



E-library will promote reading culture –Kawu

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WELL READ, L-R: Mr. Alasa, Justice Akanbi and Prof. Akanji at the occasion

BREAKING NEWS!

Unilorin appoints 35 Professors, 31 Readers!
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The Acting Chief Judge of Kwara State, Hon. Justice S. D. Kawu, has identified the electronic-library system as a facility which can be explored to promote reading culture among the Nigerian populace. Justice Kawu made this disclosure at the opening ceremony of the 36th Annual Conference and General Meeting of the Nigerian Association of Law Libraries, which took place last Tuesday (September 13, 2011) at the University of Ilorin.

The Acting Chief Judge, who was represented by Justice S. M. Akanbi, said a writer needs a pen, paper and imagination but that the society cannot do without a library to inspire its writers. He noted that the need to have modern libraries in this Information Age cannot be over-emphasised, adding that the conference could not have been held at a more auspicious time. *(Contd. on page2)*

Sugar Research Institute to serve the nation–VC

The Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Is-haq O. Oloyede, has disclosed that Unilorin Sugar Research Institute is conceived to be a centre of excellence that will continue to offer quality products and services to all Nigerians.



SUGAR ECONOMY: The VC, Prof. Oloyede; the DVC (MS), Prof. Olayemi; the DVC (RTI), Prof. Fakunle and the Bursar, Mr. Sijuwola strategising on moving the University forward

The Vice-Chancellor made this point on Friday (September 9, 2011) while receiving a vehicle donated to the University by the Common Funds for Commodities (CFC) and the International Sugar Organisation (ISO) in conjunction with the West African Sugarcane Development Project (WASDP).

Prof. Oloyede assured the Project Executing Agency (PEA) and the National Sugar Development Council (NSDC), Abuja, that the vehicle would be properly utilised, noting further that he has great confidence in the ability of the Director of the Research Institute.

The Deputy Vice-Chancellor (RTI), Prof Y. M. Fakunle, in his comments, also commended the Institute for the varieties of sugarcanes that it produces. He similarly thanked the Vice-Chancellor for his foresight in positioning the Institute for excellence the way it is. *(Contd. on page 4)*

Institute set to donate books to Unilorin

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“There is the need to have a functional library which could promote the administration of justice and reading culture among students”, he remarked.

In his welcome address, the President of the Nigerian Association of Law Libraries, Mr. M. M. Alasa, remarked that the choice of the conference theme, “Law Library in the Information Age”, reveals the level of awareness within the Association. “In choosing this year’s theme: ‘Law Library in the Information Age’, we are undoubtedly aware of our nascent democracy and the role of Information, Communication and Technology in advancing the government of the people, by the people and for the people towards sharpening community aspirations as well as serving as a vehicle for socio-economic development,” he remarked.

He therefore urged participants to explore all the necessary avenues and make the conference a success. Mr. Alasa, who works with the Supreme Court of Nigeria, added that the right to information is a right of all citizens. “There is no right, more fundamental to democracy, than the right of all citizens to information. There is no greater danger to free society than the loss of freedom that occurs when access to information is restricted”, he noted.

He concluded by thanking the University for being a great host. His words: “May I also conclude by thanking our chief host, the Vice-Chancellor of this great University, Professor Is-haq O. Oloyede, for hosting us so well that we feel at home and even want to spend extra days in this ancient city of Ilorin.”

The Vice-Chancellor, who was represented by the Director of Academic Planning, Prof. Musbau Akanji, commended the Association for its professionalism. He said that the University is delighted to be associated with the body, while tasking the members to play their role of documentation well for posterity.

The Vice-Chancellor added that lawyers cannot function effectively without the law library and promised to continue to pay due attention to the University library so that it would rank among the best in the country. He also explained that the Freedom of Information (FOI) Act puts more responsibility on the Association while he charged the Association to rise to the occasion of documenting and providing information to benefit users.

The Editor-in-Chief of the Association, Barrister F. O. Anaeme, who gave the vote of thanks, commended the University for its beautiful and clean environment. He said the University is an epitome of what a University should be and therefore deserves to be the first among its equals.

Meanwhile, the Executive Council of the Association led by the President had earlier paid the Vice-Chancellor a courtesy call. It was disclosed during the courtesy call by a member of the delegation that Lt. Gen. Aliyu Mohammed Gusau (Rtd.) would be making a donation of books to the University through his Gusau Institute for Good Governance.

