



Shagari, Oloyede sue for peace and unity



PEACE PLEASE: Alh. Shagari speaking at the occasion last Tuesday

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Both the first Executive President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, Alh. Sheu Usman Shagari, and the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin and National Coordinator/Executive Secretary of the Nigeria Inter-religious Council (NIREC), Prof. Ishaq O. Oloyede, have urged Nigerians to work together in peace and harmony so that Nigeria can remain great.

Alh. Shagari and Prof. Oloyede made this appeal while addressing a gathering of participants and stakeholders in the Nigerian project during the opening ceremony of the 3rd Quarter 2010 meeting of the Nigeria Inter-religious Council (NIREC) last Tuesday (October 12, 2010) at the Auditorium of Sokoto State Polytechnic, Sokoto.
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Jonathan to commission Unilorin projects

As part of the 26th convocation ceremonies, President, Commander-in-Chief of the Nigerian Armed Forces, Dr. Goodluck Ebele Jonathan, will commission some of the projects executed between the last convocation and now, this Friday (October 22, 2010). The ceremonies begin today with the Vice-Chancellor's Press Briefing at the Auditorium.

The projects selected for commissioning are the Professorial Suites of the Faculty of Agriculture (cost: N84,399.88), Phase Two of the Faculty of Business and Social Sciences (cost: N125,117.217.00), and the Faculty of Communication and Information Sciences (cost: N300,196.408.05)

Others are the Computer-Based Test Hall for Science (cost: N66,592.263.50), Computer-Based Test Hall for Engineering and Technology (cost: N66, 592, 263.50) the Block of Offices for Works Department (cost: N22,988,504.00), the Network Operation Centre and the University of Ilorin School for Preliminary Studies
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THE VISITOR: President Jonathan

Sultan, CAN President condemn Abuja blasts, advocate peaceful co-existence

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According to the former President, the solution to the problems of Nigeria does not lie in breaking the country apart. He then urged all to embrace the spirit of brotherhood as he emphasised the need for love, peace and unity among Nigerians.



COUTESY: NIREC leaders, including Prof. Oloyede, with the Sokoto State Governor

While urging Nigerians to see themselves as one people with one destiny, the elder statesman said that those who think splitting the country along ethno-religious lines are mistaken.

Alh. Shagari cited the case of India which split into Hindu and Muslim divides in 1947 as an example, saying that more than fifty years after the partition, religion still remains a contentious issue in the two countries and they are still facing serious challenges.

In his own speech, Prof. Oloyede submitted that the convergence of NIREC members on Sokoto was home coming. He recalled that NIREC was formed in 1999 because of the felt need for peace, unity and

harmonious co-existence when Christian leaders paid a visit to late Sultan Maccido and suggested the creation of an inter-faith body. Prof. Oloyede said Nigerians share many things in common and the essence of religion which they profess is love and peace.

Also speaking at the occasion, the Sultan of Sokoto and Co-Chairman of NIREC, Alh. Muhammad Sa'ad Abubakar, said that the 50th independence anniversary of Nigeria marked in this month should serve as a period of introspection and reflection.

According to the Sultan, "We must be able to acknowledge the pivotal role which a purposeful and selfless leadership plays in the development of a nation and how gross failure of leadership has retarded our efforts in the last few decades".

The Co-Chairman also condemned the bomb blasts of October 1, 2010, kidnappings especially in the Niger Delta, killings associated with Boko Haram and other groups as well as the general state of insecurity in the country.

Earlier speaking during a courtesy visit of NIREC members to the Governor of Sokoto State, Alh. Aliyu Magatakarda Wammako, at the Government House, Sokoto, the Co-Chairman of NIREC and President of the Christian Association of Nigeria, Pastor Ayo Oritsejafor, said NIREC is a body aimed at bringing Muslims and Christians together in order to devise ways of achieving peaceful mutual co-existence.

He expressed the sympathy of NIREC to the victims of the recent flood in parts of Sokoto and neighbouring states and prayed for the peaceful repose of the dead.

The Governor, Alh. Wammako, thanked NIREC and described as a rare honour and great privilege the opportunity of having a high-powered committee of royal fathers and religious leaders from across the country in Sokoto. He apologised that he would have loved to attend the opening ceremony in person if not that he would be receiving the President, Dr. Goodluck Jonathan, who would be arriving Sokoto same day for the foundation laying ceremony of Sokoto State University.

