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## NIGERIA COMPUTER SOCIETY (NCS) INTRODUCES NATIONWIDE TECH KIDS DEVELOPMENT (TKD) PROGRAMME

**D**uring e-Voice monthly interaction with the President, Prof. A. S. Sodiya, mentioned that NCS has introduced Tech Kids Development Programme. He stressed further that Education and Manpower Committee is tiding up the proposal for effective implementation across all States In Nigeria. An extract of the proposal is presented as follows.

In today's world, the development, use and adoption of technology all over the world continue to be unprecedented. This is because more individuals and organisations continue to rely on technology for their day-to-day operations. There is no gainsaying that technology now allows us to live more comfortably and work more efficiently.

Coding or computer programming is the act of using artificial languages to instruct a computer to perform functions and many countries have realised the importance of teaching this skill to kids and young students all over the world. In some developed countries, coding (or Computer Programming) was introduced to kids from age 5. This is usually done to leapfrog nation's technological development. Coding helps to develop problem solving skills such as perseverance, trial and error and understanding of cause and effect, analytical thinking and reasoning skills, as well as math and language skills. It also challenges children to think creatively and to pursue innovative ideas and solutions.

It is hard to imagine a life without software usage today. A comprehension of software engineering is becoming progressively necessary in this day and age. Our national competence depends on our capacity to educate our kids (boys and girls) in this vital field. Coding is the new literacy. To flourish in tomorrow's society, youngsters must figure out how to design, develop and communicate with digital technologies.

Nigeria Computer Society (NCS), the umbrella body of all IT practitioners and interest groups in Nigeria, is committed to IT education of the kids and children. Consequently, NCS has now decided to embark on nation-wide coding and robotics training for kids and children.

### Goal of this initiative

To make Nigeria the number one software and robotics development country in the world by the year 2030.

### Conclusion

Despite the fact that Nigeria has made appreciable progress in IT, the current ranking of Nigeria is still not encouraging. One of the focus areas of NCS is to be the vanguard of IT education in Nigeria. This is the first nationwide initiative on the development of Tech kid. The detailed guidelines will soon be sent to Chapters after ratification by NEC.



**Prof. Adesina Simon SODIYA**  
National President, Nigeria Computer Society

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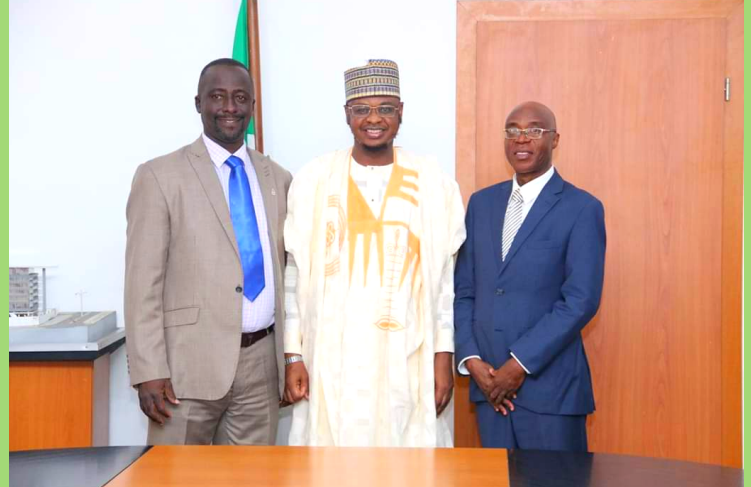
# NCS, CPN CALL ON PANTAMI

The Federal Ministry of Communications played host to executives of the Nigeria Computer Society (NCS) and the Computer Professional Registration Council of Nigeria (CPN). President of the Computer Professionals Registration Council of Nigeria (CPN) Professor Charles Uwadia in his address while congratulating the minister on his appointment, reaffirmed the relationship between the Minister and the professional bodies, pledged the continued support of the associations and the entire IT Sector and encouraged him to continue the outstanding progress he has established as his hallmark in the industry and in the country as a whole.

Also speaking at the meeting, the Director General NITDA Mr Kashifu Inuwa Abdullahi noted that the ICT sector is the most fortunate in the country to have Dr Pantami at the helm of affairs. He praised the minister for the unprecedented growth in the IT industry putting it on a competitive pedestal with the oil and gas industry. Responding to the delegation at the Ministry's headquarters in Abuja, the honourable minister of communications Dr Isa Ali Ibrahim Pantami, while expressing appreciation for the solidarity and support he has continued to enjoy from both professional bodies and individuals in the sector called on greater collaborations among industry players.

"The current contribution of ICT to the GDP which stands at 13.86 is a result of the collaborative efforts of every stakeholder. As I have always said, no one can do it alone the responsibility is a collective one. Because of the convergence of ICTs today, we must bridge the digital divide even faster. My aim is to see that all parastatals of the sector become independent while maintaining a seamless synergy.

Dr Pantami disclosed that all Agencies under his ministry will undergo a monthly assessment to be better equipped for the quarterly presidential assessment. He disclosed that the staggering number of unregistered sim cards currently pegged at a little over nine million was unacceptable and directed the Nigeria Communications Commission (NCC) to block all numbers which fall under this category until proper registration is effected by the users.