In his response, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Is-haq O. Oloyede, who was represented by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Management Services), Prof. Albert B. Olayemi, thanked the Institute for the kind gesture. The Vice-Chancellor said the University has now become renowned for hosting international conferences and the University was pleased to host the conference of the Association. While stressing that library is important to individuals, institutions and organisations, he informed the leaders of the Association that the University has generalised and specialised libraries, adding that there is need for more libraries in order to promote strong reading culture.

Joining the Vice-Chancellor to receive the executives were the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic), Prof. Kolade L. Ayorinde along with the Law Librarian, Mrs. Margaret Ninin.

Other members of the Executive Committee of the Association who paid the Vice-Chancellor a courtesy call included the First Vice-President, Mrs. M. I. Anyaebu; the Second Vice-President, Mallam L. S. Abdullahi; the Assistant Secretary, Mallam A. A. Gusau and Mr. T. A. Smith.



SHOULDER TO SHOULDER: A group photograph of dignitaries after the opening ceremony

Drive carefully, VC urges motorists

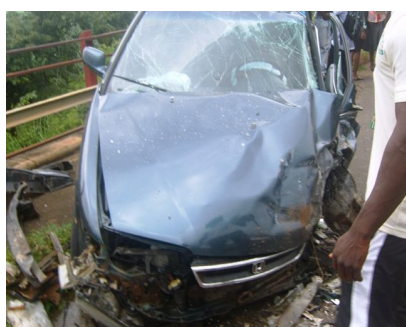
The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Is-haq O. Oloyede, has urged motorists, especially staff of, and visitors to, the University of Ilorin to avoid over-speeding and drive safely on the University campus.

The Vice-Chancellor made this appeal after an accident that took place on the University bridge last Thursday (September 15, 2011). The accident involved two cars which collided from opposite directions.

While leading a team to the location immediately the unfortunate incident occurred, Prof. Oloyede quickly restored normalcy by controlling traffic and making contacts to give medical attention to the victims and removing the vehicles which made the bridge impassable for some time.

Prof. Oloyede also used the occasion to draw the attention of those present at the scene of the accident to the importance of airbags. He noted that the accident could have been fatal if not for the airbags. He expressed his appreciation to God that as unfortunate as the situation was, no life was lost.

DRIVE CAREFULLY: VARIOUS SCENES OF THE ACCIDENT LAST THURSDAY



Chemical Society of Nigeria holds Conference

The Chemical Society of Nigeria will hold its 34th Annual International Conference tagged Kwara 2011 between the 19th and 23rd of September 2011 at the University of Ilorin at the University of Ilorin Auditorium.

The programme of events will include an opening ceremony, which comes up tomorrow (September 20, 2011) at the University Auditorium, at 10:00 a.m. The Kwara State Governor, Alhaji Abdulfatai Ahmed, will declare the Conference open while the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin will be the Chief Host. The programme will be rounded off with a Dinner and Award on September 22, 2011.

Fast Facts File

Did you know?

- An average adult produces about half a litre of flatulent gas per day, resulting in an average of about fourteen occurrences of flatulence a day.
- The reason why tattoos do not vanish even though we shed our skin is because the dye is injected deeper into the dermis part of the skin. It is only the epidermis that we shed.

Sugar research will boost Nigeria's income –experts

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In his remarks at the presentation, the Director, Unilorin Sugar Research Institute, Prof. Gbadebo Olaoye, explained that the West African Sugarcane Development Project (WASDP) is designed to foster the development of sugarcane variety improvement and seed multiplication for Nigeria and Cote d'Ivoire. He also said that the project is being jointly funded. "The Project which is jointly funded by the Common Funds for Commodities (CFC) and International Sugar Organization (ISO) has the overall objective of enhancing the income and livelihood in the sugar sector by making available improved sugarcane varieties for farmers as a means to ensure the realisation of more cane and sugar tonnage per hectare in the two countries," he said.

He explained further that the project is facilitated and coordinated by the National Sugar Development Council (NSDC), Abuja, which is the Project Executing Agency (PEA), while the project will be executed by three collaborating Institutions: Centre National de Recherche Agronomique (CNRA), Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire; National Research Institute (NCRI), Badeggi, Nigeria and Unilorin Sugar Research (USRI), Ilorin, Nigeria.

According to Prof. Olaoye, the programme involves the importation, evaluation and selection of adaptable high yielding sugarcane varieties to replace the pool of poorly performing varieties currently in use both in Nigeria and Cote d'Ivoire. This initiative, he stressed, would contribute to a reliable supply of improved sugarcane raw materials to existing and new sugar projects which will in turn generate rural employment and generally enhance the socioeconomic development in the sugarcane growing communities of both countries.

