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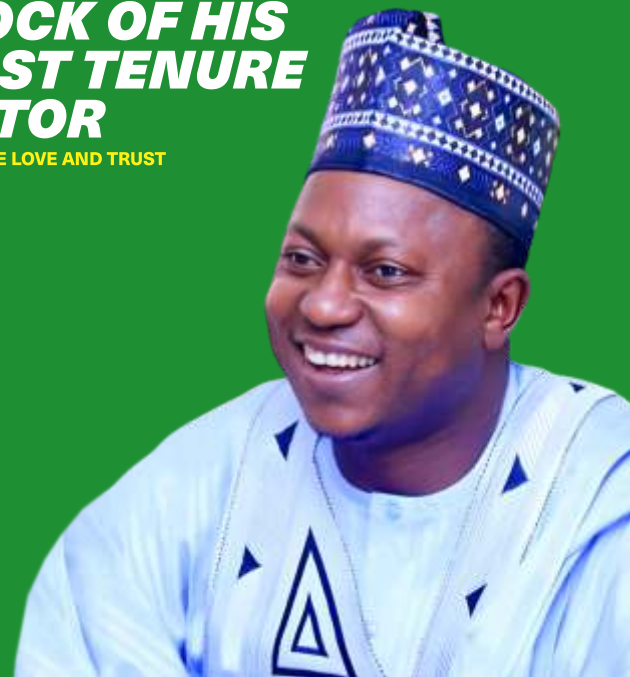


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VISION STATEMENT

"To be the leading Polytechnic that prepares students through hands-on training to be work ready, life ready and world ready."

MISSION STATEMENT

"To provide a World Centre of learning and research in technological and vocational training for sustainable development."

POLYTECHNIC ANTHEM

Kogi State Polytechnic
Ever leading we shall remain
Creative, innovative,
In self-reliance
Kogi State Polytechnic
Ever diligent we shall remain

Raising Global leaders
For a better Nation
Kogi State Polytechnic
Ever leading we shall remain
Ever diligent we shall remain
Ever leading
We shall remain



NATIONAL ANTHEM

Nigeria we hail thee,
Our own dear native land,
Though tribe and tongue may differ,
In brotherhood we stand,
Nigerians all, and proud to serve
Our sovereign Motherland.

Our flag shall be a symbol
That truth and justice reign,
In peace or battle honour'd,
And this we count as gain,
To hand on to our children
A banner without stain.

O God of all creation,
Grant this our one request,
Help us to build a nation
Where no man is oppressed,
And so with peace and plenty
Nigeria may be blessed.

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The late **s**t Kogi State Polytechnic (KSP) Bulletin highlights major achievements and events. The Polytechnic secured full accreditation for 18 programs from the National

Board for Technical Education (NBTE). Rector Professor Salisu Ogbo Usman reflected on his first-term accomplishments and outlined future goals.

The institution honored late former Rector, Professor Matthew Idowu Ajibero, by naming its library after him. Professor Usman was reappointed as Rector by Governor Ahmed Usman Ododo, an

announcement met with widespread celebration. He also received a Distinguished Public Service and Excellence Award and a new chieftaincy title, "Olugbon of Oke-Ibukun Kingdom" amongst others.

To enhance productivity, over 100 staff members received digital skills and cybersecurity training, while 58 students graduated with distinctions. A new leadership team for the Student Union Government (S.U.G) and NAKOSS was inaugurated, emphasizing accountability.

Security efforts intensified, leading to the arrest of suspected cultists and drug peddlers, while management dismissed false security breach rumors. The Polytechnic also mourned the passing of key figures, including its pioneer Governing Council Chairman, Senator Alex Usman Kadiri.

On national issues, the Rector addressed concerns about hunger in Nigeria. The Polytechnic also applauded the state government's implementation of a new minimum wage and health insurance scheme amongst others.

This edition serves as a record of KSP's progress, inviting feedback for continuous improvement.

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KOGI POLY MANAGEMENT NAMES LIBRARY COMPLEX AFTER FORMER RECTOR, LATE PROF AJIBERO

By: Uredo Omale

The management of Kogi State Polytechnic, Lokoja has unveiled and named its library complex after Late Professor Mathew Idowu Ajibero, former Rector of the institution who served meritoriously in the development, progress and stability of the Polytechnic between year 2006-2014.

The unveiling and naming of the library complex was held on Monday 4th November, 2024 at the Main campus of the Polytechnic, Lokoja.

The Rector of Kogi State Polytechnic, Prof. Salisu Ogbo Usman explained that naming the library complex after the former Rector, late Prof. Matthew Idowu Ajibero, was a unanimous decision of the Governing Council of the Polytechnic based on the contributions Prof. Ajibero made to the development, progress, and stability of the institution.

The Rector, recalled how his path first crossed with Prof. Ajibero's at Bayero University, Kano, where Prof. Ajibero was the Head of the Library and Information Science Department. Later, they worked together at the University of Ilorin, where Prof. Ajibero served as Librarian under Vice Chancellor Prof. Shamsudeen Amali. He stated further that Prof. Ajibero gave him a strong recommendation as a referee, facilitating his transfer from University of Ilorin to Kogi State University Anyigba (now Prince Abubakar Audu University) during his tenure as Rector.

Prof. Usman disclosed that late Prof. Matthew Idowu Ajibero, whilst serving as Rector of the institution, established the Department of Library and Information Science in Kogi State Polytechnic and initiated the library complex, amongst other notable infrastructures in Lokoja and Itakpe campuses.

In his words "Prof. Ajibero, though unassuming, was a great man. He was a highly dedicated and committed administrator,"

Prof. Usman announced that the Governing Council at its last meeting has approved plans to name structures after two other former rectors of Kogi State Polytechnic, based on his recommendation.

He noted that the beauty of the ceremony lies in the fact that anyone who visits the library will always remember the lasting legacy of Prof. Ajibero and charged staff

members to continue doing their best towards the development of the institution.

Taking remarks in turn, the Polytechnic Librarian, Mrs. Ozohu Omolola Mohammed Audu and Head, Department of Library and Information Science, Dr Mohammad Bappa Adamu paid tribute to Late Prof. Ajibero, acknowledging his dedication to service and describing him as a father and mentor.

They also commended Prof. Usman, describing him as an achiever whose leadership has brought positive transformation to the institution.

The unveiling ceremony of the Prof. Matthew Idowu Ajibero Library Complex was attended by principal officers of Kogi State Polytechnic, staff and students amongst others.



PROFESSOR MATHEW AJIBERO FAMILY VISITS KOGI POLY, APPRECIATES MANAGEMENT FOR IMMORTALISING LATE ERUDITE SCHOLAR

By: Abdulmalik Abdulkadir



The immediate family of the late former Rector of Kogi State Polytechnic, Lokoja, Professor Matthew Idowu Ajibero, has appreciated the Rector and Management of the institution for naming the Polytechnic Library after the erudite scholar.

The family, led by the wife of the late sage, Mrs. Grace Ajibero, paid a courtesy visit to the institution on Thursday 28th November, 2024, in appreciation of the immortalisation of their patriarch.

Mrs. Ajibero stressed that the recognition was a testament to late Professor Ajibero's tireless dedication and selfless service to the institution, and expressed profound gratitude to the Polytechnic Management for acknowledging his contributions.

She particularly commended the Rector, Professor Salisu Ogbo Usman, for his outstanding achievements and commitment to the Polytechnic and appreciated his efforts in sustaining the meteoric rise of the Institution's image and standard.

She prayed for God's continued guidance

for the leadership of the institution.

The Rector, Professor Usman explained that naming of the Polytechnic's Library after Professor Ajibero was part of the unanimous decision of the Governing Council of the Polytechnic at its 70th Regular meeting held on 4th January, 2024.

He added that other former Rectors who have other structures named after them by Council during the meeting were Dr. Ismaila Isa and Mr. J. Obajimoh.

He stressed that while the Mechatronics building was named after late Dr. Ismaila Isa, the 500 seat capacity lecture theatre was named after Late Mr. J. Obajimoh.

He explained that the immortalisation of the three former Rectors by Council was in recognition of their immense contributions to the growth and development of the institution.

He praised their visionary leadership and commitment to academic excellence, which has had a lasting impact on the Polytechnic.

He particularly made reference to the stewardship of late Professor Ajibero who he said was instrumental to the introduction of the Department of Library and Information Science and the building of the Library Complex.

He also praised him for introduction of Mechatronics Engineering which was inherited and successfully reactivated through the Memorandum of

Understanding (MoU) with the National Space Research and Development Authority (NASRDA), amongst other infrastructures in the Lokoja and Itakpe campuses.

"Prof. Ajibero made immense contributions, and the least we can do to show our appreciation is to honour him by naming the Library Complex after him," he stressed.

Prof. Usman praised Mrs. Grace Ajibero for her unwavering support and dedication, while also reaffirming the Management's commitment to nurturing stronger partnership with the Ajibero family.

In his vote of thanks, the Deputy Rector of the Polytechnic, Dr. Samuel Taiwo Olowo, appreciated Mrs. Grace Ajibero and the family for the visit and their encouragement to the uplift of the institution and reassured them that Management under Professor Usman would continue to appreciate hard work and valuable interventions of those who support advancement of the Polytechnic. Highlight of the visit was the ceremonial exchange of souvenirs between the Rector and Mrs. Grace Ajibero, symbolising the family's continued connection to the Polytechnic.

The Polytechnic Librarian Mrs. Ozohu Omolola Mohammed Audu and Director, Academic Planning, Dr Joel Akowe, also joined the Rector and Deputy Rector to receive the Ajibero family.





KOGI POLY INAUGURATES NEW SUG AND NAKOSS EXECUTIVES

...AS RECTOR CHARGES NEW EXECUTIVES ON TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY

By: Afolabi Mustapha Wale

The Student Union Government (SUG) and National Association of Kogi State Student's (NAKOSS) of Kogi State Polytechnic, Lokoja, for the 2024/2025 academic session has been inaugurated.

Speaking at the inauguration ceremony held for the SUG and the NAKOSS on Monday 4th November, 2024 at the 200 Twin Lecture Theatre of the Polytechnic's main campus, the new executives were implored to sustain the value of their campaigns as true student's unionism that will cater for the yearnings of the students' welfare.

The Rector of Kogi State Polytechnic, Professor Salisu Ogbo Usman who congratulated the new leadership of both the SUG and NAKOSS charged them to lead by example worthy of emulation and to be remembered for good.

He advised the new students' leadership against a divisive approach as good governance has no coloration of religion nor tribe.

Professor Usman who also commended the electoral committee for conducting a free, fair and transparent polls appreciated the candidates who conceded defeat for their spirit of sportsmanship just as he advised the winners to exemplify the attitude of good leaders by carrying them along.

He also warned the newly inaugurated executives of both SUG and NAKOSS against being used by mischief makers.

Professor Usman however, assured the executives that his administration will continue to make the welfare and well-being of students his top priority.

Earlier in his remarks, the Chairman, Electoral Committee Dr Engr. Adamu Mohammed Alaji commended the students for their orderliness and also appreciated the Polytechnic management and members of his committee for their support through the process.

In their separate remarks, the Dean, Students Services, Dr. John Adavuruku Aliyu; Chief Security Officer of the Polytechnic, Mr. Emmanuel Attah Onuh and the Director of Legal Services, Barrister Wiliams Ameh advised the new executives to use their new roles to strengthen peaceful coexistence on the campus, build on the successes of their predecessors and be on the side of the law always as well as be good ambassadors of the institution.

The new President of SUG, Comrade Enimokanyi Oluwadamilola Janet in her acceptance speech appreciated her co-contestants for their spirit of sportsmanship just as she promised to be magnanimous in victory.

She assured the students that the SUG under her watch would raise the bar of students unionism that will cater more for students just as solicited the support of all.

Similarly, the newly inaugurated NAKOSS President, Abubakar Isah Sheriff promised that his reign would ensure that indigenes of Kogi State at Kogi State Polytechnic will be well represented.

Highlights of the inauguration were administration of oath of office to the new executives of both SUG and NAKOSS and issuance of certificates of return.

LIST OF NEW SUG EXECUTIVES

Enimokanyi Oluwadamilola Janet - President
 Abdulazeez Zainab Obomi - General Secretary
 Itodo Ojochenemi Messiah - Treasurer
 Agada Emmanuel Enejo - Financial Secretary
 Sunday Ojochegbe Victoria - Public Relations Officer
 Aroge Abdulhameed Taiye - Auditor
 Moses Godwin Folorunsho - Director of Sports and Health
 Abdulmalik Bajeh Bashiru - Director of Socials and Culture
 Muhammed Habibat Ummi - Provost Marshall
 Usman Oyiza Habibat - Deputy Senate President
 Ireji Ibrahim - Clerk
 Ibrahim Ibrahim - Deputy Clerk

LIST OF NEW NAKOSS EXECUTIVES

Abubakar Isah Sheriff - President
 Ibrahim Rashidat Marvelous - General Secretary
 Yahaha Haliru - Treasurer
 Olorunsogo Kolawole - Vice President 1
 Abdullahi Adeiza - Financial Secretary
 Abdullahi Muhammed Hadi - Assistant Financial Secretary
 Muhammed Abdulkarim - Assistant General Secretary
 Adama Hassan Alidu - Director of Welfare 1
 Micheal Victor Temitope - Director of Transport
 Jibrin Alhaji - Auditor
 Attachegbe Harrison - Director of Sports
 Anjor Ikojo - Speaker
 Ibrahim Rukayat - Chief Judge

The inauguration was attended by the Principal Officers, Deans, Directors, staff and students of the institution.



KOGI POLY NAKOSS COMMISSIONS RELAXATION CENTRE, NAMES AFTER RECTOR

By: Abdulmalik Abdulkadir

The National Association of Kogi State Students (NAKOSS), Kogi State Polytechnic chapter, has commissioned the newly erected relaxation centre which it names “Prof. Salisu Ogbo Usman Relaxation Centre”, in honour of the Polytechnic Rector, Professor Salisu Ogbo Usman.

The commissioning ceremony, which was held on Friday 6th July, 2024, at the Main Campus of the Polytechnic, near the female hostels, was attended by Principal Officers of the Polytechnic and some Kogi State Government officials.

The NAKOSS President, Comrade Adekunle Kuburat, said the relaxation centre was built to provide a conducive environment for students to relax and study.

She added that it was named after the Rector as a mark of honour for his visionary leadership, tireless commitment, and invaluable contributions to the institution's growth and development.

She highlighted the Association's notable achievements under her leadership, including the replacement of whiteboards in Halls M2, A2, R1, R3, and the

Computer Science Hall, the renovation of signboards showcasing the Institution's values, provision of solar streetlights at the Itakpe campus, and the erection of the students' Relaxation Centre.

She expressed her gratitude to the Polytechnic management and NAKOSS executive for their collaborative efforts in bringing the project to fruition.

The Rector of Kogi State Polytechnic, ably represented by the Deputy Rector, Dr. Samuel Taiwo Olowo, commended the NAKOSS President and executive for their visionary leadership and commitment to leaving a

lasting legacy, while also eulogizing the patron and matron for their invaluable support and guidance, which collectively led to the achievement of a laudable feat. He commended the NAKOSS leadership for their prudent management of resources, a trait he noted was inspired by the Rector's exemplary financial management, which has earned him several awards for effectively managing the Polytechnic's funds.

He congratulated the NAKOSS leadership for the feats, and praised their hard work, dedication, and vision that made the commissioning of the Prof. Salisu Ogbo Usman Relaxation Centre a reality.

The principal Officers, in their

goodwill messages, unanimously urged successive administrations to build upon the remarkable achievements just as they commend the President for exemplary leadership, value addition, and earning Management's applause, which they noted will endure long after their tenure.

The Senior Special Assistant to the Executive Governor of Kogi State on Youth Mobilization, Honourable Abdulkadir Destiny and the National Director of the Peace and Conflict Directorate of the National Youth Council of Nigeria, Comrade Michael Achor Joshua, praised the President and her executives for their outstanding leadership in erecting a

magnificent edifice for the students.

They expressed their admiration for the administration's commitment to creating a supportive and inclusive environment for students' success.

Highlights of the commissioning ceremony was the official decoration of Engineer Abdullahi Ayni Adamu as the Patron and Dr. (Mrs) Ayodele Oluwakemi as the Matron of the National Association of Kogi State Students (NAKOSS), and an award of honour to the Dean, Directorate of Students' Services, Dr John Aliyu in recognition of their invaluable support, commitment, and guidance to the Association.



KOGI STATE NYSC COORDINATOR PAYS COURTESY VISIT ON KOGI POLY RECTOR

... Commends Him for the Welfare of Corps Members



By: Uredo Omale

The Kogi State Coordinator, National Youth Service Corps (NYSC), Mr. Femi Osungbohun, has commended the Rector of Kogi State Polytechnic, Dr Salisu Ogbo Usman for the welfare of corps members posted to the institution.

The State Coordinator disclosed this during a courtesy visit on Friday, 31st May, 2024, he commended the institution's commitment to the NYSC scheme.

While appreciating the Rector and management team for their dedication to corps members' welfare, Mr. Osungbohun humbly requested an increase in the monthly stipend for corps members and also pleaded that Corps members gain access to the medical facilities of the Institution.

He further acknowledged the institution's support and prioritisation of corps members' well-being and encouraged continued collaboration to enhance their experience.

In his words "you are our major partner and I am impressed with the way corps members are being utilised in various departments and units of the Polytechnic which is a clear demonstration of the institution's support for the NYSC programme and its commitment to the development and integration of NYSC core values."

Mr. Osungbohun charged corps

members to serve as worthy ambassadors and make meaningful contributions to the institution's development, while also urging them to conduct themselves with integrity and avoid any behaviour that could bring shame or discredit to the programme.

Responding, the Rector, Dr. Salisu Ogbo Usman, thanked the State Coordinator for his commendation, emphasising the institution's pride in partnering with NYSC to develop corps members' skills and abilities.

He noted that his administration has retained a significant number of corps members who have distinguished themselves and would continue to do so.

Dr. Usman debunked the recent rumour of bandit attack on the Institution, calling it a malicious political ploy to cause panic and anxiety, and vowed to take action against those responsible.

Dr Usman used the occasion to announce that the meager monthly stipend for corps members was increased by the present administration and he further acceded to the State Coordinator's request for an increment in the corps members' monthly stipend, effective immediately.

He also graciously approved the State Coordinator's request, granting corps members access to the medical facilities demonstrating his commitment to the

well-being of Corps members.

He highlighted that his administration has successfully reclaimed, renovated and relocated the corps members' lodge back to the campus to ensure their safety and security.

Dr. Usman revealed that his administration has consistently maintained the standard payment of medical corps members' monthly stipends, equivalent to what is obtainable at other government hospitals and requested that more medical corps members be posted to the institution as they will be given special preference.

Highlights of the visit were exchange of souvenirs and an inspection tour of the Polytechnic's medical centre by the NYSC officials to check the facilities. The State Coordinator was satisfied.

Present at the visit were Principal Officers, management members of the Polytechnic and various officials of NYSC.





GOV. ODODO RENEWS THE APPOINTMENT OF PROF. USMAN OGBO AS KOGI POLY RECTOR

By: Afolabi Mustapha Wale

The Executive Governor of Kogi State, His Excellency Alhaji Ahmed Usman Ododo, has renewed the appointment of Prof. Salisu Ogbo Usman for second term as Rector of Kogi State Polytechnic, Lokoja. The re-appointment was due to his superlative performance as Rector of the institution over the last four years. The Rector thanked His Excellency, the Governor of Kogi State, Alhaji Ahmed Usman Ododo for acknowledging his modest contributions to the growth of the institution.

He also appreciated the immediate past Governor, His Excellency, Alhaji Yahaya Bello, for bringing him on board as Acting Rector after which the appointment was confirmed in 2021.

The Rector also thanked the Governing Council, Academic Board, Management, staff and students of the institution for the invaluable support that assisted in the transformation of Polytechnic this far.

He vowed to put in much more efforts in his second term to strengthen the positive visibility of the institution.

It would be recalled that since coming on board as Rector of the Polytechnic, Prof. Usman has radically transformed the institution as reflected in massive infrastructure improvement, security of lives and properties, full accreditation of programmes stagnated for years, administrative reforms, restoration of discipline, general quality assurance, amongst others.

The Directorate of Public Relations and Protocol wishes the Rector a more successful second term.

SCHOOL OF MANAGEMENT STUDIES, AND EDC CONGRATULATE KOGI POLY RECTOR ON REAPPOINTMENT, REAFFIRM SUPPORT

By: Uredo Omale

The School of Management Studies, and the Directorate of Entrepreneurship Development Centre, Kogi State Polytechnic, Lokoja have congratulated the Rector, Prof. Salisu Ogbo Usman, on the renewal of his appointment for a second term.

On Wednesday, July 10th, 2024, a delegation from the School of Management Studies, led by the Dean, Dr. (Mrs.) Ruth Haruna, and the Directorate of Entrepreneurship Development Centre, led by the Director, Dr. (Mrs) Faith Acharu Tony-Okeme paid a congratulatory visit to the Rector at the Council Chamber, Kogi State Polytechnic Main Campus, Lokoja

Dr. (Mrs.) Haruna praised Dr. Usman's leadership style, which she stated to have brought about transformative impacts on, and numerous benefits to Kogi State Polytechnic.

She expressed the School of Management Studies' enthusiasm and support for the Rector over his visionary leadership, which she said had already yielded significant growth and progress for the Institution.

Dr. (Mrs) Haruna highlighted the various physical structures and infrastructural development on the campuses of the Polytechnic as testaments to Prof. Usman's exceptional leadership qualities, demonstrating his ability to drive progress and deliver results.

Dr. Tunde Puke, in his goodwill message, commended the Rector for exemplifying fairness, equity, and justice through his leadership approach.

He noted that the Rector's reappointment was a testament to his appreciative performance and a call to even greater responsibility.

Dr. Puke reassured the Rector of the School of Management's unwavering support for his vision, pledging to continue to work together towards the growth and development of the Institution.

On her part, the Director, Directorate of Entrepreneurship Development Centre, Dr. (Mrs) Faith Acharu Tony-Okeme congratulated Prof. Usman on



his reappointment, noting that such a rare gesture was a clear indication of the government's satisfaction with the Rector's outstanding performance.

She praised the Rector's uncommon achievements and his reappointment before the end of his tenure, which she described as a rare milestone and a clear indication that the government was pleased with his unwavering dedication to his duties.

The Director also seized the opportunity to share a notable accomplishment by the Directorate. She proudly announced that four (4) staff members, including herself, had been honoured with the National Skill Qualification (NSQ) Certificate by the National Board for Technical Education (NBTE). The recipients, who included Mrs. Modupe Atojoko, Mrs. Onimisi Zainab, Mr. Adagu Ahmed Sani, and Dr. Okeme Acharu were recognized for their exceptional performance in Quality Assurance of Assessment (QAA).

In his response to the visiting bodies, the Rector expressed delight with the school of Management Studies, and Directorate of Entrepreneurship Development Centre for the visit.

He expressed his heartfelt gratitude to the two bodies for their unwavering

commitment and support, and pledged to make Kogi State Polytechnic a more attractive institution through his focus on quality assurance in teaching, staff welfare, and security of lives and property on the campus.

Prof. Usman particularly appreciated the leadership of the School of Management Studies for their solidarity and support, and reassured them that he would continue to advocate the legitimate entitlements of staff members.

He also commended the Director of the Entrepreneurship Development Centre (EDC) for elevating the Directorate's standards, and promised to support its expansion.

He announced that Kogi State Polytechnic Directorate of Entrepreneurship Development Centre had been approved to host workshops for institutions in the North Central region, a testament to the institution's growing reputation and capacity.

Dr. Usman expressed his deepest gratitude to the immediate past Governor of Kogi State, His Excellency Alhaji Yahaya Adoza Bello, for laying a solid foundation that had enabled consolidation and continuity. He also extended his profound

appreciation to the Executive Governor of Kogi State, His Excellency Alhaji Ahmed Usman Ododo, for the renewal of his appointment for a second term, effective from February 12th, 2025.

Dr. Usman expressed his sincere gratitude for the trust and confidence placed in him by both leaders, acknowledging that their support would propel him to strive for even more academic excellence and advancement that would benefit the entire Polytechnic community.

The Deputy Rector, Dr. Samuel Olowo Taiwo in his vote of thanks commended the Rector for his outstanding leadership and vision, which had led to the significant growth and development in the Institution.

He reaffirmed the School's commitment to continued support and collaboration with the Rector's administration, united in their pursuit of academic excellence.

Highlights of the visit were the presentation of congratulatory card from School of Management Studies to the Rector and the symbolic presentation of QAA certificates to the participants.





OHINOYI LAUDS KOGI POLY RECTOR FOR INCLUSIVE, TRANSFORMATIONAL LEADERSHIP



By: Abdulmalik Abdulkadir

The Ohinoyi of Ebira Land, His Royal Majesty, Alhaji Dr. Ahmed Muhammed Tijani Anaje has applauded the Rector of Kogi State Polytechnic, Professor Salisu Ogbo Usman, for his all-inclusive and innovative approach leadership which have led to the unprecedented transformation of the institution.

The revered monarch made the commendation while receiving the Rector and other Principal Officers of the Polytechnic who were on a courtesy visit to his palace on Friday 16th August, 2024 in Okene.

