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(KSITM)

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Venue: KSITM Auditorium

Ladies and gentlemen of the press,

Distinguished members of the KSITM community,

Good morning.

Thank you for attending this press conference. We called you this morning to let you know the outcome of our Council meeting held between Friday 29th November and today.

As usual, this press conference shall start with informing you our resolve to make the Institute one of the best in Nigeria. With all sense of responsibility, I will like to let you know that KSITM, will in the next two years, become one of the foremost polytechnics in Northern Nigeria. We are unwavering in our dedication to fostering academic excellence, innovation, and community service.

Today I am pleased to share the key resolutions and initiatives adopted during our recent Governing Council meeting, held from Friday, 29th November 2024, to Sunday, 30th November 2024. These decisions reflect our forward-thinking vision and our determination to create a world-class institution.

1. Hosting of International Conferences

To position KSITM as a hub for academic and technological innovation, the Council has approved the hosting of the first International Conference on the Applications of Artificial Intelligence in Science, Technology and Mathematics (STEM) Education. This event, scheduled for early April 2025, will be organized in partnership with Alqalam

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University and the Katsina State Directorate of Information and Communications Technology (KATDICT). Furthermore, the Council has resolved to hold at least two international conferences per academic session to establish KSITM as a center for global academic discourse.

2. Establishment of the Directorate of Skills Development and Community Services

The Council has approved the establishment of a Directorate of Skills Development and Community Services. This Directorate will ensure that every student at KSITM graduates with at least four skills, comprising both technical and soft skills. Students will also participate in community service initiatives, aligning with our goal of producing graduates who excel in both knowledge and character. In this regard, the institute will go into partnership with relevant state and Federal government organizations that focuses on skills development.

3. Addressing Leadership Vacancies

The position of Rector will become vacant by 12th December 2024. In the interim, the Deputy Rector, Dr. Hindatu Salisu Abubakar, will serve as Acting Rector until a substantive appointment is made. Additionally, the position of Bursar remains vacant. Advertisements for these positions will be published in accordance with the requirements of the National Board for Technical Education (NBTE). This process will proceed alongside our ongoing employment drive, which will be concluded on 20th December 2024.

4. Promotions and Confirmations

To reward excellence and dedication, the Council has approved the promotion of 17 academic staff and 16 non-academic staff. Furthermore, the appointments of eight non-teaching staff members have been confirmed.

These actions highlight our commitment to fostering a motivated and high-performing workforce.

5. Enhancing Financial Sustainability

To strengthen KSITM's financial foundation, the Council has constituted a committee headed by Professor Muktar El Kasim, to explore partnerships and collaborations with relevant organizations. This initiative will support the Institute's strategic projects and ensure sustainable growth.

6. Staff and Student Development

The Council has institutionalized staff development initiatives and integrated them with student skills development programmes. Regular reviews of these initiatives will ensure they remain aligned with KSITM's strategic objectives, fostering an environment of continuous learning and innovation.

9. Council Standing Orders

The Council orders has officially adopted comprehensive Standing Orders to guide its operations and governance. These Standing Orders outline the framework for conducting Council meetings, managing committees, ensuring accountability, and fostering effective decision-making processes. They emphasize transparency, inclusivity, and ethical governance, with provisions requiring the attendance of all principal officers, structured committee leadership, and the remuneration of members. This council orders will help in conducting meetings for the Council and its committees towards strengthening institutional governance and promoting excellence in the management of KSITM.

Ladies and gentlemen, these resolutions underscore our steadfast commitment to transforming KSITM into a model institution that nurtures talent, promotes innovation, and contributes meaningfully to societal development.

As we look ahead to 2025, I encourage all stakeholders—staff, students, and partners—to join us in this transformative journey. Together, we will realize our vision of making KSITM a beacon of excellence in Northern Nigeria and beyond.

Thank you for your attention. I am now available to answer any questions you may have.



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