



## Unilorin signs MoU with British varsities

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*WE DO: Prof. Oloyede and Prof. Davies signing the MoU while Dr. Mokuolu admires the scenario*

**D**riven by the need to advance teaching, research and community service in line with the global best practices, the University of Ilorin, currently rated the best University in Nigeria by Webometrics ranking, has signed new Memoranda of Understanding (MoU) with Swansea University and Swansea Metropolitan University both in the United Kingdom.

While meeting the Vice-Chancellor of Swansea University, Prof. Richard B. Davies, last Monday (January 17, 2011), the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Is-haq O. Oloyede, emphasised the global perspective of the University of Ilorin and highlighted the current efforts being made by the University to respond to contemporary issues and challenges occurring both within and outside its immediate environment. He also stressed the need for world universities to produce more global products. *(Contd. on page 2)*

## AAU: Unilorin students react to VC's resignation

**P**erhaps in order not to be outdone, students of the University of Ilorin have joined other Nigerians and staff of the University to bare their minds on the recent resignation of the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, as the President of the Association of African Universities to pave the way for another Nigerian to assume office as the Secretary General of the international body.

While speaking with *Unilorin Bulletin* last week, the President of the Student Union of the University, Mr. Obayomi Azeez Olaitan, said that “the decision of the VC of the University of Ilorin to resign his position as the President of AAU is most commendable.”

According to the Law student, through that action, the Vice-Chancellor has “demonstrated again that he is patriotic and selfless. Prof. Oloyede has shown once again that sacrificial leadership is still possible in Nigeria, that leaders can still put the interest of the people and the society ahead of their own.”

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**UNILORIN: Better By Far**

## Unilorin partners UK varsities on academic excellence

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Prof. Oloyede, who was accompanied on the trip by the University of Ilorin Researcher of the Year 2010 and World Health Organisation (WHO) consultant, Dr. Olugbenga Mokuolu, in an earlier meeting with the Pro-Vice-Chancellor of the University, Prof. Iwan Davies, appreciated the invitation of Swansea University and noted that the University of Ilorin is willing to collaborate with universities that are universal in scope and are not limited by race, colour or geography. He expressed the desire of Ilorin to work together with Swansea in its new Nursing programme, which he said is intended to emphasise the clinical service dimension of Nursing and produce graduates with appropriate self-esteem that will be effective team players in quality healthcare delivery.

In his response to Prof. Oloyede's remarks and a video presentation on the University of Ilorin, Prof. Davies noted that the two universities have many things in common. He stressed the commitment of Swansea University to creating mergers that will ensure that students do not pick the University just for degree but for experience. He also said Swansea University aims at becoming an International Centre for learning and training as well as creating a network of a university system that is multi-disciplinary. Prof. Davies said he could see that the two universities have related values such as research-led teaching, innovation, social justice as an agents for change and global perspective.

The University of Ilorin team afterwards had discussions with the College of Human and Health Sciences where it was received and briefed by a leading UK Professor of Nursing, Melanie Jasper, who heads the largest academic Department in Wales, and Prof. Billie Hunter, Head of Inter-professional Studies and first Professor of Midwifery in Wales.

The University team had a campus tour and meetings with Swansea University Research Forum where it met Prof. Harold Timbleby, Prof. Heaven Crawley, who is the Director of Migration, Swansea University, and Prof Judith Phillips. The team also met the leadership of the Swansea College of Medicine where it met Prof. Steve Allen, Director of Wales for Africa Project.

In a related development, the University of Ilorin and Swansea Metropolitan University (SMU) have identified such fields as Performing Arts, collaborative Master's in Tourism, Business and Social Sciences, Engineering and Technology as well as Education as areas of collaboration.

The Vice-Chancellor of the Swansea Metropolitan University, Prof. David Warner, last Tuesday (January 18, 2011) expressed the satisfaction of the Swansea Metropolitan University, established some 150 years ago, to collaborate with the University of Ilorin while Prof. Oloyede noted that it was the pleasure of the University of Ilorin to partner Swansea Metropolitan University, which he acknowledged to have made significant achievements in Automobile Engineering, Education and Theatre Arts. Thereafter, the two Vice-Chancellors signed a joint Declaration or MoU on behalf of their two institutions.

