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How Unilorin, UCC will tackle climate change



WE ARE ONE: Participants in a group photograph during the conference

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After three days of brainstorming, deliberations and debates at their second joint international conference themed, “Climate Change and Sustainable Development”, which was convoked at the University of Ilorin, Nigeria, the Universities of Ilorin and Cape-Coast, have charted the way forward for the climate change challenge facing Africa in particular and the whole world at large.

At the end of the conference, which attracted 167 papers presented by scholars from 42 various institutions across seven countries, including Nigeria and Ghana, the stakeholders and intellectuals agreed on the appropriate answer to the climate change.

According to a communiqué co-signed by the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, and the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Cape-Coast, Prof. Naana Jane Opoku-Agyemang, with the Chairman of the International Organising Committee, Prof. Kolade Luke Ayorinde, the conference resolved that it was high time the climate change challenge was addressed. The communiqué reads as follows:

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UK varsity explores mutual gains with Unilorin

A Professor of Nursing at the Swansea University, Wales, United Kingdom, Melanie Jasper, who led a delegation of three to the University of Ilorin last week, has remarked that her University expects to reap a lot of benefits from its relationship with the University of Ilorin just as the University of Ilorin stands to gain immensely from partnering Swansea Universities.

Prof. Jasper made this known last Monday (May 9, 2011) during the initial interaction between the delegates of the Swansea University, including Drs. Paul Rees and Pauline Griffiths, and high-ranking members of the University of Ilorin community.

While introducing her University, Prof. Jasper said that Swansea University was founded in 1920 and it is a research university which focuses on providing quality social services and giving professional training to its postgraduate students. *(Contd. on page 4)*



COLLABO: The Registrar, Mrs. Oyeyemi, the Swansea varsity team leader, Prof. Jasper, and the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Oloyede

Varsities strategise to address climate change

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The Second Joint International Conference of the University of Ilorin, Ilorin, Nigeria and University of Cape Coast, Cape Coast, Ghana on the theme, "Climate Change and Sustainable Development", was held from May 1-5, 2011 at the University of Ilorin, Ilorin, Nigeria. Prof. Akin Mabogunje chaired the opening ceremony and Prof. Alfred Oteng-Yeboah gave the keynote address. The Conference was attended by over 200 participants. Four papers were presented at two plenary sessions, respectively, by Rev. Prof. E.A. Obeng, Prof. Anthony Imevbore, Prof. J.O. Ayoade, and Prof. Paa Kobina Turkson. Over one hundred and fifty papers were presented at four parallel technical sessions based on Culture, the Humanities and Curriculum Response; Environmental, Engineering and Infrastructural Development; Health, Management and Agricultural Development; and Social Transition, Legal and Business Development.

The Conference agreed that:

1. Climate Change is a serious global concern, and it is occupying a focal point of discourse locally, nationally and internationally;
2. the causes of Climate Change are both natural as observed in plate tectonics, solar output, orbital variations, volcanisms, ocean variability, and man-made from activities that increase CO₂ levels in the atmosphere e.g. fossil fuel combustions, aerosols, cement manufacture, land use, ozone depletion, animal agriculture and deforestation;
3. Climate Change is adversely affecting human health, agriculture, forestry, water and several other livelihood sources. It is affecting social order, environmental cohesion and economic growth. It is therefore affecting sustainable development, which according to Brundtland Commission (1987), is the development that "*meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs*"; and
4. countering the effects of Climate Change is a fight for survival and the following are to be instantly, continuously and vigorously pursued by the University of Ilorin and the University of Cape Coast as a matter of urgency:
 - i. evolving and applying interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary approaches to the problems of climate change;
 - ii. participating in global and national actions on mitigation i.e., implementing policies to reduce Green House Gas (GHG) emissions and enhance their sinks and adaptation i.e., "the adjustment in natural or human systems in response to actual or expected climatic stimuli or their effects, which moderates harm or exploits beneficial opportunities" (The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, 2001);
 - iii. becoming part of the REDD+ process and providing standard knowledge in state and trends in national forest reference emissions for monitoring;
 - iv. organizing roundtable discussions, which would involve critical stakeholders, for example, drivers of deforestation and forest land degradation;
 - v. developing rigorous research profiles (academic and indigenous) on concerns about Climate Change and collating data for policy-making;
 - vi. influencing policy makers. An example could be for them to undertake low carbon growth policies;
 - vii. re-orientating the school curricula to include issues on Climate Change and Sustainable Development. Pedagogical approaches that would inculcate habits rather than mere cognition should be used;
 - viii. educating and enlightening the public on appropriate attitudes and competencies to deal with climate change, for instance, through films, books and Theatre for Development (TfD);
 - ix. sensitizing the public to undertake activities to mitigate Climate Change. Examples are tree planting (greening projects), cleaning the environment, etc.
 - x. encouraging all national governments and non-governmental organizations (NGOs) to fund activities related to Climate Change and Sustainable Development; and
 - xi. establishing a joint Centre on Sustainable Development.
5. Universities as centres of learning should establish units for research into Climate Change and Sustainable Development.

