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Violence is caused by joblessness, by Ahmed



NUMBER ONE: The Governor Ahmed reciting the national anthem last Thursday

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The Governor of Kwara State, Alhaji Abdulfatah Ahmed, has attributed the crises and disturbances in the country, especially the militancy and kidnapping saga, in the Niger Delta and the Boko Haram problem in the North East, to joblessness. He then tasked universities to continue to play their significant roles in nation building and focus more on entrepreneurial skills so that graduates will be job creators, not job seekers.

Governor Ahmed gave this insight while receiving a delegation of the University of Ilorin, led by the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, that paid him a courtesy visit last Thursday (July 7, 2011) at the Government House, Ilorin. *(Contd. on page 2)*

Why engineering is failing in Nigeria, COREN boss

The President of the Council for the Regulation of Engineering in Nigeria (COREN), Engr. Mustapha Bulama, has identified the reasons behind the persistent incidences of failed engineering in Nigeria, saying that such failures have wrecked negative effects on Nigerians economically, socially, psychologically and environmentally.

Engr. Bulama gave this disclosure while delivering his keynote address at the opening of the 3rd annual conference of Civil Engineering Department, themed "Failure Menace in Engineering Infrastructure" last Wednesday (July 6, 2011) at the University of Ilorin.

According to the expert, a Fellow of the Nigerian Society of Engineers, who was represented at the occasion by Engr. Alhassan Aliyu, the high rates of building collapse and all other forms of engineering infrastructure, like massive road failures at all levels, failed bridges and inefficient drainages, inadequate power supply and incessant power outages and lack of potable water and inadequate supply of water all over the country are due to number of reasons. *(Contd. on page 4)*



WAY OUT: L-R, Prof. Olorunmaiye, Prof. Salau Saliku, Prof. Ayorinde, Mr. Ayo Sijuwola and Engr. Alivu at the opening ceremony

Your success is our success, VC tells Kwara Gov

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According to the Governor, who expressed his joy to receive the University team saying that it was the first time an institution would be visiting him since he assumed office, more attention should be focused, as it was in the past, on technical schools. He added that the huge mass of secondary school leavers, who do not get absorbed in the universities, would be provided with skills that would make them to be self-sufficient, emphasising that university education is not for everybody.

Governor Ahmed, who is the first alumnus of the University of Ilorin to be an elected Governor, said he is "exceptionally proud of Unilorin" noting that the University authorities have sustained the good image and standard of the University. He then tasked them to be uncompromising in maintaining standard and discipline the University is renowned for while he congratulated the University on its best ranked status in Nigeria and one of the very best in Africa.

The Governor tasked the academia to come up with a framework that would create platforms for people who are not opportune to acquire university education so that their talents would be effectively tapped to contribute to the development of the society. He also promised the University of his unwavering support saying that now that one of the University's own is the Governor of the state, it is quite normal that the support of the state to the University will be strengthened further.



Gov Ahmed addressing the University team: Prof. Oloyede, Prof. K. Ayorinde, Mrs. J. Fadayomi

Earlier in his address, captioned "Your Success Is Our Success", the Vice-Chancellor of the University, Prof.

Is-haq Oloyede, congratulated the Governor on his electoral success and assumption of office noting that the University of Ilorin has always enjoyed the support of the successive governments of Kwara State since inception. He also urged the Governor to continue to provide quality leadership for the benefit of the people.

"Your Excellency, nothing preserves the memory of a man in the hearts of his fellow men better than honest and selfless service. We, therefore, beseech you to give your best in your present capacity as the Governor of Kwara State, just as you did in your past positions. By the same token, we want to assure you of the support and cooperation of your Alma Mater. The University of Ilorin is blessed with intellectual and human resources which we will readily put at your disposal to ensure your success anytime such is needed. *Your success is our success* and at the end of your tenure, Sir, we want to be able to look back and say "he was the people's Governor and alumnus of the University of Ilorin".

Prof. Oloyede also highlighted some of the contributions of the University to the development of the community in terms of education, service delivery and training. He then sought the support of the Governor in the area of boosting the power supply on campus, acquiring the right of way for the University rail line project and hosting the West Africa University Games (WAUG).