He also disclosed that a sum of twenty-five thousand US dollars (\$25,000.00) would be provided for upgrading facilities in the Institute while the Institute would be responsible for multiplying the varieties of sugarcane currently available. "Although, the project is expected to take off in April 2012, the Institute will be responsible for the multiplication of the 40 sugarcane varieties intended for evaluation in the Grandmother nursery at the USRI research farm in the latter part of September, 2011", he remarked.

Joining the Vice-Chancellor to receive the donation were the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Management Services), Prof. Albert Olayemi; Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research, Training and Innovation), Prof. Yisa M. Fakunle; Bursar, Mr. Ayodele Sijuwola; Director of Works, Engr. M. S. Sanni; Director, Physical Planning Unit, Engr. A. A. Adesiyun; Deputy Registrar (Human Resources), Mr. E. D. Obafemi, and Deputy Registrar (VC's Office) Mrs. S. A. Oroge.

University Community assured of security

Members of the University of Ilorin Community have been assured of adequate security of lives and property on campus and Ilorin environs. The Acting Chief Security Officer of the University, Mr. Imran Balogun, and the Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO) Kwara State Command, ASP Ezekiel Dabo, gave the assurance while speaking on UNILORIN 89.3FM last Wednesday (September 14, 2011) on the recent threat by a group to attack some universities and other institutions of learning in the country.

While reiterating that the security of life and property all over the world is the duty of all and not something that should be left to security agencies alone, the security experts implored members of the University Community and the general public to promptly inform them whenever they notice any suspicious movement or material anywhere.

The Acting Chief Security Officer, Mr. Balogun publicised 031822459 as contact number on Campus, while the Police Public Relations Officers, ASP Dabo also gave the Police Control Room Numbers as 07032069456, 08125275046 and 08052289064. Earlier at the programme, the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic) and Chairman, Security Council of the University, Prof. Kolade L. Ayorinde, noted that the University did not receive any threat in any form from anywhere as it continues to ensure the security of life and property on Campus.

Communication demands openness- CIPM chief

The Vice Chairman of the Chattered Institute of Personnel Management, Kwara State, Mrs H. M. Williams, has said that communication demands honesty and openness noting that when such is not the case, the smooth running of organisations get compromised.

Mrs. Williams was speaking at the monthly meeting of the Chattered Institute of Personnel Management held at the Geology Auditorium of the University of Ilorin last Wednesday (September 14, 2011) where she was represented by the immediate past Chairman of the Institute, Alhaji Saka Dauda.

According to the resource person, managers and administrators need to sharpen their communication skills, avoid being emotional and also make use of both formal and informal media in the practice of communication. She also noted that communication has five elements which are the communicator, the message, the medium, the receiver and feedback and the mode of communication which she said could be vertical or horizontal.

“The discussion of the word, communication, has been from generation to generation and it is still as fresh as the dew and will remain current as currency till the kingdom comes. This will be as long as there will be organisations with human beings working in them. Even in the congregation of the deaf and the dumb the word ‘communication’ is pertinent,” she said.

Speaking further, Mrs. Williams observed that communication in the work place comprises the four activities of leading, informing listening and getting involved. She added that communication is a common thread that ties not just people but also plans, strategies and commitments as it is a critical link in the factors of production, which include man, money, land and materials.

She also identified some factors which are barriers to communication as lack of sound objectives, use of technical jargon, long chain of command, differences in status, inattention, differing perceptions, information overload, inconsistent non-verbal signs and inappropriate channels of communication.

The seasoned administrator therefore charged managers not to confuse noise with communication while she identified steps to effective communication by administrative heads as listening attentively, showing gratitude for openness, honouring the people at the other end of communication, recognising personal points of weakness in communication, not building unnecessary defensiveness, not penalising subordinates for differing opinions and creating an atmosphere of partnership in the work place.

While speaking at the occasion, the Registrar of the University of Ilorin, Mrs. Olufolake Oyeyemi, appreciated the Institute for choosing the University of Ilorin as the venue of its monthly meeting and lecture. She noted that the University administrators would benefit immensely from the lecture and noted further that though the University of Ilorin is a second generation University, the University has out-classed many first generation universities.

According to the Registrar, “the University of Ilorin was established among other sister Universities in 1975. For the short period of its 36 years of existence, it has achieved remarkable growth and development, dwarfing all others of its age. Given its present size, facilities, infrastructure, human resources and academic achievements, the University of Ilorin can conveniently be classified as a first-generation University as it has out-classed its contemporaries”.

