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## Beninese applauds Nigerian education



*MERCI: Dr. Amali, Mrs. Sanni-Suleiman and Mrs. Lawani with the University of Ilorin French students in Cotonou recently*

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**W**hile Nigerians continue to appraise the state of education in the country after 50 years of independence, a philanthropist and member of the Governing Council of the Republic of Benin, Mrs. Grace Lawani, has passed a positive verdict: 'Education in Nigeria is good'.

Mrs Lawani made this submission while receiving a delegation of the University of Ilorin, comprising 19 students of French Department, a lecturer of the Department, Mrs. A. Sanni-Suleiman and an Assistant Director of the Centre for International Education, Dr. Ismail A. Amali, at the capital of the Republic of Benin, Cotonou recently.

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## Unilorin agog for 26th convocation ceremonies

**T**here is a celebratory mood pervading the University of Ilorin as the University prepares to hold its 26<sup>th</sup> convocation ceremonies. The ceremonies, which also mark the 35<sup>th</sup> year anniversary of the University, are being put together by a committee chaired by a foremost Professor of Agriculture, Job Olufemi Atteh.



*DON: The 26<sup>th</sup> Convocation Lecturer, Prof. Seddoh*

According to a release issued by the Committee, no stone will be left unturned in ensuring that this year's edition of the event leaves indelible footprints on the collective psyche of not only the graduating students but also the entire participants from far and near.

As part of adding more value to the ceremonies, the University is inviting a highly resourceful international scholar, in person of the former Vice-Chancellor of the University of Lome, Togo, and former Director of Higher Education at UNESCO, Prof. Komlari Francisco Seddoh, to deliver the convocation lecture. The title of the lecture is "Current Global Initiatives and Networks in Higher Education".

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## Unilorin students tour Benin Republic

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According to the top Beninese entrepreneur, the quality of education offered in Nigeria is very good based on the noticeable change in the mental and behavioural development of the Beninese students studying at the University of Ilorin. She described the students as more polite and dedicated to learning and work during their break in their native country, which she said is an indication of the quality of training they are given.

She also expressed her appreciation to the University of Ilorin for honouring her request to host its students and staff between September 13 and 20, 2010. She also re-expressed her willingness to host another set of 20 students from the Department of French every six months.

While attending the International Students' Day programme at the University of Ilorin on March 19, 2010, Mrs. Lawani had pledged, if given the opportunity, to host 20 students of French at a time on a bi-annual basis in order to help the students improve their skills in written and oral French.

It was in honour of the gesture that the group of 21, led by Dr. Amali, departed for the Republic of Benin on September 13, where they were hosted at Hotel GL, Akpakpa, Cotonou, a luxury property owned by the Beninese educational philanthropist and Government functionary.

During the week-long visit that turned out to be a robust academic excursion for the team, the University delegates visited Stadium Rene, Plevert; Centre for Promotion of Arts; Stade International de l'Amitie, University of Abomey-Calavi; Hoedegbe North American University, Houdegbe; National Assembly, Republic of Benin; Royal Palace Honne-King Toffa, (Museum) Port-Novo; Republic of Benin Presidency; Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Benin (CCIB); the historic city of Quidah and the Palace of Chacha ( a departure point for slaves).

Speaking on the week-long experience, the leader of the students, Mr. Magbabeola Akinbowale, thanked the University, the Centre and Departmental authorities for the excursion. He described as enriching an opportunity to interact and speak French freely with those who speak French as a lingua franca.

In his own remarks, Dr. Amali expressed satisfaction with the conduct of the students during their visit. He expressed the appreciation of the University to Mrs. Lawani and expressed hope that both Nigerian and Beninese students would continue to be good ambassadors of their respective countries.

## Ayorinde charts way forward for genetic research

The Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic), University of Ilorin, Prof. Kolade L. Ayorinde, has outlined the way forward for enhancing research and development in the field of genetics in Nigeria.

Prof. Ayorinde gave this insight in his lead paper entitled "Improving Human Capacity in genetics for Research and Development" which was delivered at the 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the Genetics Association of Nigeria held at the National Horticultural Research Institute, Ibadan, recently.

