



## Nigerian graduates are employable – Omo-Ettu



**TRUE TALK:** *Engr. Omo-Ettu delivering his lecture*

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**COUNTDOWN TO WAUG 2012**

**Three weeks to go!**

**C**ontrary to the widely held notion that Nigerian graduates are not employable, the President of the Association of Telecommunication Companies of Nigeria (ATCOM), Engr. Titi Omo-Ettu, has insisted that graduates of Nigerian universities are employable and they can compete favourably with their counterparts anywhere in the world.

Engr. Omo-Ettu gave this disclosure last Thursday (December 15, 2011) while speaking on the topic, "ICT Applications and Contemporary Challenges for Emerging Graduates" at the public lecture organised by the Faculty of Communication and Information Sciences, at the University of Ilorin.

According to the expert, it has been discovered that Nigerian graduates are ready and could work in any environment, with just five days of training in the industry, as a result of the great job already done on them by the universities.

Engr. Omo-Ettu stressed that the problems of Nigeria are being over-dramatised to a point where the coming generation are being discouraged from making impacts on the country. He predicted that anyone who does not apply ICT in his endeavour in the next five years would be out of business while tasking fresh graduates to think in terms of productivity and not in terms of consumption. *(Contd. on page 2)*

## Unilorin graduates a new set of 107 medics

**A** total of 107 medical doctors were added to the growing list of medical professionals produced by the University of Ilorin at the professional initiation and admission ceremony for the 2011 second batch of medical graduands of the University held last Monday (December 12, 2011) at the University Auditorium.

Speaking at the occasion, the Vice-Chancellor and Chairman of the ceremony, Prof. Is-haq O. Oloyede, who was represented by the Provost, College of Health Sciences, Prof. A. B. O. Omotoso, congratulated the graduands and their parents on their achievements and wished them the best in their careers and all they lay their hands on.

In his own address, captioned "ECLECTICS...Different Pieces...Incredible Outcome", the Provost, Prof. Omotoso, thanked the Oloyede-led Administration for the "unalloyed support" it has always given the College.

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**MEDICS:** *A cross section of the newly minted medical doctors at the induction ceremony last Monday*

## Engage industry in curricular development, varsities urged

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The ATCOM President described ICT as a catalyst that makes performance better, faster, neater and cheaper. He added that ICT is an enabler to knowledge and business development that has radicalised the way we work, play and even pray.

He noted that the 2015 target of the World Summit on Information Society (WSIS) for all persons, schools, health centres, governments, institutions and businesses to be connected in a global digital economy would not be feasible in Nigeria but that the country could meet its own ICT target by 2015.

According to Engr. Omo-Ettu, the agenda of ATCOM includes: providing broadband internet access for all in next 10 years; connecting the Last Man by Planning in Total and implementing in phases; reducing Telephone Terminals per person to one; motivating investment into Internet retailer services; inducing demand by propagating content and applications; and assisting government's regulatory body (Nigerian Communications Commission) in all ways.



*ICT: A group photograph with the guest lecturer*

The ATCOM boss commended the University of Ilorin for taking the lead in ICT initiatives and encouraged other universities to take a cue from the University. He said his presence in the University confirmed to him that all he had been reading in the newspapers about the University of Ilorin are true. He concluded by pleading with the university authorities in the country to rub minds with industry players on the development of their curricula.

Earlier speaking at the occasion, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, who was represented by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research, Technology and Innovation), Prof. Y. M. Fakunle, said that the University is committed to the development of ICT and its deployment to a wide range of its activities. The Vice-Chancellor said telecommunication is at the heart of every endeavour in today's world and therefore congratulated the Faculty of Communication and Information Sciences on the public lecture.

