Mallam Yusuf Ali (SAN) has been conferred with an Honorary Doctorate Degree at the Convocation Ceremony of Al-Hikmah University, Ilorin held on Saturday, 20th September 2014. He was considered worthy for the award along with another recipient, Rt. Hon. (Hadjia) Monsurat Jumoke Sunmonu, the Speaker, Oyo State House of Assembly.

It should be recalled that Mallam Yusuf Ali has carved a niche for him as a public spirited individual and great philanthropists who has invested substantially in the education sector through benefactions, bequests and endowments. In 2012, Mallam Yusuf Ali had donated an 80-bed Hostel to the Ifetedo Campus of Osun State University.

In his acceptance speech delivered on behalf of his fellow recipient, Mallam Yusuf Ali (SAN) expressed debt of gratitude to the Proprietor and founder of this citadel of learning, Al-Hikmah University, Alhaji Chief (Dr.) Abdulraheem Oladimeji (The Jagunmolu of Igbomina Land and Arogundade of Lagos) and through him, the Pro-Chancellor and Chairman of Council, Alhaji Ibrahim Comassie (former Inspector-General of Police), the Council, Senate, the Vice-Chancellor, Management Staff and all the stakeholders that make up Al-Hikmah University for considering us worthy of this honour.

At the Conferment Ceremony, Mallam Yusuf Ali, SAN also urges stakeholders of Nigeria’s education sector to embrace sustainable academic calendar in public owned universities.

Today, the distinguishing factor between our public universities and other universities all over the world is the stability of academic calendar. Whereas, stability of academic calendar is assured in other universities all over the world, that is not the situation with our public-owned tertiary institutions, except the University of Ilorin, where there has been a consistent stability of academic calendar since 2011. The instability in the academic calendar of our public tertiary institutions, has so much eroded the credibility of certificates from these institutions, to the shame of all of us. I therefore, call on all stakeholders in our educational sector, especially the Federal and State governments that have tertiary institutions and the various academic and non-academic unions in the institutions to please, in the interest of our nation and our children, find a common ground in order to ensure that we institute a stable, progressive and workable academic calendar in our tertiary institutions. It
A chapter was closed in the Insurance industry, with the death of Executive Vice Chairman/CEO of Industrial and General Insurance (IGI) Company, Mr. Remi Olowude. Olowude, who founded IGI, is believed to have died of prostate cancer. The late Olowude was born on April 26, 1951.

A terse sms by a spokesman of the IGI, Mr Steve Ilo, said: “All I can confirm to you at the moment is that Our Executive Vice Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Mr Remi Olowude, has passed on. Further details will be contained in the statement to be issued shortly by the family and the management of the IGI group, which he founded. Many thanks for your condolences.”

Oluwude had a very rich inter-disciplinary background. He studied Economics at the University of Lagos (1970-73) and the University of Santa Clara, California, United States (1976). He was awaiting his PhD, having completed the coursework from the University of Santa Clara before his death.

He was an Associate of the Chartered Insurance Institute of London.

We, at the UNN Desk, congratulate Mallam Yusuf Olaolu Ali (SAN) on this well-merited honorary doctorate degree.

An International investor in several companies around Africa, the late Olowude was Chairman of National Insurance Corporation Limited, a publiclyquoted company in Uganda. He was a Director and co-Chairman on the Board of SONARWA Holdings, which owns life, and general insurance companies in Rwanda.

He deployed his international business expertise, professionalism and vision to building a conglomerate with interests in various business sectors spanning financial services, telecommunications, oil and gas, mortgage banking and aviation.

The late Olowude held the national honour of Officer of the Order of the Niger (OON) of the Federal Republic of Nigeria. He was Chairman of the Nigerian Insurers Association, an umbrella body for all insurance companies in Nigeria.

The late Oluwude, who hailed from Ejigbo in Osun State, was described by the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Adekunle Bashiru Okesina. Olowude was appointed as a member of the 2nd Governing Council of Osun State University on August 31, 2012 while the Council was inaugurated on November 27, 2012. Olowude was billed to represent the interest of Osun West Senatorial District on the Council but ill health prevented him from attending any of the Council meetings till his death.

The Executive Secretary of Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund), Prof. Suleiman Bogoro, has given assurance that TETFund is fully committed to the delivery of high quality and forward looking interventions for the educational development of the country.

Prof. Bogoro stated this during a capacity-building workshop for Laboratory Technologists in tertiary institutions held at the University of Ilorin, with the theme, “Enhancing the Capacity and Productivity of Technician/Technologists”.