According to the acclaimed Professor of Animal Production, genetic research in Nigeria, like other disciplines, is bedevilled by many challenges. Some of these include lack of resources and infrastructure, lack of research skills in modern methods, inadequate funding, inadequate number of qualified researchers able to provide training and leadership; poor integration of knowledge across disciplines, brain drain, poor research administration, inconsistent policies, lack of consistent engagement with policy makers, users and community beneficiaries; lack of proper laboratory facilities and equipment, etc.

He also called for more Genetic Research Centres, apart from National Biotechnology Centre, charged with specific responsibilities just as he identified the need for a long term commitment to genetic research.

"There is need to be actively engaged in genomic science so that we can benefit from the ongoing biotechnology revolution. We must create conducive environments for researches. We should create a critical mass of qualified scientists with a clearer career pathway as well as strong research leadership and support systems. We must develop a sustainable research culture instead of the present wastages and lack of focus on inconsistent policies. There is also need to encourage more of collaboration agreement or joint research agreement whereby two or more parties, each having special skills and assets, cooperate to develop and possibly commercialize a new technology or product", he said.

## Unilorin Biological Garden: What a Beautiful World!

For different purposes from education, conservation, exhibition, entertainment to research over the past few millennia, human beings have cultivated the habit of creating zoos. The earliest zoo was established over 4,000 years ago but the first zoo in modern times is the Imperial Managerie, established in 1752, located in the gardens of Schonbrunn Palace in Vienna, Austria.

Like that of Vienna which is located in a garden, many zoos across the world are domiciled in botanical gardens, places where plants are grown and exhibited for educational and research purposes. One of the earliest known botanical gardens was the one established in ancient Athens, (where democracy originated from) in 340BC by Aristotle. The garden was then operated by his pupil Theophrastus.



**KING OF THE CAGE!** *The lion shies away from the camera, the young lioness poses*

It was thus not by accident that the founding fathers of the University of Ilorin followed the path of Aristotle – who needs no introduction whatsoever – by conceiving a biological garden as part of the then Department of Biological Sciences at the inception of the University in 1976.

The main objective behind the garden then, which operated on a small plot of land at the Mini-Campus between 1976 and 1984 with a few animals and plants, was to serve the function of teaching and research for budding and experienced scholars in the field of animal behaviour/habits and plant ecology.

However, something beautiful happened in the beautiful world of the University of Ilorin on October 21, 1985. The then Vice-Chancellor, Prof. S. A. Toye, himself a zoologist, declared the Biological Garden which was then moved to its present location by the gate of the University Permanent Site, open for public viewing. Since then, the garden has been growing from strength to strength.

But a more beautiful experience was awaiting the staff and students of Biological Sciences (comprising Zoology, Plant Biology and Microbiology Departments), the University of Ilorin community and larger society of Kwara State years later. Addressing the Congregation on Friday September 24, 2010, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Is-haq O. Oloyede, an avowed lover of nature, briefed the University Community that a new stock of animals including lions and other previously unseen animals to many members of the university community and the larger public would soon be delivered to enrich the garden and make it what it should be: a tourist attraction. One would agree with the Vice-Chancellor because at least 600 million people a year visit more than 1,000 zoos across the world.

Barely a week after, the Biological Garden received the new stock of animals and birds. According to a posting on the online discussion forum initiated by the Administration on September 30, 2010, the acting Head of Zoology Department, Dr. Sam Ugbomoiko, acknowledged “a new dawn” with the “massive renovation” at the Garden. He added that interested members of the community should go and see the new stock of animals including “Carnivores (male and female mature lions) Ungulates (duiker, camel, donkey, etc) Aves (ostriches, geese, ducks, parrots, pigeons, etc), Reptiles (pythons, crocodiles, etc).”

While visiting the Garden, *Unilorin Bulletin* saw lions (a male and a female), an ostrich, a camel, donkeys, pythons, antelopes, parrots, geese, a peacock, a batas monkey, baboons, a goat, a turkey, pigeons, cranes (a crane is a long-legged bird that lives in marshes), rabbits, crocodiles, tortoise and many more!

