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Editorial Note

It is with great delight that I present to you the maiden issue of the *Jos Journal of Linguistics, Literature and Culture* (JJOLLAC), which is housed in the Department of Linguistics and Nigerian Languages, University of Jos, Jos, Plateau State, Nigeria. It is quite heartening that for this very first issue, we experienced a quick response to the call for submissions and received manuscripts on a wide range of topics within the three-fold scope of the journal – linguistics, literature and culture. After a very rigorous peer review process, five out of twelve submissions were deemed to be of impressive quality to grace the pages of this volume. This is a very modest but remarkable start for JJOLLAC in its commitment to publishing only high quality well-researched original manuscripts.

It is also noteworthy that the journal has continued to receive manuscripts after the call deadline of the maiden issue. This aligns with JJOLLAC's policy of receiving submissions throughout the year, and signals a bright future for the journal.

We owe a huge debt of gratitude to our manuscript assessors, who very kindly undertook the task without charge. We are indeed grateful! We are also immensely thankful to our Advisory Board for the support and encouragement offered to the journal as it took its first steps. The assurance of the continuous support of these highly accomplished academics gives us the needed courage to reach for the skies. Indeed the future is bright for JJOLLAC.

As we look forward to that bright future, we encourage potential contributors to the journal to acquaint themselves with the author guidelines and the journal style, as this makes the editorial process easier.

JJOLLAC is deeply committed to providing a unique space for leading research on linguistics, literature and culture. Enjoy the exciting papers on offer in this maiden issue.

Prof. Ihuoma I. Akinrẹmi

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