



## Avoid social isolation, int'l students told



**WELCOME:** The visiting scholars, with Unilorin officials, on arrival penultimate Sunday at the Lake Side Resort

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**COUNTDOWN TO WAUG 2012**  
**5 WEEKS TO GO!**

**T**he Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic) of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Kolade L. Ayorinde, has advised international students in Nigeria to avoid social isolation by trying as much as possible to make friends through engagement in social clubs, sports, and cultural groups.

Prof. Ayorinde made this submission last Monday (February 13, 2012) at the University of Ilorin in his presentation, entitled “Social Interactions and Engagements as a Visiting Scholar in Nigeria”, during the opening ceremony of the Orientation/ Acculturation Conference held for Nigerian-based Commonwealth and Bilateral Education Agreement Scholars organised by the Centre for International Education of the University of Ilorin in collaboration with the Federal Scholarship Board, Abuja.

The Deputy Vice-Chancellor charged the 34 young scholars from Cuba, Sierra-Leone and Romania to face their principal purpose of coming to Nigeria squarely in order not to disappoint their countries just as he advised them to always adhere to the rules and regulations of their various universities. *(Contd. on page 2)*

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## WAUG 2012: female football debuts in Unilorin

**T**he female football event will feature for the first time in the 47 years history of the West Africa University Games (WAUG), another edition of which holds at the University of Ilorin from March 27 to April 7, 2012.



**WE'LL WIN:** WAUG President, Prof. Lasun Emiola, and VC, Prof. Oloyede, looking ahead to a memorable WAUG 2012 at Unilorin during one of the WAUG 2008 events at the University of Ghana

Athletes representing the various West African universities will be competing in football (male and female) and 13 other events mainly track and fields.

The tracks events in which athletes will compete are 100m, 200m, 400m hurdle (female), 110m (male), 400m hurdle (male and female), 800m, 1500m, 3000m stipple chase, 5000m, 10000m, 4x100m and 4x400m while the field events involve Javelin, Discus, Shot put (throws), High jump, Long jump and Triples jump (jumps). *(Contd. on page 4)*

## Unilorin thrills foreign scholars with acculturation experience

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“Coming from different countries and/or continents, there is bound to be culture shock. There will thus be psychological needs, emotional needs, communication problems, inadequate resources, contradicting value systems, periods of loneliness and missing home etc. during your stay in Nigeria. How well you are able to overcome these and other challenges will largely determine your academic and social success and achievements at the end of your programme and the memories of this country you carry away for the rest of your life. Your stay in Nigeria for the next few months or years is therefore very critical to your life as it will form an important part of your academic and social formatives, and perhaps the foundation of your success in life,” he said.

Prof. Ayorinde also assured the students that they would enjoy their stay in the country, as Nigeria, whose security challenges are often exaggerated, is rated the happiest nation in the world,. He noted that opportunities for interaction abound in the lecture halls, social facilities, hostel rooms, libraries and other public places and counselled the international students to be mindful of their behaviour, actions and communication because people that they interact with may wrongly interpret their intention.

In his own presentation at the occasion, entitled “Nigerian History and Cultural Heritage”, Dr. Kolawole D. Aiyedun of the Department of History and International Studies, University of Ilorin, highlighted the cultural composition of Nigeria while tracing the contact of Nigeria with Europe to 1470 when the Portuguese visited parts of modern Lagos. He also dissected the cultural configurations of the country saying that “history has left a complex human system, and as a result Nigeria’s existence can be discussed through 250 types of communities who speak some 450 languages. In this way we see the Yoruba in the southwest, the Hausa in the north, the Igbo in the southeast, and the last major ethnic group the Fulani, in the north. Alongside these ethnic groups there exists a long list of minority groups, including the Ibibio, Tiv, Anang, Ebir, Edo, Ijaw, the Nupe of the central region, Kanuri and the Ogoni in the southwest, with each of these ethnic groups bringing to Nigeria’s culture, its own cultural legacy.”

In his address, the Director of the Centre for International Education, University of Ilorin, Prof. Olugbenga A. Mokuolu, noted that the programme is the first one of its kind and the University of Ilorin is privileged to be the first institution chosen to host the programme. The Peadiatrician expressed gratitude to the visiting scholars as well as the Federal Scholarship Board Abuja for making the event a success.

Also speaking at the occasion, Mr. Rotimi W. Akinyele of the Federal Scholarship Board lauded the University of Ilorin saying that the programme was an idea mooted by the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede. He said that apart from the University being the first to host the acculturation programme, it is the highest beneficiary of the international students in the country and the University would remain the first choice of the Board.

While Miss Vivian Valdivia shared her exciting linguistic and cultural experience with the scholars saying that Nigerians are different from how they are portrayed in Western media because everyone she had met is kind and helpful and all one needs is, in her words, “suuru” (patience), the President of the International Students Association, Mr. Koroma, expressed the various privileges the international students enjoy at the University of Ilorin describing the University as the best place to study and be for international students and scholars.

The week-long programme began with a cocktail in honour of the scholars on arrival at the University Dam Site Resort on Sunday, February 12, 2012 and ended on Friday, February 17, 2012. It consisted of lectures, social events, cocktail, luncheon, as well as visits to the various organs of the University, cultural sites in Ilorin and Kwara State, including the Emir’s Palace, the Kwara State Government House and Owu Waterfall.



*Prof. Ayorinde making his presentation*



*Scholars with Unilorin staff with the Emir*

## Rankled by Webometric ranking

Though the University of Ilorin had maintained a number one position in the ranking of Nigerian universities for the past three years, it was unnerving to many that the latest Webometrics ranking of world universities released this month places the University in a distant eighth position. For those who had been rankled by the previous ranking of the University, perhaps it is their time to celebrate because the University has skidded downwards to occupy a relatively distant position on the league table.