L-R: Prof A.S Sodiya FNCS (National President, Nigeria Computer Society), Dr. Isa Ali Ibrahim Pantami FNCS (Minister for Communication), Prof. C.O Uwadia FNCS (National President, Computer Professionals of Nigeria (CPN))

## NCS, CPN PAY COURTESY VISIT TO NITDA



L-R: Prof A.S Sodiya FNCS (National President, Nigeria Computer Society), Mr Inuwa Abdullahi (DG, NITDA), Prof. C.O Uwadia FNCS (National President, Computer Professionals of Nigeria (CPN))

The Meeting commenced at about 3.17pm at the conference hall of the Agency, NITDA headquarters Abuja. After the chant of the first stanza of the national anthem, introduction of the CPN/NCS team followed by that of their host.

The President, Nigeria Computer Society, NCS Prof. Adesina Simon Sodiya in his goodwill message, said that the reason behind the courtesy visit was to congratulate the newly appointed DG who is a core IT professional, an appointment which again demonstrates square peg in square hole, and to assure the Director General of full support of the IT professionals towards his leadership tenure. He commends his contributions which have brought swift growth and advancement of IT sector in the country. "We appreciate the efforts of NITDA towards the growth of IT professional bodies with the zeal to make the country attain its pace in the world. Professor

Sodiya informed DG of the coming event which is NITMA, requested him to mark his calendar as the event would not start without his presence and finally thanked NITDA for the wide range of support NCS has enjoyed from them NITDA and promised to call again when the need arises.

The Chairman in Council of Computer Professionals (registration council of Nigeria (CPN) Prof. Charles Uwadia in his address reechoed that the visit was not to present a wish list but to felicitate with the DG over his appointment, he acknowledged that the job is a big one given the humongous achievements of his predecessor however expressed optimism that the DG would achieve even more than his predecessor. Professor Uwadia pointed out that, "our interest is to elevate the Information and Communication Technology (ICT) sector and that of the professional bodies in the country" adding that, "We need the support of Government bodies

## ...NCS, CPN Pay Courtesy Visit to NITDA

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in our activities to help us achieve our mandate which is channeled towards the advancement of the country".

Also speaking at the event were the directors of the agency; Dr. Vincent Olatunji, Director e-Govt appreciates the both bodies for the visit stating that support from core professionals is very welcomed. He said strategic partnership amongst professionals will surely bring success not only to NITDA but the IT sector at large. Dr. Agu Collins Agu advocated for collaboration especially in the area of research development.

The Director General/CEO of NITDA, Kashifu Inuwa Abdullahi, CCIE, responding, thanked NCS/CPN for the visit, expressed appreciation on the efforts of the professional bodies stating that, whatever you do at the Council, you are doing it to help NITDA achieve its mandate and also the growth of the country at large. The DG emphasized the seven focal points of NITDA namely; Capacity building, Local Content Development and Promotion, Digital Job Creation, Government Digital Service Promotion, Cyber Security, IT Regulation and IT Clearance to aid achieve on the broad mandate of the Agency. He however stated that three are paramount and commands immediate attention of the agency; Local Content development, IT Clearance and E- governance. He also expressed willingness to work with all IT stakeholders, in his words, "we welcome ideas from professional bodies and the Agency's doors are always open for collaborations that will lead the country to a greater height". DG concluded by promising to continue supporting NCS, he said may be by 2020 they will see how they can help for the building project but must check how the first support was used.

Dr. Abdullahi Gambo, delivered a vote of thanks after which the Provost College of Fellows Prof. Adenike Osofisan was invited to present a souvenir to the Director General on behalf of the council. And there was group photographs taken to round off the visit. Below are some of the delegates in attendance of the meeting:

### NCS/CPN

1. PROF. ADESINA SIMON SODIYA- PRESIDENT NCS
2. DR. MUHAMMAD SIRAJU ALIYU- DEPUTY PRESIDENT NCS
3. PROF. CHARLES UWADIA- PRESIDENT/CHAIRMAN CPN COUNCIL
4. MR. KOLE JAGUN- VICE PRESIDENT, CHAIRMAN CPN COUNCIL
5. PROF. OSOFISAN ADENIKE- PROVOST COLLEGE OF FELLOWS
6. MR. ALLWELL ACHUMBA- REGISTRAR CPN
7. MR. IYIOLA AYOOLA- EXECUTIVE SECRETARY NCS
8. MR. OLUSEGUN SUNDAY ALABI- CHAPTER CHAIRMAN
9. MR. AYODEJI AYODELE REX- CHAIRMAN, CONFERENCES COMMITTEE
10. MR. RUFUS OSOBA
11. MS. RUKAYAT ADEYEMI
12. MS. AISHA UMAR NASIDI
13. MR. SONGO SUNDAY
14. MR. SADIQ LAWAL

