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ED CRIN Bags National Award



The Executive Director (ED) of Cocoa Research Institute of Nigeria (CRIN), Dr. Patrick Adebola has been conferred with the National Productivity Order of Merit, NPOM award. The NPOM award was conferred on Dr.

Adebola by the National Productivity Centre, an arm of the Federal Ministry of Labour and Employment in Abuja. This prestigious award recognizes individuals who have made significant contributions to productivity in their respective fields. A total of 72 names, 36 each for 2021 and 2022, made the list in the individual category. The honours list cut across industries, public service, academics and technocrats. The ED's career has seen him traverses Europe, America and different African countries. Dr. Adebola was Director and Technical Lead at Agricultural Research Council, (ARC-VOPI) of South Africa. After a decade stay on the job, he moved to Liberia as Deputy Director General at African Rice, a project of the Central Agricultural Research Institute. He was Project Lead and Senior Scientist at the International Institute for (IITA), Tropical Agriculture where he successfully coordinated the Africa Yam Project in Nigeria, Ghana, Benin and Côte d'Ivoire, its four target countries. Since assuming office as the ED of CRIN in 2020, he has brought enormous transformations which has enhanced research and industrial Other awardees were harmony. Chief Sylvester Onoja a former Principal of King's College, Senators Ita Enang, Lee Maeba and Prof Umar Dambata to mention a few. Hearty congratulations to our articulate and performing Executive Director. More wins, Sir!



The ED receiving the award from Dr. Nasir Olaitan Raji-Mustapha, the Director General of the National Productivity Centre, Abuja

ED Felicitates Muslims on Eld-el-Kabir



The Executive Director (ED), Cocoa Research Institute of Nigeria (CRIN), Dr. Patrick Adebola has felicitated with Muslims in CRIN and in the country at large as they join other faithfuls around the world to celebrate this vear's Eid-el-Kabir festival.

Dr. Adebola urged the Muslims Ummah to uphold lessons of love, loyalty and sacrifice which are the foundation of the festival, during and after the festivities. The National Productivity Order of Merit (NPOM) award winner noted that the Eid-el-Kabir became a symbolic event following the bountiful reward Prophet Ibraheem received for his demonstrated perseverance and absolute faith in God by holding tenaciously to his faith during the trying period. The ED said this year's Eid-el-Kabir festival offers another opportunity for sober reflection and spiritual renewal which Allah demands from the faithful.

The ED further reassured that the Institute is determined to restore





Nigeria's glory as the leading Cocoa producer in Africa.

Dr. Adebola urged the Muslim faithfuls and adherents of other faiths in the country to make peaceful coexistence their watchword and work together for a more productive peaceful, united and prosperous Nigeria.

Taraba State VC Visits CRIN



The Vice Chancellor (VC) of Taraba State University, Jalingo, Professor Sunday Paul Bako paid a collaborative visit to the Institute on June 15, 2023. On his entourage were the Director International Linkages and

Collaboration, Director of Research and his Special Adviser. The VC was warmly received by the Executive Director (ED), Dr. Patrick Adebola, his Management Committee members and the Programme Leaders (PL). The ED set the ball rolling by appreciating the VC for deeming it fit to visit the Institute despite his tight schedule and the enormous distance between his University and the Institute, he assured him of a worthwhile visit to the Institute. The Director of Research Operations, Dr. Sunday Agbeniyi intimated the VC and his entourage of the CRIN mandate crops, while the PLs took turns to acquaint the VC with the areas of desired collaboration on their crop base with the University which were as follows: Capacity building of coffee farmers in Taraba State on right processing techniques; establishment of tea plantations; production and multiplication of improved varieties of cocoa, training, varietal trials, development of drought tolerant

cocoa and improved marketing; release of new varieties of cashew through multilocational trials; ecological trials of kola species, use of organic materials for kola preservation, use of kola waste for production of clean energy, mentorship of students through external and joint supervision and entrepreneurial training of students for selfreliance after graduation. Others were collaboration to teach students on tree crops, sabbatical positions for CRIN scientists and collaboration for the development of international grants proposals. The VC, who was visibly thrilled by the giant scientific strides, acceded to the engagement of the Institute scientists for the supervision of students, sabbatical placements and joint development of proposals. To familiarise himself with more of the research activities of the Institute, he paid visit to the Nursery and the Cocoa Flavour Quality Laboratory.



