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Our nation is advancing in the adoption of technology, which is laudable however, we must ensure a cyber-secure digital space to enable sustainable growth in the evolving digital economy.

- Prof. Mohammed Ajiya
President/CEO

LETTER

From the Editor



We present to you another edition of your favourite DBI Newsletter. Relax and enjoy as we give you a highly rich 7th issue of the 3rd volume.

In this edition, we bring you a report on the newly introduced Advanced Digital Empowerment for Tertiary Institutions (ADEPTI) which was commenced at the University of Medical Sciences, Ondo State.

Similarly, we captured the round-up ceremony of the training for Staff of the Federal Ministry of Health which took place at Digital Bridge Institute, DBI, Headquarters, Abuja. Read to the end to enjoy the story and the pictorial form.

This edition also captured the participation of the President/CEO, of DBI, Prof Mohammed Ajiya at the Lunch Time Seminar organized by the Bureau of Public Service Reform (BPSR) and National Directorate of Employment (NDE). As you read the Newsletter further, you will find out the topic of discussion at the seminar.

ITEC EXPO 2023 is an important program that DBI cannot afford to miss. We captured the participation of DBI at the event. The meaning of ITEC is what you will find in this edition of the DBI Newsletter.

Likewise, articles on topical issues, technologies, and lifestyles among others are presented in the edition for your reading pleasure.

Please do keep in touch with us as we are fully prepared in making each edition of this newsletter highly impactful, informative, and educative.

Should you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to us at 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.

Happy Reading!

Sincerely,
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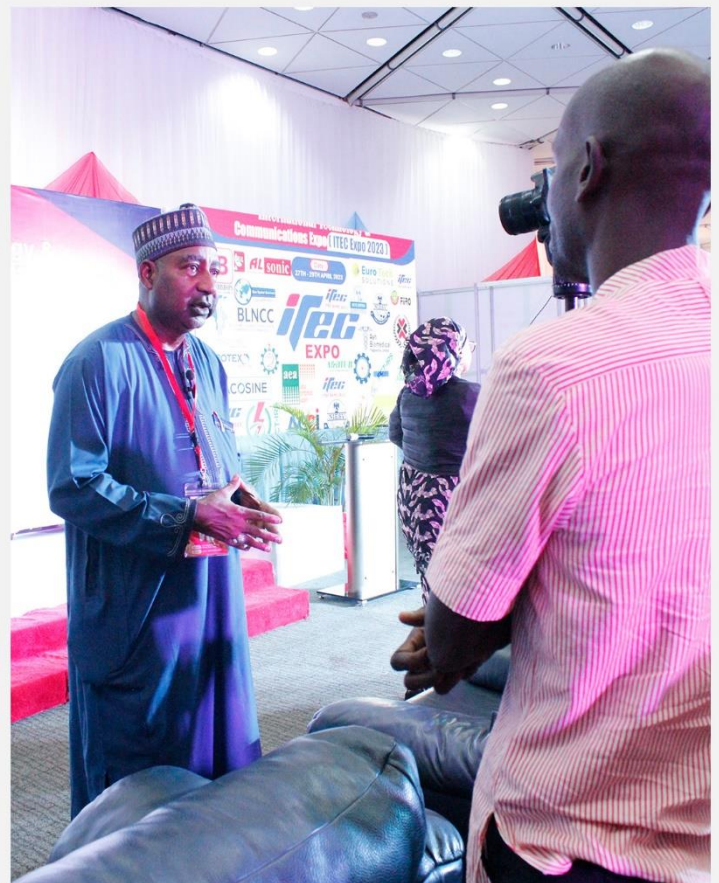


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Holding at the International Conference Center, Abuja, the Expo holds from 27th to 29th April 2023 and the Closing Ceremony will coincide with the Official Presentation of BLNCC-NIGERIA at the same venue. The economic relations between Nigeria and Belgium are set to get a boost as the Nigerian Chapter of Belgium Luxemburg Nigeria Chamber of Commerce (BLNCC) will be unveiled during the Expo to facilitate business contacts between Nigerian and Belgian businesses.



