



West African varsities forge partnership at Unilorin

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WE'RE AWAU: Members of the AWAU with the representative of the Minister of Education last Monday

The Vice-Chancellors of West African Universities, largely from Nigeria and Ghana, have met at the University of Ilorin to forge a deeper collaboration through the formation of the Association of West Africa Universities (AWAU).

Speaking at the inauguration of the body last Monday (January 10, 2011), the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Is-haq O. Oloyede, who was the Chief Host and Chairman of the event, welcomed the members and observed that the meeting of the body was long overdue. *(Contd. on page 2)*

Curb degree mills, Rufa'i tasks regional VCs

The Honourable Minister of Education, Prof. Ruqayyatu Ahmed Rufa'i, has urged members of the newly inaugurated Association of West Africa Universities (AWAU) to contribute their quota towards checking the activities of some universities which she referred to as "mere degree mills."



Mrs. Okojoku, representative of the Minister of Education, Prof. Rufa'i, last Monday

Prof. Rufai gave this charge while speaking at the University of Ilorin last Monday (January 10, 2011) during the inauguration of AWAU.

According to the Minister, who was represented by Mrs. Ori Okojoku of the Tertiary Education Department of her Ministry, the Federal Government of Nigeria would support anything that promotes knowledge and advances scholarship in the continent and the West African region.

Prof. Rufai, who inaugurated the newly formed Association, advised the AWAU leadership to be distinguished in its activities in order to compete favourably with its peers in other regions of Africa.

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AWAU is a right step in the right direction - VC

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In his address captioned, “A Right Step In The Right Direction”, Prof. Oloyede remarked that the shrinking of the world, as suggested by Thomas Friedman in his *The World is Flat*, from a large size to a medium size and now to a tiny size on account of globalization, has made it imperative for people across geographical boundaries to associate, integrate and network.

The Vice-Chancellor, who is the immediate past President of the Association of African Universities (AAU), noted that the formation of the European Union and the adoption of a common currency, Euro, was a response to the Friedmanian globalization 3.0 which consists of “the power of individuals to compete and collaborate” adding that similar bodies as AWAU exist in Northern, Eastern and Southern regions of Africa.

“As done in Europe which responded to globalization 3.0 with strategic geo-political collaboration resulting in the formation of the European Union and the creation of a common currency, Euro, and elsewhere, the dominant challenge of this era, if I may restate, is to associate, integrate, collaborate and network. It is against this background that I think our meeting today is long overdue and the formation of AWAU should have come before now. I say this because similar university associations exist in other regions of Africa,” he said.

While quoting both the immediate past Secretary General of the AAU, Prof. Goolam Mohammedbhai, and the Vice-Chancellor of Newcastle University, United Kingdom, Chris Brink, who articulated the challenges facing Africa, Prof. Oloyede posited that it is not enough in the present age to lament the situation but to direct energies to addressing the problems.

“This meeting should serve as another golden opportunity for us as West African Universities to work more together in order to address our common challenges. As such, I take it as *a right step in the right direction* that we are meeting even if it is “behind the starting line” compared with other regional bodies and I hope that through constant engagement, we shall be able to solve our regional problems through our own intellectual resources especially when they are pooled together. Unity is strength and collaboration is key,” he observed.

In his address at the occasion, the Chairman of the Association of Vice-Chancellors of Nigerian Universities (AVCNU), Prof. Ikenna Onyido, traced the idea behind the formation to AWAU to 2006 when three Vice-Chancellors, including the then Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. S. O. Amali, mooted the idea. While appreciating the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, on what he called his “sterling leadership”, Prof. Onyido, who is also the Vice-Chancellor of Michael Okpara University of Agriculture, Umudike, submitted that it would be seen that the University of Ilorin has always played a leading role.

