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The Digital Bridge Institute (DBI) was launched in the wake of the phenomenal Worldwide growth of the Telecommunication(Telcoms) and information communications technology (ICT) sectors, which was especially well noted in Nigeria . Led by the successful auction of Digital Mobile Licensing by Nigerian Communications Commission(NCC) the government regulator , and the subsequent roll out of mobile services , increased number of operators, and significant increased private capital investment , the sector as whole has been challenged by dearth of trained and suitably qualified human resources. Aknowledging the need to continue to foster the rapid development and growth of the Nigeria Telecommunication marketplace as well as the potentially significant vulnerability as lack of human resources could , the Nigeria Communications Communications (NCC) established DBI in May 2004

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From the Editor

Dear readers,

In this 21st edition, we are presenting to our readers the activities on our Campuses, notably, the courtesy visit from University of Buckingham UK, led by their Vice Chancellor Prof. James Tooley and his wife, the visit was centred on partnership with DBI, and other activities like Adapti programmes and articles....

We intend to offer you more interesting themes in the subsequent editions of our newsletter.

More so, I would like to implore you to stay in touch with us as we are fully prepared in making each edition of this newsletter highly impactful, informative and educative.

If you have any questions, comments or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to us on info@dbi.edu.ng. We will surely attend to you.

On this note, on behalf of the entire management team and staff of DBI, led by our respected President/CEO, an erudite scholar, Engr. Prof. Mohammed Ajiya, you are all welcome on board. Once again, thank you for staying with us.

Sincerely,
Mr. Akin Ogunlade,
Managing Editor

UNIVERSITY OF BUCKINGHAM SEEKS PARTNERSHIP WITH DBI

The President/CEO of the Digital Bridge Institute (DBI), Prof. Engr. Mohammed Ajiya received a delegation from the University of Buckingham London, during a courtesy and partnership visit on Monday, 21st March, 2022. The delegation was led by the Vice Chancellor University of Buckingham, Prof. James Tooley, his wife Mrs Cynthia Tooley and Mr. Emma Orji President of Association for Formidable Educational Development (AFED)

Prof. Tooley stated that the purpose of the visit was to seek a partnership with the DBI in line with the DBI objectives in providing quality ICT trainings and engagement in world-class research services. Impressed by the quality of facilities during the tour of facilities, he noted that DBI, being a world class training Institute with a reputation for impactful capacity building is a partner of choice on the conference and this informed the basis for seeking such partnership.

The President/CEO of DBI, Prof. Ajiya in his welcome remarks appreciated the delegation and stated that DBI is highly pleased to partner on knowledge sharing. He noted that such an Ivy League University will give an excellent opportunity to researchers, inventors and industry leaders to contribute to ventilate ideas for the growth of the country especially with inventions in engineering abound.

He affirmed that DBI is a training Institute established by the Nigerian Communications Commission to enhance manpower capacity in ICT and telecommunications of both government and private organizations especially in the evolving areas of ICT, Telecoms and general skills and such partnership are pivotal towards ensuring development.

In his response, the leader of the delegation of University of Buckingham Prof James Tooley commended the leadership of the DBI for rendering valuable service to the nation through capacity building of the workforce. He stated that there is need to deepen partnership with the DBI that will lead to a robust technological collaboration.

In a related development, President/CEO, Prof Ajiya was invited by AFED as a guest in the programme tagged "The Out of School Children" the University of Buckingham UK, has been in collaboration with the organization for the past twenty years, in his remarks Prof. Ajiya thanked the convener of the programme for their laudable initiatives.

The DBI team who received the delegation included the President/CEO, Engr. Prof. Mohammed Ajiya, Board Member Dr. Niran Oyekale, Group Head, Mr. Paulinus Ugwoke and Mr. Akin Ogunlade, Head Public Affairs Unit.

- Mr. Akin Ogunlade



From Left: Prof. James Tooley, VC University of Buckingham UK and Prof. Mohammed Ajiya, DBI President/CEO



From left: Mr. Paulinus Ugwoke, Group Head, Research Innovation and Consultancy, the wife of the VC, Mrs Cynthia Tooley, VC University of Buckingham Prof. James Tooley, President/CEO DBI Prof. Mohammed Ajiya, Board Member, Dr. Niran Oyekale and AFED

The President/CEO of Digital Bridge Institute, DBI, Eng.Prof. Mohammed Ajiya, on Wednesday, March 23, 2022, granted two separate interviews with the Nigerian Television Authority, (NTA) on "Internet Fraud" and a programme tagged "Presidency This week" respectively, it was indeed an impactful session.