How Unilorin wowed Swansea varsity team

In their characteristic hospitality that is fast becoming legendary, the authorities of the University of Ilorin have wowed the delegation of Swansea University, United Kingdom, led by a foremost Professor of Nursing in the United Kingdom, Melanie Jasper, who visited the University of Ilorin last week as part of deepening the collaboration between the two universities.

The totality of the arrangements, the engagements and the reception definitely struck a chord in Prof. Jasper, who after a colourful dinner in honour of the team at the Vice-Chancellor's house last Tuesday, (May 10, 2011) described the visit as one of the most memorable in her life. Her team member, Dr. Paul Griffiths described their Unilorin experience as simply "phenomenal" while Dr. Pauline Rees expressed the satisfaction of the team with the visit, which was considered very successful.

It was a night of sumptuous meals, pleasant banter and rib-cracking jokes. The principal officers of the University, the Deans, Directors and Heads of Departments at the dinner allowed no dull moment as jokes punctuated the night as glasses were clicked. For those who attended the dinner for instance, they will easily remember why 10 is always afraid of 7. Well, for the purpose of hindsight, as told by Dr. Griffiths who attributed the joke to one of his three sons, it was because *seven eight (ate) nine*, with the joke falling on eight, which has phonological similarity with eight.

While presenting gifts to the delegation, the Registrar, Mrs. Olufolake O. Oyeyemi, expressed the happiness of the University to receive the team saying that it was as if they should not leave again. If not for not wanting them to have excess luggage, she said, the University would have loved to give more than the heavy packages that each of them received, which included the much sought after Unilorin honey, the University Annual Reports and other assorted souvenirs of the University.

But before the meal, jokes and gifts, the Vice-Chancellor had earlier received the team in his office a day earlier where he expressed his appreciation to the team for the reception accorded him and the University of Ilorin Researcher of the Year 2010, Dr. Olugbenga Mokuolu, earlier on January 17, this year when he signed an MoU with the Vice-Chancellor of Swansea University, Prof. Richard Davies, at Swansea.

Describing his visit to Swansea University as eventful, the immediate past President of the Association of African Universities said that the visit allowed him the opportunity of meeting the first Professor of Nursing he would ever encounter in life, in person of Prof. Melanie Jasper, who heads the largest academic Department in Wales in the Swansea Institute of Nursing and Social Work.

Prof. Oloyede said that he was deeply impressed by the Swansea University and noted that though the rivalry among health professionals is not only a Nigerian phenomenon, the cooperation he saw and how a Professor of Nursing worked harmoniously with other Professors of medicine to provide service showed that collaboration is key and it is the way people comport themselves that determines how they are treated. According to the Vice-Chancellor, respect is naturally earned by inherent qualities and not given by demand just as he urged people to work hard in their various disciplines to earn the respect of others.

He told the visitors that a delegation of the University of Cape-Coast has just left the University after attending a joint conference jointly organised by the two universities and expressed that in a globalised world, the solution to the problems assailing humanity lies in collaborative activities. The high points of the visit included campus tour and interactions with various Faculties.

Fast Facts File

Did you know?

- ❖ Our Earth orbits the Sun at a speed of 66,700 mph. Contrary to a popular myth that the Earth travels really slowly, this is an extremely fast movement, only that we don't realise it.
- ❖ The Sun is 1.4 million kilometres wide, so it can hold 109 Earths across its surface.
- ❖ The Moon is moving away from the Earth. Every year, it moves 3.8 cm away from the Earth and it will keep doing so.
- ❖ The largest mountain in the solar system is actually a volcano on planet Mars. It is 27km high as compared to Mount Everest which is only 8.85km long.