In her own address, the Chairman of the Vice-Chancellors Committee of Ghana (VCG), Prof. (Mrs.) Naana Opoku-Agyemang, noted that collaboration is no longer a choice but an imperative of the present age. Prof. Opoku-Agyemang, who is also the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Cape Coast, Ghana, advocated making AWAU have a strong footing through launching it on a scholarly context devoid of politics. She also tasked all members to make it an assignment to carry other West African countries Vice-Chancellors along since Ghana and Nigeria appear to be dominant and active now.

Also speaking at the occasion, the current Secretary General of the Association of African Universities (AAU), Prof. Olugbemiro Jegede, who said he had no second thought in accepting the invitation to the inaugural meeting of the Association, opined that “it is an open secret that is widely acknowledged that the engine room of quality academic thought, knowledge generation and leadership in Africa resides in the region.” He recalled that in the 60’s when most African countries gained their independence, private universities were rare on the continent and they were considered inferior by many but they have grown to be part of the African higher education system in the last two decades. Despite this however, he noted Africa still has the “average lowest enrolment rate of about 5% at the tertiary level of education”.

Day Unilorin signed MoU with Malaysian varsity

As part of its vision of being an international centre of excellence, it is no longer news that the University of Ilorin has recently furthered its strategy of collaboration and cooperation with other world universities.

This move has made the University to sign various Memoranda of Understanding (MoU) with relevant institutions both within Nigeria and across the world. It was as part of this commitment towards meeting its responsibility as a corporate global citizen that the representatives of the University signed an MoU with the International Islamic University Malaysia (IIUM), one of the foremost educational institutions of the Asian Tigers.

The two man team of the University on *Mission Malaysia* are the Acting Dean of Law of the University of Ilorin, Dr. Wahab Egbewole and the Deputy Director, Centre for International Education of the University, Dr. A. O. Omotosho. The deed was done on Monday August 16, 2010 when the two universities signed the MoU at an event presided over by the Rector (Vice-Chancellor) of the IIUM, Prof. Dato Sri Syed Arabi.

In what appeared like an exercise in legality, while the Dean of Law signed the document for the University of Ilorin, his counterpart at IIUM, Prof. Mohammad Akram bin Shair Mohammed, signed it on behalf of his University where Rector is used for Vice-Chancellor and Kulliyah is used for Faculty.

After the signing formalities where Prof. Arabi expressed his pleasure to deepen academic rapprochement with the number one Nigerian university, the University of Ilorin team subsequently visited the Departments of Biotechnology and Manufacturing of the Kulliyah of Engineering.

At the Automative Engineering Laboratory of the Department of Manufacturing, the University of Ilorin team was impressed when it was shown a car manufactured by the University in 2009. The team also visited the 3.5 million dollars Wind Tunnel Laboratory which is used to test the effects of wind on vehicles, aeroplanes and ships at the Malaysian university.

The University of Ilorin team also visited five out of the fifteen specialised laboratories of the Department of Biotechnology which included the General Purpose Laboratory, Electronic Materials Laboratory, Nano Technology Laboratory, Specialised Bio-instrument Laboratory and the Bio-process Engineering Laboratory.

During the course of interaction with the leadership of the Kulliyah of Engineering, the University of Ilorin team was made to realise that the Kulliyah had a Department of Civil Engineering in the pipeline. The University of Ilorin team then offered to lend the IIUM experiences and support of its own well-developed Department of Civil Engineering.

The team found that the University also has a fully automated library which includes a service that allows five users to borrow books at the same time without making contact with a human being.

During its visit to the Kulliyah of Laws, the University team learnt that the programme offered there is similar to that offered by the Faculty of Law, University of Ilorin. The duo left with the pleasant news that an alumnus of the University of Ilorin and Lecturer in the Faculty of Law of the University, Dr. Bashir Omipidan, submitted the best Ph.D thesis to the Kulliyah in the last academic session.

Before leaving for Nigeria, Drs. Egbewole and Omotosho had talks of collaboration with the IIUM Medical School officials on areas of Community-Based Experience and Service (COBES), Joint Publication and Supervision. The team also met with the Nigerian community at the University.

Fast Facts File

Did you know?