The opening ceremony was attended by the Secretary to the Government of Sokoto State, Alhaji Sahabi Isa Gada, who represented the Governor; the Governor of Kano State, Malam Ibrahim Shekarau and the Governor of Katsina State, represented by Alh. Abubakar Yusuf Bindawa, Special Adviser on Community Development; all of who delivered their goodwill messages.

Omotoso challenges graduands as Unilorin produces 132 fresh medics

The University of Ilorin last Wednesday (October 13, 2010) further fulfilled part of its mandate: it graduated through its College of Health Sciences some 132 medical doctors as part of its contribution to the development of the critical health sector.

Speaking at the occasion, the Provost of the College of Health Sciences, Prof. A.B.O. Omotosho congratulated the new medics and charged them not to be overwhelmed by the euphoria of their status but to take the challenges ahead of them with seriousness.

“The medical doctor does not simply swing a stethoscope or place it around his neck; he carries responsibility on his shoulders and caters for the life of society on the most literal level. There are global issues to grasp with and local challenges you must face... In 1991, the average life expectancy in Nigeria was 54 years for women and 53 years for men. In 2009, these figures have significantly fallen to 48 for women and 46 for men”, he said.

Prof. Omotosho said doctors today are concerned with the issues of HIV/AIDS, they contend with the reality of malaria, which is yet to be “rolled back” and are confronted with non-communicable diseases which he said “are more prevalent than were previously encountered, mirroring the trend towards the Western lifestyle and ultimately, disease pattern transition”.

The Professor of internal medicine further admonished the graduands to live and practise according to the oath of their profession and live lives dedicated to God and professionalism. His words:

“Finally, class of 2010, you will do well to remember that the ember glows only after wood is exposed to fire. You have been trained by fire. Now that the heat is behind you, the onus lies on you to remain red-hot in intensity and in integrity, knowing that in character and in learning were you trained. Remember God, the Sustainer of life, in all you do and glow with His grace at all times”.

Speaking in the same light, the Guest Speaker and former Provost of the College of Medicine, University of Ibadan, Prof. Akinyinka Omigbodun, tasked the graduands to imbibe the virtues of honesty, integrity, and professionalism in their practice saying that they have no reason to fail. “You are called to deliver”, he told them.

The highpoints of the occasion included the presentation of medical elders by the Dean of Basic Medical Sciences, Prof. A. O. Soladoye; the oath taking by the Registrar of the Medical and Dental Council of Nigeria, Dr. A. A. Ibrahim; the affirmation of oath by the College of Health Sciences Secretary, Dr. B. S.

Adisa; the presentation of the graduands to the medical elders by Dr. A. O. Yusuf and a bow to the Vice-Chancellor, who was represented at the occasion by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, principal officers, the Provost and his Deans, the Chairman of the UITH Board, the Chief Medical Director, Dr. A. W. O. Latinwo, all officers and teachers, on the stage, parents and guardians, by the graduands.

Fast Facts File

Did you know?

- According to the 2010 Global Monitoring Report of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO), about 92% of Nigerians survive on less than \$2 daily while about 71% survive on less than \$1 a day.
- In a recent report by the World Distribution of Income by Xavier Sala-i-Martin, one of the largest increases in poverty rates occurred in Nigeria, rising from 14.5% of the country’s population in 1970 to over 50% in 2000.
- In 1960, Nigeria produced almost half of the world’s palm oil, now it covers only just 7% and life expectancy today is around 47.

Unilorin convocation week begins today

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Meanwhile, the Chairman of the Ceremonials Committee, Prof. Olu Atteh, has urged all members of the University community and the larger public to join hands with his Committee in order to achieve successful convocation outing.

Prof. Atteh said that only the graduands, not their families and relations will be seated in the Auditorium during the convocation ceremony this Friday. Close circuit television will be provided for the graduands' guests at the Auditorium basement and adjoining areas to follow the activities in the Main Auditorium.

Speaking further, the former Dean of Agriculture noted that the University Dam Site has been provided with car parking area and sheds for the entertainment and reception of guests.

He also appealed to the staff and students to cooperate with the traffic control officers during the Friday and Saturday ceremonies to ensure that all activities go on as planned.