The royal father congratulated the Professor Usman on his well-deserved re-appointment as Rector, describing it as a reward for his exceptional leadership, innovative approach and commitment to academic excellence.

He stressed that the Prof. Usman's re-appointment was well deserved, considering his outstanding achievements and distinguished track records over the past 4 years.

The Ohinoyi assured the Rector and other principal officers of the institution of his continued support, particularly in addressing land encroachment and security issues at the Itakpe Campus, and emphasised his commitment to fairness,

justice and equal treatment for all, regardless of tribal or religious affiliations. He also applauded the Rector for his trailblazing initiative in establishing the School of Agricultural Technology, a pioneering move that holds immense promise in addressing the perennial issue of food insecurity in Nigeria which he believes would enhance food production and also create a plethora of employment opportunities, thereby contributing significantly to the nation's socio-economic development.

The Royal Father commended the Executive Governor of Kogi State, His Excellency Alhaji Ahmed Usman Ododo, for the achievements recorded within a short period which have surpassed citizens expectations, particularly in the areas of peace and tranquility as evident in the last nationwide protest that was not experienced in Kogi State.

Earlier, the Rector of Kogi State Polytechnic, Professor Salisu Ogbo Usman appreciated the royal father for his warm reception and congratulated him profoundly on his ascension to the throne of his forebears.

Professor Usman took a moment to reel out the numerous and unprecedented achievements accomplished under his visionary leadership, including,

rehabilitation of students hostels; Securing 100% accreditation for over 30 programmes previously unaccredited by the National Board for Technical Education (NBTE), cash backing of staff promotion; creation of employment opportunities; successful holding of the institution's convocation after almost a decade and above all bridging ethnic divides amongst staff and students thereby fostering a harmonious and inclusive academic community.

He appealed to the Royal father to express his profound appreciation to His Excellency, Alhaji Ahmed Usman Ododo, for his continuous supports to the Polytechnic, particularly his kind approval of the ongoing fencing project at the Itakpe Campus, adding that it would enhance the campus security, prevent encroachment and provide a safer learning environment for students.

He assured the royal father that the management team would continue to strive for greatness, fueled by a relentless passion for excellence and dedication to making the people of Kogi State proud while propelling the institution to new and greater heights.

All the Principal Officers of the institution accompanied the Rector on the visit.



STAFF DEVELOPMENT: KOGI POLY COLLABORATES WITH DIGITAL BRIDGE INSTITUTE ON DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY TRAINING

100 KOGI POLY STAFF GET TRAINING IN DATA ANALYTICS, DIGITAL SKILLS, CYBER SECURITY AND EMERGING TECHNOLOGY

By: Uredo Omale

100 staff members of Kogi State Polytechnic, Lokoja have commenced five-day training on Data Analytics, Digital Skill, Cyber Security and Emerging Technology at the Polytechnic's main campus.

The training that was facilitated by the Digital Bridge Institute in collaboration with the Nigeria Communication Commission, NCC started on Monday 4th November, 2024 had participants drawn from the teaching and non teaching staff of the institution.

Declaring the training and workshop opened, the Rector of the Polytechnic, Professor Salisu Ogbo Usman emphasized the importance of leveraging Information and Communication Technology (ICT) to improve quality assurance, academic excellence, security, and infrastructural development within the institution.

Professor Usman noted that the workshop, the third in series under his reign was aimed at providing platform for staff to enhance their digital literacy, network, and collaborate on innovative projects.

He stressed that embracing digital solutions would propel the Polytechnic forward just as he expressed his commitment to fostering a technologically advanced environment. The Director of the Polytechnic's Information, Technology and Resource Centre, Mr. Rock Adeiza Ezekiel thanked DBI and the Polytechnic management for their unwavering support.

He encouraged participants to share the knowledge gained with their colleagues in various units and departments.

Mr. Sanni Abdullahi, the team lead from Digital Bridge Institute who outlined the

objectives of the workshop emphasized the importance of regular attendance and active participation, noting that only those who complete the entire training would receive certificates.

Participants are expected to engage in interactive sessions, hands-on training, and discussions on cutting-edge technologies as well as exploring topics such as cybersecurity threats, data protection, digital marketing, and emerging trends in technology.

The five-day workshop will conclude on Friday as participants would have been equipped with expertise to drive excellence within Kogi State Polytechnic. All Principal Officers of the Polytechnic including the Director of Quality Assurance, Mrs. Yemisi Joseph attended the opening ceremony of the training and workshop.





KOGI POLY ACADEMIC BOARD APPROVES GRADUATION OF 58 STUDENTS WITH DISTINCTION

...WITHDRAWS 243 FOR POOR ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE, EXPELS 3 FOR EXAMINATION MISCONDUCT

By: Afolabi Mustapha Wale

The Academic Board of Kogi State Polytechnic, Lokoja, has approved the Second Semester results for the 2023/2024 Academic Session, with Fifty Eight (58) students graduating with Distinction at both the National Diploma and Higher National Diploma Levels.

The Board also approved the withdrawal of 243 students for poor academic performance and expulsion of 3 others for involvement in examination misconduct.

These were parts of the far reaching decisions at the 115th and

116th regular meeting of the Board held on Thursday 12th September, 2024 and Wednesday 9th October, 2024 respectively at the 200 Twin Lecture theater, Main Campus, Lokoja.

The Board, presided over by the Chairman Prof. Salisu Ogbo Usman, gave the approval after due consideration of the report of the Results Verification Committee, chaired by the Deputy Rector, Dr. Samuel Taiwo Olowo.

The breakdown of (58) students graduating with distinction from Twenty-Two (22) programmes;

ND II ACCOUNTANCY

1. OBAJE AUGUSTINA OJOCHENEMI – 2022/ND/ACCT/006

ND II BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

1. MUHAMMAD AWWAL AMOTO – 2022/ND/BUS/012

ND II COMPUTER SCIENCE

1. ABIODUN STEPHEN OLORUNLEKE – 2022/ND/CPS/007
2. MOHAMMED ABDULRASHEED ADAAVA – 2022/ND/CPS/009
3. MUHAMMED MUSTAPHA – 2022/ND/CPS/010
4. MUSA MONDAY OJO – 2022/ND/CPS/011
5. OLORUNSHOLA PRECIOUS AMOS – 2022/ND/CPS/031
6. OMAGA YAHAYA ISAH – 2022/ND/CPS/038
7. OCHEJA SHALOM – 2022/ND/CPS/251

ND II LIBRARY AND INFO SCIENCE

1. ISAAC VICTORIA OREOLUWA – 2022/ND/LIS/442

ND II SURVEYING AND GEOINFORMATICS

1. OLADELE EMMANUEL OLAJIDE – 2022/ND/SGI/001

ND II URBAN AND REGIONAL PLANNING

1. YUNUSA ZAINAB – 2022/ND/URP/034
2. JIMOH RITA AVOSUAHI – 2022/ND/URP/040
3. NUHU ZULAIKHA ONIZE – 2022/ND/URP/047
4. EMMANUEL JANET ENETA – 2022/ND/URP/050

HND II COMPUTER SCIENCE

1. ZUBAIRU ABDULJELIL ADEIZA – 2022/HND/CPS/001
2. GANIYU OJO RUFAI – 2022/HND/CPS/002
3. SHAIBU BLESSING IZE – 2022/HND/CPS/007
4. ZUBAIR MUNIRAT OYIZA – 2022/HND/CPS/025
5. LAWAL ENESI JAMES – 2022/HND/CPS/033
6. MUHAMMED MUDASIR – 2022/HND/CPS/102
7. SUNDAY TEMITOPE OLUWATIMILEHIN – 2022/HND/CPS/107
8. ONOJA ROSEMARY JOHN – 2022/HND/CPS/124

HND II LIBRARY AND INFO SCIENCE

1. AGBOOLA OLUMIDE – 2022/HND/LIS/016

HND II BIOCHEMISTRY

1. OLADELE MODUPE AHOUIZA – 2022/HSLT/BCM/041

2. OLOWONIWA SOLA OLUWABUKUNMI

- 2022/HSLT/BCM/045
- 3. SALIFU RAKIYA – 2022/HSLT/BCM/050
- 4. ALAO IYABO HELLEN – 2022/HSLT/BCM/054
- 5. BONIRE SHOLA OLUWABUNKUNMI – 2022/HSLT/BCM/094

HND II CHEMISTRY

- 1. HUSSEIN ABDULLAHI OMEIZA – 2022/HSLT/CHM/008
- 2. SANNNI ABDULHAMMED AJAYI – 2022/HSLT/CHM/014
- 3. UGWUANYI RITA CHIZOBA – 2022/HSLT/CHM/015
- 4. ISAH HAWAKULU BALARABE – 2022/HSLT/CHM/025
- 5. SULEIMAN FATIMA – 2022/HSLT/CHM/027

HND II ENVIRONMENTAL BIOLOGY

- 1. MUSTAPHA JUMAI IVO O – 2022/HSLT/EVN/001

HND II STATISTICS

- 1. MATTHEW VICTORIA ONIZE – 2022/HND/STA/015
- 2. JIMOH UNWAHA ZULEIHAT – 2022/HND/STA/032

ND II ARCHITECTURAL TECHNOLOGY

- 1. ACHENEJE GODWIN OJIMAOJO – 2022/ND/ARC/057

ND BUILDING TECHNOLOGY

- 1. SHAIBU AISHAT OYIZA – 2022/ND/BLD/001
- 2. SALAWUDEEN ABDULKADIR – 2022/ND/BLD/003
- 3. RABIU AISHAT NNORKWOM – 2022/ND/BLD/005
- 4. ABDULLAHI HADI OHINOYI – 2022/ND/BLD/006
- 5. ONIVO ABDULSAMAD ONORUOIZA – 2022/ND/BLD/028

ND II MASS COMMUNICATION

- 1. ADEYANJU DOMINION KAYOWA – 2022/ND/MAS/099

ND II AGRICULTURAL TECHNOLOGY

- 1. YUSUF NANAHAWA OHUNENE – 2022/ND/AGT/005
- 2. AHMED NAIMAH ABOLANLE – 2022/ND/AGT/010

ND II HORTICULTURAL TECHNOLOGY

- 1. MUHAMMED SALAMOTU OYIBO – 2022/ND/HOT/004

ND II AGRICULTURAL AND BIO-ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY

- 1. SANNNI FALILAT INYA – 2022/ND/AET/015

AEROSPACE ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY

- 1. SULE ISMAIL – 2022/ND/ASE/001

CIVIL ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY

- 1. MUHAMMED ZUBAIR – 2022/ND/CVE/007

ELECTRICAL/ELECTRONICS ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY

- 1. MUSLIM ABDULLAHI – 2022/ND/EE/009
- 2. MOMOHJIMOH IDRIS OMEIZA – 2022/ND/EE/058

MECHANICAL ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY

- 1. ADAM MUHAMMED – 2022/ND/MEC/001

MECHATRONICS ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY

- 1. ABDUL SHEDRACK UREDO-OJO – 2022/ND/MCE/006
- 2. YUSUF AISHA OYIZA – 2022/ND/MCE/019

MINERAL AND PETROLEUM RESOURCES ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY

- 1. ABE TOLUWA ALICE – 2022/ND/MRE/040

While congratulating the students, Prof. Usman noted that their achievements underscore the effectiveness of the institution's teaching and learning approach which showcases the institution's commitment to moulding minds and shaping society through impactful and high-quality education.

He thanked the lecturers of the institution for their dedication to impacting knowledge while recognising their

unwavering commitment to the students' training.

The Rector further urged students to utilise the conducive learning environment and stay focused on their academic pursuits.

The breakdown of students withdrawn from fifteen (15) Departments and Twenty-Four (24) programmes is as follows:

ND I ACCOUNTANCY

- 1. AISIDA OLAYINKA LOVETH – 2023/ND/ACCT/204
- 2. ILYASU NAJAATU – 2023/ND/ACCT/244

ND II ACCOUNTANCY

- 1. YAKUBU SEKINETU – 2022/ND/ACCT/025
- 2. BABA HAMZA – 2022/ND/ACCT/060
- 3. KADIRI SEPHATU – 2022/ND/ACCT/081
- 4. ALIYU-SULEIMAN MAHIDA – 2022/ND/ACCT/230
- 5. ALHASSAN JONATHAN OJOACHEONE – 2022/ND/ACCT/349
- 6. JAMES LOVETH – 2022/ND/ACCT/385

HND I ACCOUNTANCY

- 1. EBAJEMIGBON FRANCIS KAYODE – 2023/HND/ACCT/004
- 2. BAMIKOLE SHOLA OKIKI – 2023/HND/ACCT/053
- 3. ASAMU SOLOMON KAYODE – 2023/HND/ACCT/152
- 4. AGBOOLA OLUSHOLA – 2023/HND/ACCT/177
- 5. BABATOMI OLUWABUNMI – 2023/HND/ACCT/199

HND I BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

- 1. MUHAMMED SUFIYAN – 2023/HND/BUS/084
- 2. YAHAYA ISMAILA – 2023/HND/BUS/112
- 3. ADEBISI ABRAHAM ADEOLA – 2023/HND/BUS/114
- 4. BELLO HABIBAT – 2023/HND/BUS/146
- 5. SUNDAY AGNES OHUNENE – 2023/HND/BUS/170

6. MUHAMMED MUSTAPHA	-	2023/HND/BUS/178
7. ACHOLO PAUL	-	2023/HND/BUS/196
8. DANIEL JOY UNEOJO	-	2023/HND/BUS/243
9. JAMES LADI	-	2023/HND/BUS/309
10. CALEB TOSIN OLORUNMAIYE	-	2023/HND/BUS/312
11. SHITTU AYODELE ABDULMONTINU	-	2023/HND/BUS/321
12. ALHASSAN UMAR	-	2023/HND/BUS/342
13. ABDULLAHI IBRAHIM	-	2023/HND/BUS/356
14. SUOWARI PHILOMINA GESIERE	-	2023/HND/BUS/382
15. OLOGBONYO BOSEDE GIFT	-	2023/HND/BUS/444
16. SULEIMAN NANAHAWA	-	2023/HND/BUS/467
17. SHAIBU ABBAS ABAL	-	2023/HND/BUS/473
18. ABALAKA FATIMA	-	2023/HND/BUS/483
19. PETER SAMUEL	-	2023/HND/BUS/490
20. YAHAYA ABDULRASHEED BABATUNDE	-	2023/HND/BUS/491
21. MATHEW OMOJO HILARY	-	2023/HND/BUS/496
22. EMMANUEL ABIGAIL UFEDO	-	2023/HND/BUS/516
23. OSUOLALE OLAJIDE MICHEAL	-	2023/HND/BUS/518
24. ABDULAZEEZ TUNDE	-	2023/HND/BUS/522
25. OMUYA ABDULAZEEZ	-	2023/HND/BUS/523

HND II BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

1. ABDULWAHAB OYIZA FAIZAH	-	2022/HND/BUS/128
2. ONALO BLESSING	-	2022/HND/BUS/213
3. UDEH MICHAEL	-	2022/HND/BUS/369

ND I BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

1. MOMOH IDOWU OLUWASEGUN	-	2023/ND/BUS/260
2. UMAR YAHAYA	-	2023/ND/BUS/275
3. ABDULRAHIM HABIB	-	2023/ND/BUS/378
4. ABDULKAREEM JEMILU	-	2023/ND/BUS/481
5. ALI NANAAISHA	-	2023/ND/BUS/544
6. OMAYE DORCAS JOSEPHINE	-	2023/ND/BUS/567
7. SHAIBU TAOFIQ	-	2023/ND/BUS/707
8. DANIEL ISRAEL WOZIRI	-	2023/ND/BUS/709

ND II BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

1. ADEDOYIN FELIX SUNDAY	-	2022/ND/BUS/299
2. ALFA JOY	-	2022/ND/BUS/406
3. EMMANUEL GODWIN ODOMODO	-	2022/ND/BUS/004
4. TIJANI MUNIRAT	-	2022/ND/BUS/265
5. ABDUL EMMANUEL WADA	-	2022/ND/BUS/385
6. AKPAM ISAAC	-	2022/ND/BUS/420
7. ZUBAIR SANUSI ONIMISI	-	2022/ND/BUS/702

ND I LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SCIENCE

1. ONUH SOLOMON	-	2023/ND/LIS/029
2. ISYAKA RAMATU	-	2023/ND/LIS/030
3. ABDULMUMIN RAHMATU GWOGWO	-	2023/ND/LIS/032
4. MOHAMMED IBRAHIM	-	2023/ND/LIS/137
5. UMAR ZAINAB	-	2023/ND/LIS/145
6. NUHU FATIMETU	-	2023/ND/LIS/190

7. ABDUL BUMIYAMINU	-	2023/ND/LIS/196
8. ISHAKA IBRAHIM	-	2023/ND/LIS/216
9. SULEMAN PAUL AMOTO	-	2023/ND/LIS/221
10. ODOMA ELIJAH	-	2023/ND/LIS/252
11. MUSA JOHN	-	2023/ND/LIS/285
12. SULEIMAN SHUAIBU	-	023/ND/LIS/286
13. JAMES ANNAH	-	023/ND/LIS/287
14. OBAJE OJOCHGEBE	-	023/ND/LIS/303
15. OMONIWA RICHARD BABATUNDE	-	2023/ND/LIS/348
16. OLORUNPOMI TUNDE JOSHUA	-	2023/ND/LIS/379
17. YUSUF QUEENELIZABETH OYIOZA	-	2023/ND/LIS/383
18. ATULUKWU NASIRU GIFT	-	2023/ND/LIS/385
19. SEIDU ABUBAKAR SEDIQ	-	2023/ND/LIS/400
20. ADAMA MUSTAPHA	-	2023/ND/LIS/403
21. TAIRU LUKMAN	-	2023/ND/LIS/413
22. ABUBAKAR RUKAIYAT	-	2023/ND/LIS/414
23. TIJANI AMINA	-	2023/ND/LIS/417
24. OBIANKE DICKSON JUNIOR	-	2023/ND/LIS/423
25. MUHAMMED ABDULRASHEED	-	2023/ND/LIS/428
26. MONDAY OJOCHGEBE	-	2023/ND/LIS/436

ND II LIBRARY AND INFO SCIENCE

1. TAIRU YEHUZA	-	2022/ND/LIS/478
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HND I LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SCIENCE

1. HARUNA MUSTAPHA	-	2023/HND/LIS/042
2. OMBULE BOSE REBECCA	-	2023/HND/LIS/114

ND I PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

1. AYO RUKAYATU	-	2022/ND/PAD/765
2. DAVID OYINLOLA OLUWATOYIN	-	2022/ND/PAD/771
3. IBRAHIM ZULEIHAT IZE	-	2022/ND/PAD/790
4. YUNUSA MUHAMMED ASHRAPH ENEJI	-	2023/ND/PAD/077
5. JOSHUA PAUL AYOMIDE	-	2023/ND/PAD/120
6. SULEIMAN AISHA	-	2023/ND/PAD/169
7. ISMAILA TAWAKALITU AANUOLUWAPO	-	2023/ND/PAD/258
8. OBATOYINBO FARUQ OLAMILEKAN	-	2023/ND/PAD/259
9. YUNUSA ABDULBASIT	-	2023/ND/PAD/367
10. ABDULHAMID MUHAMMED AWAL	-	2023/ND/PAD/373
11. LERAMA VICTORIA	-	2023/ND/PAD/379
12. YUSUF AYOMIDE SUNDAY	-	2023/ND/PAD/469
13. ABUBAKAR QAZEEM	-	2023/ND/PAD/471
14. WILLIAMS BLESSING MOTUNRAYO	-	2023/ND/PAD/501
15. ABDULSALAM MUBARAK	-	2023/ND/PAD/502
16. MUSA ABDULMALIK ADINOYI	-	2023/ND/PAD/503
17. SUNDAY SEGUN SAMUEL	-	2023/ND/PAD/615
18. FAROUK AHMED	-	2023/ND/PAD/616
19. MUHAMMED IDRIS ESTU	-	2023/ND/PAD/649
20. HARUNA ILYASU	-	2023/ND/PAD/669
21. BASHIRU ABDULSALAM	-	2023/ND/PAD/690
22. KOMOLAFE JUWON CHRISTIAN	-	2023/ND/PAD/694
23. MICHAEL TIMOTHY	-	2023/ND/PAD/699

24. HALADU ADAMU	-	2023/ND/PAD/713
25. HAYATU HADI	-	2023/ND/PAD/714
26. ABDULAZEEZ ZEINU ABIDEEN	-	2023/ND/PAD/718
27. OZISULE SALAMATU	-	2023/ND/PAD/720
28. MATTHEW DAVID OMACHONU	-	2023/ND/PAD/722
29. ABUBAKAR MUHAMMED HASKE	-	2023/ND/PAD/748
30. ABDULLAHI MUHAMMED	-	2023/ND/PAD/754
31. SALAWUDEEN OZIWERE HASSANAT	-	2023/ND/PAD/790
32. OLORUNFEMI VINCENT	-	2023/ND/PAD/820

ND II PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

1. SALIHU LUBABAH OZAVIZE	-	2022/ND/PAD/103
2. MUHAMMED HABIBAT	-	2022/ND/PAD/530
3. YAKUBU SANI	-	2022/ND/PAD/750
4. SALISU AWWAL ADAVURUKU	-	2022/ND/PAD/752
5. SANNI ABDULSALAM	-	2022/ND/PAD/797
6. YAHAYA ABDULRAZAK	-	2022/ND/PAD/839
7. OLUDASE LUCKY OOLUWATOSIN	-	2022/ND/PAD/895

HND I PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

1. ADAH MARY OJOCHEGBE	-	2023/HND/PAD/057
2. ADAMS ABDULRAZAK	-	2023/HND/PAD/184
3. OMODJO MICHAEL AYO	-	2023/HND/PAD/295

4. SULEIMAN AISHA	-	2023/HND/PAD/444
5. JOHN JOSHUA EGBUNU	-	2023/HND/PAD/462
6. ABDULWAHAB BIDEMI	-	2023/HND/PAD/469
7. PAUL SUNDAY	-	2023/HND/PAD/480
8. SALIMON BALIQS ESTHER	-	2023/HND/PAD/631
9. AKOMOLAFE OLATUNBOSUN OLUWAGBEMIGA	-	2023/HND/PAD/678

HND II PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

1. ABDULLAHI YAKUB	-	2022/HND/PAD/299
2. JOSEPH OLUWATOSIN ELIZABETH	-	2022/HND/PAD/355

ND I OFFICE TECHNOLOGY AND MANAGEMENT

1. ABDULRAHAMAN BABATUNDE OPEYEMI	-	2023/ND/OTM/020
2. EMMANUEL ABEDNIGO ONUKPEJE	-	2023/ND/OTM/021
3. AKOR BARNABAS FRIDAY	-	2023/ND/OTM/052
4. DANIEL AGONO FRANCIS	-	2023/ND/OTM/063
5. ONUCHE IBRAHIM BENJAMIN	-	2023/ND/OTM/065
6. YUSUF ANAS	-	2023/ND/OTM/069
7. ABDULAZEEZ FAVOUR	-	2023/ND/OTM/071
8. DANJUMA AMINU	-	2023/ND/OTM/076
9. PAUL SULEIMAN	-	2023/ND/OTM/110
10. MONDAY GODWIN PRINCE	-	2023/ND/OTM/120
11. SUBERU MONDAY IRENINYI	-	2023/ND/OTM/132
12. MUHAMMED ABDULLAHI BABA	-	2023/ND/OTM/135
13. JIBRIN SHITU	-	2023/ND/OTM/139
14. ZUBAIRU MUBARAK MUHAMMED	-	2023/ND/OTM/147
15. ADAMS ABDULMUMIN OMEIZA	-	2023/ND/OTM/183
16. YAKUBU KHADIJAT	-	2023/ND/OTM/222

17. ALIKALI DENNI	-	2023/ND/OTM/224
18. MUSA BILAL	-	2023/ND/OTM/225
19. ALIYU KHADIJAT	-	2023/ND/OTM/240
20. ABDULLAHI SAFIYA	-	2023/ND/OTM/252
21. SAYO OMOLOLA BLESSING	-	2023/ND/OTM/255
22. JAIYEOLA KEHINDE PRECILIAR	-	2023/ND/OTM/260
23. ABDULHAMID ISAH	-	2023/ND/OTM/298

HND I OFFICE TECHNOLOGY AND MANAGEMENT

1. ADEOLA TITILAYO CHRISTIANA	-	2023/HND/OTM/143
2. HARUNA BINTA FATIMAT	-	2023/HND/OTM/152
3. ARIBISALA FAITH FUNMILAYO	-	2023/HND/OTM/159
4. SUBERU ALIYU OJO	-	2023/HND/OTM/160
5. MUHAMMED NEFISAT	-	2023/HND/OTM/161

