Awka





10. Federal University of Agriculture, Abeokuta
11. Federal University of Technology, Owerri
12. Usman Danfodiyo University, Sokoto
13. Bayero University, Kano
- B. State Universities
1. Ekiti State University, Ado – Ekiti, Ekiti State
2. Cross River State University, Calabar, Cross River State
3. Imo State University, Owerri, Imo State
4. Ignatius Ajuru University of Education, Rivers State
5. Olabisi Onabanjo University, Ago-Iwoye, Ogun State
6. Ambrose Ali University, Ekpoma, Edo State
7. Enugu State University of Science & Technology, Enugu State
8. Tai Solarin University of Education, Ijagan, Ogun State
9. Rivers State University of Science & Technology, Port Harcourt
10. Ebonyi State University, Abakaliki, Eboyi State
11. Benue State University, Makurdi, Benue State
12. Niger Delta University, Yenagoa, Bayelsa State
13. Lagos State University, Ojo, Lagos State
14. Adekunle Ajasin University, Akungba – Akoko, Ondo State
15. Anambra State University, Uli, Anambra State
16. Osun State University, Osogbo, Osun State
17. Abia State University, Uturu, Abia State
18. Nasarawa State University, Keffi, Nasarawa State.

C. Private Universities

1. Crescent University, Abeokuta, Ogun State
2. Caleb University, Imota, Lagos State
3. Igbinedion University, Okada, Edo State
4. Lead City University, Ibadan, Oyo State
5. Achievers University, Owo, Ondo State
6. Benson Idahosa University, Benin – City, Edo State
7. Wesley University of Science and Technology, Ondo, Ondo State
8. Fountain University, Osogbo

Dr. Gidado Kumo

Director, Academic Planning

For: Executive Secretary

GUIDELINES ON PART-TIME AND SANDWICH PROGRAMMES IN NIGERIAN UNIVERSITIES

Below are guidelines for conducting Part-time and Sandwich programmes in Nigerian universities. All universities currently operating Part-time programmes are expected to comply with the guidelines on programme by programme basis.

Consequently, universities still interested in running Part-time programmes are advised to forward fresh applications to the NUC on programme by programme basis.

This is, however, subject to the readiness of the university to comply with the following extant guidelines on part-time programmes:

1. The admission and graduation requirements, Staffing, Library and physical facilities requirements must be in line with the Benchmark Minimum Academic Standards (BMAS) for the various full-time academic programmes;
2. For a programme to be eligible to run on part-time basis, the approved full-time equivalent must be available in the university, must have earned full accreditation and must be run within approved campuses;
3. The enrolment into part-time programmes must not exceed 20% of total students' population in the programme;
4. The minimum duration of the part-time programmes must be 150% of the approved duration of the Full-Time equivalent;
5. Approval shall not be granted for part-time programmes in Environmental Sciences, Engineering/Technology, Law, Medicine/Medical Sciences, Pharmacy /Pharmaceutical Sciences, Dentistry; and Veterinary Science;
6. All admissions into part-time programmes must be through the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB). Part-time programmes must be run within approved campuses of universities where the human and material resources for the teaching of the programmes are domiciled, i.e. on the main campus of the university;
7. Part-time programmes shall be subjected to the NUC accreditation assessment upon maturity of the programme;
8. For any programme to be eligible for part-time mode, it must have produced two (2) sets of graduates and satisfied the Resource Verification Requirements.
9. Commencement of a part-time programme MUST be subject to NUC's approval. Approval of commencement of all parttime programmes must be obtained.

The National Universities Commission shall not hesitate to apply appropriate sanctions on any university which violates any of the stipulated Guidelines on Part-Time and Sandwich Programmes.

