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## **Editorial: Farewell to 2022**

The major event affecting the World this year has been the Russian invasion of Ukraine. This war has directly or indirectly affected the economies of most countries and as such St Clements recruiting more students. With the fading out of COVID-19 most higher education institutions are recovering from the problems the pandemic inflicted on them.

During the year SCPU our Swiss school has changed from being a Satellite Campus of the ATHE (our UK OFQUAL regulator) to becoming a direct centre with the ATHE. It is authorised to teach a range of Business and Hotel Management programs at OFQUAL levels 4, 5, 6 and 7. These programs have been integrated into a range of degree programs issued by Ecole de Commerce SCPU. It has been decided initially to concentrate on promoting a very limited number of programs. The first main promotion will be for our level 4 and 5 programs in Hospitality and Hotel management packaged as an Associate degree.

In the Engineering discipline area, in co-operation with the United Kingdom Institute of Manufacturing, it is offering a three year Bachelor of Manufacturing Engineering and a four year Bachelor of Engineering in Manufacturing Engineering. These degrees will be issued by Ecole de Ingenieurs SCPU.

In 2023 SCPU, via its Business School, will be offering a range of short courses on various topics. You will be informed in 2023 on these programs. They are taught using an E-tutoring system and comprise of 10 to 15 E-lessons.

Please note the article about Professor Teju Somorin in this edition of 'Anchor'. What has been your career since studying with St Clements Education Group? Will it inspire others to Study? If it will, please send in an article about your history since graduating.

I wish all our readers a Happy Christmas and Prosperous 2023.



***Dr David Le Cornu***  
*President - St Clements Education Group*

# Associate Degree of Hospitality and Hotel Management

This program incorporates two OFQUAL diplomas (4 and 5). This enables graduates to enrol into the final year of the Tourism and Hospitality degree with several UK universities and complete their degree either online or at their campus. Having studied the first two years where you live you will be able to show you are a serious student if you wish to study in the UK.

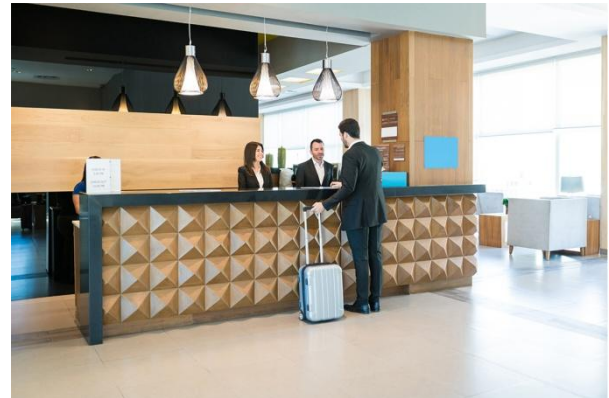
One of the major industries in the UK that is constantly looking for workers is the hotel industry. As a student studying Hospitality and Hotel management you can show potential employers you are looking at work experience in this field. Once you are enrolled and have started your studies Ecole de Commerce SCPU will offer you a letter pointing out how you need work experience at an international hotel to help you develop your knowledge for your studies. This hopefully will help in potential job interviews.

## **The first year OFQUAL ATHE Diploma (Level 4) subjects are:**

- Food and Beverage Operations
- Food Safety and Hygiene
- Hospitality and Hotel House Keeping
- Customer Service
- Front Office Operations
- Accounting and Cost Control
- Global Tourism and Hospitality
- Marketing in Hospitality
- Employee Engagement
- Training and CPD

## **The second year OFQUAL ATHE Diploma (Level 5) subjects are:**

- Food and Beverage Supply Chain Management
- Quality Management
- Events and Conference Management
- Customer Relationship Management
- Managing People
- Current Issues in HR
- Revenue Management
- Corporate Social Responsibility
- Contemporary Issues
- Business Planning



**Graduates of the Program can complete the Final Year of a Bachelor of Hospitality Degree with a number of UK Universities or Ecole de Commerce SCPU including:**

