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## Abuja Country Club's MAN OF THE YEAR 2019

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**A**buja Country Club's MAN OF THE YEAR 2019 is Kayode Tani-Olu, an esteemed diplomat and accomplished Cloud architect/DevOps engineer, who has been selected in recognition of his volunteer work for the Nigerians in the Diaspora Organization (NIDOA).

Since 2015, Tani-Olu has been tirelessly dedicated, creating self-sponsored training programs that provide Nigerian youth with the opportunities to learn Python Programming, Automation, Mobile App Development, Cyber Security and Cloud Technology. Youth from the Abuja Area, Kaduna, Bauchi, Kano and Niger States are invited to participate in ambitious and rewarding programs which are operated as clinics and bootcamps, and for which all accommodations, transportation and meals are generously provided.

### Kayode Tani-Olu: Striving for Perfection and Excellence

Kayode Tani-Olu is a true renaissance man whose thirst for expanding both his technical endeavors and personal growth is boundless. He was born in Jos, Nigeria and he came to the United States in 1992. Early in his professional life, he served as Diplomat and Foreign Service Officer for the Nigerian Ministry of Foreign Affairs. He has subsequently thrived as a Cloud architect and DevOps engineer for 20 years, working with an array of prestigious organizations. He also possesses more than 6 years of direct experience in AWS architecture, DevOps and SysOps, generating and supporting solutions using Amazon Web Services (AWS).

Currently, Tani-Olu works in architecture and DevOps at LEIDOS, in Gaithersburg, MD, where he collaborates with cross-functional teams to create and oversee AWS landing zones and security policies. In its visionary statement, LEIDOS proclaims that it "wants to make the world safer, healthier, and more efficient through information technology, engineering, and science." These words could also be used to succinctly summarize the aspirations, focus and vitality of Tani-Olu. He has also held similar or related AWS positions at ICS-Nett, NASA, and the Department of Commerce.

Among the other organizations for whom Tani-Olu has served are Microtech, Citigroup, Telecorp PCS, Sprint PCS, America Online (AOL), American Red Cross, and Price Waterhouse. In all cases, he enjoyed significant success as a UNIX/UX systems administrator, engineer, consultant, or any combination thereof.



Instructors of the Youth Empowerment Program, Tani-Olu is far left back row.



### Beneficiaries of the Youth Empowerment Program sponsored by the Nigerian in the Diaspora, North America

Tani-Olu's academic credentials are impressive: a B.A. (Hons) in History/Philosophy from the University of Lagos; studies in International Law, Business & Diplomacy at the Nigerian Foreign Service Institute; an M.A. in History and Anthropology from the University of Paris (Sorbonne); an M.B.A. from INSEAD (France); and a BSc in Computer Engineering from Hewlett-Packard University (Hopkinton, Massachusetts). He is the author of two recent articles, both published in the journal of the M.B.A. program at INSEAD: "Implementing AWS Best Practices" (2018) and "Future for Bitcoin and Quantum Computing - Challenges and Advantages for Africa Societies" (2019).

Tani-Olu has always been success driven and focused. Similar to when he is confronted with challenges in

his technical work, he brings the same attention to detail and level-headedness when formulating his own outside projects. An example of his this can be drawn from a period in the early 2000s when he was determined to fund and own his own business—despite the fact that he was already a successful technical and financial professional. After discussions with a consultancy firm in Minnesota, he decided to purchase a framing franchise from FastFrame, a large California-based franchisor. There were, of course, numerous obstacles to be overcome and Tani-Olu met them head on. His work even drew attention from the Washington Business Journal which subsequently featured him in an article (September 2002). Tani-Olu was steadfast in undertaking the footwork to secure the substantial financial backing and he also spent time in out-of-state

training. Ultimately, his dedication and diligence made it all work.

In addition to the African Languages (Yoruba, Ibo, Hausa) Tani-Olu speaks, he can also converse to varying degrees in French, Spanish, Italian and Portuguese. When not at work in his professional endeavors, Tani-Olu enjoys 4x4 off-roading, art, photography, hunting, and playing the guitar.

To date, Diplomat Kayode Tani-Olu has been the example of business excellence, garnering many accolades in the process. He is also a genuine humanitarian, ready to share his generosity and compassion. He is to be congratulated for his professional achievement and to be highly praised for his commitment to the education of our youth.

# 5th Anniversary Special Abuja Country Club Black Tie Gala



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