ND I URBAN AND REGIONAL PLANNING

1. MOMOH HASSAN	-	2023/ND/URP/006
2. SAMUEL ABRAHAM SHIGABA	-	2023/ND/URP/052
3. YUSUF FARUK MARK	-	2023/ND/URP/061

ND I SURVEYING & GEO-INFORMATICS

1. TIJANI SAIDETU	-	2023/ND/SGI/014
2. YUSUF MUHMUD YATA	-	2023/ND/SGI/028

ND II SURVEYING & GEO-INFORMATICS

1. OTARU ABDUL JOHN	-	2022/ND/SGI/010
2. PAUL DANIEL ADUJO	-	2022/ND/SGI/021
3. MUSA YAKUBU	-	2022/ND/SGI/040

ND I BUILDING TECHNOLOGY

1. OMEDE THOMAS	-	2023/ND/BLD/008
2. ADEIKA DANIEL ADEIZA	-	2023/ND/BLD/014
3. YUSUF AHMED	-	2023/ND/BLD/021
4. GEORGE MAYOWA GABRIEL	-	2023/ND/BLD/022
5. BABATUNDE FAVOUR	-	2023/ND/BLD/025
6. AJOLORE SAMUEL ELIJAH	-	2023/ND/BLD/026
7. ISAH BESHIRU	-	2023/ND/BLD/031
8. LADAN ABUBAKAR TUMAKA	-	2023/ND/BLD/039

ND I ARCHITECTURAL TECHNOLOGY

1. IDOWU JOSHUA OMEIZA	-	2023/ND/ARC/059
2. IBITOMI SAMUEL AYODEJI	-	2023/ND/ARC/060
3. RAFIU FARUQ SEGUN	-	2023/ND/ARC/063
4. MUHAMMED SHERIFF MOHAMMED	-	2023/ND/ARC/066

ND I COMPUTER SCIENCE

1. NTINO SIMEON EJAMA	-	2023/ND/CPS/021
2. IBRAHIM FATIMA	-	2023/ND/CPS/039
3. OLAYINKA LAWAL	-	2023/ND/CPS/171
4. OJO OLUWATOSIN IBUKUN	-	2023/ND/CPS/238
5. ALERIWON CLIFFORD ADEKUNLE	-	2023/ND/CPS/271
6. JETHRO INNOCENT ENIOLA	-	2023/ND/CPS/284
7. ADESOLA OLUWAJUWON SUNDAY	-	2023/ND/CPS/293
8. TOLOMOI EKE HENRY TEMITOPE	-	2023/ND/CPS/297

ND II COMPUTER SCIENCE

1. ABUBAKAR MUHAMMED MUAZU - 2022/ND/CPS/170

HND II COMPUTER SCIENCE

1. ALIU ABDULRAHIM - 2022/HND/CPS/080

ND I SCIENCE LABORATORY TECHNOLOGY

1. DAUDA FATIMAH ONIZE - 2023/ND/SLT/214
2. ABDULMALEEK HABIBAT OHUNENE - 2023/ND/SLT/217
3. ISAH HALIMA - 2023/ND/SLT/242
4. TEGERI ELIJAH - 2023/ND/SLT/282
5. PETER SUNDAY - 2023/ND/SLT/300
6. RAJI MARIYAM ONIZE - 2023/ND/SLT/308
7. ABDULWAHAB SIKIRA OYIZA - 2023/ND/SLT/313
8. KABIRU MUSTAPHA VICTOR - 2023/ND/SLT/320
9. JULIUS TEMITOPE FRIDAY - 2023/ND/SLT/359
10. ARONIYO OLUWASEUN SUNDAY - 2023/ND/SLT/378
11. ABDULMALEEK HANISAT AHUOYIZA - 2023/ND/SLT/391
12. UMAR BALKISU UMMI - 2023/ND/SLT/402
13. ABUBAKAR UMAR - 2023/ND/SLT/404
14. OMAZE INNOCENT - 2023/ND/SLT/408
15. ABDULLAHI MOHAMMED ABDULLAHI - 2023/ND/SLT/411
16. MICHAEL TOLULOPE ESTHER - 2023/ND/SLT/413
17. ABDULLAHI TAIBAT OMAYOZA - 2023/ND/SLT/414
18. OSENI JEMILAT - 2023/ND/SLT/422

HND I SLT - BIOCHEMISTRY

1. IHIOVI JOSEPH OTOHINOYI - 2023/HSLT/BCM/058
2. MUHAMMED AHMED OKPANACHI - 2023/HSLT/BCM/225
3. AHMED USMAN HADIZA - 2023/HSLT/BCM/253
4. OBATANMI COMFORT OLUWATOSIN - 2023/HSLT/BCM/256

HND I SLT - MICROBIOLOGY

1. DAMUDI OJOCHGBE STELLA - 2023/HSLT/MCB/033

HND I COMPUTER SCIENCE

1. IBRAHIM MUHAMMED LAWAL - 2023/HND/CPS/171
2. ABDULMALEEK OZOVEHE ABDULSAMAD - 2023/HND/CPS/265

ND I AGRICULTURAL TECHNOLOGY

1. SHAIBU ABDULRAZAK - 2023/ND/AGT/007

ND I MINERAL AND PETROLEUM RESOURCES ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY

1. DANJUMA ALHASSAN YAHAYA - 2023/ND/MRE/009

ND I MECHATRONIC ENGINEERING

1. ADEYEMO OPEYEMI TOSIN - 2023/ND/MCE/052

ND I CIVIL ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY

1. CORNELIUS PROMISE SALVATION - 2023/ND/CVE/006

2. OLUWOLE OLAOLU SUNDAY - 2023/ND/CVE/029
3. OKOLO CHIKA TAIYE - 2023/ND/CVE/034
4. AHMED FIRDAUSI HASSANA - 2023/ND/CVE/050

ND I FINE ARTS

1. DAUDA ABIMBOLA SIDIKAT - 2023/ND/AID/011
2. DANLADI ABIGAIL - 2023/ND/AID/066
3. JOLUGBA ENOCH OLAMIDE - 2023/ND/AID/166
4. PETER ANOINTING IKO-OJO - 2023/ND/AID/225
5. AROWOLO TOHIBAT MORENIKEJI - 2023/ND/AID/294
6. BAWONDA SOLOMON AARON - 2023/ND/AID/298
7. LAWRENCE JOSHUA UGBEDE - 2023/ND/AID/299

ND II FINE ARTS

1. ABUBAKAR SAUD WOKILI - 2022/ND/AID/004
2. DAUDA MURIJANAT OZIOHU - 2022/ND/AID/020
3. OJO SUNDAY - 2022/ND/AID/035
4. AJIBOLA GODWIN - 2022/ND/AID/043
5. MATHEW JEREMIAH AYO - 2022/ND/AID/084
6. JIBRILU ABDULWASIU DANLADI - 2022/ND/AID/090
7. TOLUHI SAMUEL DAMILARE - 2022/ND/AID/100
8. MAHMUD SHEHU IDRIS - 2022/ND/AID/122
9. REUBEN DEBORAH BOLUWATIFE - 2022/ND/AID/151
10. APAA JOSEPHINE SOKOLAYAM - 2022/ND/AID/161

ND II STATISTICS

1. OMONIWA AYOMIDE DAVID - 2022/ND/STA/174

In another development, the Academic Board, approved the reports of the Central Examination Misconduct Committee led by Dr. (Mrs) Grace Hauwa Ehimony, expelling three (3) students from the Polytechnic due to examination misconduct and related offenses, in accordance with the institution's rules and regulations. The students expelled are:

1. OLUDARE TOSIN SOLOMON - 2022/ND/PAD/592
2. SUBERU SALAMI SALIN - 2023/HND/PAD/256
3. ABDULKAREEM ABDULSHEKUR - 2022/ND/BUS/274

Prof. Usman commended the Central Examination Misconduct Committee, the Schools and Departmental committees for the thorough work and called for synergy among them to make decisive resolutions that enhance teaching and learning quality at the Polytechnic, whilst also reassuring the Community of the Board and Management's commitment to implementing beneficial reforms for all stakeholders.

The Academic Board also approved the Monday 16th September, 2024 as resumption date for new students and 23rd September 2024 for returning students.

Meanwhile, students facing withdrawal or expulsion cases have been directed to surrender all Polytechnic properties, including their identity cards, to the Security Unit before exiting the institution.

KOGI POLY RECTOR LAUDS GOV ODODO'S N72,500 MINIMUM WAGE IMPLEMENTATION, HEALTH INSURANCE SCHEME INITIATIVE FOR WORKERS

... REITERATES POLYTECHNIC MANAGEMENT'S SUPPORT FOR ODODO GOVERNMENT

By: Uredo Omale

The Rector of Kogi State Polytechnic, Lokoja Professor Salisu Ogbo Usman has, on behalf of the Management, staff and students of the institution, commended the Executive Governor of Kogi State, Alhaji Ahmed Usman Ododo for the gracious approval of N72,500 as minimum wage and implementation of the Kogi State Health Insurance Scheme initiative for workers.

Professor Usman made the commendation at the Management Meeting Held on Wednesday, 9th October, 2024 at the Conference Room of the Academic Complex, Main Campus, Lokoja.

The Rector commended Governor Ododo for the love and support extended to the institution, describing the Governor's actions as historic as Kogi State is among the few states to implement the minimum wage.

He added that the gracious approval of N72,500 as minimum wage is a welcome development and a positive effect of continuity and consolidation, whilst also commending the Governor for graciously approving the implementation of the Health Insurance Scheme, which he said has reaffirmed that this administration prioritizes workers' welfare.

Professor Usman noted that Kogi State workers, and particularly staff of Kogi State Polytechnic, will forever be grateful for the love extended to the institution amidst the current economic hardship.

The Rector appreciated the impressive performance of Governor

Ododo and reiterated the unflinching support of the institution's Management for the present administration to succeed.

Professor Usman commended Kogi workers, particularly those in Kogi State Polytechnic, for their steadfast dedication over the years and encouraged them to recommit themselves to delivering exceptional service.



KOGI POLY SECURITY TEAM APPREHENDS SUSPECTED CULTISTS, DRUG PEDDLERS -- HANDS OVER SUSPECTS TO THE POLICE

By: Abdulmalik Abdulkadir

The joint security team of Kogi State Polytechnic Lokoja, on Tuesday, 16th July, 2024, arrested three (3) students of the institution and five (5) others suspected to be members of secret society and hard drug peddlers during the second semester examination for 2023/2024 academic session.

The apprehended students who are all of HND II in the Department of Business Administration include:

Ajayi Oluwaseun Oladipo (Matric No.2022/HND/BUS/275), Isenre Elijah Ayomide (Matric No.2022/HND/BUS/146)

cause harms on their targets and commotion on the campus during the ongoing second semester examination. This was in the guise of their end-of-examination graduation "celebration" rituals which the Management had earlier banned due to security concerns. In the build-up to the ongoing second semester examination, the Polytechnic Management got intelligence reports that some bad elements suspected to be into cyber crime, cultism and illicit drugs had perfected plan to import their members from other states and institutions to cause mayhem on the campus.

inimical behaviour during the examination for their own good.

The Polytechnic Management also took further steps with meetings and setting up of the Examination Security Management Committee with all Deans, Chief Security Officer (CSO), Students Representatives, the Chief Imam and the Polytechnic Chaplain as members, and mandated to devise security strategies against the planned infiltration by bad elements and ensure orderly conduct of examination.

In addition, the services of the security agencies such as the Nigeria Police,



and Omonijo Sunday (Matric. No.2022/HND/BUS/181).

The arrested five (5) non-students who are all from Ekiti State but based in Abuja are: Otitoju Christopher, Babatope Ayomide, Isaiah Babatunde, Shina Ayodeji and Makinde Olalekan.

The arrest of the suspects was as a result of proactive measures put in place by the Management of the institution to checkmate infiltration of cultists and other outlawed groups and individuals who were reported to be planning to enter the campus with guns and other dangerous weapons in connivance with some cyber-crime suspects popularly known as yahoo yahoo.

Their intent, it was gathered, was to

To prevent the occurrence, Management decided to intensify further security strategies by banning all forms of the end-of-the second semester examination on the campus in whatever guise.

This decision was duly communicated to the students through a circular issued by the Chief Security Officer, containing the outlawed activities during and after the examination.

The circular was issued after a series of meetings with the Students Union Government (SUG), National Association of Kogi State Students (NAKOSS) and the Departmental Presidents to sensitise and caution the students to desist from any form of

Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corp (NSCDC), and the Vigilante Group were sought and their personnel were deployed.

One important additional proactive security strategy adopted by the Committee was to prevent students from using their cars and motorcycles beyond the designated car park on the campus during the examination.

Furthermore, all vehicles were thoroughly searched and more plain clothes security operatives were deployed to monitor movement of those that have no business on the campus during the examination.

These security strategies and efforts paid off with the arrest of the three (3)

students and their five (5) imported non-students mercenaries.

The Polytechnic Management started observing a dangerous sign on Monday 15th July, 2024 when the Department of Public Administration HND II students wrote their last paper.

The Management got an intelligence report of the infiltration of some notorious old students of 2018/2019 sets who are suspected to be cultists alongside some imported mercenaries from Edo and Delta states that came that day to cause mayhem using the style of motorcade, spraying of naira notes while seating on their vehicles on the highway. In the process, there were gunshots from the direction of "Always Petrol station" adjacent the Polytechnic main gate where the imported mercenaries were allegedly camped since the campus was not comfortable for them because of the security measures put in place.

To prevent a repeat of the Monday incident, more security strategies were deployed ahead of Tuesday 16th July, 2024, when the HND II students from the Department of Accountancy, Library and Information Sciences as well as the Business Administration were scheduled to write their final papers.

It was the security arrangement and tip-off that led to the arrest of the three (3) students and their hired mercenaries who claimed to hail from Ekiti State, but based in Abuja.

The suspects were intercepted at the main entrance of the Polytechnic gate

while on their motorcade. The driver of the second car, however, jumped out of the vehicle and escaped.

Some suspected hard drugs wrapped in a polythene bag, papers cut to sizes supposedly for wrapping of drugs and one beret cap with a symbol suspected to be that of a cult group were seen in the car and in possession of the occupants of the two (2) intercepted cars.

In all, the items recovered from the apprehended suspects include two cars (2); a light green coloured Mercedes Benz Saloon with Reg. Number: EKITI STATE "MUE - 598 - AE" and a black coloured Toyota Lexus Saloon with Reg. Number from: EBONYI STATE "SKA - 78 - AE", different types of drugs, remnant of some naira notes amounting to N14000 naira, beret cap with a symbol suspected to be that of a cult and an MP3 player were handed over to the Nigeria Police at the 'B' Division in Lokoja.

Prior to the coming on board of the current leadership of the institution under Professor Salisu Ogbo Usman, the Polytechnic was notorious for cult parades at the end of every session, and with cult groups demonstrating their might through gun shots and killing of marked targets to the extent that the past Management, Lecturers and other staff used to abandon the campus for fear of their lives as cultists operated unchallenged during such period.

Within such past period, a Lecturer was stabbed and killed on the campus of the Polytechnic.

All those social vices and unacceptable conduct have stopped in Kogi State Polytechnic in the last four (4) years that the current Rector came on board.

The Rector and his Management team constantly adopted a proactive approach in tackling security challenges effectively.

Evidently, the notorious elements that were hitherto operating like demigods on the campus have been chased away.

The Rector commended the efforts of the Examination Security Management Committee, the Joint Security team and the Intelligence Team for a job well-done through teamwork for nipping the dangerous intent in the bud.

The Rector also used the opportunity to admonish the ND II students to be vigilant of any bad elements that may infiltrate into their group and report same to the Management through the Security Unit.

The Rector further advised parents and guardians to caution their children and wards by paying close attention to their behaviors and material acquisition without known sources of income, the type of companies they keep as well as their movement against involvement in criminal activities as those who are caught within the spheres of the Polytechnic with untoward characters would not be spared.

He also warned non-students who are interested in coming to the campus for cult and other related social vices to keep off or face the full wrath of the law.



CELEBRATING AN ICON, A TEACHER, A MENTOR

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On behalf of the staff of the Directorate of Public Relations and Protocol, Kogi State Polytechnic, Lokoja, I appreciate you for your magnanimity, resourcefulness, time, energy and knowledge that have impacted us in several ways.

Your uniqueness, kind-heartedness and result oriented disposition is evident in your ethic and exemplary leadership direction which we are privileged to witness first hand everyday.

Thank you for being a pragmatic role model.

In us, you have raised, nurtured and made many leaders, and we are pleased to be counted among your mentees. We drank and are still drinking from your pool of knowledge, wisdom and kindness. What more can we ask for?

Your numerous and accelerated legacies speak volume of your goal-driven spirit, and that is why you remain an icon and the symbolic face of the liberation of our generation.

As you mark this auspicious occasion of your birthday anniversary, we wish you more blessings, health, favour, accomplishment and more wisdom from God.

Congratulations, Sir. Happy Birthday and many happy returns.

Uredo Omale

Director, Public Relations and Protocol.

Kogi State Polytechnic, Lokoja.





KOGI POLY RECTOR LAUNCHES SICKLE CELL FOUNDATION

By: Uredo Omale

The Rector of Kogi State Polytechnic, Professor Salisu Ogbo Usman has called for concerted efforts to fight against stigmatization carriers.

Prof Salisu made the call while inaugurating the Shamsudeen Sick Cell Foundation as part of activities to mark his 52nd Birthday anniversary in Lokoja on Sunday.

He called for aggressive awareness campaigns, adding that stigmatization of sickle cell carriers is more injurious than the disease itself.

Prof Salisu said that the Shamsudeen Sick Cell Foundation would offer services such as medical support, counselling, scholarship, career services, nutrition and diet

services, collaboration with donor agencies, general health promotion as well as advocacy and sensitization empowerment.

He said the vision of the Foundation is to ensure "a world where sickle cell warriors thrive, free from stigma, pains and limitations".

He added that the mission is to change sickle cell narratives and conditions positively through care, support, counselling and medical advancement.

Narrating his ordeal as a sickle cell carrier, 14 year-old Shamsudeen, after whom the Foundation is named, said living with sickle cell has been traumatic but expressed gratitude to his parents for their support and perseverance.

Born in May 2010, his first few

months of life were filled with joy and hope, but at just six months old, he began experiencing persistent health issues that puzzled his parents. A grand celebration for his first birthday was followed by a period of acute illness, where he experienced swelling in his limbs – a painful marker that would soon lead to the diagnosis of sickle cell disease. Reflecting on this time, Shamsudeen recounted how his parents were devastated, yet undeterred, as his father made a vow to dedicate himself to ensuring that Usman received the best care possible.

Shamsudeen, who described himself as a proud sickle cell warrior, said the first six months of his life were filled with happiness as

he was a healthy, bouncing baby boy.

"However, everything changed at six months when I fell ill for the first time. My parents assumed it was a typical baby illness, but as the months went on, I continued to fall sick.

"When I turned one, my parents threw a grand birthday celebration. But after the party, I fell seriously ill, and my limbs swelled. I was taken to a well-known hospital in Anyigba, where I was diagnosed with sickle cell disease.

"My parents were devastated, facing the unknown challenges ahead. In response, my father made a vow to give his all to ensure I would have the best care possible.

"The pain caused by sickle cell crises has been one of my most difficult struggles. I have endured excruciating pain, particularly in my chest, abdomen, and limbs.

"A type of crisis I faced, known as acute chest syndrome, even led to pneumonia, causing the most intense chest pain I have ever experienced.

"Both extreme heat and cold bring additional health issues, such as protozoan diseases like malaria or respiratory infections, which can lead to crises," he explained.

Gifted with intelligence and a passion for learning, Shamsudeen has excelled academically and found particular inspiration in the subject of Biology, fueling his dream of one day becoming a neurosurgeon.

Speaker, Kogi State House of Assembly, Rt. Hon. Aliyu Yusuf Umar, who represented Governor Usman Ododo, congratulated Prof. Salisu on his birthday anniversary.

Prof. Ogbo Usman, indeed you are a great blessing to Kogi state and the people. You possess the skills for students' global quality education. It is a clear indication of your mark of excellence and most distinguished Professor in your field.

"Today is a remarkable day of celebration as the governor

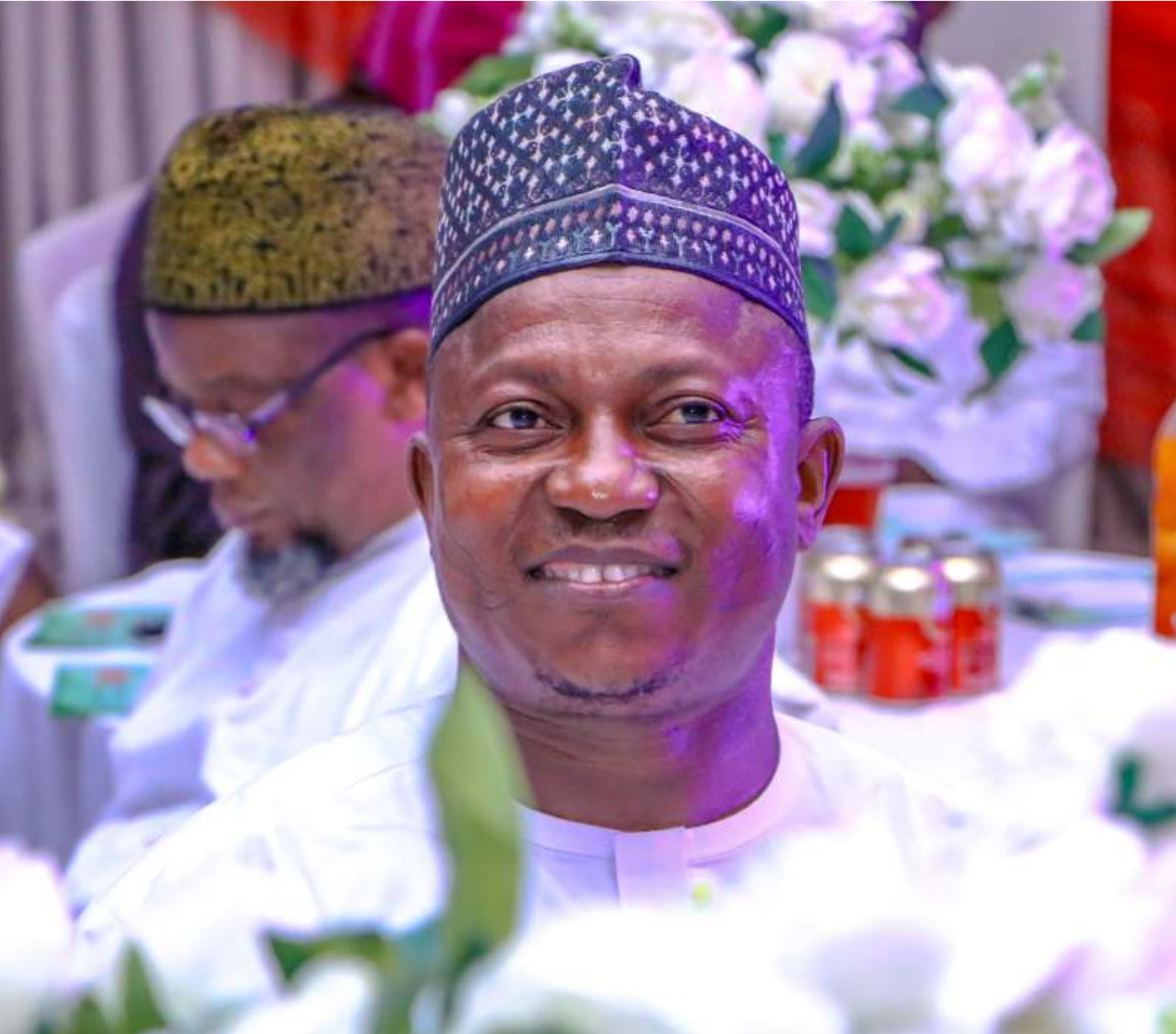
rejoices with you. I wish you happy birthday anniversary as you celebrate today!

My prayers for you is long life, prosperity and abundant blessings to you and your family, in the name of Almighty Allah, Amen!!," he prayed.

In his lecture titled; "Towards Promoting a Robust Government-Citizens Relationship in Nigeria" Professor Hassan Saliu said the need to bridge the gap became imperative to engender trust between the government and the citizens.

Prof. Saliu said the disconnect was responsible for the low participation of the people in governance and electoral activities.





PROFOUND APPRECIATIONS FOR THE SHOW OF LOVE AND SOLIDARITY ON THE SPECIAL OCCASION OF MY 52ND BIRTHDAY AND UNVEILING OF SHAMSUDEEN USMAN SICKLE CELL FOUNDATION

I am indeed humbled and overwhelmed by the invaluable solidarity and love I received from dignitaries from all walks of life on the special occasion of my 52nd birthday and the unveiling of the Shamsudeen Usman Sickle Cell Foundation. I humbly and sincerely appreciate

the Executive Governor of Kogi State, His Excellency, Alhaji Ahmed Usman Ododo for the invaluable love extended to me before, during and after the special moment. Your Excellency, I am and will always be grateful. I also appreciate His Excellency, the

Deputy Governor of Kogi State, Comrade Joel Salifu Oyibo, the Speaker, Kogi State House of Assembly, Rt. Honourable Aliyu Yusuf Umar; Majority Leader of the House, Honorable Suleiman Abdulrazaq and other distinguished members of the State House of

Assembly for the show of love and affection.

My profound appreciation to the Accountant General of Kogi State, Hajia Habibat Oyiza Tijani Onumoko; the Head of Civil Service, Evangelist Elijah Ebenemi; Honourable Commissioners and other members of the State Executive Council for the invaluable love extended to me.