Oloyede commiserates with UDUSOK VC

The Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, has commiserated with his counterpart at Usmanu Dan Fodiyo University, Sokoto (UDUSOK) Prof. R. A. Shehu, over the recent flood incident that disrupted academic life of the University.

Prof. Oloyede identified with Prof. Shehu last Monday (October 11, 2010) during a courtesy call on the Vice-Chancellor at Sokoto.

According to the University of Ilorin Vice-Chancellor, who is also the President of the Association of African Universities (AAU), his visit to the Vice-Chancellor was in three layers. He visited as a friend of the University, as the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin and as the President of the AAU.

Prof. Oloyede then condoled Prof. Shehu saying that himself, the University of Ilorin and the AAU empathise with the University.

While inspecting the campus, the Vice-Chancellor appreciated the Federal Government for the swift provision of emergency resources to the victims of the flood and the deployment of army engineers who mounted a floating bridge with which access to the University is possible after the flood destroyed the access bridge.

In a chat with *Unilorin Bulletin*, the army engineers manning the floating bridge described it as a facility that can cope with any emergency. They said if it further rains heavily, rather than be damaged, the bridge will float like a ship and can always provide access to human and vehicular traffic for as long as possible.



The access bridge on campus partly washed away by the devastating flood



The floating bridge that now serves as the access route to and from the university

Unilorin hosts CODAPNU next week

The University of Ilorin is set to host the Committee of Directors of Academic Planning of Nigerian Universities (CODAPNU) for their 2010 Workshop and Annual General Meeting.

The programme, which holds between Sunday October 24 and Thursday October 28, 2010 at the University Auditorium, will feature presentations by seasoned academics and frontline scholars.

The keynote presentation on the theme of the workshop, “Research and National Development: Challenges and the Way Forward” will be made by the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Is-haq O. Oloyede, on Tuesday October 26, 2010.

Other papers to be presented at the Workshop are, “Development Driven Research: Experience from other Countries” by Prof. M.A. Akanji, Chairman, Central Research Laboratory, University of Ilorin; “Funding Research in Nigerian Universities: Prospects and Constraints” by Prof. Biodun Adediran of Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife; and “Universities’ Academic Programme Curricula and Research Development in Nigeria” by Prof. E.B. Sonaiya also of Obafemi Awolowo University Ile-Ife.

According to the Director of Academic Planning, University of Ilorin and Chairman of the Local Organising Committee, Prof. A.G.A.S. Oladosu, the workshop offers another opportunity for all lecturers of the University of Ilorin to keep abreast of issues bordering on research.

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

Complete your registration for 2010/2011 now, all students told

Both the undergraduate and postgraduate students of the University of Ilorin are to complete their registration for the 2010/2011 latest by the end of this week. An additional late registration period lasting till the 30th of October is also available after which those who fail to register will lose their studentship, according to a statement signed by the Deputy Registrar (Academic), Mrs. F.M. Olowoleni. The statement reads as follows:

“This is to inform all students that the normal registration, for both Postgraduate and Undergraduate students for the 2010/2011 Academic Session, would now close on **Saturday, 23rd October 2010 by 12.00 midnight**, while the late registration will commence on **Sunday, 24th to Saturday 30th October, 2010 by 12.00 midnight**.

“You are therefore advised to utilize this extension to conclude your registration.

“You are to note that a conclusive registration validates your studentship and as such failure to conclude registration within the stipulated period implies the loss of your studentship.”

Alabi bags professional excellence award

The acting Head of the Department of Metallurgical and Materials Engineering, Dr. A.G.F. Alabi, has been awarded a “Shield of Professional Excellence (SpEx)” by the Metallurgical, Mining and Materials Division of the Nigerian Society of Engineers (NSE).

The award was conferred on Dr. Alabi during the Annual National Conference of the Division that held on September 23, 2010 at Sheraton Hotel, Lagos.

According to a letter addressed to Dr. Alabi by the Chairman of NSE, Metallurgical, Mining and Materials Division, the Society decided to honour the recipient, a former Chairman of NSE, Kwara State Chapter, “after due consideration of your professional devotion and consistence (sic) contribution to the profession over 20 years”.

In his comment on the award, Dr. Alabi expressed his appreciation to the University and promised to continue to positively project its image.

