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PRESS RELEASE

Our attention has been drawn to reports and commentaries on some national and social media platforms that, one Dr. Yakubu Nura, a lecturer in the Department of Physics of our great university, has “won the World Physics Competition by defeating about 5, 720 contenders from 97 countries”. That “his research article was adjudged the best, after being screened for the World Championship 2019, by an organisation called International Agency for Standards and Ratings, to identify brilliant scientists and academics around the world”. According to the media, “this feat earned him the distinction of becoming the father of modern Einstein’s planetary Equation Studies in Physics”.

Ordinarily, such a development at the level of an individual member of staff would have been favourably received by the University Management, in view of the huge investment that it has been making in research and publication. However, instead of positively enhancing the reputation of Dr. Nura and our university, the reported award has now become a subject of controversy, capable of dragging the good name of our great institution into ridicule and disrepute.

For the avoidance of doubt, neither Dr. Nura nor the organisation that reportedly gave him the said award, has officially contacted the University Management with credible information on the matter. However, the University will do the needful, whenever it receives official, verifiable information from impeccable sources, in order to put the matter into proper perspective. Therefore, the media and members of the general public are advised to react with utmost caution to the widespread reports and commentaries currently in circulation.

Meanwhile, Dr. Nura is expected to approach the University with relevant facts available to him on the matter, for further action.

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