I will not also forget to appreciate the support and presence of Project Coordinator of ACRoSAL, Barrister Ladi Ahmed Jatto, OON.

I appreciate the Chairman, All Progressive Congress, Kogi State who doubles as Chairman, Organising Committee, Alhaji Abdul Bello (Dollar) and other party leaders and members across the divide; Special Advisers and Senior Special Assistants and other Political Office Holders for their immeasurable support and commitment towards the success of the events.

I am also grateful to the Executive Chairman of Lokoja Local Government, Comrade Adamu Abdullahi and all other Local Government Chairmen who took time to honour our invitation.

My profound gratitude goes to the Vice-Chancellor, Federal University Lokoja, Prof Olayemi Akinwunmi who graciously chaired the occasion, the Vice-Chancellor, Prince Abubakar Audu University Anyigba, Prof Marietu Ohunene Tenuche the mother of the day; the Vice Chancellor of Confluence University of Science and Technology, Prof Asipita; the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academics) Federal University Lokoja, Prof. M. S. Audu; Deputy Vice Chancellor (Administration) Prince Abubakar Audu University Anyigba, Professor O.J. Saliu, Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academics) Prince Abubakar Audu University, Professor

Dan Atidoga and the Provost, COE, Ankpa, Professor Muhammed Ibrahim Kabir, for the immeasurable love and support.

I also appreciate all heads of tertiary institutions and their Principal Officers from within and outside the State who honoured my big day.

I appreciate the Royal Fathers in the State, most especially, the Ata Igala and President, Kogi State Council of Traditional Rulers, His Royal Majesty, Dr. Mathew Alaji Opaluwa Oguiche Akpa, CFR, the royal father of the day, ably represented by the Ejeh Dekina, Alhaji Usman Obaje, the Obaro of Kabba, Oba Solomon Dele Owoniyi, the Maigari of Lokoja, His Royal Highness, Alhaji Ibrahim Muhammed Kabir, Makarfi IV, the Ejeh Ibaji, Chief John Egwemi, the Ejeh Ofu, Alhaji Akwu Obaje, the Ohi of Adavi, His royal highness, Ireji Muhammed Bello, the Ohi of Okene, His royal highness, Alhaji Isah Mamman, the Ohi of Ihima, His royal Highness, Alhaji Abduraheem Ogido, the Ohiegba of Mozum, His royal highness, Chief Khalid A. Bukar II and other royal fathers for the inestimable love you all showed me.

I appreciate the Chief Imam of Ankpa, Alhaji Salman Adams, JNI, Council of Ulama'u, the CAN and clerics of all faiths and denominations for their love and prayers.

I specifically appreciate the State Commissioner of Police, CP Bethrand Onuoha, all heads and representatives of security agencies in the state, representatives of various banks and other financial institutions. I appreciate you all for making the occasion colourful.

My deepest appreciation goes to Professor Hassan Saliu, President, Nigeria Political Science Association for the huge honour of serving as

guest speaker.

I deeply and humbly appreciate, Mr. Daniel Abuh who authored an anthology of poems in my honour and all other contributors in the anthology.

I want to also appreciate the immediate past Chairman, Kogi State Polytechnic Governing Council, Professor Yakubu Isa and other members of the Council who graced the occasion.

Principal Officers, Management Members, Staff and Students of Kogi State Polytechnic, President and members of Kogi State Polytechnic Alumni Association, I am profoundly grateful for the immense love and solidarity.

Representatives of youths and students' unions, women's groups, my beloved family from Angwa-Ogebe and people from Ankpa, my immediate family, members of the fourth estate of the realm, corporate bodies, organizations, and individuals that are too numerous to mention. I say a big thank-you to you all.

The Director, Public Relations and Protocol Unit and her team, all members of the organising Committee, friends and well wishers, I profoundly appreciate you all.

You all made the occasion colourful, eventful and memorable.

Your presence was a clear indication of how much I am appreciated, and it will remain memorable all my life.

May you all be celebrated more than you have celebrated me.

Together, may we all work to make life better for the entire humanity.

God bless you all.

**Professor (Chief) Salisu Ogbo Usman,
(Celebrant)**



SERVICE TO HUMANITY: KOGI POLY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION HONOURS PROFESSOR SALISU OGBO USMAN WITH DISTINGUISHED PUBLIC SERVICE AWARD

By: Afolabi Mustapha Wale

The invaluable contributions and remarkable impact of the Rector of Kogi State Polytechnic, Lokoja, Professor Salisu Ogbo Usman, have been recognized by the Alumni Association of the institution as it honours him with distinguished Public Service Award.

Professor Usman was honoured with the award during the Association's Inaugural Annual General Meeting and Award Dinner on 8th November, 2024, at the Edge Drive Hotels and Suites in Lokoja.

Other recipients of the awards at the occasion were the Chairman, All Progressive Congress (APC), Kogi State Chapter, Alhaji (Dr) Abdullahi Bello (Dollar), the Speaker, Kogi State House of Assembly, Rt. Honorable Aliyu Usman Yusuf, the Accountant General of Kogi State, Dr. Hajiya Habibat Oyiza Tijani Onumoko.

According to the national President of the Association, Mr. Alexander Ocholi, the prestigious awards were in recognition for the outstanding contributions to public service and humanity by the recipients.

Mr. Ocholi highlighted the Association's remarkable achievements under his leadership, just as he praised his executive members and board of trustees for their unwavering commitment to the Association's growth.

He also acknowledged the Polytechnic management under Professor Usman, whose leadership laid a solid foundation for the Alumni Association.

The President of the Polytechnic Alumni Association emphasized the need for concerted efforts to boost membership and support the institution's growth.

Professor Salisu Ogbo Usman, the Rector of the Polytechnic, expressed gratitude to the Alumni Association for their collaboration and support.

He reaffirmed the Management's commitment to making the Alumni body more vibrant and admirable.

Professor Usman emphasized the importance of public service and encouraged others to follow in their footsteps to be remembered after their

service years or death.

The Rector charged members of the association and well meaning individuals to strive in inspiring future generations to make meaningful contributions to public service and humanity.

The Kogi State Chairman of the APC, Alhaji (Dr) Abdullahi Bello who is also a recipient of Honorary doctorate of Delaware University, expressed deepest appreciation for the recognition and pledged to rededicate himself to the Association and the alma mater's growth and development.

The event demonstrates the Polytechnic alumni commitment to recognizing excellence and fostering a sense of community among its members.





FACULTY OF MANAGEMENT SCIENCE, PAAU, HONOURS KOGI POLY RECTOR WITH EXCELLENCE AWARD

By: Abdulmalik Abdulkadir

The Rector of Kogi State Polytechnic, Lokoja, Professor Salisu Ogbo Usman, has been honoured with an Excellence Award by the Faculty of Management Sciences of Prince Abubakar Audu University Anyigba, for his significant role in enhancing infrastructure and dedicated support as a cherished friend of the Faculty.

The Award was presented to the Rector, during the Maiden Faculty Week of the Faculty, held on Thursday, 7th November, 2024.

Professor Usman, who was also the guest speaker at the Maiden Faculty Week dissected the topic: "Future-Proofing Management

Education: Trends, Challenges, and Opportunities."

While delivering his speech, Professor Salisu Ogbo Usman noted that the initiative was an indication of the faculty's readiness under the leadership of Professor Johnson Juwon Orogun to find a means of revitalizing the Faculty without necessarily depending on the dwindling meager resources from the University Management.

Professor Usman, therefore, commended Professor Orogun and his team for their historic efforts.

He also appreciated the University Management, led by Professor Marietu Tenuche, for granting approval and supporting the initiative,

while charging the Faculty Management to uphold the Faculty Week as a tradition for other faculties to emulate.

Professor Usman stated that the topic of the Faculty Week resonates with the growing demand for functional education, owing to the fact that the 21st century is characterized as a century of technological revolution.

In his words, "as we navigate the intricacies of the century, therefore, it has become unequivocally clear that management education must transform, not just in terms of technology, but in all ramification, to remain effective.

"This calls for the re-engineering of

management education in a way that fosters innovative thinking for adaptability and resilience."

Professor Usman recommended, amongst others, the need to embrace innovation that involves integrating emerging technologies and pedagogies to stay ahead of the curve, whilst fostering collaboration between academia, industry and government to bridge the skills gap and ensure relevance.

He stated further that developing agile leaders will equip staff members with adaptable skills, ethical awareness, and a global perspective to navigate complex academic landscapes.

The Rector in a special one appreciated the former Minister of state for Labour and Productivity, Professor Stephen Ikani Ocheni whose presence made the occasion colourful especially with the donation of the ICT centre which was commissioned by the Ogohi - Onu Anyigba, His Royal Highness, Alhaji Shaibu Okolo.

Earlier, the Dean, Professor J.J.

Orogun, appreciated the Management of the institution for their support and encouragement, as well as for providing the enabling environment for the Faculty to honour those who have dedicated themselves to contributing to the growth and development of the Faculty.

He reassured the Vice Chancellor and the Management of the institution of the Faculty's readiness to champion creativity and resourcefulness so as to further place the institution on a higher pedestal.

The Vice Chancellor, Prince Abubakar Audu University, Anyigba, Professor Marietu Tenuche, represented by the Deputy Vice Chancellor Academic, Professor Daniel Atidoga, underscored the University's commitment to excellence and provide platform to honour those who have made remarkable contributions to academic and infrastructural advancement.

He used the opportunity to

admonish members of staff of the Faculty of Management Studies to continue to accord the Dean the needed support to succeed, whilst appealing to Faculty alumni to continue giving back to the institution.

Other award recipients included Rt. Hon. James Faleke, member, House of Representatives, Senator Jibrin Isah Echocho, Senator representing Kogi East Senatorial District, Rt. Hon. Abdullahi Halims, Deputy Majority Leader, House of Representatives, Hajia Habitat Tijani Olumoko, Accountant General, Kogi State, Hon Wemi Jones, Honourable Commissioner for Education, Kogi State, among several others who have made significant contributions to the growth and development of the Faculty and the institution at large.

Highlights of the ceremony was the official commissioning of the ICT centre, donated by Professor Stephen Ocheni, the car park and walkway, donated by the Faculty alumnus.



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KOGI POLY RECTOR URGES FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO ADDRESS LINGERING HUNGER, ANGER IN NIGERIA

By: Afolabi Mustapha Wale

The Rector of Kogi State Polytechnic, Lokoja, Professor Salisu Ogbo Usman has called on the President Ahmed Bola Tinubu to address the lingering issues of hunger leading to anger among Nigerians occasioned by the removal of fuel subsidy. Professor Usman gave the charge during the launching of Citizens' Assembly and Town Hall meeting organized by the office of Senior Special Adviser to President on Community Engagement in Lokoja on Wednesday 18th September, 2024.

He commended President Tinubu for taking a frontal approach on policies that will affect people positively ranging from removal of fuel subsidy that has not benefited the citizenry, enforcing the Local Government Autonomy and the students loan approach as well as health initiative.

The Rector emphasized the need for Federal Government to as a matter of urgency come up with immediate, short and long term plans to ameliorate the hunger crisis in the land.

Professor Usman also lend his voice on the perceived selective injustice as witnessed in the actions of law enforcement agencies in the country.

While commending the Senior Special Adviser to the President for the courage to organize the town hall meeting aimed at getting direct feedback on how to serve Nigerians better, the Keynote Speaker urged the newly inaugurated members of the Citizens' Assembly to serve with optimum commitment and integrity.

Earlier, the conveyer of the Town Hall Meeting, the Senior Special Adviser to President on Community Engagement (North Central) Mrs. Abiodun Essiet said the initiative was aimed at fostering inclusivity among the citizens to participate fully in government policies and initiatives.

She stated further that the Citizens' Assembly will also aid her office to help the central government in addressing unique challenges affecting each geopolitical zones in the region.

Mrs. Essiet who appreciated the volunteers and all present however urged other government appointees to join in the initiative by contributing to grassroots development.

Chairman of the occasion and a member representing Ajaokuta Federal Constituency in the House of Representatives, Honourable Sanni Egidi

Abdulraheem inaugurated the Kogi State Citizens' Assembly with a charge to members to work diligently and with fear God by making sure that their immediate community benefits from various interventions from the Federal Government.

There were goodwill messages from representatives of security agencies, traditional institutions, market women, traders, organized youths and students bodies.





PROF. OGBO USMAN BAGS OLUGBON OF OKE-IBUKUN CHIEFTAINCY TITLE

By: Uredo Omale

The Rector of Kogi State Polytechnic, Lokoja Professor Salisu Ogbo Usman has been conferred with the prestigious Chieftaincy title of "Olugbon of Oke-Ibukun kingdom" by the Oke-Ibukun community, recognizing his exceptional leadership and contribution to education and community development.

The Olu of Oke-Ibukun Kingdom, His Royal Highness (HRH) Oba Timothy Ige Omonile conferred the revered title on Professor Usman on Saturday 9th November, 2024 during the 2024 Oke-Ibukun Day and Launching of 100 Million Naira Oke-Ibukun Civic Centre in Oke-Ibukun, Bunu of Kabba-Bunu LGA of Kogi State.

His Royal Highness, Oba Omonile noted that the Rector was found worthy of the special title haven recognized and attested to his unwavering commitment to human and community development as well as noting his detribalized traits and sincerity.

"I must say that the traditional title of Oke-Ibukun Kingdom is not always conferred on any dick and harry but for individuals who have distinguished themselves in their chosen careers and their support to humanity.

"After critically looking at the

antecedents of Professor Usman, especially how he has used wisdom, knowledge and leadership quality to turn the status of Kogi State Polytechnic, and his invaluable contribution to humanity through the recently launched Sickie Cell foundation that will cater for health needs of all warriors, the traditional council of Oke-Ibukun Kingdom has deemed it fit to confer on him the title as Olugbon (the Knowledgeable One) of Oke-Ibukun Kingdom.

"I am confident that Professor Usman will as he has always been, represent us well as one of us and continue to be a good ambassador of our great kingdom," he said.

The new Olugbon of Oke-Ibukun Kingdom, Professor Salisu Ogbo Usman who profoundly accepted the title appreciated His Royal Highness (HRH), Oba Timothy Ige Omonile and the traditional council as well as the good people of the Kingdom for recognizing him with the revered title which he promised to hold dearly.

Professor Usman who paid glowing tribute to the immediate former Governor of Kogi State, Alhaji Yahaya Adoza Bello and the incumbent Governor of the state, Alhaji Ahmed Usman Ododo for giving him rare

opportunities to serve as Rector of Kogi State Polytechnic also appreciated the Commissioner for Education, Honourable Wemi Jones for his continued support, guidance and encouragement.

Professor Usman however assured the good people of Oke-Ibukun Kingdom that he will continue to be selfless and commit more to community development with the hope that his legacies will motivate future generations of educators and leaders.

Earlier, the Commissioner for Education, Kogi State, Honourable Wemi Jones who was the Chief Host of the Oke-Ibukun Day disclosed that the Kingdom's decision to confer the Olugbon Chieftaincy title on Professor Usman reflects their appreciation of his tireless efforts in promoting education and community development.

Honourable Jones added that the honour served as a testament to Professor Usman's commitment to making a positive impact at the Polytechnic and on humanity.

A highlight of the day was Launching of 100 Million Naira Oke-Ibukun Civic Centre where dignitaries from all walks of life attended and made valuable donations to the completion of the Centre.

KOGI POLY MASS COMM. DEPT. HOLDS ORIENTATION PROGRAMME FOR NEW STUDENTS

... URGES THEM TO BE LAW-ABIDING



By: **Abdulmalik Abdulkadir**

Students of the Mass Communication Department, School of General and Communication Kogi State Polytechnic, Lokoja, have been charged to be law-abiding and maintain orderliness in order to achieve success in their academic endeavours.

The charge was given at the 3rd orientation exercise of the Department held on Thursday 28th November, 2024, at the Hall 'P' of the Main Campus, Lokoja. The Keynote speakers who addressed students in turns, reiterated the importance of maximizing opportunities provided by the institution whilst reiterating the effective use of the internet as a vital tool for academic growth just as they encouraged students to plan their daily activities effectively, balancing lectures and studying to achieve academic success.

The Director of Information Technology Resource Centre, ITRC, Mr. Rock Adeiza Ezekiel who spoke extensively on the significance of ICT usage to achieve greater academic success urged the students to harness the power of the internet, utilizing it effectively to facilitate their research and complete assignments.

Mrs. Anita Tolu Olugbemi, the Examination Officer of the School of General and Communication Studies

offered a summary of how students' scores and grades are processed, adding that the introduction of ICT has helped in timely release of results without hindrance from any quarters.

Head, Department of Social Science and Humanities, Mr. Joel Ebenezer advised the new students to study well, shun negative peer pressure and be obedient to establish rules and regulations as well as be prayerful towards achieving good grades in order to compete globally.

The Head of Mass Communication Department, Mr. Tahiru Nuhu Momoh, commended the management team led by the Rector, Professor Salisu Ogbo Usman, for their unwavering support and encouragement to the department just as he appreciated the staff and students for their cooperation and teamwork.

He expressed gratitude to the Dean and entire members of the School of General and Communication Studies for their support and encouraged students to seize the opportunities presented by the department and strive for excellence in their academic pursuits.

Earlier, the Dean, School of General and Communication Studies, Mrs. Ardeline Lola Balagbogbo, commended the Rector, Professor Salisu Ogbo Usman for his outstanding leadership and commitment to the school growth and acknowledged his exceptional vision and

dedication to prioritizing the school's needs, which has contributed significantly to its success.

She urged the students to take their studies seriously and make the most use of the resources provided to them in the department and as well be well behaved, dutiful and dedicated to their studies.

Some of the students who spoke at the orientation exercise appreciated the School management for keeping them informed of the prospects and challenges as well as how to navigate successfully as students of Mass Communication noting that it had broadened their understanding of the school and the Polytechnic as a whole just as they promised to follow the teachings tenaciously.

Highlight of the orientation exercises was the presentation of prizes to students who showcased exceptional teamwork and departmental spirit by dressing cooperatively in their departmental attire.



APPOINTMENT OF NEW DEANS, DIRECTORS AND HODS



DEAN, SCHOOL OF ENVIRONMENTAL TECHNOLOGY

Dr. Abraham Sunday Samuel was born on 13th October, 1963 in Dekina LGA of Kogi State. Dr. Samuel had NCE in Mathematics and Geography from the Federal College of Education, Okene in 1988. His B.Sc (Ed) was in Geography and Planning (GeoPlanning) in 1997 from University of Benin, Benin City. Dr. Samuel secured his PGD in Urban and Regional Planning (URP) in 2008 from Federal University of Technology, Akure. His Masters Degree was in the same URP secured in 2012 from Kogi State University (now Prince Abubakar Audu University) Anyigba. Dr. Samuel bagged his PhD in 2020 from Enugu State University of Science and Technology, Enugu. He joined the services of Kogi State Polytechnic in 2011 on transfer from Kogi State Town Planning and Development Board as Lecturer I and rose through the ranks until his present rank as Chief Lecturer. Dr. Samuel was formerly Head, Department of Urban and Regional Planning; Member, Polytechnic Book Committee; Member, Polytechnic Environmental Committee; Member, Disciplinary Committee, School of Environmental Technology; Chairman, Examination Malpractice Committee, School of Environmental Technology. He is a Member, National Institute of Town Planners (NTIP) and Member, Town Planners Registration Council of Nigeria (TOPREC). Dr. Samuel is happily married.



DEAN, SCHOOL OF APPLIED SCIENCES

Dr. (Mrs.) Olukemi Sade Ayodele was born on 2nd July, 1974. She hails from Lokoja LGA of Kogi State. Dr. (Mrs.) Ayodele had B.Tech in Mathematics and Computer Science from Federal University of Technology, Minna. She secured her PGDE from the National Teachers Institute in 2005. Dr. (Mrs.) bagged her Masters in Computer Science from University of Ilorin in 2010 and her PhD was in 2019 from Kogi State University (now Prince Abubakar Audu University) Anyangba in the same discipline. She joined the services of Kogi State Polytechnic in 2003 as Assistant Lecturer based on transfer from Kogi State Teaching Service Commission and rose through the ranks until her present rank as Chief Lecturer. She was formerly Examination Officer, School of Applied Sciences. Dr. (Mrs.) Ayodele was the pioneer Director, Directorate of Information Technology and Resource

Centre (ITRC) between 2010 and 2022. She is a Fellow, Computer Professional Registration Council of Nigeria; Member, Nigeria Computer Society; Member, Nigeria Women in Information Technology (NIWIIT); Member, Academia in Information Technology (AIIT). Dr. (Mrs.) Ayodele is also the President, Nigeria Women in Information Technology (NIWIIT), Kogi State Chapter.



DIRECTOR, DIRECTORATE OF CAREER SERVICES

Mrs. Grace B. Hauwa Ehinomy was born on 20th January, 1965. She hails from Lokoja LGA of Kogi State. Mrs. Ehinomy had her first degree (B.A) in History in 1987 from University of Ilorin. Her Masters of Arts (M.A) was also from the same discipline in 2004 from University of Abuja. Mrs. Ehinomy bagged her Doctorate Degree (Phd) also from University of Abuja in 2023. She joined the services of Kogi State Polytechnic in 1996 as Lecturer II when she transferred her service from the Kogi State Teaching Service Commission and she is now a Chief Lecturer. Mrs. Ehinomy had previously served at various positions in the Polytechnic including Examination Officer, Department of Remedial Studies (2007 - 2010); Head, Department of Remedial Studies (2010 - 2014) and a member, Kogi State Governing Council (2011-2015). This great historian is a Member of Historical Society of Nigeria and also a Member, Association of Nigerian Authors. Mrs. Ehinomy is happily married.



AG. DIRECTOR, DIRECTORATE OF RESEARCH AND INNOVATION

Mr. Suleiman Abdulrahman Itopa was born on 12th March, 1993. He hails from Adavi LGA of Kogi State. Mr. Itopa had his BSc in Biochemistry from University of Ilorin in 2016. His Masters certificate was in Biotechnology in 2021 from Bayero University Kano. Mr. Itopa also had Post Graduate Diploma in Education (PGDE) from University of Maiduguri in 2021. His Masters certificate was in Business Administration in 2022 from (AMU). He joined the services of Kogi State Polytechnic in 2022 as Lecturer III in the Department of Science Laboratory Technology (SLT). Mr. Itopa is a member; Mycological Society of Nigeria (MYCOSON), American Society of Microbiologists (ASM) and Nigerian Society of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology (NSBMB). He is happily married.



AG. HEAD, DEPARTMENT OF COMPUTER ENGINEERING

Mr. Adebayo Philip Omoniyi was born on 20th January, 1973. He's from Ogori-Magongo LGA of Kogi State. He had Higher National Diploma (HND) in Electrical Electronic Engineering in 1997 from Kwara State Polytechnic, Ilorin. Mr. Omoniyi had his Post Graduate Diploma (PGD) in Computer Science in 2013 from Kogi State University (Prince Abubakar Audu University, Anyingba). His BSc was in Information Technology from Salem University, Lokoja in 2017. Mr. Omoniyi bagged his Masters in Computer Science in 2024 from the Federal University Lokoja. He joined the services of Kogi State Polytechnic as Technologist II in 2009 and later converted to lecturer cadre in 2020. He's currently Lecturer II. Mr. Omoniyi is a member of Council for the Regulation of Engineering in Nigeria (COREN) and member, Nigerian Association for Technologist in Engineering (NATE). He is happily married.



AG. HEAD, DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURAL TECHNOLOGY

Mr. Akubo David is from Ankpa LGA of Kogi State. He was born on 8th May, 1983. He had his B.Agric certificate in Agricultural Economic and Extension from Kogi State University (Prince Abubakar Audu University), Anyingba in (). His Masters certificate was in Agricultural Economics from the Federal University of Agriculture, Makurdi, Benue State. He joined the services of Kogi State Polytechnic in 2021 as Lecturer III. He was formerly Project/Seminar Coordinator of the department of Agricultural Technology. Mr. David is a member of Nigerian Association of Agricultural Economists (NAAE). He also belongs to Agricultural Society of Nigeria (ASN). He is happily married.



HEAD, DEPARTMENT OF SURVEY AND GEOINFORMATICS

Dr. Guma Edward Pishikeni was born on 23rd August, 1981 in Bassa LGA of Kogi State. He had his BSc (2006), Masters (2015) and PhD (2022) in Survey and Geoinformatics all from Nnamdi Azikwe University, Awka, Anambra State. Dr. Pishikeni joined the services of Kogi State Polytechnic in 2009 as Assistant Lecturer in the Department of Survey and Geoinformatics. He was formerly the departmental Exam Officer (2009-2011) and Acting Head, Department of Survey and Geoinformatics. Dr. Pishikeni is a member; Nigerian Institution of Surveyors (NIS) and Nigeria Association of Geodesy (NAG). He is happily married.