The University that took the Nigerian university system to the league of the best 20 in Africa, a feat that has not been surpassed, still ranks among the top 11 higher institutions in Nigeria that make the African top 100 category. These are the (1) University of Benin (No 22 in Africa), (2) University of Agriculture, Abeokuta (No 35 in Africa), (3) University of Ibadan (No 38 in Africa), (4) University of Nigeria (No 47 in Africa), (5) Obafemi Awolowo University, (No 49 in Africa), (6) University of Lagos (No 52 in Africa), (7) Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria (No 55 in Africa), (8) University of Ilorin (No. 63 in Africa), (9) University of Jos (No 88 in Africa), (10) Auchi Polytechnic (No 95 in Africa) and (11) National Open University of Nigeria (No 100 in Africa).

While welcoming the development, there is a concatenation of factors attributable to the not-too-attractive showing of the University. Three of these are complacency (*we are always number one*), sabotage on the part of a few malcontents (*don't upload!*) and the renewed vigour of many universities to perform better (one actually created a unit for webometrics and another tied lecturers' job retention to online presence).

While it is desirable to be on top, what is perceived to be more significant to the University of Ilorin is that more Nigerian higher institutions are emerging on the African league table. The feeling here is that if the University of Mogadishu in the war-torn Somalia has managed to be visible in the African league table for some time now, there is the need to give it all it takes so that our universities would be inspired to work towards better ranking, achieve more visibility and garner the good image that accrues to the country in the process.

This is why the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, in a speech he called "Success is a Choice" delivered this month last year when UNILORIN was ranked as one of Africa's best 20, was more concerned about Nigeria as a whole. "It is crucial to note that from only **two** universities in the league of the top 100 in Africa in **2008** to **five** in **2009** and **seven** in **2010** and now **eight** in **2011**, our universities are becoming more competitive globally. We are responding to the challenges of the present age and we are becoming better global players. There is every possibility that more of our universities will achieve better ranking, qualitatively and quantitatively, in the nearest future and we can only achieve this if we work more and complain less. *Success is a choice* where there are several options," he said.

With 11 Nigerian institutions, including a Polytechnic, now in the league of the best 100, against the previous eight of last year, it appears the wish of the University of Ilorin is fast becoming a reality. Afterall, it is strongly felt that, as the late Ghanaian nationalist, Kwame Nkrumah, once said of Ghana's first independence, the good ranking of the University of Ilorin would be meaningless until other Nigerian universities also enjoy good ranking. *The Alma Mater* as a keen observer actually looks forward to a time when 40 Nigerian universities would be in the league table of the best 100 in Africa. It is just a matter of time if the current tempo is sustained.

As there are always two sides to a coin, the current ranking rankles in two main ways. For those who are rankled that their beloved University does not rank to their expectation, it is for them to shed off their complacency and work harder. And for those who consider the good ranking of the University as nothing other than *webometricricks*, because they want to cut their nose to spite their face, their wondering and wandering spirit would find another pastime in the meantime to agonise on. So, it is good ultimately for the two parties rankled by webometrics!

Only that one thing is as sure as daylight: the University is the proverbial ram in retreat, it is only set for reinvigoration. *The Alma Mater* hopes that the University will reboot to occupy its premier position when next the ranking is done again this year because, like the Vice-Chancellor, "I believe" "it is possible", so "let us march on" to "change the world" by changing our way of doing things *better by far*. (see *The Nation* 17/02/2012 p.38)

### Fast Facts File

#### Did you know?

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## West African varsities set to trade tackles at Unilorin

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Other events that competitors will participate in are Badminton, Chess, Basketball, Volleyball, Table Tennis, Lawn Tennis, Swimming, Squash, Handball, Cricket and Judo.

The West African Universities Games (WAUG) had been hosted by some West African universities in the past. The hosting started with the University of Ibadan, Nigeria (1965) followed by the University of Ghana, Ghana (1967). Other previous hosts are: University of Ibadan, Nigeria (1969), University of Lagos, Nigeria (1971), University of Liberia, Liberia (1973), University of Ife, Nigeria (1973), Universite De Cote d'Ivoire (1981), University de Ougadougou, Burkina Faso (1989), University of Benin, Nigeria (1995), Universite d'Abomeh Calavi, Benin Republic (1999), University de Ougadougou, Burkina Faso (2003), and again University of Ghana, Ghana (2008).

While the objectives of the West African Universities GWAUG) remaining "to promote unity among the West African University students" and "to enhance the development of sports in the sub-region", the theme of this year's event is "Promoting Regional Cooperation through Effective Sports Participation".

Some 120 universities across the West African countries are expected to participate in the Games. And, with the philosophy of the University revolving round hosting to win, it is expected that Unilorin athletes will be adorned by several medals at the end of the competition in which the University has invested at least N442 million in infrastructural facilities.

## WAUG receives more cash and material donations

More Nigerians have continued to donate towards the West Africa University Games (WAUG) the 13<sup>th</sup> Edition of which comes up at the University of Ilorin between March 27 and April 7, 2012.

Both Chief Bayo Ojo, SAN and Chief Duro Adeyele SAN of Bayo Ojo and Co. have donated a sum of Two hundred thousand naira (N200,000.00) while some companies have also donated materials.

Exculture Pharmacy Plc, Ilorin, has donated a First Aid Box to the University while Zoomota Healthcare Ltd., Lagos, and Elorapha Pharmacy, Ilorin have also supported the games with the donation of assorted drugs to the University through the Medical Sub-Committee of WAUG Local Organising Committee.

## Johnson is the 100<sup>th</sup> inaugural lecturer

The 100<sup>th</sup> inaugural lecture of the University of Ilorin comes up this Thursday (February 23, 2012) at the University Auditorium beginning from 5:00p.m. The lecturer is Prof. Wahab Babatunde Rotimi Johnson of the Department of Paediatrics and Child Health and Dean of Clinical Sciences, University of Ilorin.

The topic of the lecture is "Microbes and the Bellows of Young Fellows: Towards Proscribing a Pernicious Parley".