While speaking on the subject of effective communication, she opined that communication permeates many facets and it is not just about writing and speaking skills but also about dressing which many do not recognise. Mrs. Oyeyemi noted that for communication to be effective, the communicator must demonstrate emotional intelligence noting that sometimes, communication skill is not about academic degrees but something that needs to be studied and mastered.

The event was chaired by the Chairman of the Kwara State Branch of the Institute, Mallam Muhammed Aliyu, who eulogised the achievements of the University of Ilorin which he said has maintained a robust and symbiotic relationship with his Institute.

Unilorin to establish Institute of Nursing

The University of Ilorin in the bid to raise the standard of Nursing in the country is to establish an Institute of Nursing and Social Work. The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Is-haq O. Oloyede, re-stated this commitment last Wednesday (September 14, 2011), while receiving the executive members of National Association of Nigerian Nurses and Midwives (NANNM), Kwara State branch, who paid him a courtesy visit.

The Vice-Chancellor, who was represented by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Management Services), Prof. Albert Olayemi, welcomed the leaders of the Association and told them that the University values such interactive visits. While appreciating the Association on the visit, Prof. Oloyede noted that the creation of the Department of Nursing was a response to societal need. "We are out to raise the standard of Nursing in the country and our aim is to have an Institute of Nursing where social work is incorporated", he disclosed.

Speaking further, the Vice-Chancellor said the University is modelling its programme after what is obtainable in the United Kingdom where Nurses are academics, professionals and social workers serving the community, not just the patients. He also remarked that the limited admission space for the Nursing programme in the University now is meant to ensure quality stressing that the carrying capacity of the programme will be strengthened in future to accommodate more admission applicants.

Prof. Oloyede also told the leaders of the Association that the University is already looking into ways of helping working Nurses to earn degrees in Nursing without disrupting their work. He encouraged the Association to come up with ideas and suggestions that will enhance Nursing and facilitate the commencement of a programme for professional nurses who are non-degree holders, adding that the University would benefit immensely from their practical experience.

He also charged them to see their profession as a divine calling, saying that Nurses have the best chance of getting the blessings of God because they care for the weak and needy. He therefore pleaded with the Association to always have a second thought before embarking on strike because of its negative effects on human life stressing that they should not to allow monetary gains to becloud their reasoning and jeopardise their divine responsibility.

Speaking earlier, the Chairman of the Association, Mr. M. O. Ajiboye, thanked the Vice-Chancellor as well as his team for his visionary leadership that informed the establishment of the Department of Nursing just as he described the gesture as a service to humanity.

While stressing the importance of the programme to members of his Association, Mr. Ajiboye said that by 2014, Nurses without a B.Sc. degree in Nursing would be relieved of their responsibilities and kicked out of the health sub-sector. He therefore solicited the support of the University in creating a programme that would accommodate the practising Nurses with interest in further education, saying that travelling to few Universities offering the programme outside Kwara State and Nigeria had been a major challenge facing members of the Association.

In the team of the Chairman were other Executive Committee members including Comrades A. T. Mohammed, J. A. Adekanye, G. E. Salami and S. A. Kperogi.

Joining the Vice-Chancellor to receive the leaders of the Association were the Director of Academic Planning, Prof. M. A. Akanji, and the Deputy Director of Information, Dr. M. A. Adedimeji.

The National Association of Nigeria Nurses and Midwives is a Professional cum Trade Union Organisation recognised by the Trade Union (Amendment) Act of 2005. It is also a non-governmental, non-profit organisation authorised to organise all professional nurses and midwives, trained, registered and licensed to practise the nursing profession at all the levels of healthcare: primary, secondary and tertiary including the private sector in Nigeria.

LEST WE FORGET: MEMORIES OF 2011 ACADEMIC CAMP III



RELATE: Prof. I. Oloyede sharing a point of interest with Prof. M. Jasper



READ: Dr. S. Babatunde and other dons reading seriously



RELAX: Dr. A. Alabi relaxing after a hectic day

Happy Birthday To You!

S/No.	Name	Faculty/ Department/Unit	Date of Birth
1.	Babamale, Kassim K.	VC's Office	19th September
2.	Emoruwa, Felix D.	Performing Arts	19th September
3.	Lawani, Anthony A.	Admissions Office	19th September
4.	Aderinto, Omotunde I.	Unilorin Sugar Research Institute	20th September
5.	Atoyebi, Thephilus O.	Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering	20th September
6.	Mohammed, Shuaib A.	Faculty of Science	20th September
7.	Obeisun, Babalola	Epidemiology and Community Health	20th September
8.	Oladeji, Olaniran	Chemical Pathology and Immunology	20th September
9.	Opadere, Titilayo F.	French	20th September
10.	Sanni, Surajudeen A.	Information and Communication Science	20th September
11.	Adedimeji, Mahfouz A.	English	22nd September
12.	Olaitan, Onifade M.	Zoology	22nd September
13.	Oyedepo, Raphael O.	Computer Science	23rd September
14.	Akanbi, Khairat O.	Security	23rd September
15.	Babalola, Kunle O.	Health Services	24th September

