



Unilorin awards over ₦388m WAUG contracts ...as varsity produces 5,330 graduands in a session



WE CONVOKE: L-R: Prof. Fakunle, Prof. Olayemi, Mrs. Oyeyemi, Prof. Oloyede, Prof. Ayorinde, Mr. Sijuwola and Mrs. Fadayomi

As the preparations for hosting the 13th edition of the West Africa University Games (WAUG) reach fever pitch, the authorities of the University of Ilorin have awarded contracts to the tune of almost ₦400 million on various projects in the University. The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Is-haq O. Oloyede, gave this disclosure last Monday (October 17, 2011) while briefing the press at the commencement of the 27th convocation ceremonies at the University Auditorium.

In his address, captioned "To God Be The Glory", Prof. Oloyede highlighted some thirty projects carried out recently in the University while he also revealed that "in preparation for the Games, the University has awarded contracts for the rehabilitation of the old pavilion and the construction of an office complex (₦24.5 million), the construction of a new pavilion (₦71 million), the refurbishment of the Indoor Sports Hall and the Fitness Centre (₦33 million), the construction of three Tartan tracks (over ₦163 million), the construction of four synthetic tracks and purchase of sports equipment (₦45 million) as well as the purchase of a Marcopolo Bus (over ₦52 million)".

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Jonathan commissions Unilorin projects ...as Ahmed turns sod at Sugar Research Institute site

The Visitor to the University of Ilorin and President, Commander-in-Chief of the Nigerian Armed Forces, Dr. Goodluck Ebele Jonathan, has commissioned some projects executed by the University of Ilorin during the 2010/2011 academic session.

While speaking at the commissioning last Saturday (October 22, 2011), the President, who was represented by the Minister of Education, Prof. Ruqqayatu Ahmed Rufa'i, lauded the University on UNILORIN 98.3 FM station and the Faculty of Communication and Information Sciences building executed through internally generated revenue.

The President, who expressed happiness with the University on the projects, urged other agencies and institutions to take a cue from the University of Ilorin and utilise ideas for the purpose of development.

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Prof. Rufa'i assisted by the Chancellor, the Dean of Agbor and the VC, Prof. Oloyede, at the commissioning of CIS Faculty last Saturday

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Unilorin's agenda is research-driven, by VC

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The Vice-Chancellor identified five purposes, as contained in the Act establishing public universities in Nigeria, for which universities are established and explained how the University of Ilorin has actualised each of the purposes within the 2010/2011 academic session. He also expressed optimism that the University in the years ahead would continue to vigorously pursue its vision and mission.

“Meanwhile, the University produced 4,710 first degree/ diploma and 620 higher degree/postgraduate diploma graduands during the session under review, making a total graduate output of 5,330 for the year. The University produced 24 diploma, 23 First Class, 875 Second Class Upper, 2,544 Second Class Lower, 1,019 Third Class, 99 Pass as well as 126 MB;BS graduands during the session. At the postgraduate level, the University produced 80 postgraduate diploma, 399 Master's, 69 professional postgraduate and 72 doctoral graduands during the year”, he added.

The Vice-Chancellor, who is also the Chairman of the Association of Vice-Chancellors of Nigerian Universities (AVCNU), noted that the agenda of the University is research-driven and that informed the creation of the office of the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research, Technology and Innovation), the award of scholarship to 96 outstanding students or University scholars and the sponsorship of 470 staff of the University by the University and its partners to academic conferences all over the world.

Prof. Oloyede thereafter invited members of the public to the 27th convocation activities which continued further in the day with the turning of the sods at the new sites of Unilorin Sugar Research Institute (USRI) and National Centre for Hydropower Research and Development (NACHRED) at Ajase-Ipo Road, Ilorin.

While fielding questions from the representatives of several media organisations that attended the occasion after his address, Prof. Oloyede allayed the fears of the public on the continuity of what was described as his “superlative achievements” saying that since inception, God has always blessed the University with good and visionary Vice-Chancellors and he strongly believes that the trend would continued after him. “God has always been good to this University and the University has been blessed with great Vice-Chancellors. I believe that God will not disappoint us and he will provide the University with a good Vice-Chancellor after I leave office”, he said.