The Executive Secretary, who was represented by Mr. Oniyangi Abdulmumin, called on stakeholders in the education sector to continue their collaboration with the Fund with a view to ensuring the development of the required high quality manpower to drive the
The Executive Secretary, National Universities Commission (NUC), Professor Julius A. Okojie, OON, has commended the Proprietor and Management of Al-Hikmah University, Ilorin, for strictly adhering to the Commission’s guidelines. The Executive Secretary, who was represented by NUC Visiting Professor Muhammad H. Muhammed, made the commendation during the 4th Convocation of the Al-Hikmah University, in Ilorin, on Saturday, 20 September, 2014.

The NUC Scribe said that the Proprietor of Al-Hikmah University deserved the commendation of the Commission for the good working relationship existing between the NUC and the University Management, noting that Al-Hikmah University was one of the few private universities in the country that adhere strictly to the rules and regulations of the Commission.

The Executive Secretary congratulated the University for obtaining the Commission’s approval to run a Law Programme after it had met all the requirements. He called on the University Management to take staff development seriously, adding that the University must ensure the quality of its staff in terms quantity, quality and mix. Professor Okojie shared with the gathering the tremendous improvements recorded in the Nigeria University System (NUS) over the years, particularly, the establishment of the Nigeria Research and Education Network (NREN), which was recently commissioned by the President, Dr. Goodluck Ebele Jonathan, GCfR. He added that 27 Federal Universities that have been connected to the Network currently enjoyed uninterrupted broadband connectivity, and that President Jonathan had graciously directed the Federal Ministry of Education to expand the NREN to cover all public universities in the country. Professor Okojie said that the Federal Government had approved the construction of

The TETFund boss explained that the workshop was organised to create an avenue for interaction between the management of the Fund and Laboratory Technologists of the benefiting institutions, adding that ₦15.3 billion was given to the National Board for Technical Education (NBTE) to procure equipment for all technical institutions in 2011.

He said, “Some of these equipment have never been installed, some others are underlisted or are not being properly maintained by the respective benefiting institutions due to the lack of training of Laboratory Technologists. This makes it imperative for the Fund to design adequate strategies to ensure that the equipment procured are fully utilised and are properly maintained”.

The Executive Secretary said that the workshop was organised to, among others, increase the efficiency of technicians; address problems encountered with installation and maintenance of the equipment procured and make sure that equipment procured through TETFund interventions are fully utilised. Other objectives of the programme, according to him, are: to ensure proper maintenance of such equipment; and to bring Technologists up to date on modern technology.

“It is important to note that TETFund is greatly interested in ensuring the transformation of the education sector in Nigeria, in line with the transformation agenda of Mr. President, Dr. Goodluck Ebele Jonathan”, Prof. Bogoro submitted.
entrepreneurship centers in all the Federal Universities, and that the NUC also, had developed the Benchmark Minimum Academic Standards (BMAS) for Entrepreneurship Studies in a bid to ensure that university graduates imbibed the culture of entrepreneurship. The Executive Secretary also informed the gathering of the Presidential Special Scholarship for Innovation and Development (PRESSID) being coordinated by the NUC. He stated that the PRESSID was established to create a critical mass of professionals, who would serve as catalyst of change and agents of scientific and technological advancement, as well as sustainable economic development of the country, adding that the scheme, which was in its third year, had sponsored outstanding Nigerian graduates to postgraduate studies in the top 25 universities of the world. The NUC Scribe expressed gratitude to the Federal Government and the university-based unions for the relative peace in the NUS, saying that the NUC was working on the process of re-negotiating the 2009 FGN/Unions Agreements. He congratulated the graduands, their parents and the honorary degree awardees while expressing the hope that they would remain good ambassadors of the Al-Hikmah University.

In his speech, the Chancellor of the University, Alhaji Sayyu Dantata, represented by Mallam Musa Musa, assured the University community that its Governing Council and Management would continue to ensure that the Institution contributed immensely to the growth and development of the nation in order to sustain the vision of the University’s founding fathers. The Pro-Chancellor and Chairman of Council, Alhaji Ibrahim Coomassie, in his address, stated that the University had ensured its best in academic delivery, saying that the Institution had adhered strictly to the approved Academic Brief by the NUC. He gave the assurance that the University would uphold and not compromise on its pledge to deliver the best to the students in terms of academic and moral excellence, adding that they would preserve the ideals of the University in line with global best practices.

In his remarks, the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Sulyaman Abdulkareem, observed that the University, in the past twelve months, had increased its academic programmes, expanded its physical infrastructure, increased its welfare package for staff and students and improved its international status. The Convocation witnessed the award of degrees to 659 deserving students, out of which 16 received First Class Honours, 175 Second Class Upper, 287 Second Class Lower and 169 Third Class. 12 graduands received Pass degree

**IBB VARSITY APPOINTS DVCS, SIX PROFS AND READERS**

The Governing Council of Ibrahim Badamasi Babangida (IBB) University Lapai, Niger State has approved the appointment of Professor Samuel Kolo Tswanya as the deputy vice chancellor (DVC) academics. The Council also renewed the appointment of the school registrar, Mallam Samaila Muhammad, the bursar, Mallam Muhammad Dalhatu Suleyman and librarian, Alhaji Mohammed Bashir Suleman for another four years.