STAFF DEVELOPMENT AWARD

The following staff have benefitted from the University Staff Development Award scheme:

2007/2008 Staff Development Award

Recipient	Programme	Department
Mr. Bilewu, Solomon Olakunle	Ph.D.	Civil Engineering
Mr. Olasina, Gbolahan	Ph.D	Library and Information Science
Mr. Akinola, Oluwole Busayo	Ph.D	Anatomy
Mrs. Adebayo, Sijuwola Adebukola	Ph.D	Agric. Extension and Rural Development
Mr. Odeh, Lemuel Ekedegwa	Ph.D	History
Mr. Muhammed. Abdulrasheed Alada	Ph.D	Political Science
2008/2009 Staff Development Award		
Mrs. Odetoeye, Temitope Elizabeth	Ph.D	Chemical Engineering
Mr. Ajewole, Davis Ojo	Ph.D	Geology
Mr. Oyejobi, Damilola Oyewumi	Ph.D	Civil Engineering
Mr. Ahmed, Oladimeji	Ph.D	Crop Protection
Mr. Oladosu, Olalekan Adebowale	Ph.D	Engineering Technology
Mr. Okukpe, Kehinde Mathias	Ph.D	Animal Production
Mr. Hamid, Abdulmumeen Amao	Ph.D	Chemistry
Mrs. Abikoye, Oluwakemi Christiana	Ph.D	Computer Science
Mr. Usman, Bolaji Abdulkadir	Ph.D	Geography
Mr. Abdurahman, Idris Abdulganiyu	Ph.D	Economics
2009/2010 Staff Development Award		
Mr. Badmus, Abdulhameed Abiodun	Ph.D	Animal Production
Mrs. Ayinla, Maryam Tayo	Residency Programme	Physiology
Mrs. Olatokun, Ganiat Mobolaji	Ph.D	Property Law
Mrs. Abdul-Razaq, Funsho Fatimo	Ph.D	Property Law
Mr. Sunmonu, Musliu Olushola	Ph.D	Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering
Mrs. Tunde, Afolabi Monisola	Ph.D	Geography
Miss. Obaleye, Mary Oluwaseyi	Ph.D	Chemistry
2010/2011 Staff Developemt Award		
Mr. Afolayan, Kayode Niyi	Ph.D	English

LAUGH LINES

A boy returns from school and asks his father to explain to him the differences among irritation, aggravation and frustration.

The father thinks for a second and picks up his cell phone. He dials a number at random and put it on the speaker mode.

When the phone is answered, he asks, "Can I speak to Bayonle please?"

"No! I am not Bayonle or whatever please."

His father says, "That's irritation."

He picks his phone and dials the same number and asks for Bayonle the second time.

"What's the problem? You called this number earlier and I told you I'm not Bayonle. Go away. If you call this number again, I'll inform the authorities!"

The father tells his boy, "You see, that's aggravation".

"Then what's frustration," asks his son.

The father dials the same number for a third time.

"Hello, this is Bayonle. Have you got any message for me?" he asks casually.

Why UNILORIN is internationalising, by VC

The Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Is-haq O. Oloyede, has said that the University of Ilorin is proud to be located in the pluralistic society of Ilorin and this accounts for why the University is committed to making itself pluralistic through attracting scholars and students from all over the world in its system.

Prof. Oloyede made this submission in his speech at the presentation of a book, *Sayyid Qutb: A Study of his Tafsir*, written by the acting Head of Religions Department and former Commissioner of the National Hajj Commission of Nigeria (NAHCON), Dr. Badmus Lanre Yusuf, last Saturday (October 16, 2010) at the University of Ilorin Auditorium.

According to the Vice-Chancellor, who also sits on the Board of the International Association of Universities (IAU), Ilorin community is naturally a pluralistic society with various cultures like Hausa, Fulani, Yoruba and many others. He likened Ilorin to a university which also provides a mix of cultural, linguistic and academic varieties. His words:

“Ilorin community is a pluralistic society and it is naturally pluralistic in the positive sense of the word because even those of us from Abeokuta have a compound here, Ile Egba. So there are natives who are Hausas, there are natives who are Fulanis; there are natives of this land who are Yorubas. It is a community that can be regarded as a university because one of the attributes of a university is to be universal...In terms of being native, Ilorin is a multi-cultural, multi-linguistic and very pluralistic society.