Prof Mohammed Ajiya during an interview session at the occasion

According to the organizers, ITEC EXPO would help to learn new technologies, network, make new business contacts and establish international vpartnerships among others.

DBI, BPSR, OTHERS PARTICIPATE IN A SEMINAR TO PROMOTING SKILL ACQUISITION IN NIGERIA.



Group photograph at the event

The DBI President/CEO Prof. Mohammed Ajiya, on Tuesday, 18th April 2023 participated in the 2023 edition of Bureau of Public Service Reform (BPSR) Lunch Time Seminar on “The Road Map of National Directorate of Employment in Combating Unemployment and Promoting skill Acquisition in Nigeria” which took place at the Federal Capital Development Authority, Area 11, Abuja.

The Director General Bureau of Public Service Reforms (BPSR) MR D.I Arabi during his opening remarks noted that, the seminar was organized to track the road map achievements of the National Directorate of Employment (NDE) in combating unemployment and promoting skill acquisition in Nigeria.

According to the Director General of the National Directorate of Employment (NDE), Mallam Abubakar Nuhu Fikpo, during his paper presentation stated that, the basic aim of the NDE is to bridge the educational gap and build professional experience amongst the unemployed. He went further that the NDE has conducted different study investigations on how Unemployment problem can be tackled through Skills Acquisition across Nigeria and These factors still subsist, thereby making the Directorate to be more relevant than ever before.

According to him, "the NDE Management therefore, stepped up innovative initiatives towards creating more employment opportunities for unemployed Nigerians.

It's on record that in the recent time, Nigeria recorded an unprecedented level of achievement in the effort of combating mass unemployment and poverty among different categories of the unemployed, especially, women, youths at risk and other vulnerable groups.



DBI President/CEO Prof. Mohammed Ajiya and NDE DG, Abubakar Nuhu Fikpo during the occasion.

both rural and urban communities in the formal and informal sectors of the economy, thereby, absorbing and engaging unemployed youth and women in decept" he said

He went further to say that it is recommend that more spread of NDE training centers to all the Local Government Areas in the State for more benefits to be realized, among others.

The president/CEO Prof. Mohammed Ajiya was accompanied by HoU Public Affairs Mr. Akin Ogunlade and Temidayo Olaloye



Prof. Mohammed Ajiya, BPSR DG D.I Arabi, and a guest at the forum

DBI ROUNDS UP TRAINING FOR STAFF OF THE FEDERAL MINISTRY OF HEALTH

Participants express satisfaction with DBI's expertise, professionalism.

The Digital Bridge Institute, DBI on Thursday, 20th April 2023, completed a 5-day training on WAN/LAN Administration and Management training for staff of the Federal Ministry of Health, Abuja

During the closing ceremony, the Head of Unit, Professional/Certification Programmes, Mr Emeka Nzeih used the opportunity to appreciate the participants for taking part in the 5-day intensive hands-on training and encouraged them to use the skills they have acquired to improve productivity in their workplace.



Cross section of participants during the training programme



The participants expressed satisfaction with the level of expertise and professionalism exhibited by the DBI Instructors as they were pleased with the conducive learning environment made available for them. They assured DBI of their willingness to come for other training programs offered in the Institute.



The Head of Unit, Professional/Certification Programmes on behalf of the President/CEO, DBI, Prof. Mohammed Ajiya, after awarding the participants their certificates declared them alumni members of the Digital Bridge Institute.

WORK ETHICS: THE GOOD, THE BAD, AND THE UGLY

By Emeka Ejiofor DBI Lagos Campus

Work ethics refers to the moral principles and values that guide an individual's behaviour in the workplace. Having a strong work ethic is essential for success in any job, as it helps individuals to perform their duties effectively, maintain good relationships with colleagues and superiors, and attain personal and professional goals. However, work ethics can also have negative effects when they are not properly balanced. In this article, we will discuss the good, the bad, and the ugly aspects of work ethics.

The Good:

A strong work ethic is a valuable asset for any employee. It helps to build trust and credibility with colleagues and superiors, as it shows that the individual is dedicated, responsible, and dependable. A good work ethic also fosters productivity and efficiency, as individuals who are motivated and committed to their work are more likely to perform their tasks accurately and on time. Additionally, a strong work ethic promotes self-discipline, resilience, and continuous improvement, as individuals who are willing to put in the effort to achieve their goals are more likely to succeed in their endeavours.