HEAD, DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL ENGINEERING

MRS. OLUWATOSIN FUNKE JOSEPH was born on 24th July, 1988 in Mopa-Muro LGA of Kogi State. She had both BTech (2012) and MTech (2022) in Civil Engineering from Federal University of Technology (FUT), Minna, Niger State. She joined the services of Kogi State Polytechnic in 2014 as an Assistant Lecturer where she rose through the ranks until her present rank as Lecturer I. Mrs. Joseph has served as the Assistant Exam Officer of the department, Welfare Chairperson of the Department, Level Coordinator for ND II and Site Engineer on Girls' Hostel Renovations (Itakpe Campus). She is a member of Council for the Regulations of Engineering in Nigeria (COREN), member, Association of Professional Women Engineers in Nigeria (APWEN) and also a member, Joint Professional Training and Support International (JPTSI). Mrs. Joseph is happily married.



HEAD, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

DR. (MRS) MOJISHOLA JOAN EBAJEMITO is from Kabba-Bunu LGA of Kogi State. She was born on 6th October, 1967. She had her first degree from Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria in 1988. Her MPA was in 2004 from the University of Jos. Dr. (Mrs.) Ebaemito had her MSc in from University of Nigeria Nsukka (UNN). Her PhD was in 2020. Dr. (Mrs.) Ebaemito joined the service of Kogi State Polytechnic in 2006 as Lecturer III and rose through the ranks to her present rank as Principal Lecturer. She has previously served as Head, Department of Public Administration; Departmental Exam Officer, Member, Examination Malpractice Committee and Member, Binding Committee. Dr. (Mrs.) Ebaemito is a member, Nigerian Institute of Management (NIM), She is happily married.



HEAD, DEPARTMENT OF LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SCIENCE

Dr. Mohammed Bappa Adamu was born on 10th January, 1971. He is from Okene LGA of Kogi State. Mr. Adamu had his DLS (1993), B.A, LS (1999), PGDPA (2001), MPA (2006) and MLS (2013) all from Bayero University Kano (BUK). He also had PGDE in 2016 from the National Open University (NOUN). He is joined the services of Kogi State Polytechnic in 2007 as an Assistant Lecturer and rose through the ranks until his present rank as Principal Lecturer. Mr. Adamu was formerly head of Departmental Reference and Public Relations Unit, Project Coordinator and also SIWES Coordinator of the Department of Library Science. He is a certified Librarian since 2012. He is also a member of Nigerian Library Association. Mr. Adamu is happily married.



HEAD, DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTANCY

Mr. Okeme Odekina Adejo hails from Ofu LGA of Kogi State. He was born on 8th June, 1976. Mr. Adejo had his Higher National Diploma in Accountancy from Kogi State

Polytechnic, Lokoja in 2003. His Masters Degree was also in the same discipline in 2019 from Kogi State University (now Prince Abubakar Audu University) Anyangba, Kogi State. Mr. Adejo joined the service of Kogi State Polytechnic in 2006 as a Higher Instructor and rose through the ranks until his present rank as Principal Lecturer. He was formerly the Examination Officer for the School of Management Studies. Mr. Adejo is a member, Association of National Accountants of Nigeria (ANAN). He is happily married.



HEAD, DEPARTMENT OF FOUNDRY

Mr. Momoh-Jimoh Kabiru was born in Okene, Okene LGA of Kogi State on 15th December, 1982. He had his Higher National Diploma (HND) in Metallurgical and Material Engineering

Technology in 2005 from the Federal Polytechnic, Idah. His PGD was also in the same discipline in 2014 from the Federal University of Technology, Akure. Mr. Kabiru had his Masters Degree in Physical Metallurgical and Corrosion Option in 2019 from the same Federal University of Science and Technology, Akure. He joined the services of Kogi State Polytechnic in 2010 as Technologist II and rose through the ranks until his present rank as Chief Technologist. Mr. Kabiru was formerly the Examination Officer, Department of Metallurgical Engineering Technology for four years. He is a member of Nigerian Metallurgical Society. Mr. Kabiru is happily married.



HEAD, DEPARTMENT OF PART-TIME

Mohammed Suleiman was born on June 26, 1983, in Adavi Local Government Area of Kogi State. He holds a Bachelor of

Science degree in Chemistry from the University of Maiduguri, which he obtained in 2010. Mohammed began his working career as an Assistant Lecturer at Kogi State Polytechnic on May 5, 2014. Currently, he serves as a Lecturer 1 and Head of the Department of Part-Time and Vocational Studies, a position he has held since January 13, 2025. Mohammed is a member of the Chemical Society of Nigeria (CSN). He is married and blessed with children.



DEAN SCHOOL OF PART-TIME AND VOCATIONAL STUDIES

Dr. Daniels Emmanuel Alkali was born on September 15, 1972, in Bagaji, Omala Local Government Area of Kogi State. He holds a Bachelor of Science in Education (Geography) from the University of Nigeria, Nsukka, which he

obtained in 2001. He furthered his education at Benue State University, Makurdi, where he earned a Master of Science in Geography (Environmental and Resource Management) in 2007. He completed his doctoral studies in Geography and Planning at Kogi State University, Ayingba, in 2018. Dr. Alkali joined Kogi State Polytechnic in 2003 as a Lecturer III and rose through the ranks to become a Chief Lecturer. He has served as Head, Department of Sciences (SPS) from May 9, 2021, to March 3, 2025. He was appointed Dean of the School of Part-Time and Vocational Studies on March 3, 2025. Dr. Alkali is a fellow of the Institute of Certified Geographers and a member of the Association of Nigerian Geographers and the Environmental Society of Nigeria. He is happily married.

KOGI POLY RECTOR CHARGES KOGI STATE POLITICAL OFFICE HOLDERS TO POSITIVELY PROJECT GOVERNMENT THROUGH THEIR CONDUCT

By: Afolabi Mustapha Wale

The Rector of Kogi State Polytechnic, Lokoja, Professor Salisu Ogbo Usman has urged Political office holders in Kogi State to utilize their portfolios to positively project the government's image to the public. Prof Usman gave the charge on Monday, 18th November, 2024, when he received the high-powered delegation of Senior Special Assistants to the Governor of Kogi State in his office on a courtesy visit. The Rector paid glowing tributes to Governor Alhaji Ahmed Usman Ododo for his excellent appointments, which he said is a further indication of the Governor's readiness to work for inclusivity and development of the State. He commended the delegation led by the Chairman, Hon. Shehu La'shek Yahaya for demonstrating selflessness through the Governor Ododo Business Outreach (GOBO) project, which he praised as a timely invention to support small-scale business owners. Prof Usman charged the forum to create more engaging opportunities

that would outlive their stay in office and urged them to let their conduct present them as good ambassadors of the state government.

He thanked the former Governor, Alhaji Yahaya Adoza Bello for identifying a worthy successor in Alhaji Ahmed Usman Ododo, who has not disappointed the people of Kogi State, and praised Governor Ododo for consolidating governance since assumption of office.

Prof. Usman reiterated his commitment and support for Governor Ahmed Usman Ododo's Business Outreach (GOBO) programme and thanked the forum for making a difference.

Earlier, Hon. Shehu La'shek Yahaya, chairman of the forum, thanked the Rector for attending the flag-off ceremony of Governor Ahmed Usman Ododo's Business Outreach (GOBO) program, designed to help small scale business owners.

He described Prof. Usman as a humanitarian, goal-getter, and technocrat, praising his outstanding achievements at Kogi State Polytechnic, which are evident to all.

Hon. Charity Ijese, Senior Special Assistant to the Governor on Women and Youth Mobilization, thanked the Rector for supporting Governor Ododo's Business Outreach program, citing it as a vital investment in the future of small-scale business owners in the state.

She praised Prof. Usman for his unwavering determination to achieve the impossible, expressing gratitude for his selfless service and inspiring leadership.

Highlights of the visit was the decoration of Prof. Usman as Patron of the Forum, in recognition of his tireless dedication to empowering small-scale business owners and promoting entrepreneurship development.



FRSC SEEKS ROBUST COLLABORATION WITH KOGI POLY ON STAFF TRAINING, ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

By: Uredo Omale

The Federal Road Safety Corps, FRSC, Kogi State Command and Kogi State Polytechnic, Lokoja have agreed to explore areas of possible collaboration, particularly on staff development, training of institution's drivers and staff as well as academic improvement of corp members.

This followed a visit by the Kogi State Sector Commander of the FRSC, Corps Commander Samuel S. Oyedepi to the Rector of Kogi State Polytechnic, Professor Salisu Ogbo Usman on Tuesday 19th November, 2024 where the two personalities discussed the enormous benefits from the collaboration.

Corps Commander Oyedepi stated that the visit was to engage the management of the institution on proactive safety measures on and around the campus, noting that the safety of road users, particularly within and outside the Polytechnic campus, is a priority for the FRSC.

Corps Commander Samuel Oyedepi highlighted the importance of promoting a safety-conscious environment among the staff of the Polytechnic through specialized training of the Polytechnic staff and drivers on road safety and vehicle education, and ensuring the worthiness of every road user. He also discussed areas of mutually beneficial services between his corps and the Polytechnic, emphasizing the significance of education and public service collaboration.

Commander Oyedepi used the medium to congratulate the Rector on his recent 52nd birthday celebration, launching of his Sickle Cell Foundation as a way to give back to the society and for the Rector's deserved renewal of appointment for another term in office.

While calling for the continued support from the Polytechnic management, the FRSC Corps Commander in Kogi State prayed that the Polytechnic management would be endowed with the required wisdom to take the institution to the next level of growth.

The Rector of Kogi State Polytechnic, Professor Salisu Ogbo Usman expressed enthusiasm for the partnership extended to the Polytechnic by the Corps, acknowledging its pivotal role in promoting road safety nationwide.

Professor Usman noted that the collaboration which is symbiotic will help advance successes of the institution and the corps.

He stated that the institution has already taken proactive measures in reducing road accidents in and around the campus with the renovation of the hostels which has reduced human traffic on the high way.

Professor Usman pointed out that his administration has also put stringent measures in place to ward off crime, cultism and cult related activities on the campus which has encouraged relative

peace and tranquility the Polytechnic has been enjoying.

He affirmed the commitment of the management and the Polytechnic to work closely with the Corps to implement safety programmes and initiatives tailored to the Polytechnic's social responsibility.

Professor Usman however, appreciated the Corps Commander and his team for the visit and intended collaboration which he promised will be leveraged upon.

Management members of the Polytechnic in the meeting were the Deputy Rector's, Dr. Samuel Taiwo Olowo, the Registrar of the Polytechnic, Mr. Aiyeetan Sunday and the Chief Security Officer, CSO of the institution, Mr. Emmanuel Attah Onuh.

In the entourage of the FRSC Corps Commander were the Sector Accountant, Chief Route Commander A. Paul, Sector's head of Protocol and Public Enlightenment, Assistant Route Commander Oluwakemi B. Reuben and Road Marshall Usman Sheidu.





KOGI POLY MOURNS PIONEER GOVERNING COUNCIL CHAIRMAN, SENATOR ALEX USMAN KADIRI

By: Uredo Omale

The Rector of Kogi State Polytechnic, Lokoja, on behalf of the Governing Council, Management, staff and students, commiserates with the family of the late Senator Dr. Alex Usman Kadiri, who passed away on 28th June, 2024, at the age of 82.

Dr Alex Kadiri who represented the Kogi East Senatorial District in the Senate between 1999 - 2003, also served as the pioneer Council Chairman of the Polytechnic between 1993-1998.

The Rector described the late Senator Kadiri as a champion of academic distinction whose visionary leadership laid the foundation for the academic preeminence of the Kogi State Polytechnic of today.

He added that the late Senator's dedication to academic excellence remains immeasurable; a testament to his unyielding commitment to nurturing young minds and illuminating the pathways of many towards excellence.

He said, In the grand scheme of things, the late Senator Kadiri was a thorough bred technocrat, seasoned administrator, and altruistic politician

whose primary drive was for the betterment of humanity.

The Rector added that, the entire Polytechnic community would surely miss the guidance, wisdom, and leadership acumen of the late Senator and former Governing Council Chairman, but are consoled by his engraved legacy which will continue to inspire the institution to strive for excellence.

He prayed for the peaceful repose of the soul of the former Senator and urged his family, the Odu Community and Kogi State at large to be consoled by his outstanding records and contributions for the development of humanity.





BAYERO UNIVERSITY KANO ALUMNI ASSOCIATION DECORATES KOGI POLY RECTOR, PROFESSOR USMAN AS PATRON

By: Afolabi Mustapha Wale

The Rector of Kogi State Polytechnic, Lokoja, Professor Salisu Ogbo Usman, has been conferred as the Patron Bayero University Kano Alumni Association, Kogi State Chapter in recognition of his outstanding contributions to the development of education state and his philanthropic endeavors.

The honor was bestowed on Professor Usman during a courtesy visit by the Alumni Association to his office at the Polytechnic's Main Campus on Tuesday, 17th December, 2024.

President of the Association, Comrade Ebum Alfa expressed the body's admiration for Professor Usman's exemplary leadership and academic brilliance whilst acknowledging his humility and distinguished service to the educational development of the state. Comrade Alfa noted that the Alumni

Association were abreast of Prof. Usman's significant achievements since assumption of office on 7th April, 2020.

He emphasized the importance of Alumni Association as a strong body needed by every educational institutions to promote the sector to higher echelon.

He however thanked the Rector for making the association proud just as he reiterated their continued support to achieve more greatness in the discharge of his duty.

In his response, Prof. Usman appreciated the leadership of the association and expressed his confidence in them while emphasizing the need for robust participation among the Alumni chapters to sustain strong connections, influence and collaboration.

Prof. Usman encouraged the association executives to connect

with other prominent Bayero University alumni to host a unique reunion ceremony, which would serve as a platform for networking, influence and connections.

He thanked the association for the honor and pledged his support for the growth and development whilst charging the alumni association to remain united in their pursuit of educational development.

The highlight of the visit was the formal presentation of the certification to the Rector.

The Alumni Association President was accompanied by his Secretary, Comrade Idris O. Yunusa.





KOGI POLY RECTOR CELEBRATES THE KOGI STATE HONOURABLE COMMISSIONER FOR FINANCE ON HIS BIRTHDAY

The Rector of Kogi State Polytechnic, Lokoja, Prof. Salisu Ogbo Usman on behalf of the Management, Staff and Students of the institution felicitates with Mukadam Asiwaju Asiru Idris, the Honourable Commissioner For Finance, Budget and Economic Planning on the auspicious occasion of his birthday celebration.

Prof. Usman describes the Honourable Commissioner as a seasoned accountant with a high level of integrity and proficiency in financial regulations.

The Rector commends the Commissioner for his immense contributions to the administration of the former Governor, Alhaji Yahaya Adoza Bello and the administration of His Excellency, Alhaji Ahmed Usman Ododo especially in the financial sector.

"We celebrate you today for your worthy and immense contributions to the emergence of the new Kogi State and for your selfless service to the people of Kogi State.

"The Polytechnic community is grateful for your guidance and support which have been

instrumental in shaping the Institution's growth and progress," he said.

The Rector prayed God Almighty in His infinite mercy to continue to grant Asiwaju the needed wisdom, knowledge, understanding and good health.

Once again, congratulations on the auspicious occasion of your birthday anniversary.

Salisu Ogbo Usman, PhD, FCIA, FABEN.

Rector, Kogi State Polytechnic, Lokoja.

KOGI POLY RECTOR FELICITATES BAR. ABDULSALAMI OZIGI DEEDAT, THE HONOURABLE COMMISSIONER FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND CHIEFTAINCY AFFAIRS, KOGI STATE ON HIS BIRTHDAY.

On behalf of the Management, Academic Board staff and students of Kogi State Polytechnic, Lokoja, I heartily and warmly felicitate with the Honourable Commissioner for Local Government and Chieftaincy Affairs, Hon. Barr. Abdulsalam Ozigi Deedat, on the auspicious occasion of his birthday.

The Honourable Commissioner, Sir, that your Special Day is coinciding with the holy month of Ramadan is an indication of the enormous blessings that surround you and will continue to surround you.

We celebrate you most warmly for your unassuming personality, sincerity of purpose, invaluable and ceaseless support for the progress of the Polytechnic.

On a personal note, I can never celebrate you enough for the unconditional love you have shown me, and the invaluable trust I have enjoyed from you.

I pray that you continue to enjoy the best of health, divine

protection, accomplishment, unrivaled elevation and all-round peace in all your public and private engagements. It is our sincere hope and prayer that God's abundant grace which has seen you through the years will continue to take you higher in the years ahead.

Once again, on behalf of the Polytechnic, accept my warmest regards and felicitations on the occasion of your birthday.

Prof. Salisu Ogbo Usman,
PhD, FCIA, FABEN.
Rector





KOGI POLY RECTOR FELICITATES THE SPEAKER, KOGI STATE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY, RT. HON. UMAR ALIYU YUSUF ON HIS BIRTHDAY

The Rector of Kogi State Polytechnic, Lokoja, Prof. Salisu Ogbo Usman, on behalf of the Management, Staff, and Students of the institution, heartily felicitates with the Speaker of the Kogi State House of Assembly, Rt. Hon. Umar Aliyu Yusuf on the momentous occasion of his birthday anniversary.

Prof. Usman extols Rt. Hon. Umar as a visionary leader, a distinguished lawmaker, and a relentless advocate for the progress and development of Kogi State.

He describes him as a man of profound wisdom, integrity and selfless service, whose unwavering commitment to good governance

continues to inspire hope and transformation across the state. "Your leadership in the Kogi State House of Assembly has been a beacon of courage, fairness, and dedication to the welfare of our people. You have consistently championed policies that foster development, unity, and prosperity. Your contributions to legislative excellence and state-building are truly commendable," Prof. Usman remarked.

As a strong pillar of democracy, your invaluable contributions to the stability, peace, and advancement of Kogi State cannot be overemphasized and your steadfastness, resilience, and

patriotic zeal have set a high standard in leadership, earning you the admiration and respect of all.

On this special occasion, the entire Kogi Polytechnic community joins well-wishers in celebrating your remarkable achievements and praying for God's continuous guidance, wisdom, strength and good health as you continue to serve our dear state and nation.

Once again, congratulations on your birthday anniversary Sir.

Uredo Omale

Director,
Public Relations and Protocol,
Kogi State Polytechnic, Lokoja.

TRIBUTE TO A COMPATRIOT AND SOLDIER OF HUMAN KINDNESS, RT. HON. ENEMA PAUL

Never in my wildest imagination did I believe that I will be writing a tribute to bid a compatriot and a renowned soldier of human kindness, Rt. Hon. Enema Paul, farewell to this sinful world so soon.

Both in his accomplishments in politics and academic attainment, he remained humble and dutiful to human kindness.

As a former Special Adviser, Commissioner, a two term Member, Kogi State House of Assembly, and the immediate past Deputy Speaker, he was a legend of humility and humanity.

I remember how, on several occasions he limped, struggled and climbed to my office, all in the bid to seek employment opportunities for members of his constituent.

Those gestures are further testimonies and a propeller for the appreciation of the memorable encounter I had with him much earlier.

I describe the encounter as the period when I set a very difficult examination in humanity for him, and he passed effortlessly with a Distinction.

My dear Rt. Hon. Paul Enema, I can attest to the fact that you have dutifully served humanity for which I have no doubt in my mind that God in His infinite mercy will reward your kind deeds on earth



with a special place in heaven.

I can recall with nostalgia sometime in the year 2019, the episode that happened when my wife delivered our last child through the Cæsarian Section (CS) at the Kogi State Diagnostics and Referral Hospital, Anyigba.

Beside my wife in the hospital ward was a woman who was also delivered of a baby through the same procedure, but was held down for about five (5) days due to the unsettled medical bill.

While I was running up and down to buy the prescribed drugs for the healing of my wife, someone beckoned on me and said, "are you Ogbo Lecturer of KSU"? I told her "yes, I am the one Ma".

She followed up with the reason for the inquiry by saying that, "I know you can help, that is why my spirit led me to you. The woman beside your wife in the ward has been held down for days with the innocent child due to her inability to settle the medical bill. Kindly help in any way you can".

Even as I was battling on how to handle my personal issue, I felt a heavy burden on my mind.

I pondered as to why the supposed burden of joy

for the family had become a source of worry with the consequential imprisonment of the innocent child.

The urge to solve the riddles of joy of the gift of nature and human challenge heightened my desire to get the innocent child out of the hospital without any further delay. So many thoughts and the corresponding options continued to run through my mind, including the options of selling my television set to offset the bill.

Amongst other several thoughts that ran through my mind was the option of contacting Rt. Hon. Enema Paul, who was then the Hon. Commissioner for Rural Development under the Government of the then Governor of Kogi State, Alhaji Yahaya Bello.

I dialed his line, and he picked once with pleasant remarks of "our own Doctor.....". I followed up with my 'save a soul' request and he responded with a pleasing remark that, "I will send my Personal Assistant (PA) to you very soon".

My insistence that he should come personally to see the woman made him to come to the hospital at about 7 pm with one red-colour Toyota Tundra model on that day.

I led him to the hospital ward and informed the concerned woman for the first time of my identity and that of the august visitor as well as our mission.

Rt. Hon. Enema Paul immediately handed over 30, 000 naira mints notes of 200 naira denomination to the woman to offset the 27,000 thousand naira hospital bill.

Immediately, the woman broke down in tears. This brought momentary emotional moments to the hospital ward, with everyone expressing their heartfelt appreciation for the kind gesture.

While on our way out of the ward, RT. Hon. Enema Paul retorted "Doc. this is the reason why I had wanted to decline from coming to the hospital but your respect brought me".

At about 5 am of the following day,

my phone rang and woke me from sleep. The call was from the man that sold the land where I built my house at Anyigba to me. I wondered what could have made him to call me at such odd hours.

When I summoned courage and picked the call, he was crying on the phone. I asked why he was crying and if there was anything I could do to be of help? He told me that he was actually shedding tears of joy for what I have done for him. Even as I could not remember what exactly I might have done for him so recently, I waited for him to finish his expression.

After a momentary consolation, he thereafter broke the news to me that, the woman that I brought Hon. Enema Paul to pay her hospital bill was his wife and that he was actually helpless and stranded, especially where to raise the funds to settle the bill.

He thereafter, poured out his heart in prayers for the act of giving and kindness extended to him and the family, most especially as we had no reason to trace the woman and the innocent child to him.

Three (3) days after the incident happened, the then Vice Chancellor of Kogi State University, Anyigba, Prof Mohammed Sani Abdulkadir and the Medical Director of the Hospital, Dr. Simon Akogu, visited my wife at the ward. The Medical Director calmly whispered to me that, "I have directed that your wife's medical bill should be forwarded to me to pay as part of my own support to your family".

I cannot imagine the strong

coincidence of a humanitarian gesture that plays out. I was the instrument of assistance through Rt. Hon. Paul, and I was miraculously helped in the process.

It beholds, therefore, that selflessness breeds human kindness beyond elasticity.

My Dear Rt. Hon. Enema Paul, it obviously dawns on us that the sun is set at noon for you to be lowered beneath the earth. I am however, confident that, beyond the inevitable "dust to dust" and "from ashes to ashes" biblical funeral oration that may be said to your mortal body, your spirit liveth forever. Your spirit shall continue to enjoy the favour and flavour of the seeds of humanity and human kindness you sowed.

Your offspring will someday and somehow enjoy the fruits from generation to generations. They shall continue to swim in human kindness and benevolence. Aameen!

Congratulations for passing the difficult examination in humanity effortlessly and for obtaining the terminal Degree of selflessness even before your departure from this sinful earth.

Rest in Peace, my dear brother and compatriot of human kindness.

Professor (Chief) Salisu Ogbo Usman

Rector, Kogi State Polytechnic, Lokoja and Oma'Oja Ata Igala

KOGI POLY RECTOR CELEBRATES KOGI STATE ACCOUNTANT GENERAL, HAJIA HABIBAT TIJANI ONUMOKO, ON HER BIRTHDAY ANNIVERSARY



I write, on behalf of the Management, staff and students of Kogi State Polytechnic, Lokoja, to celebrate the Accountant General, of Kogi State, Hajia Habibat Tijani Onumoko, on the auspicious occasion of her birthday celebration.

Our Dear Accountant General, we celebrate you today for your immeasurable contributions to the consolidation of the gains of democracy in Kogi State and for your selfless service to humanity as a whole.

In addition, your unwavering

commitment to the care of the needy and your unrelenting support for education are an inspiration to us all.

Your disposition as a detribalised personality who chooses merit over tribal or religious affinity has remained an inspiration to the young and upcoming generation.

Here in the Polytechnic, we are grateful to you for your guidance and support which have been instrumental in shaping the institution's growth and progress.

We pray God in His infinite

mercy to continue to grant you the needed wisdom, knowledge, understanding and good health as you continue to discharge your service effortlessly and selflessly as the Accountant General of Kogi State.

Once again, congratulations, Ma, and many more happy returns.

Prof. Salisu Ogbo Usman,
FCIA, FABEN

Rector



Hearty Felicitations

FROM

KOGI STATE POLYTECHNIC
TO HIS EXCELLENCY,
GOVERNOR AHMED USMAN ODODO
ON HIS BIRTHDAY
CELEBRATION



On behalf of the Academic Board, Management, Alumni, staff and students of Kogi State Polytechnic, Lokoja, I heartily and warmly rejoice with His Excellency, the Executive Governor of Kogi State and the Visitor to the institution, Alhaji Ahmed Usman Ododo, on the auspicious and momentous occasion of his birthday. Your Excellency, Sir, marking such milestone with the uncommon posture of warmth, unconditional love, humility and generosity towards all have made yours much more special.