Swansea varsity, Unilorin seek closer ties

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Prof. Jasper also disclosed that the College of Human and Health Sciences has 227 academic staff and 59 support staff. The number of students in the University is over 14,000. The Colleges in the Swansea University are Arts and Humanities, Engineering, Business and Economics, Environment and Society, Human and Health Sciences, School of Law, School of Medicine and School of Physical Sciences. The University's website describes the colleges as "Swansea's eight schools of thought".

Prof. Melanie Jasper also disclosed that the Swansea University has very strong links locally and nationally with industries, businesses and the public service.

In his remarks at the event, the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, expressed his pleasure to receive the delegates and he noted that without the interaction with faculties, an MoU's worth ends on the shelf. He also expressed his happiness over the Nursing and Social Work Programmes of Swansea University while noting that the University of Ilorin has a lot to benefit from the programme given that the University of Ilorin is just introducing a Nursing degree programme.



Dr. Pauline Rees and Dr. Paul Griffiths at the Unilorin Auditorium basement last Monday

According to the Vice-Chancellor, social work relates to every discipline and the University of Ilorin College of Health Sciences has a strong experience as well as international recognition for its Community Based Experience and Service (COBES) Programme which started at the College of Health Sciences and has been introduced in other Faculties of the University. Prof. Oloyede noted that the young College of Medicine of the Swansea University will benefit from the experience of the University of Ilorin's College of Health Sciences.

In his remarks at the interactive session, the Dean of Engineering, Prof. John Olorunmaiye expressed the desire of his Faculty to benefit from the laboratories of Swansea University. The leader of the delegation, Prof. Jasper, responded that the Faculty of Engineering of Swansea University is rated as the third best in the United Kingdom.

The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Oloyede attested to the quality Faculty of Engineering at Swansea based on his first hand experience during which he saw automobiles that were manufactured by students of Engineering of the University.

Prof. Oloyede also commented on the phenomenon of academic rivalry which he notes is as alive in the United Kingdom as it is in Nigeria, but at the end of the day, he said, provision of the needed services to individuals and communities is what matters.

Other Deans who spoke at the session included the Dean of Agriculture, Prof. O. A. Omotesho, the Dean of Veterinary Medicine, Prof. A. G. Ambali; the Dean of Pharmacy, Prof. P. F. Olurinola and the Dean of the Postgraduate School, Prof I. O. Abimbola.

The delegates were later hosted to a cocktail party during which further interactions were made with members of the university community.

WONDERS SHALL NEVER END

Text of the Address Delivered by the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Professor Is-haq O. Oloyede, on the Occasion of the 2nd Departmental Lecture of the Department of Chemical Engineering at Geology Auditorium, University of Ilorin, on Monday, April 18, 2011

It is my pleasure to welcome you all to this programme of today. On behalf of the organizers of this lecture and indeed the entire University community, I especially welcome our erudite guest lecturer all the way from the United Kingdom for accepting the invitation to share part of his wealth of knowledge and expertise with us. I also wish to congratulate the Department of Chemical Engineering on successfully planning and executing today's lecture. I think the Department is charting the right course with the commitment it puts into the pursuit of its mandate, part of which is this programme, and I urge the staff to continue with the same spirit.

It is relevant to state that when the Department of Chemical Engineering was created by the current University Administration in 2008, the reason behind it is to further accelerate the national drive towards development in that important field of engineering. We all know that no development is true if it is not sustainable as sustainable development basically means economic development without polluting the environment or depleting natural resources. All efforts geared towards development must therefore include sustainability. This is especially important when the issue concerns anything chemical and thus, the topic of the lecture today, "Sustainable Development with Chemical Engineering: Challenges and Opportunities", is apt.

Distinguished ladies and gentlemen, it is admitted that engineers work wonders and with them, *wonders shall never end*. As a matter of fact, many of the greatest achievements of humanity are recorded through the bold and robust intellectual imagination of engineers over the years. When we look at the world, beginning from the imagination of the ancient Greek Mathematician and Engineer, Archimedes, who claimed he could move the Earth with a large lever if only he could locate a fulcrum and a place to stand, to what the world has been able to achieve with such "impossible" dreams, including that of Gustav Lindenthal, (who having built an impressive bridge in Pittsburgh in the early 1880s said it was possible to bridge the Atlantic Ocean if the money could be provided) we come to realize that the state of development in the world today is largely on account of engineering expertise.