PROJECT FIX NIGERIA-DIGITAL PAYS COURTESY VISIT TO DIGITAL BRIDGE INSTITUTE (DBI) LAGOS, SEEKS PARTNERSHIP IN ALLIANCE WITH DIGITAL EXTRA LIMITED TOWARDS PROVIDING CERTIFICATIONS FOR THE PROJECT FIX NIGERIA DIGITAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PRINCIPLES

Project Fix Nigeria Platform is a corporate entity: and its prime mandate and primary objective are geared towards bringing 100million people together for a common mission of 'influencing Nigerians to fix Nigeria' through the principles of i-Crowd digital community-led development movements' integration and cooperation.

The Chairman Project Fix Nigeria-Digital, Mr. Olusegun Kowontan during the visit spoke extensively on the pivotal role the Digital Bridge Institute would play in "Project Fix Nigeria" and also highlighted its positive effects on the revenue drive and its boost on the Nigerian economy. He stated that there is the need for synergy with DBI towards Certifications of Project Fix Nigeria-Digital Community Development Movement for Nigerians with ideas, inventions, innovations and investments to propel startups inclusive engagement in a web-wealth creation.

The Chairman also Highlighted the issues mitigating the existing digital divide between the informed and uninformed public as follows:

- Lack of an organization of digital skills and its manpower particularly in the informal sector.
- Lack of a platform to connect the stakeholders in the digital skills sector.

Project FIX Nigeria-Digital is asking for DBI's partnership/MoU in alliance with Digital Extra Ltd. to directly/virtually train, certify and integrate 20 million Nigerians with existing/ startup innovations, ideas, inventions and investments, as I-Crowd digital community-development partners in the project fix Nigeria economy/GDP. This will be cascaded to other DBI regional campuses.

The Head, Digital Bridge Institute Lagos Learning Centre Mr. Sanni Tsoho Yakawada, in his remark appreciated the delegation and stated that DBI is pleased to partner on knowledge sharing. Adding that DBI being a training institute established by the Nigerian Communications Commission in the year 2004 to enhance manpower capacity in ICT/ Telecommunication and general skills, is committed to the proposed partnership. He further said the Institute would be expecting a formal proposal in earnest for the partnership agenda, aims, objectives with clear goals and an MOU to follow thereafter.

The DBI team who received the delegation includes the Head of Lagos Learning Centre, Mr Sani Tsoho Yakawada, Mr Olaleye Adegbenro of BD&CS, Miss Iniobong Etuk of BD&CS and Mr Akeem Musari of BD&CS department amongst others.



HEAD, DBI Lagos Learning Centre, Mr Sani Tsoho Yakawada and The Chairman Project Fix Nigeria-Digital, Mr Olusegun Kowontan during the visit



Captured in the photograph are: Engr. (Dr.) Chidi Diugwu, Head New Technology Assessment, NCC, Dr. Dasuki Arabi, DG Bureau of Public Service Reform (BPSR), Mr. Sani Tsoho Yakawada, Head, DBI Lagos Learning Center among others.

The Institute Entrepreneurship programme ADAPTI successfully took place in 8 different locations with a total of 880 participants. The benefitting Institutions are;

- Kaduna state University
- College of Education, Gindiri, Plateau State.
- Akanu Ibiam Federal Polytechnic, Unwana, Ebony State.
- Federal College of Education (Special), Oyo
- The Federal Polytechnic, Idah
- College of Education, Zing, Taraba States
- Nigeria Arabic Village, Ngala, Borno State.

Participant were issued certificates at the end of the training.

PRESIDENT ENJOINS STAFF TO BE PRODUCTIVE

The President/CEO, of Digital Bridge Institute, DBI, Prof. Mohammed Ajiya has encouraged both management and members of staff of DBI to be more productive in their various departments. The President gave the charge on Wednesday, 30th March, 2022 at an interactive session held at DBI headquarters Utako, Abuja. The staff at other campuses were in attendance via online.

In his address, "The first step is that we must all join hands to think outside a government agency mindset and reposition our thinking to income generation. The next step is to utilise all creative and adaptive modalities we possess in the design and marketing of cutting-edge. This will attract new and existing clients to our accredited training programmes which will be developed to have parity of esteem and utility both domestically and internationally!" The President opined.

Stressing further, the President enjoined management and members of staff to think out box and generate more funds for DBI adding that everyone should involve in marketing and use connections to raise DBI to highest level as such better welfare await each and everyone.

In her remarks, the Group Head, Corporate Services Ms. Viola Askia-Usoro admonished the staff in the area of discipline and punctuality, she stressed, that staff should be more committed and think like a stakeholders as against the mentality of rank and file, she said the success of the organisation lies in our hand and we must prevent it from running into a state of insolvency.

She praised the newly promoted staff and charged them to do more in their various capacities, she also encouraged the upcoming staff who are due for promotion to work hard she posited.