In the Vice-Chancellor's entourage were the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic), Prof. Kolade Ayorinde; Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Management Services), Prof. Albert Olayemi; Registrar, Mrs Olufolake Oyeyemi, who was represented by the Deputy Registrar (Establishment), Mr. E. D. Obafemi; Bursar, Mr. Ayo Sijuwola; acting University Librarian, Mrs. Joyce A. Fadayomi; Governing Council Members such as Y. A. Quadri; Prof. Kola Joseph; Prof. A. A. Adesoye and Mr. T. A. Odedele, National President of the Alumni Association.

Also in the delegation were the Dean of Agriculture, Prof. A. O. Omotesho; Dean of Business and Social Sciences, Prof. F. A. Adedayo; Dean of Clinical Sciences, Prof. W.B.O Johnson; Dean of Education, Prof. A. S. Olorundare; Dean of Engineering and Technology, Prof. J. A. Olorunmaiye; Dean of Science, Prof.(Mrs) S. A. Malomo; Dean of Veterinary Medicine, Prof. A. Ambali; Dean of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Prof. P. Olurinola; Dean of Student Affairs, Prof. S. H. Umoh; Director, Academic Planning Unit, Prof. AGAS Oladosu; Deputy Registrar, (Vice-Chancellor's Office), Mrs. S. E. Oroge; Mr. K.K. Babamale of the Vice-Chancellor's Office and Deputy Director, Information and Protocol Directorate, Dr. M.A. Adedimeji.

Unilorin in 2011: A mid-year Appraisal (June)

The sixth month of the year, June, was in tune with the character of the University beginning with focus on undergraduate and postgraduate students who are at the centre of the University mandate. On June 8, 2011, the newly elected executive council and the Students Representative Council of the Students Union were sworn into office at an inspiring event where the Vice-Chancellor tasked the young leaders on virtues of commitment, discipline, sacrifice, honesty, accountability and sacrifice in a speech which was captioned, "The Sky Is Not The Limit".

A day earlier, the Postgraduate Students Association had organised a day of public lectures in which Prof S. O. Akande of the Department of Geology and Mineral Sciences examined the relationship between civil strife and the presence of mineral resources in the environment. In his own lecture which examined the phenomenon of *African time*, Dr. J.O. Fayeye of the Department of Sociology noted that Nigerians tend to abuse time and this has manifested in the high incidence of abandoned projects while counselling them to read books while in transit at bus stations, on queues and other similar situations.

On the ninth day of the month, a delegation of the University led by the Dean of the Faculty of Agriculture, Prof. A. O. Omotesho visited students of the university from his Faculty who were on Community Based Experience and Service (COBES), a programme which captures all the three legs of the university's tripartite, of the university's mission of teaching research and community service, in different Local Governments of Kwara State.

On the 10th of June, the University of Ilorin inaugurated its Communications Committee under the leadership of Dr. (Mrs) V. O. Mejabi. In the month also, one of the newly approved Universities in Nigeria, Landmark University, Omu Aran, paid a visit to the University of Ilorin. The delegation was led by the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Olarotimi Ajayi, who began his career at the University of Ilorin.

The University of Ilorin also played host to the leadership of the Methodist Church in Nigeria, which paid a visit to the University under the Prelate of the Church, Dr. Ola Makinde. Similarly, the University of Ilorin through its Faculty of Law established a relationship with the school of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS) of the University of London and signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the School to promote scholarship.

It was a major development of the month that apart from sponsoring five staff to capacity building workshop at the University of Ghana, Legon, Ghana, the University also sponsored 17 academic and administrative staff who were able to make the trip to Virginia State University, USA. The exchange allowed the team to engage their American colleagues intellectually and culturally.

In the last week of the month of June, the University of Ilorin took delivery of a consignment of books donated by the Alumni of the Aston Business School of the University of Birmingham through Michael Olorunfemi Foundation. The University also disclosed that it would soon acquire access to over 30,000 books and several thousands of other publications in different disciplines through eGranary Digital Library to which the University had subscribed.

Just as the University advanced the frontiers of its achievements in June with its first Joint International Conference with the Cape Peninsula University of South Africa, drawing accolades from a former Minister of Science and Technology, pupils of the University School also displayed their stuff when they trounced their colleagues to emerge best in Kwara State, thereby tipped to represent the state at the next Children expo Science Competition organised by the Nigerian Television Authority.

Over the past half-year thus in this 2011, the University has been blazing the trail for others to follow, remaining better by far and ensuring that the only University it has to beat in the country is itself.

Fast Facts File

Did you know?