The Bad:

While a strong work ethic is generally viewed as a positive attribute, it can also have negative consequences when taken to extremes. For example, individuals who are overly dedicated to their work may neglect their personal lives, leading to burnout, stress, and decreased quality of life. Similarly, individuals who are too focused on productivity and efficiency may prioritize quantity over quality, resulting in errors, mistakes, and subpar performance. Furthermore, a strong work ethic can create unrealistic expectations, leading to frustration, disappointment, and demotivation when goals are not met.

The Ugly:

When work ethics are taken to unhealthy extremes, they can lead to negative consequences not only for the individual but also for the organization and society as a whole. For example, individuals who prioritize their work above all else may engage in unethical or illegal behaviours, such as lying, cheating, or stealing,

to achieve their goals. Similarly, individuals who are too focused on competition and success may engage in sabotage, backstabbing, and other negative behaviours toward their colleagues and superiors. Furthermore, a strong work ethic can create a culture of overwork and exploitation, leading to unfair treatment, inequality, and social injustice.

In conclusion, work ethics are an essential aspect of professional behaviour, but they must be balanced and properly managed to avoid negative consequences. A strong work ethic is a valuable asset that promotes productivity, efficiency, and continuous improvement, but it can also lead to burnout, stress, and unrealistic expectations when taken to extremes. Individuals need to find a healthy balance between WORK and PERSONAL LIFE, prioritize quality over quantity, and uphold ethical and moral values in their behaviour. By doing so, they can achieve success, fulfilment, and a positive impact on the world around them.

CONTACTLESS PAYMENT

By Baiye Israel DBI Lagos Campus



Are you aware that your ATM Card could be contactless payment enabled?

Few months ago, I went to a petrol station to refuel, and had to make payments using my card as I had no cash on me. The fuel attendant told me their POS machine was not functional at the moment, so she beckoned on a nearby POS merchant (a woman). After inserting my card and inputting the transaction amount, the next thing she said was "O ti lo" meaning it has

gone through, without inserting my transaction pin? How is that possible, so I quickly checked my phone and I had been debited. In order not to create a scene I just asked the merchant for a transaction receipt, collected the cash, paid for the gas and left. I then went ahead to do some research and made some findings that:

Your ATM Card could be contactless payment enabled.

What is Contactless Payment?

Contactless payment refers to a method of payment which enables consumers to make payment for goods and services by tapping a contactless payment enabled credit card, smart card, or device over a contactless-enabled payment terminal. It provides an easy, convenient, and efficient cashless option for making payment. Examples of instruments which can be used for contactless payment include, contactless enabled pre-paid, debit and credit cards, mobile electronic devices, and some wearable devices as well.

Sometime in October 2022 the Central Bank of Nigeria ("CBN") issued an Exposure Draft of the Guidelines for Contactless Payments in Nigeria ("Draft Guidelines"). The Framework for the regulation of Quick Response Code Payments (a form of contactless payment) in Nigeria. This was a move to further protect the public and drive innovation.

The Draft Guidelines stipulates the minimum standards and requirements for the operation of contactless payments in Nigeria and specifies the roles and responsibilities of stakeholders involved in contactless payments in Nigeria.

The Draft Guidelines provide that the CBN would determine the transaction and daily limit for contactless payments. Payments below the limit would be consummated without the need for customers verification, while payments above the limit will require customers verification in form of personal identification number, mobile code, or biometrics identifier.

There are two principal types of contactless payments in the payment sector. One type transmits through a traditional credit or debit card equipped with an RFID chip. RFID means radio-frequency identification.

The other transmits from a Smartphone, tablet, or wearable device equipped with an NFC (Near Field Communications) chip.

How do I know if my ATM Card is Contactless Payment enabled?

If you're not sure whether your ATM card is contactless enabled, you can check for the contactless symbol on your card. The contactless symbol is a set of four curved lines that resemble a Wi-Fi signal, and it's usually located somewhere on the front of the card.