- There are more stars in the galaxy than all the grains of sand on earth.
- Your heart beats over 100,000 times a day!
- Honey is the only food in the world that does not spoil. Honey found in the tombs of the Egyptian pharaohs has been tasted by archaeologists and found edible.

UCC VC becomes AWAU Chairman

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“You have noble objectives and the Federal Government is impressed, we will support anything that promotes academic knowledge in Africa. Some universities are mere degree mills and they are perpetuating all kinds of illegalities. I urge you to contribute to halting this trend. You should make this an Association that can compete favourably with its peers in other parts of Africa,” she said.

The inauguration of AWAU coincided with the adoption of a document entitled “Ilorin Declaration”. According to the declaration, AWAU has a mandate to revamp and develop the leadership of University education system in West Africa so that the institutions would be empowered to be more responsive to developmental challenges confronting the West African sub-region.

AWAU also aims to empower the leadership of university education system in West Africa to formulate a viable regional West African agenda for University education which shall contribute to national, regional, continental and global development.

The Association will also produce an effective forum for leadership of the West African university education to brainstorm over development-related issues and create an effective platform for dialogue and linkages within the West African education system.

In the next few months to come, AWAU will identify core niche areas for research endeavours in West African universities and it is also expected to evolve a unique identity for the West African university education system that reflects the diversity of the region.

At the end of the meeting, the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Cape Coast, Ghana, who is also the Chairman of the Committee of Vice-Chancellors, Ghana, Prof. Naana Opoku Agyemang, emerged as the Chairman of the Association of West Africa Universities while the Vice-Chancellor of the Federal University of Technology, Akure, Nigeria, Prof. Adebisi Balogun, was elected Vice-Chairman of the body.

Renown dons to storm Unilorin for conference

The International Organising Committee of the 2nd Joint International Conference of the Universities of Ilorin and Cape-Coast are set to make the conference holding April 24 – 28, 2011 at the University of Ilorin a big bang. This is so with the list of academic heavyweights lined up to address the conference.

The keynote Speaker at the conference is a Professor of Botany, University of Ghana, Legon, Alfred Oteng-Yeboah. Prof. Oteng-Yeboah was at a time the Deputy Director General of the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research, Ghana.

Other notable speakers that will address the sub-themes of the conference are Prof. Alfred Imovbere, former Director of the Institute of Ecology, Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife, Nigeria; Prof. E.A. Obeng, former Vice-Chancellor, University of Cape-Coast, Ghana; Prof. J.O. Ayoade, former Dean, Faculty of the Social Sciences, University of Ibadan and Prof. Paa Kobina-Turkson, former Dean, School of Agriculture, University of Cape Coast, Ghana.

The conference, themed “*Climate Change and Sustainable Development*”, has such other sub-themes as “Climate Change, Culture and the Arts”, “Climate Change and Environmental Development”, “Climate, Engineering and Infrastructural Development”, “Curriculum Response to Climate Change and Development”, “Climate Change and Health Management”, “Climate Change, Social Transition, Legal and Business Development” and “Climate Change and Agricultural Development”

Abstracts and papers should be submitted in Microsoft Word format to:

uccnilorin2011@unilorin.edu.ng; kyankson201@yahoo.com and yaquadri@unilorin.edu.ng.

The deadline for the submission of abstracts is February 28, 2011 while the deadline for the submission of full papers is April 15, 2011. The registration fee has been reduced to \$120.

SEIZE THE DAY

Text of the Address Delivered by the Vice-Chancellor, University of Ilorin, Ilorin, and President of the Association of African Universities (AAU), Professor Is-haq O. Oloyede, on the Occasion of the first part of the 26th Convocation Ceremonies of the 2009/2010 Graduands of the University of Ilorin on Friday October 22, 2010 at the Auditorium, University of Ilorin, Ilorin.

It is a great honour and privilege for me to welcome you distinguished personalities and eminent world citizens, from both within and outside the Nigerian geographical borders, to the University of Ilorin. I also welcome and appreciate our Governor of Kwara State, Dr. Bukola Saraki, our intelligentsia and other leaders of thought here present. Permit to say, you are dearly welcome.