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

## New Appointment

Name	Department	Appointment	Effective Date
Prof. A. A. Adegoke	Counsellor Education	Director, Centre for Supportive Services for the Deaf	With Immediate Effect

## 2011/2012 Staff Development Supplementation Category

Recipient	Programme	Department	Institution
Mr. A. O. Fahm	PhD	Religions	International Islamic University, Malaysia
Mr. A. O. Tiamiyu	PhD	Telecommunication Science	Assumption University of Thailand, Thailand
Mrs. Rafiat A. Oyekunle	M.Sc.	Information and Communication Sciences	University of Ibadan, Ibadan

# VIEWS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA ON THE REPORT OF THE PRESIDENTIAL VISITATION PANEL TO UNIVERSITY OF ILORIN 2004-2010

## INTRODUCTION

### 1.0 INAUGURATION OF THE VISITATION PANEL

The Visitation Panels for twenty-six (26) Federal Universities and three (3) Inter-University Centres were inaugurated by the Honourable Minister of Education, Professor Ruqayyatu Ahmed Rufa'i on Monday, 14th February 2011 and were given 30 days to complete the assignment with effect from that date. The inaugurations were held at the Auditorium of the National Universities Commission Secretariat, Abuja, on behalf of the Visitor, President, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, Dr. Goodluck Ebele Jonathan, GCFR.

### 1.1 COMPOSITION OF THE PANEL

The current Visitation Panel is the fifth in the history of the University and its mandate is to look into the affairs of the University for the period 2004 to 2010. The composition of the Panel is as follows:

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| (i)    | Prof. A.M. Salau, FAS .....                | Chairman  |
| (ii)   | Mal. Ibrahim Kamal .....                   | Member    |
| (iii)  | Chief M.O. Ogunniyi .....                  | Member    |
| (iv)   | Mrs. Shakirat Adepeju Babatunde, FCA ..... | Member    |
| (v)    | Mrs. Omobola Tunji-Olagunju .....          | Member    |
| (vi)   | Engr. Barry Esimone .....                  | Member    |
| (vii)  | Prof. Ukandi Damachi .....                 | Member    |
| (viii) | Mr. Nnagbogu Augustine Azodo (NUC) .....   | Secretary |

### 1.2 TERMS OF REFERENCE

The Terms of Reference for the Visitation Panel were as follows:

1.2.1 To inquire into the level of implementation of the white paper on the last visitation report.

1.2.2 To look into the leadership quality of each University in terms of the roles of Governing Council, the Vice-Chancellors and the other Principal Officers.

1.2.3 To look into the financial management of each institution including the Statutory Allocations and Internally Generated Revenue over the recommended period and determine whether it was in compliance with appropriate regulations.

1.2.4 To investigate the application of funds, particularly the special grants, loans meant for specific projects in order to determine the status of such projects and their relevance for further funding.

1.2.5 To determine the adequacy of the staff and staff development programmes of each University.

1.2.6 To determine the relationship between the University and the various statutory bodies it interacts with according to its law for the purposes of supervision, planning, finance, discipline, guidance and any other relationship the University may have in dealing with the said bodies including the University Governing Council, the National Universities Commission and the Federal Ministry of Education as well as the Visitor.

1.2.7 To examine the "law" establishing the University including the relationship between the various internal organs, units and offices and indicate the ways the law has been observed by the competent authorities and also suggest any modifications to the law considered necessary or desirable to enable the University to better achieve its objectives.

1.2.8 To trace the historical evolution of the University and take stock of its net achievements and problems as well as its style and sense of direction and advise on what fundamental or expedient corrections are needed to enable the University to better achieve the objectives set for it.

1.2.9 To examine the general security in the University, how the University has dealt with it and recommend appropriate measures to deal with it.

1.2.10 To examine the processes and structures of the mechanisms for the discipline of students in each University in order to ascertain compliance with due process of the rule of law.

**BRIEF HISTORICAL BACKGROUND**

2.1 The University of Ilorin was established by a Decree in August 1975 initially as a University College affiliated to the University of Ibadan. It is one of the seven “second generation” universities. Others are Jos, Maiduguri, Sokoto, Calabar, Kano, Port Harcourt.

2.2 The University started in a rented accommodation at Sabo-Oke but soon moved to occupy some of the temporary buildings owned by the Kwara State College of Technology. This became the Mini Campus while the permanent site, which is the Main Campus, now accommodates eight Academic Faculties as well as a Postgraduate School and other Academic and Professional Units. Effort is being made by the University Administration to move the Mini Campus to the permanent site in the next 12 to 18 months.

2.3 The University of Ilorin, as stated above was established in 1975 and right from its inception was lucky to acquire a large expanse of land which is said to be territorially about the largest University in Nigeria.

2.4 The first Principal of the College was Dr. T. N. Tamuno who was then Professor and Head of History at the University of Ibadan. Within three months of his tenure, Professor Tamuno was appointed Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ibadan in December, 1975 and so was replaced by Professor O. O. Akinkugbe, Professor of Medicine, University of Ibadan.

2.5 The first batch of 200 students was admitted on October 23<sup>rd</sup> and lectures began on 25<sup>th</sup> October, 1976 in three Faculties of Arts, Science and Education. With the attainment of a full-fledged status in October, 1977, student population rapidly grew from 200 in 1976 to 16,225 in the 1998-99 academic year and to 21,764 by the 2002-2003 session. Staff strength also grew from about 5 in March 1976 to 3,173 in July 2000. As at December 2003 staff strength stood at 3,218 made up of 683 Academic Staff, 1,056 Senior Administrative, Technical and other Professional Staff and 1,478 Junior staff.

2.6 The geographical location of the University of Ilorin, coupled with the relative peace in the University Campus for the past four years, has contributed to its popularity among JAMB (Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board) applicants. Indeed it is estimated that some 50 per cent of candidates are now known to choose the University of Ilorin as their first choice in UME (University Matriculation Examination) applications.

**TERM OF REFERENCE 1**

*“To Inquire into the Level of Implementation of the White Paper on the last Visitation Report”*

**3.0 FINDINGS/OBSERVATIONS/RECOMMENDATIONS**

The University has attended to all of the observations by the last Visitation Panel and directives given by the Federal Government.

**3.1 RECOMMENDATIONS**

(a) A unit should be created in the Vice-Chancellor’s office to monitor the scheme for effective feedback.