Signed

Management



LIST OF APPROVED UNIVERSITIES IN NIGERIA

FEDERAL UNIVERSITIES

S/N	INSTITUTIONS	Year Est.	S/N	INSTITUTIONS	Year Est.	S/N	INSTITUTIONS	Year Est.
1	University of Ibadan, Ibadan	1948	16	Modibbo Adama University of Technology, Yola	1981	31	Federal University, Wukari, Taraba State	2011
2	University of Nigeria, Nsukka	1960	17	Federal University of Technology, Minna	1982	32	Federal University, Dutsin-Ma, Katsina State	2011
3	Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife	1962	18	Nigerian Defence Academy, Kaduna	1985	33	Federal University, Dutse, Jigawa State	2011
4	Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria	1962	19	University of Abuja, Abuja	1988	34	Federal University, Ndufu-Alike, Ebonyi State	2011
5	University of Lagos, Lagos	1962	20	Abubakar Tafawa Balewa University, Bauchi	1988	35	Federal University, Oye-Ekiti, Ekiti State	2011
6	University of Benin, Benin City	1970	21	University of Agriculture, Makurdi	1988	36	Federal University, Otuoke, Bayelsa	2011
7	Bayero University, Kano	1975	22	Federal University of Agriculture, Abeokuta	1988	37	The Nigeria Police Academy, Wudil, Kano State	2012
8	University of Calabar, Calabar	1975	23	University of Uyo, Uyo	1991	38	Federal University, Birnin-Kebbi, Kebbi	2013
9	University of Ilorin, Ilorin	1975	24	Nnamdi Azikiwe University, Awka	1992	39	Federal University, Gusau, Zamfara	2013
10	University of Jos, Jos	1975	25	Michael Okpara University of Agriculture, Umudike	1992	40	Federal University, Gashua, Yobe	2013
11	University of Maiduguri, Maiduguri	1975	26	National Open University of Nigeria, Lagos	2002	41	Nigeria Maritime University Okerenkoko, Delta State	2018
12	Usmanu Danfodiyo University, Sokoto	1975	27	Fed. Univ. of Petroleum Resources, Effurun	2007	42	Air Force Institute of Technology, Kaduna	2018
13	University of Port-Harcourt, Port-Harcourt	1975	28	Federal University, Lokoja, Kogi State	2011	43	Nigerian Army University, Biu	2018
14	Federal University of Technology, Owerri	1980	29	Federal University, Lafia, Nasarawa State	2011			
15	Federal University of Technology, Akure	1981	30	Federal University, Kashere, Gombe State	2011			

STATE UNIVERSITIES

S/N	INSTITUTIONS	Year Est.	S/N	INSTITUTIONS	Year Est.	S/N	INSTITUTIONS	Year Est.
1	Rivers State University of Science & Technology, Port Harcourt	1979	17	Ebonyi State University, Abakaliki	2000	33	Sokoto State University, Sokoto	2009
2	Ambrose Alli University, Ekpoma	1980	18	Nasarawa State University, Keffi	2002	34	Akwa Ibom State University, Ikot Ikpaden	2010
3	Abia State University, Uturu	1981	19	Adamawa State University, Mubi	2002	35	Ignatius Ajuru University of Education, Rumuolumeni	2010
4	Enugu State University of Science & Tech, Enugu	1982	20	Gombe State University, Gombe	2004	36	Bauchi State University, Gadau	2011
5	Olabisi Onabanjo University, Ago-Iwoye	1982	21	Kaduna State University, Kaduna	2004	37	Maitama Sule University, Kano	2012
6	Ekiti State University, Ado-Ekiti. (formerly University of Ado-Ekiti)	1982	22	Cross River University of Technology, Calabar	2004	38	The Technical University, Ibadan.	2012
7	Lagos State University, Ojo, Lagos	1983	23	Plateau State University, Bokkos	2005	39	Sule Lamido University, Kafin Hausa	2013
8	Ladoke Akintola University of Technology, Ogbomoso	1990	24	Ondo State University of Technology, Okiti Pupa.	2008	40	Ondo State University of Medical Sciences	2015
9	Imo State University, Owerri	1992	25	Ibrahim Babangida University, Lapai, Niger State	2005	41	Edo University, Iyamho	2016
10	Benue State University, Makurdi	1992	26	Tai Solarin University of Education, Ijagun	2005	42	Eastern Palm University, Ogboko	2016
11	Delta State University, Abraka	1992	27	Umaru Musa Yar'Adua University, Katsina	2006	43	University of Africa, Toru-Orua	2016
12	Adekunle Ajasin University, Akungba - Akoko	1999	28	Yobe State University Damaturu, Yobe State	2006	44	Borno State University	2016
13	Kogi State University, Anyigba	1999	29	Kebbi State University of Science and Technology, Aliero	2006	45	Moshood Abiola University of Science and Technology, Abeokuta	2017
14	Niger-Delta University, Yenagoa	2000	30	Osun State University, Osogbo	2006	46	Gombe State University of Science and Technology, Kumo	2017
15	Odumegwu Ojukwu University Uli	2000	31	Taraba State University, Jalingo	2008	47	Zamfara State University, Talata-Mafara	2018
16	Kano University of Science & Technology, Wudil	2000	32	Kwara State University, Ilorin	2009			