While answering a the question on the controversy generated by opposition to the pre-registration screening, called Post-UTME, in some quarters, the Chairman of the AVCNU noted that the Joint Admissions and Matriculations Board (JAMB) has no power to unilaterally determine the admissions of students. Prof. Oloyede argued that according to the Act establishing universities, every university has the right to determine the quality of its intakes and the right has not been amended in any form. He added that since the introduction of pre-registration screening at the University of Ilorin for instance, the quality of the admitted students had improved. He also disclosed that during the last pre-registration screening exercise, not less than eight candidates who had very good UTME scores were discovered by the University to have been fraudulent as they confessed that they did not actually sit for the examinations whose results they had.

The Vice-Chancellor reiterated his belief that the Senate would hear the side of the Vice-Chancellors before making any pronouncement stressing that his Association had already written to the Senate on the matter. He also justified the question of not including complaints and problems in his address on the ground that universities are established to solve problems and not to lament.

While responding to another question on power, Prof. Oloyede declared that the University is ready to work with the Federal Government to ensure stable supply of electricity. He called for further details from the Director of NACHRED, University of Ilorin, Prof. Bolaji F. Sule, who revealed that the University had already informed Kwara State government that Owu water fall has the potential of generating eight megawatts of electricity when it is harnessed.

The Professor of Islamic Jurisprudence also used the occasion to comment on the general mass failure in the education sector attributing it to “mass failure in the country's system”. He emphasised that when there is a mass failure in a country's system everything else experiences mass failure. He then advised that public primary and secondary schools must get the required attention if the situation is to improve.

Unilorin, the Post-UTME Debate and the Minister

The debate on the propriety or otherwise of the pre-registration screening conducted by the universities for admission applicants, referred to as Post-Unified Tertiary Institutions Matriculation Examinations (or post-UTME) gained more resonance at the University of Ilorin last week.

That the debate reached its crescendo at the University would not be surprising, given the prominent position the University of Ilorin occupies in the Nigerian university system. Apart from producing the current Chairman of both the Committee of Vice-Chancellors (CVC) and the Association of Vice-Chancellors of Nigerian Universities (AVCNU), the ranking of the University as the best in Nigeria since the past three years further attests to why light emanates from Ilorin on the issue, which has been receiving both informed and misinformed commentaries in the low and high echelons of the society.

After the Vice-Chancellor and AVCNU Chairman, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, addressed the issue thoroughly last Monday (October 17, 2011) during the press briefing heralding the 27th convocation ceremonies, the Post-UTME debate received further prognosis last Friday (October 22, 2011) during the Convocation Lecture. At the press briefing, Prof. Oloyede said that “We believe it is a constitutional matter; we believe what they are saying is that JAMB has exclusive rights to conduct the exams but we believe it is wrong.”

As the words of the elders are the words of wisdom, the clarification on the establishment of the Joint Admissions and Matriculations Board (JAMB), the roles it was expected to play right from the beginning and the challenges it has faced over the years that put the credibility of its results to question were addressed by a personality that saw it all from the beginning, the first Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Ladipo Akinkugbe.

Prof. Akinkugbe, who spoke after the Convocation Lecture delivered by his old schoolmate with whom he graduated as a medical doctor in 1960 at the University of London, Emeritus Professor John Hamilton, found justification for the screening of the UTME candidates while he advocated that JAMB should also continue to play its role. In other words, both UTME and post-UTME provide checks and balances for JAMB and the universities themselves and neither of them should be scrapped.

For the third time in the same week at same University, the Minister of Education, Prof. Ruqqayatu Ahmed Rufa’i, highlighted the same matter last Saturday (October 22, 2011) after the commissioning of the various university projects on behalf of the Visitor and President, Dr. Goodluck Jonathan. Speaking at the ambience of the Unilorin Resort environment after commissioning the project, the Minister of Education submitted:

“Quality is what everybody is emphasising now. We know we that we are emphasising that aspect too because we have to ensure equity... So that is why we say that post UTME, at least for now, is something that we should continue. And we are pleading with the senators. I am happy that there will be a stakeholders’ forum and the outcome will determine the future of UTME. But I feel that the issue of ensuring quality is one thing we should be interested in. JAMB is our product also. It is our baby and part of us. We are proud of what JAMB is doing. At least if universities are going to admit 5,000 students, 3,000 may have applied through JAMB, we may have about 800 or so...but each of the universities also has embedded in its own Act to now have a say in who they actually admit. So, it is very technical. Definitely, I am sure the senators are looking into this.”

