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### **Nigerian Higher Education Institutions in Lagos Launch Connectivity Project.**

**Lagos** - 1<sup>st</sup> December 2009 - The Lagos Higher Education Connectivity Project (LHECP) aka Eko-Konnect launches on 15<sup>th</sup> December in University of Lagos with a seminar on collaboration for research and education. The multi-institutional project initiated by the University of Lagos in partnership with the Internet Exchange Point of Nigeria and Datasphir Solutions aims to facilitate and support network connectivity between all Higher Education Institutions (HEI's) in Lagos including mono/polytechnics, colleges of education, Research Institutions and universities.

The LHECP hopes to catalyse the ongoing development of the Nigerian Research and Education Network (NgREN) by fostering collaborative research in network technology, development and sharing of content, applications and other resources as well as stimulate capacity building. "For too long, Nigerian higher education institutions have been grappling with the commercial and technical challenges that adequate network connectivity presents to improving the quality of education and research; Eko-Konnect provides a platform for institutions in the Lagos area to come together to tackle some of these issues" - Prof. Charles Uwadia, President of the Nigeria Computer Society and Director of the Centre for Information Technology and Systems in the University of Lagos

The seminar takes place at the Centre for Information Technology and Systems, University of Lagos, Akoka on the 15<sup>th</sup> December 2009 from 8.30 am. ICT Directors and their teams from all HEI's in Lagos and telecommunication companies are expected to attend.



#### **About the University of Lagos**

Premier university with a mission to provide a conducive teaching, learning, research and development environment where staff and students can interact and compete effectively with their counterparts both nationally and internationally in terms of intellectual competence. - <http://www.unilag.edu.ng>



#### **About the Internet Exchange Point of Nigeria**

Committed to the development of a national Internet infrastructure based on mutual peering arrangements which allows traffic to be exchanged at no cost, improve network latency and ensure faster access to local content. - <http://www.nixp.net>



#### **About Datasphir Solutions**

IT consultancy with focus on technology in Education and the application of Free and Open Source software in building networking and software development capacity. - <http://www.datasphir.com>