If your card has the contactless symbol, then it's enabled for contactless payments, and you can use it to make contactless transactions at participating merchants. However, if you don't see the contactless symbol on your card, then it's not enabled for contactless payments, and you'll need to use the chip or magnetic stripe to complete transactions.

It's worth noting that even if your card is contactless enabled, not all merchants in Nigeria currently accept contactless payments. However, the number of merchants accepting contactless payments is growing, so it's a good idea to keep an eye out for the contactless symbol when you're making purchases. Additionally, you may be able to use your contactless-enabled card to make payments through mobile wallets like Apple Pay or Google Pay, even if the merchant doesn't accept contactless payments directly.

One of the main benefits of contactless cards is their speed and convenience. Transactions can be completed in a matter of seconds, which can be particularly helpful in high-traffic areas or during busy times. Additionally, contactless cards can reduce the need for physical contact with payment terminals, which can help to reduce the spread of germs and bacteria.

Another advantage of contactless cards is their security. Contactless payments are typically encrypted and require close proximity to the payment terminal, which can make them more secure than traditional magnetic stripe or chip-and-PIN payments. Additionally, most contactless cards have a limit on the amount that can be spent in a single transaction, which can help to prevent fraudulent transactions.

However, there are some potential drawbacks to con-

tactless cards. For example, some customers may be concerned about the security of their personal information, particularly if they lose their contactless card or if it is stolen. Additionally, not all merchants in Nigeria currently accept contactless payments, which can limit their utility for some customers.

Overall, contactless cards are an exciting new payment technology that is quickly gaining popularity in

Nigeria. They offer a range of benefits, including speed, convenience, and security, and they have the potential to revolutionize the way that we make payments in the country. As more merchants begin to accept contactless payments and as customers become more familiar with the technology, it's likely that we will see even greater adoption of these cards in the years to come.

UNIDEL VC CHARGES STAFF TO BE ICT DRIVEN

By Our Correspondent



As She Commends NCC for a Successful Digital Staff Training

"Computing is not about computers anymore. It is about living".

- Nicholas Negroponte

The Vice Chancellor of University of Delta, Agbor, Prof Stella Chimene has charged staff of the University to be ICT driven as the management will not tolerate any staff that is not ready to be ICT compliant.

Prof Chiemeka made this assertion today through the University Librarian, Dr Mrs V. N. Okonoko during the closing ceremony of the Advanced Digital Empowerment Programme for Tertiary Institution organized by the Digital Bridge Institute - the training arm of the Nigerian Communications Commission (NCC).

The one-week training programme was of two categories: Statistical Package for Social Science (SPSS) and the Microsoft Power Business Intelligence (PowerBI) while the second category was on Internet Office Productivity Tools (IOPT)

ADEPTI *Corner*

DBI LAUNCHES NEW TRAINING PACKAGE, ADEPTI FOR TERTIARY INSTITUTIONS COMMENCES AT UNIVERSITY OF MEDICAL SCIENCES ONDO STATE

By Our Correspondent

The Digital Bridge Institute (DBI) has launched a new training program named Advanced Digital Empowerment Program for Tertiary Institutions (ADEPTI)

The Institute kick-started the new program at the University of Medical Sciences, Laje, Ondo State. The training, which was 4-day intensive hands-on training commenced on the 17th through the 20th of April 2023.

The new ADEPTI packages included: Digital skills, cyber security, and emerging technologies. (DISCET) and Data analysis using SPSS and Power BI.

The Vice Chancellor of the university Prof Fatusi Adesegun during his opening remark commended the Dig-

ital Bridge Institute for the privilege given to the university to be among the first set of Tertiary Institutions to benefit from the new ADEPTI training package from DBI.



Group photograph of participants, ADEPTI team, and principal officers of the university.



Group Photograph: The DBI ADEPTI Team with the VC Prof Fatusi Adesegun and other principal officers of the university present at the opening ceremony

He further lauded the Nigerian Communications Commission (NCC) for its consistency in ensuring that Tertiary Institutions benefit from the program at no cost and all costs.

The VC said he was optimistic that the new packages would further boost the capacity and digital skills of the university staff for better productivity.