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PRIVATE UNIVERSITIES

S/N	INSTITUTIONS	Year Est.	S/N	INSTITUTIONS	Year Est.	S/N	INSTITUTIONS	Year Est.
1	Babcock University, Ilishan Remo	1999	27	Salem University, Lokoja	2007	53	Hallmark University, Ijebu, Itele, Ogun State	2015
2	Madonna University, Okija	1999	28	Tansian University, Umunya, Anambra State	2007	54	Kings University, Ode Omu, Osun State	2015
3	Igbinedion University, Okada	1999	29	Veritas University, Abuja	2007	55	Michael and Cecilia Ibru Uni., Owhrode, Delta State	2015
4	Bowen University, Iwo	2001	30	Wesley University of Science & Technology, Ondo	2007	56	Mountain Top University, Ogun State	2015
5	Covenant University, Ota	2002	31	Western Delta University, Oghara, Delta State	2007	57	Ritman University, Ikot Ekpene, Akwa Ibom State	2015
6	Pan-Atlantic University, Lagos	2002	32	The Achievers University, Owo	2007	58	Summit University, Offa, Kwara State	2015
7	Benson Idahosa University, Benin City	2002	33	African University of Science & Technology, Abuja	2007	59	Edwin Clark University, Kiagbodo, Delta State	2015
8	American University of Nigeria, Yola	2003	34	Afe Babalola University, Ado-Ekiti, Ekiti State	2009	60	Hezekiah University, Umudi, Imo State	2015
9	Redeemers University, Ede, Osun State	2005	35	Godfrey Okoye University, Ugwuomu-Nike, Enugu State	2009	61	Anchor University, Ayobo, Lagos State	2016
10	Ajayi Crowther University, Oyo	2005	36	Nile University of Nigeria, Abuja	2009	62	Arthur Jarvis University, Akpabuyo, Cross River State	2016
11	Al-Hikmah University, Ilorin	2005	37	Oduduwa University, Ipetumodu, Osun State	2009	63	Clifford University, Owerrinta, Abia State	2016
12	Caritas University, Amorji-Nke, Enugu	2005	38	Paul University, Awka, Anambra State	2009	64	Coal City University, Enugu, Enugu State	2016
13	Bingham University, Auta-Balefi, Karu, Nasarawa State	2005	39	Rhema University, Obeama-Asa, Rivers State	2009	65	Crown Hill University, Eiyenkorin, Kwara State	2016
14	Al-Qalam University, Katsina	2005	40	Wellspring University, Evbuobanosa, Edo State	2009	66	Dominican University, Ibadan, Oyo State	2016
15	Renaissance University, Enugu	2005	41	Adeleke University, Ede, Osun State	2011	67	Koladaisi University, Ibadan, Oyo State	2016
16	Bells University of Tech, Ota, Ogun State	2005	42	Baze University, Abuja	2011	68	Legacy University, Okija, Anambra State	2016
17	Lead City University, Ibadan, Oyo State	2005	43	Landmark University, Omu-Aran, Kwara State	2011	69	Admiralty University, Ibusa, Delta State	2017
18	Crawford University, Igbesa, Ogun State	2005	44	Samuel Adegboyega University, Ogwa, Edo State	2011	70	Spiritan University, Nneochi, Abia State	2017
19	Kwararafa University, Wukari (formerly Wukari Jubilee Uni.)	2005	45	Elizade University, Ilara-Mokin, Ondo State	2012	71	Precious Cornerstone University, Ibadan, Oyo State	2017
20	Crescent University, Abeokuta	2005	46	Evangel University, Akaeze, Ebonyi State	2012	72	PAMO University of Medical Sciences, Portharcourt, River State	2017
21	Novena University, Ogume, Delta State	2005	47	Gregory University, Uturu, Abia State	2012	73	Atiba University, Oyo, Oyo State	2017
22	University of Mkar, Mkar	2005	48	McPherson University, Seriki Sotayo, Ajebo, Ogun State	2012	74	Eko University of Medical Sciences, Ijanikin, Lagos State	2017
23	Joseph Ayo Babalola University, Ikeji-Arakeji, Osun State	2006	49	Southwestern University, Okun Owa, Ogun State	2012	75	Skyline University, Nigeria Kano State	2018
24	Caleb University, Lagos	2007	50	Augustine, University, Ilara, Lagos State	2015			
25	Fountain University, Osogbo	2007	51	Chrisland University, Owode, Ogun State	2015			
26	Obong University, Obong Ntak	2007	52	Christopher University, Mowe, Ogun State	2015			