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LAUGH LINES

A garrulous lecturer needed to get to his destination through water transportation. Late for the ferry, he settled for a boat but wanted to show off his knowledge of some courses offered in his University. He asked the boatman, "Do you know any of psychology, geology, criminology, epidemiology or orthorhinolaryngology?" The man answered in the negative.

The lecturer laughed derisively and said with a sneer, "You don't know anything! What have you been doing with your life?" The boatman felt embarrassed but he decided to not to say anything. After a while on water, there was a storm and the boat started to sink. The lecturer was panicky. It was the boatman's turn to ask questions and he queried: "Do you sabi *swimology* and *escapology* away from *crocodilogy*?" The lecturer answered, "No".

The boatman jumped into the river and shouted, "Today na today, yeye man, you go experience *drownology* and then *dieology*!"

Unilorin in the News

- At an international competition that took place in Nairobi, Kenya, three Law students of the University of Ilorin have outshined their counterparts from other African universities and emerged best in Africa.
(‘UNILORIN Law students come top in moot contest’, *The Guardian*, Sunday, September 11, 2011, p. 38)
- The National Youth Service Corps (NYSC) members serving at the University of Ilorin have appreciated the effort of the Vice-Chancellor of the University, Prof. Is-haq O. Oloyede, on the recent renovation of the Corpers’ Lodge.
(‘Corps members laud Unilorin’, *The Moment*, Tuesday, September 13, 2011, p.37)
- Three Faculty of Law students of the University of Ilorin, Whyte Habeeb, Atoyebi John Kehinde and Razak Abimbola Medinat, have emerged the African champions at the just concluded International Arbitration Moot Competition held in Nairobi, Kenya.
(‘Unilorin students emerge best in Africa moot’, *The Moment*, same as above).
- Dr. Pius Abioje of the Department of Religions, University of Ilorin, has ventilated his opinion that there cannot be peace, security and stability in Nigeria if there is no justice in a published letter to a newspaper.
(‘Nigerian rulers are destroying Nigeria’, *The Nation*, Wednesday, September, 14, 2011, p.20).
- Dr. Mahfouz Adedimeji of the University of Ilorin has told a national newspaper that the University of Ilorin remains one of the most peaceful institutions in the country because the University has always believed in and taken pre-emptive security measures.
(‘How wealthy Nigerians sponsor Boko Haram’, *Nigerian Tribune*, Wednesday, September 14, 2011, p.4).
- In a newspaper article, Mr. Alatise Taofeeq Nasir of the Faculty of Law, University of Ilorin, has appealed to the different ethnic groups in Nigeria to stop killing one another because organised killings would not only aggravate the current situation facing Nigeria but will also would push the country towards dissolution and division.
(‘Stop the genocide in Plateau’, *The Nation*, Thursday, September 15, 2011, p.20)
- The Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, has charged the management of Fountain University, Osogbo, to put the University on the global map by being an active member of international University associations while delivering his goodwill message at the convocation lecture of the University held recently.
(‘NTA Network” Live Broadcast, Friday September 16, 2011)
- The Deputy Director of Information, University of Ilorin, Dr. Mahfouz Adedimeji, has said that the University of Ilorin is neither jittery nor complacent about the security threats posed by faceless groups and that the University strongly believes in its three layers of internal, external and divine security in keeping the lives and property of its community safe always.
(‘Universities tighten security as Boko Haram spreads’, *Sunday Punch*, September 18, 2011,p.4)
- In a statement issued by the Registrar of the University of Ilorin, Mrs. Olufolake O. Oyeyemi, staff and students of the University have been directed to put on their ID cards in order to have access to some buildings and facilities of the University of Ilorin while visitors are also expected to identify themselves and state their mission before they access the Senate Building.
(‘Boko Haram Scare: No ID card, no access to Unilorin’, *The Guardian*, Sunday, September 18, 2011, p.35)

Quotes of the Week

Life isn’t simple. But the beauty of it is, you can always start over. It’ll get easier.

- Alicia Bessettee

The deepest definition of youth is life yet untouched by tragedy.

- Alfred North Whitehead

All that really belongs to us is time; even he who has nothing else has that

- Baltasar Gracian