Therefore, our University is lucky to be located in such a multi-cultural setting and that is why the University of Ilorin has no option but to internationalise its programmes because we are in a community that is used to multiplicity of all the segments of the society.”

According to Prof. Oloyede, who is also the President of the Association of African Universities (AAU), it is part of the commitment of the University of Ilorin to the development of humanity and preservation of knowledge that it is establishing a Centre for Ilorin Studies. The Centre, Prof. Oloyede said, is meant to appraise and examine Ilorin through the study of scholars who are naturally indigenes of Ilorin and their scholarly works; those who have lived in Ilorin and contributed to its scholarship and all works that have been written about anyone in Ilorin or the community itself. He said the Centre would study Ilorin fully and build on the nature of the community.

Prof. Oloyede lauded the author, describing him as a pride to anything he is associated with. He described Dr. Yusuf as an international scholar who was born in Ilorin for humanity in general.

The Chairman of the occasion and former Chief Justice of Nigeria, Justice Salihu Modibbo Belgore, commended the effort of Dr. Yusuf saying that he had learnt a lot from him through the book. According to the retired CJN, the more one reads the Qur’an, the more one worships Allah and reading a thousand books on *Tafsir* (Quranic exegesis) is learning the divine message in a thousand ways.

While reviewing the book, Dr. Imam O. Imam of the University of Maiduguri, represented by Dr. Abdulrafii Adebayo of the Department of Religions, University of Ilorin, observed that the author is an admirer of Sayyid Qutb and he has demonstrated, through his scholarly appraisal of Qutb’s *Tafsir*, that Islamic scholars should not limit their scope to specific areas of knowledge but should explore many other areas of knowledge to bring quality to bear on their works.

The occasion, which was an admixture of town and gown, was attended by personalities like the Chief Imam of Ilorin, Alh. Imam Bashir Solihu, the Chief Imam and Waziri of Auchi, who is also the Dean of Arts, University of Ilorin, Prof. Zakariyau I. Oseni; the former Chairman of the ICPC, Justice Mustapha Akanbi; the Grand Kadi of Kwara State, Justice Idris Haroun; the former Grand Kadi, Justice Mutallab Hambali; the Kwara State Commissioner for Agriculture and Natural Resources, Prof. Mohammed Gana Isa and other eminent personalities including traditional leaders.



SCHOLARS: A cross-section of the dignitaries at the occasion

Stop inciting Nigerians, NIREC tells politicians

The Nigeria inter-religious Council, a body of fifty Muslim and Christian traditional/ religious leaders, has warned Nigerian politicians against utterances that are capable of undermining the peace and unity of the country as Nigeria prepares for the 2011 general elections. It also urges politicians to conduct their campaigns with decorum, dignity and respect and eschew the manipulation of religion and ethnicity.

NIREC gave this warning in a communiqué read by its National Coordinator/ Executive Secretary, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, and endorsed by the Co-Chairmen, the Sultan of Sokoto, Alh. Muhammd Sa'ad Abubakar and the President of the Christian Association of Nigeria, Pastor Ayo Oritsejafor, at the end of the meeting of the body last Wednesday (October 13, 2010) at the Sultan's Palace, Sokoto.



PEACE: The Sultan of Sokoto, CAN President and traditional rulers, including the Emir of Ilorin, with the Governor of Sokoto State, Alh. Magatakarda Wammako (2nd from right)

Among other things, NIREC

- Condemns categorically and in strong terms the bombings that occurred in Abuja during the Anniversary Celebrations.
- Commiserates with the families of those who lost their lives in the senseless mayhem and pray that the Almighty console them.
- Wishes those who were injured during the attack quick recovery.
- Urges the Federal Government to leave no stone unturned in fishing out the culprits of the dastardly act and prosecute them.
- Condemns the rising culture of kidnapping in our society.
- Calls on the National Assembly to promulgate a law that would prescribe appropriate punishment commensurate to the serious crime of kidnapping.

- Condemns categorically the spate of killings and assassinations attributed to the Boko Haram group and calls on the judiciary to expedite action in the dispensation of justice.
- Urges the government to implement the convention on the control of small arms to which the country is a signatory.
- Calls on security agencies at the border to map out strategies for curbing the importation of small arms.