What is evident in the submissions of the three experts cited is that the status quo should be maintained. It is only hoped that the Senators would not sacrifice quality at the altar of expediency as the universities lead the campaign of ensuring quality of inputs so as to guarantee better and brighter outputs that are germane to growing the national economy and changing the socio-political fortunes of the country.

Fast Facts File

Did you know?

- ✓ Over four million cars in Brazil are now running on gasohol instead of petrol. Gasohol is a fuel made from sugar cane.
- ✓ A normal person will die from total lack of sleep sooner than from starvation. Death will occur about 10 days due to lack of sleep, while starvation takes a few weeks for one to die.

Unilorin set to boost sugar production in Nigeria

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President Jonathan acknowledged that the rapid growth of the University of Ilorin under the current Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Is-haq O. Oloyede, stems out of the judicious management of its internally generated revenue, while he called on other universities in the country to do same in order to replicate the good projects observable at the University in their various institutions of learning.

While extolling the University authorities for their vision, especially on carrying out projects that would positively impact on the staff and students of the institution, the President described educational broadcasting, particularly radio, as an effective medium of disseminating information to the people.

“Radio is basically the medium that reaches the generality of the people. It is something that reaches the lowest of the low and it is being utilised for knowledge as it is used in nomadic education”, he said.

Prof. Oloyede, who conducted the President round the building, said the contract for the building was awarded in December 2008 at the cost of over N300million while that of Unilorin FM was awarded three months ago for N28.1million.

He said the location of the station in an academic area was meant to assist the students of the University in the development of their talents and also for the service of the immediate community which is in line with the directive of the National Broadcasting Commission.



The Governor, Alhaji Ahmed, assisted by the VC, Prof. Oloyede, at the event

Other projects commissioned by the President included 1,000 KVA sound proof generator, the Dam Resort Centre, the College of Health Sciences Building, among others.

Meanwhile, the Governor of Kwara State, Alhaji Abdulfatah Ahmed, has turned the sod of Unilorin Sugar Research Institute last Monday (October 17, 2011) at Ajase-Ipo Road, opposite ARMTI, as part of the 27th convocation ceremonies of the University just as he has wished the University success in the discharge of its mandate to the benefit of humanity.

Speaking at the site along Aje-Ipo Road, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Oloyede, stressed the commitment of the University to the reversal of the under-production of sugar in Nigeria, adding that the University, through the Institute, would provide more employment opportunities for the youths of the immediate community and Nigerians at large.

Prof. Oloyede decried the lopsidedness between the production and importation of sugar in the country adding that the situation could be redressed through heavy investment in sugar research and production. He said the University is addressing the situation through the provision of more land for the expansion of sugar cane cultivation. He also disclosed that Nigeria produces less than 5% of her sugar needs and stressed that if the conducive atmosphere is provided, Nigerian farmers could meet the needs of Nigeria through the cultivation of sugar cane.

The Vice-Chancellor therefore called for a synergy of efforts among agricultural-related institutions in order to be better positioned to serve the critical food needs of the country. “We believe that inter-institutional relations with the synergy of our facilities with ARMTI and NCAM being here with our Institute will provide a platform to be able to collaborate and produce more for humanity,” he said.

Prof. Oloyede, who is the immediate former President of the Association of African Universities (AAU), traced the establishment of the Sugar Research Institute to 1980, saying that the Institute has since then been discharging its mandate of conducting research in the area of sugar studies with the University registering its IMS Ilorin sugarcane 001 and Ilorin 002 which are two indigenous sugarcane varieties. He also noted that the Institute has recorded significant achievements in the areas of sugar cane agronomy, soil and wood management over the years.

Noibi clamours for religious education

An Officer of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire (OBE) and Executive Secretary/Chief Executive Officer of Muslim Ummah of South West Nigeria, (MUSWEN), Prof. Dawud Olatokunbo Shittu Noibi, has advocated the teaching of religion in various Nigerian schools stressing that it is the constitutional right of children to have religious education.