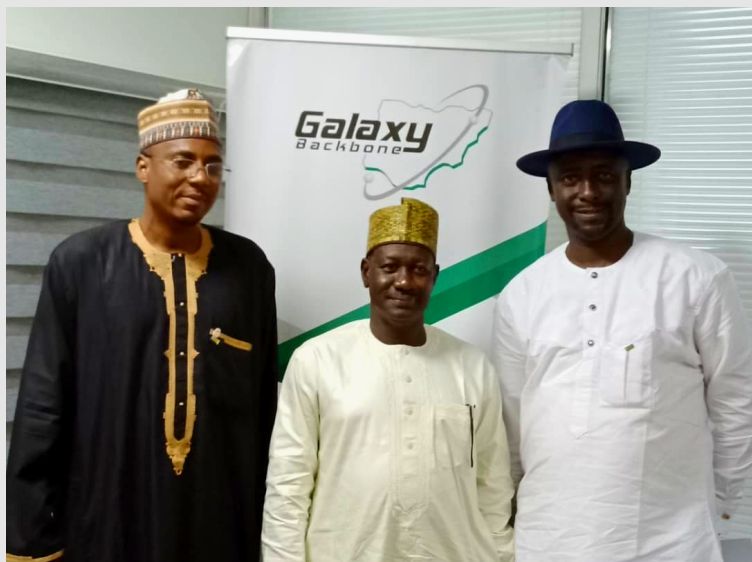
### NITDA:

15. KASHIFU INUWA ABDULLAHI- DG, NITDA
16. DR. VINCENT OLATUNJI- DIRECTOR, E-GOVERNMENT
17. DR. AGU COLLINS AGU- DIRECTOR, CPS
18. DR. ABDULLAHI GAMBO- DIRECTOR, ITIS
19. MR. CHRISTOPHER OKEKE, DIRECTOR, ZONAL OFFICES
20. HEAD, LEGAL & BOARD MATTERS
21. DD. HUMAN RESOURCE/ ADMINISTRATION
22. KEN ABONTA, DG OFFICE

## PICTURES FROM THE VISIT



## NCS COURTESY VISIT MADE TO THE MD/CEO GALAXY BACKBONE AT THE CORPORATE HEADQUARTERS, WUSE II, ABUJA LED BY PROF. ADESINA SODIYA



L-R: Dr Muhammed Aliyu Sirajo (Deputy President, Nigeria Computer Society), Mr Yusuf Kazaure (MD/CEO Galaxy Backbone), Prof A.S Sodiya FNCS (National President, Nigeria Computer Society)



A cross section of delegate in attendance at the NCS Courtesy visit to Galaxy Backbone



Mr Yusuf Kazaure  
MD/CEO Galaxy Backbone

The discussion for the visit started about 5.23pm with a brief introduction of the host office and the guests after which NCS president, professor Adesina Simon Sodiya presented an address.

Professor Sodiya in his address thanked the MD for granting them audience even when they had delayed beyond schedule. He stated that the purpose for the visit was not to present any wish list but one to introduce the new executive of NCS to the MD who is also a fellow of the society, to keep him abreast of the activities of the society, to thank Galaxy backbone for the supports in the past, to renew the already existing cordial and mutual beneficial relationship with Galaxy backbone, and to express their solidarity and support to the MD. He extended an invitation to the Managing Director for the forthcoming National Information Technology Merit Award, NITMA. An event he said would not start if the MD fails not come.

Responding, the MD appreciated the new president for finding him worthy of a visit, congratulated him on his victory in Gombe where he, the MD was unavoidably absent. Speaking further, the MD urged NCS to continue the good works of advocacy putting forward their opinions to the government to influence the decision of the policy makers but in non-combative ways. He stressed that the Information technology drives all sectors of government, be it sports, health, agriculture, aviation etc. and that has put a big challenge before government to upgrade their processes so as to meet up with the technological demands of the present society. He stated that galaxy backbone is in the forefront of the whole challenge to ensure that government is digitally ready for the generation. MD pledged their unfailing support to NCS despite their shallow pocket, he requested that anytime there is an event, Galaxy should be invited and they would not hesitate to render their assistance no matter how small. He expressed his happiness having NCS coming mostly from Academia as professionalism and skills start from the school. On a lighter note, requested to get his governor host the next NCS conference in Jigawa State. He explained why their service tariff was high when asked by the Chairman Abuja chapter, Mr. Segun Alabi, but however, said the tariff is now reduced and competitive with the rest networks. And that they are open for negotiation with any office that comes to them stressing the quality of their network. MD maintained that moving GBB, NITDA, NIGCOMSAT etc., to ministry of science & Technology would have been a backward step and so commended NCS for the sharp response to the issue which yielded a positive result. The response came when the Executive secretary NCS Mr Iyiola Ayoola, asked for his opinion about the issue. The deputy President NCS, Dr. Muhammad Sirajo Aliyu delivered a vote of thanks and there was a group photograph.