On the Role of Traditional and Religious Leaders:

- Government at all levels and the security agencies must join hands with traditional and religious leaders and other well meaning Nigerians to ensure that national crises are tackled urgently and decisively.
- Urges religious and traditional leaders to restrain themselves from getting involved in partisan politics but rather to focus attention and energies in supporting the sound foundations upon which our political and socio-economic systems are built.

On the Forthcoming Elections:

- Appeals to politicians and the generality of Nigerians to guard their utterances and not foment violence in the country.
- Calls on politicians to conduct their campaigns with decorum, dignity and respect and eschew the manipulation of religion and ethnicity.
- Urges all leaders and stakeholders not to pay disproportionate attention to the politics of personalities over the politics of issues and remember that leadership is about vision and the ability to design appropriate and responsive programmes to actualize the vision.
- Calls on all stakeholders especially the INEC and the police to work together for free, fair and credible elections.
- Urges all security agencies to be always alert and to nip in the bud any crisis that may rear its ugly head.
- Calls on religious and traditional leaders to strive to promote the values of equity and justice to engender peace and good governance.
- Urges all to promote the values of equity and justice which are necessary ingredients for peace and good governance.
- Urges the States and Local Governments that are yet to establish their Chapters of NIREC to do so in order to spread the message of religious co-existence and harmony to the grass roots.

Oseni thanks varsity community on daughter's wedding

The Dean of Arts, Prof Z. I. Oseni, has expressed his appreciation to all members of the University Community for their contributions to making his daughter's wedding a success. A statement signed by Prof. Oseni reads in part:

“On behalf of my family and Auchu community, I hereby express our gratitude to all those who spent their precious time and money for our sake, as well as those prayed for the success of the Wedding Ceremony of my daughter, Halimah and her husband, Kashif K. Olosu at Auchu on Saturday, 25th September 2010.

“I wish to single out for this expression of appreciation the Vice-Chancellor of the University, other principal officers, Deans, Heads of Departments, Academic Staff Union of Universities (Unilorin Branch), the Unilorin Muslim Community and all staff and students of the Faculty of Arts.”

Happy Birthdays To You!

S/No	Name	Department/ Unit	Date of Birth
1	Usman, Abdullatef.	Economics	October 17
2	Dawodu, Florence M.	Library	October 17
3	Bamidele, Funke I.	Agronomy	October 18
4	Akanbi, Gbenle M.	Academic Office	October 18
5	Ayorinde, Atinuke M.	Human Kinetics and Health Education	October 19
6	Falaiye, Oluwaseun A.	Physics	October 19
7	Alabi, Joseph A.	Works Department /Civil	October 20
8	Owolabi, David O.	Zoology	October 20
9	Adeyeye, Modupe O.	Agric	October 22
10	Ayoku, Taibat T.	Bursary	October 22
11	Olororo, Issa U.	Sports Unit	October 22
12	Akande, Samuel O.	Geology and Mineral Sciences	October 22
13	Ijaiya, Najeem A.	Public Law	October 23
14	Adisa, Sulaiman A.	University School	October 23
15	Ogunremi, Toyin F.	Health Services	October 23

Unilorin in the News

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- The Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic), University of Ilorin, Prof. Kolade Ayorinde, and the Student Union leadership of the University have urged students to refrain from acts of indiscipline as they resume for the 2010/2011 academic session.
(‘Students Union caution against indiscipline’, *Nigerian Compass*, Wednesday, October 13, 2010, p.15)
- A book edited by Professors Julius Okojie, Is-haq Oloyede and Pai Obanya, has been presented during the International Conference on 50 Years of University Education in Nigeria organized by the NUC in conjunction with the AVCNU and the University of Ilorin during which Dr. Jamil Salmi delivered a lecture on the Challenge of Establishing World Class Universities.
(‘Conference x-rays features of world-class varsity’, *This Day*, Wednesday, October 13, 2010, p.45)
- In a comment on a column, Dr. Mahfouz Adedimeji has corrected the impression given that the University of Ilorin is the only Nigerian University in Africa's best 100 category of webometrics ranking saying that there are actually seven Nigerian universities in that category.
(‘Re-Fixing education’, *the Nation*, Thursday, October 14, 2010, p.26)
- The University of Ilorin will be organizing its 26th convocation ceremonies between 18 and 23 October 2010. (Jingle, ‘NTA Ilorin’, Thursday October 14 and Friday October 15, 2010, 9:55p.m.)
- The University of Ilorin announces and invites all members of the public to its 26th convocation ceremonies which begin on Monday October 18, 2010 with the Vice-Chancellor's press briefing
(‘Jingle’, Radio Kwara, Thursday October 14, 2010, @ 12:05p.m; Friday, October 15, 2010 @ 12:05 p.m; Saturday, October 16, 2010 @ 3:15p.m and Sunday October 17, 2010 @ 3:15p.m.)
- The University of Ilorin will be organising its 26th convocation ceremonies where not less than 1,322 higher degree graduands will be celebrated. (‘Unilorin sets stage for 26th convocation’ and ‘Unilorin leaps higher at 26th convocation’, *The Herald*, Friday, October 15, 2010, pp.20 -21.)