For instance, a little reflection on the wonders of the world, both the ancient and the modern, shows that such wonders are products of engineering ingenuity. While many people are familiar with seven wonders of the ancient world (i.e. the Pyramids of Egypt, the Hanging Garden of Babylon, the Statue of Zeus at Olympia, the Temple of Artemis at Ephesus, the Mausoleum of Halicarnassus, the Colossus of Rhodes and the Pharos of Alexandria), the new seven wonders of the world were declared publicly through a democratic process involving tens of millions of voters on 7/7/2007. They are the Great Wall of China (China), Petra (Jordan), Christ the Redeemer (Brazil), Machu Picchu (Peru), Chichen Itza (Mexico), the Colosseum (Italy) and the Taj Mahal (India) with the Great Pyramid of Giza (Egypt) being made a honorary candidate. While the American Society of Engineers has its own seven wonders of engineering, the plan is on now to declare the new seven wonders of nature on 11/11/2011.

What appears very clearly is that with engineers, *wonders shall never end* because they dream. Willy Ley, as I understand, wrote a book he called *Engineers' Dreams* in 1954 in which he discussed the dreams of engineers over the decades two of which included draining the Mediterranean Sea to reclaim land for Europe and building a tunnel between England and France. The Channel Tunnel was opened in 1994 and a dream of about 200 years earlier, which was considered impossible, became a reality. The Tunnel is considered one of the seven wonders of engineering that I alluded to earlier. The question we should ask ourselves is: what are our Engineers' dreams for Nigeria?

It is my conviction that if we get our engineering right, our various challenges of development will be overcome. Roads, water supply, electricity and accommodation are all engineering issues and there is no doubt that if the problems associated with those four alone are solved, a significant proportion of the problems assailing this country will be solved. A Nigeria with good roads, regular water supply,

uninterrupted electricity and good accommodation is the Nigeria of our dream and we have an opportunity of making the dream a reality.

As Nigeria at this period continues her political engineering process through the ongoing elections, it is essential that we all realize that Nigeria cannot be greater than the quality of Nigerians. It has been said times without number that our major problem lies in leadership and we can ensure a better future for our children by voting for those leaders who will take Nigeria to greatness. With dozens of political parties, all kinds of charlatans are contesting for electoral offices and it is our responsibility that a socio-political re-engineering process that will bring sustainable development to us begins from the quality of leaders we elect in our various states.

It is crucial that we all take part in the process because as Prof. Henry Petroski says in a 1999 article, "Engineers can dream but it takes political savvy and resolve, not to mention money, to move machinery that moves the earth." If we do not choose the right leaders, the consequence is that we shall continue to wonder, like many of us do, why despite the huge natural and human resources God has blessed us with, Nigeria still trudges behind many countries that are less endowed and such *wonders shall never end* too until we do the right thing. I urge us all to come out, vote next week again and thereby enrich the process that will make us attain a brighter future.

Lastly, we cannot expect a different result by doing things the same way and our leaders have to lead us aright. The responsibility is ours to build a Nigeria that we shall all be proud of, a Nigeria in which life is abundant, where there is peace as well as unity, prosperity and progress. If Chemical Engineering deals with the design, construction and management of factories in which the essential processes consist of chemical reactions, all of us, starting from the Engineers among us, should be able to design, construct and manage our country despite the various reactions that characterize our polity. We just have to get it right and the time is now for us all.

Thank you very much for your attention.

Committee seeks memoranda

The Committee on the Restructuring of the University Library has sought memoranda from members of the University of Ilorin community, staff and students, on how the University Library can be further strengthened to serve the needs of the academic community.

Such memoranda should be sent electronically to the Secretary of the Committee at libcommittee@unilorin.edu.ng on or before this Friday (May 20, 2011)

WAUG website under way

Rising from a meeting held on Thursday, May 5, 2011, the Local Organising Committee of the 13th West Africa Universities Games has approved the creation of a website for the upcoming sub regional games at the University of Ilorin.

As the preparations reach a considerable momentum with different sub-committees scaling up actions, the website will contain essential information on the games. It will provide a comprehensive account of what is to be expected of participants and other stakeholders at the event.

The website will also include a registration platform through which athletes and officials will register for the events.

It would be recalled that the official logo and mascot of WAUG were recently unveiled in Lagos while contracts for the upgrade of sporting facilities have been advertised.