Prof. Noibi made this call on Sunday, October 16, 2011 at the University of Ilorin while delivering the maiden quarterly lecture of the University of Ilorin Muslim Community, themed “Muhammad (PBUH): A Role Model for all Mankind” at the University Auditorium.



L-R: Prof. Lawal, Prof. Fakunle, Prof. Noibi, Prof. Oloyede, Prof. Akanji and Prof. Oladosu

According to the retired Professor of the University of Ibadan, education is a key ingredient in the drive to unify the country. He then charged parents to explore and utilise the constitutional provision that guarantees the right of religion for children to ensure that their children are taught religion just as he described Prophet Muhammad as the real educator of mankind.

“Prophet Muhammad was the real educator of mankind. He gave mankind knowledge in place of ignorance; reason and research in place of custom and tradition; and freedom of thought in place of blind faith. He showed mankind its real status in

the universe and offered it the control of the actual and potential resources of the earth and the heavens. (Q.31:20). He opened up vast, limitless horizons so that humanity could seek and strive for hidden treasures of the universe. (Q.55:33).

“His vision went beyond the limits of the stars. His education and teaching brought mankind into the world of reason, observation and experiment and stimulated the critical faculty of people. In fact, he stood at the crossroads of history separating the non-rational from the rational periods of human life. He enriched his own people immensely with his Divine teaching and encyclopaedic knowledge and, through them, the whole of mankind. That an unlettered person could make such a contribution to knowledge for the benefit of mankind is a miracle that cannot be surpassed,” he said.

Quoting copiously from the Qur’an to lend credence to his position, the revered academic appealed to the youth to cooperate with the leadership of the Muslim Community because, “nobody is an island of knowledge”. He also cited writers and scholars like Mahatma Gandhi, Thomas Carlyle, George Bernard Shaw, Alphonse de laMartaine, Prof. Ninia Smart, among others, to buttress his point on the personality of Muhammad.

Also speaking at the occasion, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, emphasised the need for unity stressing that sectarianism is the bane of Muslims today. “I want to appeal to us all to go back to where we will have a platform for all Muslims of all grades, irrespective of affiliations, to tolerate each other and find an even ground to address our differences. We should return to pristine Islam that is a federation, which allows for different levels of faith for the overall good of the Ummah,” he said.

Other speakers at the occasion, including the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research, Technology and Innovation), Prof. Y. M. Fakunle, the Chairman of Unilorin Muslim Community, Prof. R. A. Lawal, emphasised the need for all people of revealed religions to come together because they all call on one God and there is unity in divine revelation with many areas of convergence. They said the world is troubled today because people neither understand their religions nor do they practise such divine religions the way they should be practised as demonstrated by the Prophets of God.

In his remarks, the Chief Imam of the University, Prof. A.G.A.S. Oladosu, noted a fundamental principle of Islam is that there is no compulsion adding that the duty of the caller is to deliver the message. He urged the youth to learn more about Islam while he also advised them to shun all forms of extremism because Islam is a justly balanced religion.

Varsities must serve their communities - Hamilton

An Emeritus Professor of Medicine and Public Health at the University of Newcastle, Australia and Officer of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire (OBE), John Hamilton, has tasked universities in Nigeria particularly and the world at large to be relevant to their communities.

Prof. Hamilton made this assertion last Friday (October 21, 2011) while delivering the 27th Convocation Lecture of the University of Ilorin, entitled “A Community To Serve”, at the University Auditorium.

Prof. Hamilton, who is the pioneer Head of the Department of Medicine, University of Ilorin, traced the origin of the Faculty of Health Sciences of the University to a Basic Health Services (BHS) Scheme that was launched in Nigeria in 1970's to tackle the nation's health problems. He said new medical schools were thereafter set up and the preparation for the BHS was supported by the National Universities Commission with a vision that “the new medical schools should be more community-oriented, liaise closely with Federal and State Ministries of Health to train doctors and with a great sense of service and a strong inclination to broad community care and preventive medicine.”



