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NCS CONFERS PROFESSIONAL FELLOWSHIPS ON 41 MEMBERS, OTHERS AT NITMA 2022

The Nigeria Computer Soci ety (NCS), has conferred professional fellowship awards on forty-one (41) of its outstanding members, including other categories of awards to deserving Nigerians, at the 2022 National Information Technology Merit Awards (NITMA), which held in Lagos at the weekend.

NCS is the umbrella body of all Information Technology (IT) professionals in Nigeria.

In his opening address, Prof. Adesina Simon Sodiya, the President of NCS, said: "NCS, through NITMA event, recognises and celebrates excellence and commitment in Information technology (IT) profession.

"The advocacy efforts of NCS, which is geared towards achieving sustainable development in Nigeria, will not be complete without recognising excellence and exceptional professionals who have

made significant impact in the industry. Those conferred with different categories of awards, have been carefully selected and unanimously voted for because they deserve it."

Mr. Muhammad Nami, the Executive Chairman, Federal Inland Revenue Service (FIRS), and Chairman, Joint Tax Board (JTB), who was represented by a principal officer of FIRS, said: "The profession of the future is Information Technology, and FIRS has leveraged technology to generate over N7.5 trillion for government in the last few years."

He encouraged other government agencies to make better use of the opportunities that technology offers.

Kashifu Inuwa Abdullahi, the Director General, National Information Technology Development Agency (NITDA), who spoke through video conferencing, said Information Technology has contributed immensely to the development of Nigeria as a nation,

through various government policy implementations.

He said Nigeria could achieve economy prosperity and become a developed nation, if the country can use technology to develop its

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citizens.

He assured NCS of NITDA's collaboration to further enhance economic growth and job creation for Nigerians.

Other categories of awards that were conferred on Nigerians, who have developed the technology space, include the Digital Governor of the Year award that was keenly contested by four nominees: Governor Ifeanyi Ugwuanyi of Enugu State, Governor Babajide Sanwo-Olu of Lagos State, Governor Nasir El Rufai of Kaduna State and Governor Nyesom Wike of Rivers State. The Lagos State Governor, Babajide Sanwo-Olu, won the governor's award.

The IT Personality of the Year Award that was also keenly contested by the CEO of MainOne, Ms. Funke Opeke; the Managing Director of Comercio Cloud Computing, Mrs. Aderonke Adeyegbe and the Chief Technology Officer at First Bank, Mr. Adewale Salami, was won by Funke Opeke of MainOne.

Sodiya, who also announced the beneficiaries of the 2022 NCS-Jim Ovia Scholarship Awards, said 35 students had been selected for this year's award.

"The Chairman of Zenith Bank, Jim Ovia, has been funding NCS scholarship programme since 2015. The scholarship recipients have been promised of automatic employment in any of Jim Ovia's organisations, provided such beneficiaries graduate with a minimum of second-class upper division in their courses of study," Sodiya said.

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BRITISH COMPUTER SOCIETY TO STRENGTHEN TIES WITH NCS

The British Computer Society (BCS) has advanced plans to collaborate with the Nigeria Computer Society (NCS) to improve the quality of membership of both organisations.

Mr. Stephen Tweed, the International Director, BCS Learning and Development Limited, said the core of the collaboration would be in the area of skill advancement and quality certification. Nigeria, he said, is a priority country for BCS, stressing that if any entity want to grow in Africa, "you have to be in Nigeria and or start from Nigeria."

According to him, people must have fundamental skill to belong to BCS hence they need to be aware of such and aspire to become members to enhance their professional net worth.

This, Tweed said, is what he looks forward to members of NCS to leverage on, in the near future as the collaboration advances.

As said by him, BCS and NCS leaderships have been putting heads together to fine-tune the understanding to ensure its mutually beneficial to both societies and their membership.

Tweed further disclosed that Nigerians with BCS international membership is thousands as he expressed confidence that with plan to cement the relationship with NCS will equally boost the member.

Earlier, NCS President, Prof. Adesina Sodiya, who is also a member of BCS, welcomed Mr. Tweed who was accompanied by the Head, IT Resources at Access Bank, Mr. Richard Amafonye and doubled as a member of BCS.

Sodiya expressed optimism in the anticipated collaboration with BCS as it will pave way for more broad relationship with United Kingdom-based organisation. Once every aspect of the deal is concluded, NCS membership will be better for it as they are the underlining factor for the collaboration.

Some NCS Executives at the meeting included the chairman, Research and Innovation Development, Dr. Olusoji Okunoye and Dr. Doyin Talabi as well as the Executive Secretary of NCS, Mr. Adesegun Adekunle.