Cooperative societies elect officers

The Academic Multi-purpose Co-operative Society of the University of Ilorin has elected its new executives during its Annual General meeting held on Thursday April 28, 2011. The executives are: Dr. N. Yusuf, President; Dr. (Mrs.) M.O. Aduloju, Vice President; Mr. K. A. Rafiu, Treasurer; Dr. O. O. Dosumu, Secretary; and Mrs. B. O. Akinfewa, Assistant Secretary.

The Credit Committee of the Society will be chaired by Dr. A. A. Adeoye, with Dr. A. A. Jimoh serving as the Secretary while Dr. R. A. Bello is a member.

The Chairman of the Supervisory Committee is Dr. S. O. Ikibe, the Secretary to whom is Dr. T. A. Olaniyi. Mr. O. D. Ajewole serves the Committee as a member.

Ex-officio members of the executive council are Dr. R. W. Omotoye and Dr. J.O. Aweda.

In a related development, Probitas Multipurpose Cooperative Society has also elected new leaders to serve in its Executive Council and Committees.

At the end of the election, Mr. M. T. Alabi emerged as the President while Mr. R.O. Babamale came out as the Vice President. While Mr. M. J. Galadima is the Secretary and Mr. William Sanusi is the Assistant Secretary, the new Treasurer is none other than Mr. W. O. Adeyemo.

A three-member Credit Committee was also elected. The Chairman of the Committee is Mr. S. Adetona while Mr. J. S. Fakunle is the Secretary and Mr. D. A. Babalola is a member.

The Supervisory Committee is now chaired by Mr. B. B. Bakare. The Secretary is Mr. J. O. Popoola while Mrs. F. Olusanya is a member of the Committee.

In his acceptance speech, Mr. M. T. Alabi who is the new President, made a number of promises which included the introduction of short message service (SMS) to share information and serve as a means of applying for soft loans, embarking on private public partnership (PPP) projects such as hostels and payment of dues to retirees before disengaging from the University.

The event was attended by Deputy Registrar (Establishments) Mr. E. D. Obafemi, and the representative of Kwara State Commissioner for Commerce, among others.

1st Unilorin UCC joint conference book ready

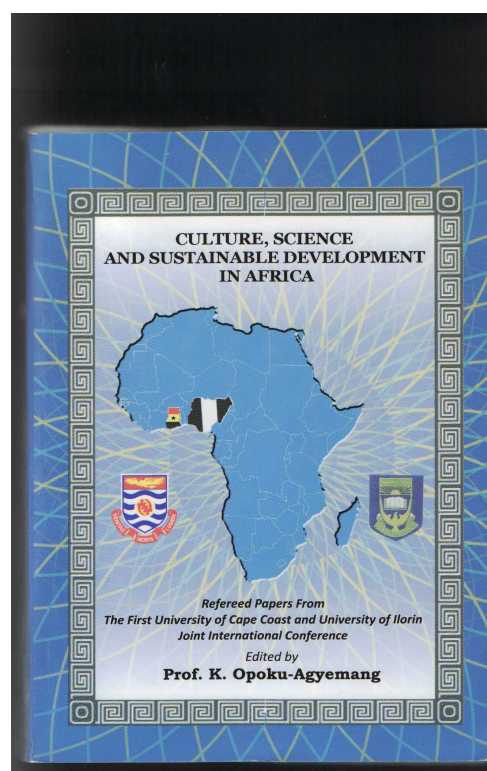
For the participants at the first joint conference of the Universities of Ilorin and Cape Coast hosted by the University of Cape Coast, the much-awaited book of conference proceedings is ready.

Participants, especially those whose papers are published, can meet the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic), Prof. Kolade L. Ayorinde, for their complimentary copies. Copies are also available for sale.

The book, a 568-page volume, contains 44 papers/chapters divided into six sections: Agriculture, Arts, Education, ICT, Sciences and Social Sciences. The contributions of the University of Ilorin constitute more than 65 per cent of the book.

The book, entitled *Culture, Science and Sustainable Development in Africa*, is edited by Prof. K. Opoku-Agyemang of the University of Cape Coast along with other supervising editors and editors.

Meanwhile, the proceedings of the recently concluded second joint conference of the two Universities are expected to be released in a book form before the end of the year. Paper presenters at the conference have been urged to re-submit their corrected papers at the end of this week for further processing.