### IN ATTENDANCE:

1. PROFESSOR ADESINA SIMON SODIYA, FNCS- PRESIDENT NCS
2. DR. MUHAMMED SIRAJO ALIYU- DEPUTY PRESIDENT NCS
3. MR. IYIOLA AYoola- EXECUTIVE SECRETARY, NCS
4. MR. AYODEJI REX ABITOGUN- CHAIRMAN, CONFERENCES COMMITTEE
5. MR. OLUSEGUN SUNDAY ALABI- ABUJA CHAPTER CHAIRMAN
6. MR. SONGO SUNDAY- NCS ABUJA LIAISON OFFICER

### GALAXY BACKBONE:

7. MR. YUSUF KAZAURE- MD/CEO GBB
8. MR. GOKE AGBAKOSI
9. MR. FRANK B.
10. MR. KOLA MOSHOOD
11. MR. MAX K.

**INAUGURATION OF THE 2019-2021 COUNCIL OF COMPUTER PROFESSIONALS (REGISTRATION COUNCIL OF NIGERIA) CPN HELD ON TUESDAY 10TH SEPTEMBER, 2019 AT THE FEDERAL MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, FEDERAL SECRETARIAT, SHEHU SHAGARI WAY, ABUJA BY THE HONORABLE MINISTER OF EDUCATION, MALLAM ADAMU ADAMU**

The Inauguration of the 2019-2021 Council was held on Tuesday 10th September, 2019 at the Federal Ministry of Education, Shehu Shagari

Way, Abuja. The Inauguration Ceremony commenced with a recitation of the second stanza of the National Anthem as the opening prayer.

In his Address at the formal Inauguration ceremony, the President/Chairman-in-Council, Prof Charles Uwadia posited that it was common knowledge that Council of **Computer Professionals (Registration Council of Nigeria)** is the engine room where necessary policies and directives that are geared towards the development of the Information Technology education and practice in Nigeria are made. He said the phenomenal progress and due recognition accorded Information Technology (IT) in the country today could be attributed to the hardwork and commitment of the elders of the profession. He appreciated the elders for their commitment and selfless service to the cause of Information Technology practice in Nigeria.

Prof Uwadia said the new Council was conscious of the heavy responsibilities on its shoulders even as it was aware of the efforts of the **Federal Government of Nigeria** at deepening Information Technology in Nigeria due to the realization that Information Technology is a tool for empowerment of Nigerians and eradicating poverty. He promised that the 2019-2021 Council will rise up to the occasion.

Thereafter, the President of **the Nigeria Computer Society (NCS)** Prof Adesina Sodiya, in his Goodwill Message appreciated the Federal Government for the due recognition given to Information Technology (IT) practice in Nigeria. He promised the Minister that NCS, the umbrella body for the practice of IT in Nigeria will always support the Federal Government in its growth agenda and initiatives, especially as it concerns IT practice. He promised that under his leadership, the NCS members on the 2019-2021 Council will live up to their billings for the growth of the IT profession in Nigeria.

In his Address to the 2019-2021 Council, the Honorable Minister of State for Education, **Mr. Emeka Nwajiuba** who stood in for the Honorable Minister of Education said that, as the Agency of Government established to control and regulate the practice of Information Technology profession in Nigeria, the role of CPN in the scheme of developmental goals of government cannot be over-emphasized. He said that Information Technology is a critical sector and the flagship of other professions which explains why in government circles, it is a profession which we all take seriously in the course of our drive for sustainable developments. Mr. Nwajiuba said that the establishment of CPN is Government's way of demonstrating its commitment to the development and deployment of Information Technology in Nigeria. Today, the conduct of government business has become knowledge-intensive on account of the need for the deployment and application of ICT know-how towards our socio-economic growth and development.

Mr. Nwajiuba said that the **Federal Ministry of Education** was conscious of Council's efforts at enforcing its Act that established by making it mandatory for all individuals and corporate organizations that are practicing Information Technology in Nigeria to register with **CPN**. He therefore called on all Individuals and Corporate organizations that are into Information Technology practice should register with **Computer Professionals (Registration Council of Nigeria)**. He assured Council of the support of the Ministry and of government in its fight against quacks, impostors and all irregularities in the IT industry. He thereafter inaugurated the 2019-2021 Council. The Inauguration ceremony was brought to an end by presentation of gifts to the Honorable Minister and his Directors. Prof (Mrs.) Adenike Osofisan said the closing prayers. The formal Inauguration of the 2019-2021 Council ended with a group photograph of Council Members with the Honorable Minister of State, Education.



# NIGERIA COMPUTER SOCIETY PAYS COURTESY VISIT TO POWERSOFT TECH.



The President of the Nigeria Computer Society, Prof. Adeshina Sodiya led a delegation of NCS, to a courtesy visit to Powersoft Tech., The Courtesy Visit is in line with his major mandate of collaboration through partnership with NCS members, to deepen Corporate relationship, and IT penetration in the industry, through collaborations with Major stakeholders in the IT Sector, Industry, and Sub-sector. The president informed the management of Powersoft that the visit was more than a courtesy call. He commended Power soft for partnering with NCS, and promised them that the re-Branded NCS will ensure the promotion of NCS corporate members, their products, and to pay necessary attention to their needs within regulatory framework. He acknowledges the contribution of Power soft to the financial sector, and the Nigeria Business Community, through their Accounting software.



The MD of Power Soft suggested real automation of NCS Library, on completion of the NCS permanent Building. He believed that such project will provide IT ecosystem, for the young ones to learn Coding, Code, and get Code Samples; where IT Research and development will thrive He promised to partner with NCS in the up-coming NITMA 2019. He urged NCS to ensure visibility of their activities to encourage wider participation by Stakeholders, and wider interest groups.