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NIGERIA COMPUTER SOCIETY PAYS COURTESY VISIT TO XPRESS PAYMENT SOLUTIONS

The Nigeria Computer Society (NCS) team, led by the President Prof. Adesina Simon Sodiya, paid courtesy visit to Xpress Payment Solutions Ltd. in Lagos yesterday 2nd November, 2022. The MD/ CEO of Xpress Payments, Dr. (Mrs) Markie Idowu gladly welcomed NCS team and expressed her willingness to join NCS family. She also promised to partner with NCS on our various activities.

Fortunately, the MD is a first class graduate of Computer Science from Uniben. Dr. Markie Idowu has been practising for over 30 years but not our member.

Other members of the NCS team are Dr. Charles Onyeukwu FNCS, Chairman, Ethics , Mr. Segun Adekunle , Executive Secretary, Mrs Ijeoma Nwanaju, Head Corporate Affairs Department and Mrs. Atinuke Shodipo , Corporate Affairs Officer.

Other staff of Xpress payment solutions in attendance are Mr. Adedoyin Adepoju, Chief Information Officer (CIO); Mr. Moshood Aliyu, Chief Technical Officer (CTO); and Mr Deji Okunowo, Head, Human Capital Management (HCM).

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NITMA QUEEN 2022

This year NITMA Witnessed the unveiling of NITMA queen by the President Prof. A.S Sodiya in the person of **Engr. HAUWA YAHAYA ABUBAKAR FNCS**
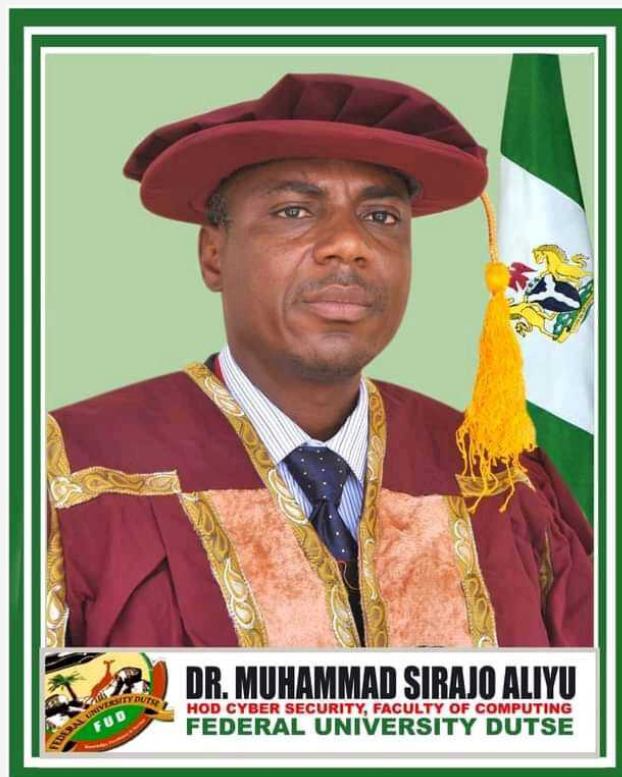
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VC APPOINTS DR. SIRAJO DIRECTOR OF ICT

The Vice-Chancellor of Federal University Dutse, Prof. Abdulkarim Sabo Muhammed has appointed Dr.Muhammad Sirajo Alîyu as the new Director of ICT of the university.

In the appointment letter signed by the University Registrar, Alhaji Abubakar Mijinyawa, the VC congratulated the new Director of ICT and wish him well in his new assignment.

Dr. Sirajo is a Fellow of Nigeria Computer Society (NCS), a Member of Computer Professionals Registration Council of Nigeria (CPN), a Member of Academia in Information Technology (AITP).

The new ICT Director who doubled as the HOD CyberSecurity, is a specialist in Computer Networks and Communications, Network Security, Artificial Intelligence and computational Intelligence.

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DEPUTY PRESIDENT ATTENDS AITP CONFERENCE

NCS AT TEDX TALK SHOW

The Deputy President, Nigeria Computer Society Dr. Muhammad Sirajo Aliyu FNCS takes notes at the workshop organised by the Academia in Information TechnologyProfessionals (AITP) to mark the beginning of this year's conference and annual General meeting. The conference holds at the multipurpose hall of Nile University Abuja. Dr. Sirajo was there to also represent the president of the Nigeria Computer Society, Prof. Adesina Simon Sodiya, FNCS

NCS participated in the year 2022 TEDx talk show organised by Nile University of Nigeria. TEDx talkshow is a yearly event organised by the Nile University for their graduating students designed to prepare them to be job ready and employable. This year's talkshow titled "Impact" held at the multipurpose hall of the University in Abuja and featured amongst others young entrepreneurs who have inspiring ideas and stories to share; Dare Odumade, Rukaiya El-Rufai, Dare Alade, Tunde Onakoya, Thomas Isibor and many others. In the picture was Hajia Hauwa Abubakar Yahaya, mncs who represented the President as special guest of honour.