(b) Council should meet quarterly to reduce the number of extra-ordinary meetings.

**Comment**

(a) The Visitor rejects this recommendation as the implementation of Visitation White Paper is an *ad-hoc* exercise.

(b) The Visitor rejects this recommendation and directs Council to comply with extant Circular.

**TERM OF REFERENCE 2**

*“To look into the Leadership Quality of each University in Terms of the Roles of Government Council, the Vice-Chancellors and other Principal Officers”*

**4.0 FINDINGS/OBSERVATIONS/RECOMMENDATIONS****4.1 GOVERNING COUNCIL/MANAGEMENT RELATIONSHIP**

(i) The University administration functions in cooperation with the Council to meet its mandate of general control and superintendence of the policies, finances and property of the University, as well as its public relations, as provided for in the University Act 1979.

(ii) The University has been very lucky with the quality of its successive Council members who have demonstrated exemplary commitment to quality governance, academic stability and quality, and discipline.

**4.2. QUALITY OF RELATIONSHIP WITH THE SENATE**

(i) Senate has continued to discharge its responsibilities in the area of organization and control of teaching, review of curricula, approval of new programmes, maintenance of academic standard, award of degrees and granting of fellowships and scholarships.

(ii) It handles the discipline of students and promotes research directly or through its statutory committees. The schedule of meetings is usually as stated in the calendar.

**4.3 QUALITY OF RELATIONSHIP WITH PRINCIPAL OFFICERS**

(i) The governance of the University is in line with the University of Ilorin Act 1979.

(ii) This administration has together with the Principal Officers, steered the ship with remarkable confidence, purposeful energy and commitment

**4.4 REGULARITY OF MEETINGS AND ATTENDANCE OF MEETINGS**

(i) In order to discharge its responsibilities as enshrined in the University Act 1979, Council meets quarterly and also holds emergency meeting when the need arises.

(ii) Senate has regular meetings on the second Tuesday of every other even month, making six times in a year.

(iii) The Congregation meets as stated in the University Act 1979 twice in a session.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

(a) Council statutory meeting should be quarterly instead of the present three times a year to reduce the frequency of special/emergency meetings.

(b) The University should look into the deployment of Internet cloud.

(c) To sustain the accreditation of the new courses, government should make every effort to provide regular and adequate funds.

**Comments**

(a) The Visitor rejects recommendation (a) and directs Council to comply with extant Circular.

(b) The Visitor notes recommendation (b) and observes that it is not reflected in the findings

(c) The Visitor notes recommendation.

**TERM OF REFERENCE 3**

*“To Look into the Financial Management of each Institution including Statutory Allocations and Internally Generated Revenue (IGR) over the Recommended Period and Determine whether it was in Compliance with Appropriate Regulation”*

**5.0 FINDINGS/OBSERVATIONS/RECOMMENDATIONS****5.1 APPROPRIATENESS OF REGULATIONS FOR FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT**

(i) The rules and regulations include recommendations of Council meetings and its relevant committees on financial matters, financial management policy, accounting manual, internal audit manual, Federal Government Financial Regulation as amended to date and the Act No. 18, 1979, CAP 455, LFN 1990 as amended in the University of Ilorin Act 1979, CAP U7, LFN 2004 and the Universities (Miscellaneous Provisions) ACT No.11 of 1993 as amended in 1996.

(ii) The Panel examined the records of accounts over the recommended period 2004 to 2010, which includes, the vote book, the internal audit manual, the accounting manual, the internal audit reports and the external audit reports. Oral evidence was also obtained from the incumbent Vice-Chancellor, Bursar and the Head of the Internal Audit Unit.

**5.2 SOURCES OF INCOME**

(i) The University receives income from the Federal Government through Statutory Allocation, Education Trust Fund intervention, donations, grants and loans which is supported with the efforts of the University in generating income internally; this is referred to as Internally Generated Revenue (IGR).

**5.2.1. Statutory Allocation**

The Statutory Allocation, during the period under review comprises of recurrent grant, direct teaching grants, library development fund, FGN capital and research grant which amounted to a total of ₦23,921,066,031.

The Statutory Allocation grew at a fast rate in 2008 and continues to grow up to 2010, due to increase in personnel cost and capital projects

**5.2.2. Internally Generated Revenue (IGR)**

The Internally Generated Revenue increased to an impressive growth of about 171 per cent over the years under review. The total IGR for the period was ₦4,999,009,267.

**5.2.3 Donations**

The panel found on ground donations and scholarships from well meaning Nigerians and Corporate bodies.

**5.2.4. Scholarships**

The Panel recorded about seventeen types of scholarship awards enjoyed by the students of the institution.

**5.3. FUND UTILIZATION**

The university invested in long-term development projects through commercial tree planning with vast plantation of Teak, indicating commercial tree planting, Jatropha, Citrus, Mango, Cashew and Date Palm.

**5.4 RULES AND REGULATIONS**

- (i) Although the rules and regulations are appropriate, the internal audit manual was last updated in 2006.
- (ii) The University has in place, a Council and its committees which include the Finance and General Purpose committee that monitors and controls its financial management.
- (iii) The accounting year of the university is July to June. The financial statements for the period under review were audited by two firms of chartered accountants except for the year 2009/2010 which is still in progress, therefore, all the figures used in this analysis are per audited accounts except for 2009-2010.

**5.4.1 Compliance with Appropriate Rules and Regulations**

The University of Ilorin complies with appropriate regulations in fund sourcing and fund utilization, the University is always conscious of regulations.

**5.5. RECOMMENDATIONS**

- (a) We commend the impressive IGR performance of the University within the period under review and recommend that Government should institute a reward system in form of matching grant.
- (b) The internal audit manual should be reviewed immediately to reflect the developments of the university in the area of information technology.
- (c) Efforts should be made to sustain the cashless and the e-payment operations in the University.