If you are a fan of *Animal Planet*, *Discovery Channel* or *National Geographic (Wild)* (Natgeowild) or such other stations on DSTV, then the University of Ilorin is a beautiful world to see with your very eyes many of all those animals you watch with admiration and wonder.

### Fast Facts File

#### ***Did you know?***

- In the June/July 2010 Senior School Certificate Examination organised by the National Examination Council (NECO) 244,456 candidates passed English Language while 279,974 passed Mathematics. A total of 1,132,367 candidates sat for the exam.

## Unilorin convocation holds next week

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The programme begins next Monday (October 18, 2010) with the Vice-Chancellor's Press Briefing at the University Auditorium beginning from 10:00 a.m. the forum will provide an interactive opportunity between the media and the university authority especially on the developments within the University between last convocation and now.

On Wednesday, October 20, 2010 the University community and the entire public will be treated to the Convocation Play "Ogun Lakaaye – The God of Iron", a dance play by Tunbosun Oladapo. This will take place at the ultra-modern Performing Arts Theatre of the University at 7:00 p.m.

The Convocation Lecture by Prof. Seddoh on Thursday (October 21, 2010) at the University Auditorium beginning from 10:00 a.m. This will be followed by a Chancellor's cocktail in honour of the Convocation Lecturer at the Chancellor's Lodge at 6:00 p.m.

On Friday October 22, 2010, the first leg of the Convocation will take place at the university auditorium. The convocation will involve the award of prizes, first degrees and diplomas for the graduands of the faculties of Arts, Basic Medical Sciences, Business and Social Sciences, Communication and Information Science, Education and Science. In the evening, precisely at 5:00 p.m. there will be a commissioning of various project by the President, Commander-in-Chief of the Nigerian Armed Forces, Dr. Goodluck Ebele Jonathan.

On Saturday October 23, 2010, which is the Founder's Day of the University, there will be another convocation for the award of prizes, and first degrees for the Faculty of Agriculture, Clinical Sciences, Engineering and Technology, as well as Law. There will also be awards of postgraduate degrees and diplomas on postgraduate graduands at the occasion, which also begins at 9:00 a.m. at the same University auditorium. The events will be rounded off with a Convocation Luncheon and Merit award at the Vice-Chancellor's Lodge starting from 1 p.m.

Meanwhile, the Chairman of the Ceremonials Committee, Prof. Olu Atteh, has called on staff, students and visitors to maintain order and obey traffic rules during the activities.

## Yusuf's book presentation comes up Saturday

The University community and the general public are invited to the presentation of a book, "Sayyid Qutb: A Study of His Tafsir" by Dr. Badmas 'Lanre Yusuf, acting Head of Religions Department.

The presentation comes up this Saturday (Oct. 16, 2010) under the Chairmanship of Justice S.M.A. Belgore, former Chief Justice of Nigeria, at the University Auditorium beginning from 10:00 a.m. prompt.

The Chief Host is the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Is-haq O. Oloyede, while the Book Presenter is Engr. Yusuf Lanre Sagaya. The book will be reviewed by an Associate Professor of the University of Maiduguri, Dr. Y.O. Imam. All are cordially invited.

## Emulate GTB, Unilorin VC tells banks

The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Is-haq O. Oloyede, has commended Guarantee Trust Bank (GTB) over its innovative services which he said indicate the bank's dynamism.

Prof. Oloyede gave this commendation last Friday while talking to some University officials on the need to maintain financial security.

According to the Vice-Chancellor, all banks operating on the University have been directed to conform with the standard of the ATM booth operated by the GTB at Unity Road, Ilorin.

The facility, he noted, will to a large extent guard against fraudulent practices by some students and other visitors that use ATM machines operated by banks on campus.

## Unilorin students win multimillion naira research fund

**B**ased on the research excellence the University of Ilorin is known for, some thirteen postgraduate students of the University have won a highly competitive “Step B Innovation of Tomorrow” research fund. The total amount is USD \$105,000 and the awardees consist of 11 doctoral students and two Master’s students.