The VC and the Executive Director









Cross section of the VC delegation and CRIN Management



The VC and his entourage at the Nursery



Sensory analysis of cocoa flavour by the VC and his entourage

Updates on TRACE Project

A delegation from CORUS International and Lutheran World Relief paid a follow up visit on the TRACE competitive grant project won by the Institute. These partners on the project who were warmly received by the Executive Director, Dr. Patrick Adebola expressed great delight on the progress made by the Institute in the project execution. The delegation expressed their plan to officially launch the project. The CORUS International was represented by Hamid Mansara while Nene Akwetey-Kodjoe and Andrew Ikuesan represented the Lutheran World Relief at the program. Other members of the Institute in attendance were: Dr. S. B. Orisajo (Cocoa Programme Leader), Dr. Anna Muyiwa, Dr. Festus Olasupo and Mr. Sorinolu, the Institute's Accountant.



Group photograph with the partners

CRIN Organises Cashew Grafting Training for Staff



The Institute organised a training program on cashew grafting for staff from June 5th to 9th, 2023 at the Nursery section. The attendance cut across scientists, trainees and

expert grafters. The training session kickstarted with theoretical exposition on the cashew tree, usefulness, best method of planting and the detailed aspects of grafting. A practical demonstration of the grafting followed process was by hands-on experience in collecting budwood from cashew trees. The trainee grafters were then divided into four groups for interactive grafting sessions. Among the attendees were Dr. Sunday Agbeniyi (Director Research Operations), Dr. Moses Ogunlade



(Director Production and Substations). The resource persons that anchored the training were Dr. O.S. Ibiremo (Director Planning), Dr. O.O. Adeigbe (Cashew Programme Leader) and Dr. F.O. Olasupo.



Registration session by the grafters





Dr. Ibiremo and Dr. Adeigbe handling training sessions



Grafting demonstration session



Collection of budwood



Arrangement of budding materials







Hands-on grafting in progress



Budding sessions

AATON CRIN Chapter Holds Biennial Meeting



The Association of Agricultural Technologies of Nigeria (AATON) held her biennial general meeting tagged "Sustaining Agriculture Through Technology" held from 3rd to 4th May

2023 at CRIN Event Centre, Ibadan. The event was graced by the Executive Director (ED) Dr. Patrick Adebola, who was visibly amazed at the radiant appearance of the corporately dressed members. The ED was decorated as the Grand Patron of the Association. The organisers seized the occasion to launch AATON instructional titled: "Effective guide Approach to Sustainable Cocoa Production in Nigeria". The CRATON, which was produced by the association after they were trained in 2020, showcased at the occasion. was The proposed Cocoa tree statue was also unveiled. The outgoing executives led by Mr. Odedele Samson Oluseye was dissolved and new executives led by Mrs. Babalola Eunice Adenike were inaugurated to steer the ship of the association for 2 years. The programme was attended by important dignitaries among whom were: Alhaji Miniru Oladayo Ola, Baale Ogunpa Market/CAN Chairman, Oyo State and Comrade Adeola Adegoke, Cocoa Farmers Association of Nigeria (CFAN) President. Send-forth ceremony of three retirees which includes Mrs Mary Adebisi Akande was held at the occasion. The PhD holders among the association were also celebrated with a congratulatory message.



Dignitaries at the occasion



Presentation of Letter of Appreciation to the Executive Director





Group photograph with the dignitaries



Swearing in Ceremony of the new Executive members

Seminar on Production of Coffee and Tea for Export

The Institute in collaboration with the Nigerian Council Promotions (NEPC) Exports organised a two-day seminar from 18 to 19 May, 2023 on production of coffee and tea for export at CRIN Ajassor Substation, Cross River State. The occasion was equally used to unveil nurseries as well as flag off distribution of seedlings in Cross Rivers State. In attendance were dignitaries from NEPC; CRIN scientists - Dr. M.O. Okeniyi and Dr. K.A. Oluyole; Mr. Samson Odedele, Officer in Charge of the Substation, and interest groups on coffee and tea.



