



Press Release

NIIT announces 16th National Scholarship in Nigeria

- *Launches Revolutionary Mastermind Series mapped to international certification*
- *Annual Scholarship Test to be held on July 11th across the country*

New Delhi, India / Lagos, Nigeria, June 9, 2015: NIIT, a global leader in skills and talent development today announced the 16th National Scholarship, 2015 in Nigeria, to enhance employability of students desirous of building successful careers in today's knowledge economy. Introduced in the year 2000 the National scholarship by NIIT has become a much anticipated annual event in the country and has been availed by 1.6 million students since inception.

This year the annual scholarship test will be held on 11th July across the country. For more information students can visit www.niitnigeria.com

NIIT has been present in Nigeria for over 15 years and has played a pioneering role in providing support to the youth of the country desirous of building great career in IT industry. The scholarship provides assistance to students across various disciplines- school leavers, under graduates, graduates (unemployed, under-employed) and individuals keen to enhance their technical skill-sets, and students in general who aspire to know about IT and careers in IT.

With an aim to create manpower for the Nigerian IT industry, NIIT offers various cutting edge programs to the students in Nigeria. The revolutionary career program - Mastermind Series mapped to international certification, enables students to get skilled for global career opportunities, through training in technology courses. The Mastermind series comprise 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.

Apart from these courses, various rapid employability and career enhancement programs are also offered by NIIT. Key technologies acquired during the course includes tracks like 12C, MS Server 2012, Jelly Bean, Kit-Kat, Oracle, CCNA & CCNP, A+ & N+, Web Design & Development, Graphic Designing, MIS, and Project Management etc.



Speaking on the occasion Mr. Sanjay Tickoo, Vice President & Head of Business Operations, International Education Business, NIIT Ltd said, *“The National Scholarship is a great enabler for thousands of Nigerian students desirous of building successful careers in diverse industries. Since inception the scholarship has reached out to nearly 1.6 million students and we hope to continue this effort and aim to reach out to many more students in the coming years. We are grateful to the students and parents who have bestowed their faith in us and have helped us to become Africa’s largest IT education provider.”*

According to industry sources, IT industry in Nigeria is estimated to be among the fastest growing IT industries in the world. NIIT conducts the National Scholarship exam every year to help identify meritorious students to join this industry and be a part of the global skilled Talent pool.

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 1.6 million students in the past 15 years.

Since 1999 NIIT has been involved in creation of skilled ICT manpower 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.

NIIT’s Corporate Learning Group (CLG) offers Managed Training Services (MTS) to market-leading companies in North America, Europe, Asia, and Oceania. The comprehensive suite of Managed Training Services includes custom Curriculum Design and Content Development, Learning Administration, Learning Delivery, Strategic Sourcing, Learning Technology, and Advisory Services. With a team of some of the world’s finest learning professionals, NIIT is dedicated to helping customers increase the business value of learning and development (L&D). Built on the sound principles of ‘Running Training like a

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Business', NIIT's Managed Training Services and best-in-class training processes enable customers to align business goals with L&D, reduce costs, realise measurable value, benefit from rock-solid operations, and increase business impact.

NIIT's Skills and Careers Group (SCG) delivers a diverse range of learning and talent development programs to millions of individual and corporate learners in areas including Banking, Finance & Insurance, Soft Skills, Business Process Excellence, Retail Sales Enablement, Management Education, Multi-Sectoral Vocational Skills, Digital Media Marketing, and new-age IT. These programs are delivered through a hybrid combination of the 'Cloud Campus' online platform, satellite-based 'Synchronous Learning Technology' and a physical network of hundreds of learning centers in India, China, and select markets in Asia & Africa. The flagship multi-disciplinary course offerings include the industry-endorsed RevGNIIT program and a set of Post Graduate Programs for students from different streams, apart from a wide range of specialist short duration programs.

To further strengthen its SCG portfolio in India, NIIT has tied up with industry majors like ICICI Bank for NIIT Institute of Finance Banking & Insurance, IFBI; leading business schools in India for NIIT Imperia; Genpact for NIIT Uniqua; and a joint venture with NSDC for NIIT Yuva Jyoti. Besides this, for the China market, NIIT has tied up with governments and software parks in Guian, Chongqing, Wuxi, Suzhou, Changzhou, Zhangjiagang, Haikou and Dafeng, for state-of-the-art public-private partnership centres.

NIIT's School Learning Group (SLG) provides technology based learning to over 15,000 government and private schools in India, Bhutan, South Africa and the Middle East. The futuristic NIIT nGuru range of learning solutions for schools comprises Interactive Classrooms with digital content, technology-driven Math Lab, IT Wizard programs and Quick School - an Education Resource Planning software.

As the Most Trusted Brand in India for 3rd year in a row (Brand Trust Report, 2015), NIIT's learning and talent development solutions, continue to receive widespread recognition globally. NIIT has been named among the Top 20 Training Outsourcing Companies for the past seven consecutive years by Training Industry, Inc. USA. Further, leading Indian ICT journal Dataquest has conferred upon NIIT the 'Top Training Company' award successively for the past 20 years, since the inception of this category. NIIT Yuva Jyoti Ltd was recognized as the Best Vocational Education and Skill Development initiative at the World Education Summit, 2014.

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