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Dear Esteemed Alumni, Distinguished Staff, and Friends of the University,

We are delighted to announce a significant enhancement in our communication with you - the Ahmadu Bello University Newsletter is back, and it's now a monthly affair! Previously, we met with you on a quarterly basis, but the dynamic nature of our institution and the ever-evolving achievements of our community have compelled us to bring you closer to our heart more frequently.

In this month of October, we present a comprehensive overview of the remarkable strides made by our university in recent months. We pledge to keep you thoroughly informed about the latest developments and exceptional achievements within the University. Our commitment to excellence and the pursuit of knowledge remains unwavering, and we are thrilled to share our success stories and progress with you.

Ahmadu Bello University is once again opening its doors to you, and we look forward to sharing our journey of excellence and innovation with you on a monthly basis.

Ahmadu Bello University Cares!

ABU FELICITATES WITH CHANCELLOR, HIS MAJESTY NNAEMEKA ALFRED ACHEBE, OBI OF ONITSHA, ON 2023 OFALA FESTIVAL



Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria, extends its warmest greetings to His Majesty Nnaemeka Alfred Ugochukwu Achebe, CFR, mni, Obi of Onitsha, as he celebrates the annual Ofala Festival, a significant Igbo tradition signifying the monarch's unwavering commitment to the welfare of his people. The University's felicitation was conveyed through Vice-Chancellor Prof. Kabiru Bala, FNIQB, FSAN, and a delegation led by Registrar Malam Rabi Samaila, who attended the festival at His Majesty's Palace in Onitsha on October 14, 2023.

Malam Adamu Mamman Kontagora, National President of the Ahmadu Bello University Alumni Association, and other executive members of the Association graced the event, as did Malam Ahmed Nuhu Bamalli, CFR, the Emir of Zazzau, who was represented by Alhaji Aminu Yakubu Wambai, the Wakilin Raya Kasar Zazzau. The Vice-Chancellor conveyed his warm congratulations to the Chancellor and his subjects, while also offering prayers for His Majesty's continued good health.

His Majesty's 21-year reign as the Obi of Onitsha has been marked by significant modernization and revitalization of the monarchy, leaving a lasting leadership legacy. This year's Ofala Festival, themed "Better. Stronger. Together," was designed to build upon past accomplishments and address future challenges. The

festival has expanded in scope and significance, now featuring an international visual arts exhibition, a youth carnival, an internationally accredited marathon, a post-Ofala banquet, and a Church thanksgiving service, enriching its cultural and social appeal. It has garnered national and international recognition, including endorsement by the Nigerian Tourism Development Corporation (NTDC) as a major Nigerian festival and a certificate of recognition for excellence and corporate contribution to cultural development from the Federal Government of Nigeria. The Southeast Council of Traditional Rulers reaffirmed the Onitsha monarchy as the highest traditional stool in Ani Igbo, and His Majesty was appointed Chairman of Ohanaeze Ndigbo's Committee on Culture and Tradition, charged with preserving and promoting Igbo culture. His Majesty expressed gratitude to the festival's partners and supporters for their unwavering faith in Onitsha's monarchy as the host of this annual cultural celebration. The Ahmadu Bello University delegation, led by Registrar Malam Rabi Samaila, included Prof. Sani Abba Aliyu mni, Director of the Directorate of University Advancement and International Education; Prof. Ken Okoli, former Head of the Department of Fine Arts; Malam Auwalu Umar, Director of the Public Affairs Directorate; and Malam Auwal Yusuf Mohammed, Special Assistant to the Vice-Chancellor.



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28th September, 2023

Dear Alumni, Staff and Friends of the University,

I have the privilege and pleasure to write you this passionate letter of solicitation. Our dear University, the Ahmadu Bello University (ABU), has attained the mature age of 60 years. These decades have impacted on nearly every sphere of its existence and hence the necessity to plan its long-term rejuvenation through the floating of the Endowment Foundation. The Foundation is intended to give the university the much-needed financial stability, flexibility and confidence to make capital improvements, build capacity in emerging academic areas, engage in cutting-edge research, and adapt to the changing needs of our dear students.

The Board of trustees of the ABU Endowment Foundation has therefore launched the "Annual Alumni and Friends Giving" for the University and suggested a minimum amount of Twenty-Five Thousand Naira (N25,000.00) for graduates of five years and above, while it is optional for graduates of less than five years.

