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KADPOLY WINS GOLD MEDAL AT 3RD NATIONAL EDUCATION INNOVATIONS EXHIBITION

Kaduna Polytechnic has won the gold medal (Polytechnics category) at the third National Education Innovations Exhibition held at the Old Parade Ground Abuja.

The Exhibition was organised by the Federal Ministry of Education in collaboration with the Federal Ministries of Communication Technology, Health, Science & Technology and Industries, Trade & Investment.

Kaduna Polytechnic team was at the event with catalogues of innovations such as tomatoes processing plant, acha and rice de-stoning machine, motor control panel, solar tracker, textiles materials, sugar cane juice extracting machine, ENACTUS project evergreen, briquette machines etc. The sugar cane extracting Machine won the trophy for the Institution.

The Rector, Kaduna Polytechnic, Dr. Mohammed Bello Ibrahim who led the Institution team to the occasion, commended the organisers for the event. He said the leadership position of Kaduna Polytechnic in the comity of Polytechnics in Nigeria is no longer in doubt.

He assured that the Polytechnic will continue to train students to be job creators and not job - seekers.

ATTITUDINAL CHANGE IS KEY TO NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

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The Rector, Dr. Mohammed Bello Ibrahim has identified attitudinal change as the necessary ingredient for national development. He stated this in a paper he presented titled ‘Attitudinal Change as a Requisite Tool for Good Governance and National Development’ during the 2014 Nigerian Institute of Management (NIM), Kaduna State Branch’s Week and Award night held at the Hamdala Hotel, Kaduna,

He faulted the endless expectations of many Nigerians on what to gain from the country instead of what they will contribute stressing that, the onus is on all and
sundry to make sacrifice and give whatever is possible in evolving a country of our dream.

Dr. Ibrahim therefore charged everyone to reflect on one’s lifestyle and ideology in order to contribute positively towards economic prosperity and general national development.

**KADPOLY BAGS NIM’S 2014 CORPORATE AWARD**

Kaduna Polytechnic has been conferred with Corporate Award for Management Excellence by the Nigerian Institute of Management (Chartered), Kaduna state chapter. The Rector, Dr. M. B. Ibrahim collected the award on-behalf of the Polytechnic during the NIM’s 2014 week at Hamdala Hotel, Kaduna.

The recognition was as a result of Kaduna Polytechnic staff constituting the largest membership of Kaduna Chapter of the Institute, as well as traits of exceptional leadership qualities exhibited by many of them that held various positions in the Institute over the years.
KPT ENACTUS TEAM WINS SAHARA LIGHT-UP COMPETITION

Kaduna Polytechnic ENACTUS team has won the maiden edition of Sahara Light-up Challenge at a keenly competition involving 40 other institutions. The team was given the 1st prize of five hundred thousand naira (N500, 000.00), at the Eko Hotels and Suites, Lagos.

According to the ENACTUS Faculty Advisor, Mr. John N Aliu, the ‘Wind Turbine’ developed by the team under the Renewable Energy Advancement Project (REAP), as an alternative source of power supply, gave the victory. The Sahara challenge was an innovative idea by Sahara groups aimed at improving energy power in Nigeria.

In a related development, the team participated in the ENACTUS 2014 national competition and came second.

Projects presented at the competition were ‘Power in my Palm’, ‘Project Grains’ and ‘Super 4’. Power in my palm’ was developed to address areas of social discrimination, absence of both employment generating activities and enterprise development structure of the people living with HIV, orphans and physically challenged. It is also a platform that empowered these categories of people with different vocational skills and micro businesses.
‘Project Grains’ on the other hand recognized the need to address the poverty challenge through Agriculture while ‘Super 4’ was developed to reduce the incidences of food poisoning and eliminate the unethical use of harmful chemical preservation of grains.

The Governing Council and Management of the Institution held a dinner to celebrate the victory and feat of the ENACTUS team.

NEW ASUP EXCO TAKES OVER

The newly elected executive of the Academic Staff Union (ASUP), Kaduna Polytechnic has taken over the affairs of the Union for the next two years.

The new EXCO has Engr. Musa B. Ibrahim as the Chairman; Engr. Abubakar Abdullahi, Vice Chairman; Mohammed Mohammed, Secretary General; Nasir Ado Yola, Assistant Secretary General; Ahmed Balarabe Sa’ad, Puplicity Secretary; Patricia Sawyer, Treasurer and Kabiru Aminu, Financial Secretary.