Burial programme holds this week

The funeral programme of Dr. and Mrs. Ayodele Babatolu, parents of the Deputy Registrar (Academic) of the University of Ilorin, Mrs. F. M. Olowoleni, holds this week.

According to a statement by Mrs. Olowoleni, the “wake keep” comes up this Thursday (May 19, 2011) at the residence of the late couple, 17 Owode Close, Sabo-Oke, Ilorin, between 4: 00 p.m and 5:30 p.m.

The Funeral Service holds on Friday (May 20, 2011) at the Redeemed Christian Church of God, Kwara Province 1 Headquarters, Mount of Joy Parish, No. 1 Redemption Avenue, Sabo-Oke, Ilorin.

The interment will take place same day at St. Joseph Nursery & Primary School open field, beside Kwara State secretariat, Ilorin.

Happy Birthday To You!

S/No	Name	Department/Unit	Date of Birth
1	Mudi, Baba O.	Works Electrical/Telecom.	15th May
2	Muhammad, Nasiru O.	Biochemistry	15th May
3	Nafiu, Mikhail O.	Biochemistry	15th May
4	Adesola, Abdul J.	Library	16th May
5	Akure, Frederick O.	Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering	18th May
6	Bamidele. Ayodele	Security	18th May
7	Oketunmbi, Ebony	Mass Communication	18th May
8	Owoyele, Bamidele V.	Physiology	18th May
9	Taiwo, Shade V.	Bursary	18th May
10	Adewole, Israel B.	Physics	20th May
11	Ajayi, Tope B.	Security	20th May
12	Akanbi, Salimonu O.	Health Services	20th May
13	Akomolafe, Samuel F.	Bursary	20th May
14	Ayinla, Babatunde	Health services	20th May
15	Muhammed, Abubakar	Sociology	20th May
16	Olorunnibe, Michael O.	Physics	20th May
17	Oladele-Olayemi, Florence M.	Health Services	20th May

Are you a staff member of the University? Do you also want Unilorin Bulletin to wish you a happy birthday? If yes, please send your details as shown above (surname, first name and initial of middle name with your Department/ Office and date of birth) to us a week before the expected date of publication. All requests are subject to space availability and are treated on a first-come first-served basis. You are entitled to a hard copy of the edition in which your name is published. Happy birthday to you!

LAUGH LINES

A wealthy man was driving on the street leisurely when suddenly a small boy ran towards him on the road. Before he could apply the break, he had hit the boy dead.

As he alighted from his car dejectedly to rush the boy to the hospital, a man from a part of the country came out of the blues and asked, “Where you dey take the boy go?”

“To the hospital and then to report at the Police station”, the rich man replied.

The man said, “*Na me be the boy’s father. I no want any police wahala. All I need is settlement.*”

After taking a glance at the man, the rich man went back to his car and gave the man new wads of N30,000.00

As he turned to leave, the rich man was jolted when he was asked, “*Nna, which time una go pass this road ago so that I go bring another child make una jam am and pay? I have them plenty.*”



EASY SAILING: *The Chairman of the 2011 Visitation Panel to the University of Ilorin, Prof. M. Salau, with a panel member on the University river*



The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Oloyede, having a ride on the University river with another member of the panel at the dam site



Prof. Akin Mabogunje addressing the Unilorin-UCC conference participants as chairman of the opening ceremony a fortnight ago



Prof. F. Oladele, Prof. J. Atteh and other participants "romancing the chicken" at the Dam Site during the last Unilorin-UCC second joint conference

Unilorin in the News

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- The Central Working Committee of the Local Organising Committee (LOC), West Africa University Games, to be hosted by the University of Ilorin, has submitted reports to the LOC at a meeting where strategies were further mapped to make the hosting a great success. ('WAUG committees submit reports', *The Nation*, same as above.)
- STANBIC Pensions Managers would be holding an interactive session with the staff of the University of Ilorin on issues concerning their pension funds administration. ('Pension Managers meet workers', *The Nation*, same as above)
- The students of the University of Ilorin have elected a new set of leaders where Surajudeen Musa emerged the President with a total of 1,931 votes. ('Unilorin students elect new exco', *Daily Trust*, Thursday, May 12, 2011, p.51)
- The University of Ilorin students have conducted their 2011 general elections in which they elected a new set of officers into their Students Union executive council. ('New leaders emerge in Unilorin Students Union election', *National Pilot*, Thursday, May 12 – Sunday, May 15, 2011, p.5)
- A Professor of Psychology at Obafemi Awolowo University, Sola Olowu, has commended the University of Ilorin while condemning the frequent use of strike by ASUU as "overused, coercive" while speaking at a forum on alternative Dispute Resolution in Ilorin. ('ASUU has overused strike, says OAU Professor... lauds Unilorin', *National Pilot*, same date, p.5)
- A medical doctor at the University of Ilorin Teaching Hospital (UITH), Dr. Aishat Saka, has said that better maternal nutrition is essential for newly born babies. ('Adequate nutrition panacea to infant, maternal mortality – Don', *National Pilot*, same date, p.18)