List of Universities with Approved Postgraduate Programmes

The National Universities Commission (NUC) has observed with great concern that some Nigerian universities are running unapproved postgraduate programmes, leading to the award of Masters and PhD degrees. The Commission has also observed that some Parastatals and Institutes are awarding these same Postgraduate degrees, either on their own or through unapproved affiliations with Nigerian and foreign Universities. Such practices are not only unethical, but also antithetical to time-tested quality assurance best practices. The qualifications/awards resulting therefrom are not recognized. The Commission hereby notifies the general public that only the following universities have approval to offer postgraduate programmes at the Masters' and Ph.D levels in Nigeria, as of 30th July, 2012:

Federal Universities :

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| 1. Abubakar Tafawa Balewa University, Bauchi | 16. University of Benin, Benin City |
| 2. Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria | 17. University of Calabar, Calabar |
| 3. Bayero University, Kano | 18. University of Ibadan, Ibadan |
| 4. Federal University of Technology, Akure | 19. University of Ilorin, Ilorin |
| 5. Federal University of Technology, Minna | 20. University of Jos, Jos |
| 6. Federal University of Technology, Owerri | 21. University of Lagos, Akoka |
| 7. Michael Okpara University of Agriculture, Umudike | 22. University of Maiduguri, Maiduguri |
| 8. Modibbo Adama University of Technology, Yola | 23. University of Nigeria, Nsukka |
| 9. National Open University of Nigeria, Lagos. | 24. University of Port Harcourt, Port Harcourt |
| 10. Nigerian Defence Academy, Kaduna | 25. University of Uyo, Uyo |
| 11. Nnamdi Azikiwe University, Awka | 26. Usmanu Danfodiyo University, Sokoto |
| 12. Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife | 27. Federal University, Lafia |
| 13. University of Abuja, Gwagwalada | 28. Federal University, Dutse |
| 14. University of Agriculture, Abeokuta | 29. Federal University of Petroleum Resources, Effurun |
| 15. University of Agriculture, Makurdi | |

State Universities :

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| 1. Abia State University, Uturu | 15. Lagos State University, Ojo. |
| 2. Adamawa State University, Mubi | 16. Nasarawa State University, Keffi |
| 3. Adekunle Ajasin University, Akungba-Akoko | 17. Niger-Delta University, Wilberforce Island |
| 4. Ambrose Alli University, Ekpoma | 18. Olabisi Onabanjo University, Ago-Iwoye |
| 5. Anambra State University, Uli | 19. Rivers State University of Science and Technology, Port Harcourt |
| 6. Benue State University, Makurdi | 20. Umaru Musa Yar'Adua University, Katsina |
| 7. Cross River University of Technology, Calabar | 21. Gombe State University, Gombe |
| 8. Delta State University, Abraka | 22. Ibrahim Babangida University, Lapai |
| 9. Ebonyi State University, Abakaliki | 23. Kano State University of Science and Technology, Wudil |
| 10. Ekiti State University, Ado-Ekiti | 24. Kebbi State University of Science and Technology, Aliero |
| 11. Enugu State University of Science and Technology, Enugu | 25. Kwara State University Malet |
| 12. Imo State University, Owerri | 26. Bauchi State University, Gadau |
| 13. Kogi State University, Anyigba | 27. Yobe State University, Damaturu |
| 14. Ladoko Akintola University of Technology, Ogbomosho | 28. Ignatius Ajuru University of Education, Rumuolumeni |

Private Universities :