Facilitator at the seminar



Cross section of participants



Group photograph of the facilitators





CRIN Representatives Visits Vice Chancellor, Osun State University

meeting was held at the Vice The Chancellor's office Osun State University, Osogbo on Wednesday 14th June, 2023 and have in attendance the following: The Vice Chancellor, Osun State University, Professor Odunayo Clement Adebooye, the Deputy Vice Chancellor for Academics, Research, Innovation and Partnership, Professor Anthony Kola Olusanya, CRIN team led by Dr. S.O. Agbeniyi who represented the Executive Director, Dr. M.O. Ogunlade, Dr. C.O. Jayeola and Dr. Anna Muyiwa. The Vice Chancellor welcomed the CRIN team, acknowledged the letter sent by CRIN and promised to do the needful. Dr. Agbeniyi, in his response, brought greetings from the Executive Director (CRIN). He then presented CRIN's 5 points agenda which includes: Joint staff exchange, Joint proposal collaborative writing, Joint research, Awareness and training and Research Professor for gualified staff of CRIN. Dr. M.O Ogunlade buttressed the need for collaboration especially on proposal writing, informed the host of the current he collaboration between CRIN and USDA on the TRACE project.



Presentation of gift by the Vice Chancellor

The Vice Chancellor supported all the five points presented by CRIN. He appreciated the CRIN team on behalf of the University Senate and promised to do everything to make the collaboration possible. Dr Agbeniyi also thanked the Vice Chancellor for the hospitality accorded the team.



Group photograph of CRIN team with the VC and the DVC

RIGAN NEC/Council Meeting Holds in CRIN

Research Institutes Games Association of Nigeria (RIGAN) held its National Executive Council (NEC) and Council meeting at CRIN on 6th and 7th June, 2023. Representatives Research Institutes were in from 22 attendance. Amidst other discussions at the meeting which was attended by Mr. E.O. Kuforiji, one of the Institute's RIGAN Council members, was the bid to host the 18th edition of the biennial RIGAN Games festival. It is worthy to note that this is the first time the Institute will host RIGAN Council meeting as it looks forward to hosting the main games festival. The Executive Director, Dr. Patrick Adebola, who was unavoidably absent, gave his blessing to the NEC and Council members. He was duly represented by Dr. A. O. Famaye. Some members of CRIN Sport family graced the opening ceremony.







Cross section of participants

ACTU Holds Seminar at CRIN

The Institute's Chapter of Anti-Corruption and Transparency Unit (ACTU) held her seminar at the Institute on June 19, 2023 at the Opeke Conference Lawrence Hall. In attendance were officials of ICPC, Ibadan office, Mr. Tope Equnjobi and Mrs. Agnes Komolafe. The Executive Director, Dr. Patrick Adebola was ably represented by the Director. Human Resources and Administration, Mr. Onatunde-Onanuga. The Acting ACTU Chairperson, Mrs O.O. Adeigbe welcomed the participants to the seminar. Dr. A.R. Adedeji, Director Research Outreach former CRIN ACTU Chairman's and presentation centred on benefits and penalties related to ICPC/ACTU in MDA which includes: enhanced transparency, improved accountability, deterrent effects and capacity building; while Prosecution and Legal Consequences, criminal charges, fines, and imprisonment, asset forfeiture, seizing properties, freezing bank accounts etc were some of the penalties for offenders. The ICPC official, Mr. Egunjobi, in his address stated that ACTU is one of the tools that promote the ICPC preventive mandate; ACTU can perform all the functions of ICPC but cannot prosecute. The body is not expected to witch-hunt staff but work with them in tandem. He attributed the following as some of the fallout of the endemic corruption in Nigeria: high price of PMS, collapse of refineries, Inaccessible health facilities even with NHIS and a myriad of other attendant social and economic ills. He

commended CRIN for geometric increase in her ethics and integrity report by the commission from about 63% in 2022 to over 80% in 2023.