The following table contains the names of the awardees, their research topics and supervisors.

Name	Research Topic	Supervisor
Femi, Eric I.	Automatic Robust	Prof. T.S. Ibiyemi
Jaiyeoba, O.I.	Studies on Reproductive Performance of the Helmeted Guinea Fowl <b>Numida Meleagric Galeata Pallas</b>	Prof. K.L. Ayorinde
Ojo Victoria	Measurement of Genetic Variability among Selected Quail Lines	Prof. K.L. Ayorinde
Owalude, S.O.	Synthesis, Characterization and Catalytic Activity Studies of some Novel Transition Metal Complexes	Prof. E.O. Odeunmi & Dr. U.B. Eke
Ogunbayi, P.R.	Investigation of GSM Signal Propagation Path Loss at 900/1800 MHZ in Nigeria	Prof. T. S. Ibiyemi
Sulaiman, F.A.	Assessment of Iron Chelation Mechanism in the Management of Trypanosomiasis	Prof. M.A. Akanji
Ayanshola, A.M.	Optimization Models for Reliability Analysis of Water Supply Distribution Pipes Network	Prof. B.F. Sule
Nafiu, M.O.	Assessment of Anti-malaria Potentials and Toxicity Evaluation of Aqueous Extract of Planchoni in Mice Cochiospermum Planchoni Root	Prof. M.A. Akanji
Adedoyin, Igunnu	Studies on Cofactor-inhibiter Interactions in Mono-esterase and Diesterase Activities of Calf Intestinal Alkaline Phosphates	Prof. S.O. Malomo
Ajibola, T.B.	Temporal Variation of Global Shortwave Solar Radiation with Air Temperature, Relative Humidity and Pressure at Ilorin, Nigeria	Prof. C.O. Akoshile
Adefemi, F.S.	Iris Database Corpora	Prof. T. S. Ibiyemi
Adeleke, O.O.	Emperical Modelling of Delays Traffic Wardens Controlled Intersection	Dr. Y.A. Jimoh
Titilayo, S. Ajide	Developing Road Information System (RIS)	

While discussing the award with members of the STEP B Management Team last Friday, (October 8, 2010) at the University of Ilorin, Dr. Adekola of the World Bank noted that the funding is not a bursary to be disbursed but rather it is meant for the procurement of essential materials and facilities that will aid the research being carried out by the various researchers.

## Unilorin mourns Dean’s father

**T**he authorities of the University of Ilorin have expressed their condolences to the Dean of Communication and Information, Prof. Lenrie Olatokunbo Aina, who recently lost his father, Engineer Clifford Oluwole Aina.

According to the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Is-haq O. Oloyede, the late Pa Aina is a father to the University and the University is grieved by his transition. He then prayed that God give Prof. Aina and the family the fortitude to bear the loss.

Late Engineer Aina passed away on Sunday September 26, 2010. Funeral arrangement holds between Thursday November 4, 2010 and Saturday November 6, 2010 in Lagos and Ogun States.

On Thursday November 4, 2010, there will be a Service of Song at his residence at Plot 11, Joseph Shyngle Close, off James Robertson Street, Surulere, Lagos between 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. The following day, Friday November 5, 2010, a Christian Wake-keep and Lying-in-State at his country home residence at 10, Ijebu-Igbo Road, via Sawmill, Oru, Ijebu, Ogun State, at 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

On Saturday November 6, 2010, the Funeral Service holds at St. Lukes Anglican Church, Oru-Ijebu, Ogun State. The entertainment of guests holds immediately after interment at Sagun United Primary School Grounds, Oru-Ijebu, Ogun State.