In his own remarks, the Dean of Communication and Information Sciences, Prof. L. O. Aina, said that the Faculty had blazed the trail in many areas since its establishment in 2008. His words: "Today, all courses taught in the Faculty involve the use of online discussion forums. It is mandatory for lecturers to create discussion forums for all the courses taught in the Faculty. There is a Faculty online discussion forum tagged [facultyofcis@yahoo.com](mailto:facultyofcis@yahoo.com). It comprises all academic staff of the Faculty. This has enhanced communication amongst members of staff in the Faculty vide the internet technology. All staff members are expected to bring in their laptops to meetings. Minutes of meetings and agenda are normally sent through the Faculty discussion forum. All notices and circulars are sent through this forum. Members are expected to communicate with other staff members through the forum."

Prof. Aina stressed that the Faculty is ICT compliant. "I am happy to inform this audience that this Faculty is completely ICT compliant, hence the relevance of today's lecture entitled 'ICT Applications and Contemporary Challenges for Emerging Graduates' to our students and Faculty members", he said.

In his remarks at the occasion, the Governor of Kwara State, Alhaji Abdulfatah Ahmed, who was represented by his Special Assistant on ICT, Alhaji Hamzah Usman, said that the Kwara State Government has also adopted the use of ICT vigorously in staff payments and screening even at the Local Government levels while identifying with the points addressed by the guest lecturer.

The high points of the occasion included an interactive session with the audience and the presentation of books on ICT by the guest lecturer to the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic) Prof. K. L. Ayorinde on behalf of the University of Ilorin. Prof. Ayorinde, who said the books would be judiciously utilised and copies kept at the main library and at the Faculty of CIS, subsequently presented the University souvenirs to the guest lecturer.

## Unilorin and the Post-UTME Hubbub II

A lie that's a half-truth is the wickedest lie of all.  
For a lie that's all a lie can be met with and fought outright.  
But a lie that is a half-truth is a harder matter to fight.

- Lord Alfred Tennyson

Nothing perhaps best illustrates the above-quoted submission of Tennyson in contemporary Nigeria than the post-UTME against which vicious attacks are being launched from some informed and largely uniformed quarters. In line with the group-think seemingly emerging from the top legislative echelon, Nigeria can as well throw the baby out with the bath water since the post-UTME admittedly has some problems. Hubris.

But of all the arguments advanced against post-UTME, the most trenchant is the accusation that some universities use the screening as a decoy to extort money from students. This is a half-truth, a hard nut to crack because even though some universities like the University of Ilorin have stuck to the rule of not charging above the pegged sum of N1,000 for the test, it is not the same for some other universities.

As previously noted in the first part of this piece, what is called post-UTME was largely compelled by the need to rescue university education from total collapse based on the ridiculous quality of the candidates foisted on it by JAMB. According to the former Minister of Education, Mrs. Chinwe Obaji, during whose tenure the aptitude test was introduced, "What we found out was that there was no correlation between the JAMB scores obtained by students and their performances in class after they had been admitted. It was obvious at the time that JAMB was messing up the admission with various kinds of lists."

Despite the unassailability of Mrs. Obaji's words, the significant improvement recorded by JAMB in recent times does not render the pre-registration screening exercise needless. Desperate students, with the active connivance of their short-sighted parents and corrupt officials, still manage to outsmart the system and all efforts geared at foiling their plans should be deemed worthwhile.

For instance, some eight candidates were apprehended by the eagle-eyed officials of the University of Ilorin during the last pre-registration screening exercise. The candidates, who bandied good scores, would have been admitted on their supposed performance but the superior biometric technology of the University assisted in revealing the fraud. They did not sit for the exams whose results would have been the sole criterion of admitting them. The Post-UTME, it would be seen, weeds off the impostors and fraudsters as it further serves as a pruning device of getting the best of the best, supposedly.

There is also the argument that universities do not admit successful candidates in the pre-registration screening as a result of which a few commentators had cried blue murder. While this is also a salient half-truth, it is easy to dismiss it as the reality of today's life, which is quite unfortunate. Not all those who are qualified get employment but that does not mean that those who get employed are not qualified. Not all those who are qualified can be admitted because of limited carrying capacity but to allege that those admitted are not qualified is to be ludicrous.