Earlier speaking with the SMU Head of the International Office, Brian Griffiths, Prof. Oloyede noted that the University of Ilorin is a good destination for University education in Africa with such qualities as academic facilities, cost effectiveness, geography, and the teaching/learning environment such as lakeside resort and IT compliance. He also stated that the University of Ilorin is a student-centred institution which also prioritises staff welfare.

In his own comments, Mr. Griffiths noted that SMU attributes consisted of student centeredness (few students for maximum interaction and impact), unique care for the foreign students, (through the English language support and formation of language club, French language support, healthcare and pastoral care) and efficiency.

The high points of the visit also included meetings with the Academic Secretary, Dr. David Ashelby; Dean of the Faculty of Business Management, Prof. Leigh Jenkins and Head of Swansea School of Education, Prof. John Parkinson.

## Oloyede lauds Unilorin drivers as ambassadors

**T**he Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Is-haq O. Oloyede, has said that the totality of the University staff, students, facilities, location and environment contribute to the accolades the University receives from all and sundry.

He also described the drivers of the University of Ilorin as a special breed who are distinctive among their counterparts in other agencies and establishments. He added that the University drivers have contributed immensely towards making the University of Ilorin attain its vintage position as a foremost centre of excellence in the country.

The Vice-Chancellor, who was represented by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Management Services), Prof. Albert B. Olayemi, made this submission at the annual Get-Together organised by the University of Ilorin Drivers' Welfare Association on Saturday January 15, 2011.

According to the Vice-Chancellor, who was also the Chairman of the occasion, the University drivers are an important component of the University community and their roles cannot be over-emphasised. "You have shown excellence in your duties; we appreciate your role which is crucial in communication; you deliver not only messages but personalities; you play a crucial role in the efficiency of our system; you sustain the good image of our University," he said.

Explaining how drivers are University ambassadors on the road, the Vice-Chancellor said: "If you are reckless in your driving, onlookers do not know your name, it is the University that they will mention and you have maintained a good economy for us and our lives have been safe in your hands while you drive on good and bad roads but mostly bad roads. You have been good company to us; we share our secrets with you and you relate well with our families."

Also speaking at the occasion, the Chairman of the University Drivers' Welfare Association, Mr. Olatunde Joshua, acknowledged that the University management is very much interested in the welfare of all its staff particularly the drivers. According to him, some categories of drivers cannot enjoy some of their demands for promotion due to constraints occasioned by regulations governing the University which require rationalising and rightsizing some categories of staff including drivers and professors who should not be more than 20% .

In his own speech, the Director of Works, Engineer M. S. Sanni, reiterated that the University is interested in the welfare of its drivers, and the recruitment of more drivers is an agenda that is being considered. He noted that there are too many drivers in the senior cadre at the moment and they constitute a large percentage of the total number of drivers.

He said that the University has been investing in brand new cars recently for the comfort and safety of its officials and drivers. He also observed that drivers need to endure the long time they spend at work and be inspired by the fact that the Vice-Chancellor of the University does not spend less time than the drivers at his place of work.

The high point of the occasion included the conferment of honorary awards on some members of the Association including Mr. Zakari Quadri, Mr. John Ibiwoye, Mr. Jonathan Salami, Mr. Idowu Moses, Mr. Omofe Moses, Mr. Adepoju Ibrahim, Mr. Ajibade Joseph, Mr. Olaitan and Mr. Rasaki Adebayo.

### Fast Facts File

#### *Did you know?*

- Your ribs move about 5 million times a year, everytime you breathe!
- The elephant is the only mammal that can't jump.
- One quarter of the bones in your body, are in your feet!
- Of all the words in the English language, the word 'set' has the most definitions.
- Months that begin on a Sunday will always have a "Friday the 13th."
- A cockroach can live several weeks with its head cut off!

## What we think of VC's resignation- by students

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In his own opinion, the Secretary General of the student body, Mr. Adebisi Wasiu Adewale, said that what the Vice-Chancellor did is the best because it is usually difficult to relinquish power. "It is hard and difficult for many people to relinquish power but good leaders are not always particular about their own persons but what will be of benefit to the majority is their interest. The Vice-Chancellor has demonstrated to us that we should love and be patriotic to our country...We do hope that many Nigerians will emulate this selfless attitude of his," he said.