We, therefore, celebrate you most warmly and profoundly for the grace of the inspiring candour and uniqueness that have been the hallmarks of your conduct, both as a

human being and a public servant.

We celebrate you profoundly for offering yourself genuinely as the Chief Servant of the people as evident in the seamless and even facelift of our rural communities and the renewal of our urban centres.

We celebrate you for advancing the frontiers of the New Direction Project as articulated and vigorously pursued under your immediate predecessor, His Excellency, Alhaji Yahaya Adoza Bello.

At the Kogi State Polytechnic in particular, we celebrate you most warmly, not just for your huge support and guidance, but also for your principle of non-interference which have preserved the institution's autonomy and promoted academic ethics and excellence.

We will continue to celebrate you for your unrivaled vision and courage which have consolidated the huge gains of democracy and strengthen the security architecture of Kogi State.

It is our fervent prayer that God continues to guide, protect and strengthen you with the required wisdom to provide more purposeful leadership for the State.

Once again, Happy Birthday, and Congratulations Sir.

Signed:

Prof. Salisu Ogbo Usman, FCIA, FABEN.

Rector

BIRTHDAY FELICITATIONS FROM KOGI POLY RECTOR TO THE DEPUTY SPEAKER, KOGI STATE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY, RT. HON. COMFORT OJOMA NWUCHIOLA EGWABA

On behalf of the Management, staff and students of Kogi State Polytechnic, Lokoja, I heartily felicitate with the Honourable Deputy Speaker and member representing Ibaji State Constituency, Kogi State House of Assembly, Rt. Hon. Comfort Ojoma Nwuchiola Egwaba, on the occasion of her birthday celebration.

Our Dear Right Honourable Deputy Speaker, we celebrate you today for your consistent demonstration of uncommon spirit of a team player, exemplary diligence, humility, and selflessness, and these are clearly reflected in the ease with which you have helped in coordinating the affairs of the Assembly.

We are, therefore, proud and happy to identify with you on this milestone, even as we pray that the years ahead be filled with God's abundant blessings, sound health and excellent spirit to render more service to humanity.

We pray God in His infinite mercy to continue to grant you the needed wisdom, knowledge, understanding and good health to discharge your responsibilities effortlessly.

Once again congratulations, Ma, and many more happy returns.

Signed:

Prof. Salisu Ogbo Usman, FCIA,
FABEN.

Rector



HEARTY FELICITATIONS FROM KOGI POLY RECTOR TO THE MAIGARI OF LOKOJA ON HIS REMARKABLE FIRST YEAR ANNIVERSARY ON THE THRONE

By: Uredo Omale

The Rector of Kogi State Polytechnic, Lokoja, Professor Salisu Ogbo Usman, heartily congratulates His Royal Majesty, the Maigari of Lokoja, Alhaji Ibrahim Gambo Kabir Maikarfi IV, on a remarkable first year anniversary on the throne.

Professor Usman said that since ascending to the throne of his forebears, the chiefdom has witnessed an unprecedented level of peace, prosperity and progress. "Since your ascension, you have, through words and deeds, shown that you are indeed a father committed to the growth and prosperity of Lokoja, Kogi State and Nigeria at large" He said.

He added that despite the security challenges facing the nation,

Lokoja chiefdom has remained peaceful and harmonious. He noted that the level of peace enjoyed has facilitated the much-needed township expansion, thereby opening up opportunities for wealth creation and economic empowerment.

Professor Usman appreciated the

exemplary leadership style of the monarch, describing it as a source of inspiration to the youth who aspire to be leaders in the future. He prayed Almighty Allah in his infinite mercy to grant him long life to continue to rule Lokoja chiefdom to a more enviable height to the benefit of all.





BIRTHDAY FELICITATIONS FROM KOGI POLY RECTOR TO THE CHAIRMAN, LOKOJA LOCAL GOVERNMENT, HON. ABDULLAHI ADAMU ON HIS BIRTHDAY ANNIVERSARY

By: Abdulmalik Abdulkadir

The Rector of Kogi State Polytechnic, Lokoja, Professor Salisu Ogbo Usman, warmly felicitates with the Chairman of Lokoja Local Government, Hon. Abdullahi Adamu, on the auspicious occasion of his birthday anniversary.

"Your exemplary leadership, unwavering dedication, and selfless service to the people of Lokoja Local Government have

been truly remarkable" he said. Professor Usman noted that Hon Adamu's vision and tireless efforts have transformed the lives of countless individuals, fostering unprecedented growth and development in the community.

He noted that the Polytechnic Community is proud and happy to identify with the Hon Chairman on this milestone

even as he prayed that the years ahead be filled with God's abundant blessings, sound health and excellent spirit to render more service to humanity.

He prayed God in His infinite mercy to continue to grant him the needed wisdom, knowledge, understanding and good health to discharge your responsibilities effortlessly.

KOGI STATE POLYTECHNIC MOURNS MR. MATHEW ENEJOH OCHOLI, FORMER REGISTRAR (2018–2020)



On behalf of the Academic Board, Management, staff and students of Kogi State Polytechnic, Lokoja, I deeply commiserate with the family of a former Registrar of the institution,

Mr. Mathew Enejoh Ocholi, who died on Thursday, 26th December 2024, after a brief illness.

We extend our deepest commiseration to the immediate family, kinsmen, associates of the deceased and the good people of Agbokete, Akpanya in Igalamela/Odolu Local Government over the irreplaceable loss.

The entire Polytechnic community is in deep shock and sorrow over the sudden demise of such a diligent, selfless and intelligent public servant who gave his all not just to the Polytechnic, but the service of humanity as a whole.

While his demise is hard to take,

we remain consoled by the impressive records of resourcefulness and professionalism which were the hallmarks of his service to the institution.

We pray God in his infinite mercy to grant his family, friends, well wishers, associates and the entire Polytechnic Community the strength to bear this loss.

May God forgive his shortcomings and grant him eternal rest. Amen!

Signed:

Prof. Salisu O. Usman
Rector

KOGI STATE POLYTECHNIC MOURNS MR. JOHN FRIDAY OTARU, FORMER INTERNAL GOVERNING COUNCIL MEMBER (2021 - 2024)

By: Uredo Omale

The Rector of Kogi State Polytechnic on behalf of the Academic Board, Management, staff, Alumni and students of the institution, deeply commiserates with the family of Mr. John Friday Otaru (Jafo), a former internal member of the Governing Council, representing Academic Board who died on Sunday 12th January, 2025.

We extend our deepest condolences to the immediate family, kinsmen, associates of the deceased and the good people of Ikuehi Ihima, Okehi Local Government over the irreparable loss.

The entire Polytechnic community is in deep shock and sorrow over



the demise of such a diligent, selfless, and intelligent public servant who gave his all to the service of the Polytechnic and humanity.

As Head, Department of General Studies, Director of Poly Consult,

Dean, Students' Services, and member of the Governing Council, Mr. Otaru demonstrated exceptional leadership, resourcefulness, and professionalism.

While his demise is hard to take, we remain consoled by the impressive records of his service to the institution particularly, to the present administration.

We pray God in his infinite mercy grant his family, friends, well wishers and the Polytechnic community the strength to bear this loss.

May God forgive his shortcomings and grant him eternal rest, Amen!

ROYAL VISIT: OBARO OF KABBA COMMENDS KOGI POLY'S PROGRESS UNDER PROFESSOR USMAN

By: Afolabi Mustapha Wale

The Obaro of Kabba, His Royal Majesty, Oba Solomon Dele Awoniyi, has applauded the rapid transformation of Kogi State Polytechnic under the leadership of Professor Salisu Ogbo Usman. Oba Awoniyi who made the commendation during a visit to the Polytechnic on Monday 13th January, 2024, also commended the Rector for his humility and respect for traditional institutions which he described as a testament to his character. He congratulated the Rector on his reappointment for second term and his attainment of Professorship. The Obaro commended the Rector's leadership style which he said has shaped the curriculum,

operations and outputs of the Polytechnic.

He stressed that this was only possible through the guiding principles of discipline, industry, determination, service, integrity, sound education and quality leadership.

Oba Awoniyi who reaffirmed his continued support for the Management offered prayers for the sustained growth and success of the Polytechnic.

The Rector, Professor Salisu Ogbo Usman who appreciated His Royal Majesty, the Obaro of Kabba, for the inspiring royal visit, highlighted the Polytechnic's unique features with its diverse student body, especially the attraction of students from not less than 26 states.

Professor Usman emphasized that the spread in the students' diversity underscored the Polytechnic's commitment to inclusivity, setting it apart from other institutions.

The Royal father's commendation for the Polytechnic's management and the Rector which carries significant weight is a vote of confidence in the institution's leadership and are expected to boost morale within the institution.





PROF USMAN RECEIVES KOGI BEST INSTITUTIONAL HEAD AND GRATITUDE AWARD, REITERATES COMMITMENT TO DOING MORE

By: Abdulmalik Abdulkadir

The Rector of Kogi State Polytechnic, Lokoja, Prof. Salisu Ogbo Usman, has been awarded as "Kogi Best Institution Head" for his outstanding performance and consistent online presence. The award, in its eighth edition, was held on Saturday, March 1, 2025, at the Majesty International College Hall, Lokoja. Prof. Usman who was represented by the Dean, Student Services, Kogi State Polytechnic Lokoja Mr. Abdulmunin Umar Onimisi Momoh commended the convener, Alhaji Dansofo Usman Jnr, for his consistency over the years and appreciated his efforts towards promoting unity among Kogi citizens. He expressed gratitude to the immediate past Governor of Kogi State, His Excellency, Alhaji Yahaya Adoza Bello, and his worthy successor, His Excellency Alhaji Ahmed Usman Ododo, as well as stakeholders who have supported him in his work. Prof. Usman

dedicated the award to Kogi citizens for their trust and support, reiterating his commitment to doing more to restore academic decency whilst aiming to training international students. The guest speaker, Miss Endurance Abuka Ojochide, spoke extensively on the theme of the event, "Beyond the Filter: Navigating Social Media and Reality," advising individuals to be cautious of what they see on social media. In a related event, Prof. Salisu Ogbo Usman was honored alongside Governor Ahmed Usman Ododo and other top government officials at the Kogi Student Leadership Summit, organized by the National Association of Kogi State Students (NAKOSS). The summit, held on Friday, February 28, 2025, at the Banquet Hall, Government House, Lokoja, celebrated the achievements of Governor Ododo in education infrastructure, student welfare, and security. As the guest speaker, Prof.

Usman stressed the importance of education as a tool for personal and societal growth and commended the students for their orderliness during the Felele tragic incident whilst warning them against engaging in activities that could derail their academic journey. Prof. Usman emphasized that discipline and perseverance are key to success and lauded the state government's commitment to maintaining academic stability. He dedicated the award to the immediate past Governor of Kogi State, Alhaji Yahaya Adoza Bello, and his successor, His Excellency Alhaji Ahmed Usman Ododo, for identifying him and for their continued support. Other notable awardees included Right Hon. Aliyu Umar Yusuf, Speaker of the Kogi State House of Assembly; Alhaji Ali Bello, Chief of Staff to the Governor of Kogi State; and other top government officials.



KOGI POLY SECURES FULL ACCREDITATION FOR 18 DUE PROGRAMMES, APPROVAL TO MOUNT 8 NEW ONES

- As the institution records FULL Institutional Accreditation

By: **Abdulmalik Abdulkadir**

The National Board for Technical Education (NBTE) has granted Full Institutional Accreditation for Kogi State Polytechnic Lokoja, and for 18 due programmes presented by the institution.

The Rector, Professor Salisu Ogbo Usman, who announced this at the 32nd Matriculation ceremony of the institution, held on Saturday 18th December, 2024, also said that NBTE has granted the Polytechnic approval to mount 8 new programmes.

The Rector noted that the 100 percent quality assurance success recorded for the 27 programmes was a consolidation the resounding accreditation success in 2022 when all the 30 programmes presented to NBTE were fully

accredited.

The exercise was conducted in the Polytechnic by the National Board for Technical Education (NBTE) between 18th – 20th December, 2024.

The programmes that were granted full accreditation status with effect from the 2024/2025 academic session are:

1. ND Mechatronics Engineering Technology
2. ND Computer Engineering Technology
3. HND Electrical/Electronic Engineering Technology (Power and Machine Option)
4. HND Electrical/Electronic Engineering Technology (Electronic and Telecommunication Option)
5. ND Agricultural and Bio-Environmental Engineering Technology
6. ND Accountancy
7. HND Accountancy
8. ND Business Administration and Management
9. HND Business Administration and Management
10. ND Public Administration
11. HND Public Administration
12. HND Science Laboratory Technology (Microbiology Option)
13. HND Urban and Regional Planning
14. ND Library and Information Science
15. HND Library and Information Science
16. ND Horticultural Technology
17. ND Animal Health and

Production Technology

18. ND Agricultural Technology

19. Institutional Accreditation

The programmes that were granted approval for commencement after Resource Inspection Visitation are:

1. HND Civil Engineering Technology
2. HND Mechanical Engineering Technology (Manufacturing Option)
3. HND Building Technology
4. HND Architectural Technology
5. HND Surveying and Geo-Informatics
6. ND Printing Technology
7. ND Fashion Design and Clothing

Technology

8. ND Mass Communication

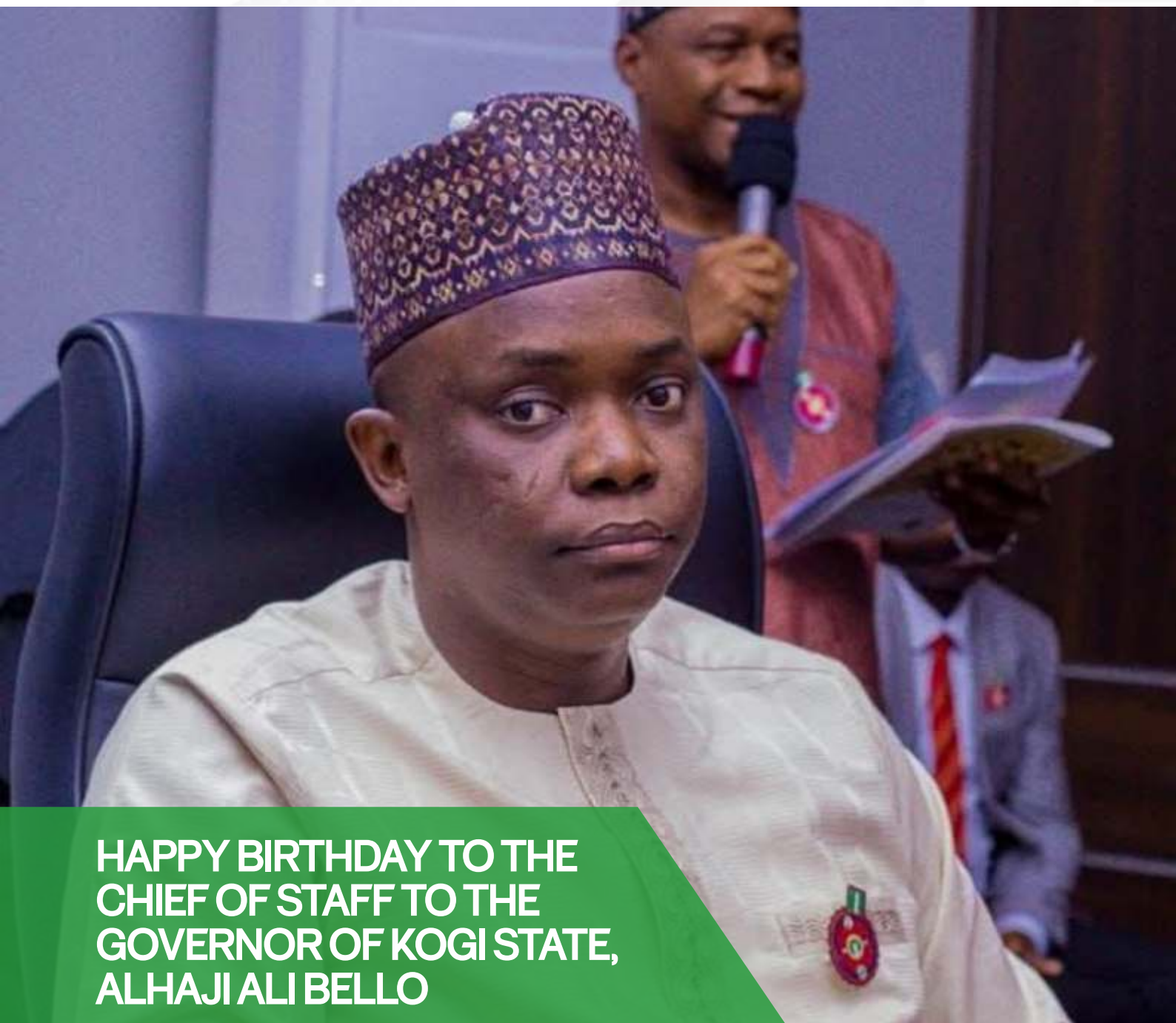
The Rector stressed that, with the outcome, no programme in the Polytechnic has denied or has interim accreditation status; adding that it was a reflection of the institution's commitment to academic excellence and stability. He explained that out of the 57 programmes in the institution, 19 of them were introduced under his administration, representing 33.3 percent of all programmes in the Polytechnic.

Prof Usman, therefore, commended the collective efforts of the Principal Officers, Management, Academic Board and members of staff,

including cleaners, drivers and security personnel, for their dedication and support before, during and after the Accreditation and Resource Inspection visitation. Prof Usman seized the opportunity to specially appreciate the Executive Governor of Kogi State, His Excellency, Alhaji Ahmed Usman Ododo for his unwavering support and creating the enabling environment for the institution to thrive.

He reiterated his commitment to rebranding of the Polytechnic to the admiration of other Polytechnics and institutions of learning in Nigeria and beyond.





HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THE CHIEF OF STAFF TO THE GOVERNOR OF KOGI STATE, ALHAJI ALI BELLO

I feel highly elated to identify with and celebrate the Chief of Staff to the Governor of Kogi State, Alhaji Ali Bello, on the auspicious occasion of his birthday.

I celebrate you for the special love and support you have extended to me in particular and for the growth of Kogi State Polytechnic in general. You are indeed, a rare gem that is not carried away by the enormous authority and responsibilities that are bestowed on you by the virtue of

your office and position in the Government.

I celebrate you profoundly for your unflinching loyalty to the person, programmes and policies of our Boss, His Excellency, Alhaji Ahmed Usman Ododo, the Executive Governor of Kogi State.

You have remained humble, simple, respectful, courteous, firm, loyal and transparent in your decision and relationship with the people you have met.

I can attest to the fact that your word is your bond.

It is my sincere prayer that God in His infinite mercy grants you good health, long life, the strength and enablement required to render more selfless service to humanity. Once again, I wish you a most fulfilling birthday and many more happy returns.

Prof. Salisu Ogbo Usman
Rector



KOGI POLY RECTOR RESTATES INSTITUTION'S INTOLERANCE FOR CULTISM, SOCIAL VICES

—As the institution matriculates 6,549 students

By: Abdulmalik Abdulkadir

The Rector of Kogi State Polytechnic, Lokoja, Professor Salisu Ogbo Usman has reaffirmed the institution's stance against cultism, cult related activities, indecent dressing and other social vices. Prof. Usman made the reaffirmation on Saturday 18th January, 2025 at the Polytechnic's 32nd Orientation and Matriculation ceremonies held at the Lokoja and Itakpe campuses of the Polytechnic, simultaneously. The Rector gave the number of matriculated students into 57 programmes in both National Diploma (ND) and Higher National Diploma (HND) as 6,549 for the 2024/2024 academic session.

He noted that 3,708 were admitted into National Diploma (ND) programmes while 2,841 were admitted into Higher National Diploma (HND) programmes. Professor Usman said the institution has strengthened its capacity in infrastructure and academic excellence as well as welfare of staff in a bid to sustain its quality among the comity of tertiary institutions in the country. Whilst assuring the newly matriculated students to always abide by the institution's laid down rules as contained in the Students' Information handbook, the Rector warned that the Polytechnic will not condone any form of social vices as

perpetrators will face the full wrath of the law.

Prof Usman congratulated the matriculating students, acknowledging their success in navigating the rigorous admission process just as he added that indigenes from 32 states of the federation were part of the matriculating students.

He added that since assumption of office, his administration has conducted four (4) successful elections for the Student Union Government (SUG). "The recent election was particularly historic, as the students elected the "first" female SUG President, who is also the "first" from the School of Art,

Design and Printing reiterating the management commitment to transparency, promoting accountability and fostering a sense of community amongst our students" he said.

He further warned the matriculating students to stay away from social vices such as cultism, gun-running, examination malpractice, drug abuse, alcohol, unhealthy social gatherings, cybercrimes, incitement to violence, gangsterism, misuse and destruction of public property, stealing, and indecent dressing, among others, adding that any breach will attract appropriate penalty, including outright expulsion and prosecution.

Prof Usman in a special way appreciated the immediate past Governor of Kogi State, Alhaji (Dr.)

Yahaya Adoza Bello, CON, for fostering a predictable and stable academic calendar.

This he said was responsible for the influx of students to the institution as students from 32 states of the federation were being matriculated representing 88.9% of the enrollment for the 2024/2025 academic session.

He further appreciated the Executive Governor of Kogi State, Alhaji Ahmed Usman Ododo, for his unwavering support to the Polytechnic especially, the historic fencing of the Itakpe Campus which had remained porous since inception and the installation of CCTV camera on both campuses for security surveillance so as to enhance conducive environment for teaching, learning and research. On a solemn note, the Rector, paid

special tributes to the departed members of staff, Mr. Mathew Ocholi (a former Registrar), Mr Audu Sikiru Ozigi (a former Deputy Registrar), Mr John Friday Oturu (a former Dean of Student Services and member of Governing Council) and other members of staff who answered the ultimate call.

He also paid tributes to the souls of students who had their dreams cut short by death. He prayed God to grant to their souls eternal rest.

The matriculation ceremony was attended by the Deputy Speaker, Kogi State House of Assembly, Rt. Hon Comfort Ojoma Unwuchola, Traditional rulers, Heads of Sister Tertiary institutions, Heads of Security Agencies, Political Office Holders, Parents and Guardians of Matriculating Students, staff and students of Kogi State Polytechnic



HEARTY FELICITATIONS TO THE EXECUTIVE GOVERNOR OF KOGI STATE ON A REMARKABLE FIRST ANNIVERSARY IN OFFICE

I heartily congratulate His Excellency, the Executive Governor of Kogi State and Visitor to our institution, Alhaji Ahmed Usman Ododo, on the auspicious occasion of the first anniversary of his remarkable first term in Office.

Your Excellency, over the past one year, you have demonstrated that you are a true Chief Servant of the people; and this is reflected in your commitment to sustainable development in the education sector in particular, and the state in general.

In just one year, you have done the following for our institution:

1. Historic fencing of our Itakpe campus for adequate security of the campus;
2. Provision of transformer to boost electricity supply at the Itakpe campus;
3. Provision of solar street lights on our Lokoja campus to enhance illumination;
4. Provision of CCTV cameras to boost our security operation on the Lokoja and Itakpe campus;
5. Accreditation of 18 programmes & introduction of 8 new ones for sustainable quality assurance and expansion of access to Polytechnic education respectively; and
6. Implementation of the minimum wage and the corresponding tax holiday, Health Insurance Scheme and prompt payment of salaries.

These are testaments to your avowed commitment for enhanced security of lives and properties in

our campuses and the overall welfare of staff and students in the State.

For this and many more, we say thank, your Excellency

We are confident that your uncommon combination with your able Deputy, His Excellency, Comrade Joel Salifu Oyibo, will deliver lasting and positive dividends of democracy for the people.

We pray that God, in His infinite mercy, continues to protect, strengthen and guide you to provide selfless leadership for the good people of Kogi State.

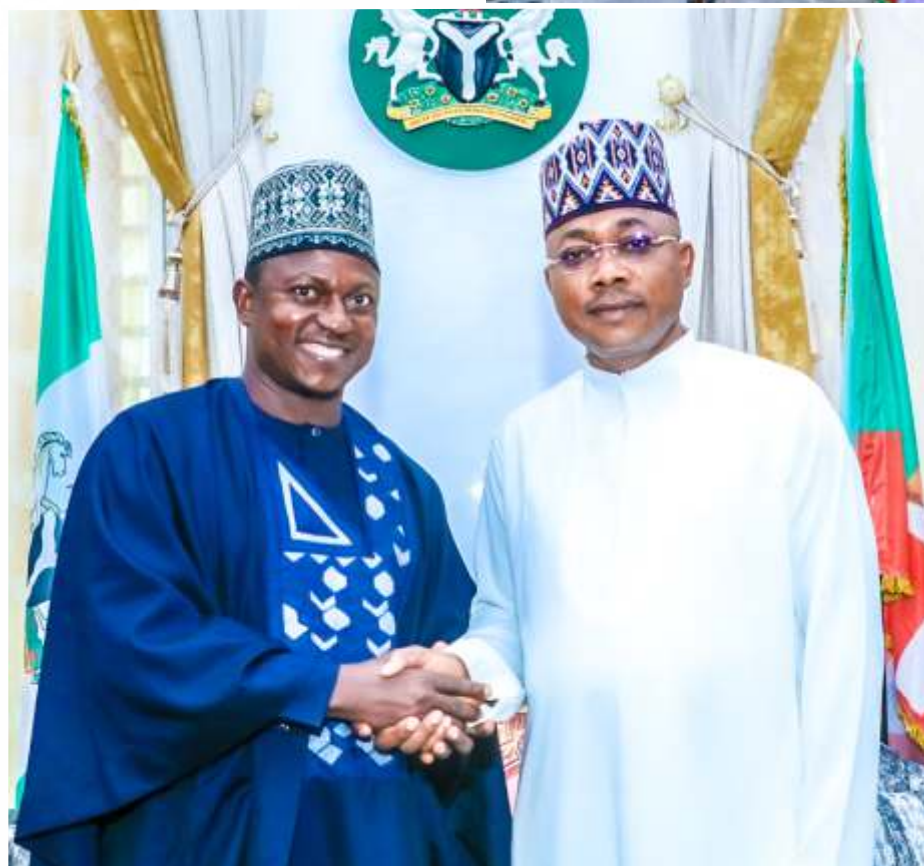
Your Excellency, please, accept the hearty felicitations of Kogi State Polytechnic and my esteemed

personal regards on the occasion of your first anniversary in office.