The ABU Endowment Foundation Board of Trustees, chaired by the Ajiyan Katagum, Alhaji Mahmud Yayale Ahmed CFR, with other illustrious Alumni and friends as members, is to manage the funds in perpetuity. Only the proceeds from the funds invested are to be spent on critical needs of the University.

I am, by this letter, appealing, especially to you, our alumni and friends, to contribute financially to the Annual Giving starting this year, 2023 and continually thereafter, for sustainability employed by major universities the world over.

The Endowment foundation account number is - UBA 1023243258. A copy of payment receipt/acknowledgement of each donation made should be sent to the Director, Directorate of University Advancement, ABU on 08034515110 mobile/Whatsapp, DUA official mobile/whatsapp 08083050291 or dua@abu.edu.ng, please.

Thank you.

Yours Sincerely,

Professor Kabiru Bala

Vice-Chancellor

DUAIE ORGANISES TRAINING FOR ABU FACULTY ALUMNI OFFICERS



The Directorate of University Advancement and International Education, Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria, conducted a three-day training workshop aimed at enhancing digital skills for its advancement unit staff and university faculty officers. This workshop, titled "Alumni Tracing and Digital Skills under the DL17 Institutional Impact," organized in collaboration with the Center of Excellence for Neglected Tropical Diseases and Forensic Biotechnology within the university.

The workshop, which kick started on October 25, 2023, at the CBN Centre for Economics and Finance, received praise from the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Kabiru Bala, who commended the Directorate for taking a progressive step in providing this training for its staff and university faculty alumni officers. He emphasized the Directorate's vital role in engaging alumni, parents, and friends of the university to generate crucial philanthropic support. Prof. Bala also stressed the importance of appropriately recognizing donors and informing them about the

impact their support has on the university's mission of teaching, learning, and community service.

The Vice-Chancellor, who was represented by the Deputy Centre Leader, Africa Centre of Excellence for Neglected Tropical Diseases and Forensic Biotechnology, Prof. M. Mamman, underscored that advancement represents a significant bond between the university and its alumni, expressing hope that the workshop participants would effectively leverage digital tools to engage with the university's alumni. Earlier in his welcoming address, Prof. Sani Abba Aliyu, the Director of the Directorate of University Advancement and International Education, expressed gratitude to the DL17 Committee for their contributions to strengthening the advancement office and establishing a tracer system for all university graduates. He urged the committee members make ke the most of the training and maintain the university's high standards.

FORMER PRO-CHANCELLOR OF AHMADU BELLO UNIVERSITY, MALAM ADAMU FIKA, PASSES AWAY – ABU MOURNS



"With heavy hearts and full submission to the divine will of Allah (SWT), we regret to inform you of the passing of Malam Adamu Fika, GCON, Wazirin Fika, the former Pro-Chancellor and Chairman of the Governing Council at Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria. He peacefully departed this world on Tuesday, October 24, 2023.

May Allah (SWT) in His mercy forgive his shortcomings and grant him a place in Aljannatul Firdaus as his eternal abode. We pray for strength and patience for the grieving family, the Fika Emirate, the Ahmadu Bello University Community, and the entire nation as they cope with this irreplaceable loss.

ABU CONDOLES WITH ZAZZAU EMIRATE OVER LOSS OF EMIR'S YOUNGER BROTHER



The Vice-Chancellor of Ahmadu Bello University, Prof. Kabiru Bala, FNIQB, FSAN, has expressed heartfelt condolences to the Zazzau Emirate following the passing of Nigeria's Ambassador to Morocco, Alhaji Mansur Nuhu Bamalli. Alhaji Mansur Nuhu Bamalli, who also held the esteemed title of Magajin Garin Zazzau, sadly departed on Friday, October 20, 2023. He was the younger brother of the Emir of Zazzau, Malam Ahmed Nuhu Bamalli, CFR.

Malam Rabiu Samaila, the Registrar of the university, led a nine-member delegation on a condolence visit to the Emir in Zaria. During the visit, a letter of condolence was delivered to the royal father on behalf of the Vice-Chancellor. The university community, including the Senate, Management, Staff, and Students, received the news of Alhaji Mansur Nuhu Bamalli's passing with deep sadness and a profound acceptance of Allah's will. The letter of condolence paid tribute to the late envoy,

acknowledging his exceptional leadership qualities and contributions to nation-building, which will be remembered for generations. It also expressed the difficulty of filling the void left by his departure and prayed for his eternal rest in Aljannatul Firdaus and for strength for the Emir and the people of the Emirate.