The President/CEO during his address



Group Head, Corporate Services, Ms. Viola Askia-Usoro during her charge to the staff



Cross section of staff during the meeting

EXAMINING OURSELVES

The unexamined life is not worth living" is a famous dictum widely credited to Socrates the Greek philosopher who lived in pre-medieval times. Though it was uttered hundred years ago, this maxim has remained true and applicable in both our personal life and the affairs of an organization.

In stating this dictum Socrates espoused there is a higher sense of fulfillment in critically taking a deep look in our everyday living and examining whether we always put in our best in any endeavor and make adjustments where a change in the way we do things and conduct ourselves is needed. He believes that only then can the best be brought out in us.

A distinct characteristic of humans as a higher form of creation (when compared to other animals) is the ability to evaluate its actions and performance. When we lose this trait, we lose part of our humanness. Everyone can always choose to evaluate his action, except we don't not to.

TRUST THE PROCESS – PART 1

Trusting a process is very difficult because by default humans love to see the good and despite the difficulties that challenges and setbacks bring. However, when success is achieved, the euphoria and sense of fulfillment it brings quickly wipe away the tears and obliterate the memory of the challenges that were faced in the processes. Trusting a process requires persistence, perseverance, inner strength and determination

As a young man, Abraham Lincoln went to war a captain and returned a private. Afterwards, he was a failure as a businessman. As a lawyer in Springfield, he was too impractical and temperamental to be a success. He turned to politics and was defeated in his first try for the legislature, again defeated in his first attempt to be nominated for congress, defeated in his application to be commissioner of the General Land Office, defeated in the senatorial election of 1854, defeated in his efforts for the vice-presidency in 1856, and defeated in the senatorial election of 1858.

ADAPTI TRAINING

Adapti Training was held at Ramat Polytechnic for Nigerian Arabic Language village Ngala Maiduguri, Borno state on 21st March 2022. A total of 110 participant were accredited at the center as for the first time ADAPTI Programme took place in the Institute together with their branded course manual and jotter. The Training is a unique program targets only academic and non-academic staff of tertiary institution basically teaching on Microsoft office package tools, SPSS, and the use of internet. The main aim of the training is to transform the Nigerian Lecturers from Analogue to Digital era across the nation. The training is fully sponsored by Nigerian communications commission and facilitated by Digital Bridge Institute.

Mr. Abdulwahab (The center coordinator) in welcome address conveyed the greetings of DBI Management to the participants and then gave a brief overview of the ADAPTI training and what they stand to benefit at the end of the training. The coordinator also introduced his team member in person of Mr. Ismaila Haruna the instructor of the training.

As members of the DBI family, we can all choose to critically examine our contribution to the DBI and where we need to improve or make amendments we do so immediately. A family thrives when everyone decides to do his/her best. Fortunately, every one of us can perform beyond his/her best if we decide to do so. A common trait of true champions is the ability to examine their lives, performance and re-invent themselves with the aim of coming out stronger.

You are that champion that DBI is counting on; a new YOU will do the institute immeasurable good, a new You is possible. A new YOU that sees the greatness of DBI beyond the mountains it has to climb. A You that will decide to be an agent of change in the DBI family.

As we chart new PATHS greatness awaits all of us.

DBI is Blessed and so are YOU.

- Mr. Akin Ogunlade

At about that time, he wrote in a letter to a friend, "I am now the most miserable man living. If what I feel were equally distributed to the whole human family, there would not be one cheerful face on the earth."

Winston Churchill repeated a grade during elementary school and, when he entered Harrow, was placed in the lowest division of the lowest class. Later, he twice failed the entrance exam to the Royal Military Academy at Sandhurst. He was defeated in his first effort to serve in Parliament. He became Prime Minister at the age of 62. He later wrote, "Never give in, never give in, never, never, never, never - in nothing, great or small, large or petty - never give in except to convictions of honor and good sense. Never, Never, Never, Never give up."

Believing and staying through the process is a mark of great achievers and performers.

Lets stay through this process, a new DBI is emerging.

DBI is bless and so are YOU.

- Mr. Akin Ogunlade

In Addition, he appreciated the participants for their cooperation punctuality throughout the training and urged the participants to incorporate the ICT skills taught during the ADAPTI training in their daily activities. Participants were called upon to give comments; and commented positively on the training and the method of delivery, also urged for some courses should be added for them like e-learning, SPSS, and software development.

The representative of the rector expressed his concerns through a very exciting way and called the attention of DBI and NCC to make these training a continuous exercise until all Arabic Village Staff were fully kept abreast with the computer application in all sectors of the institute's day-to-day operations and increase the number of participants. He also went on to ask the participants of their experience during the training and as the responses were positive. Participants were called to collect their certificates, DBI coordinator declared them the alumnus of Digital Bridge Institute and the training was formally declared closed by the Rector representative Dr. Zakir Ali Sheriff

Thank you.

- Abdulwahab Mustapha



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