- Bournemouth University
- University of Derby
- University of Central Lancashire
- University of Northampton
- University of Sunderland



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## **Other Universities News**

### **Global Network to Stamp Out Contract Cheating in Higher Education**

This network, founded by Quality and Qualifications Ireland (QQI) and Australia's Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency (TEQSA) was launched in Dublin on the 18th of October. It has been backed by the UNESCO and several European bodies. Attached is an article from University World News on this issue. This is one reason why the assignments set for students should be, where possible, related directly to their work place or other personal experience. This means if the student uses such a service they would need to closely communicate with them to incorporate their experience. Obviously like all higher education institutions it is hoped the network succeeds in closing these services down.

### **Pegaso International**

Pegaso International is a private university registered in Malta. It is a member organisation of the first European Universities Group in Distance Learning that was first registered in 2015. The In-House e-learning platform was designed by Engineers providing students with a unique and engaging experience. The institutions offer teaching in English and Italian world-wide. Pegaso International Lifetime Learning Higher Education, accredited by the Maltese National Commission of Further and Higher Education – license number 2016-001. St Clements University Higher Education School - Niue has a dual degree arrangement with Pegaso International.

### **Changes to Denmark's Masters Degree Programs**

Currently to earn a Master's degree from a Danish University, takes 2 years of study. It is proposed to offer three routes to earn a Danish University Masters degree. One is to complete a core one year study program. The second is to study a "Professional" Masters degree, where students have to work for up to 25 hours per week in their discipline area to earn the degree. The third option is to study the current 2 year Masters in the discipline area. There is much resistance to the change from the graduates of the existing Masters programs. The first graduates from the change will not graduate until 2029.

## **University of Southern Somalia**

The university offers Certificate (30), Diploma (25), Bachelor (30) and Post Graduate (25) programs. It is situated in Baidoa - Somalia. Baidoa was the provisional capital of Somalia when the first United Nations provisional government was established St Clements University has a centre within the USS Campus.

### **ACICS Appeals Against the Education Department Termination Decision**

The Deputy Secretary and Education (USA Government) has rejected their appeal again. The Department of Education's decision to terminate its recognition of the ACICS as an accreditation agency. For some time the ACICS had the situation where the Department stopped recognising it as an accreditation agency, while it retained membership of the Council for Higher Education Accreditation. The prime issue appears to be that the ACICS has accredited a number of for profit institutions which the current administration does not approve of.

## **International University of Monaco**

The International University of Monaco was founded in 1986 in the Principality of Monaco. Its local name is Université Internationale de Monaco. It offers undergraduate and graduate degrees in business specialising in finance, marketing, sport business management and international management. Before 2002, it was known as the University of Southern Europe. It is a member of the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB), European Foundation for Management Development (EFMD), Principles for Responsible Management Education (PRME), The Association of International Educators (NAFSA) and European Council of International Schools (ECIS). The programs are taught exclusively in English. Their Bachelor programs appear to be specialised Bachelor of Business programs, Masters being a variety of Master of Science programs and Doctor being the Doctor of Business Administration program.

## **International Solomon University**

This University was established in 1991 and has enrolled foreigners since 2002. It teaches in Ukrainian and Russian and is based in Kyiv. It is a non-governmental higher education institution and is managed by a Board of Founders.

## Dr Ho Chung Ming Graduates in Hong Kong

Dr Ho Chung Ming, Tommy is the Founding President of the Hong Kong Institute of Environmentalists and the 1<sup>st</sup> Chairman of the HK Chapter of the Society of Environmental Engineers. As a leader in Environmental Engineering in Hong Kong he has been an Honorary Advisor for a number of environmental engineering bodies in Hong Kong and Macao.

He has established HCL International Ltd. and HCL Consulting Ltd. which organises lead project management teams for customers in civil engineering and building projects. He also, through the Hong Kong Charter of Society of Environmental Engineers, has organised education programs for those in the Civil Engineering Building Industry.