**Comment**

- (a) The Visitor notes this recommendation and urges the University Management to maintain the existing trend.
- (b) The Visitor accepts recommendation (b) and directs Management to liaise with NUC for appropriate modalities for implementation.
- (c) The Visitor accepts recommendation (c) and Council should ensure sustainability. *(To be continued)*

**Ph.D. Defence**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Department</b>	<b>Thesis Title</b>	<b>Venue</b>	<b>Date and Time</b>
Ogunye, Boludola Gbemisola	Counsellor Education	“Emotional Intelligence and Academic Self-Efficacy for Academic Stress Reduction of Secondary School Students in Ilorin, Nigeria”	Departmental Conference Room	20th February, 2012@10.00am

## Synergize, federal govt establishments charged

The Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Is-haq O. Oloyede, has called on all federal establishments to work in partnership with one another for greater results and efficiency saying that the current slow level of development is due to lack of synergy among such establishments.

Prof. Oloyede made this call last Wednesday (February 15, 2012) during his courtesy call on the Managing Director of Lower Niger River Basin Development Authority (RBDA), Engr. Abubakar T. Aduragba, stressing that that federal institutions in Kwara State have no reason not to impact positively on the lives of the people in the state considering the investments of the federal government in them.

The Vice-Chancellor recalled that he had written letters to federal establishments in Kwara State four years ago on the need for collaboration without desirable response from many of them.

He therefore commended Engr. Aduragba and the Lower Niger Development Authority for their readiness to partner the University in boosting agriculture through Unilorin Sugar Research Institute. He disclosed that the purpose of his visit to the Authority was to appreciate the management for its forthrightness.



*A group photograph of the University and RBDA teams*

The Vice-Chancellor submitted that all parts of the country need one another to survive and therefore called on Nigerians to stop toying with the idea of breaking up the country. He emphasised that the agricultural products produced in the different parts of the country are very essential to our collective survival. He added that the irrigation partnership with the water resource institution would ensure that fresh vegetables and tomatoes are produced all year round as the University has made 10 hectares of land available for the purpose. .

In his response, the Managing Director, Engr. Aduragba, attested to the Vice-Chancellor's position saying that things would be done properly when people work together. His words: "We are really happy to receive you. We can do a lot together and we will look into all areas where we can partner together with you".

Engr. Aduragba observed that there are plenty of funds for research and development in the country but that people cannot access them because of lack of knowledge and ideas. He highlighted some of the research funds available and tasked the University to take advantage of the funding opportunities for research and developmental purposes. He noted that Nigerians should not forget their differences but should understand them and work together. He then commended the University for the Teak plantation and several other research and developmental projects embarked upon by the University.

Joining the Managing Director to receive the University team were the Executive Director (Finance and Administration), Mrs F. O. Ade-Aina; Executive Director (Services), Dr. Adegbite Kehinde Abodunde and Ag. Executive Director (Planning and Design), Mr. Tihamiyu Adegkunle Oyewole while in the Vice-Chancellor's delegation were the Principal Officers, Deans and Directors of the University.

## Unilorin 89.3 FM is a credible feat - Media Group

A media organisation based in Ilorin, "The Muslim Media-Watch Group", has described the establishment of Unilorin 89.3fm as a credible feat while also commending the radio station for raising the bar of radio broadcasting in Kwara State.

According to a letter of commendation, signed by the Chairman of the group, Alh. Ibrahim Abdullah, and addressed to the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, the establishment of the station is another feather to the cap of the University stressing that the University has been known for being innovative, enterprising and dedicated as epitomised by its leadership.

The group noted that it had monitored UNILORIN 89.3 FM for some time and can vouch for the quality of its broadcasting saying that the signals of the radio station are clear and the programmes broadcast on the station are edifying and fantastic.

## Owu Waterfall: VC seeks government intervention

The Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, has appealed to Kwara State Government to construct a good road to Owu Waterfall from Owa-Onire community in Ifelodun Local Government Area of the State.

Prof. Oloyede made this appeal last Wednesday (February 15, 2012) at a dinner he hosted in honour of the Nigerian Commonwealth and Bilateral Agreement Scholars who were in the University for the first orientation/acculturation programme in Nigeria.

Speaking on the backdrop of the hardship the tourists said they faced while going to the place, Prof. Oloyede said he would soon visit the place while describing the waterfall as one major tourist attraction in the State that can boost the tourism industry. He therefore called for the development of the site and the construction of a motorable road to it, stressing that the place is a potential national and international tourist haven.

While tasking the commonwealth scholars to think about what they could also contribute to the development of Nigeria as an act of appreciation for her contribution to the betterment of their lives, Prof. Oloyede urged them to see themselves as a bridge between Nigeria and their various nations by becoming good ambassadors of the country, which he noted has always been given negative media coverage.

The Vice-Chancellor, who recounted how his own experience in Australia many years back when a similar programme was organised for foreign scholars among whom he was, also commended the adopted parents of the commonwealth scholars for their hospitality and support for the programme by hosting the scholars throughout the programme in their homes for free. He also urged the “parents” and their “sons/daughters” to keep in touch through phone calls and e-mails. He further disclosed the readiness of the University to accommodate foreign scholars from other universities who might choose to spend their holidays in Ilorin when the need arises. He lauded the Senate of the University of Ilorin saying that while the staff of another university would expect being paid for hosting the foreigners, the Senate not only endorsed the idea but also stated that the scholars would be accommodated at their homes at no cost to the University.

## Unilorin hosts NIFST conference

The University of Ilorin is set to host the 3<sup>rd</sup> Nigerian Institute of Food Science and Technology (NIFST) half-yearly Conference/ General Meeting (Western Chapter) between 14 and 16 May, 2012 at the University Auditorium. The theme of the conference is “Traditional Food Processing Technologies: Past, Present and Future Trends”.

The Sub-Themes are “Traditional Food Processing Technologies and Climate Change”, “Efficiency and Standardization of Traditional Food Processing Technologies”, “Nutritional, Microbiological and Sensory Characteristics of Traditional Food Products”, “Biotechnology in Traditional Food Processing Engineering and Traditional Food Processing” and “Women in Traditional Food Processing Value Addition and Traditional Food Processing”.