This writer once made clarifications on how admission is done at the University of Ilorin to a concerned *Facebook* friend of *Unilorin Bulletin* that the process is scientific: 45% merit; 35% catchment and 20% for the educationally disadvantaged states: "This pattern, devised by the Federal Government and followed by the University allows qualified students to be representatively distributed such that in the University of Ilorin today, all the 36 states of the federation have students with us. The University cannot admit all the applicants because it has a limited carrying capacity. The mere fact that one has 75% for instance may not guarantee admission if there are several applicants with 76% and above who chose one's desired course, say medicine." Though he was referred to the admission process of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology but another friend quickly noted that the IMT process is just like that of Unilorin. It became evident that the Unilorin admission process is of international standard.

### Fast Facts File

#### *Did you know?*

- Children laugh about 400 times a day, while adults laugh on average only 15 times a day.
- A person will create enough saliva to fill two average size swimming pools during his lifetime.

# Treat patients, not just diseases, medics told

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He noted that “the two Faculties and all the units of the College have now moved to the permanent site on the University of Ilorin Teaching Hospital premises. Indeed, the University committed over 500 Million Naira to put up structures, including hostels for our students, offices and laboratories within five months to enable us relocate from the mini-campus. We look forward receiving more, sir.”

Speaking further, Prof. Omotosho, averred that much of the beauty of life lies in a marvellous mash, a mix of sorts. He noted that the occasion was “a laudable landmark, a marvelous mash of six years” succinctly summarised into an event.

The Provost charged the graduands to be ready for a world saddled with huddles. “In the wake of your delight, you will soon realize, rather rapidly, that you have woken to a world saddled with hurdles. The contemporary challenges of a young doctor cannot be ignored: difficulty in housejob placement is only the beginning of a previously needless struggle for academic/professional employment. More often than not, the working environment is appalling and the incentives may not appear to be appealing. Prevention and treatment of communicable diseases are also issues requiring resilience by medical doctors”, he said.



*Prof. Omotoso addressing the graduands*

The Provost, therefore, tasked the new medical doctors to seek global relevance with deliberateness. “This starts with harnessing yourself with the right attitude to the medical calling you profess. Beneath the white coat, determine to be both raw love and refined skill. A good doctor does not simply treat a disease, he treats the patient”, he concluded.

Before administering the Hippocratic Oath on the 107 graduands, the Registrar of the Nigeria Medical and Dental Council, Dr. A. A. Ibrahim, who was represented by Dr. I. O. Oludipe, advised the new medical doctors to be passionate, compassionate and be ready to defend the title they now carry.

“You must be disciplined and comport yourself in the right manner at all times. You should care for your patients and not just do paper works”, he emphasised.

The graduands then took a bow each before the two role models presented at the occasion: Prof. S. A. Kuranga, former Chief Medical Director, University of Ilorin Teaching Hospital (UITH), and Prof. Ayo Ojuawo of the Department of Paediatrics and Child Health, University of Ilorin.

In attendance were the Chief Medical Director, UITH, Prof. Abdulwaheed Olatinwo; the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research, Technology and Innovation), Prof. Yisa M. Fakunle; the Dean of Clinical Sciences, Prof. ‘Wahab B. Rotimi Johnson; the Dean of Basic Medical Sciences, Prof. C. N. B. Tagoe; the Dean of Agriculture, Prof. A. O. Omotosho; the Dean of Education, Prof. A. S. Olorundare; the Dean of Student Affairs, Prof. S. H. Umoh and Prof. O. T. Adedoyin of the Department of Paediatrics and Child Health, among others.

## **BOARD OF SURVEY (BOS)**

### **Unserviceable Diverse Items for Board**

Members of staff interested in buying unserviceable items are called upon to visit the former works yards as from Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December, 2011 from 8.00 a.m. to 12.00 noon. The asset numbers/identification numbers of such items are to be noted for the collection of “**Authority to Pay Form**” from the Chairman Board of Survey. Offer lasts till Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> December, 2011 only.