## LEARNED CONFERENCE

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

Recipient	Department	Nature of Conference	Place	Date
Prof. Sadiku, J.S.	Computer Science	Conference of Nigerian Computer Association Society	Delta	25 <sup>th</sup> – 31 <sup>st</sup> July, 2010
Mr. Adebimpe, Rasaan Justice	Public Law	Nigerian Bar Association (NBA) National Conference	Kaduna	22 <sup>nd</sup> – 27 <sup>th</sup> August, 2010
Dr. Egbewole, Wahab	Jurisprudence & International Law	Nigerian Bar Association (NBA) National Conference	Kaduna	22 <sup>nd</sup> – 27 <sup>th</sup> August, 2010
Mr. Ariyoosu, Dauda Adeyemi	Business Law	Nigerian Bar Association (NBA) National Conference 2010	Kaduna	22 <sup>nd</sup> – 27 <sup>th</sup> August, 2010
Mr. Owoade, Abdullateef Adekunle	Islamic Law	Nigerian Bar Association (NBA) National Conference	Kaduna	22 <sup>nd</sup> – 27 <sup>th</sup> August, 2010
Mrs. Oyekunle, Rafiat Ajibade	Library & Information Science	University Ibadan Distance Learning Centre International Conference	Ibadan	7 <sup>th</sup> – 11 <sup>th</sup> September, 2010
Mr. Noah, Abdurafiu Olaiya	Accounting & Finance	40 <sup>th</sup> Annual Chartered Accountant Conference	Sheraton Hotel & Towers, Abuja	11 <sup>th</sup> – 15 <sup>th</sup> October, 2010
Dr. Omotoso, G.O.	Anatomy	8 <sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the Anatomical Society of Nigeria	Bayero University Kano	13 <sup>th</sup> – 16 <sup>th</sup> October, 2010

### 2009/2010 Staff Development Award - renewal

Recipient	Programme	Department
Mrs. Otunola, Gloria A.	Ph.D	Food Science/Home Economics
Dr. (Mrs.) Kadir, Risikat Eniola	Ph.D	Anatomy

### 2010/2011 Staff Development Award - renewal

Recipient	Programme	Department
Mr. Nafiu, Mikhail Olugbenro	Ph.D	Biochemistry
Mr. Salawu, Musa Oyewole	Ph.D	Biochemistry
Mr. Imam, Ibrahim	Ph.D	Public Law
Mr. Ariyoosu, Dauda Adeyemi	Ph.D	Business Law
Mr. Igunnu, Adedoyin	Ph.D	Biochemistry
Mrs. Sulaiman, Adenike Faoziyat	Ph.D	Biochemistry

## LAUGH LINES

Men discovered COLOURS and invented PAINT,

Women discovered PAINT and invented MAKEUP.

Men discovered the WORD and invented CONVERSATION,

Women discovered CONVERSATION and invented GOSSIP.

Men discovered AGRICULTURE and invented FOOD.

Women discovered FOOD and invented DIET.

Men discovered FRIENDSHIP and invented LOVE,

Women discovered LOVE and invented MARRIAGE.

Men discovered TRADING and invented MONEY. Women discovered MONEY and invented SHOPPING.

**26<sup>TH</sup> CONVOCATION CEREMONIES****INFORMATION TO GRADUANDS**

**T**his is to inform the 2009/2010 Graduands of the University that the 26<sup>th</sup> convocation Ceremonies of the University for the award of First and Higher Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates, and Presentation of Prizes, will take place from Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> to Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> October, 2010 on the Main Campus of the University.

Details of the activities which will commence on Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> October, 2010 are as follows:

1. **MONDAY, 18<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER, 2010**

**Event: VICE-CHANCELLOR'S PRESS BRIEFING**

**Venue:** University Auditorium

**Time:** 10.00 a.m.

2. **WEDNESDAY, 20<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER, 2010**

**Event: CONVOCATION PLAY**

**Title:** "OGUN LAKAAYE – The God of Iron" A dance play by Tunbosun Oladapo

**Venue:** Performing Arts Lecture Theatre

**Time:** 7.00 p.m.

3. **THURSDAY, 21<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER, 2010**

a) **CONVOCATION LECTURE**

**Title:** "CURRENT GLOBAL INITIATIVES AND NETWORKS IN HIGHER EDUCATION"

**Speaker:** PROFESSOR KOMLAVI FRANCISCO SEDDOH

(Former Director of Higher Education, UNESCO and Former Vice-Chancellor, University of Lome, Togo)