The Keynote Speakers at the conference are Prof. S. F. Adedoyin, Vice-Chancellor, Samuel Adegboyega University, Ogwa, Edo State, and Dr. (Mrs.) M. A. Adesida, Director, Nigerian Stored Products Research Institute (NSPRI), Ilorin, while the Special Guest of Honour is Mrs. Omolewa Ahmed, First Lady, Kwara State, Nigeria. The Chief Host is the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Is-haq O. Oloyede.

Prospective participants are expected to prepare abstracts containing not more than 250 words in MS word format and submit electronically to [nifstwesternchapterunilorin@yahoo.com](mailto:nifstwesternchapterunilorin@yahoo.com) on or before 14<sup>th</sup> April, 2012. “All abstracts should be accompanied with evidence of payment of registration fee and abstract handling charges. Oral presentations are encouraged to be prepared in powerpoint format. Poster presentation will also be entertained at the conference. Paper not presented at the conference will not be considered for journal publication. No presentation will be allowed without evidence of registration and payment of appropriate charges.”

More details about the conference can be obtained from the Chairman, LOC, Dr. Mrs. O. R. Karim of the Department of Home Economics and Food Science (08036159882; 08098072258; [karim.or@unilorin.edu.ng](mailto:karim.or@unilorin.edu.ng) [olayinkakarim@yahoo.com](mailto:olayinkakarim@yahoo.com)) and Mr. S. A. Olayinka, Secretary, LOC, also of the same Department (07066395421 [sart2001@yahoo.com](mailto:sart2001@yahoo.com), [oyeyinka.sa@unilorin.edu.ng](mailto:oyeyinka.sa@unilorin.edu.ng))

**MONEY MATTERS****UNILORIN WEEKLY FINANCIAL DIGEST**

SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS &amp; PAYMENTS FOR THE PERIOD 10th-16th February 2012

<b>RECEIPTS</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
Academic Transcript	69,000:00
Staff I.D Card/Lanyard	5,200:00
Income from Library & Publications Committee	48,000:00
Students Charges: Undergraduate	371,800:00
Contractor Registration Form	300:00
Income from Fitness Centre	1,000:00
Academic outfit	5,000:00
Order of Proceedings	15,100:00
Scroll	12,100:00
Students I.D. Cards	600:00
Change of Course Form	25,000:00
Printing of pay slip	350:00
Boarded Property	83,000:00
<b>Total Receipts for the Period</b>	<b>636,450:00</b>
<b>PAYMENTS</b>	
<b>Payments to Contractors/Suppliers:</b>	
Bisrod Furniture- Supply of Rectangular table	511,750:00
Earlyon Technologies- Installation of Library software	254,000:00
Favour Electronics- Supply of 3 LCD TV to Unilorin FM	183,000:00
Alh Abdulrahman Yaro- Supply of 9,700 litres of diesel	1,542,300:00
Alh Abdulrahman Yaro- Supply of 33 litres of diesel	88,000:00
Oladele Adedeji Nig. Ltd- Supply of 2 complete DSTV	310,000:00
Petrol Management Board- 10,000 litres of petrol	1,124,800:00
Bidgbenga Nig. Ltd-Supply/Installation of computer & LCD TV	474,475:00
Baloricci Ventures- Supply of 100 Customized dustbin	2,300,000:00
Owoeye & Partners- Professional fees on Property	5,500,000:00
Abdulkareem Alli & Co- Supply/Installation of perforated steel chairs	300,000:00
Lolly Dinter Enterprises-Repair of roof leakages @ LT	70,016:25
Lar tek Nig. Ltd- Construction of fence @ Sentu	103,896:29
Tesbag Electrical Tech.-Maintenance of transformer @ Block 3	148,960:00
<b>Other Payments:</b>	
Purchase Advance	6,949,926:00
Various-refund, printing, Imprest, etc.	7,799,437:30
Touring Advance	801,000:00
Pension Arrears	2,343,443:64
Senate Research Grant (SRG)	77,840:00
Financial Assistance: Dorcas Bola Olorunfemi	2,490,000:00
Unilorin Alumni- Scrolls Distribution 2011	2,800,500:00
Works Department- Construction of fence @ Bolorunduro	906,237:52
Centre for International Education- Purchase & Installation of TV, AC & Fridge	1,645,000:00
<b>Total Expenditures for the Period</b>	<b>38,724,582:00</b>

Signed  
**Ayo Sijuwola**  
 BURSAR

**LAUGH LINES**

Wife to husband: What a coincidence! You forgot my birthday and I forgot how to cook!

Husband to wife: You are too much... There are three kinds of wives: the beautiful, the caring and the majority. You are just too much of the majority!

## Happy Birthday To You!

S/N	Name	Department/Unit	Date of Birth
1.	Adewara, Olabisi M.	Postgraduate School	20 <sup>th</sup> February
2.	Medubi, Oyinkan C.	English	21 <sup>st</sup> February
3.	Morakinyo, Joseph A.	Plant Biology	21 <sup>st</sup> February
4.	Sulaiman, Faoziyat A.	Biochemistry	21 <sup>st</sup> February
5.	Ajiboye, Tunde M.	French	23 <sup>rd</sup> February
6.	Opoola, Oloyede T.	Mathematics	24 <sup>th</sup> February
7.	Lasode, Olumuyiwa A.	Mechanical Engineering	24 <sup>th</sup> February

### NOTICE

All staff of the University are to visit the University website ([www.unilorin.edu.ng](http://www.unilorin.edu.ng)) for an important information on the new Integrated Payroll and Personnel Information Management System (IPPIS)