First come first served.

**Board of Survey**

## Brown dissects psychology and neuroscience ...as Unilorin is set to establish two departments

**A** Professor in the Department of Psychology and Neuroscience Institute, Dalhousie University, Halifax, Canada, Richard E. Brown, has observed that the future of neuroscience lies in actively involving students in the discipline, and not making them mere receptacles of lectures, just as he has shed light on what psychology as an academic discipline is all about.

Prof. Brown, who is also the President of the International Behavioural and Neural Genetics Society, gave this insight in a public lecture, themed “How Should We Train Students For The Future Of Psychology And Neuroscience?” organised by the Department of Physiology, in conjunction with the Centre for International Education, last Monday (December 12, 2011) at the University Auditorium.



**SCHOLAR:** Prof. Brown stressing a point while delivering his lecture last Monday

The lecturer defined psychology as the science of the nature, functions, and phenomena of behaviour and mental experience, while he defined neuroscience as the study of the nervous system, advances the understanding of human thought, emotion, and behaviour. “Neuroscientists study how the nervous system develops and functions normally and what goes wrong in neurological disorders,” he said.

He also listed some of the facilities required in teaching and research in Neuroscience as Behavioural testing equipment, Immunohistochemistry facilities, Small animal surgery, Neuroimaging suite –microscopes, Genetic screening facility,

Biochemistry laboratory, Neuroendocrine laboratory, Physics laboratory-equipment and computer interfaces, Computer laboratory - labview and other programs, Workshop - construction and repair of equipment, Electrophysiology laboratory, Neuroimaging-radiology, PET, FMRI and other medical equipment, Psychiatric facility with access to patients, Paediatric research facility, Neuropsychology laboratory EEG, Cognitive Psychology laboratory, Pharmacology laboratory, among others.

According to the don, in order to integrate students into the sphere of neuroscience, they should not be passive receptacles of lectures and demonstrations, but should be actively involved in the development of the neuroscience program and be ambassadors for neuroscience within and outside the university. Student societies organize several events, including a charity auction, high school lectures for Brain Awareness Week, and lectures by Dalhousie and visiting speakers. They also organize social events for students, and circulate a newsletter with information about our activities and become involved with volunteer agencies and community events,” he noted.

Prof. Brown concluded that a psychologist of the future must have knowledge of genes, brain and behaviour, and the epigenetic mechanisms integrating genetic, neural and environmental influences on behaviour, plus data-mining and neuroinformatics techniques, and how to translate the knowledge they obtain for public use.

Earlier in his address, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, who was represented by the Deputy Vice-chancellor (Academic), Prof. Kolade L. Ayodrinde, described the lecture as a step in the right direction towards the establishment of the departments of Psychology and Neuroscience in the University of Ilorin.

The Vice-Chancellor, who disclosed that the University had been working towards the establishment of the two departments, appreciated the Department of Physiology for organising the lecture adding that the theme is apt and the University would benefit tremendously from the experience of the Guest Speaker, Prof. Richard Brown, and his Institute.

In his welcome address, the Provost, College of Health Sciences, Prof. A. B. O. Omotosho congratulated the Department of Physiology and the Centre for International Education on organising the public lecture and the subsequent workshop. He particularly thanked the Head of the Department of Physiology, Dr. V. B. Owoyele, for his tenacity in ensuring that the programme was a reality.

The following day, a workshop on the theme was also facilitated by Prof. Brown for the students of the University.

## Over 40 million Nigerians are hypertensive – Katibi ...as Kolo urges Nigerians to eat vegetables like a goat

**A** Professor of Medicine at the University of Ilorin and Consultant Cardiologist at the University of Ilorin Teaching Hospital, Ibrahim A. Katibi, has disclosed that more than 40 million Nigerians are hypertensive and the cost of routine drug expenses on the Nigerian economy is about N120 billion per annum. He also added that some 400 billion naira is being spent on routine annual investigations (medical tests) while the medical manpower costs four billion naira spent as emoluments for medical practitioners who specialise in the area.