**Venue:** University Auditorium

**Time:** 10.00 a.m. prompt

b) **CHANCELLOR'S COCKTAIL IN HONOUR OF CONVOCATION LECTURER**

**Venue:** Chancellor's Lodge

**Time:** 6.00 p.m. prompt

4. **FRIDAY, 22<sup>ND</sup> OCTOBER, 2010**

a) **CONVOCATION FOR THE AWARD OF PRIZES, FIRST DEGREES, DIPLOMAS AND CERTIFICATES FOR THE FACULTIES OF ARTS, BASIC MEDICAL SCIENCES, COMMUNICATION AND INFORMATION SCIENCES, EDUCATION AND SCIENCE.**

**Venue:** University Auditorium

**Time:** 9.00 a.m. prompt

(b) **COMMISSIONING OF PROJECTS (VARIOUS)**

**Time:** 5.00 p.m.

5. **SATURDAY, 23<sup>RD</sup> OCTOBER, 2010**

a) **CONVOCATION FOR THE AWARD OF PRIZES, FIRST DEGREES FOR FACULTIES OF AGRICULTURE, CLINICAL SCIENCES, ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGY, LAW, POSTGRADUATE DEGREES AND DIPLOMAS**

**Venue:** University Auditorium

**Time:** 9.00 a.m. prompt

b) **CONVOCATION LUNCHEON AND MERIT AWARDS**

**Venue:** Vice-Chancellor's Lodge

**Time:** 1.00 p.m. prompt

**BRIEF FOR GRADUANDS**

Graduands are please requested to note the following information:

- i) The 2009/2010 academic session statutorily commenced on 1<sup>st</sup> August 2009 and ended on 31<sup>st</sup> July, 2010. All convoking graduands are advised to check their names on the list of graduands displayed on the University Website - [www.unilorin.edu.ng](http://www.unilorin.edu.ng)

- ii) Each graduand shall be allowed a maximum of two (2) guests. Invitation cards to such guests will be issued to graduands when they arrive to collect their academic outfits. Children will not be allowed into the University Auditorium.
- iii) It is mandatory for all graduands to pay for the following items, irrespective of whether or not they attend the Convocation ceremony:
- |   | ₦           |
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| a) Purchase of Academic Outfits (First or Master's Degree)        | - 7,500.00  |
| b) Hire of Academic Outfits (First or Master's Degrees)           | - 2,000.00  |
| c) Purchase of Ph.D. Academic Gown (Mandatory for Ph.D graduands) | - 11,000.00 |
| d) Order of Proceedings   | - 1,500.00  |
| e) Certificate Scrolls (Handled by Alumni Association)            | - 750.00    |
- iv) Order of Proceedings, Certificate Scrolls and Certificates are available for collection immediately after the Convocation Lecture on Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> October, 2010, in the University Auditorium on presentation of evidence of payment of appropriate charges.
- v) Graduands are expected to attend a rehearsal of the Academic Procession holding at 10.00 a.m. on Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> October, 2010 in the premises of the University Auditorium.
- vi) It is compulsory for all graduands to participate in the Academic Procession and wear the approved academic outfits.
- vii) All graduands are expected to dress in full English wear (i.e. suit, shirt and tie for men and skirt suit/skirt and blouse or gown for ladies) or full national dress.
- viii) Graduands hiring academic gowns are expected to pay a refundable deposit of two thousand, five hundred Naira (N2,500.00) in cash to their Faculty Officers **OR** submit to their respective Faculty Officers a Guarantor Form duly completed by a staff member of the University.
- ix) **All hired gowns should be returned by the graduands to their respective Faculty Officers not later than Monday, 25<sup>th</sup> October, 2010. Gowns returned after that date will attract a fine of Fifty Naira (N50.00) per day.**

