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The University is currently in the process of deploying Microsoft Active Directory (MS-AD) Solution across the University network. This project aims to, among others, to introduce an institutional-wide MS-AD authentication system for a more robust security mechanism that verifies the identity of all users and the authorizations of network resource usage on each access. Along with that, the system shall also provide mechanismsfor centralized desktop management for at least 3,000 Computers across the Wide Area Network, hence improve efficiency and significantly reduce desktop administrative overheads for example when deploying and updating corporate software solutions such the Antivirus protection or Operating System upgrades and emergency security patch updates. The current phase of the project requires re-configuration of all individual computers at the campuses enabling them to join the new MS-ADhierarchy. It is a simple process that shall takes about 10 minutes per Computer. This exercise has been scheduled to run from 15th to 27th June,2015, and shall be carried-out physically by University ICT staff, and a team from the contractor, visiting the various offices and labs at the campuses.

Upon joining the Computers to the MS-AD system, all staff and students shall be required to log-in to their Computers using a new username and password. Generally, the username shall be the payroll number for staff, and the registration number for students. A default password shall be provided at the time of joining the machine to the domain, which thereafter must be changed immediately on first successful log-in attempt into the Computer. Other than that, the user will continue the normal use of the Computer as before. Please note that this new Username/Password shall soon be the only set required to authenticate for various services and Information Systems of the University, including Internet access, Leave Application, Intranet Sites, VPN services, SMIS, WiFi hotspots, among others. The purpose of this notice therefore is to kindly request your cooperation towards success of this exercise.