Prof. Katibi disclosed these staggering figures on the burden of hypertension on Nigerians in his lecture, “Hypertension: A Silent Killer”, presented at the inaugural Health Education Seminar organised by the University of Ilorin Health Education Committee last Wednesday, (December 14, 2011) at the University Auditorium.



*DON: Prof. Katibi*

According to the don, hypertension cannot be precisely defined because the measure of blood pressure that qualifies people to be diagnosed as hypertensive varies. He noted that the diagnosis is made on an individual when it is determined that the risks of the level of blood pressure outweigh the benefits. He noted that Nigerians who fall between the age range of 45 and 60 are most affected by the condition and this age range constitutes the bulk of the middle and high level manpower of the Nigerian economy.

Prof. Katibi also averred that the causes of hypertension are categorised into primary and secondary classes saying further that primary causes are associated with genetic factors while the secondary causes are associated with environmental factors. The genetic causes, he said, are associated with 90 to 95% of cases of hypertension. Breaking down his analysis, the cardiologist noted that for anyone with no hypertensive parent, the probability of developing hypertension is 2.6 % while a person with a hypertensive parent has 5.7 % probability of being hypertensive. For a person with two hypertensive parents, the probability of developing hypertension increases to 27.2%. He then counselled that people with the least possibility of having hypertension should do medical check-up not less than once a year as soon as they reach the age of 45.

In his own presentation, entitled “Complications of Systemic Hypertension”, the second resource person, Dr. P. M. Kolo, who is also a consultant cardiologist at the University of Ilorin Teaching Hospital, revealed that primitive societies are less prone to hypertension because they do not consume salt like advanced societies. He admonished the audience to go for regular checks of their Blood Pressure and blood sugar level as a preventive measure against hypertensive conditions.

The expert highlighted the complications of hypertension as stroke, cardiac arrest, blood vessel rupture and kidney damage while he counselled against alcohol consumption, smoking and skipping hypertension management drugs, stress and worry. He encouraged the audience on regular aerobic exercise, good antenatal care, weight control and healthy diet noting that healthy diet is not just taking one or two pieces of fruits but “eating vegetables like a goat”.

The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Is-haq O. Oloyede, who was represented by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic), Prof. K. L. Ayorinde, in his speech entitled “Be in Good Health”, lauded the organisers on the life-saving seminar. He noted that the University had taken a lot of steps towards improving the health of the members of the University community through the provision of Health Centre, Dental Centre, Fitness Centre on the campus and at the staff quarters. He further noted that the monthly walk and the functional Health Board put in place are measures the University management had taken towards improving the health of the community.

In his remarks, the Provost of the College of Health Sciences, Prof. A.B.O. Omotosho, noted that the programme had unmasked the masquerade of hypertension which sneaks like a thief in the night to steal lives away. He advised that men should discuss the side effects of their drugs such as erectile dysfunction with their doctors.

In his own remarks, the Chairman of the Health Board, Prof. W.B.R. Johnson, said his committee was set up with the mandate to enlighten the public on health related issues to the immediate community.

## Unilorin boosts deaf students' welfare

The management of the University of Ilorin has unveiled several measures which are instituted to facilitate learning among deaf students in the University. The disclosure was made by the Vice-Chancellor of the University, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, when the leadership of the Centre for Supportive Services for the Deaf and deaf students paid a courtesy call on the Vice-Chancellor on December 5, 2011.

The Acting Director of the Centre, Dr. (Mrs.) B.O. Olawuyi, who led the delegation, disclosed that the third of December of each year is commemorated across the world as the World Disabled Day and this informed why the deaf students in the University elected to pay a courtesy call on the Vice-Chancellor who had been the father of the deaf in the University.