The Vice Chancellor of the university, Professor Ibrahim Adamu Kolo, who announced this after the 27th Regular Meeting of the Council on Tuesday, disclosed that six Senior Lecturers of the university
The Vice Chancellor of the University of Nigeria Nsukka (UNN), Prof Benjamin Chukwuma Ozumba, has called for collaborative efforts of stakeholders to enable the institution realize the dreams of her founding fathers.

He stated that though the institution has in the last 54 years contributed in the development of the country through research, development as well as producing some best brains, it must do more to ensure that certain challenges confronting the country were overcome.

Presenting his first Founders Day celebration address in Enugu yesterday, Ozumba, who was recently appointed the 14th Vice Chancellor of the school, said that staff and student welfare, environment and campus aesthetics, academic leadership and research, academic discipline and ethics remained his priority.

“My agenda is to provide the university of Nigeria the leadership needed to become an academic giant and pace-setter in the quality of its successful research, the level of its innovative teaching and the robustness of its community service among universities in the developing countries”, he said.

He stated that the Founder’s Day celebration was to call to mind the dreams of the founders of the university, stressing that it would offer his administration the opportunity to review the progress so far made and areas of improvement.

Ozumba, said his administration was abreast with challenges facing the university and has constituted a committee to address them. He said that the committee tagged ‘welfare committee’ would tackle grievances that had affected the process of development of the institution. He announced at the briefing that water had been...
Shells Restoration of Enugu Campus

The Enugu campus of the institution more than 15 years after it was disrupted.

On student’s welfare, he promised the provision of better wifi services to enable them access to internet, provision of laptops at subsidized rate as well as work with the Students Union Government (SUG) to achieve set goals.

SHELL NIGERIA’S UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM 2014 IS OUT, CHECK DETAILS

The Shell Petroleum Development Company of Nigeria Limited (Operator of the NNPC/SHELL /TEPN/AGIP Joint Venture) Scholarship Scheme offers first year students in all Nigerian universities the opportunity to study with an annual grant from the SPDC JV for the full duration of their course. The programme aims to promote academic excellence and improve the skills of young Nigerian, #CampusPortalNG reports.

Requirements/Eligibility:

The merit-based scholarship is in two categories – the National Merit Award (NM) and the Areas of Operation Merit Award, East or West (OE or OW).

1. National Merit Award (NM) Open to all Nigerians.

2. Areas of Operation Merit Award, East (OE) For Nigerians who are indigenes of SPDC’s operational area in Abia, Akwa Ibom, Imo, Rivers and Bayelsa states (excluding indigenes of Ekeremor and Sagbama local government areas). Areas of Operation Merit Award, West (OW) For Nigerians who are indigenes of SPDC’s operational area in Bayelsa (i.e. of Ekeremor and Sagbama local government areas) and Delta States.

Eligible Applicants must:

i. Be citizens of Nigeria, currently enrolled in an accredited and approved university in Nigeria.

ii. Have gained admission during the 2013/2014 academic session, and pursuing a first degree programme.

iii. Have a minimum of seven credits, including Mathematics and English, in their O/Levels.

iv. Be enrolled full-time, in a university in Nigeria at the undergraduate level with a minimum grade point average of 3.5 at the time of application (attach transcripts or official records).

How To Apply

All applicants should have their personal valid email account (for consistent communication). Candidates who meet the above entry qualifications should apply online, at www.scholastica.ng/schemes/spdc to provide the required personal and educational details, and load scanned copies of the following:

- A recent passport-sized photograph of the applicant (i.e. jpeg format, not more than 200kilobytes);
- University or JAMB (UTME or D/E) Admission Letter; Unified Tertiary Matriculation Examinations (UTME) Scores; ‘O’ Level Result(s); and ‘A’ Level /OND /NCE Result(s) as applicable; and Letter of Identification from State (showing Local Government) of Origin.

Scanned copies of letters of identification, (which must be duly stamped and signed) by:

a) The Paramount Ruler of the Community; and
b) The Chairman of the Community Development or Executive Council (CDC or CEC) is also required of applicants for the Operational Area Awards (OE & OW). The letters should be addressed to The Manager, Sustainable Development (UIO/G/NRS), Shell Petroleum Development Company, Port Harcourt.

Each document must not exceed 200KB and the image format must be in JPEG.

Please note that:
a. Shell DOES NOT DEMAND PAYMENT FROM APPLICANTS. The application is entirely FREE of charge.
b. Shell DOES NOT ASSIGN ‘Representatives’/‘Agents’ to assist applicants’ process applications.
c. Applications should be submitted online before Friday 24th October, 2014.
d. Only short listed candidates will be contacted.