- ❖ The only two animals that can see behind without turning their heads are the rabbit and the parrot.
- ❖ You grow by about 8mm(0.3in) every night you are asleep but shrink to your former height the following day.

Experts proffer solutions to collapsing infrastructure

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The reasons, Engr. Bulama said, are bad governance, lack of passion by professionals in their chosen profession, lack of sincerity of purpose among the relevant professionals, ineffectiveness by the relevant monitoring authorities in the discharge of their duties, misuse and abuse of authority by those in authority, insufficient quality control and standards, obsolete code of practice and standards as well as corruption.

In the bid to curb the menace, the Keynote Speaker said the regulatory body is setting up an Engineering Regulation Monitoring (ERM) team and appointing Zonal Inspectors in about 50 zones in the country while it has also constituted an Investigating Panel and Tribunal to handle related cases of failure.

Speaking further, Engr. Bulama noted that all engineering personnel from clients, contractors and consultants would be held accountable on all projects handled by them and non-engineering personnel involved in the failure of any engineering infrastructure project would be handed over to the police for prosecution. He then tasked engineers to be professional in their duties in order to stamp out failures in engineering practice. "Finally, let me remind those of us in the engineering family that engineering remains the bedrock of development of any nation. As such we have a collective responsibility of ensuring an efficient, transparent and result-oriented engineering practice in Nigeria", he stressed.

Also speaking at the occasion, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Is-haq O. Oloyede, in an address captioned "Good Intention, Bad Execution", described the theme as apt, stating that the entire system of a nation depends on engineering. He cited the example of the University where millions of naira is being spent weekly to fuel generators as a result of engineering failure to correctly repair the damaged transformers.

The Vice-Chancellor, who was represented at the occasion by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic), Prof. Kolade L. Ayorinde, attributed the causes of engineering failure to deliberate sabotage, poor training, poor supervision and the general poor maintenance culture of Nigerians. He said there is a need for new strategies in the design and construction of infrastructure to prevent wastage. He also called on the regulatory agency to enforce the construction policy while charging the Faculty of Engineering and Technology to participate in the construction works in the University.

Also speaking at the occasion, the Dean of Engineering and Technology, Prof. J. A. Olorunmaiye, advised that there should be a stronger link between the industry and the University to enhance students' training. He lamented that infrastructure failure leads to loss of several human hours and human lives.

Earlier in his welcome address, the acting Head of the Department, Dr. A. A. Jimoh, said the theme was decidedly chosen to demonstrate the commitment of Engineers to the society. He added that the conference would evaluate, discuss, and proffer solutions to failure in engineering infrastructures in the country. He also thanked the University Authority for the support given to the Department to organise the three-day conference. "I urge us all to support the University in all its activities so as to sustain its leadership position in the country and move up the ladder in the international ranking", he concluded.

PhD Defence

The following doctoral students of the University of Ilorin have defended their theses as follows:

S/N	Candidate	Title	Department	Date
1.	Ibraheem, Lateef Onireti	"Islamic Arabic Poetry in Yorubaland from 1960 to 2009"	Arabic	June 24, 2011
2.	Omiola, Matthew Adetayo	"Design, Development and Validation of a Web-based Instructional Package in Basic Technology for Nigerian Junior Secondary School Students"	Science Education	June 28, 2011
3.	Atolagbe, Anifowose Michael	"An Evaluation of Spatial Dimensions in Housing Streets in Ogbomoso, Nigeria"	Geography and Environmental Management	June 30, 2011

Emulate Unilorin Society, Kishira tells coop societies

The Deputy Governor of Kwara State, Elder Peter Kishira, has commissioned a 34 self-contained room hostel built by the Unilorin Healthcare Cooperative Society. The modern hostel, located in Tanke area, is part of the initiative of the Society to address the challenges of accommodation being faced by students in the community.



The Deputy Governor, who was represented at the occasion by the Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Commerce and Cooperatives, Alh. Oba Babatunde Kudus, called on other cooperative societies to take on similar projects. He said: "I cannot but call on similar cooperative societies and unions to take a cue from the commendable gestures of the Healthcare Multipurpose Cooperative Society Ltd. I urge you to work assiduously to make Kwara Cooperative Movement a role model for the country."