However, as far the Vice-President of the Union, Miss Olabayo Taofikat Abisola, is concerned, she did not initially like the decision of the Vice-Chancellor to step down given that the position of the President of the AAU was a source of pride to her as a student of the University. She noted that since there was nothing she could do about it, he had stepped down and she is still proud of the Vice-Chancellor because he remains her Vice-Chancellor and former AAU President all the same.

On her own part, the Welfare Secretary of the Union, Miss Akano Mistura, observed that the decision of the Vice-Chancellor is "a good one which future leaders can learn from because it demonstrates accommodation of fellow human beings and a sense of giving others the opportunity to serve."

## Robbery: VC tasks security staff on efficiency

**T**he Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, has tasked the security staff of the University to be effective and efficient in the discharge of their duties and not just decorate themselves only with their uniforms.

The Vice-Chancellor, who was represented by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Management Services), Prof. Albert Olayemi, gave this charge last Friday (January 21, 2011) while receiving the victims of the robbery attack on the University campus in the wee hours of last Friday.

According to the students, who recounted their ordeal to the Vice-Chancellor, they could have caught the armed robbers, who had to abandon part of the items they had earlier stolen from the students reading in the night at the Lecture Theatre, had the security personnel they saw immediately assisted them. They said after recovering from the shock of the attack, some of them gave the robbers a hot pursuit and found some of the materials they had carted away abandoned as they fled.

While saying the University would not condone inefficiency, the Vice-Chancellor said that staff and students should familiarise themselves with the phone numbers of the security and police posts as published in the January 3, 2011 edition of *Unilorin Bulletin* in order to report quickly any security breach. The security hotlines, as published, are **028736246** (Security Office, Main Campus), **028736247** (Main Campus Gate), **028736245** (Police Post, Main Campus Gate) and **028736249** (Police Station Sentu).

While thanking God that the affected students were not physically harmed, the Vice-Chancellor urged staff and students to be security-conscious. He also said the unusual incident would be thoroughly investigated while appropriate measures would be taken to avert a reoccurrence.

## Unilorin-UCC conference holds in May

**T**he "Climate Change and Sustainable Development" (CCSD 2011) international conference being jointly organised by the University of Ilorin, Nigeria and the University of Cape Coast, Ghana, will now hold between May 1 and 5 at the University of Ilorin.

According to the Chairman of the International Organising Committee, who is also the Deputy Vice-chancellor of the University, Prof. Kolade Ayorinde, the change in date is to avoid a possible clash with Easter break.

The deadline for the submission of abstracts has also been extended to March 12, 2011 while the registration fee has been reduced to US \$120. There will also be rebates for a number of registered participants based on first-registered, first-served basis.

## THE DAY AFTER TODAY

*Text of the Address Delivered by the Vice-Chancellor, University of Ilorin, Ilorin, and President of the Association of African Universities (AAU), Professor Is-haq O. Oloyede, on the Occasion of the second part of the 26<sup>th</sup> Convocation Ceremonies of the 2009/2010 Graduands of the University of Ilorin on Saturday October 23, 2010 at the Auditorium, University of Ilorin, Ilorin.*

It is my honour again to welcome you to the continuation of our convocation ceremonies and indeed our Founder's Day. Exactly thirty five years ago, the University of Ilorin came into being. I respectfully welcome our Visitor, President Goodluck Ebele Jonathan. I duly acknowledge the Governor of Kwara State, Dr. Bukola Saraki, as I sincerely appreciate our landlord, the Chairman of Kwara State Council of Traditional Rulers and Emir of Ilorin, Alhaji Ibrahim Sulu Gambari. Our distinguished and eminent guests from all over the country and beyond, I heartily welcome you to our *Better By Far* University.

The Visitor, the Special Guest, the Pro-Chancellor Sirs, let me first congratulate our graduands of today whose journeys and sojourns in the University of Ilorin in pursuit of academic achievement have reached a logical end. That today's occasion is very important is self-evident: it is not everyone that is admitted to the University that eventually graduates and participates in an event like this. While some may be quickly "graduated" due to deficiency in character, some may "graduate" as a result of low academic performance and some may be graduated by death. For the fact that you were not "graduated" before the end of your programmes, we thank Allah for you and we pray Him to continue to crown your efforts with success now and always.