Today is a special day in the lives of our graduands and I want to begin by congratulating them on being counted among the successful. I am aware that many of them believe it is not easy to achieve today's feat and I want to agree with them because university education is not a tea party. Dear graduands, I felicitate with you on coming out of the University oven fully baked. I congratulate you because you are not half-backed graduates and you are worthy in character and learning. As you all know our tradition in this University, those who are unworthy cannot be part of this occasion.

The Visitor, the Pro-Chancellor Sirs, there is this Latin dictum, "Carpe diem", that I want to be the parting word from me to our graduands. It simply means "seize the day". Everything in life, including life itself, is an opportunity. Therefore, opportunities should not be allowed to fritter away. Therefore, *seize the day*. This is because as soon as today slips by, it does not ever return. For instance, there will not be another 22nd of October 2010 in your lives ever. Everyone owes it a duty to *seize the day* before tomorrow comes. It is said that today is a gift, that is why it called present.

When I remember *carpe diem*, I also remember the saying of Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) in this respect. He once said: "Use five opportunities before five eventualities. Make a good use of your youth before your old age, your health before your ill-health, your free period before your busy schedule, your wealth before your poverty and your life before your death." What all these suggest is that the day is yours to do what is right because life passes quickly and as there is life after graduation just as there is life after death. *Carpe diem!*

The basic truth about life is that it moves on. In this life of constant movement, where you are and what you do everyday determine who you are. It is fundamental that you *seize the day* and move on to righteousness and greatness. Nothing is immune to the effects of time. All what goes up will come down. As you graduate into the larger society, *seize the day*, dare to excel, do not waste your time.

The Visitor, the Pro-Chancellor Sirs, our graduands of today have seized the days of their undergraduate studentship to deserve the honours and degrees to be conferred on them. Convoking here today are graduands of the five Faculties of Arts, Business and Social Sciences, Communication and Information Sciences, Education (with the Institute of Education) and Science. These are faculties with programmes of an average duration of four years. Within the past four years or less, depending on the mode of entry, they have laboured, they have toiled, and this day, their toils are not in vain. May your efforts never be in vain!

As mentioned in my press briefing last Monday, published in our magazine, *Unilorin Star*, copies of which I understand will be available today, the total number of our undergraduate graduands, including those of the Institute of Education, is 6,004 out of which 4,903 are convoking today. Today, we have 16 First Class, 690 Second Class Upper Division, 2,504 Second Class Lower Division, 1,270 Third Class, 189 Pass and 234 Diploma graduands from the five faculties earlier mentioned.

The summary table for the first degree and diploma awards for the 2009/2010 academic year is presented thus:

Faculty/Institute	MBBS	1st Class	2nd Class Upper Division	2nd Class Lower Division	3rd Class	Pass	Diploma	Total
Agriculture		3	22	82	39	4	0	150
Arts		0	50	219	88	4	0	361
Basic Medical Sciences		0	45	131	18	6	0	200
Business and Social Sciences		1	121	582	458	80	214	1,456
Clinical Sciences	328	0	0	0	0	0	0	328
Communication and Information Sciences		1	47	84	41	9	0	182
Education		2	128	487	209	21	20	867
Engineering and Technology		0	66	143	51	5	0	265
Law		0	36	113	8	1	0	158
Science		12	191	507	350	69	0	1,129
Institute of Education		0	153	625	124	6	0	908
Total	328	19	859	2,973	1,386	205	234	6,004

Dear graduands, as you are graduating from the University of Ilorin to the University of life, I urge you to be committed to living abundantly. According to William Ward, “there are three keys to more abundant living: caring about others, daring for others and sharing with others.” These three keys appear to be the meeting point of all your disciplines. The humanists and artists among you should make life buoyant by caring for others through harmonising humanity. The scientists among you should dare for others by making life less cumbersome. The social scientists among you should share information and resources with others and thus make every day an investment. Therefore, *seize the day* each day by caring and daring and sharing. I wish you all abundant life devoted to the pursuit of what is good and noble.