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**CHAPTERS' CORNER****BATURE FOR KATSINA STATE CHAPTER**

The Katsina State Chapter of the Nigeria Computer Society, on the 21st of Sept, 2019 elected new executive to lead the state affairs, for a tenure-term, of Two years. The election which was conducted under the electoral Committee Chairman Dr. Abubakar Aminu saw the emergence of Mr. Bature Salisu, who is a senior lecture, at the Yusuf Bala Usman College of Legal and General Studies, in Katsina state, as the Chairman of the State Chapter, also produced, Mrs. Aminatu Maikudi, of the Federal College of Education, Katsina, and Mr. Hadi Manam Masari, of the ICT Directorate of, Umaru Musa Yar'Adua University, Katsina, as Vice president and Executive Secretary of the Chapter, respectively. The election which was held at the Sanusi Lamido ICT Center, at the Al-qalam University, in Katsian State; witnessed huge turnout of NCS members in the State

The Current executive members of the State are:

1. Mr. Bature Salisu (Chairman)
2. Aminatu Maikudi (Vice Chairman)
3. Mr. Hadi Maman Masari (Executive Secretary)
4. Tukur Danjuma BK. (Assistant Secretary)
5. Sani Zaharaddeen (Financial Secretary)
6. Zainab Lawal Sani (Treasurer)
7. Yusuf Salisu Funtua (Publicity Secretary)
8. Ibrahim Sani Iliya (Special Duties)
9. Muhammad Muntsir Yakubu (Special Duties)
10. Shamsu Shehu (Assistant Publicity Secretary)
11. Dr. Muhammad Siraj Aliyu (Immediate Past Chairman)

**NCS KOGI STATE CHAPTER DECIDES 2019**

The Electoral committee set up by the Kogi state Chapters executives led by the outgoing chairman, in the person Mr. Joshua Agbogun, conducted a fair and free election to the admiration of the state Chapters stakeholders.

The election ushers in a new hope and expectations for the State chapter and NCS, by Dr. Oluwakemi Ayodele Sade, and other new executive who had earlier assured them of their willingness to take the state activities to the next frontier. The tenure of the outgoing chairman was heralded as a big success with traceable records; of his contributions in the area of capacity building through Kogi State chapter activities, in form of workshop, Conferences, etc. It was during his tenure that that Kogi State Chapter's representatives to the prestigious, Nigeria Computer Societies annual WHIZ kid competition came at the top, in positions, in 2015, and 2019, respectively.

The election brought in new executives that will chair the state for the present tenure. With the elections of Dr. Oluwakemi Ayodele, as the State Chairman' that was unopposed candidate; other elected members of the state chapter and their positions are:

1. Dr. Oluwakemi Ayodele Sade (State Chairman)
2. Mr. Thomas Osuma (Vice Chairman)
3. Mr. Ada Wiliams (Chairman conference and event)
4. Mr. Samuel Sunday Eneji (Chairman Audit Committee)
5. Dr. Ayogu Ignatius (Chairman Ethics and Privilege)
6. Engr. Wahab A. Yusuf (Kogi Central Zonal Coordinator)
7. Mr. Godwin Sani (Chairman, Education and Manpower Committee)
8. Mr. Abiodun Ilugbusi (Chairman Public Relations and Strategies)
9. Dr. Yemi Peters (Chairman, Innovation, Research/Publication and Development Committee)

The outgoing electoral committee Chairman announces elected candidates, to handle the state chapters, and dissolved electoral committee.

The immediate past Kogi State Chairman, Mr. Joshua Agbogun, solicited for the support of all, to move the chapter forward.

## **NCS SOKOTO CHAPTER GETS NEW BRAND EXECUTIVES**

The Nigeria Computer Society, Sokoto Chapter was called to the pool on the 28th Sept, 2019. To elect a new State Excos for the next tenure spanning two years, to oversee the affairs of the state chapter.

The election which held at the Sokoto State Chapter secretariat, started with the accreditation of voters, who conducted themselves in the most peaceful manners. The contestants were screened based on the position CONTESTED FOR.

Seven positions were contested for; the position of the Vice Chairman was stepped down due to political reasons.

The newly elected Sokoto State Chapters Executives are as follows:

1. Bello Muhammad Aliyu - (Chairman)
2. ----- (Vice Chairman )
3. Dr. Muhammad Aminu Bui -(Secretary General )
4. Sunday Kissinger - (Assistant Secretary General )
5. Malami Maniru Umar -( Financial Secretary)
6. Ibrahim Abubakar -( Treasurer)
7. Hussaini Ibrahim Mukhtar - Publicity Secretary

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# NCS PRESIDENT COMMISSIONS ROBOTIC CENTER IN PEN RESOURCE ACADEMY, GOMBE

The Nigeria Computer Society President, Prof. Adeshina Sodiya was in Gombe State, Nigeria, on the 30th of September, 2019 to commission the 500-Capacity Pen Resource-ICT Robotic Facility. The Center which was built to serve as an ICT Technology Hub of its kind, where Students will acquire the necessary ICT/IT technology driving skills will also provide student with needed space, and equipment, to design humanoid Robots, Flight Drone, and other ICT backed, innovative Technology product; research and development.