Emeritus Prof. Hamilton delivering his lecture

The 1960 medical graduate and 1978 Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians noted that the then Faculty of Health Sciences (now College of Health Sciences), University of Ilorin, was established in 1977 by former Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Ladipo Akinkugbe, and Dean, Prof. Sir Eldryd Parry, both of whom he described as renowned scholars of medicine in Africa. He noted that the need to have the study of health in the community based on the real world experience of living in the villages gave birth to Community Based Education and Service or COBES. The principles of COBES, he stressed further, have been followed in many medical schools in Africa and elsewhere while the University of Ilorin is a key reference point in the service-based medical training in the world. His words:

“Learning was not confined just to their specific project. By living in the village they entered into its life, worked with the village, played with the children, consulted the elders and became privy to local concerns, beliefs and experience. This gained a sense of community values and understanding that led them to relate to villagers at home and in hospital with respect and understanding, the practical expression of empathy.”

“With COBES and an integrated curriculum, Ilorin was ahead of its time. There were other schools also, notably that at the University of Ife, Ile-Ife; indeed we invited the Professor of Community Medicine of Ile-Ife to be external examiner and to visit our sites and to review the COBES programme as a whole. He endorsed COBES and offered constructive suggestions,” he added.

He concluded his lecture by saying that the future for the University of Ilorin is bright, adding that the University “has strength within it to give leadership to Nigeria and to the world.”

Earlier speaking at the occasion, the Vice-Chancellor of the University, Prof. Is-haq O. Oloyede, in his address, captioned “Pay Your Rent, Serve The Rest”, stressed the need for service as a component of the University mandate. He highlighted how the University had benefitted from the inaugural lectures delivered since the beginning of his Administration adding that it was appropriate that the Lecturer chose to address the University community on the need to serve.

“...our Convocation Lecturer could not have chosen a more appropriate theme to address us since what remains after ensuring effective teaching, making progress in research, having a good ranking, fostering the much-needed peace education and scholarship and gaining tremendously from our network of partners is to serve our community more vigorously. We are surely *a community to serve*; it is a rent we should pay at all times by serving others,” the Vice-Chancellor said.

The lecture was attended a large audience of highly celebrated academics, including two former Vice-Chancellors of the University, Prof. Ladipo Akinkugbe and Emeritus Professor Adeoye Adeniyi.

MONEY MATTERS

UNILORIN WEEKLY FINANCIAL DIGEST

SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS & PAYMENT FOR THE PERIOD 14TH – 20TH OCTOBER, 2011

RECEIPTS

School Charges: Undergraduate	61,902,050.00
School Charges: Postgraduate	31,210,250.00
Remedial Application	3,420,000.00
Convocation Charges	14,634,050.00
Transcript (Undergraduate)	258,000.00
Boarded Properties	9,150.00
I.D Card/Lanyard (Staff)	7,600.00
Contractors Registration form	1,000.00
Income from Institute of Education	125,800.00
Capital Grant (3 rd Qtr 2011)	110,414,146.00
Total Receipts for the Period	<u>221,982,046.00</u>

EXPENDITURE

Payment to Contractors:	
Cummins West Africa-Reconstruction of IMVA Cummins Gen	1,245,128.47
Anchor Maric Nig. Ltd – Construction of Indoor Sport hall	4,543,253.36
Salmat Global Services Ltd	
– Construction of Portal/Demarcation Fence (COHS)	5,338,611.80 11,123,993.63
Payment to Suppliers:	
Rockfield Petroleum-Supply of Diesel	1,573,000.00
C.K. Coker International Ltd-Supply of Souvenirs	565,000.00
Premier Crystal Printing Ltd-Supply of Souvenirs	<u>2,200,000.00</u> 4,338,000.00
Installation/commissioning of Cummins Generator	448,000.00
Purchase Advances	3,894,024.00
Electricity Bill (PHCN) – Mini Campus	231,136.29
Repair of CTB Bus	586,700.00
ETF Scholarship	17,107,609.00
Various (e.g. Refund, Imprest, etc.)	<u>1,395,080.00</u>
Total Expenditure for the Period	<u>39,124,542.92</u>

Signed

Ayo Sijuwola

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Happy Birthday To you!

S/No.	Name	Department/Unit	Date of Birth
1.	Ijaiya, Najeed A.	Public Law	23 rd October
2.	Ogunremi, Toyin F.	Health Services	23 rd October
3.	Sanni, Siaka O.	Office of the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (MS)	24 th October
4.	Ademola, Simeon A.	Registrar's Office	25 th October
5.	Akinlolu, Abdulazeez A.	Anatomy	25 th October
6.	Olowoyeye, Sola O.	Corporate Affairs	26 th October
7.	Fadipe-Joseph, Olubunmi A.	Mathematics	28 th October
8.	Oluleye, Noah F.	Agronomy	29 th October

LAUGH LINES

Murphy's Law: Tell a man there are 300 billion stars in the sky and he will believe you. Tell him a bench has wet paint on it and he will have to touch to be sure.