Acting ACTU Chairperson (middle) flanked by the ED representative (far right) and Dr. Adedeji



Presentation by ICPC official, Mr. Egunjobi



Cross section of participants



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Group photograph

ARCN News

Former HMA Visits NCAM, NSPRI and ARMTI Ilorin

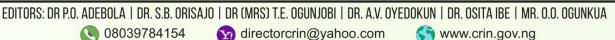
The former Honourable Minister of Agriculture Development (HMA), and Rural Dr Muhammad Mahmood Abubakar paid official visit to NCAM, NSPRI and ARMTI, Ilorin on 2023 for inspection May 05. and commissioning of some projects at the Institutes. Speaking with newsmen after the inspection of locally manufactured machines by NCAM and commissioning of projects, the former Hon. Minister averred that former President Buhari's administration focused on research and development since its inception, stressing that the former President recently approved employment of over 1,650 staff for the entire agricultural research system and added that the three institutes have received more funding for its development. Dr. Mahmood noted that he is impressed with the technologies available at NCAM and he is looking forward for more from the Institutes. In his words, "we don't need to import rice anymore for Nigerian consumption because not only are we self-sufficient, but we are number one producer of rice in Africa and number four in the World. We are also number one in cassava and yams and several other products where we are either number two, three or four. We are looking forward to a lot more than just what we can eat but to also export". In conclusion, the

Hon. Minister expressed delight in all the three Institutes visited and remarked that he is very impressed as all the three of them are doing very well because they are absolutely related and as such their synergy will produce something much bigger than individually. He opined that "from what I have seen, we have our China and India right here in NCAM llorin". Speaking to newsmen, the ED of NCAM. Dr Abdulgafar Rasheed Kamal commended the former Hon. Minister for his unwavering support for the Institute and remarked that his visit was a great boost to the Institute so as to continue in its resolve to ensure that home grown mechanisation technologies are purchased in order to reduce or eliminate importation of agricultural mechanisation technologies Nigeria. in Among projects commissioned by the Hon. Minister at NCAM was the International Conference Centre. Also in the former Hon. Minister's entourage was the Executive Secretary of Agricultural Research Council of Agricultural (ARCN), Prof. Garba Hamidu Sharubutu mni who also expressed some delight and optimism about the projects and activities of the Institutes.



Presentation of NCAM smoked fish to the former Hon. Minister

(Report by Kayode I. Aiyedogbon, ARCN Head, Protocol and Publicity)







Inspection of a machinery

Former Hon. Minister Commissions the Council's Mosque



To God Almighty belong all glory and adoration as the ARCN Muslim community commissioned its Mosque located within the Council's premises on May 25, 2023. The ceremony was graced by the former Honourable Minister, Dr Muhammad Mahmood Abubakar who

joined in observing the afternoon (Zuhur) congregational prayers. After the prayers, the former Hon. Minister gave some words of admonition by urging all staff to be upright in their dealings within and amongst one another as well as with their creator. He commended all staff for their selflessness in donating towards the construction of the new Mosque. He equally showered some praises on the Executive Secretary (ES) for his diligence, dedication and commitment to work and expressed appreciation for the support the ES gave him during his tenure as Minister. Earlier, the ES, Prof. Garba Hamidu Sharubutu mni heartily welcomed the Hon. Minister for doing the Council honour of

making it down and thanked everyone both within and outside the Council for their donations towards putting up such a befitting edifice. The former Hon. Minister took turn to inspect the on-going Veterinary Clinic project in the Council and admired the wisdom behind having such a facility in the Council.



ES with the former Hon. Minister interacting with the press

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HEALTH NEWS

Pink Eye – Mrs Bosede Famaye



Pink eye is an inflammation of the transparent membrane that lines the eyelid and eyeball. This membrane is called the conjuctival. When small blood in the vessels conjuctival become swollen and irritated.

whites of the eyes to appear reddish or pink. Pink eye is also called conjuctivitis and is most often caused by a viral infection. It also can be caused by a bacterial infection, an allergic reaction or in babies, an incompletely opened tear duct. Though pink eye can be irritating, it rarely affects vision. The most common pink eye symptoms includes: Redness in one or both eyes, Itchiness in one or both eyes, A gritty feeling in one or both eyes, A discharge in one or both eyes that forms a crust during the night that may prevent eye or eyes from opening in the morning, Tearing, Sensitivity to light, called Photophobia. There are serious eve conditions that can cause eye redness. These conditions may cause eye pain, a feeling that something is stuck in the eye, blurred vision and light sensitivity, If one experience these symptoms, there is need to seek urgent care. Treatments can help ease the discomfort of pink eye. Because pink eye can be contagious, getting an early diagnosis and taking certain precautions can help limit its spread. Prompt treatment can reduce the risk of complications. Prevention includes good hygiene to control the spread of pink eye such as refrain from touching the eyes with hands, regular washing of hands, Use a clean towel and washcloth daily, abstinence