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| 1. African University of Science and Technology, Abuja | 11. Joseph Ayo Babalola University, Ikeji-Arakeji, Osun State |
| 2. American University of Nigeria, Yola | 12. Nigerian Turkish Nile University, Abuja |
| 3. Babcock University, Ilishan-Remo | 13. Afe Babalola University, Ado-Ekiti, Ekiti State |
| 4. Benson Idahosa University, Benin City | 14. Lead City University, Ibadan, (MSc. only) |
| 5. Bowen University, Iwo | 15. University of Mkar, Mkar (MSc. only) |
| 6. Covenant University, Ota | 16. Madonna University Okija |
| 7. Igbinedion University, Okada | 17. Al-Hikmah University, Ilorin (MSc. only) |
| 8. Pan-African University, Lekki | 18. Godfrey Okoye University, Uguwomu-Nike, Enugu State |
| 9. Redeemer's University, Mowe, Ogun State | 19. Adeleke University, Ede |
| 10. Caleb University, Lagos | |

Employers of labour, educational institutions and other stakeholders are to note that only certificates issued by these universities, for their approved programmes, are valid for employment, further studies and other purposes. When in doubt about the status of any programme or certificate, the National Universities Commission should be contacted through webmaster@nuc.edu.ng and the following telephone numbers: 08027455412, 07054407741, 08067787753, 07039254081 and 07082024412 (FAX). Further information can also be obtained from the Commission's website: www.nuc.edu.ng

Signed:
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Fourteen-Step Process for the Establishment of Private Universities in Nigeria

The National Universities Commission (NUC), wishes to announce to the general public, especially prospective promoters of private universities, the fourteen-step procedure for establishing private universities in Nigeria.

1. Application in writing stating the intent for the establishment of the university
2. Interview of prospective proprietors
3. Collection of application forms
4. Submission of application forms and relevant documents
5. Intensive review/analysis of documents by experts in relevant NUC departments
6. Revision of documents by proprietors, based on report of SCOPU

7. Interactive meeting of SCOPU with the proposed university
8. First site assessment visit
9. Finalisation of document
10. Second (final) site assessment visit
11. Security screening of proprietors and Board of Trustees
12. Approval by NUC Management
13. Approval by NUC Board
14. Approval by FEC

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Executive Secretary, NUC
Announcer





NATIONAL UNIVERSITIES COMMISSION **PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT**

List of Illegal Universities Closed Down by NUC

The National Universities Commission (NUC) wishes to announce to the general public, especially parents and prospective undergraduates, that the under-listed “Degree Mills” have not been licensed by the Federal Government and have, therefore, been closed down for violating the Education (National Minimum Standards etc.) Act CAPE3 Law of the Federation of Nigeria 2004. The “Universities” are:

- 1) University of Accountancy and Management Studies, operating anywhere in Nigeria.
- 2) Christians of Charity American University of Science & Technology, Nkpor, Anambra State or any of its other campuses
- 3) University of Industry, Yaba, Lagos or any of its other campuses
- 4) University of Applied Sciences & Management, Port Novo, Republic of Benin or any of its other campuses in Nigeria
- 5) Blacksmith University, Awka or any of its other campuses
- 6) Volta University College, Ho, Volta Region, Ghana or any of its other campuses in Nigeria
- 7) Royal University Izhia, P.O. Box 800, Abakaliki, Ebonyi State or any of its other campuses
- 8) Atlanta University, Anyigba, Kogi State or any of its other campuses
- 9) United Christian University, Macotis Campus, Imo State or any of its other campuses.
- 10) United Nigeria University College, Okija, Anambra State or any of its other campuses.
- 11) Samuel Ahmadu University, Makurdi, Benue State or any of its other campuses.
- 12) UNESCO University, Ndoni, Rivers State or any of its other campuses.
- 13) Saint Augustine’s University of Technology, Jos, Plateau State or any of its other campuses
- 14) The International University, Missouri, USA, Kano and Lagos Study Centres, or any of its campuses in Nigeria
- 15) Collumbus University, UK operating anywhere in Nigeria
- 16) Tiu International University, UK operating anywhere in Nigeria
- 17) Pebbles University, UK operating anywhere in Nigeria
- 18) London External Studies UK operating anywhere in Nigeria.
- 19) Pilgrims University operating anywhere in Nigeria.
- 20) Lobi Business School Makurdi, Benue State or any of its campuses in Nigeria.
- 21) West African Christian University operating anywhere in Nigeria.
- 22) Bolta University College Aba or any of its campuses in Nigeria.
- 23) JBC Seminary Inc. (Wukari Jubilee University) Kaduna Illegal Campus
- 24) Westlan University, Esie, Kwara State or any of its campuses in Nigeria.
- 25) St. Andrews University College, Abuja or any of its campuses in Nigeria.
- 26) EC-Council University, USA, Ikeja Lagos Study Centre.
- 27) Atlas University, Ikot Udoso Uko, Uyo Akwa Ibom State or any of its campuses in Nigeria
- 28) Concept College/Universities (London) Ilorin or any of its campuses in Nigeria
- 29) Halifax Gateway University, Ikeja or any of its campuses in Nigeria
- 30) Kingdom of Christ University, Abuja or any of its campuses in Nigeria
- 31) Acada University, Akinlalu, Oyo State or any of its campuses in Nigeria.
- 32) Fifom University, Mbaise, Imo State or any of its campuses in Nigeria
- 33) Houdegebe North American University campuses in Nigeria.
- 34) Atlantic Intercontinental University, Okija, Anambra State
- 35) Open International University, Akure