Briefing the guest on the occasion, Prof. Sodiya Adeshina described the center as the First of its kind, not only in the Northeast Nigeria but in the Nation at large; while also emphasizing that more is needed to be done. Prof. Ahmahed Muntaz Sohaq from the Federal University, Kebbi State, mentioned that America world Power status was achieved because of her huge investment in technology. He called on government at all tiers in Nigeria to emulate and Support the Pen Resource Robotic Center, to address innovative Technology deficit, confronting the Nation.

The director of the Center, Dr. Sani Jauro Expressed optimism; on the success story that will soon be recorded on the center, he informed E-voice that the center will be opened, for other target audience in due time. Highlights of the event which featured award presentation to the outstanding student of the Center, also included the exhibition of robotic project by the students, to the admiration of NCS president, and other, guest present; including Parents, government officials, and school staff.



# HERO OF THE MOMENT

## FEMI WILLIAMS BOWS DOWN AS GMD CHAMS PLC

The President, Professor Simon Adesina Sodiya, the National Executive Council and the entire members of Nigeria Computer Society celebrates with Mr. Femi Williams on his retirement as Group Managing Director of Chams PLC after a successful tenure and leadership of the group for four years.

It is also worthy of note that Mr. Femi Williams succeeded a very senior member and father of our profession Sir. Demola Aladekomo who was also a former President of the society.

Popularly regarded as GMD by some close associates in the society, Mr. Femi Williams was diligent and loyal all through his 30years in Chams. His delightful journey with Chams started as a Youth Corper in 1989 and continued until he rose to become Group Managing Director.

Notably, Mr. Femi led the implementation of the first successful National ID Card implementation in 1999. He also headed the formation of Valucard (now UPSL) which was the first e-payment scheme in Nigeria. He was also part of the team that delivered the first biometric INEC electoral database that produced a record 53.4million voters cards in less than 90days. This outstanding leader and IT forerunner also co-led the Chams team that delivered the Bank Verification Number (BVN) project for the Central Bank of Nigeria and the Nigerian banking system.

Mr. Femi has also been a very active member of the society for many years. He has served in different capacities and He is currently the Chairman, Publicity, Events and Trades Services Committee of the society.

His retirement has attracted prayers, accolades and goodwill messages from every corner particularly in the society this includes his predecessor Sir. Demola Aladekomo describing Mr. Femi Williams as "a good and great man".

As part of his handover activities; Mr. Femi had the honour and privilege to introduce his successor Mr. Gavin G Young (GGY) who joined the company ten years ago as the new Group Managing Director of Chams Plc to the Nigerian Stock Exchange on the 19th of September, 2019. The company has stated that Mr. Femi remains a Non-Executive Director in some Chams subsidiaries.



**MR FEMI WILLIAMS**  
*General Managing Director*  
*Chams Plc*  
**2015 - 2019**

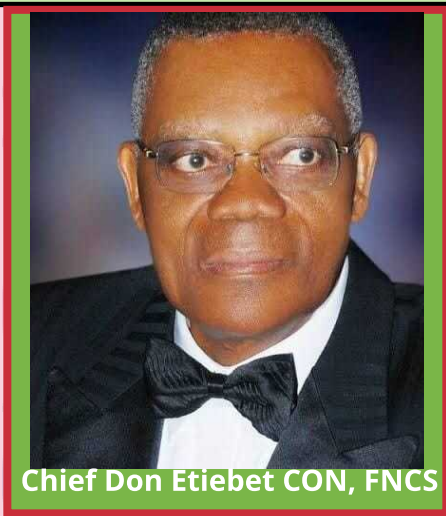


L-R: Mr Femi Williams FNCS (Outgoing GMD Chams Plc), Mr Gavin Young (Incoming GMD Chams Plc), Mr Oscar Onyema (CEO, The Nigerian Stock Exchange)



a celebration  
OF SERVICE

## CELEBRATING THE DON



**Chief Don Etiebet CON, FNCS**

**C**hief Don Obot Etiebet, CON, FNCS, FNMGS, Academician, Businessman and Politician, holds many important Chieftaincy titles in Nigeria, some of which are: Atu-Ekong Annang, Uko-Ke Ekong, Obong Unwana Akwa Ibom, Shettima Fune, etc all depicting the leadership and developmental roles he plays in his profession and for the emancipation of his people in particular and his Country in general.

Chief Etiebet was born on 15th September, 1944 in Ikot Ekpuk, Oruk Anam Local Government Area, Akwa Ibom State. He attended Government School, Ikot Ibritam, where he obtained the First School Leaving Certificate in 1957. Thereafter, he attended Holy Family College, Abak (1958 -1962), where he obtained the West African School Certificate (WASC), College of Immaculate Conception, Enugu (1963 - 1964), for Higher School Certificate (HSC), Imperial College of Science & Technology, University of London, England (1966 - 1969), where he obtained the B.Sc. (Special Honours) Degree in Petroleum Technology, and the University of Western Ontario, Canada (1969 - 1971), where he obtained the M.Sc. Degree in Applied Geophysics.