After all is said and done, a heck of a lot is said than done.

A meeting is an event in which the minutes are kept and the hours are lost.

Unilorin in the News

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- A two-day retreat organised for the academic staff members of the Faculty of Communication and Information Sciences (CIS), University of Ilorin, at Michael Imodu National Institute for Labour Studies has been declared a huge success.
(‘Faculty’s retreat on courseware raises fresh hope’, *Nigerian Compass*, Wednesday, October 20 2011, p. 18).
- The authorities of the University of Ilorin have unveiled the programmes of activities of the 27th convocation with a promise to make this year’s edition the best in the annals of the institution.
(‘Unilorin flags off 27th convocation’, same as above, p.19).
- A short citation of an alumnus of the University of Ilorin and water expert, Michael Ale, has been reviewed in a national newspaper.
(‘Michael Ale: an advocate of safe water for all’, *Nigerian Tribune*, Wednesday October 19, 2011, p.44)
- The Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Is-haq O. Oloyede, has described the hosting of the West Africa University Games (WAUG) as a welcome development that will foster inter-university and regional co-operation among the West African youths.
(‘Unilorin to spend ₦336.5m on WAUG facilities’, *The Nation*, Thursday, October 20, 2011 p.38).
- The University of Ilorin students were among the participants at the just concluded debate featuring other tertiary institutions. (‘Varsity wins contest’, *The Nation*, same as above, p. 32).
- Dr. A.O. Oniye of the Department of Counsellor Education, University of Ilorin, has charged students to uphold the University standard in a Students Union-organised lecture delivered at the University.
(‘Union orientates members’ *The Nation*, same date, p.33).
- Mariam Adeyemi, a 400 level student of the Department of Educational Management, University of Ilorin, has written a report on a lecture that was delivered at Bowen University, Iwo.
(‘University education should be non-profit’, *The Nation*, same as above p.34).
- The Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Is-haq O. Oloyede, has reiterated the commitment of the University to the promotion of scholarship which informed the disbursement of ₦50m to staff and students.
(‘UNILORIN spends N50m on teachers, brilliant students’, *Nigerian Compass*, Thursday, October 20, 2011 p. 45).
- The Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin and Chairman of the Association of Vice-Chancellors of Nigerian Universities (AVCNU), Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, has called on law makers not to scrap the pre-registration screening, called Post-UTME, as it enhances quality assurance. (‘Vice-Chancellors, don caution Senate against abolition of post UTME screening’, *The Guardian*, Thursday October, 20, 2011, p.48).
- The Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, has disclosed that the Visitor to the University, President Goodluck Jonathan, would commission the radio station of the University of Ilorin on Saturday, October 22, 2011.(‘*The Issues*’, Midland F.M. 99.0, Friday October 21, 2011,7:30 a.m.)
- The President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria and Visitor to the University of Ilorin, Dr. Goodluck Jonathan, is set to commission projects at the University on Saturday, October 22, 2011 according to the Vice-chancellor, Prof. Is-haq O. Oloyede, while addressing a press conference at the University.
(‘Jonathan to commission Unilorin power projects tomorrow’, *People’s Daily*, Friday, October 21, 2011,p.9)
- The Visitor to the University of Ilorin, President Goodluck E. Jonathan, is slated to commission various projects of the University on Saturday, October 22, 2011.
(‘Jonathan to commission Unilorin projects’, *The Herald*, Friday October, 21, 2011, p.3)
- A page has been devoted to a pictorial documentation of various moments at the commencement of 27th convocation ceremonies of the University of Ilorin.
(‘Ahmed turns sod of Unilorin Sugar Research Institute’, *The Herald*, Friday 21, October, 2011, p.8).
- Prof. John Hamilton of the University of Newcastle, Australia, has stressed the need for universities to serve their communities while delivering the Convocation Lecture of the University of Ilorin.
(*Harmony F.M. Idofian News* @ 6:00p.m on Friday, October 21, 2011)
- The President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria and Visitor to the University of Ilorin, Dr. Goodluck Ebele Jonathan, is set to commission various projects of the University on Saturday, October 22, 2011.
(‘Jonathan to commission Unilorin projects tomorrow’, *Leadership*, Friday, October 21, 2011,p. 42)
- Emeritus Prof. John Hamilton has stressed the need for service while delivering the Convocation Lecture, entitled “A Community to Serve”, at the University of Ilorin.
(*NTA Ilorin. Weekend Report* @ 7:00p.m, Saturday, October 21, 2011)