from sharing of towels or washcloths, Change of pillow cases often, one should not share cosmetics or personal eye care items. Treatment is usually focused on symptom relief which includes: Using artificial tears i.e eye drops; Cleaning of the eyelids with a wet cloth; Applying cold or warm compress several times daily; and Disinfecting hard lenses overnight before re-use. In most cases antibiotics eye drop may not be necessary because conjunctivitis is usually a viral infection. Instead, the virus needs time to run its course usually 2 to 3 weeks. Antiviral medicines may be an option if viral conjunctivitis is caused by the herpes simplex virus. If the irritation is allergic conjuctivitis, your health care provider may prescribe one of many different types of eye drops for people with allergies. These includes antihistamines and mast cell stabilizers. Antinflammation such as decongestants, steroids and antinflammatory drops. One might reduce the severity of allergic conjuctivitis symptoms by avoiding whatever causes allergies. As home remedy, one can apply a compress to the eyes, i.e soak a clean lint-free cloth in water, wring it out before applying it gently to closed eyelids; the compress could be a cool water or warm water as desired. If pink eye affects only one eye, one should not touch both eyes with same cloth to reduce the risk of spreading the infection to the other eye. Eye drops (artificial tears) can be helpful for people with allergic conjuctivitis. One should stop wearing contact lenses until the eyes feel better and if not disposable, it has to be cleaned thoroughly before reuse. The hands should be washed frequently to lessen the chance of infecting other people, and towel should not be shared with other people for the same reason.



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Successful PhD Defense: Dr. Taiwo Matthew Orisasona



Congratulations to Dr. T. M. Orisasona for successfully defending his PhD thesis on: "Analysis of the Efficiencv Technical and Profitability of Coffee Production in Kogi State, Nigeria" at the Department of

Agricultural **Economics** and Extension. Ambrose Alli University Ekpoma, Edo State on April 17, 2023. There have been a lot of research on efficiency of annual crops with little attention given to perennial crops such as coffee. Therefore, the objective of this study was to estimate the technical efficiency of the farming in the study area, determine the profitability of coffee production and identify the constraints face by coffee farmers. Multi-stage sampling procedure was used to select the respondent for the study. The first stage was the purposive selection of three Local Government Areas (LGAs) from the State. Second stage was the random selection of 15 coffee producing communities from the three selected LGAs (the selection was proportionate to size), while the third stage was the random selection of 400 coffee farming households from the selected communities. Data were collected with the use of well-structured questionnaire for the respondents literate and an interview schedule for the illiterate respondents. The Descriptive statistics were used to analyse the data collected: Gross Margin (GM) and Net Revenue (NR) to analyse the profitability of the coffee farming and Stochastic production function frontier model (SPFF) was used to estimate technical efficiency. Results revealed that 24.8 % of the farmers in the study area have the age of their household within the range of between 60 and 70 years. Majority (77.8%) were males. 22.2% were females while 85% were married.

Most (65%) of the farmers were educated far beyond primary school with 55.5% of the farmers having family size of between 4 and 7 persons. About 30.5% of the respondents had between 21 and 30 years of the farming experience in coffee production.

The results showed that production of coffee as a venture is profitable because for every ₩1 invested in the business, it yielded ₩1.39. The results of technical efficiency were stochastic production obtained using function frontier (SPFF) model. The results showed that there was high efficiency in the production of coffee in the study area and farmers are efficient for half-normal and truncated normal distribution. The mean range of technical efficiency was about 74%. Econometric results obtained from frontier model indicate that labour, volume of chemical used and seed quantity has significant level of significance and positive sign.

Thus, the results suggest that there need to geared towards enhancing policies be production efficiency of farmers so as to enhance their commodity productivity. The study also recommended that government should support expanded production of coffee to other potential areas by taking further research on cost and benefit analysis of coffee production. The increasing government and other lending agencies should also do more in assisting the respondents with loans in order to reduce the problem of inadequate capital among the provides farmers. The study current information on the technical efficiency of coffee production in Nigeria and positively motivate youth in accepting coffee farming as a business like any others works of life.