At this year's Hong Kong Green Micro Film Creation Awards Professor Dr Nagar Lai, Vice President of SCPU (St Clements Private University), presented Dr Ming with his Doctor of Letters. His publication for the award was his recently published "Production Quality Plan for Concrete".



Dr Ho Chung Ming with Professor Dr Nagar Lai

For more detailed information about the Awards please click this link: <https://mp.weixin.qq.com/s>

## Proposed New Phnom Penh Campus

While visiting Phnom Penh Dr Le Cornu met with representatives of Sethy Sethy Conservation Development Co. Ltd to discuss developing a campus for the St Clements Institute or St Clements University on a new realty development project on the outskirts of the city. Since the visit planning has proceeded on the proposed campus building and a Memorandum of Understanding was negotiated and signed between St Clements Institute, St Clements University Societe Anonyme and Sethy Sethy Conservation Development Co. Ltd. Initially pre-completing this Campus SCI may be based in the proposed shopping complex which it is planned to be built before the University Campus.



This is the proposed University building in Cambodia

## **Professional Organisations News**

### **Human Resource Management Institute**

This is a USA organisation with branches in a number of countries outside of the USA. It has over 50,000 members in 165 countries, making it the world's largest professional body for Human Resource Managers. Eligibility requires candidates to show they have post graduate qualifications in Human Resource Management as well as experience. If experience is shown, they would be eligible for Certified Human Resource Manager status – they also offer a Certified Strategic Manager award. This is an internationally trademarked qualification. St Clements Education Group MBA (EMBA) graduates, who study Human Resource Management as a subject, are eligible to join this body.

### **Institute of Chartered Accountants of Pakistan**

The Institute of Chartered Accountants of Pakistan was established on the 1st July 1961 with the prime objective of regulating the profession of accounting in Pakistan. It currently has more than 9000 members. Membership gives recognition to peoples accounting knowledge - skills and members have reciprocal membership with CPA Canada, CIPAA, Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand and Chartered Institute of Management Accountants.

### **British Psychological Society**

This society is both a learned and professional body. The society has a large number of specialised and regional branches throughout the United Kingdom. In 2020 the BPS had 60,000 members of whom 20,000 were Chartered members. MBPS - Members of the British Psychological Society is awarded to graduates of a undergraduate degree accredited by the Society or have completed an accredited Conversion course. Associate Fellow awards are available to members who have successfully engaged in professional development. In 1965 it gained its Charter to issue the professional title Chartered Psychologist.

### **Singapore Institute of Engineering Technologists**

The Singapore professional body is now 42 years old. It was founded by Dr. Sam Man Keong. Initially it examined and ran programs for engineering technologists in Singapore. Overtime Singapore Polytechnics took over the training duties and the S.I.E.T. Over the past 42 years the S.I.E.T. has formed alliances or partnerships with a number of international engineering bodies, The Institute of Engineering Technicians (UK), Society of Engineers and in 1988 it was elected as a Full Member of the Singapore Professional Centre. In 1997 it became a Founding Member of the World Federation of Technologists Organisation. It offers a range of approved training program centres in Singapore, two overseas including Ecole de Ingenieurs SCPU (Switzerland).

### **Sales and Marketing Institute International**

The Sales and Marketing Institute International is the premiere professional body of sales and marketing practitioners in the world. Through its global network and affiliates, SMI proves a dynamic forum for sales and marketing professionals to advance their careers through certifications, research, professional development, networking and advocacy of the highest ethical and practice standards. SMI aims to deliver world-class support to empower its members with the knowledge and skills they need to excel in the profession. Founded by Australian Sales and Marketing Institute which was originally formed in 1994, SMI aims to be the champion of the sales profession. SMI was established along with other member countries from Asia and Europe to become the largest institute of sales professionals in the world. SMI aims to promote knowledge and professionalism among sales professionals and foster wide understanding of the role of sales in the business. The Institute is proud to have membership of over 8,000 sales directors, managers and professionals from leading companies around the world.

## Mini Graduation Ceremony in Cambodia September 2022

A small graduation of Senior Cambodian Doctorate candidates took place at the Phnom Penh Hotel on Sunday the 18th of September. Dr Le Cornu attended this event and the St Clements University Deputy Chancellor H.E. Dr Noun Samphea was the Master of Ceremonies.