Speaking during the handing over ceremony held at Hadi Awal Hall, the Rector, Dr. M. B. Ibrahim extended his hands of fellowship to the new EXCO. He admonished them to put the interest of the Polytechnic first in all their dealings.
Handing over to the new EXCO, the former chairman, Comrade Mustapha Yahaya Bida thanked all the Academic staff and the Management for the support and encouragement his EXCO enjoyed during their time. He pledged to co-operate and assist the new EXCO to succeed.

In his acceptance speech, the new Chairman, Engr. Musa B. Ibrahim promised to work harmoniously with the Management without compromising the interest of his members. He said his EXCO will come out with ideas that will assist in improving the Internally Generated Revenue of the Institution.

47 YESAPVI GRADUATES FROM KADPOLY

A total of 47 beneficiaries of Kaduna Refining and Petro-chemical Company’s Youth Empowerment and Skills Acquisition Programme (YESAPVI) that were trained in Kaduna Polytechnic have graduated.

The Management of the Institution held a mini-graduation ceremony for them at the Dikko Lecture Theatre.

The Rector Dr. M. B. Ibrahim at occasion counseled them to use the knowledge acquired to better their lives and contribute positively to the society. He commended KRPC for giving the Polytechnic opportunity to participate in the Company’s YESAP programme.

The Manager Public Affairs Department, KRPC, Alh. Abdullahi Idris poured encomium on the Institution’s Management for the quality training received by the beneficiaries. He told the graduands to justify the training by establishing their businesses as the Company will send monitoring team to assess their level of compliance with the idea of the programme.

Earlier, the Institution’s Bursar and Chairman of Kaduna Polytechnic YESAP Committee, Alh. Sani Sahabi Bodinga said the training went on successfully. He commended the Rector and Management for their support and co-operation.
ENGR. KEFAS APPOINTED ACTING DEAN, STUDENT AFFAIRS

The Rector has approved the appointment of Engr. Ephraim Kefas as the Acting Dean, Student Affairs following the secondment of the Dean, Dr. Nasirdeen K. Abdullahi to Kaduna State University. Until his appointment, Engr. Kefas was the Deputy Dean.

An Alumni of Kaduna Polytechnic and Chief Instructor in the Department of Chemical Engineering, Engr. Kefas holds Master of Engineering (Chemical Engineering) from Federal University of Technology (FUT), Minna.

He is a Registered Engineer with COREN, Member Nigerian Society of Chemical Engineers and Member Solar Energy Society of Nigeria.

60 STAFF BENEFITS FROM NCC/DBI COLLABORATION WITH KADPOLY

A total of 60 staff of the Institution have benefitted in the on-going collaboration between the Nigerian Communication Commission (NCC) and Kaduna Polytechnic. The training conducted by Digital Bridge Institute (DBI) under the directive of NCC is third in the series.

It may be noted that NCC has been conducting the training only in the universities until the Rector convinced the commission to collaborate with the Institution. In February 2013, NCC gave a node to DBI to organize a computer training program with the Polytechnic’s Interactive Learning Network (ILN) Centre.

During the just concluded training program, the Rector solicits for further intervention on Power Point presentation (PPT) for staff. On this note, DBI has already sent a draft proposal on PPT and Data Analysis to the Institution’s ILN Centre for collaboration.
COLLEGES HOLD ANNUAL CONFERENCES

The Annual National Conferences of the Institution’s Colleges aimed at contributing ideas that will assist in the development of the country have taken place at various the Colleges.

Academicians brainstormed at the College of Administrative Studies and Social Sciences (CASSS) on how ‘Good Governance and Sustainable Development in Nigerian can be achieved.

The lead paper presenter, Professor Ahmed Adam Okene, Dean Postgraduate School, Nigerian Defence Academy, Kaduna. The Scholar said, improvement in education, sustaining the war against corruption, creating virile and functional social mobilization project, enhancing positive citizenship, application of scientific approaches in solving problems and improvement in the intelligence gathering strategy are key tools to good governance and sustainable development.

Prof. Okene then advocated for total social re-orientation and attitudinal change to socio-political and economic imperative that will entrench the philosophy of multiple ethnicity, unity in diversity and productive citizenship that will enable individual material and trade aggregation.

The College of Environmental Studies (CES) centered its conference on the Nigeria’s Transformation Agenda and the Surmountable Challenges in the Built Environment.

Professor Muhammad Magaji Garba from the Department of Building, Faculty of Environmental Design, A. B. U. Zaria, who presented the lead paper, identified population expansion, rapid urbanization, urban poverty and infrastructural deficits as major challenges facing built environment in the country.