Unilorin in the News

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- The Vice-Chancellors of Nigerian Universities have spoken through their Chairman, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, of the University of Ilorin, to oppose the purported move to stop post-UTME for admission applicants during the press briefing announcing the commencement of the 27th convocation ceremonies of the University.
(‘VCs object to cancellation of post-UTME test’, *Daily Independent*, same date, p.9)
- The University of Ilorin has produced 23 first class, 875 second class upper, 2,544 second class lower, 1,019 third class, 99 pass and 126 MB;BS graduands during the 2010/2011 academic session.
(‘Unilorin graduates 23 first class students’, *People’s Daily*, Tuesday, October 18, 2011, p.10)
- A lecturer in the Department of Religions, University of Ilorin, Dr. Pius Abioje, has averred that the quality of candidates admitted to the University of Ilorin has improved with the introduction of Post-UTME.
(‘Post-UTME is neither illegal nor wicked’, *The Guardian*, Tuesday, October 18, 2011, p.18)
- The Chairman, Association of Vice-Chancellors of Nigerian Universities (AVCNU), Prof. Is-haq O. Oloyede, has noted that his Association is of the belief that the Nigerian Senate would agree with the AVCNU on the need to sustain Post-UTME.
(‘VC disagree with senate over post-UTME test’, *The Punch*, Tuesday, October 18, 2011, p.10)
- The Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, has noted that universities have constitutional right to examine and admit candidates based on the Act that established them.
(‘Post-UTME is necessary’, *Nigerian Tribune*, Tuesday, October 18, 2011, p.6)
- A student of the Faculty of Law, University of Ilorin, Mr. Alatise Taofeeq Nasir, has opined that it is high time the violence in Jos came to an end.
(‘The genocide on the Plateau must stop’, *Nigerian Tribune*, same date, p.16).
- The Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, who is also the Chairman of the Association of Vice-Chancellors of Nigerian Universities, Prof. Is-haq O. Oloyede, has said that Universities have the constitutional right to examine and admit candidates based on the Act which established them. (‘Vice-Chancellors insist on post-UTME’, *Daily Trust*, Tuesday, October 18, 2011, p.6)
- The Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Is-haq O. Oloyede, has disclosed that ₦24.5m would be spent on the rehabilitation and construction of pavilions and the provision of other sporting facilities towards hosting a successful West Africa University Games (WAUG).
(‘Unilorin to spend ₦24.5m on sport Pavilion, Office Complex’, *Daily Trust*, Wednesday, October, 19, 2011, p.48).
- The Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Is-haq O. Oloyede, has disclosed that service to the community is crucial to socio-economic and cultural-political transformation of the society while announcing the number of graduands produced by the University during the 2010/2011 academic session.
(‘Unilorin graduates 23 first class students’, *People Daily*, Tuesday, October, 18, 2011 p.10).
- The Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin has given an account of his Administration for the 2010/2011 session while briefing the press at the commencement of the 27th convocation ceremonies.
(‘Midland FM News Summary at 10:a.m.’, Tuesday, October 18, 2011)
- A photograph taken during the commissioning of the University of Ilorin Sugar Research Institute (USRI) showing the Vice-Chancellor of the University, Prof. Is-haq O. Oloyede, and the Executive Governor of Kwara State, Alh Abdulfatah Ahmed, has been published on the front page of a newspaper.
(*The Herald*, Wednesday October 19, 2011, p. 1).
- Some 23 First Class graduands, among other categories of graduands, will be awarded their degrees at the 27th convocation ceremonies of the University of Ilorin.
(‘Unilorin graduates 5,330’, *The Herald*, same date, p.4).
- The Vice-Chancellor of University of Ilorin and AVCNU Chairman, Prof. Is-haq O. Oloyede, has called for the retention of post-UTME since it improves the quality of admitted candidates while answering questions from the press during the commencement of the 27th convocation ceremonies of the University.
(‘Oloyede cautions Senate over post-UTME’, *The Herald*, same date, p.6)
- A full page pictorial documentation of various activities on the first day of the 27th convocation ceremonies of the University of Ilorin has been done.
(‘Ahmed turns sod of Unilorin Sugar Research Institute’, *The Herald*, same date, p.8).