#### MODE OF PAYMENT

- i) Graduands should go to any of the banks registered with e-tranzact and obtain a pin vending (receipt number and confirmation order number) which will be used for online payment on the University website ([www.unilorin.edu.ng](http://www.unilorin.edu.ng)) and subsequent generation of receipt.
- a) Banks registered with e-tranzact are: First Bank Plc, Access Bank Plc, Afribank Plc, Bank PHB Plc, Ecobank Plc, Fidelity Bank Plc, First City Monument Bank Plc, FinBank Plc, Guaranty Trust Bank Plc, Intercontinental Bank Plc, Oceanic Bank Plc, Skye Bank Plc, Spring Bank Plc, Stanbic IBTC Bank Plc, Sterling Bank Plc, Union Bank Plc, United Bank for Africa Plc, Wema Bank Plc, and Zenith Bank Plc.
- b) Based on (iii) (a – e) above, first degree graduands should pay a total sum of four thousand, two hundred and fifty Naira (N4,250.00). Higher Degree graduands (excluding Ph.D) four thousand, two hundred and fifty Naira (N4,250.00) and Ph.D graduands, two thousand two hundred and fifty Naira (N2,250.00). Candidates would be expected to pay bank charges of two hundred and fifty Naira (N250.00) in addition to these charges.

Payment for the Convocation materials in iii (a – e) above should commence from Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> October, 2010. Graduands are advised to pay early to avoid the last minute rush.

#### PROCUREMENT OF ACADEMIC GOWNS

Interested graduands are to note that purchase of the University's academic gown is mandatory only for Ph.D. at a negotiated price of eleven thousand Naira (N11,000.00) and seven thousand, five hundred Naira (N7,500.00) only for First and Master's Degree (optional).

Although purchase of academic gowns by First and Master's Degree graduands is optional, acquisition of the gowns for personal use is encouraged as a mark of permanent identification with the University of Ilorin. Gowns for First and Master's degree graduands can be obtained at a negotiated price of N7,500.00.

Graduands are advised to pay this sum directly to Messrs Ola Dandy Tailors & Co., 33, Oke-Bola Road, Ibadan (Wema Bank Account No. 0311031612317). To facilitate the procurement of individual gowns, each graduand is required to contact Messrs Ola Dandy Tailors & Co., on **08028990229** and **08059202500**.

### OTHER REQUIREMENT

On arrival on the campus, all graduands are required to register as members with the University of Ilorin Alumni Association at the National Alumni Secretariat, University of Ilorin.

(Sgd.)

**Olufolake O. OYEYEMI (Mrs.)**

Registrar

## College initiates medical graduands this Wednesday

**A**s the University of Ilorin prepares for its larger 26<sup>th</sup> convocation ceremonies, the College of Health Sciences has announced its 26<sup>th</sup> Professional Initiation and Admission Ceremony for the 2010 Medical Graduands of the University of Ilorin.

The Ceremony comes up this Wednesday (October 13, 2010) at the University Auditorium beginning from 9:00a.m. under the chairmanship of the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede. The Provost, College of Health Sciences, University of Ilorin, Prof. A.B.O.Omotoso, is the Chief Host.

The guest speaker at the occasion is Prof. Akinyinka Omigbodun, former Provost of the College of Medicine, University of Ibadan. The topic of his lecture is “You Are Called To Deliver”.

All members of the University community and the larger public are invited.

## Happy Birthdays To You!

S/No	Name	Department/ Office	Date of Birth
1	Oloyede, Is-haq O.	Vice-Chancellor	October, 10th
2	Otenekwu, Andrew O.	General Studies	October, 10th
3	Kolade, Ibrahim	Biochemistry	October, 10th
4	Okesina, Adekunle B.	Chemical Pathology and Immunology	October, 11th
5	Olu, Florence I.	University School	October, 11th
6	Folorunsho, Ganiyu	Physics	October, 12th
7	Gbodofu, Khalil M.	Arabic	October, 15th
8	Osungade, Isaac O.	Statistics	October, 16th
9	Oyedepo, Tunji	Information	October, 16th
10	Ajide, David A.	Geography	October, 16 <sup>th</sup>

## Unilorin in the News

(Contd. from last page)

✓ The Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic) of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Luke Ayorinde, has welcomed students of the University to the 2010/2011 academic session just as he cautioned them against acts of indiscipline.