Yesterday, I spoke on "Seize the Day", but since there is always a tomorrow for all our activities and the youths of today are the future leaders, I decide to tell you our graduands that while seizing today is important, it is essential to always think and plan ahead of *the day after today*. After the joy of graduation, there is a tomorrow to contend with. As a matter of fact, *the day after today* is filled with challenges. Do not be like the Persian mathematician and astronomer, Omar Khayyàm (1050 – 1122) who wrote in his *Rubaiyât*: "Unborn TOMORROW, and dead YESTERDAY, Why fret about them if TODAY be sweet!"

My simple message to our graduands is that you should always remember tomorrow because today is transient. When the fortune of life smiles on you, always remember that for every good day, there is a day after. If today is not so pleasant, there is always a better tomorrow. Today is yesterday's tomorrow and by tomorrow, our today is a fleeting yesterday. Lydon Baines Johnson said, "Yesterday is not ours to recover, but tomorrow is ours to win or lose." Keep winning. May your joy of today herald a greater joy tomorrow.

The Visitor, the Special Guest, the Pro-Chancellor Sirs, convoking here today are graduands of the Postgraduate School (Master's and PhD graduands) College of Health Sciences, (Faculties of Basic Medical Sciences and Clinical Sciences), Faculty of Agriculture, Faculty of Engineering and Technology and Faculty of Law. While our graduands at the undergraduate level, as I said yesterday, are 6,004, our graduate students produced during the session are 1,315, making a graduation output of 7,319 for the session. The breakdown is provided in the following Tables:

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### LAUGH LINES

A husband and wife who had been married for the past 20 years were both recently diagnosed of diabetes at a leading hospital. Scientific investigation and clinical studies showed that they both contacted the disease because of the pet names they were used to calling each other over the years – names like, *honey honey, honey pie, sweetie, sugar*, etc.

All married people have therefore been urged to please prevent diabetes early by calling their spouses names like *Yoyo bitters, chloroquine, pepper fruit, Alabukun, bitter leaf, Orogbo, Phensic*, etc. This is very important to forestall future diabetic condition as prevention is said to be better than cure.

## First Degree/Diploma - 2009/2010

Faculty/Institute	MBBS	1st Class	2nd Class Upper Division	2nd Class Lower Division	3rd Class	Pass	Diploma	Total
Agriculture		3	22	82	39	4	0	150
Arts		0	50	219	88	4	0	361
Basic Medical Sciences		0	45	131	18	6	0	200
Business and Social Sciences		1	121	582	458	80	214	1,456
Clinical Sciences	328	0	0	0	0	0	0	328
Communication and Information Sciences		1	47	84	41	9	0	182
Education		2	128	487	209	21	20	867
Engineering and Technology		0	66	143	51	5	0	265
Law		0	36	113	8	1	0	158
Science		12	191	507	350	69	0	1,129
Institute of Education		0	153	625	124	6	0	908
<b>Total</b>	<b>328</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>859</b>	<b>2,973</b>	<b>1,386</b>	<b>205</b>	<b>234</b>	<b>6,004</b>

## Higher Degree/ Postgraduate Diplomas - 2009/2010

Faculty	PhD	Master's	MPH	MBA	MPA	MIGS	MILR	DIPLOMA	CERTIFICATE	TOTAL
Agriculture	6	27	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	33
Arts	12	91	0	0						103
Basic Medical Sciences	2	25	0	0						27
Business and Social Sciences	15	71	0	332	158	17	29	78		700
Clinical Sciences	0	0	47	0						47
Communication and Information Sciences	1	34	0	0				18		53
Education	18	176	0	0				28	1	223
Engineering and	2	23	0	0						25

Technology										
Law	5	35	0	0						40
Science	22	36	0	0				6		64
<b>Total</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>518</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>332</b>	<b>158</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1,315</b>

With the degrees conferred on you today, we are optimistic that the tomorrow of our nation will be better than today. Do not fail Nigeria because by being bonafide holders of the certificates of the University, you are all great. Let me note that the common thread that runs through you all is professionalism. As professionals in academics and various professions, always uphold the highest standard of professionalism in all you do. Maintain a high level of professional integrity. Do not allow the love of lucre to soil your names. Of what value is wealth or billions of naira stolen when one's name is soiled and one is disgraced? May you not be disgraced like those that you know! May you not be tempted into disgraceful things! So dear graduands, *seize the day*, as I told your colleagues yesterday, but also remember *the day after today* that you will be accountable for the deeds of today.