OPEN SESAME: Alh. Kudus, assisted by Prof. Olayemi, commissioning the hostel last Tuesday

In his remarks at the event, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Is-haq O. Oloyede, who was represented by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Management Services), Prof. Albert B. Olayemi, said that the commissioning was a product of cooperation and accountability as well as a testimony of the readiness of the University to positively impact on its immediate community. He said further that the role of the University should not be limited to the campus but the society at large. He therefore praised the Cooperative Society for the location of the hostel outside the University Campus, while charging the leadership of the Society to continue to be honest and see its responsibility as a serious one.

In his own address, the President of Unilorin Healthcare Society, Mr. G. F. Daramola, thanked the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Ish-aq Oloyede, who he said encouraged the Society to embark on the project. "I would like to appreciate God in the life of our Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Ish-aq Oloyede, whose principle to make use of every opportunity for the development of environment has encouraged the Management team of this Society to embark on this laudable project," he said.

Meanwhile, the President of the Staff Multi-Purpose Cooperative Union, Dr. Rotimi Omotoye, in his address earlier stated that there are 17 Cooperative Societies in the University. He advised other cooperative societies to emulate the Healthcare Cooperative Society and let the society feel their impacts.

In attendance at the occasion were also the Provost, College of Health Sciences, Prof. A. B. O. Omotosho; Dean of Student Affairs, Prof. S. H. Umoh; Dean of Clinical Sciences, Prof. W.B.O. Johnson and former Dean of Arts, Prof. Y. A. Quadri. Also in attendance from the state government was the Permanent Secretary Water Resources, Mr. Samuel Adefila.

Unilorin Library presents instructional materials to School

The University of Ilorin has presented 14 cartons of materials including educational posters, toys, toy computers, school lunch bags, writing materials for Primary school pupils and books to the University School.

The presentation was made last month and the University expects the University School to make a judicious use of the books and related materials for the advancement of the pupils.

According to a statement signed by the acting Acquisition Librarian, Mrs. G. O. Babafemi, the books, facilitated by Prof. Bolade Eyinla, were donated this year by "Books for Africa", an organisation based in the United States of America.



LET'S READ: Officials of the University Library and the School at the presentation of the books

Khadijat gets married, invites varsity community

Miss Khadijat M. Hassan of Bursary Department of the University will on Saturday, July 16, 2011 go to her new home with her sweetheart, Dhikrullah Bolaji Onimago. The union of the Hassan and the Onimago families will take place on Saturday July 16, 2011, at Queen Elizabeth School, Ilorin, at 10.00. a.m.

The University Community is cordially invited.

USE OF THE UNIVERSITY AUDITORIUM

Administration has observed that in spite of the guidelines on the above subject matter, Professional Societies/Faculties/Departments/Individuals often indicate the University Auditorium as the venue of their organized Conferences, without prior approval(s). This is a good example of bad planning, which is capable of embarrassing (as it has severally) not only the corporate image of the University but the organizers themselves. Recent examples include the National Conference by the Department of Civil Engineering and the Workshop on Animal Care and Uses in Research Education and Testing by Anatomy Department – both scheduled for 6th July, 2011 at the Auditorium.

The Vice-Chancellor has strongly advised that organizers should henceforth first secure the use of the Auditorium (at DVC MS Office) before indicating it as the venue on their posters or invitation cards. Otherwise, the organizers stand the risk of being denied the use of any alternative as venue. Prospective organizers of conferences or any other programmes should therefore adhere strictly to the standing procedure of securing the use of the Auditorium and to this directive.

Thank you.

Signed

Prof. A. B. Olayemi

Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Management Services)

RESEARCH AND POSTGRADUATE SUPERVISION BOOKS AND A PROPOSED TRAINING SESSION FOR SUPERVISORS OF PH.D. RESEARCH PROJECTS

A training session is being planned by the University for capacity building in doctoral research supervision, thesis writing and post-doctoral dissertation and project writing.

To achieve the objectives of the training, the University management has procured a set of books on Ph.D. and post-doctoral research supervision and thesis writing.

Staff members who are involved in doctoral research supervision and who are interested in the training should collect a set of the books from the Academic Planning Unit between Wednesday 13th July and Friday 15th July 2011 on the basis of first-come first-served.

It is mandatory for Deans, Heads of Departments, Directors of Academic Research Units and Institutes to attend the training.

Members of staff who collect the set of books must also attend.

One set of the books shall be forwarded, after the training, to Departments and Academic Research Units/Institutes, while two sets shall be forwarded to the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research, Technology and Innovation), Faculties, Postgraduate School, Postgraduate Student Secretariat and Director of CREDIT for official use.