Speaking at the occasion of the visit, the President of the National Association of Deaf Students (NUDESA), University of Ilorin Chapter, Mr. Ugwu Herbert Obinna of the Department of Kinetics and Health Education highlighted the needs of members of his Association as Scholarship opportunities, Conference and Library rooms, holding awareness programme for the University community, employment of more interpreters, incentives for interpreters, newspapers, and a bus.

In his response, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, said that the University radio station is available to the use of the Centre for publicity and the Centre will be linked with the internet. He also asked the Association to write a letter to the University Scholarship Board and promised to deliver the letter personally on behalf of the students. He added disclosed that courseware would be put on the internet for accessing in advance. The Vice-Chancellor also promised to double the number of computers at the Centre from while advising the students to utilise the University counselling centre just as he disclosed that the school buses and other facilities are available for the use of the students.

Meanwhile, the Acting Director of the Centre for Supportive Services for the Deaf, Dr. (Mrs.) Olabisi Olawuyi, has delivered a lecture at the 2011/2012 orientation programme for new students of the University where she spoke on how people become deaf in a lecture entitled "Causes of Hearing Problems".

According to the don, loss in hearing can be sudden or gradual and it is caused by a wide range of reasons while a human is still a foetus, during childbirth, in childhood and in adulthood. She warned against noise pollution saying that once hearing is lost, it can never be regained.

### New Appointment

The Vice-Chancellor has approved the appointment of the following academic staff:

Name	Department	Appointment	Effective Date
Prof. A. Jimoh	Economics	Chairman, Board of Unilorin Microfinance Bank	With immediate effect
Dr. (Mrs) O.V. Mejabi	Information and Communication Sciences	Ag. Head	1 <sup>st</sup> August, 2011

### Re-Appointment

The Vice-Chancellor has approved the re-appointment of the following academic staff:

Name	Department	Appointment	Effective Date
Dr. A.Y. Abdulkareem	Educational Management	Ag. Head	1 <sup>st</sup> November, 2011
Dr. L.A. Yahaya	Counsellor Education	Ag. Director, Unilorin Counselling & Human Development Centre	1 <sup>st</sup> October, 2011



*ABILITY: A group photograph of NUDESA members with the top management of the University of Ilorin*

**MONEY MATTERS****UNILORIN WEEKLY FINANCIAL DIGEST**Summary of Receipts and Payments for the Period 9<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> December, 2011

<b>RECEIPTS</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
Overhead Cost October 2011	18,018,611.02
Overhead Cost November 2011	18,018,611.02
Pension cost November 2011	258,152,664.00
Students Charges: Undergraduate	12,599,100.00
Students Charges: Postgraduate	2,385,700.00
Donation towards WAUG	50,000.00
Rent on properties	156,000.00
Registration of Contractors	200.00
Staff I.D. Card	5,800.00
Boarded Properties	4,600.00
Institute of Education Fees	355,600.00
Academic outfit	24,750.00
Order of Proceedings	33,200.00
Scroll	23,450.00
Students I.D. Cards	5,400.00
Academic Transcripts	110,000.00
<b>Total Receipts for the Period</b>	<b>309,943,686.04</b>
<b>PAYMENTS</b>	
Payments to Contractors/Suppliers:	
Ancor Maric- Refurbishing of indoor Sports	8,660,471.36
Pro-point Nig. Ltd- Construction of tartan track & sports field	33,516,000.00
Other Payments:	
Purchase Advance	429,600.00
Various – refund, etc.	1,500,000.00
Senate research grant	33,892.53
Salaries deduction related- Peculiar allowance, payee tax	23,052.31
<b>Total Expenditures for the Period</b>	<b>44,163,016.20</b>

Signed

**Ayo Sijuwola****BURSAR****2010 Staff Development Award ETF Intervention**

<b>Recipient</b>	<b>Programme</b>	<b>Department</b>	<b>Institution</b>
Mrs. Sulaiman, Mariam Kehinde	PhD	Medical Microbiology and Parasitology	University of Surrey, United Kingdom