While the Annual Report contains a fairly comprehensive catalogue of how the University has fared within the last one year, let me briefly state that the University has remained committed to the discharge of its tripartite mandate: teaching, research and community service. In teaching, the University continued within the session to excel and our products continued to make the University proud at competitions during the year. New programmes and centres were created and more windows of learning and development were opened through institutional expansion that does not compromise quality.

At the level of research, research niches were created and advanced level research works are going on in various faculties. The University resuscitated the Senate Research Grant and several researchers keyed into it. For instance, the University Senate Research Grants Committee disbursed ₦15, 600,000 to the Central Senate Research Grant and ₦10,400,000.30 to the Faculty Senate Research Grant, in the year under review. Also, 328 members of staff were sponsored to local and international conferences while a sum of ₦21,585,807 was released by the Administration as financial support to the various categories of staff for such conferences.

The University of Ilorin also developed its community with several interventions during the 2009/2010 academic session. The University began a scholarship award for 20 pupils within its immediate community. It set up a committee that had visited several schools in Ilorin South and Ilorin East Local Government Areas at the end of which the best 20 among them were selected for scholarship up to the university level. Other services that the University renders through our schools, computer services, apiary, consultancy services, etc., also deepened the partnership between town and gown.

The Visitor, the Special Guest, the Pro-Chancellor Sirs, let me also add that it is part of our community service that the University formally commissioned its School for Preliminary Studies yesterday. The strategic location of the School at the extreme end of the University land within Fufu community is intended to fast-track development at the local level. If the rural-urban migration is reversed to urban-rural migration, it is a positive reversal and this is why the University took the step in this direction at the inception of this Administration. Fortunately, the step reached a logical point with the commissioning of the project yesterday by the Visitor. I want to thank the Government and people of Ilorin South Local Government under the visionary leadership of Barrister Lanre Daibu for the heavy investment in the project. The University shall fulfil your lofty dreams about the School in due course inshaAllah.

Within the 2009/2010 academic session as well, the Dam Site of the University was given a facelift and it is now considered a potential tourist attraction. If Victoria has an Island in Lagos, there should be nothing stopping Anthony from having a Village. It is our thinking that if there are beaches in other places for relaxation, the University of Ilorin Dam Site provides a good alternative for our own environment. Those who were entertained at the site found the coolness soul-lifting. I urge you to visit and feel the place.

Our Biological Garden is also a good place to be. As I told another audience last Monday, “the University recently upgraded the facility and we now have lions, hyenas, cranes, reptiles and other animals and birds you will love to see. I can assure you that our carnivores are perfectly caged and secured. The garden is open for excursions, education and research. Please feel free to visit the garden.”

By and large, the University remains committed to the deployment of ICT to the enhancement of teaching and research, having pioneered its use in Nigeria for testing the admission applicants more than two years ago. The Post-Doctoral Diploma in Education (PDDE) which is to be administered online in order to further enhance capacity will soon begin. We recently got an official nod to mount the programme. The University persists in paying attention to its environment, greening, landscaping, planting in and beautifying the campus, with hundreds of thousands of Teak, citrus, date palms, citrus, cashew, mango, jatropha, ornamental plants, etc. planted across the campus.

The University maintains high ethical standard by having zero tolerance for all forms of anti-social behaviour as it kick-starts the process of developing indigenous anti-plagiarism software. We continue to pay adequate attention to research facilities, establishing a Central Research Laboratory and providing during the year state-of-the-art laboratory equipment for our Mechanical Engineering Department. Our University sustains its interest in sports through active participation in competitions and winning laurels and medals. We appeal to all stakeholders to give us all the political, financial, moral and material support to successfully host the quadrennial West Africa University Games (WAUG), the 13<sup>th</sup> edition of which we shall be hosting on behalf of Nigeria in this University next year.