Signed

Prof. AGAS Oladosu

Director, Academic Planning Unit

LEARNED CONFERENCE

The following staff have enjoyed the sponsorship/support of the University to attend learned conferences:

Name	Department	Nature of Conference	Place	Date
Prof. Daramola, C.O.	Arts & Social Science Education	4 th National Conference of the Sociologists of Education (NASE)	Usman Danfodiyo University, Sokoto	12 th to 16 th October, 2010
Dr. Ismaila, O.O. Amali	Arts & Social Science Education	4 th National Conference of the Sociologists of Education (NASE)	Usman Danfodiyo University, Sokoto	12 th to 16 th October, 2010
Professor Joseph, J. Kola	Home Economics & Food Science	IPAN 12 th Mandatory Training Workshop on Health and Safety	Lagos Airport Hotel, Ikeja, Lagos.	8 th to 9 th November, 2010
Prof. Olorundare, S.A.	Science Education	Leadership Workshop for Registered Teachers in Tertiary Institutions	Lokoja	22 nd to 26 th November, 2010
Dr. Muhammed-Lawal, A	Agric. Economics & Farm Management	Nigerian Association of Agricultural Economists 2010 National Conference	FUT, Minna	30 th November, to 3 rd December, 2010
Dr. (Mrs.) A.A. Jekayinfa	Arts & Social Science Education	Social Studies Association of Nigeria National Conference	Umaru Yar'adua University, Katsina	6 th to 9 th December, 2010
Dr. (Mrs.) O.A.A. Eletta	Chemical Engineering	Chemical Engineering Workshop	University of Lagos	6 th to 10 th December, 2010
Dr. (Mrs) Karim, O.R.	Home Economics & Food Science	International Conference on Development Studies	Benue State University, Makurdi	1 st to 4 th February, 2011
Professor Adeloye, Abiodun A.	Animal Production	Workshop on Impact of Rainfall on the Socio-Economic Development of Nigeria	Nigerian Meteorological Agency, Abuja	14 th to 17 th February, 2011
Professor Raji, B.A.	Forest Resources Management	Soil Science Society of Nigeria	FUT, Minna	7 th to 11 th March, 2011
Professor Omotesho, O.A.	Agricultural Economics & Farm Management	55 Meeting of Deans of Agriculture in Nigerian Universities (ADAN)	Bayero University, Kano	17 th to 20 th May, 2011
Dr. J.O. Aweda	Mechanical Engineering	20 th Conference of COREN	Ibadan	7 th to 8 th June, 2011
Dr. O.A. Lasode	Mechanical Engineering	20 th Conference of COREN	Ibadan	7 th to 8 th June, 2011
Dr. O.O. Adeleke	Civil Engineering	47 th A.G.M. Conference of Nigerian	Institute of Surveyors, Calabar	13 th to 17 th June, 2011
Eng. H.A. Ajimotokan	Mechanical Engineering	20 th Conference of COREN	Ibadan	7 th to 8 th June, 2011
Mr. R.O. Yousouph	Sociology	Conference on the Challenges & Agenda for 2020 and Beyond	University of Nigeria, Nsukka	20 th to 23 rd June, 2011
Dr. (Mrs.) Ahmed M.A.	Science Education		Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria	27 th to 30 th June, 2010

RE: CENTRAL BANK DIRECTIVE ON CHANGES IN CUSTOMERS BANK ACCOUNT NUMBERS

In line with the Central Bank directive on changes in Customers' bank account numbers as it affects all banks, all members of staff of the University are hereby enjoined to go their respective banks so as to update their account numbers and forward same to the bursar on or before 18th July, 2011. This is to ensure a hitch-free processing of monthly salaries.

Thank you.

R. B. Ojo
For: Bursar

ADMISSION INTO THE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL: 2010/2011 SESSION

Application is open to all for admission into the University School for the 2011/2012 academic session. Details are as follows:

Admission Forms: N500.00 (Forms are available in the School and the Directorate of Information and Protocol.

Examination Date: Tuesday 19th July, 2011; Tuesday 30th August, 2011 and Thursday 15th September, 2011

Examination Fee: N200.00

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Venue: University School, University of Ilorin Permanent Site, Ilorin.

Teller is obtainable from the School and transportation is available.

Signed

Headmistress

Happy Birthday To You!

