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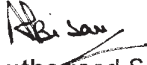
Please find enclosed a copy of the press release titled “**NIIT announces 17th National Scholarship in Nigeria**”.

This is for your information and records.

Kindly acknowledge the receipt.

Thanking you,

Yours truly,
For NIIT Limited


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NIIT announces 17th National Scholarship in Nigeria

- For the first time offers scholarships in futuristic cutting-edge programs in Digital Transformation under digiNxt series
- Pioneering programs like digiNxt MMS, Big Data, Java Enterprises Apps with DevOps, Digital Marketing unveiled
- Annual Scholarship Test to be held on Saturday, 16th July 2016, across the country

Nigeria/New Delhi, June 15, 2016: NIIT, a global leader in skills and talent development today announced the 17th National Scholarship in Nigeria, to reward meritorious students desirous of building successful careers in today's knowledge economy. For the first time ever, scholarships will also be offered for futuristic cutting-edge programs in Digital Transformation under digiNxt series. NIIT will now offer scholarships in programs like digiNxt MMS, Big Data, Java Enterprises Apps with DevOps, Digital Marketing apart from Revolutionary MMS and other programs. These programs have been introduced by NIIT with a profound understanding of the changing workforce requirement of the Global and Nigerian IT industry.

The programs will include the following elements:-

digiNxt MMS: This is an Intensive 1- 2½ year program aimed at building talent pool of software engineers aligned to the Digital Transformation requirements of the industry.

digiNxt-Big Data: Big data is high volume, high velocity information to process and enable enhanced decision making. It consists of Hadoop, Zookeeper, Hbase, Hive, Storm Distributed Live Computing and Sqoop.

digiNxt-Java Enterprise Apps with Dev Ops: The program will encompass the various aspects of enterprise app development while enabling a learner to implement these aspects through project-based learning methodology.

digiNxt-Digital Marketing: The program is designed to help the students understand how to plan, implement and manage comprehensive Digital Marketing strategy.

This year the annual scholarship test will be held on Saturday, 16th July 2016, across the country. For more information, students can visit www.niit.com/nigeria.

Speaking on the occasion, **Mr. Prakash Menon, President, Global Skills & Careers Group, NIIT Ltd,** said, *"Over the last 17 years NIIT has created a pool of job-ready professionals, for the fast growing IT industry in Nigeria. With our keen understanding of the changing skills requirement of the industry we are now focusing on the Digital Transformation needs of the country. The company will now offer futuristic programs in digiNxt MMS, Big Data, Java Enterprises Apps with Dev-ops and Digital Marketing to create a talent pool armed with futuristic skill-sets aligned to the industry."*

Today, information technology has changed the way people work and the next ten years will be about transforming the businesses across all industry sectors to embrace the digital era. According to





industry experts, digitally transformed organizations are 26% more profitable than their industry competitors. Global spending on digital transformation technologies is expected to cross \$2.1 Billion by 2019. By 2018, 35% of IT resources will be spent to support the creation of new digital revenue streams, and by 2020 almost 50% of IT budgets will be tied to digital transformation initiatives.

According to MIT Centre for Digital Business, 77% of organizations consider missing digital skills as the key hurdle to their transformation strategy. Therefore, Global IT Companies are investing heavily in building digital transformation skills to enable their clients transform digitally. As organizations are building talent pool, the most-sought after skill sets include: Product Engineering, Business Analytics, Cloud Technology and Architecture, Mobile Apps, Internet of Things and Machine Learning & Artificial Intelligence. To cater to this need, NIIT has introduced career and diploma programs in Digital Transformation series. According to industry sources, IT industry in Nigeria is estimated to be one of the fastest growing industries in Nigeria in coming years.

NIIT is also launching state-of-the-art program in financial accounting- "Tally.ERP9" in Nigeria. This program is a robust ERP product and a complete business management solution tool.

With an aim to create empowered workforce for the Nigerian IT industry, NIIT offers various other programs to the students in Nigeria. The revolutionary Mastermind series comprises of Software Engineering and Infrastructure Management courses. While the Software Engineering course will expose the student to technologies like Office 2013, Java 7, Visual Studio 2012, SQL Server 2012, ASP.net, MVC 4.5, HTML 5, JQuery, Java Script, the Infrastructure Management course will enable students to learn Office 2013, Windows Server 2012, Microsoft SQL Server 2012 and Microsoft Share Point 2013.

Speaking on the occasion **Mr. Sanjay Tickoo, Head of Business Operations, International Education Business – Emerging Markets, NIIT Ltd** said, *"Since inception, NIIT's National Scholarship Program has enabled thousands of Nigerian students desirous of building successful career in IT Industry. NIIT, a pioneer of IT Training Industry in Nigeria, has impacted over 1.7 million students over the past 17 years, contributing to the overall development of the ICT industry in the country. We look forward to further strengthening this initiative, by empowering many more students in the coming years. We are grateful to students & parents who have continuously bestowed their faith & trust in us and helped us become Africa's largest IT Education Provider."*

NIIT in Nigeria

NIIT, a global leader in skills & talent development, established its presence in Nigeria by setting up an education centre in Ikeja, Lagos in 1999 and since then affirmed its support to prepare the youth in the country for lucrative IT careers. The scholarship has reached out to nearly 1.7 million students in the past 17 years. Since 1999 NIIT has been involved in creation of skilled ICT workforce and has launched several initiatives in the country.

NIIT is acknowledged as the undisputed leader in the country's IT training and education segment, offering the latest IT programs mapped to the industry requirement and international vendor certifications.

In Nigeria, NIIT provides IT education to individuals; offers customized training solutions for corporate; and caters to the IT learning needs of University & School students.



About NIIT

Established in 1981, NIIT Limited, a global leader in Skills and Talent Development, offers multi-disciplinary learning management and training delivery solutions to corporations, institutions, and individuals in over 40 countries. NIIT has three main lines of business across the globe- Corporate Learning Group, Skills and Careers Group, and School Learning Group

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