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16th school year at TANAT



TANAT school continues to work well

Recent political events in Niger have had absolutely no impact on education in the country, particularly on TANAT School which is still functioning well.

The Nigerien Ministry of National Education is also functioning perfectly well, as demonstrated by the end-of-year exams which were held as normal.

On the first day of the school year, the military, administrative and customary authorities came to visit our classes at TANAT, as was the case in previous years. The Administrator appointed to replace the Mayor of the commune of Abalak, was naturally part of this delegation.

Finally, TANAT school has just officially obtained from the Ministry of National Education, authorisation to open a vocational training centre offering 6 courses: Information Technology Management, Metal Work, Auto Repair, Electricity, Building and Plumbing. For the time being, we have decided to offer just Information Technology Management and Electricity.



Secondary School: numerous registration requests

Galvanised by the very good results in the exams, thanks above all to your tireless efforts, dear godmothers and godfathers, we opened our doors as usual to the students in 3rd and Terminal classes on September 16th 2024 with the aim of upgrading their skills which would allow them to face the 2024-2025 year without any major problems.

But this momentum was halted by the enforced postponement to October 28th of the official start of the school year, previously scheduled for October 2nd. However, with the approval of the top departmental authority, we were able to summon all our students back on Monday, October 21st due to administrative reasons.

This allowed us to establish before D-day the allocation of classes to the teachers of the different subjects, their service conditions, the posting of the nominal lists of students in the various classes and the distribution of school supplies. This is how we started classes on the first day of the school year with a total enrol-

ment of 345 students, including 154 girls. We had difficulty limiting this number because of the very many requests for registration from all over Niger. Thus we welcomed students (especially in the exam classes) from almost all regions of the country, particularly from the capital, Niamey, a centre of excellence, so it is said, in terms of education.

Dear godmothers, dear godfathers, this growing esteem and trust in our establishment is the fruit of your selflessness, your humanity, in short, your immense moral quality. By the Grace of the Lord, may you be eternally blessed a hundredfold.

Moussa Samaila, Secondary School Principal



Moussa Samaila, proviseur du secondaire

Primary School: A well-prepared return to school

The official start of the school year, which was scheduled for October 2nd 2024, was postponed to October 28th 2024 due to the heavy rains recorded during the holidays. These rains caused a lot of damage throughout the country, particularly in Abalak; several houses collapsed, which led to the occupation of classrooms by disaster victims. TANAT did not escape this natural phenomenon because we lost our rear fence which was repaired before the start of the school year.

While waiting for classes to resume, primary school teachers received training from the inspector and some educational advisors, so as to be ready to teach prior to the official resumption of classes.

TANAT opened its doors to welcome these new and old students in order to stabilise the number of students in each class. This year we

have 241 students, including 111 girls.

So, early in the morning of Monday, October 21st 2024, we began by welcoming the first students and their parents. Just after the bell followed by the raising of the flag, the pupils headed to class, there to be welcomed by their teacher. After which, the pupils received their school supplies; these are the materials necessary to help everyone to have a good start to the school year. Thus began the 2024-2025 school year.

Agaouhouande Lazare, Interim Primary School Director



Agaouhouande Lazare, Directeur du primaire par interim

Sponsor a class or a pupil of TANAT school

Sponsorships are essential to offer schooling to underprivileged children (pupil sponsorship) or to balance the running costs of the school (class sponsorship). TANAT School needs you and your friends to give even more children the opportunity to take charge of their future.

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Entrance to the High School of Excellence

Our students also excelled in the entrance exam for the second year at the Niamey High School of Excellence: two were comfortably admitted and many others were directed to the vocational and technical schools of their choice.

Scholarships for high school graduates

Thanks to their brilliant results in the BAC, three high school graduates obtained special scholarships: Miss Mouhamadoune Mohamed Fatimatou, ranked 4th at regional level, won an excellence scholarship awarded by the Nigerien Government; Miss Laminou Kassoume Lia, for her part, was awarded a SONIDEP Scholarship (Nigerien Petroleum Products Company); Mr Mouhamadoune Mohamed Al-mouchtaba Abdoulahi gained a Moroccan Scholarship.

Moussa Samaila, , Secondary School Principal

Visit of Colonel Abdou-rahmane Mohamed

TANAT had the honour of receiving the visit of Colonel Abdou-rahmane Mohamed, regional director of customs in Agadez. A son of the land, he encouraged the BAC candidates, telling them that he was very proud when the names of schools that have produced good results at the national level are cited; TANAT is always on the list of such schools.

Ghissa Hamed Alyakib, Secondary School Censor

Devastating floods in Niger and Abalak

The heavy rains that occurred during the month of August had devastating consequences throughout Niger and particularly in Abalak.

The houses built in "banco" (construction from dried mud bricks) all collapsed, sometimes causing the death of the inhabitants.



Victims were accommodated in the buildings of public and private schools. This is what led to the postponement of the start of the



school year by one month.

The last perimeter wall of TANAT primary school, which was still built in "banco", collapsed, but fortunately the school buildings, which are all built in cement blocks, were not damaged. .

Growing national awareness of TANAT

As far as our institution is concerned, word of mouth has now travelled far beyond the borders of Abalak; its reputation is becoming more and more a national name, as confirmed by the number of candidate enquiries received from all around the country.

This wonderful reputation is explained by our remarkable academic results achieved in the BEPC and the BAC for several years now. Last year again, our school put forward its candidates for the BEPC and the BAC and the

results were very good.

And lastly, we can summarise by saying that in 2024, we achieved an excellent result compared to other national institutions.

These successes, recorded in such a short time have been recognised by our supervisory ministry through the missions of the DEPRI (Directorate of Private Institutions) which continues to provide us with good advice.

Moustapha Mohamed, Surveillant du CSP TANAT

TANAT selected for the National Tree Festival

This year, TANAT was chosen to serve as the official launch site for the commemoration of the National Tree Day in the Abalak department.

This national holiday, celebrated since 1960, takes place on August 3rd. The theme this year was "The Great Green Wall, in action".

This was an opportunity to plant new trees within TANAT secondary school, replacing the many trees that had died in recent years. Fruit trees such as lemon and mango were planted, in addition to species that provide shade.

It should be noted that these new plantings



were financed by Abalak City Hall, thus showing the confidence that the authorities have in TANAT school.

Ghissa Hamed Alyakib, Censeur du secondaire

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TANAT School

Given the state of the education system in the Abalak region of Niger, residents banded together in 2008, within the ONODEP association chaired by Mayor Billou Mohamed Moctar, to create and run a school that would cater for pupils from nursery school to final year graduation, in partnership with the French TANAT association.

The educational aim of Tanat School is to:

- Welcome boys and girls regardless of social, cultural or religious background.
- Give young people entrusted to them not only a solid school education but relevant training to prepare them for life as responsible men and women.