

## **NIIT IFBI forays into Nigeria to foster skilled manpower development for the banking sector**

**Lagos, May 27, 2013:** NIIT's Institute for Finance, Banking and Insurance (IFBI), India's largest Banking training institute, today announced the launch of 1st IFBI center in Nigeria. To create a talent pool of skilled banking professional in Nigeria IFBI introduces its flagship "PGDB" program. The PGDB program is designed to meet the skill requirements of the fast evolving banking industry in the country.

NIIT, a leading global talent development corporation, has played a critical role in empowering the youth of Nigeria with employability skills over the last thirteen years. NIIT now launches NIIT IFBI, which has trained over 110,000 students and professionals in India for the Banking and Financial Services Industry.

PGDB has unique technology application training modules which give a hands-on experience on the latest banking software. The program is aimed at providing direct exposure to real-life banking environment with industry immersion and expert interactions. The course offers insights into the domains of Retail Banking, Credit Management, International Banking, Corporate Finance; and equips the students with crucial professional and life skills such as selling skills & techniques, sales planning, business communication, customer service skills.

NIIT IFBI will provide a unique combination of industry exposure and a hands-on learning approach to make the students day-one industry ready professionals by the time they graduate. NIIT IFBI's association with senior industry experts enables industry immersion for the students including industry visits, expert interactions and industry-oriented curriculum in the program. The expert faculty at NIIT IFBI have over 20 years of experience at key positions in the banking & finance sector.

Admission to the PDGB program will be through an Aptitude Test and graduates in any discipline are eligible to apply for the program.

**Mr. G. Raghavan, Chief Executive, Career Building Solutions, NIIT Ltd., said, "Over its six year journey, NIIT IFBI has trained over 110,000 students and professionals for the Banking & Finance industry. We are excited to now offer our industry endorsed programs to the youth of Nigeria, and aim to create a large talent pool of skilled professionals for the competitive global banking industry."**

The Nigerian economy is witnessing tremendous growth, especially in verticals such as Banking, Insurance, and Financial Services. The Nigerian banking industry is evolving fast and new technologies and protocols will take the Nigerian banking industry to international standards. There is an urgent need for skilled professionals in Nigeria who can perform myriad banking roles in



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customer acquisitions, front office and back office operations, wealth management, customer service, phone banking, etc., filling up vital positions both at the entry- and mid-management levels.

The PGDB program aims to create a pool of next generation banking executives who are equipped to understand and implement the new industry developments. For more details please visit [www.ifbi.com.ng](http://www.ifbi.com.ng) or contact (234) 8123825980/ 8123825990. Interested students may also visit the authorised centre at: Financial and Skill Development Training Limited, Eleganza Plaza, Plot 634, Adeyemo, Alakija Street, Victoria Island, Lagos.

### **NIIT in Nigeria**

NIIT, the leading Global Talent Development Corporation, 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. NIIT trains over 16,000 students in Nigeria every year and has shaped the careers of over 120,000 students in past 13 years.

Since 1999 NIIT has been involved in creation of skilled ICT manpower and has launched several initiatives in the country.

With over 16,000 students enrolled in Nigeria, every year, 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 cater to the IT learning needs of University & School students.

### **About NIIT**

Established in 1981, NIIT Limited, a leading Global Talent Development Corporation and Asia's premier IT trainer, offers learning and knowledge solutions across 40 countries. Leading IT journal Dataquest has conferred upon NIIT the 'Top IT Training Company' award successively for the past 20 years, since the inception of this category.

NIIT's Individual Learning Business offerings include industry-endorsed programs for students seeking careers in IT – GNIIT and Edgeineers, and Global Net Plus for IT professionals. The company has introduced "India's first cloud campus", through its new-age GNIIT program. This offers students a higher mobility as they can access courseware using Netbooks to connect seamlessly to NIIT's Cloud Campus network.

NIIT's Corporate Learning Solutions offers Managed Training Services including integrated learning solutions (strategic consulting, learning design, content development, delivery, technology, assessment and learning management) to Fortune 500 companies, Universities, Technology companies, Training corporations and Publishing houses.

NIIT Yuva Jyoti, a joint venture between NIIT and NSDC, offers vocational skills training programs to enhance employability of youth across India.



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NIIT has provided computer-based learning to over 16,500 government and private schools. The futuristic NIIT NGuru range of learning solutions for schools comprises Interactive Classrooms, Math Lab, IT Wizard programs and Quick School (Education Resource Planning software).

NIIT Imperia - Centre for Advanced Learning, offers Executive Learning Programs in association with leading Business schools in India, KPMG, Google India and Internet and Mobile Association of India (IAMA), using the synchronous learning platform.

NIIT Institute of Finance Banking & Insurance (IFBI), formed by NIIT with equity participation from ICICI Bank, offers programs for individuals and corporates in Banking, Financial Services and Insurance.

NIIT Institute of Process Excellence Limited, a NIIT-GENPACT venture (NIIT Uniqua), offers complete training outsourcing services to the Business Process, Knowledge and Technology Services industry to create business models that enhance productivity and lower costs.

NIIT has been ranked among the 'Top 10 India's Best Companies to Work for- 2012' by Great Places to Work Institute.

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