Staff of the Month: Mr. Ayodeji Ayodele Odusote



Mr. Ayodeji Ayodele Odusote hails from Owu ljebu town in Ijebu East Local Government, Ogun State. He was born on October 26, 1971 in Ibadan, Oyo State. He attended

Ibadan Municipal Government Primarv School Apata Ganga, Ibadan for his Primary Education. He proceeded to Odo Ona High School (now Oluyole Extension Secondary School) Ibadan for his Post Primary Education. In pursuance of further education, he attended Ogun State Polytechnic (now Moshood Abiola Polytechnic), Abeokuta, where he bagged Higher National Diploma (HND) in Accountancy in 1997. He equally attended Federal Polytechnic Ado-Ekiti, Ekiti State for Post Graduate Degree in Financial Management from 1999 to year 2000. Mr. Odusote was employed by the Institute in September 13, 1999 as Higher Executive Officer (HEO) Audit. He rose across the rank to his present cadre as Chief Executive Officer, Audit. He has enjoyed training by the Institute among which is Administrative Staff College of Nigeria (ASCON) Topo, Badagry, Lagos State training program. Mr. Odusote belongs to Chartered Institute of Cost and Management Accounting (CICMA) professional body. He is equally a member of Institute of Chartered Accountants of Nigeria (ICAN) and an active member of Anti-Corruption Transparency Unit (ACTU), CRIN Chapter. He is happily married with children.

July Birthday Galore

Hearty birthday celebrations to the members of staff that will be celebrating their birthdays this month. Wishing you all the very best in your life endeavours. Congratulations!



Pelemo Ademola	01-July
Akinpelu Ayodele Oladipo	01-July
Oluwole <mark>Segun</mark>	01-July
Ogund <mark>are Om</mark> olara Aduke	01-July
Akintoroye Johnson Akinyemi	01-July
Azeez Olawale	01-July
Etta Ntuiokwa	02-July
Ezebuiro Promise Ulonnam	02-July
Emaku Eunice Bukky	02-July
Agbola Olufemi Omotunde	04-July
Bolarinde Oluwafemi Joel	04-July
Adeosun Janet Omolola	04-July
Nmeregini Uwadiaru	04-July
Okoro Chinedu Kingsley	04-July
Enya Monday Edni	04-July
Lawal Oluwafemi Esther	07-July
Moses Philipian	07-July
Anagbogu Chinyere Florence	08-July
Ganiyu Janet Funmilayo	08-July

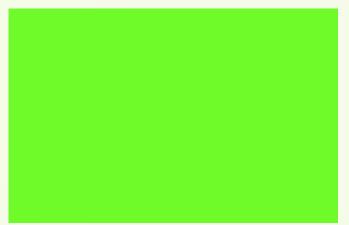




Bakare Opeyemi	08-July
Odeyemi Elizabeth F.	09-July
Ogunleye Oluwagbemisola B.	10-July
Philips Emmanuel Ovie	10-July
Ajirotutu Sunday Mayowa	12-July
Durodoye Dauda	12-July
Awodumila David Jimoh	13-July
Olaleye Folasade	13-July
Adebowale Babasola Agboola	15-July
Otitoloju Omosalewa Oluwaseun	15-July
Isiyaku Alhaji Musa	15-July
Muraina Lukman	15-July
Azeez Kafayat	16-July
Salawu Adetunji	16-July
Emaku Mary	17-July
Adewunmi Abigael Olawumi	17-July
Adedeji Kehinde	17-July
Udoh Nathaniel Effiong	18-July
Ola Olutola Stephen	19-July
Abass Saheed Temilade	19-July
Sulaimon Feyisetan O.	19-July
Onwudi Maria	19-July
Olorunkalu Taye	20-July
Ajiboye Olugbenga Samuel	21-July
Effiong Ezekiel Effiong	21-July
Oyinlade Ayodele	21-July
Famaye Amos Olatunde	22-July
Onatunde-Onanuga Adesola O.	22-July
Anthony David	22-July
Nwaolise Alexander Atunche	26-July
Osalaye Joseph	26-July
Akinola Bukola	26-July

Adeyemo Regina Folasade	27-July
Olumini Olukemi Modupeola	27-July
Modebei Timothy Somayina	27-July
Otuonye Azuka Henry	27-July
Ajulo Felix	27-July
Agwimah Justina Adesua	28-July
lyamu lkechukwu	28-July
Adesakin Alice Olubunmi	30-July
Adegboye Jibola	31-July
Oghenegueke Victor	31-July







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