Signed:

Prof. Salisu O. Usman PhD, FCIA, FABEN

Rector, Kogi State Polytechnic, Lokoja.



KOGI STATE NECO COORDINATOR, NEW PROVOST KSCOE ANKPA, PAY KOGI POLY RECTOR COURTESY VISIT

By: Uredo Omale

The Kogi State Coordinator of the National Examination Council (NECO), Mr Thaddeus Ajabu and the newly appointed Provost of Kogi State College of Education, Ankpa, Dr Paul Femi Fashagba, today, 29th January, 2025, paid separate courtesy visits on the Rector of Kogi State Polytechnic, Professor Salisu Ogbo Usman.

The State NECO Coordinator, Mr Ajabu said his visit to the Polytechnic was a continuation of similar visits to other critical stakeholders for sensitization on the need to avoid abbreviation of names of candidates while registering for Senior School Certificate Examination.

He stressed that the sensitization has become necessary due to the fact that the National Youth Service Corps (NYSC) no longer accepts graduates whose names contain abbreviations.

He also stressed the need for sponsorship of indigent students to register and write the Senior School Certificate Examination.

He therefore, appealed to the Rector and other stakeholders in the Polytechnic to assist in finding solutions to issue of name abbreviation.

Professor Usman in his response appreciated the Coordinator and members of his entourage for the visit and advised that NECO should design a template that would make it difficult for candidates to register with abbreviated names.

He stressed that the Polytechnic has a standing policy of not accepting abbreviated names, except on condition that such abbreviation is followed with an affidavit stating the abbreviated name in full, which would be used to register such students.

He also called for collaboration with NECO for the conduct of promotion

examinations for staff as a way of ensuring quality assurance in the Polytechnic.

Similarly, the newly appointed Provost of Kogi State College of Education, Ankpa, Dr. Paul Femi Fashagba, was accompanied on a courtesy visit to the Rector by Kogi State Commissioner for Innovation, Science and Technology, Dr. Helen Adeniyi and the State Commissioner for Special Duties, Hon Sunday Faleke.

While introducing the Provost, the Commissioner for Innovation, Science and Technology, Dr. Adeniyi said the essence of the visit was to introduce the new Provost to the Rector for two reasons. The first she said was due to the Rector's status as an indigene of Ankpa where the College is located. The second, she explained, was the Rector's experience as a leader in the academic and administration.

She therefore, appealed to the



Rector to take Dr Fashagba as his own and guide him to achieve success.

On his part, the Commissioner for Special Duties, Hon. Sunday Faleke, appreciated the Rector for receiving the team and praised him for his leadership which has turned the institution around.

He urged him to do all he can to assist Dr Fashagba to succeed as Provost of the College.

On his part, Dr Fashagba applauded Professor Usman for his outstanding records as Rector which he said he had been following with keen interest even when he had not met him before.

He stressed that Professor Usman has proved through his records that he is a leader in both academic and administration who he must emulate to achieve success as Provost.

He therefore, appealed to the Rector to provide all the support

that would enable him to succeed.

Professor Usman in his response appreciated the two Commoners and the new Provost for the visit and promised his support for the new Provost.

He stressed that the outgoing Provost, Dr. M.K Ibrahim is a friend and colleague who he had worked closely with and the relationship translated into the success he has recorded in the College.

He explained that the remodeling of the College clinic, the security of lives and properties, the introduction of Computer Based Test in the College, the building of the new hostels and general environmental improvement were part of the template of achievements of the outgoing Provost, Dr M.K. Ibrahim.

He urged Dr Fashagba to consolidate on the success of the

outgoing Provost to move the College forward.

Other personalities on Dr Fashagba's entourage were Oshoke Gbenga Sunday, former SA to the former Governor of Kogi State, Hon Samson Obadeni, SSA on Public Affairs to the former Governor of Kogi State, Wasiu Onize, a former Chief Lecturer, Federal Polytechnic Bida and Hon Adam Olorunmoh, former member, Kogi State House of Assembly.

Principal Officers of the institution witnessed the visit.





KOGI POLY PUBLIC RELATIONS AND PROTOCOL DIRECTORATE FELICITATES THE RECTOR ON HIS REMARKABLE END-OF-FIRST-TERM IN OFFICE

On behalf of the entire staff of the Directorate of Public Relations and Protocol, Kogi State Polytechnic, Lokoja, I heartily congratulate Professor Salisu Ogbo Usman, on the remarkable and successful first term as Rector of the institution.

Sir, we proudly celebrate you for your unrivaled disposition and commitment to service which have yielded excellent transformation of the Polytechnic. With impeccable hard work and tenacity of purpose, you have

broken and still breaking boundaries which have resulted in high productivity and restored credibility of the Polytechnic.

We are inspired by your great examples, Sir.

While appreciating your commitment to the vision, mission and core values of the Polytechnic in the past years, we wish you more productive engagements in the next chapter of your exemplary leadership.

May God almighty continue to guide, guard and strengthen you with good health and more

wisdom to take the Polytechnic to the next level of institutional preeminence.

Once again, accept the hearty felicitations of the Directorate of Public Relations and Protocol and my esteemed personal regards on the auspicious occasion of the end of your first term as Rector, Kogi State Polytechnic, Lokoja.

Uredo Omale

Director, Public Relations and Protocol.

Kogi State Polytechnic, Lokoja.





PROF. USMAN TAKES STOCK OF HIS TRANSFORMATIONAL FIRST TENURE AS KOGI POLY RECTOR

- Appreciates Gov. Ododo, former Gov. Bello for the love and trust

By: Abdulmalik Abdulkadir

The Rector of Kogi State Polytechnic, Professor Salisu Ogbo Usman, has described his first tenure as a period of “remarkable transformation, bold reforms, and an unwavering commitment to excellence.”

Speaking at a press briefing in the Polytechnic's Council Chamber on Tuesday, February 11, 2025, to mark the end of his first tenure Prof. Usman provided a detailed account of his administration's achievements, emphasizing that

his leadership had set a new benchmark for institutional development.

Prof. Usman expressed profound gratitude to the former Governor of Kogi State, Alhaji (Dr.) Yahaya Adoza Bello, for appointing him as Acting Rector on April 7, 2020, and confirming him as substantive Rector on February 12, 2021. He also thanked the incumbent Governor, Alhaji Ahmed Usman Ododo, for reappointing him for a second term in June 2024, acknowledging the trust placed in him to continue his mission.

He stated, “While my initial appointment and confirmation were iconic moments in my life, my reappointment for a second term humbles me beyond measure. I, therefore, consider it a huge disservice to the trust reposed in me by these two leaders if I fail to provide highlights of how I have implemented their governance vision through the mandate given to me.”

Prof. Usman disclosed that his administration inherited an institution faced with numerous

challenges, many of which seemed insurmountable. However, through determination and a proactive approach, these issues were either resolved or reduced to the barest minimum.

“To fill these glaring gaps and restore the lost glory of the institution, we introduced the 3R-Mission of Repair, Reform, and Restore, which we have been implementing through consultation and a committee system,” he said.

The Professor of Political Science, specializing in Political Economy and Development Studies, provided an extensive account of his administration's efforts to reposition the institution as one of Nigeria's most reputable tertiary institutions.

Some of the key initiatives and strategies employed includes tackling insecurity, prioritizing quality assurance and academic development, implementing administrative reforms and reorganization, improving physical infrastructure and environmental maintenance, enhancing staff and student welfare, strengthening the Alumni Association, reviving academic ceremonies and innovations, and, most importantly, restoring discipline among staff members.

On security, Prof. Usman stated that his administration had waged an “unrelenting war against criminality” on campus, adding that the Polytechnic constructed a dedicated security building,

installed CCTV cameras across the institution, and strengthened collaborations with security agencies, leading to the arrest of over 100 individuals involved in criminal activities.

“Our Polytechnic is no longer a breeding ground for crime. We have dismantled networks of cultism and lawlessness, making this institution a fortress of discipline and security,” he said.

Addressing academic reforms, the Rector revealed that the institution secured full accreditation for all 48 academic programs under his leadership. He further stated that his administration introduced nineteen (19) new programmes representing 33.3 percentage out of the 57 programs in the institution to keep up with industry trends.

“We have not only ensured that all our programs meet accreditation standards but have also introduced cutting-edge courses that will equip our students with relevant skills for the modern job market,” he stated.

Prof. Usman also highlighted significant strides in infrastructural development, stating that his administration had constructed lecture theaters, laboratories, and staff offices while commending His Excellency, Alhaji Ahmed Usman Ododo, for the historic fencing of the Itakpe campus to enhance security and prevent land encroachment.

He added that under his administration, abandoned student hostels had been fully renovated to provide better accommodation.

On staff welfare, Prof. Usman disclosed that under his administration, and with the support of His Excellency, Alhaji Yahaya Adoza Bello, all outstanding cash-backed staff promotions were implemented. Additionally, over 1,000 staff members were promoted, nearly 1,000 new employees were recruited, and 816 million from TETFUND was disbursed for staff training and development.”

“We have shattered the barriers of stagnation. Our staff members now have clear career growth opportunities, and we are committed to their professional development,” he said.

He further outlined improvements in student welfare, including the provision of water storage tanks, the procurement of an ambulance for medical emergencies, and the completion of the Students' Union Building, which had been abandoned for over a decade.

“Students are at the heart of our administration, and we have worked tirelessly to enhance their welfare and academic experience,” he stated.

He revealed that one of the major milestones achieved during his first tenure was the 4th Combined Convocation Ceremony, where

over 12,000 graduates from the 2013/2014 to 2022/2023 academic sessions received their certificates.

He described the event as a “historic moment of redemption,” emphasizing that his administration had put an end to years of certificate delays.

“For too long, thousands of graduates were denied their rightful recognition. We have changed that narrative, ensuring that every student receives what they have worked for,” he said.

Prof. Usman also reiterated his administration's zero tolerance for cultism, examination malpractice, and unethical behavior, warning

that strict disciplinary measures had been put in place to uphold the Polytechnic's integrity.

“Anyone who violates the principles of discipline and academic honesty will face the full consequences of their actions,” he cautioned.

Concluding his address, Prof. Usman expressed appreciation to the former Governor, Alhaji (Dr) Yahaya Adoza Bello, CON, and the incumbent Governor, His Excellency, Alhaji Ahmed Usman Ododo for their unwavering support. While acknowledging the progress made, he emphasized that the work of repositioning Kogi State Polytechnic was far from over.

“We have laid a formidable foundation, but there is still much to be done. Our vision is to make this Polytechnic a model of academic excellence and innovation in Nigeria,” he said.

On his reappointment, Prof. Usman assured stakeholders that his administration would continue to push boundaries and build on its achievements.

“The future of Kogi State Polytechnic is one of innovation, excellence, and global competitiveness. I call on all stakeholders to continue their support as we strive to take this institution to even greater heights,” he concluded.





**CONGRATULATIONS TO HON. ABDULLAHI BELLO
(APC CHAIRMAN, KOGI STATE), ON HIS NEW APPOINTMENT AS CHAIRMAN,
GOVERNING BOARD OF AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH AND RURAL
MANAGEMENT TRAINING INSTITUTE, ILORIN**

I write, on behalf of the Academic Board, Management, staff and students of Kogi State Polytechnic, Lokoja, to congratulate the Kogi State Chairman of the All Progressives Congress (APC) Alhaji Abdullahi Bello (aka Dollars) on his most deserved appointment as Chairman, Governing Board of Agricultural Research and Rural Management Training Institute, Ilorin.

Your appointment is well deserved, considering your track record as a seasoned

mobiliser and coordinator evident the huge successes recorded by the APC under your watch in Kogi State over the years.

We are, therefore, proud of this appointment, and confident that you will use your vast network of contacts and experience to transform the Institute into a hub of Agricultural Research, not just in Nigeria, but the entire Sub-Sahara Africa.

We wish to, therefore, profoundly appreciate President Bola Ahmed Tinubu

for acknowledging your resourcefulness and wealth of experience in management as reflected in the latest appointment.

While wishing you a successful tenure as Chairman of the Governing Board of the Institute, it is our prayer that God grants you the health, strength and protection required to handle the assignment successfully.

Congratulations, Sir.

Professor Salisu Ogbo Usman, PhD, FCIA, FABEN
Rector

KOGI POLY RECTOR FELICITATES WITH HRH, EJEH OF ANKPA, ON HIS *Birthday Celebration*

On behalf of the Management, Academic Board, staff and students of Kogi State Polytechnic, Lokoja, I wish to felicitate with His Royal Highness, the EjeH of Ankpa, Alhaji Sadiq Ahmed Yakubu on the auspicious occasion of your birthday.

I also join the Ankpa Traditional Council and Igala Area Traditional Council to celebrate with the royal father who has influenced the development of Ankpa, Igala Kingdom and Kogi State in many ways.

Your Royal Highness, I appreciate you for always promoting civic responsibility in your domain, and supporting the state government in sensitization of the populace on important issues.

Your dedication to charity and promotion of the unity, values of tolerance, patience and civility as well as your efforts to inspire more youths to embrace knowledge and entrepreneurship deserves commendation.

As you mark another milestone, I pray God Almighty to grant you long life, sound health, wisdom and strength as you continue to reign on the throne.

Once again, accept the hearty felicitations of Kogi State Polytechnic and my best wishes on the occasion of your birthday, Sir.

Signed:

Prof Salisu O. Usman, PhD, FCIA, FABEN
Rector.





KOGI POLY RECTOR CONGRATULATES DR. MOHAMMED KABIR IBRAHIM ON HIS NEW APPOINTMENT AS PROVOST, KOGI STATE COLLEGE OF EDUCATION (TECHNICAL), MOPA

-Appreciates Kogi State Government for the gesture

The Rector of Kogi State Polytechnic, Lokoja, Professor Salisu Ogbo Usman, has congratulated Dr. Mohammed Kabiru Ibrahim on his well deserved appointment as the Provost, Kogi State College of Education (Technical), Mopa.

Professor Usman described the appointment as a testament of Dr. Ibrahim's wealth of administrative experience and exceptional intellectual prowess which he is expected to bring board to drive the institution for aggressive growth and development.

The Rector stressed that Dr. Ibrahim's experience in the management of Kogi State College of Education, Ankpa,

further positions him strongly to propel the institution to greater heights.

He expressed strong confidence that Dr. Ibrahim will build on the College's strengths, foster innovative research and develop strategic partnerships that will enhance its reputation and academic visibility.

The Rector is confident that the academic credentials and exceptional leadership skills of the new Provost makes him the ideal candidate to lead the Kogi State College of Education (Technical) Mopa into a brighter future at this crucial transition period of the College.

Professor Usman specially appreciates the Government of Kogi

State under the people's servant, His Excellency, Alhaji Ahmed Usman Ododo, for the opportunity given to Dr Ibrahim to serve once again in this familiar terrain to drive the education sector in line with the renewed new direction administration of the government.

The Rector described the appointment as a further demonstration of government's commitment to excellence and competence for the development of the education sector.

The Rector wished Dr. Ibrahim a successful tenure as Provost, Kogi State College of Education (Technical), Mopa.



KOGI STATE POLYTECHNIC
**MOURNS
BARRISTER
WILLIAM
AMEH,**
DIRECTOR, LEGAL SERVICES

The Rector of Kogi State Polytechnic, Professor Salisu Ogbo Usman has, on behalf of the Academic Board, Management, staff, Alumni and students of the institution, deeply commiserated with the family of Barrister William Ameh, Director, Legal Services, who died on Saturday 22nd March, 2025.

The Rector extends the deepest condolences of the institution to the immediate family, kinsmen, associates of the deceased and the good people of Imane, Olamaboro Local Government over the shocking and irreparable loss.

He stressed that the entire Polytechnic community is in deep shock and sorrow over the demise of such a diligent, selfless and intelligent scholar and legal luminary who gave his all to the service of the Polytechnic and humanity.

The Rector added that, as Head and Director, Legal Services, Member of Management and Academic Board, Barrister Ameh demonstrated exceptional leadership, resourcefulness and professionalism which assisted in the transformation of the institution.

"While his demise is hard to take, we remain consoled by the impressive records of his service to the institution, particularly to the present administration" the Rector added.

He prayed God in his infinite mercy to grant the family, friends and well wishers of the deceased and the Polytechnic community the strength to bear the loss.

He further prayed God to forgive his shortcomings and grant him eternal rest.

TEXT OF PRESS BRIEFING DELIVERED BY PROFESSOR SALISU OGBO USMAN, COMMEMORATING THE END OF HIS FIRST TERM AS RECTOR OF KOGI STATE POLYTECHNIC, LOKOJA, ON TUESDAY, 11TH FEBRUARY, 2025

COURTESIES

In the name of Allah, the most gracious and the most merciful, I feel most delighted to welcome you all to this stocktaking and accountability interaction to mark the end of my first term as the Rector of Kogi State Polytechnic today being 11th February, 2025.

Gentlemen of the Press, you will recall that, I assumed office as Acting Rector of Kogi State Polytechnic on 7th April, 2020, and the appointment was confirmed on 12th February, 2021, by the immediate past Governor of Kogi State, His Excellency, Alhaji (Yahaya Adoza Bello).

It took the grace of God Almighty for me to take over the mantle of leadership of this Polytechnic at such a critical moment when there was no functional governing structure such as the Principal Officers and the Governing Council in place. In fact, the story of who to handover to me which began with a 2 – page handover note as a working document from the former Deputy Rector and later a scripted inventory from my immediate predecessor, will be reserved for another day. This was because I was inspired by Brian Tracy who said that *“Leaders think and talk about the solutions. Followers think and talk about the problems”*.

In all, I remain grateful to Allah for the wisdom, guidance, providence, the grace, the huge responsibility and the sustenance over the past four years. I do not know how to thank and exalt His name enough to communicate my innermost joy and appreciation for the huge love and invaluable guidance and protection in all our decisions. All I have to say is, oh Allah, the omnipotent and the most merciful, I am most grateful.

I am hugely indebted to His Excellency, **Alhaji (Dr.) Yahaya Adoza Bello CON**, for not bowing to the antics of the naysayers and destiny killers, and for believing in me even when there was enormous pressure on him. The platform he gave me against all odds is the reason we are here today. For the risk, for the love, for the trust and for the support, I am profoundly grateful to him. Gentlemen of the Press, you may also recall that, in June, 2024, His Excellency, the people's servant, the principal

apostle of consolidation and continuity, the **Executive Governor of Kogi State, Alhaji Ahmed Usman Ododo** in his uncommon magnanimity approved for the renewal of my appointment with effect from 12th February, 2025. I am immensely grateful to him for sustaining the love, the trust, and the support. Were it not for his priceless decision to extend my stay here, this press briefing would have been a farewell address. I remain eternally grateful to him for the huge trust and uncommon love.

I proudly and profoundly appreciate the Chairman of the 9th Governing Council, Professor Yakubu Isa and his members for the support. In a special way, I extend my gratitude to the members of the Academic Board, Principal Officers, Management, staff and students of the Polytechnic for the overwhelming support I enjoyed over the period. The milestones attained by the Polytechnic within the period in review are attributable to their sustained support and commitment to our vision and leadership goals.

Distinguished members of the Press, I am most delighted to welcome you to this interaction. I appreciate you most profoundly and sincerely for the mutual love and trust, and for the wide publicity and favourable coverage we have enjoyed from you. You have been tremendous partners in our transformation and restoration journey.

On numerous occasions, I have had cause to interact with you individually and collectively, and the outcomes have been very encouraging for the growth of the Polytechnic. I will not take that for granted. I want to assure you that we will continue to hold you in high esteem, and we will do all that is practically possible to sustain the smooth and cordial relationship.

WHY THIS BRIEFING?

Distinguished Ladies and Gentlemen, four years ago, the then Executive Governor of Kogi State, His Excellency, Alhaji (Dr.) Yahaya Adoza Bello, CON, reposed a huge trust in me by confirming my appointment as substantive Rector of Kogi State Polytechnic. The charge then was for me to continue the implementation of the education

vision of his *New Direction Agenda* in the Polytechnic.

Few months ago, the Chief Servant of the People, the Executive Governor of Kogi State, His Excellency, Alhaji Ahmed Usman Ododo, gave me the nod to continue for another fresh term of four years. While my initial appointment and confirmation was an iconic moment in my life, my reappointment for a second term humbles me beyond measures.

I, therefore, consider it a huge disservice to the trust reposed by the two leaders, if I fail to provide highlights of the implementation of their governance vision through the mandate given to me. In essence, this briefing is not about me; it is about the provision of quality education initiated by His Excellency, Alhaji Yahaya Adoza Bello and consolidated upon by His Excellency, Alhaji Ahmed Usman Ododo in Kogi State Polytechnic.

Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen, I have no doubt in my mind that you can vividly recollect the conditions of Kogi State Polytechnic before we came on board. For the sake of reference, however, you would agree with me that we inherited an institution that was confronted with myriads of issues which were hitherto seen as incurable.

We inherited an institution where cultists reigned supreme as demi-gods and operating with impunity on the campus and the neighborhood. These and many other threatening social vices made the Polytechnic to be battling with deeply disturbing image issues bordering on negative press.

We also inherited an institution without a functional student hostel, deficient in ICT, polarized along ethnic line, notorious for untidy physical environment with dilapidated infrastructures, poor research cultures, general indiscipline and impunity amongst some members of the Polytechnic community.

The Polytechnic also had dented image and severed relationship with relevant funding agencies due to failed contract and abandoned projects spanning over Ten (10) years.

The Polytechnic also had outstanding problems of accreditation across virtually all programmes spanning

nine (9) years as well as accumulated problem of Convocation after several sessions of turning out students at both the National Diploma and Higher National Diploma levels.

There were also issues of proposed new programmes that needed to be introduced as outlined in the maiden *2013 – 2018 Strategic Plan* of the institution which was not implemented.

To fill these glaring gaps and restore the lost glory of the institution, we introduced the **3R-Mission of “Repair, Reform and Restore”** which we have been implementing through consultation and committee system.

A. TACKLING THE MONSTER OF INSECURITY

We set machinery in motion for tackling insecurity through the following measures:

1. Fortification of security architecture through effective intelligence gathering on the activities of cultists and other deviant groups;
2. Construction of a befitting security building code-named ALHAJI YAHAYA ADOZA BELLO SECURITY HOUSE at the entrance of the Polytechnic to replace the 3-room cubicle we inherited to promote efficiency amongst the security personnel;
3. Installation of hidden CCTV camera on the campus to monitor unholy activities and act decisively - this measure was recently expanded by His Excellency, Alhaji Ahmed Usman Ododo, through the mounting of CCTV cameras in our classrooms and other strategic places on campus;
4. Provision of communication gadgets for security personnel for effective communication;
5. Provision of security patrol vehicles for surveillance and monitoring;
6. Aggressive campus illumination through provision of solar lights and other illuminating gadgets which was recently expanded with additional 100 units by Kogi State Government under the able leadership of His Excellency, Alhaji Ahmed Usman Ododo.
7. Continuous clearing of bushes on the campuses;
8. Dislodgement of the notorious “Pipeline” which was hitherto the meeting point of cultists and replacement of same with barricades;

9. Decentralisation of the Security Structures to enhance proper supervision of operatives for effective discharge of duties and efficiency;
10. Sustaining the ban of Students Tribal Association to ensure harmony;
11. Recruitment of more qualified security personnel;
12. Synergy with security agencies to prevent crimes and criminalities; and
13. Banning of End of Session Celebration which was smokescreen for cult groups to engage in bloody confrontations, often resulting in fatalities amongst other measures; and

These efforts have yielded tremendous results, including the arrest of some students and non-students with guns and other dangerous weapons and illicit drugs while making attempts to enter the campus.

The security efforts and strategies also helped us to discover the notorious syndicate known as “Magic Centre” at Sarkin Norma where students and non-students were nabbed while writing examination with our questions papers and booklets.

In all, a total of 107 security threats were averted through the security network with necessary action taken between May 2020 to January, 2025.