New Doctorate gowns were designed and used for the ceremony.



Doctorate graduates who are looking for their own academic gowns are advised to consider those in the above photos. The quality is good and the cost is approximately half of getting them from the UK.



## Graduate Profile: Professor Teju Somorin



**Professor Olateju Abiola SOMORIN (Nee SODIPO)** B.A. (Hons.), FCTI, FCNA, M.TAX, MPA, FCIPA, DFIPFM, HCIB, FIoE, ACIarb (UK) (D.Litt) & PhD Taxation & Fiscal Policy

**The following article shows her Achievements since 2002 when she obtained a Doctor of Letters degree from St Clements University.**

Since **2002**, Prof. Somorin quickly moved up the ladder of her profession and her academics.

### **2002-Date**

Somorin has in depth experience in Nigerian Tax System spanning over 40 years having worked in the Federal Inland Revenue Service (FIRS) for 34 years, where she retired as a Coordinating Director (first female) and was Number 3 in the then hierarchy of FIRS. At FIRS, she was the first female to occupy other eleven distinct positions. She served as a Board Member, of the FIRS Board in capacity as Coordinating Director till her retirement.

In **2002**, she was awarded a Doctor of Letters (D.Litt.) degree in the Nigerian Tax system, from St Clements University Turks & Caicos Islands, British West Indies (now St Clements Education Group), in recognition of 135-paged dissertation on the *Operation of Value Added Tax In Nigeria*, and in **2004**, Teju obtained a second Master's Degree in Public Administration.

She also holds a Professional Diploma in Accountancy from the Nigerian College of Accountancy, Jos in **2005**.

She was appointed Zonal Coordinator Central (now defunct), (first female, **(2002)**); Head, Regional Co-ordination (first female), Head of Procurement (first female), Head of Collection Accounting and Tax Refund Division (first female, (2004-2005).

In **2007**, she became the first female to rise to the position of Director and eventually appointed as the first female Director Human Capital Directorate (2007).

In **2009**; she attained the position of Group/Co-ordinating Director in charge of Compliance and Enforcement Group (2009) (first female).

On retiring from FIRS, in **2010**, she founded Tejutax Consultancy Ltd and Performance Driven Associates and she has built capacity for some institutions such as the Federal Inland Revenue Service (FIRS), the Chartered Institute of Taxation of Nigeria (CITN), Association of National Accountants of Nigeria (ANAN), the Joint Tax Board, University of Lagos (Unilag Consult) Public Service Institute, Abuja, Adeyemi College of Education, Ondo, Kwara State Internal Revenue Service and the Niger State Internal Revenue Service.

In **2015**, Olateju Somorin, popularly known as "TEJUTAX" became the 12th President of the Chartered Institute of Taxation of Nigeria (CITN), the first female and the fourth President of West African Union of Tax Institutes (WAUTI, 2015-2017). In 2016, she was appointed as the first female to head the Association of African Tax Institutes (AATI), in capacity of a Caretaker.

Prior to **2015**, Prof. Teju Somorin, has contributed significantly to the growth of the CITN where she had served as Member, Vice-Chairman or Chairman of nearly all the Committees of Council before attaining the position of President in June 2015.

She was the Pioneer Chairman of Abuja District Society (**1999-2005**), Pioneer Dean, Tax Administration Faculty, CITN, (2010-2013), and the first female, Coordinating Dean of the CITN Tax Faculties (2017-2019).

At FIRS, she took part in major tax reforms, reviews of tax laws and was one of those who took active part in the emergence of both the Value Added Tax and the National Tax Policy document for Nigeria.

Somorin is a prolific writer, with 144 publications in Taxation and author of the twin-volume, a well sought-after "*TEJUTAX, Reference Book on the Nigerian Tax System and Taxation Terms*", (**2012**) a product of twelve years of extensive research, in 2490 pages. The two volumes have been described as the "first of its kind in the history of Nigeria as they combine the features of a dictionary and an encyclopedia".