The training program lasted for four days with hands-on oriented activities delivered by the DBI Instructors who ensured that no stone was left unturned in making sure the program was a success.

NCC, DBI TRAIN FED POLY AYEDE STAFF ON ADVANCED DIGITAL APPRECIATION PROGRAMME

By Our Correspondent



The Nigerian Communications Commission (NCC), through its training arm, Digital Bridge Institute (DBI), has organised a five-day training for the staff of Federal Polytechnic, Ayede, Oyo State.

Sponsored by the Nigerian Communications Commission (NCC), the DBI's Advanced Digital Appreciation Programme for Tertiary Institutions (ADAPTI) was intended to equip the teaching and non-teaching staff of the Polytechnic with the needed skills on the digital era.

In his opening remark at the training, the Rector, Engr Dr Taofeek Adekunle Abdul-Hameed, who was represented by the Polytechnic Librarian, Dr Samuel Oke Ogunniyi, lauded the NCC and DBI for remembering the new Institution and urged the beneficiaries to make judicious use of the exercise with a view to impacting the students and the system.

“On behalf of the Governing Council Chairman of our Polytechnic, Prof. Dakas C. J. Dakas (SAN) and other members of the Council; my Rector, Engr Dr T. A Abdul-Hameed, and other Principal Officers, I want to welcome everybody to the maiden training of the Institute. I thank Almighty God for giving us the privilege to be here this morning. I want to thank the Committee of Deans for organising this programme.

“I thank Prof. Adeolu Akande, the NCC Chairman and the President of DBI, Prof. Muhammed Ajiya.

“The participants have to participate maximally in this training because it will assist us, even, in this digital era.”

The training, which took place at the Institution's ICT Centre in Oke Owode area, Ogbomosho, also had the Institution's Registrar and Secretary to the Governing

Council (Mr Akin Odesola), Bursar (Mrs Alhaja Rasheedat Titilola Oladepo), Polytechnic Librarian (Dr Samuel Oke Oginni), Deans, Directors, Heads of Departments and Units as trainees.

The team leader for the training, Mr Chukwuemeka Ejiofor, harped on the importance of the training, saying that the trading would go a long way in helping the staff.

Appreciating the Rector for the warm reception, Mr Ejiofor said, “I bring greetings from the Chairman of the NCC, Prof. Adeolu Akande; the Executive Vice Chairman of NCC, Prof. U.G. Danbatta and the President of DBI, Prof. (Engr) Mohammed Ajiya.

“Digital Bridge Institute (DBI) is the training arm of the NCC. It was established in 2004 with the purpose of bridging the digital divide through capacity building.



The Bursar, Alhaja Rasheedat Titilola Oladepo, speaking at the training.

“The programme, called Advanced Digital Appreciation Programme for Tertiary Institutions, is of two parts: IOPT (Internet and Office Productivity Tools) and Data Analysis using SPSS. But for the purpose of this seminar, we would be doing only IOPT (which has 5 modules (Introduction to Computer System/Cyber-Security, Microsoft Word, Spreadsheet, PowerPoint, & Internet) and maybe subsequently we would come back with more of it and Data Analysis.

“This seminar will run for 5 days and during this period, we would love to solicit your support and co-operation to make the training a success. Attendance



Group 3 designing their presentation.

will be mandatory and required for certificate at least 4/5 attendance and anyone who failed to meet up with that will be denied the certificate.

“Finally, we have capable and able resource persons who would facilitate the courses. They were Mr Tobi Durojaiye and Mr Chidiebere Nwoye. I trust them to do a great job.”



From Left: Mr Musa from Bursary; Head of Accountancy Department, Dr Saheed Shittu and Head of SLT Department, Dr Kehinde Odelade.a

List of Advance Digital Empowerment Programme for Tertiary Institutions (ADEPTI) Centers April 17 – 21, 2023

1. Federal Polytechnic, Ayede Oyo State.
2. Igbinedion University, Okada, Edo State.
3. University of Medical Sciences, Ondo Town, Ondo State.
4. University of Delta, Agbor, Delta State.
5. Adamawa State University, Yola, Adamawa State.



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