## Unilorin in the News

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- While making a point in an opinion article, a newspaper columnist, Ngozi Agbo, has noted that the University of Ilorin has been listed as the eighth in the country. ('Simply sad news (2)', *The Nation*, same date, p.30)
- Some students of the University of Ilorin have benefitted from the scholarship awards instituted by Cymmy Associates, which were conferred on the beneficiaries at the 2012 Undergraduates Reading and Research Award Programme held in Offa, Kwara State recently. ('Group honours students', *The Nation*, same date, p.32)
- In response to a call made by the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, that Nigerians should support the University as it hosts the 13<sup>th</sup> West African Universities Games, a top lawyer and friend of the University, Mallam Yusuf Ola-Olu Ali (SAN) has supported the University with a N500,000.00. ('SAN donates N.5m', *The Nation*, same date, p.37)
- A writer, Ibrahim Abdullahi, in a feature article has listed the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, as one of the notable products of the Muslim Students' Society of Nigeria (MSSN) who have distinguished themselves in their various callings. ('Muslim Youth, hope for Islam today and tomorrow', *National Pilot*, February 16 - 19, 2012, p.6)
- While appreciating the efforts of the Media Trust Limited in the award of scholarship to twenty female medical students of the University of Ilorin with the presentation of cheques of N100, 000 each, the Provost of the College of Health Sciences, Prof. A.B.O. Omotosho, has tasked the beneficiaries to remain the best in their studies. ('Unilorin Medical students receive scholarship awards', *National Pilot*, same date. p.18)
- The University of Ilorin has acquired a 59-seater Marcopolo bus as part of its readiness to host WAUG. ('Unilorin purchases N48m Marcopolo Bus for WAUG', *National Pilot*, February 16-19, 2012, p.24)
- Dr. Pius Abioje of the University of Ilorin has aired his opinion in a published letter to a newspaper editor based on an article published in *Unilorin Bulletin*, while urging government to be proactive to avoid strikes. ('Alternative to workers' strike', *The Nation*, Friday, February 17, 2012, p.20)
- An ace columnist, Femi Abbas, has chronicled the actions of the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, in catapulting the University to an enviable height among the universities in the country. ('A confluence for progress', *The Nation*, Friday, February 17, 2012, p.38)
- While receiving a team of scholars on acculturation for Nigerian Commonwealth and Bilateral Education Agreement, the Deputy Governor of Kwara State, Elder Peter Kisira on behalf of the State Government has commended the authorities of the University of Ilorin for doing the state proud in their various activities. ('Unilorin gets pass mark', *The Herald*, Friday, February 17, 2012, p.6)
- At a two-day seminar organised for local government officials in Ilorin West and Ilorin East Local Government areas as well as the media by a Non-governmental Organisation, Human Development Initiatives, resource persons from the University of Ilorin have stressed the need for tracking the budget of local governments in order to hold them accountable while urging local governments to embark on projects that will have impact on the citizenry. ('LGs charged on capital projects', *The Herald*, same date, p.7)
- The Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, will chair the a book reading session of Wale Okediran's *Tenants of the House* organised by Iqra Bookshop on Sunday February 26, 2012 at Radio Kwara, Ilorin. ('In Ilorin, Iqra Bookshop hosts Okediran', *The Guardian*, Friday, February 17, 2012,p.42)
- A former Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Oladipo Akinkugbe, will deliver a public lecture on "Of stated goals and proven performance" at Ondo State Cultural Centre, Akure. ('Advert, *The Punch*, Friday, February 17, 2012, p.35; also in *The Nation*, same date, p. A8)

## Unilorin in the News

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- Both Iyanda Ismael and Alatise Taofeeq of the University of Ilorin have urged Kwara State Government to intensify its efforts towards the timely completion of road projects in state. ('Kwara's road project of pain', *The Nation*, Monday February 13, 2012, p.20)
- International scholars and students have described their positive impression about Nigeria and Nigerians when the University hosted the Nigerian Commonwealth and Bilateral Education Agreement Scholars for the maiden acculturation programme aimed at exposing the participants to Nigerian culture. (*NTA Ilorin News @ 7:00p.m. Monday, February 13, 2012*)
- Two members of a supposed Due Process Group, University of Ilorin, Iyanda Ismael and Alatise Taofeeq, have urged the Kwara State Government to complete the ongoing road projects in the state without delay. ('Road project or death trap in Ilorin?', *Nigerian Compass*, Tuesday, February 14, 2012, p.10)
- At a Health Education Seminar recently organised by the University of Ilorin, Dr. A. A. Adesiyun of the Department of Paediatrics and Child Health has revealed that sugar does not cause diabetes mellitus. ('Sugar does not cause diabetes - Expert', *The Moment*, Tuesday, February 14, 2012, p.10)
- The Emir of Ilorin, Alhaji Ibrahim Sulu Gambari, has commended the University of Ilorin for living up to its mandate while receiving a team of the Directorate of Corporate Affairs of the University in his palace. ('Emir of Ilorin commends Unilorin', *The Moment*, same as above.)
- In his inaugural lecture, "Adolescent in Africa: The role of context and process in developmental trajectories", Prof. Alfred Adegoke of the Department of Counsellor Education, University of Ilorin, has canvassed a transformation in the education of young adolescents in Africa because adolescence is a crucial turning-point in life. ('Lecturer makes case for adolescent education', *The Punch*, Tuesday, February 14, 2012, p.42)
- While speaking at the opening of the Nigerian Commonwealth and Bilateral Education Agreement Scholars forum, the Deputy Vice- Chancellor, (Academic) of the University of Ilorin, Prof. K. L. Ayorinde, has stated that insecurity is a global problem while enjoining foreigners not to use it as an excuse to avoid Nigeria. ('Dons allay foreigners' fears of insecurity', *The Punch*, same date, p.14)
- Dr. Pius Abioje of the University of Ilorin has opined that the Emir of Suleja, Mallam Awal Ibrahim, was a victim of transferred aggression on account of his presence at the internment for *Boko Haram* victims. ('Blame PDP, not the Emir of Suleja', *The Guardian*, Tuesday, February 14, 2012, p.18)
- The leadership of the Academic Staff Union of Universities (ASUU) has disagreed with a *Unilorin Bulletin* columnist over the mooted 70 years retirement age when the article was brought to its attention by a staff member of the University who had no proof to contest the article. ('ASUU, UNILORIN bicker over retirement age', *Nigerian Compass*, Wednesday, February 15, 2012, p.7)
- A photograph of the principal officers and other officials of the University of Ilorin with the newly purchased Marcopolo Bus valued acquired as part of WAUG preparations has been published. (*Nigerian Compass*, p.22)
- An article published in *Unilorin Bulletin* has rankled some elements within the Academic Staff Union of Universities (ASUU) so much that they now resort to fuming on the pages of newspapers. ('Retirement age: ASUU draws battle with UNILORIN', *The Nation*, Wednesday, February 15, 2012, p.57)
- During a recent courtesy visit paid to him by the Directorate of Corporate Affairs of the University of Ilorin, the Emir of Ilorin, Alhaji Ibrahim Sulu Gambari, has commended the University for fulfilling its mandate while also the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, for his giant strides in developing the University. ('Emir rates Unilorin high', *Nigerian Tribune*, Thursday, February 16, 2012, p.33)
- Dozens of commonwealth scholars from different nations of the world have arrived at the University of Ilorin for an acculturation programme organised by the University in conjunction with the Federal Scholarship Board. ('Commonwealth scholars arrive in Ilorin', *Nigerian Tribune*, same as above.)
- The University of Ilorin has acquired a new 59-seater Marcopolo Bus valued at N48m in readiness for the forthcoming West African Universities Games to be hosted by the institution. ('WAUG 2012: Varsity takes delivery of luxury bus', *Nigerian Tribune*, same as above.)
- The Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, has described the procurement of a 59-seater N48 million Marcopolo bus acquired in readiness for WAUG as a worthwhile investment. ('Varsity gets bus', 'UNILORIN File', *The Nation*, Thursday, February 16, 2012, p.28)
- Twenty female medical students of the University of Ilorin have emerged beneficiaries of a scholarship sponsored by the Media Trust Limited. ('Medical students get scholarship', *The Nation*, same as above)
- Dozens of commonwealth scholars from different nations have arrived at the University of Ilorin for an acculturation programme of the Nigerian Commonwealth and Bilateral Education Agreement Scholars. ('Commonwealth scholars arrive', *The Nation*, same as above)