He returned to Nigeria in September, 1971. He has been a Science Teacher, Petrophysicist, Petroleum Engineer, a University Lecturer at one time or the other, in overseas and in Nigeria including Universities of Western Ontario, Canada and Ibadan, Nigeria.

In 1972, he started a company called Earth Sciences Limited, a Resource Engineering and Geophysical Exploration Company that applies computer techniques for mineral exploration. That

was the first ever indigenous Nigerian computer services company. Earth Sciences Limited gave birth to Data Sciences Nigeria Limited (DSNL), in 1979. DSNL today is the foremost Information Communications Technology (ICT) company in Nigeria.

A hardworking and very successful businessman, Chief Don Obot Etiebet is also the Chairman and Director of many companies both in Nigeria and abroad which provide conducive environments for individual career developments, self actualization and opportunity for enterprises development in information technology, construction, power engineering, finance, Oil and Gas.

In the late eighties, one of his Companies, OBODEX Nigeria Limited, launched the first ever Nigerian brand name in Personal Computers THE OBODEX PC, assembled in Nigeria and which was also selling in Europe. His landmark office complex building - ETIEBETS PLACE in Ikeja, was completed in 1992 and it is one of the best finished office buildings in Lagos.

**His pioneering effort in the computer field has made his company the mother-of-all indigenous ICT companies in Nigeria and in the industry, so much so that he is regarded by all in the industry as the "grandfather of IT" in Nigeria. He, together with two (2) University Professors started computer awareness and literacy programs in the country in 1977, through the initiation and founding of the Computer Association of Nigeria (COAN) which was inaugurated in May, 1978 and now known as the Nigeria Computer Society (NCS). This is the only professional computer body providing an umbrella for the practice of the profession in all its ramifications in Nigeria today and encompassing all other computer professional and trade organizations. It is backed by a law setting up the Computer Professional Registration Council of Nigeria (CPN). Chief Don Obot Etiebet is a life Fellow of the two computer bodies, Nigerian Computer Society (NCS) and The Computer Professionals Registration Council of Nigeria (CPN).**

Chief Don Obot Etiebet, besides his strings of business successes, is an achiever who believes in results. He has been silently involved in policy formulation and implementation in Nigeria, since the seventies, including being:

Member of National Sciences Research Council Of Nigeria 1974-1977, Member of Governing Council, College of Technology, Calabar, Cross River State, 1976 - 1979, Chairman of the Management Board of Inter-governmental Bureau of Informatics (IBI), Regional Training Centre for English Speaking African States (A UNESCO Agency for training of Government Personnel in Computer and Informatics) 1980 - 1983, Member G-15 Economic Co-operative Council, 1990, Member of the Board

of Trustees of the National Science and Technology Fund, 1991 - 1993, Member of the Board of Nigeria Communications Commission (NCC) 1993, Member of Nigerian Economic Summit till date, Pro-chancellor and Chairman - Governing Council, UNIVERSITY OF JOS.

It is therefore no surprise that at the most trying period of the nation, he was invited to serve our country in 1993, first as Secretary of Petroleum and Mineral Resources in the Interim National Government (ING) and then Minister of Petroleum & Mineral Resources till February, 1995. He brought his spirit of honesty, dedication, transparency, accountability, enterprise and excellence to bear in Government during the period he served. He handled the series of crisis that engulfed the Petroleum Industry during this period with tact and tenacity and initiated some bold decisions which hitherto has been regarded as impossible and politically suicidal, to position the industry to contribute optimally to the economic development of the country.

Some of his achievements during his tenure as Minister of Petroleum, include the re-launching and actualization of the 29 year old abandoned LNG project, and other gas utilization and conversion projects, which today have become the economic pillars of the Country other than crude oil. As a Minister, he served his Country sincerely, honestly and without blemish. Under his tenure, the working conditions of NNPC and DPR staff were greatly improved and enhanced in order to face the challenges of the oil industry squarely and enthusiastically. During his tenure as Minister of Petroleum Resources, he plugged the loopholes of waste and abuses which had plagued the industry by stopping product's diversion, completing the pipeline systems and designing new products delivery systems to cause petrol to flow at the pumps instead of from jerry cans. No wonder that in a letter of appreciation to the Atu-Ekong, after the dissolution of that cabinet, the Head of State wrote "I write to express my profound appreciation to you for the support which you gave to this administration during your tenure of office as Minister in the Federal Public Service and commend you for your contribution, sense of commitment and spirit of nationalism".

Above all Nigeria Computer Society will use this medium to say HAPPY BIRTHDAY on his 75th Birthday.

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# WHATSAPP HACKING

**Meaning:** Whatsapp hacking generally refers to unauthorized intrusion to control or gain access over the operation of WhatsApp application for some illicit purpose. Once your WhatsApp chat app is hacked, the hacker can keep a close watch on when you are online, communication and much more.

**Motives:** The motives of WhatsApp hacking may not be different from the primary motivation of hacking. Hackers are motivated to hack WhatsApp messages due

to its popularity and user's wealth of private messages on the chat app. Therefore, WhatsApp hacking can be for financial gain i.e. the theft of account information of a user in private chat messages, identity theft, revenge, espionage (i.e. either domestic espionage meaning family members spying on each other or corporate espionage meaning one company seeking to steal market information from other) or ego.