Unilorin in the News

- In a paid advertisement, the University of Ilorin has announced the 26th convocation programmes and provided vital information to the graduands. ('University of Ilorin: 26th convocation ceremonies', *The Herald*, Monday, October 11, 2011, p. 14)
- The 26th convocation ceremonies of the University of Ilorin begin with a press conference to be addressed by the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, on Monday October 18, 2010. ('Unilorin holds 26th convocation', *The Herald*, same as above, p.24)
- During a one week visit of the University of Ilorin French students to the Republic of Benin, a philanthropist and member of the Governing Council of Beinin Republic, Mrs. Grace Lawani, observed that 'education in Nigeria is good'. ('Education in Nigeria is good', *The Herald*, same as above)
- In a lead paper presented at the 34th Annual Conference of the Genetics Association of Nigeria, the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic), University of Ilorin, Prof. Kolade L. Ayorinde, has charted the way forward for genetics research and development in Nigeria. ('How to improve genetics research in Nigeria – Don', *The Herald*, same as above, p.25)
- The authorities of the University of Ilorin have announced that the 26th convocation ceremonies of the University will hold between October 18 and 23, 2010. ('University of Ilorin: Information for Graduands', *The Punch*, Monday, October 11, 2010, p.86; also see *Daily Trust*, same date, p.25)
- The University of Ilorin is set to start its 26th convocation ceremonies with the Vice-Chancellor's press briefing on Monday October 18, 2010. ('Unilorin holds convocation October 18', *New Nigerian*, Monday, October 11, 2010, p.21)
- Eminent Nigerians are expected to attend the presentation of a book written by the acting Head of religions Department, University of Ilorin, Dr. Badmas Lanre Yusuf, at the University Auditorium on Saturday October 16, 2010. ('Belgore, ex-CJN, Akanbi, others for Sayyid Qutb launch', *National Pilot*, Monday 11 – Wednesday 13 October, 2010, p.5)
- The Chief Medical Director of the University of Ilorin Teaching Hospital, Dr. Abdulwaheed Olatinwo, has disclosed that no fewer than 3.5 million patients had been successfully treated at the UITH since its establishment in May 1980. ('UITH treats 3.5m patients in 30 years', *National Pilot*, same as above, p.15)
- Two photographs of the Founder's Day celebration of the University of Ilorin Secondary School have been published. ('People, places and events', *National Pilot*, same as above, p.17)
- Multilinks Nigeria Limited has donated paediatrics equipment estimated at six million naira to the University of Ilorin Teaching Hospital. ('Multilinks donate N6m equipment to UITH', *National Pilot*, same as above, p.24)
- A lecturer in the Department of Religions, Dr. Pius Abioje, has made a case for both Henry Orkah and Raymond Dokpesi in respect of the October 1 bombing in Abuja. ('Orkah and Dokpesi should be protected', *The Nation*, Tuesday, October 12 2010, p.20.)
- Dr. Badmas Lanre Yusuf of the University of Ilorin has been appointed Amirul Hajj for the 2010 Hajj Operation of Kwara State. ('Badmus is Kwara Amirul Hajj', *The Herald*, Wednesday, October 13, 2010, p.3)

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Quotes of the Week

We must accept finite disappointment but never lose infinite hope.

- Martin Luther King, Jr.

I find hope in the darkest of days, and focus in the brightest. I do not judge the universe.

- The Dalai Lama

My father taught me that reputation, not money, was the most important thing in the world. William Rosenberg