B. QUALITY ASSURANCE AND ACADEMIC DEVELOPMENT

Gentlemen of the press, within the period under review, we introduced several measures aimed at strengthening the culture of academic excellence and improve the quality of academic services in the institution. Permit me to present the highlights as follows:

1. Provision of New Statement of Result Template with Additional Security Features against Falsification

The institution has further bolstered the authenticity and integrity of its academic credentials by introducing a new and enhanced statement of result template. This upgraded template incorporates advanced security features designed to prevent falsification, ensuring that the statements of result issued to students are tamper-proof and genuine. This proactive measure reinforces our commitment to academic excellence, transparency, and accountability, while also safeguarding the interest of students and stakeholders.

2. Introduction E-Examination/Results Computation/E-Payment

This has boost confidence and integrity in the conduct of our examination and results processing. It has also resulted in prompt release of results on semester basis, enabling our students to check their academic status anywhere in the world and block revenue leakages in the system. Transcript processing for our graduates, especially for those who graduated from the year 2021 has been made seamless through this measure.

3. Setting up of Central Examination Misconduct Committee

This committee is tasked to investigate and recommend to the Academic Board for final decision on all cases of examination misconduct, by ensuring that the institution's academic standards are upheld and that students are held accountable for their actions. The of this newly introduced layer is to further gives students more opportunities for fair hearing. This initiative has helped us to handle all examination misconduct related cases such that errors that may lead to litigation are minimized.

4. Strengthening Regulation against indiscriminate Production and Sales of Textbooks on the Campus:

We did this by empowering the Committee in charge with far more latitude to oversee, deliberate and make recommendations that would lead to the production of quality textbooks for students. This is in addition to reviewing and strengthening the guideline on the production of textbooks which include central pricing and voluntary purchase by students.

5. Introduction of the Academic Board Central Results Verification Committee

We constituted the Academic Board Central Results Verification Committee headed by the Deputy Rector and with all Deans and representatives of each School as members. The Committee has the mandate to carefully and painstakingly verify results submitted by Departments and Schools and make recommendations to Academic Board for final consideration and approval. The measure has substantially minimized errors in approved results, as the Committee devotes enough time to the consideration and scrutiny of the results. It has also saved time and resources usually spent by the Board in considering the results.

6. Production of Maiden Annual Report for the Polytechnic

Shortly after we assumed duties, we discovered that no Annual Report had been produced since the inception of the Polytechnic to serve as a guide to reflect on our past, gauge on the present and project into the future. The implication was that there was no single archive of records of the activities of the Polytechnic annually for the whole of its existence. This was not a good commentary on an institution that had existed for almost three decades. We therefore took it as a challenge for the activities of the institution in the preceding session to be documented through Annual Report. That report was eventually produced for the 2018/2019 session, making it the first in the history of the institution. The production of Annual Report has now become a tradition in the Polytechnic, as we now have the 2019/2020 and 2020/2021 editions in place. We are already at the advanced stage of producing the 2021/2022 and 2022/2023, and 2023/2024 editions.

7. Establishment of the School of Agricultural Technology at Itakpe with Four (4) Academic Departments

We considered the imperative of training in Agriculture for the economy of Kogi State and Nigeria as a whole and sought the permission of the State Government for the take-off of the programme. His Excellency, the then Governor graciously granted approval, including recruitment of lecturers and technologists for the commencement of the programmes. Today, we are happy to stress that the School is not only in place and fully functional, but that the four (4) programmes which the School initially started with (one was later moved to the School of Engineering Technology on the advice of the NBTE accreditation team), namely; **ND Horticultural Technology, ND Animal Health and Production Technology, ND Agricultural Technology and ND Agric and Bio Environmental Engineering Technology** have been fully accredited by the National Board for Technical Education (NBTE).

The establishment of the School of Agricultural Technology at Itakpe is a milestone effort that is dedicated to advancing knowledge and innovation in agricultural Sciences, Engineering and Technology. It underscores our proactive commitment to addressing the critical needs of the agricultural sector, fostering sustainable development, and producing graduates that are equipped with the skills and expertise required to drive agricultural innovation and growth.

8. 100% Accreditation of 48 Programmes and Institutional Accreditation

Thirty programmes in the Polytechnic were having accreditation challenges before we came on board. Some of the programmes were due for the exercise as far as back as 2013 and were on the verge of being sanctioned by the National Board for Technical Education (NBTE). To preserve the programmes and protect the credibility of the institution, we promptly set up several committees to fashion out the means of solving the accreditation problems. The National Board for Technical Education (NBTE) accreditation team visited the Polytechnic between 4th - 8th April, 2022, for reaccreditation of the 30 due programmes.

To the glory of God Almighty and with the support of the State Government, staff and students of the Polytechnic, all the programmes were duly reaccredited and granted Full Accreditation Status with a hundred percent (100%) record.

Distinguished members of the Press, again, in the year 2024, eighteen (18) programmes, cutting across Schools and Departments were due for accreditation by the NBTE. In addition, the Polytechnic was also due for Institutional Accreditation. With the support of the State Government, it is gratifying to report that the accreditation team visited between 18th – 20th December, 2024. Just like the 2022 scenario, the result of the accreditation was a resounding 100% Full accreditation for the 18 programmes and the institution. The implication of the forgoing is that the Kogi State Polytechnic as it stand today, does not have programme with denied and or interim accreditation status.

9. Introduction of New Programmes

Similarly, we have also successfully introduced and mounted other new programmes in some existing Schools.

These includes:

1. ND Mechatronics Engineering Technology (Accredited)
2. ND Computer Engineering Technology (Accredited)
3. HND Electrical/Electronic Engineering Technology (Power and Machine Option) – (Accredited)
4. HND Electrical/Electronic Engineering

Technology (Electronic and Telecommunication option) – (Accredited)

5. HND Civil Engineering Technology – (Approved to commence)
6. HND Science Laboratory Technology (Microbiology option) – (Accredited)
7. HND Mechanical Engineering Technology (Manufacturing Option) – (Approved to commence)
8. HND Building Technology – (Approved to commence)
9. HND Architectural Technology – (Approved to commence)
10. HND Surveying and Geo – Informatics – (Approved to commence)
11. ND Printing Technology – (Approved to commence)
12. HND Networking and Cloud Computing – (Accredited)
13. HND Software and Web Development – (Accredited)
14. ND Mass Communication (Approved to commence)

This brings the total number of new programmes to 19, representing 33.3% of the entire 57 programmes being run in the Polytechnic.

10. Furnishing and Provision of Adequate and Current Textbooks, Journals and E-library Components at the Polytechnic Library

We have significantly enhanced the academic resources available to students by furnishing and stocking the Polytechnic Library with an extensive collection of up-to-date textbooks, journals, and e-library components. This substantial investment in library resources ensures that students have access to a wealth of relevant, current, and authoritative information, facilitating their academic pursuits, research, and personal development. The revamped library environment now provides a conducive and technology-rich space for students to explore, learn, and succeed.

C. ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS AND RE-ORGANISATION

On coming on board, we realised the need to establish some hitherto non-existing Directorates with the view to raising the bar of administrative and academic effectiveness. In addition, some existing units were

upgraded to Directorate status in line with best practice.

The highlights include:

1. Directorate of Information Technology Resources Centre (upgraded to a Directorate status)
2. Directorate of Sports (carved out of the Students Services)
3. Directorate of Advancement, Support and Linkages (newly introduced)
4. Directorate of Physical Planning and Development (carved out of the Works and Services Department)
5. Directorate of Entrepreneurship and Skills Development (upgraded from a Unit status)
6. Directorate of Public Relations and Protocol (upgraded from a unit status)
7. Directorate of Internal Audit (upgraded from a unit status)
8. Directorate of Legal Services (upgraded from a unit status)
9. Directorate of Research and Innovation (newly introduced),
10. Directorate of Quality Assurance (carved out of the Academic Planning)
11. Directorate of Student Industrial Work Experience Scheme (upgraded from a unit status)
12. Directorate of Career Development Services (newly introduced)

D. PHYSICAL INFRASTRUCTURES AND ENVIRONMENTAL MAINTENANCE

We have made tremendous progress in the provision of physical facilities. While we cannot outline all of them in details, it is important to provide highlights on few significant ones as follows:

1. Construction of a New Security House (Alhaji Yahaya Adoza Bello Security House) in place of the inherited 3-room cubicle (completed and in use);
2. Upgrading of the Polytechnic Health Centre, 3-bed structure inherited (completed and in use);
3. Construction and Furnishing of Academic Staff Office Block (completed and in use);
4. Construction and Furnishing of Studios and Exhibition Halls for School of Art, Design and Printing (completed and in use),
5. Construction and Furnishing of Classrooms, Studios and Offices for School of Environmental

Technology (completed and in use);

6. Construction of 200-Seat Capacity Twin Lecture Theatre (completed and in use);

7. Construction and Furnishing of Laboratory and Workshop Building for School of Applied Sciences (completed and in use);

8. Construction and Furnishing of Class rooms and Offices in School of Sciences (donated to CUSTECH, completed and in use);

9. Construction of CBT Extension (90% completed);

10. Remodeling and Reconstruction of 1000-seat capacity Lecture Theatre (70% completed);

11. Construction of Tractors Implements Workshop at the School of Engineering, Itakpe (Completed);

12. Remodeling and Reconstruction of the Communication and Information Technology Complex (completed and in use by the Department of Mass Communication, School of General and Communication Studies);

13. Construction of Examinations and Records Office (completed and in use)

14. Remodeling of Block I into a one-storey building for the use of the Department of Office Technology Management (60% completed)

15. Block of classroom and laboratory for School of Science (50% completed)

16. Historic Perimeter fencing of the Itakpe Campus (State Government sponsored - 70% completion);

17. Complete renovation of the vandalized storey-building for the Science Laboratory Technology (SLT) Laboratory (Completed and in use);

18. Floor overlay and complete renovation of the 500-Seat Capacity Lecture Theatre (completed and in use);

19. Comprehensive renovation of the students' hostels stalled since 2016 and the return of the students to the hostel after over five (5) years of off-campus residence (completed and in use);

20. Perimeter fencing of the Female Hostel (Completed and in use);

21. Construction of drainage for erosion control and pedestal walkway for traffic control around admission block on the main campus (Completed and in use);

22. Historic fencing of the Itakpe Campus by His Excellency, Alhaji Ahmed Usman Ododo.

E. STAFF WELFARE

We have made significant progress with respect to the welfare of our staff in the following areas:

1. Implementation and Cash backing of Promotion (2015 – 2020)

Significant number of staff were promoted in the Polytechnic between 2015 and 2020. However, these promotions were not given the required cash backing before we came on board. We tabled the matter before His Excellency, the immediate past Governor, and he graciously granted approval for the implementation of the promotion up till 2020.

2. Promotion of Staff from 2020 – 2023

Within the period of 2020 – 2023, we have promoted a total of 689 members of staff. The breakdown of this on yearly distribution indicates that a total of 202, 165, 157, and 165 members of staff were promoted during the year 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023 promotion exercises respectively. Out of these numbers, Twenty-Three (23) Principal Lecturer were promoted to Chief Lecturers.

3. Recruitment of New Staff

When we came on board, we realized that the Polytechnic was heavily understaffed due to cases of retirement, resignation and disengagement due to disciplinary related matters. These created serious vacuum in office schedules and lack of expertise in some instances, leading to slow pace of work and general inefficiency in the system. We tabled the matter before the Government, and approval was obtained for the recruitment of members of staff into the academic, administrative and technical cadres of the institution.

Today, apart from the newly introduced programmes for which we need more qualified manpower as well the issues of retirements and resignation for greener pastures, the Polytechnic is poised to deliver on its mandate with the available highly motivated manpower in virtually all aspects of our essential services. This has not only strengthened the Polytechnic, but it has also empowered hundreds of young men and women who had spent years without jobs since graduation. We will continue to appreciate Kogi State Government for the great honour and magnanimity despite the lean resources with other competing demands.

4. Approval for Study Leave With Pay

This is one of the significant areas of academic and carer development for staff of every establishment like our institution. Presently, a total of 188 members of staff are currently on approved Study Leave With Pay (SLWP). Out

of these, one hundred and twenty three (123) were approved within the period under review, 2020 to 2023. Furthermore, 65 staff members were granted Study Leave With Pay (SLWP) to pursue PhD Programme both within and outside Nigeria, out of which 43 were

approved within the years 2020 – 2023.

Below is the highlight of the approval for Study Leave With Pay (SLWP) for various programmes with reference to the total numbers and those that were approved within the period under review.

TABLE I: Current Staff Disposition in the Polytechnic

SN	Category	New Staff from 2020	Total No. of Staff as at Jan. 2020
1	Academic	434	748
2	Non-Teaching	564	1163
	Total	998	1,911

Apart from those in the above listed categories, a total of 37 staff members have completed and 13 submitted their PhD and MSc programmes certificates within the period under review.

5. TETFUND Intervention for Staff Development

Since the year 2020 to 2024, we have processed, received and disbursed funds from TETFUND to staff members in various categories as summarized on the table below.

6. Payment of Allowances

Within the period under review, we have paid thirty three million, nine hundred and twenty eight thousand, six hundred and seventy five naira (N33,928,675.00) only to the deserving members of staff from the Internally Generated Revenue (IGR) as Earned Academic

Allowances within the period under review.

7. Prompt Payment of Salaries

Our staff are enjoying prompt payment of salaries as applicable to all staff in the services of Kogi State Government. We are very grateful to His Excellency for this sustained and dedicated efforts to the welfare of our staff.

8. Enrolment into the Kogi State Health Insurance Schemes

It is no longer news that Kogi State Government introduced a novel health insurance scheme which is proving to be a remarkable success. Majority of our staff are enrolled into the Scheme with pleasurable delight

TABLE II: Staff on Approved SLWP at a Glance

Category	PhD	MSc	PGD	BSc	HND	ND	ANAN
Total Number on SLWP	65	79	7	14	12	-	5
No. On SLWP From 2020	43	48	4	8	7	13	2
Total	108	127	11	22	19	13	7

and appreciation to His Excellency, the People's Servant and the Executive Governor of Kogi State, Alhaji Ahmed Usman Ododo.

9. Repositioning and Effective Take-off of the

Polytechnic Staff School

We have successfully repositioned and revitalized the Polytechnic Staff School, marking a significant turnaround after a prolonged **period of 'motion-without-movement'**. The school started with a pupil,

TABLE III: TETFUND Staff Training and Development Intervention (2020 – 2024)

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1	Institution-Based Research (IBR)	107	191,314,149.30
2	Academic Staff Training and Development (ASTD) - Foreign	23	330,882,385.88
3	Academic Staff Training and Development (ASTD) - Local	46	113,400,000.00
4	Conference – Foreign	19	77,094,904.00
5	Conference – Local	19	7,017,500.00
6	Academic Manuscripts into Books (AMB)	13 Books (18,500 Copies)	41,610,000.00
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but today we are struggling for space due to high demand. This underscores our commitment to providing quality education and supportive services to staff and their families,

10. Provision of Transport Services for Staff to Cushion the effect of the Year 2022 Flood in Lokoja

To mitigate the effect of the 2022 flood, we provided palliative transport service for our staff within the period. This timely intervention helped alleviate the transportation challenges faced by staff.

11. Provision of Bus to Convey Staff to the Itakpe Campus

We provided a bus to convey staff to the Itakpe Campus, marking a first in the history of the Polytechnic. This innovative solution enhances staff mobility, convenience, and overall work experience.

F. STUDENTS WELFARE

1. Provision of Two (2) Number 1000-Capacity Storage Tanks for Water Supply

We made substantial investment in student comfort and convenience by providing two number 1000-capacity storage tanks, ensuring a reliable 24-hour water supply to the hostels. This enhancement greatly improves the living conditions and overall student experience.

2. Provision of a Water Tanker for Stand-by and Emergency Water Supply

We provided a water tanker as stand-by and emergency water supply source and ensuring prompt and reliable water supply to the campus community. This proactive measure addresses water scarcity concerns, maintains hygiene and sanitation standards, and enhances the overall quality of life on campus.

3. Provision of Ambulance for Prompt Medical Emergency Response

We provided an ambulance which ensures prompt

and efficient medical emergency response, prioritizing the health and safety of students and staff. This critical resource helps save lives, reduces response times, and provides peace of mind for the campus community.

4. Support for the historic completion of the Students' Union Building after over a Decade of Abandonment

We supported the historic completion of the Students' Union Building, a project that was abandoned for over a decade. This effort does not only demonstrate our commitment to student welfare, but it also serves as a vibrant hub for student activities.

5. Periodic Conduct of Students' Government Election

We demonstrated our commitment to student empowerment and democratic participation by periodically conducting Students' Government Elections. This regular exercise fosters leadership development, civic engagement, and student involvement in governance, ultimately enriching the campus experience.

6. Review of Students' Information Handbook

We reviewed the Students' Information Handbook and ensured that students have access to accurate, relevant, and timely information, facilitating their academic journey and overall experience within the institution.

7. Relocation of Students Centre to a more Conducive and Organized Location

We successfully relocated the Students' Centres to a more conducive and organized location, enhancing the overall student experience. This strategic move provides a centralized hub for student activities, fostering a sense of community, socialization, and engagement among students.

G. ALUMNI ASSOCIATION INITIATIVE

Ladies and Gentlemen, as an administration, we acknowledge the importance of a functional and

vibrant Alumni Association. We also believe that through productive collaboration with such body, the Polytechnic can be strengthened academically, morally and physically. We are also aware that the Polytechnic has produced young men and women who are doing very well in various fields of human endeavour. That was why we considered it worthwhile to ensure the emergence of Kogi State Polytechnic Alumni Association. Today, the Association is not only in place, it also has a functional, vibrant and robust secretariat in the Polytechnic through our efforts. The Association has built a car park for the Principal Officers of the Polytechnic and they are poised to do more.

H. ACADEMIC CEREMONIES AND INNOVATIONS

1. 4th Combined Convocation Ceremony

Gentlemen of the Press, we inherited backlogs of Convocation dated to as far as back as 2013/2014 academic session. We considered this a breach of academic tradition, got the approval and support of Kogi State Government and organised the 4th Combined Convocation Ceremonies for the institution in January, 2024. We combined the graduation of graduands for the 2013/2014, 2014/2015, 2015/2016, 2016/2017, 2017/2018, 2018/2019, 2019/2020, 2020/2021, 2021/2022 and 2022/2023 academic sessions, comprising a total of seven thousand, six hundred and fifty-three **(7,653)** National Diploma graduands and four thousand, four hundred and twenty-seven **(4,427)** Higher National Diploma graduands. The graduation summary was the highest since the inception of the Polytechnic; a significant indication that Kogi State Polytechnic was firmly poised to contribute to quality manpower needs of the Country.

1. Successful Organization of the First Inaugural Lecture

The institution achieved a historic milestone with the successful organization of its First Inaugural Lecture, a groundbreaking event that marked a

significant first in its illustrious history. This inaugural lecture series sets the stage for showcasing academic excellence, promoting scholarship, and fostering a culture of intellectual discourse within the institution.

2. Signing of Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with National Space Research and Development Agency (NASRDA)

The institution has successfully followed up and signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the National Space Research and Development Agency (NASRDA) to facilitate collaboration and support the launch of the Departments of Aerospace Engineering Technology and Mechatronics Engineering Technology at the School of Engineering, Itakpe. The MoU signing took place on December 7, 2022, at the NASRDA headquarters in Abuja, with the Director General of NASRDA

I. RESTORATION OF DISCIPLINE

1. Restoration of Discipline and Job Ethics amongst Staff

We have successfully restored a culture of discipline and job ethics amongst staff, promoting a work environment characterized by professionalism, accountability, and dedication. Through strategic interventions and leadership initiatives, the management has reinvigorated the workforce, emphasizing the importance of adherence to established standards, protocols, and codes of conduct. This renewed emphasis on discipline and job ethics has significantly enhanced the institution's operational efficiency, service delivery, and overall reputation.

2. Courageous Ejection of the Zango Market Operators and Land Grabbers from the Front of the Itakpe Campus

We demonstrated our courage and determination by successfully ejecting the Zango market operators and their illicit activities from the front of the Itakpe Campus, in collaboration with law enforcement. This bold move has rid the campus of

the nefarious activities of land grabbers and market operators, restoring a safe and secure environment conducive for academic pursuits.

3. Frontal Tackling of Cultism, Examination

Misconduct, Indiscipline and other Social Vices

We launched a robust and unrelenting crackdown on cultism, examination misconduct, indiscipline, and other social vices and this has ensured a safe, secure, and orderly academic environment.

4. Courageous and Audacious Zero Tolerance for unethical/Sharp Practices

We adopted a bold and unwavering stance against unethical practices, declaring a zero-tolerance policy towards extortion, imposition of textbooks on students, and other sharp practices that undermine academic integrity. This stance demonstrates our commitment to upholding the highest standards of ethics, transparency, and accountability, ensuring a fair and just learning environment for all students.

CONCLUSION

Gentlemen of the Press, permit me to end this interaction with a quote from Ratan Tata who said: *"Take the stones people throw at you and use them to build a monument"*. In the same vein, I am encouraged by the words of a great philosopher who said: *"Great leaders don't set out to be leaders...they set out to make a difference. It's never about the role; it's always about the goal"*.

We did not come to Kogi State Polytechnic because of the role of leadership bestowed on us; but because of the goals we set out to achieve. These goals are encapsulated in our vision for the Polytechnic under the 3R mantra of **Repair, Reform and Restore**.

Gentlemen of the press, apart from God Almighty, you are the only ones best positioned to assess, using your vantage position as watchdog of the society, as to whether we have delivered on those

goals. We leave you to judge and judge fairly as close the chapter of our first mandate and begin a new era of trust bestowed on us.

I remain grateful for the tremendous support and partnership we have enjoyed from you. It is our hope that this will be sustained as we move to the next phase of the advancement of the Polytechnic.

Above all, I am profoundly grateful to God for keeping and sustaining me and members of my team all through.

On a special note, I want to beseech you to help me to appreciate my benefactors, the immediate past and current Governors and Visitors to the institution, His Excellency, Alhaji Yahaya Adoza Bello, CON, and His Excellency, Alhaji Ahmed Usman Ododo, for the huge trust and guidance that resulted in the humble impact we have recorded within the period.

My profound appreciation to Chairman and members of the 9th Governing Council, Principal Officers, Management, members of Academic Board, government functionaries, security agencies, traditional rulers, members of staff and my dear students for the tremendous support we enjoyed from you. I remain eternally indebted to you all. If in your assessment, you feel we have been able to repair, reform and restore the Polytechnic to its lost glory, the credit goes to you. However, in whatever area you feel we have not met your expectations, I accept full responsibility.

Finally, just as I said during the 4th combined Convocation of the Polytechnic, the task of Repairing, Reforming and Restoring Kogi State Polytechnic is a work in progress. As we commence the next phase of our restoration efforts, I enjoin us to continue to give our quotas selflessly so as to leave behind a legacy that history may be kind to us.

Thank you for your rapt attention, and God Bless.

IN MEMORIAM

A number of staff of Kogi State Polytechnic have passed on over the past six months. For the records and tributes, the KSP Bulletin hereby presents a brief on fallen members of staff.



MR. SIKIRU OZIGI AUDU (1963-2024). He was born on January 2nd, 1963, in Okene Local Government Area of Kogi State. He joined the Service of Kogi State Polytechnic on April 3rd, 1989, as a Registry staff member. He rose to the rank of Deputy Registrar. He died on June 2, 2024.

MR. ALEYOMI MAIYE JOSEPH (1972-2024). He was born on November 13th, 1972, in Kabba Local Government Area of Kogi State. He joined the Service of Kogi State Polytechnic on April 8th, 1993, as a Bursary staff member. He rose to the rank of Principal Auditor before his death on September 2, 2024.



MR. FRIDAY ATTAYI IGBATIGBI was born on May 7, 1962, in Ukwaja Village, Idah Local Government Area of Kogi State. He joined the service of Kogi State Polytechnic on May 9, 2002. Mr. Igbatigbi rose to the rank of Principal Lecturer. He served as Head of Department, Business Administration. He died on March 4, 2025.

AKOJE GODWIN (1978-2025). Born on March 5th, 1978, in Odeke, Ibaji Local Government Area, Kogi State. Akoje Godwin dedicated his life to public service. He began his career at the Rectorate (Security) department on August 2nd, 2013, as an Assistant Security Officer. Through his commitment and hard work, he rose to the position of Senior Security Officer. Akoje Godwin died on April 2nd, 2025.



Abdullahi Maimunat (1970-2025). Born on February 22nd, 1970, in Okene Local Government Area, Kogi State. Abdullahi Maimunat dedicated her life to public service. She began her career on November 20th, 2007, as a Clerical Officer and steadily rose through the ranks to become a Higher Executive Officer. She died on April 9th, 2025.

Ali Abubakar (1978-2025): Born on March 18th, 1978, in Abejukolo, Omala Local Government Area, Kogi State. He joined the service of the Polytechnic on 22nd October, 2004, as an Admin Officer II and later converted to academia as a Lecturer III. He died on 12th April, 2025.



Okwute Suzana Unekwu (1985-2025): Born on 7th March, 1985. She is from Ibaji Local Government Area, Kogi State. Okwute Suzana Unekwu began her career with Kogi State Polytechnic on 20th November, 2012 as an Assistant Security Officer and rose through the ranks to become a Senior Security Officer. She died on 20th April, 2025.

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