While our Visitor commissioned our Professorial Suites for the Faculty of Agriculture, Phase Two of the Faculty of Business and Social Sciences, Computer-Based Test Halls for Science, Engineering and Technology, Block of Offices for Works Department, the Network Operations Centre and the University of Ilorin School for Preliminary Studies yesterday, permit me to add that the Phonetics Laboratory of the University and the Faculty of Communication and Information Science Complex, a block of about 100 offices, have reached 90% completion stage. As the University does not present uncompleted projects, we shall crave the indulgence of our Visitor to kindly still avail us his distinguished commissioning of the projects when they are completed very soon.

At this juncture, in line with our tradition of presenting the Annual Report at this occasion, it is my pleasure to respectfully present the 2009/2010 132-page Annual Report to you, the Visitor, Sir.

Before I round off this address, permit me to observe that the problems of Nigeria are not insurmountable if we all play our parts responsibly. The current politicization of violence and gross violations of social order are scary. Our politicians across all divides and strata should allow peace to reign even with their utterances. Politicizing issues of grave importance and heinous crimes will not do the nation any good. If evil is evil, we should all join hands to condemn it. The high rates of insecurity, hostage taking, kidnapping and killings are symptoms of our social decay, a cancerous development that must be addressed by all. We should learn from the mistakes of the past and put the interest of the nation above our individual interests.

I refresh my appreciation to the Visitor, the Chancellor, the Pro-Chancellor, the Governor of Kwara State and our patron, the Deputy Governor of Kwara State, Pa Joel Afolabi Ogundeji, the Council, the Senate, Management, Staff, students and benefactors of the University of Ilorin for their goodwill and support through which the University occupies its current ranking as number one University in Nigeria and number 33 in Africa. It is my expectation that we shall all continue to support and cooperate with the University so that it will continue to be *better by far*.

Lastly, let me reiterate my gratitude to my team of Principal Officers, the Provost, Deans, Directors, Heads of Departments and Units as well as my able lieutenants. I am appreciative of my family and friends who suffer one way or the other in the course of carrying out this onerous task. I appeal to them, especially my dear wife, to kindly still bear with me as it will soon be over.

My dear graduands and fellow alumni of the University of Ilorin, I urge you to give back to your University. Remember your alma mater. Join the Alumni Association wherever you are. Contribute your quota. Make your University greater.

Thank you very much.

## Come home and be employed at Unilorin - VC tells Nigerian experts in diaspora

In what observers have described as a strategy of reversing brain drain confronting Africa to achieve the much-needed brain gain, the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, has urged various Nigerian experts graduated from and completing their doctoral programmes in United Kingdom to return home and get employed at the University of Ilorin.

Prof. Oloyede made the offer while on an official visit to Swansea University last week. The Vice-Chancellor, who was impressed with the activities of African Community Centre which provides care and support services for immigrants, noted that it is essential that Nigerians in the diaspora return home to develop the country.

Prof. Oloyede lauded the volunteers of the Centre, who included three alumni of the University of Ilorin, and commended the Centre Coordinator, Miss Ayo Thompson, who was conferred with the 2010 Best UK Foreign Student Initiative award for her role in offering support and assistance to minority groups in the UK.



*WHAT ABOUT COMING BACK HOME? Prof. Oloyede interacting with the volunteers at ACU*

The Vice-Chancellor during the visit also offered appointment to the founder of the Centre, Dr. Andrew Iwobi of the Faculty of Law, Swansea University, as the UK liaison officer of the University. The officer is charged with the responsibility of promoting the ideals of the University and facilitating the admission of, and employment for various nationals seeking to study or work in the University of Ilorin.

## Faculty offers vehicle diagnostic services

The Faculty of Engineering and Technology of the University of Ilorin will soon start to manage automobiles. In this regard, the Faculty has held a one-day workshop which showcased the cutting edge technology of troubleshooting and diagnosis of faulty cars.