Prof. Garba therefore recommended for the provision of adequate fund to finance housing and infrastructural developments in line with international best practices as well as minimize the threat of social problems, insecurity and social inequality through employments generated by massive housing and
infrastructural developments and setting up of indigenous construction materials and indigenous construction firms.

The 16\textsuperscript{th} National Engineering Conference was centered on the Role of Engineers in Capacity Building and Skills Acquisition for Nigerian Content Development.

The Lead paper presenter, Dr. P.C. Okonkwo, Department of Chemical Engineering, A. B. U. Zaria, advised policy makers in Nigeria’s oil and gas industry to establish a strong energy bank that will empower local contractors/investors to increase their level of participation in Nigerian content development, adding that lack of funds was a factor that jeopardizes indigenous oil service companies’ ability to compete effectively with their counterparts from Europe and United States who were well endowed with capital.

College of Business and Management Studies (CBMS) on its part came up with a 14 - point communiqué at the end of the conference on Industrial Harmony and National Development.

The conference participants resolved that no nation can develop in condition of industrial disharmony, therefore, recommended robust channel of communications and constant dialogue between employers and union leaders. It further stressed the need for continuous bargaining, negotiating and implementing reached agreements between government and unions to guarantee industrial harmony which will in turn, bring about national development.

**KADPOLY HOSTS WORKSHOP ON HAND-ON TRAINING ON SCIENCE LABORATORY EQUIPMENT INSTRUMENTATION**

Kaduna Polytechnic hosted a workshop on hand-on training on Science Laboratory Equipment Instrumentation organized by the National Board for Technical Education Centre of Excellence in collaboration with the Nigerian Institute of Science Laboratory Technology (NISLT).
The Director NBTE Centre of Excellence, Dr. Muhammad Sani Abubakar said the train-the-trainer workshop was meant to expose small group of technicians or scientists to high level of training which they will in turn train others.

In a message through Mr. Jackson Osuh, Director Education Training and Inspectorate, the Registrar/Director – General of NILST, Dr. Ighodalo Ijagbone said the workshop was in line with the NILST statutory mandate to ensure that laboratories function effectively and efficiently in the country as well as to provide the professional guidelines and enabling environment for knowledge and skill acquisitions that will drive the system.

NEW DEANS FOR COE

The Academic Staff of the College of Engineering (COE) have elected Engr. Dr. Mohammed Kabir Abdullahi and Engr. Mohammed Ali as Dean, School of Industrial Engineering and Dean, School of Natural Resources Engineering, respectively.

A Chief Lecturer in the Department of Chemical Engineering, Dr. Mohammed Kabir Abdullahi, holds Doctorate Degree (Ph.D) in Chemical Engineering from Imperial College London.

He is currently the JAMB Coordinator for Kaduna Polytechnic, a member of Research Committee, Chairman National Engineering Conference Series and Editor-in-Chief of Journal of Engineering Technology and Industrial Applications. He was one time Head of Department of Chemical Engineering.

Engr. Mohammed Ali, a Principal Lecturer in the Department of Mineral Resources Engineering holds Master of Philosophy in Mineral Engineering from the University of Mines and Technology, Tarkwa, Ghana. He is currently a Council Member and National Treasurer, Nigerian Society of Mining Engineers. He held the office of Head of Department for two consecutive tenures as well as Financial Secretary and Treasurer of Academic Staff Union of Polytechnics, Kaduna Polytechnic Chapter.
CASSS SENDFORTH 11 RETIRED STAFF

The College of Administrative Studies and Social Sciences (CASSS), has sent forth 11 staff of the college that retired from the services of the Institution. The Director, CASSS, Alh. Shehu Usman Adamu along with the entire college community dine and wine with the retirees at a dinner with catalogues of encomium for their valuable contributions to the college and Kaduna Polytechnic. Gifts were also given to the retirees by the college.

The retirees were Amb. Marina J. Mohammed, Mrs. Deborah Zakari, (Social Science Department); Mr. Thomas O. Omoya, Mr. Elisha B. Maidodo, (Public Administration); Ade C. Anjorin (Social Development); John O. Salihu, (Mass Communication); Dr. (Mrs) M. O. Osasona, Ester Emmanuel, Mrs Mabel Olufunke, Mrs R. M. Biala, Abdul R. Hassan, (Languages); Mr. Tony O. Arogbonlo, (Rehabilitation Sciences).

The Rector who was represented by the Deputy, TPL. Mrs Catherine C. Uloko commended the college for organizing the event and challenged other college to emulate CASSS.