**Penetration Strategies:** Today, the phrase "hacking WhatsApp messages" is among the most searched on the Google engine. This is an indication of how serious the information on WhatsApp conversations can be. Whatsapp hacking can be penetrated by a number of strategies. One method is that the hacker can scan your Whatsapp QR code if you left your phone unattended to. With this, the hacker can access your WhatsApp conversation from anywhere in the world. Another method is for the hacker to register your number on another device. This will allow the hacker to easily get hold of all your communication on the app. In addition, there is third-party attack software (e.g. MxSpy) that can be used to sniff in your WhatsApp conversations.

To know if your WhatsApp communication has been hacked by unknown device, the user can navigate to the three dots at the top right corner of WhatsApp interface and access the WhatsApp web to see the list of all the open sessions. If this session is more than one, then such account has been hacked by the other open sessions. This can be emphasized further with **"This phone could not be verified"** message from WhatsApp chat app.

**Mitigation Techniques:** Since your WhatsApp hacking can cause you a lot from identity theft to serious financial damages, it is important that individuals should be aware of some basic mitigation techniques. First, do not leave your phone unattended to so as to prevent WhatsApp QR code scanning by hackers without your knowledge. Second,



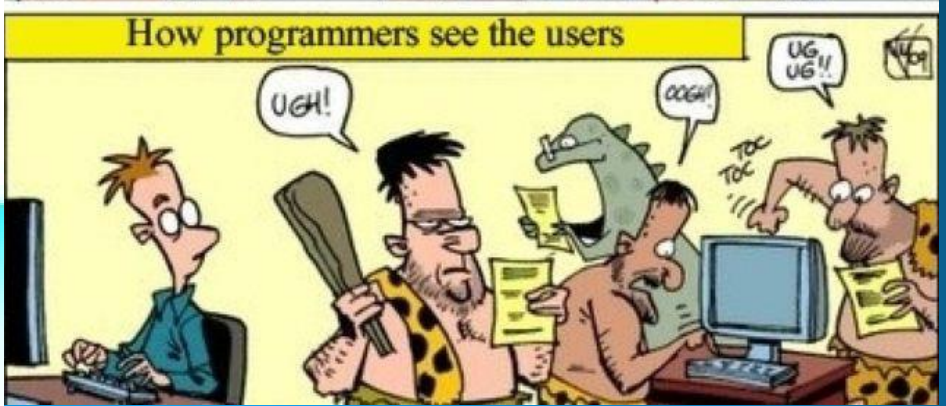
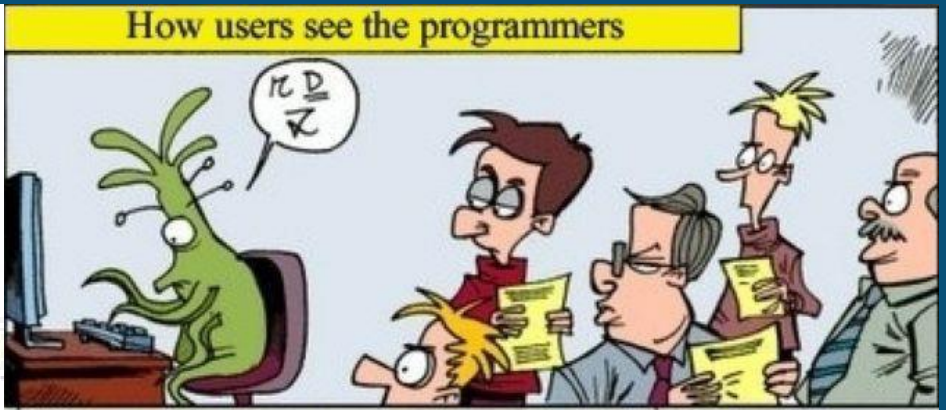
always lock your app to prevent unauthorized users from accessing your applications. Third, do not connect your phone to unknown or unverified internet connections around you as hackers can use the unique MAC address to access all your Whatsapp chats. Fourth, log out from all computers that you see in the list under WhatsApp web to stop hackers from continuous sniffing of your chat. This should be a usual practice anytime you are using Whatsapp Web. Fifth, enable 2-step verification under WhatsApp account settings to prevent another device from using your number or changing your WhatsApp account settings. Finally, the WhatsApp support centre using [support@whatsapp.com](mailto:support@whatsapp.com) can help you deactivate your account to prevent further havoc from hackers.

**Suggestions and Precautions:** Securing WhatsApp conversations is now as essential as the app itself. Individuals should always make sure that important updates are quickly installed to block the loopholes observed in the earlier versions. In addition, online links bearing the logo of WhatsApp should not be clicked to navigate for information. Moreover, be careful about the apps that you download and always check the app ratings before downloading them. Ensure that you use different passwords for every app or service.

**Conclusion:** Anytime you notice some strange things with your WhatsApp chat engine, there is a possibility that another malicious user may have hacked your conversation. If you suspect this especially where your device cannot be verified message is displayed, it is better to act quickly through expert advice or consult a reliable online diagnostic centre or email WhatsApp support centre.

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