In response, the Emir of Zazzau, Malam Ahmed Nuhu Bamalli, CFR, expressed gratitude to the delegation and the entire university community for their visit. He found solace in the words of the letter and appreciated the support during this trying time. The delegation included key university officials such as the Bursar, Malam Aminu Muhammad Bello Gurin; the Acting University Librarian, Mr. Abdulhamid Gambo Liman; the Director of the Directorate of University Advancement and International Education, Prof. Sani Abba Aliyu, mni; and the Director of Physical Planning and Municipal Services, Arc. Suleiman Mohammed, among others.

MARKETING FIRM APPRECIATES ABU

Connect Marketing Services has expressed its gratitude to Prof. Kabiru Bala, the Vice-Chancellor of Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria, and the institution's Directorate of Sports for their invaluable support in providing ABU's Wooden Basketball Floor for the 2023 Power Forward Finals. This gesture enhanced the overall experience and performance of the athletes during the sporting events held at MKO Abiola Stadium in Abuja from September 19th to September 21st, 2023. In a letter dated October 13th, 2023, Oluwafemi Adefeso, the Project Manager of Connect Marketing Services, conveyed their appreciation to Prof. Kabiru Bala.

The state-of-the-art facility contributed to the aesthetic

appeal of the championship games at MKO Abiola Stadium (Package B) in Abuja and significantly benefited the athletes. Connect Marketing Services also commended the seamless and efficient collaboration with the ground team and expressed their anticipation of future collaborations with the university whenever the need arises.

ABU'S PRC GETS NEW EXECUTIVES



The inauguration of the newly elected executives of Ahmadu Bello University's Postgraduate Representatives Council took place at the University Assembly Hall, Main Campus, on Tuesday, October 3, 2023. The swearing-in ceremony was presided over by the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Kabiru Bala, who offered valuable advice to the incoming leadership.

Prof. Bala emphasized the importance of academic dedication, urging the new executives to focus on their studies in order to graduate within the stipulated time frames. He stressed the importance of serving with honesty and fairness and encouraged the new president to be prepared for considerable sacrifices. The Vice-Chancellor also assured them of the University's support in advancing the welfare of postgraduate students.

Comrade Ahmed Dauda, the newly elected PRC President from the Faculty of Administration, expressed his commitment to the development and empowerment of postgraduate students. He pledged to uphold and protect the welfare of every student. The oath of office was administered by Dr. Isaach Ameh, Esq, representing the University Legal Officer, Barrister Aisha Isah. Prof. Fatihu Mohammed Yakasai, the Dean of the Student Affairs Division, congratulated the newly elected PRC members and called on them to prioritize peace, harmony, and adherence to the University's rules and regulations.

AHMADU BELLO UNIVERSITY CONGRATULATES ALUMNI ON NEW APPOINTMENTS.

In a letter of felicitations sent on behalf of the Management, signed by the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Kabir Bala, Ahmadu Bello University extends its congratulations to its esteemed alumni who have recently assumed significant roles within the government. Among the notable appointees are Ambassador Aminu Nabegu, representing both Jigawa and Kano states, and Dr. Daudu Ibrahim Jalo, who now represents Adamawa, Taraba, and Gombe as members of the Federal Civil Service Commission board.

Additionally, the Vice-Chancellor also conveyed his warmest regards to Alhaji Aliyu Muhammad Anka, who has been re-appointed as the Chairman of the Zamfara