Based on the established tradition of the University, this address is not intended to be a long speech. As we did last year and two years ago, the developments within the past year cannot be presented in an address of this nature. Tomorrow, which is our Founder’s Day, we will formally, on behalf of the Council, the Senate, staff and students of the University, present the 2009/2010 Annual Report to the Visitor.

In conclusion, the journey so far would not have been this pleasant, if not because of the various supports, the first of which is divine. I therefore thank Allah the Almighty for taking the University of Ilorin this far that this year that Nigeria is 50 and the University of Ilorin is 35, the University stands tall among those to be counted whenever the counting is done. I also thank our proprietors, the Federal Government of Nigeria, for giving the University the political will to grow and excel.

I appreciate our amiable Chancellor, HRM Dr. Benjamin Ikechukwu Keagborekuzi I, the Dein of Agbor, the youngest monarch in Africa, and I acknowledge our able Pro-Chancellor and Chairman of Council, Alh. Tukur Mani, the Tafarkin Katsina, who is also the Pro-Chancellor of Katsina State Polytechnic, Katsina. It is because of their support that the University emerged first in Nigeria this year from being second, as reported last year, in the well-acclaimed webometrics ranking of universities.

Whatever the University of Ilorin is today is not my making. I only happen to be a fortunate Vice-Chancellor who simply coordinates the various aspects of the University built already on a solid foundation. It is in this respect that I acknowledge the past Vice-Chancellors and principal officers of the University and recognise my colleagues in Council, Management, Senate and our entire staff and students. I also thank our individual and corporate benefactors and hope they will still continue to support the University in the years ahead as it remains committed to the arduous task of discharging its mandate to the world.

Once again, our graduands, I congratulate you; our distinguished guests, I thank you.

God bless you all.

Invitation for Bids (IFB)
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT OF NIGERIA
UNIVERSITY OF ILORIN, ILORIN
UNIVERSITY OF ILORIN STEP B PROJECT
CREDIT No. 4012-UNI
PROCUREMENT OF LABORATORY AND OFFICE EQUIPMENT
(IFB No. UIL/STEPB/NCB/G/01/2010)

1. This Invitation for Bids follows the General Procurement Notice for this Project that appeared in Development Business, issue no.591 of 2nd July, 2007.
2. The Government of the Federal Republic of Nigeria has received a credit from the International Development Association toward the cost of Science and Technology Education Post Basic Project, and it intends to apply part of the proceeds of this credit to payments under the Contract for the **Supply And Installation Of Laboratory and Office Equipment.**
3. The **University of Ilorin Step B project, implementing a STEPB project**, now invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for the procurement of the following:

Lot No.	Description of Item	Quantity	Location	Bid Security	Delivery period
1	Supply and Installation of Laboratory Equipment.	Various	University of Ilorin (Step B project).	2.5% of Bid Price	60 days
2	Office Equipment	Various	= do =	2.5% of Bid Price	60 days

4. Bidding will be conducted through the **National Competitive Bidding (NCB)**, a procedure specified in the World Bank's Guidelines: Procurement under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits, and is open to all bidders from Eligible Source Countries as defined in the Guidelines.

5. Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from **University of Ilorin Step B Project Office at the address below** and inspect the Bidding Documents from 8.00am to 4:00pm Mondays to Fridays, excluding weekends and public holidays.

6. Qualifications requirements include:

- Documentary evidence of previous supply (sale) and delivery of similar Laboratory Equipment, Biometric Equipment & Office Equipment for the last 5 years.
- Audited Financial Statements for the last 3 years to demonstrate the financial capability of the Bidder in terms of Profitability and adequate working capital.

A margin of preference for eligible national contractors **shall not be applied.** Additional details are provided in the Bidding Documents.

7. A complete set of Bidding Documents in **English** may be purchased by interested bidders on the submission of a written application to the address below and upon payment of a non refundable fee of **₦ 10,000.00 (Ten Thousand Naira) only or equivalent in any convertible currency.** The method of payment will be bank draft in favor of **University of Ilorin Step B Project.** The Bidding Documents will be collected by the representative of the Bidder or by courier services on request.