**LAUGH LINES**

In an effort to determine the top security agency in Nigeria, the eminent judges narrowed the field to three finalists: the SSS, the Army and the Nigeria Police Force. The three contenders were given the task of catching a rabbit which was released into the forest assigned to each of them. The SSS went into the forest and placed animal informants everywhere! They questioned every plant and animal witness and after three months of extensive investigation, they concluded that rabbits do not exist! The Army went into the forest. After two weeks without a capture, they burnt the forest down killing everything in it, including the rabbit! They made no apologies. "The rabbit deserved it - why was it hiding?" they thought to themselves. The Nigeria Police went into the forest. They came out two hours later with a badly beaten hyena! The hyena kept yelling, "Okay, Okay, I agree, I'm a rabbit, I'm a rabbit!!"

## Happy Birthday To You!

S/No	Name	Office/ Department/Unit	Date of Birth
1.	Salami, Isiaka A.	Directorate of Corporate Affairs	17 <sup>th</sup> December
2.	Aina, Lenrie O.	Dean, Communication and Information Sciences	20th December
3.	Anifowose, Kuburat A.	Mass Communication	20th December
4.	Busari, Bola Y.	Religions	20th December
5.	Hussein, Mohammed S.	Religions	20th December
6.	Ige, Olusegun O.	Geology and Mineral Sciences	20th December
7.	Oseni, Zakariyau I.	Arabic	20th December
8.	Olorunyomi, Ibikunle J.	Bursary	21st December
9.	Alabi, Biodun S.	Otorhinolaryngology	22nd December
10.	Eletta, Omodele A.	Chemical Engineering	22nd December

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### RE: ADVERTISEMENT

The closing date for the submission of applications for the vacant position of Driver (on CONTISS 02) published in the last week edition of *Unilorin Bulletin* (page 6) is Wednesday, December 22, 2011.

## Unilorin in the News

*(Contd. from back page)*

- An alumnus of the University of Ilorin, Barrister John I. Koni, has attributed his success in journalism and law to humility.  
(‘Humbleness in humility makes me’, *The Herald*, Wednesday, December 14, 2011, p.12).
- A lecturer in the Department of Counsellor Education at the University of Ilorin, Dr. (Mrs) M.O. Esere has written on the effects of abortion in an opinion piece.  
(‘Consequence of abortion’, *The Herald*, same date, p.17).
- The 200 level students of the Faculty of Agriculture of the University of Ilorin have paid a visit to Ile-Apa, a host community around the University.  
(‘Students visit host community’, *The Nation*, Thursday, December 15, 2011, p.33)
- The Students Representative Council of the University of Ilorin has relieved some Student Union leaders of their offices on the allegation of misappropriation of funds.  
(‘Parliament suspends union leaders’, *The Nation*, same date, p.34).
- A group photograph featuring the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Is-haq O. Oloyede, members of the University of Ilorin Alumni Association and some of the University Scholars has been published. (‘Campus life’, *The Nation*, same date, p.36)
- Though the University of Ilorin is ranked recently as the best University in Nigeria and 21<sup>st</sup> in Africa, a journalist has encouraged the University of Ilorin and other Nigerian universities as well to boost their ranking in the global scope.  
(‘Nigeria leads world universities from behind’, *Daily Trust*, Thursday, December 15, 2011, p.43).
- The stability of the University of Ilorin’s academic calendar has been applauded against the background of on-going ASUU strike.  
(‘FUT Minna: ASUU strike douses freshers’ excitement’, *Daily Trust*, same date, p.46).
- A lecturer in the Department of Political Science at the University of Ilorin, Dr. Emmanuel Ojo, has opined that the removal of fuel subsidy will lead to hyper-inflation in the country.  
(‘Subsidy: Ex-Justice Commissioner, don caution Jonathan’, *National Pilot*, Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December, 2011, p.20).
- A lecturer in the Department of Religions at the University of Ilorin, Dr. Pius O. Abioje, has called on President Goodluck Jonathan to subject the withdrawal of fuel subsidy to referendum.  
(‘Subsidy: referendum, not mass revolt’, *The Nation*, Friday, December 14, 2011, p.20)