COMMONWEALTH SCHOLARSHIPS FOR DEVELOPING COMMONWEALTH COUNTRIES

Deadline: December 3, 2014, Location: UK.
The Commonwealth Scholarships are intended for students from developing Commonwealth countries who wants to pursue Master’s and PhD study in the UK. These scholarships are funded by the UK Department for International Development (DFID).

Host Institutions:
You are requested to apply for a course of study at UK universities with which the CSC has a part funding agreement.

Fields of Study:
All subject areas are eligible, although the CSC’s selection criteria give priority to those applications that demonstrate strong relevance to development.

Each Scholarship provides airfare to and from United Kingdom, tuition and examination fees, personal maintaining allowance, thesis grant (if applicable), initial arrival allowance, among others. Please see the 2015 Commonwealth Scholarship Prospectus for full scholarship benefits.

Eligibility:
To apply for the awards covered in this prospectus, candidates should:

- Be Commonwealth citizens, refugees, or British protected persons
- Be permanently resident in a developing Commonwealth country
- Be available to commence their academic studies in the United Kingdom by the start of the UK academic year in September/October 2015
- Hold, by October 2015, a first degree of upper second class Honours standard (or above); or a second class degree and a relevant postgraduate qualification, which will normally be a Master’s degree.

Application instructions:
The CSC cannot accept any applications direct from candidates for these scholarships. All applications must be made through your nominating agency (or university/university body, if applicable) in your home country. You must check with them in the first instance for specific advice on how to make an application and for their own closing date.
All Commonwealth Scholarship candidates must be nominated by an approved nominating agency/university/university body, and must submit their application form using the Electronic Application System (EAS). Deadline for applications is 3 December 2014.

It is important to read the 2015 Commonwealth Scholarship Prospectus and visit the official website (link found below) to access the EAS system and for detailed information on how to apply for this scholarship.

### ENTRIES FOR 2014 UNESCO-WTA INTERNATIONAL TRAINING WORKSHOP IN DAEJEON, KOREA, 11-13 NOVEMBER, 2014

The National Universities Commission is in receipt of a call notice from the Office of the Nigerian Ambassador and Permanent Delegation to UNESCO, for entries for the 2014 UNESCO-WTA International Training Workshop for Science and Technology Park (STP) Managers in Developing Countries, from 11 to 13 November, 2014 in Daejeon Metropolitan City, Korea.

The annual Workshop aims at upgrading the capacity of STP Managers in developing countries and to exchange knowledge and know-how of developing STPs and innovation clusters. This year’s theme for the Workshop is, “Development of Research Park and Strengthening of University Role. The event will also feature the 2014 Daejeon Global Innovation Forum (Co-organised by UNESCO, WTA, Daejeon City and INNOBIZ Association), the 9th WTA General Assembly and 11th WTA-Daejeon Hi-Tech Fair, with the theme- Regional Strategic Industry as a base for creative Economy.

Interested participants who are professionals in Public Sector activities involving developing and managing STPs, are encouraged to apply for participation in the Workshop. Participants should submit five (5) pages of paper introducing the experiences or plans of developing and managing STPs in their respective regions. The selected best case studies will have the opportunity to be presented at the Country Presentation Session.

Participants should forward their curriculum vitae to the following address: wta.workshop@gmail.com and after evaluation process, they will receive their invitation letters. Also note that the WTA Secretariat will provide 5 nights’ accommodation and local transportation.

For further details on the Workshop, please contact Mr. Yong-Jun In, at wta.workshop@gmail.com and +08242 270 2264

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Access Bank operates on a platform of strong ethics, governance and professionalism.

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3.) Access Bank Assistant Banking Office Programme (Entry-Mid-level)

Application Closing Date- Not Stated.


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The Management and entire Staff of UNIOSUN rejoice with the Staff members whose birthdays fall on the dates noted below. We wish you many happy returns.

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Positive self-discipline puts you in the driver’s seat. When you rehearse the correct moves and internalize them, you will become a high-performance human being. - Denis Waitley

To dream anything that you want to dream, that is the beauty of the human mind. To do anything that you want to do, that is the strength of the human will. To trust yourself, to test you limits, that is the courage to succeed. - Bernard Edmonds

The reason most people never reach their goals is that they don't define them, or ever seriously consider them as believable or achievable. Winners can tell you where they are going, what they plan to do along the way, and who will be sharing the adventure with them. - Denis Waitley

The true road to personal improvement is not miraculous; it is slow and calls for a great deal of perseverance, but it is indeed possible to progress along this road, and your effort will be amply repaid. - David Fischman

Fortunate is the person who has developed the self-control to steer a straight course towards his objective in life, without being swayed from his purpose by either commendation or condemnation. - Napoleon Hill