S/N	Name	Department/Unit	Date of Birth
1.	Taiwo, Israel O.	Economics	11th July
2.	Abdulraheem, Modinah A	Chemistry	12th July
3.	Ajiboye, Peter O.	Behavioural Sciences	12th July
4.	Aliu, Shuaib E.	Bursary	13th July
5.	Obaleye, Joshua A.	Chemistry	13th July
6.	Ojo, Olushola J.	Geology and Mineral Sciences	13th July
7.	Olarinoye, Adebunmi O.	Obstetrics and Gynaecology	13th July
8.	Ibitoye, Biliyamin A.	Civil Engineering	14th July
9.	Ijagbemi, Comfort I.	Faculty of Science	14th July
10.	Ijaiya, Gafar T.	Economics	14th July
11.	Oje, Kayode	Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering	15th July
12.	Ajeigbe, Azeez O.	Security	16th July
13.	Olaoye, Gbadebo	Agronomy	16th July

LAUGH LINES

An Ibo man was converted to Islam. After all was said and done, he was asked what name he would like to bear. He was given options of Ibrahim (Abraham), Suleiman (Solomon), Musa (Moses), Nuuh (Noah) and others.

He asked of what good the names were meant for and the Imam told him, "If you choose any name, there will be hope that God will bless you the way he blessed those with the names originally".

The Ibo man asked, "What about Dangote?"

Unilorin in the News

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- ❖ A lecturer at the University of Ilorin, Dr. Pius Abioje, has drawn attention to the need to borrow a leaf from America in the practice of religion and politics.
(‘Religion, politics in US: Lessons for Nigeria’, *Nigerian Tribune*. Thursday, July 7. 2011,p.18)
- ❖ The former Minister of Science and Technology, Prof. Mohammed Abubakar, has urged other Nigerian universities to emulate the University of Ilorin while speaking at the opening of the first joint conference of the University of Ilorin and Cape Peninsular University of Technology, South Africa, in Ilorin recently.
(‘Ex-Minister urges varsities to emulate UNILORIN’, ‘From the University of Ilorin’, *Nigerian Tribune*, same date,p.25)
- ❖ Based on the recent joint conference of the University of Ilorin and Cape Peninsular University of Technology, the plan is already in top gear to establish an International Herbal Research Centre at the University of Ilorin.
(‘UNILORIN to establish International Herbal Research Centre’, *Nigerian Tribune*, same as above.)
- ❖ Eight students of the University of Ilorin are among the athletes representing Kwara State at the ongoing National Sports Festival in Port Harcourt, Rivers State capital.
(‘Athletes storm Port Harcourt’, *Nigerian Tribune*, same as above)
- ❖ Students of Accounting from various Nigerian universities, including the University of Ilorin, have organised a conference at the University of Lagos.
(‘Accounting students hold conference’, *The Nation*, Thursday July 7, 2011,p.33)
- ❖ The Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin and Chairman of the Association of Vice-Chancellors of Nigerian Universities (AVCNU), Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, has said that Nigerian universities are not as bad as many people think while countering the opinion suggesting that the University curricula in Nigeria are outdated during the recent AVCNU conference at Covenant University, Ota.
(‘Don canvasses better approach to lecturers’ agitation’, *The Nation*, same date,p.37)
- ❖ The University of Ilorin is set to establish an International Herbal Research Centre based on the outcome of the first joint international conference of the University and Cape Peninsular University of Technology, South Africa.
(‘Unilorin to establish International Herbal Research Centre’, *National Pilot*, Thursday July 7 – Sunday July 10, 2011,p.9)
- ❖ Various stakeholders, including an expert in Islamic finance, Dr. Ibrahim Abikan of the Faculty of Law, University of Ilorin, have addressed the subject of Islamic banking about which many people are playing to the gallery.
(‘Tackling Islamic banking challenges’, *National Pilot*, same date, pp.10&15)
- ❖ While receiving the delegation of the University of Ilorin led by the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Is-haq O. Oloyede, the Governor of Kwara State, Alh. Abdulfatah Ahmed, has urged Nigerian universities to fashion their programmes in such a way that their products will be job creators rather than job seekers.
(‘Ahmed tasks varsities on manpower need’, *The Herald*, Friday, July 8, 2011,p.2)
- ❖ The Kwara State governor, Alhaji Abdulfatah Ahmed, who is also an alumnus of the University of Ilorin, has appealed to universities to prepare their products to fit into the labour market while receiving the delegation of the University of Ilorin.
(Kwara Gov congratulates Bolaji Abdulahi over ministerial appointment’, *Saturday Life*, July 9, 2011,p.51)
- ❖ Governor Abdulfatah Ahmed of Kwara State has called for a partnership between the University of Ilorin and the state government so that a platform of developing skills acquisition among youth who have no access to university education can be created while he was receiving the University delegation led by the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede.
(‘Ahmed urged universities to produce entrepreneurs’ *Nigerian Compass*, Saturday, July 9, 2011,p.10)
- ❖ A former Vice-Chancellor of Al-Hikmah University and don at the University of Ilorin, Prof. Deremi Abubakre, has commended the re-appointment of the Minister of Education, Prof. Ruqqayatu Rufa’i, just as he has urged her not to compromise the standard of education in the country while responding to the questions of an interviewer.
(‘FG should learn to honour agreements with unions – Prof. Abubakre’, *Nigerian Compass*, same date,p.16)