8. Bids must be delivered to the address below at or before **2:00pm on Monday February 14, 2011.** Electronic bidding **will not** be permitted. Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened in the presence of the bidders' representatives, who choose to attend in person at the address below at **2:00pm on Monday February 14, 2011.** All bids must be accompanied by a Bid Security as indicated in the table in paragraph three above or an equivalent amount in a freely convertible currency.

9. The address referred to above is:

Project Coordinator
University of Ilorin
Step B Project Office,
Ilorin, Kwara State,
Nigeria.

Telephone: 08033955317

E-MAIL: StepB_unilorin@yahoo.com

Signed
Prof. K. L. Ayorinde
Project Manager

75 students caught for indecent dressing

In its drive to rev up the anti-indecent dressing campaign on campus, a team of the University of Ilorin Committee on Dress Code led by the Chairman, Prof. Yasir A. Quadri, has caught and released 75 students over the violation of the dress code of the University.

The team, which included the Dean of Student Affairs, Prof. S. H. Umoh, the sub-Dean of Student Affairs, Dr. M. T. Yakubu, and others, carried out the exercise last Thursday (January 13, 2011) on the University premises. The arrested students were transported back to Tanke where they were told to go home and dress properly.

According to a statement signed by the Dean of Student Affairs, Prof. Umoh, on the exercise, the campaign will continue given the zero tolerance the University has for indecent dressing. He noted that the University remains committed to producing graduates who are sound not only in learning but also in character.

Unilorin distributes N14.6 million worth of cars

The Vice-Chancellor of University of Ilorin, Prof. Is-haq O. Oloyede, has presented four brand new Toyota Corolla cars purchased at N3.65 million each to some Deans of the University. The presentation took place last Friday, January 14, 2010.

The beneficiary offices are those of the Dean of Basic Medical Sciences, Dean of Clinical Sciences, Dean of Education and the Dean of Student Affairs.

While responding on the behalf of other beneficiaries, the Dean of Basic Medical Sciences, Prof. Ayo Soladoye, thanked the University management for the cars which he said would go a long way in facilitating their official duties.

Happy Birthday To You !

S/N	Name	Department/Unit	Date of Birth
1.	Nzeh , Donald A.	Radiology	18th January
2.	Sanni, Ahmed T.	Medical Microbiology and Parasitology	19th January
3.	Abubakre, Razaq D.	Arabic	20 th January
4.	Dawood, Hamzat A.	Business Law	21st January
5.	Talabi, Adetayo E.	Human Kinetics and Health Education	21st January
6.	Yusuf, AbdulGaniyu K.	Civil Engineering	21st January
7.	Omotosho, Ayodele B.	Medicine	22 nd January
8.	Olubiyi, Adeole T.	VC's Office	22 nd January

Unilorin in the News

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- The Helpline Officer of the Starcomms Phone lines of the University of Ilorin, Mr. I. O. Ogunbiyi, has urged the management staff to keep their lines on always to ensure value for money paid by the University. ('Workers told to keep phones on', "UNILORIN FILE", *The Nation*, same as above)
- The names and Departments of the 22 students expelled by the University of Ilorin recently have been published. ('22 students expelled', "UNILORIN FILE", same as above).
- The Minister of Education, Prof. Ruqayyatu Ahmed Rufai, has urged West African Vice-Chancellors to help in curbing the activities of some "degree mills" that perpetrate illegalities while speaking through her representative, Mrs. Ori Okojokwu, during the inauguration of AWAU at the University of Ilorin. ('West African varsities perpetrate illegalities', *The Nation*, same date, p.42).

LAUGH LINES

A thief stuck a local pistol in a man's rib during a traffic congestion, yelling, "Give me your money". The gentleman, shocked by the sudden attack, said, "You cannot do this. I am senator of the Federal Republic of Nigeria."
The thief said, "In that case, give me my money!"