- 36) Middle Belt University (North Central University), Otukpo
- 37) Leadway University, Ughelli, Delta State
- 38) Metro University, Dutse/Bwari, Abuja
- 39) Southend University, Ngwuro Egeru (Afam) Ndoki, Rivers State
- 40) Olympic University, Nsukka, Enugu State
- 41) Federal College of Complementary and Alternative Medicine, Abuja.
- 42) Temple University, Abuja
- 43) Irish University Business School London, operating anywhere in Nigeria.
- 44) National University of Technology, Lafia, Nasarawa State.
- 45) University of Accountancy and Management Studies, Mowe, Lagos - Ibadan Expressway and its Annex at 41, Ikorodu Road, Lagos.
- 46) University of Education, Winneba Ghana, operating anywhere in Nigeria.
- 47) Cape Coast University, Ghana, operating anywhere in Nigeria.
- 48) African University Cooperative Development (AUCD), Cotonou, Benin Republic, operating anywhere in Nigeria.
- 49) Pacific Western University, Denver, Colorado, Owerri Study Centre.
- 50) Evangel University of America & Chudick Management Academic, Lagos
- 51) Enugu State University of Science and Technology (Gboko Campus)
- 52) Career Light Resources Centre, Jos
- 53) University of West Africa, Kwali-Abuja, FCT
- 54) Coastal University, Iba-Oku, Akwa-Ibom State
- 55) Kaduna Business School, Kaduna
- 56) Royal University of Theology, Minna, Niger State
- 57) West African Union University, in Collaboration with International Professional College of Administration, Science and Technology Nigeria, operating anywhere in Nigeria.
- 58) Gospel Missionary Foundation (GMF), Theological University. 165 Iselo road, Cele bus stop, Egbe-Ikotun, Lagos.

In addition to the closure, the following Degree Mills are currently undergoing further investigations and/or ongoing court actions. The purpose of these actions is to prosecute the proprietors and recover illegal fees and charges on subscribers.

- 1) National University of Nigeria, Keffi, Nasarawa State
- 2) North Central University, Otukpo, Benue State
- 3) Christ Alive Christian Seminary and University, Enugu
- 4) Richmond Open University, Arochukwu, Abia State.
- 5) West Coast University, Umuahia.
- 6) Saint Clements University, Iyin Ekiti, Ekiti State
- 7) Volta University College, Aba, Abia State.
- 8) Illegal Satellite Campuses of Ambrose Alli University.
- 9) L.I.F.E Leadership University, Benin City, Edo State.

For the avoidance of doubt, anybody who patronises or obtains any certificate from any of these illegal institutions does so at his or her own risk. Certificates obtained from these sources will not be recognised for the purposes of NYSC, employment, and further studies.

The relevant Law enforcement agencies have also been informed for their further necessary action.

** This list of illegal institutions is not exhaustive.*

Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, mni, MFR, FNAL
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This Week's Birthdays



NAME			DATE OF BIRTH
FUNMILAYO	OLUSHOLA	KOLADE	4 FEBRUARY
MUHAMMED	RAIYANU	GARBA	4 FEBRUARY
IBRAHIM	DANTSOHO	ABDULLAHI	4 FEBRUARY
GRACE	ULOEGO	OFEOSHI	6 FEBRUARY
NAZIF	JAMILU	SULEIMAN	6 FEBRUARY
AUWALU		UMAR	6 FEBRUARY
CHINYERE	NGOZI	OFFOR	7 FEBRUARY
RANDY	SHAMAKI	ADAMU	9 FEBRUARY

Wishing You Many happy returns! Best Wishes for the week.



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