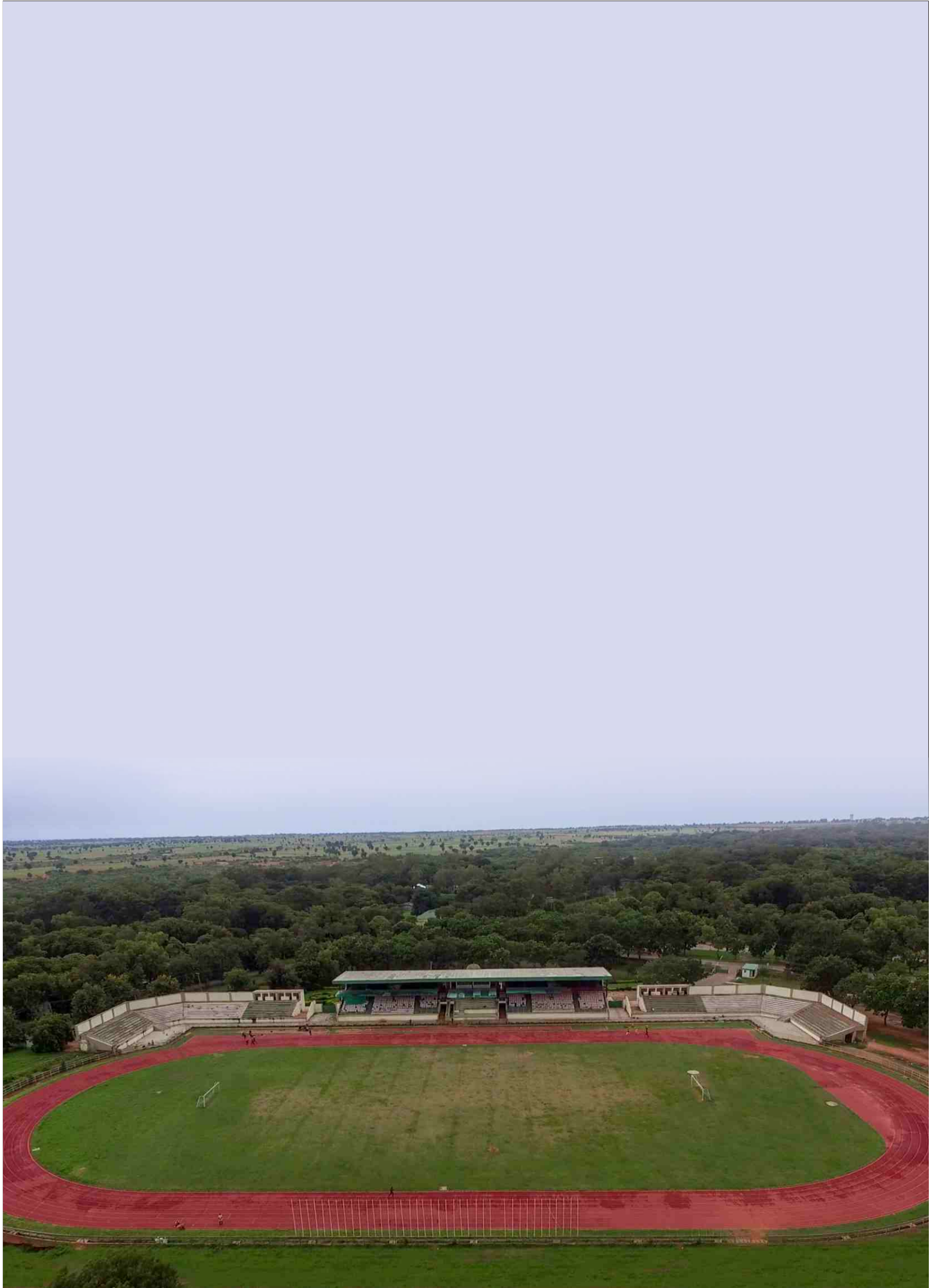
State Teachers Board, and Hajiya Hauwa Ibrahim Naala, who now serves as the Chairperson of the Zamfara State Secondary Education Board. These appointments reflect the university's pride in its alumni, and other distinguished graduates, such as DCG Muktar (rtd), as a non-executive Director at Premium Pensions Ltd in Abuja, and Senator Nenadi Ester Usman, who takes on the role of a non-executive Director at Premium Pensions Limited. The Vice-Chancellor emphasized the importance of their contributions to the nation's development and wished them success in their new endeavors.

ABU ZARIA FELICITATE WITH ALUMNI ON THEIR BIRTHDAYS

Ahmadu Bello University extends warm congratulations to Dr. Salamatu H. Sulaiman on the occasion of her recent birthday celebration. Dr. Salamatu, a distinguished Nigerian lawyer, currently holds the prestigious position of ECOWAS Commissioner for Political Affairs Peace and Security, and she also serves as the Vice President II of the ABU Alumni Association. On this special day, the Vice-Chancellor conveys his heartfelt wishes for her continued well-being and many more joyous birthdays to come.

The Vice-Chancellor also extends his felicitations to Air Marshal Hassan Abubakar, the Chief of Air Staff, as he marks his 53rd birthday. Air Marshal Hassan, who obtained his MIAD from Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria, has been an invaluable part of the ABU community. The university sends its best wishes for a future filled with success and fulfillment to Air Marshal Hassan Abubakar.





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