Unilorin in the News

- ✦ The University of Ilorin has received a donation of 600 books from Aston University, United Kingdom through the Michael Andrew Olorunfemi Foundation while the Vice-Chancellor of the University has noted that the challenges of the university education require the support of corporate bodies and individuals. ('UK varsity donates books to UNILORIN', *The Guardian*, Sunday, July 3, 2011,p.49)
- ✦ A senior lecturer in the Faculty of Law, University of Ilorin, Dr. Ibrahim Abikan has opined that the controversy generated by the Islamic banking is unwarranted because it has existed for several years in many parts of the country. ('Why Islamic banking generates controversies', *National Pilot*, Monday 4 –Wednesday 6 July, 2011, pp.1-2).
- ❖ The University of Ilorin, Ilorin, Nigeria, and Cape Peninsular University of Technology, Cape Town, South Africa, have co-organised a conference on "Science, Technology and Sustainable Development" held at the University of Ilorin. ('Unilorin, South African varsity hold joint conference', *National Pilot*, Monday 4 –Wednesday 6 July, 2011,p.6)
- ❖ The Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, and other eminent Nigerians have attended the occasion in which honour was bestowed on an accomplished legal practitioner, Alh Alarape Sulaiman (SAN) in Ilorin. ('The untold story of Aliyu Sulaiman (SAN)' *National Pilot*, same date, pp.12&21)
- ❖ While delivering his inaugural lecture, "Man Machine and Food Insecurity" recently at the University of Ilorin, Prof. K. C. Oni of the Department of Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering has suggested the way out of food insecurity in the country. ('How to banish hunger from Nigeria – Don', *The Herald*, Monday, July 4, 2011,p.18)
- ❖ The University of Ilorin has exchanged a Memorandum of Understanding with the University of London on deepening scholarship and collaboration in their Law programmes. ('Unilorin partners University of London', *The Herald*, same date,p.19)
- ❖ Both the Registrar of the University of Ilorin, Mrs. Olufolake O. Oyeyemi and the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic), Prof. Kolade Ayorinde have aired their views on taking university education to a higher pedestal at the occasion of the donation of 600 books to the University of Ilorin by Aston University, United Kingdom. ('Stakeholders set agenda for education Minister', *The Punch*, July 5, 2001, p.41)
- ❖ The Centre for Peace and Strategic Studies, University of Ilorin, has announced its plan to organise a capacity building workshop on mediation and negotiation as part of the training of its students scheduled to hold between July 4 and 6, 2011.
- ❖ ('Centre to hold retreat on mediation negotiation', *Nigerian Compass*, Wednesday, July 6, 2011,p.16)
- ❖ The University of Ilorin delegation had departed Nigeria for the United States of America precisely Virginia State University where the University staff would spend ten days on deepening bilateral cooperation or several areas of academic interest. ('Unilorin delegation visits for Virginia State varsity (sic)', *Nigerian Compass*, same date,p.21)
- ❖ The University of Ilorin Centre for Peace and Strategic Studies is organising a retreat for its students in order to equip them with negotiation and mediation skills. ('Centre boosts students' skills at retreat', *Nigerian Compass*, same as above.)

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Quotes of the Week

Losing is a learning experience. It teaches you humility. It teaches you to work harder. It's also a powerful motivator. – Yogi Berra

You promote yourself each time you take on a new responsibility. – William Gore

The first step in dealing with any difficulty is to be willing to have it so. What cannot be cured must be endured. - William James

The very best way to help the poor isn't to become one of them. - Abraham Lincoln