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NIIT, a global leader in skills and talent development announced the 20<sup>th</sup> National Scholarship, to reward and encourage meritorious students in Nigeria desirous of building successful careers in Industry 4.0. This year the annual scholarship test will be held on Saturday, 13<sup>th</sup> July 2018, across the country.

Industry 4.0 is the vision of transforming industrial production of the future, which makes it possible to automate, gather, analyze and exchange data across machines, enabling faster, flexible, and more efficient decisions making process by using IoT, R & ML, Python & ML, AI, BI, Block Chain etc.

According to the Future of Jobs Report (*World Economic Forum*), jobs in digital technology will grow from 17 % in 2018 to 33 % in 2022. Estimates have indicated that 75 million jobs may be displaced by a shift in the division of labour between humans and machines, while 133 million new roles may emerge that are more adapted to the new division of labour between humans, machines, and algorithms. This demonstrates a huge requirement of skilled employees for futuristic industry 4.0 job roles.

Aligned to needs of the futuristic industry 4.0 technologies, NIIT has introduced scholarships for cutting-edge programs in Industry 4.0 technologies like Internet of Thing (IoT), Machine Learning (ML) with R & Python, Artificial Intelligence (AI), Business Intelligence (BI), Data Analytics, Big Data, diginx MMS-Full Stack Developer, Digital Marketing and other programs. These programs have been introduced by NIIT with a profound understanding of the changing job roles which are powering the digital economy.

Speaking on the occasion, **Mr. Sanjay Tickoo, Head, International Education Business – Emerging Markets, NIIT Ltd.** said, *“The major drivers of transformation, currently affecting global industries, are expected to have a significant impact ranging from job creation to job displacement, from heightened labour productivity to widening skills gaps. With new job roles emerging in the country, students trained in futuristic industry 4.0 technologies can meaningfully contribute to the growth of the country and thus carve a successful career for themselves. To accomplish this, we have introduced futuristic cutting-edge programs for Nigerian students to train them for the jobs of future.”*

Since the inception in 1999, NIIT Scholarships have become one of the most awaited events in the annual events calendar of the country. More than 100,000 students have benefitted from the scholarship so far.

For more information, students can visit [www.niit.com/nigeria](http://www.niit.com/nigeria).

### NIIT in Nigeria

NIIT, a global leader in skills & talent development, established its presence in Nigeria in 1999 and since then affirmed its support to prepare the youth in the country for lucrative IT careers. NIIT has been involved in creation of skilled ICT workforce and has launched several initiatives in the country. Presently NIIT is operating with 20 education centres across various cities in Nigeria.

NIIT Nigeria national scholarship has reached out to over a million students in the past 20 years by offering them with scholarship assistance across various segments - School Leavers, Under Graduates, Graduates [Unemployed, Under-Employed], Individuals desirous of enhancing their technical skill-sets and students in general who aspire to know about IT and career in IT.

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.