Unilorin in the News

- Prof. Akin Mabogunje has described the Universities of Ilorin and Cape Coast as two institutions that are partnering for the benefit of not only Africa but also humanity at large while speaking at the opening ceremony of the second joint conference of the two universities themed “Climate Change and Sustainable Development” at the University of Ilorin.
(‘ Educationist extols Unilorin, Ghana Varsity at conference’, *The Herald*, Monday, May 1, 2011,p.19)
- A Professor of Civil Engineering and Director of the National Centre for Hydropower Research and Development (NACHRED), University of Ilorin, Prof. B. F. Sule, has been shortlisted as a candidate for the Vice-Chancellorship of Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile Ife.
- (‘14 professors in race to succeed OAU VC,’ *Nigerian Compass*, Monday, May 1, 2011, p.4)
- A lecturer in the Department of Religions, University of Ilorin, Dr. Pius Abioje, has described his enthusiasm to meet the Sultan of Sokoto, Alh. Muhammad Sa’ad Abubakar, who will be delivering the second departmental lecture of the Department that is scheduled to hold soon.
(‘As Unilorin hosts the Sultan’, *The Nation*, Wednesday, May 11, 2011,p.20)
- A five-day workshop jointly organized by the Department of the Performing Arts, University of Ilorin and the International Federation of Theatre Researchers (IFTR) on ‘Academic Writing and Publishing’ has been concluded at the University of Ilorin where scholars from different parts of the world brainstormed on salient issues affecting writing and research.
(‘Scholars, practitioners brainstorm on theatre arts’, *Nigerian Compass*, Wednesday, May 11, 2011, p.16)
- While speaking at the 2011 Students Industrial Work Experience and Service (SIWES) pre-placement orientation programme at the University of Ilorin, the Area Director of the Kwara State Zone of the Industrial Training Fund (ITF), Mr. T. J. Gambari, has urged the students to maximize their training experience during the period while the acting Director of SIWES, Dr. Chioma Nzeh, has described the rationale behind the programme.
(‘Director harps on benefits of industrial training’, *Nigerian Compass*, same as above)
- The Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Is-haq O. Oloyede, has advised the staff of his University to respond to a call for memoranda issued by the Federal Ministry of Education.
(‘VC urges staff to submit memoranda’, *Nigerian Compass*, same date, p.17)
- The students of the University of Ilorin have elected a new set of leaders under the Presidency of Mr. Surajudeen Musa, to pilot the affairs of the Union for the next one year.
(‘How SU election was won and lost’, “From the University of Ilorin”, *Nigerian Tribune*, Thursday, May 12, 2011,p.31)
- Based on the quality of training he received at the University of Ilorin, a graduate of the University Medical School who is now a Master’s in Public Health candidate at Harvard University, Dr. Michael Olugbile, has distinguished himself within few months of his arrival at Harvard that he recently emerged as the President of the HSPH Class of 2011.
(‘Alumnus shines in Harvard Medical School’, *Nigerian Tribune*, same as above)
- A graduate of the College of Health Sciences, University of Ilorin, Dr. Michael Olugbile, has excelled remarkably barely a year after joining the University of Harvard, United States, that not only is he the President of his class 2011, he is also a functionary of Harvard School of Public Health (HSPH) African Health Forum.
(Alumnus shines at Harvard’, “UNILORIN File”, *The Nation*, Thursday, May 12, 2011,p.26)

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Quotes of the Week

The shell must break before the bird can fly. - Lord Alfred Tennyson.

Speech is like a medicine, a small dose of which cures but an excess of which kills - Ali bin Abu Talib

When defeat comes, accept it as a signal that your plans are not sound. Rebuild those plans and set sail once more toward your coveted goal.

- Napoleon Hill

We do not see things as they are, we see them as we are - Talmud