Unilorin in the News

- The immediate past Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin and Vice-Chancellor of Nassarawa State University, Keffi, Prof. S. O. Amali, has promised to make his University a great institution of higher learning in a chat with a newspaper.
(‘I will transform the University and lift it to world standard,’ *The Nation*, Monday, October 17, 2011, p.61).
- Mr. Hezekiah Adeosun of the Department of Linguistics and Nigerian Languages, University of Ilorin, has called on stakeholders in the Nigerian project to regard mother-tongue language as a tool for child intellectual development and therefore promote it.
(‘Barrier to student’s language performance,’ *The Herald*, Monday, October 17, 2011, p. 14).
- The Head of Department of Electrical Engineering, University of Ilorin, Prof. Samuel Ibiyemi, has described the development of space technology in the country as critical to national development.
(‘Developing space science and technology in Nigeria’, same as above, p.17).
- A newspaper report has named the University of Ilorin Teaching Hospital as one of the 8 Teaching Hospitals which benefited from the Federal Government hospital upgrade exercise.
(‘FG/Vamed Project: Bitter and Sweet’, *The Guardian*, Monday, October 17, 2011, p.12).
- The Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, has disclosed that the University produced 5,330 graduands during the 2010/2011 session and executed several projects while addressing a press conference marking the beginning of the 27th convocation ceremonies.
(*NTA Ilorin News @ 7:00p.m.*, Monday, October 17, 2011)
- The University of Ilorin has announced the commencement of its 27th convocation ceremonies while its Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, has revealed that his University produced 5,330 graduands in the 2010/2011 academic year.
(*Harmony FM Idofian News @6:00p.m* on Monday, October 17, 2011; also Tuesday, October 18, 2011 @10:00a.m. and *Radio Nigeria Network news @7:00a.m* on Wednesday, October 19, 2011).
- The Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, has advised legislators against scrapping Post-UTME while answering questions from journalists at the University of Ilorin.
(‘VCs warn senators’, *Nigerian Compass*, Tuesday, October 18, 2011, p.1)
- The Chairman of the Association of Vice-Chancellors of Nigerian Universities (AVCNU), Prof. Is-haq O. Oloyede, has disclosed that his Association has written a letter to the upper legislative chamber on the legality of Post-Unified Tertiary Institutions Matriculation Examinations (Post-UTME). (‘VCs advise senate against scrapping of the post-UTME’, *The Nation*, Tuesday, October 18, 2011, p.7)
- The President-elect of the Nigerian Association of Petroleum Explorationists (NAPE), Mr. Mayowa Afe, has said that investigations carried out by the Department of Geology and Mineral Science of the University of Ilorin have not proven that crude oil exists in Ara-Orin Area of Kwara State.
(‘NAPE denies oil discovery in Kwara’, same as above, p.16).
- The Chairman of the Association of Vice-Chancellors of Nigerian Universities (AVCNU) and Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Is-haq O. Oloyede, has said that universities have a right to conduct Post-Unified Tertiary Matriculation Examinations to guarantee quality assurance.
(‘Varsities right to conduct Post-UME’, *This Day*, Tuesday, October 18, 2011, p.10).
- The moment during which the Governor of Kwara State, Alhaji Abdulfatah Ahmed, assisted by the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Is-haq O. Oloyede, cut the tape to flag-off Unilorin Sugar Research Institute has been frozen in a published photograph.
(‘Photo news’, *Daily Independent*, Tuesday, October 18, 2011,p.8)

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Quotes of the Week

The Lord prefers common-looking people. That is why he makes so many of them. -Abraham Lincoln

People do not decide to become extraordinary. They decide to accomplish extraordinary things. - Sir Edmund Hillary

Winning isn't everything, but wanting to win is. - Vince Lombardi

A work well begun is half-ended. - Plato