(“DVC, SUG caution students”, “UNILORIN File”, *The Nation*, Thursday October 7, 2010, p.22).

✓ The Dean of the Faculty of Communication and Information Science, University of Ilorin, Prof. Lenrie Aina, has been elected Board member of the National Library of Nigeria.

(‘Ag. Dean is board member’, same as above).

✓ Students of the University of Ilorin have joined their colleagues in marking Nigeria’s 50<sup>th</sup> Independence anniversary.

(‘Students mark jubilee with protest, celebration’, *The Nation*, Thursday October 7, 2010, p.25).

## Unilorin in the News

- ✓ The Federal Government has approved the payment of monetization arrears of 96 parastatals including the University of Ilorin.  
(‘Office of the Accountant-General of the Federation’, *This Day*, Monday October 4, 2010, p.53).
- ✓ While addressing a conference jointly organised by the National Universities Commission, Association of Vice-chancellors of Nigerian Universities (AVCNU) and the University of Ilorin, the Minister of Education, Prof. Ruqayyatu Ahmed Rufai, has urged Vice-Chancellors to device ways through which they can take full control of universities.  
(‘Take full control of education, Minister advises V-Cs’, *New Nigerian*, Tuesday, October 5, 2010, p.2)
- ✓ While receiving a donation of equipments worth about ₦6 million from Multilinks Telecommunications, the authorities of the University of Ilorin Teaching Hospital (UITH) have disclosed that the institutions has delivered over 200,000 babies and has treated some 3.5 million patients in its thirty years of existence.  
(‘UITH delivers 200,000 babies in 30 years’. ) *The Punch*, Wednesday October, 2010, p.65).
- ✓ Members of the University of Ilorin Congregation have commended the University management led by Prof. Is-haq Oloyede on monumental developments that the University has witnessed in the last three years .  
(‘Congregation lauds management’, *Nigerian Compass*, Wednesday October 6, 2010, p.15).
- ✓ The Registrar of the University of Ilorin, Mrs. Olufolake Oyeyemi, has told students of the University that the institution has zero tolerance for indecent dressing while welcoming them to the 2010/2011 academic session.  
(‘Registrar harps on dress code as students resume’, same as above, p.15).
- ✓ No fewer than 1,322 postgraduate students of the University of Ilorin are expected to receive the University’s certificates and scrolls during the forthcoming convocation of the institution.  
(‘1,322 graduates to receive Unilorin scrolls’, same as above, p.15).
- ✓ Scientists in the University of Ilorin have been pre-occupied with researching into alternative energy sources to meet Nigeria’s energy needs.  
(‘Unilorin begins research into alternative energy source’, same as above, p.16).
- ✓ The President of West Africa University Games and Director-General of WAUG Secretariat, University of Ilorin, Prof. Lasun Emiola, has disclosed that the hosting of the games by the University of Ilorin will attract many universities and wealth to the University.  
(‘WAUG to attract more varsities’, *New Nigerian*, Wednesday, October 6, 2010)
- ✓ The Chief Medical Director of the University of Ilorin Teaching Hospital (UITH), Dr. Abdulwaheed Olatinwo, has opined that private medical practice is the key to achieving health for all in Nigeria by the year 2020 while receiving N6million worth of medical equipment donated to the Paediatric Unit of UITH by Multilinks Telecommunication company.  
(‘Ilorin varsity medical chief tasks private sector on health’, *The Guardian*, Wednesday October 6, 2010, p.6).
- ✓ The Registrar of the University of Ilorin, Mrs. Olufolake Oyeyemi, has called on students of the institution to observe the University dress code and to be good ambassadors of the institution.  
(‘Unilorin: Registrar advocates decent dressing as returning students resume’, *Nigerian Tribune*, Thursday October 7, 2010, p.26).

### Quotes of the

Only those who risk going too far  
can possibly find out how far they  
can go. -T. S. Eliot

A loving heart is the beginning of all  
knowledge. - Thomas Carlyle

A man content to go to heaven alone  
will never go to heaven. - Boethius

He who knows that enough is  
enough will always have enough.  
- Lao Tsu

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