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- Some Nigerians, including Prof. Razaq D. Abubakre of the University of Ilorin, have commented on the recent pronouncement to replace “English Language” with “English Studies” in Nigerian schools. (‘Stakeholders flay govt policy on English Language’, *Nigerian Compass*, Wed, January 12, 2011, p.14)
- Speaking at a Get-Together organised by the University of Ilorin Alumni Association, Unilorin Branch, the Vice-Chancellor of the University, Prof. Is-haq O. Oloyede, has said that he and other alumni cannot delete the University of Ilorin from their CV’s given the roles the University has played in their lives. (‘VC, alumni stress role of alma mater’, *Nigerian Compass*, Wednesday, January 12, 2011, p.15).
- The Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic), Prof. Kolade L. Ayorinde, and other officers and staff of the University of Ilorin have described in glowing terms the decision of the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Is-haq O. Oloyede, to step down as President of the Association of African Universities (AAU) in order to allow a Nigerian become the Secretary General of the body. (‘DVC, others laud UNILORIN VC’, *Nigerian Compass*, same as above, p.17).
- The authorities of the University of Ilorin have disbursed a sum of US\$105,000 won recently under the Innovators of Tomorrow STEP-B project of the World Bank to the winning postgraduate students through their supervisors. (‘UNILORIN disburses \$.1b STEP-B Funds’, *Nigerian Compass*, same as above, p.16).
- The University of Ilorin has expelled 22 students for conduct unbecoming of such students. (‘Varsity expels 22 students’, *Nigerian Compass*, same as above).
- The University of Ilorin, according to a statement issued by the Directorate of Information and Protocol of the Institution, had hosted the inauguration of AWAU. (‘Institution hosts AWAU inaugural meeting’, *Nigerian Compass*, same as above).
- Dr. Mahfouz Adedimeji has chronicled the activities that marked the destruction of several incandescent lamps recently as championed by the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin and the National Centre for Hydropower Research and development (NACHRED). (‘NACHRED, UNILORIN VC and the war on incandescent lamps’, *National Pilot*, Thursday 13 – Sunday 16 January, 2011, p.10).
- While speaking at the inauguration of AWAU at the University of Ilorin, the Secretary General of the Association of African Universities (AAU), Prof. Olugbemiro Jegede, has attributed the decline of higher education in Africa to crippling economic, ethnic and environmental crises. (‘Why African universities nosedived – AAU scribe’, *National Pilot*, same as above, p.16).
- The supervisors of the winning postgraduate students of the Innovators of Tomorrow project at the University of Ilorin have been urged by the Project Information Manager to liaise with the Procurement Officer on how to access the funds. (‘UNILORIN disburses 1billion dollars STEP-B funds’, *Nigerian Tribune*, Thur. January 13, 2011, p.26).
- At a Get-Together addressed by Prof. D.O. Durosaro and others, the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Is-haq O. Oloyede, has announced that the University is interested in recruiting alumni that have Ph.D. in Computer Science and Electrical Engineering. (‘Alumni Talk: I can’t delete UNILORIN from my life neither can you – Oloyede to alumni’, *Nigerian Tribune*, same as above, p.33).
- A 400 level student of Mass Communication, University of Ilorin, Abdullateef Aliyu, has written a Campus Life lead report on the practical presentation of his class on political communication. (‘A fierce ‘presidential battle,’ *The Nation*, Thursday, January 13, 2010, pp. 25 and 27).
- A former “popular student activist” of the University of Ilorin, Abdulkareem Mohammed, has expressed his view on issues bordering on politics. (‘NANS can’t endorse Jonathan on our behalf,’ *The Nation*, same as above, p.26).
 - For getting themselves involved in various acts of misconduct, the University of Ilorin has sent 22 students back to their parents. (‘Varsity expels 22 students’, *The Nation*, same date, p.37).
 - In a letter addressed to the Supervisors of STEP-B Innovators of Tomorrow winners by the project Information Manager, Dr. Mahfouz A. Adedimeji, the exact amounts of money that each postgraduate student won has been communicated to the beneficiaries’ supervisors. (‘₦15.9m for STEP-B projects’, “UNILORIN FILE”, *The Nation*, same date, p.41).