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NCS VISIT TO RACK CENTRE

NCS AT AFRICA TECH ALLIANCE FORUM

The President of NCS,Prof. A. S. Sodiya FNCS on the 9th of Nov, 2022 led a team on a courtesy call to Rack Centre. During the visit, they discussed areas of collaboration for the advancement of Information Technology in Nigeria. From left; Dr Olusoji Okunoye FNCS (Chairman, Research and Innovation Development), Mrs Shulamite Ilebiyi FNCS (Chairman, Audit Committee), Prof. A. S. Sodiya FNCS (President, NCS), Mrs Lilian Nkammuo (Techonology officer), Mr Ezekiel Egboye (Chief Operating Officer, Rack Centre), Mr Adesegun Adekunle (Executive Secretary, NCS), Mrs Ijeoma Nwanaju (Senior manager, Corporate affairs).

Nigeria ComputerSociety (NCS) Team led by the Smart President, Prof. Adesina Sodiya FNCS, attended the AFRICA TECH ALLIANCE FORUM powered by TechCastle Foundation in conjuction with TechEconomy.ng held at Oriental Hotel Lekki Lagos. With the NCS President are; Dr. Olusoji Okunoye (Chairman, Research & Innovation Development Committee), Mrs. Shulammite Ilebiyi (Chairman, Audit Committee), Mr. Peter Oluka of TechEconomy.ng, Mrs. Atinuke Shodipo, Mrs. Lilian Nkammuo, Mr. Adekunle Adesegun (Executive Secretary, NCS), Mrs Ijeoma Nwanaju

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NCS PRESIDENT VISITS NATIONAL INSURANCE COMMISSION

President A.S. Sodiya FNCS and his Deputy President, Dr. M.S. Aliyu FNCS earlier today inspected some of the technology innovations in use at the National Insurance Commission headquarters Abuja during a courtesy visit on the commissioner for insurance, Mr. Thomas 'Dare Sunday. The president commended the already existing partnership between the NCS and the commission and called for more partnership and collaborations beginning from the forthcoming National Information Technology Merit Award holding in Lagos on November 24, 2022. The deputy commissioner, finance and administration, Mr. Oba Olufemi who represented the commissioner welcomed and thanked the president for finding them worthy of a visit.

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NCS PRESIDENT COURTESY VISIT TO TETFUND HEADQUARTERS ABUJA

The President of Nigeria Computer Society, Prof. Adesina Simon Sodiya, FNCS lauds the level of Technology Deployment and Compliance at Tertiary Education Trust Fund. The president made this known to the executive secretary, Arch. Sonny Ochono and his management team today during a courtesy visit at the Tetfund headquarters Abuja. While expressing the NCS readiness to partner Tetfund in the area of Research and Development, he also extended to the Executive Secretary the decision of the National Executive Council to award such commitment during the forthcoming National Information Technology Merit Award slated for November 24 at Muson Center, Lagos. In the company of the president was his deputy president, Dr. Muhammad Sirajo Aliyu, FNCS, Hajia Hajara Idris and Mr Sunday SONGO.

The President, Prof. Adesina Simon Sodiya, FNCS in a picture with Mr. Kolawole Emmanuel Okunola, FNCS. The president in his usual manner stopped over at Mr Okunola's office in Abuja to appreciate him for all that he is doing at the Federal Inland Revenue Service for the country at large and Nigeria Computer Society in particular.

KADUNA STATE VICE CHAIRPERSON APPOINTED HOD

The leadership of the Kaduna Chapter has the singular honor and privilege to announce to Professional Colleagues that Dr. Rabbi Mustapha (The Vice Chairperson of the Chapter) has been appointed as the HOD Computer Science Department, KASU.

Dr. Rabi Mustapha
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THE COVID-19: WE WANT YOU TO STAY ALIVE

Dear professional colleagues, Nigeria Computer Society (NCS) as a Professional body in Nigeria are not oblivious of the pandemic ravaging the world called 'COVID – 19.

We care for our members. Therefore, we wish to inform our precious and distinguished members of the need to pay utter attention to basic preventive measures against COVID-19.

Stay aware of the latest information on the COVID-19 outbreak, available on the WHO website and through your national and local public health authority. Most people who become infected experience mild illness and recover, but it can be more severe for others.

Take care of your health and protect others by:

a.   Constantly getting basic preventive measures and current updates from WHO (https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/advice-for-public). Kindly always follow the guidelines as outlined

b.   Paying attention to national and international information on COVID-19

c.   Being an health ambassador by helping to sensitise the public on preventive measures against the virus

d.   Ensuring you always take advice from healthcare professionals

e.   Taking general measures to improve your health conditions

Nigeria Computer Society (NCS) wants our members to always be strong and healthy. Together we shall continue to build strong and virile IT Profession.

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