### **Editorial**

Prof Teju Somorin took part in different editorial activities which included Chairman, Editorial Board Nigerian TAXNEWS (first Tax Journal of FIRS), and Member - Editorial Board *Investor's Tax Guide*. (2008-2009, Member- Editorial Board, *Nigeria Tax Journal*, Editorial Consultant, Kwara State Internal Revenue News, Editorial Board Member, Economic

Journal, Igbinedion University, Okada, Coordinating Editor Economic Intelligence, FIRS Publication of Research & Development Unit (2016 up to February, 25, 2018).

Between 2014 and 2016, she consistently maintained her tax column in Business Day Newspaper named "*Tax Matters with TEJUTAX*." Teju frequently speaks at Local and International Tax Conferences, often as Moderator or Discussant.

### Academic

Her journey to university academics commenced in 2016, when the Babcock University, Ogun State appointed her as Adjunct Associate Professor of Taxation & Fiscal Policy. A year later, in 2017, the Igbinedion University engaged her as Associate Professor of Taxation in adjunct capacity.

On June 8th, 2017, Caleb University, Lagos State appointed her as the first female Professor of the University and thereafter she was deployed to head the Taxation Department. She is currently the Dean, College of Post Graduate Studies of the university.

With her appointment by Caleb University Somorin **became the first female Professor of Taxation in Nigeria.**

Teju currently seats on the Governing Council of Caleb University. Apart from being a member of several Committees of the Caleb University, she is also the chairman of the College Board of Post Graduate Studies and the Chairman of Business Committee of Senate of Caleb University.

Teju is a Senior Honorary Member, Chartered Institute of Bankers of Nigeria and a Fiscal Commissioner of the Fiscal Policy Roundtable of the Nigeria Economic Summit Group (NESG) (2017-2018), a non-profit body that formulates policy recommendations to boost government revenues. She was also the Lead for Tax and Fiscal Policy Thematic Group of the NESG Trade and Investment Policy Commission.

In 2018, she was appointed as the External Advisor to Centre for Studies in African Taxation (CSAT) a body based in Amsterdam.

Teju has been a member of the FIRS Board, the Joint Tax Board and the Board of Association of Professional Bodies of Nigeria (APBN). Somorin has received 47 awards; the notable ones are the 2016 Kwame Nkrumah Africa Leadership as "*Africa's Most Outstanding Tax Administrator*", and "*Distinguished Tax Personality*" from the University of Benin as well as an *Award of Excellence* from the Joint Tax Board (JTB).

On 15<sup>th</sup> April 2019, she was appointed as a member/co-chair of Finance Working Group of the Ogun State Governor, "Dapo Abiodun Economic Transition Committee", Ogun State.

In 2020, she was elevated to the position of Co - Chair of the Fiscal Policy Roundtable of the NESG in conjunction with the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, a position she held briefly.

On 5<sup>th</sup> February 2022, during the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration of the CITN, the 15<sup>th</sup> President Mr. Adesina Adedayo, presented her an award "for her selfless service to the Institute during her tenure in office".

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## The UK Accreditation System

The United Kingdom has two systems of Tertiary education, one being universities and the other degree granting bodies (eg. London School of Economics) which are authorised by the Privy Council to grant degrees. Other institutions can teach certificate and diploma programs but for them to be recognised by the UK government they have to be registered with The Office of Qualifications and Examinations Regulation (OFQUAL) in England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.

These bodies list qualifications from level 1 to level 8. Level 3 is university preparation level qualification, level 4 is equivalent to the 1<sup>st</sup> year at a UK university, level 5 is equivalent to a 2<sup>nd</sup> year qualification, level 7 a Masters level and level 8 a Doctorate level. While there is no compulsion for universities to accept studies for other universities or the OFQUAL system they are strongly encouraged to. Thus the UK has this dual system. The degree issuing part is self accrediting while the other sector is accredited for OFQUAL or their Scottish, Welsh or Northern Irish equivalency.