## Unilorin in the News

- The Executive Secretary of the Nigeria Inter-Religions Council (NIREC) and Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Is-haq O. Oloyede, has presented a communiqué on behalf of NIREC which charges the Federal Government not to succumb to internal or external pressures on the same sex marriage issue. ('NIREC wants FG to damn US, UK on gay marriage', *Daily Trust*, Monday, December 12, 2011, p.14).
- The University of Ilorin has advertised the position of Faculty Research Managers. ('University of Ilorin, Ilorin', *Daily Trust*, same date, p.29; *The Herald*, same date, p.15; and *The Nation*, Tuesday, December 13, 2011, p.13).
- The Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Is-haq O. Oloyede, has called for innovation in Nigerian tertiary institutions and noted that higher education is the engine that propels the economy of all nations while speaking during the African University Day forum at the University of Ilorin. ('African varsities tasked on curriculum', *The Herald*, Monday, December 12, p.16).
- Some reinstated lecturers of the University of Ilorin have again taken the University to the Federal High Court sitting in Ilorin. ('Unilorin 49' back in court over Supreme Court Judgment', *Nigerian Compass*, Monday, December 12, 2011, p.3; see similar reports, 'Unilorin 49: court to hear case Dec. 15', *Daily Trust*, Monday, December 12, 2011, p.6; '49 Unilorin Lecturers Return to Court over S'Court Ruling', *This Day*, Monday December 12, 2011, p.11; 'UNILORIN 49' back in court over non-reinstatement', *The Nation*, Monday December 12, 2011, p.9; 'Unilorin 49', *The Punch*, Tuesday, December 13, 2011, p.12).
- The Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Is-haq O. Oloyede, has urged the Federal Government to honour its agreement with Academic Union of Nigerian Universities (ASUU). ('Unilorin VC backs Union', *The Nation*, Monday, December 12, 2011, p.4).
- A paper presented by Prof. Isaac Olawale Albert during the Law and Sustainable Development in Africa workshop at the University of Ilorin has been published in a newspaper. ('Peace and Sustainable Development in Africa', *National Pilot*, Monday 12<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December, 2011, pp.14 and 19)
- While speaking at a lecture during the MSS Day organised by Unilorin Secondary School Muslim students, the Deputy Director of Corporate Affairs, University of Ilorin, Dr. Mahfouz Adedimeji, who was represented by the Editor-in-Chief of the MSSN, University of Ilorin Branch, Mallam Bello Abdullateef, has urged Muslim students to embrace modern civilization with restraint and discipline. ('Islam not antithetical to civilisation', *National Pilot*, same date, p.17)
- The Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Is-haq O. Oloyede, and the Managing Director/Chief Executive Officer of UTC Nigeria Plc, Mrs. Folusho Olaniyan, who is an alumnus of the University, have counselled members of the 2011/2012 graduating class of the University on how to succeed after their graduation. ('UTC boss charts success paths for students', *The Moment*, Tuesday, December, 13, 2011, p.42).
- While welcoming the team of the Federal Government Institutional Accreditation panel led by Prof. Abdullahi Ribadu to the University of Ilorin, the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Is-haq O. Oloyede, has noted that the University is keen on getting it better at all times. ('We are here to assess Unilorin – Ribadu', *The Moment*, same page).

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### Quotes of the Week

A faith is a necessity to a man. Woe to him who believes in nothing. -Victor Hugo

A successful man is one who can lay a firm foundation with the bricks others have thrown at him. -David Brinkley

Defeat is not the worst of failures. Not to have tried is the true failure.  
- George Edward Woodberry

Change your thoughts and you change your world. -Norman Vincent Peale

Don't judge each day by the harvest you reap but by the seeds that you plant.  
- Robert Louis Stevenson