## Unilorin in the News

- The immediate past chairman of the Academic Staff Union of Universities (ASUU) of the University of Ilorin Chapter, Dr. Saad Omoiya, has stated that the major focus of his leadership in the last two years of his tenure was on maintaining peace in the University as the body elects new officers. ('We focused on attaining peace in UNILORIN, says Omoiya...as ASUU elects new officers', *National Pilot*, February 13-15, 2012, p.5)
  - The Emir of Ilorin, Alhaji Ibrahim Sulu Gambari, has commended the University of Ilorin for living up to its mandate of teaching, learning and rendering community service while receiving a delegation of the Directorate of Corporate Affairs of the University. ('Why peace reigns in Kwara- Emir of Ilorin... rates Unilorin high', *National Pilot*, same as above)
  - Some 59 Nigerian universities and 26 foreign universities are expected as the University of Ilorin prepares to host the 13<sup>th</sup> West Africa Universities Games (WAUG) just as a frontline lawyer, Mallam Yusuf Ola-Olu Ali SAN, has supported the games with a donation of N500,000.00. ('59 Nigerian, 26 foreign varsities for WAUG 2012...Ola-Olu Ali supports games with .5m', *National Pilot*, February 6 - 8, 2012, p.27)
  - Prof. Alfred Adegoke of the Department of Counsellor Education, University of Ilorin, who delivered the 99th inaugural lecture, has disclosed that 300,000 youths between the ages of 10 and 24 currently risk their lives in the course of armed conflicts in Africa. ('300,000 African youths vulnerable to death', *The Herald*, Monday February 13, 2012, pp.2 and 3)
  - A lecturer in the Department of Religions, University of Ilorin, Dr. Badmus Lanre Yusuf, has called on the Federal Government to effect the implementation of the N18,000.00 minimum wage for workers while commending the security operatives over the re-arrest of the alleged *Boko Haram* leader, Kabiru Sokoto. ('Don appeals to FG on minimum wage', *The Herald*, Monday February 13, 2012, p.3)
  - The Management of the University of Ilorin Teaching Hospital has brought the attention of the police to a case involving two Chinese nationals of Harbin Engineering Limited who were brought to the emergency ward of the hospital and had sustained various degrees of injuries following a protracted fight that led to the death of one of them. ('Police arraign Chinese for killing compatriot', *The Herald*, same date, p.4)
  - For his contributions to the development of the nation and humanity in general, the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, has been honoured with the award of the "Best Performing Vice-Chancellor, 2011" by Baseline Global Ventures, a non-governmental organization. ('Oloyede wins best performing VC award', *The Herald*, same date, p.16)
  - The Emir of Ilorin, Alhaji Ibrahim Sulu Gambari, has attributed the peace and tranquility in Kwara State to the contentment of the people just as he praised the University of Ilorin for its commitment to its mandate while receiving the delegation of the Directorate of Corporate Affairs of the University. ('Emir rates Unilorin high, lauds Kwarans on peace', *The Herald*, same date, p.16)
  - A photograph of the Deputy Director, Directorate of Corporate Affairs, University of Ilorin, Dr. Mahfouz Adedimeji presenting a souvenir to the Emir of Ilorin, Alhaji Dr. Ibrahim Sulu Gambari, during a courtesy visit to the royal father at his palace recently has been published. (*The Herald*, same as above)
  - The University of Ilorin and the University of Ilorin Teaching Hospital are among the listed institutions across the country to be enrolled into the Integrated Payroll and Personnel Information System (IPPIS). ('Office of the Head of the Civil Service of the Federation and the Office of the Accountant General of the Federation, Integrated Payroll and Personnel Information System (IPPIS)', *The Punch*, Monday, February 13, 2012, p.65)
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## Quotes of the Week

Men occasionally stumble over the truth, but most of them pick themselves up and hurry off as if nothing ever happened. - Winston Churchill

In so far as the mind is stronger than the body, so are the ills contracted by the mind more severe than those contracted by the body. - Cicero

No shelter is safer than piety. - Ali bin Abi Talib

Hatred paralyzes life; love releases it. Hatred confuses life; love harmonizes it. Hatred darkens life; love illuminates it.

- Martin Luther King Jr.

Unless I accept my faults, I will most certainly doubt my virtues. - Hugh Prather