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- The supervisors of the winners of the 2010 Innovators of Tomorrow, a World Bank project, at the University of Ilorin have been notified of how much their postgraduate students have from the recent \$105,000 grant given to the University.
(‘UNILORIN disburses World Bank’s \$105,000 grant’, *Nigerian Tribune*, Monday, January 10, 2011, p.10).
- In their efforts to sanitise the University environment, the authorities of the University of Ilorin have expelled 22 students on the grounds of misconduct.
(‘UNILORIN expels 22 students’ *Nigerian Tribune*, same as above, p.49).
- A Professor of the University of Ilorin and former Vice-Chancellor of Al-Hikmah University, Prof. Razaq ‘Deremi Abubakre, has ventilated his opinion on politics.
(‘Atiku, a hard fighting and resilient politician’, *Nigerian Tribune*, same as above, p. 51).
- The Minister of Education, Prof. Ruqqayatu Ahmed Rufai, has inaugurated the Association of West Africa Universities at the University of Ilorin, which was attended by Vice-Chancellors of West African universities and the Secretaries General of Association of African Universities (AAU), Prof. Olugbemiro Jegede, and Association of Vice-Chancellors of Nigerian Universities (AVCNU), Prof. J. D. Amin.
(*NTA Ilorin* news at 7:00 p.m. on Monday January 10, 2011).
- The University of Ilorin has expelled some 22 students for various acts of misconduct while the University as well has given funds under the STEP-B Innovators of Tomorrow to the winning postgraduate students through their supervisors.
(‘Unilorin expels 22, disburses ₦15.75m to Ph.D students’, *The Punch*, Tuesday, January 11, 2001, p.40).
- The Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, has described the inauguration of the Association of West Africa universities at his University as “a right step in the right direction”.
(‘West African varsities push for greater collaboration – inaugurate sub-regional association’, *The Punch*, same as above, p.41)
- The University of Ilorin has partnered three consultants in the field of Otolaryngology, Dr. Tunde Odutoye, Dr. Jersen Keriebijn and Dr. Hans Hoeve, when they visited Prof. Is-haq O. Oloyede, recently.
(‘Surgeons, Unilorin partner on medical practices’, *Daily Trust*, Tuesday January 11, 2011, p.45).
- The Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, has urged West African Universities to work together to address the development challenges facing the sub-region during the inauguration of AWAU at his University.
(*Radio Kwara FM* news at 5:00 p.m and 7:00 p.m., Tuesday January 11, 2011).
- A new Association of West Africa Universities (AWAU) has been inaugurated by the Minister of Education, Prof. Ruqqayatu Ahmed Rufa’i, at the University of Ilorin where the Vice-Chancellor of the University, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, tasked the regional universities to collaborate.
(*Radio Nigeria /Harmony FM Idofian* news, at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday January 11, 2011).
- The authorities of the University of Ilorin have expelled 22 students across various departments for various acts of misconduct.
(‘Unilorin expels 22 students for misconduct’, *P.M. News*, Tuesday, January 11, 2011 at pmnewsnigeria.com/2011/01/11unilorin-expels-22-students-for-misconduct.)
- The Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Is-haq O. Oloyede, has said that the solution to the problems of Africa lies in collaboration while speaking during the inauguration of the Association of West Africa Universities (AWAU) recently.
(‘Oloyede tasks African universities’, *The Herald*, Wednesday, January 12, 2011, p.19).

Quotes of the Week

Nobody can hurt me without my permission. – Mahatma Gandhi

Politics is almost as exciting as war, and quite as dangerous. In war, you can only be killed once, but in politics, many times. – Winston Churchill

Whenever you do a thing, act as if all the world were watching. – Thomas Jefferson

Education is that which discloses to the wise and disguises from the foolish their lack of understanding. – Ambrose Bierce

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