Speaking just before the commencement of the workshop last Monday (January 17, 2011), the Dean of Engineering and Technology, Prof. J. A. Olorunmaiye, said that the Vice-Chancellor of the University, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, facilitated the workshop of the day by releasing funds for the acquisition of AUTOBOSS V30 car engine scanner which has the capacity to diagnose faults in most brands of cars on Nigerian roads.

The workshop was divided into two parts. The theoretical part illustrated the mechanism of the diagnosis process with the use of projected diagrams, figures and notes on the wall, and the practical aspect. The practical part was held at the Faculty of Engineering and Technology parking lot where members of the University community volunteered their cars for diagnosis. The diagnosis was done by connecting the cars via adapter to the diagnostic scanning machine which displayed the vehicles data in line graphics.

The workshop, which was anchored by Dr. T. K. Ajiboye and Dr. K. R. Ajao of the Department of Mechanical Engineering and Mr. G. A. Faoni, featured Mr. Idris Onimisi of Midris Engineering Consults, Kaduna. Mr. Onimisi entertained questions bordering on the design of modern automobiles and the availability of diagnostic tools and services from the members of the University community including University drivers and other potential users of the services.

It was disclosed that the use of the diagnostic technology will also be incorporated into the Students Industrial Work Experience programme course for 200 level students of the Faculty.

The workshop was attended by the Dean of the Postgraduate School, Prof. I. O. Abimbola; the Dean of the Faculty of Education, Prof. S. O. Olorundare; the Dean of Science, Prof. (Mrs.) S. O. Malomo and other staff of the University.

## STEP-B research grant winners step up research

The postgraduate students of the University of Ilorin who won the STEP-B Innovators of Tomorrow funds provided by the World Bank have been urged to put more work in their research given the support offered them by the project.

The Project Manager of STEP-B and Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic), University of Ilorin, Prof. Kolade Ayorinde, gave the charge while meeting the supervisors of the students last Wednesday (January 18, 2011) at the University.

Prof. Ayorinde noted that the next stage of the exercise is the preparation of the work plan which would involve the identification of crucial facilities needed for the various projects so that such can be procured immediately to fast-track project execution and research completion.

## Happy Birthday To You !

S/N	Name	Department/Unit	Date of Birth
1	Aigbepue , Oshotse G.	Works/ Electrical/Telecoms	23rd January
2	Owope, Elizabeth O.	Faculty of Law	23rd January
3	Adi, Azumi H.	Faculty of Clinical Sciences	24th January
4	Akanbi, Muhammed M.	Business Law	24th January
5	Abiola, Olasunkanmi S.	Civil Engineering	26th January
6	Adekunle, Oluwasegun A.	Agricultural Extension & Rural Development	26th January
7	Ghazal, Kamal O.	Anatomy	26th January
8	Abdulbarki, Oba	Bursary	27th January
9	Awoyemi, Ademola O.	Epidemiology & Community Health	27th January
10	Mohammed, Adedosu A.	Library	27th January
11	Ojulari, Sheriff L.	Physiology	27th January
12	Otonekwu, Florence O.	Library	27th January
13	Adesiyun, Adeyinka A,	Crop Protection	28th January
14	Oyejola, Benjamin A.	Statistics	29 <sup>th</sup> January

## Unilorin in the News

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- The photograph of the Vice-Chancellor, University of Ilorin, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede; the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Management Services), Prof. Albert Olayemi; the Dean of Basic Medical Sciences, Prof. Ayo Soladoye and the Dean of Student Affairs, Prof. S.H. Umoh, during the presentation of cars to some Deans of the University has been published. (*The Nation*, Thursday, November 20, 2011, p.22)
- A medical student of the University of Ilorin, Sola Oniyide, has bared his mind to a campus journalist on Network Academia, a group he coordinates. ('We are building role models', *The Nation*, same date, p.26)
- A Law student has examined the attachment of the University of Ilorin students to the products of Coca-Cola in a write-up while the photograph of the famous musical couple, Jay Z and Beyonce while "at UNILORIN during a programme" has been published. ('On campus, coke is king', *The Nation*, same as above, p.38)
- An apology has been offered to a lecturer of the Department of Chemical Pathology, University of Ilorin, over a story earlier published without proof. ('Our error', *The Nation*, same as above.)
- A graduate of the University of Ilorin and former Deputy Editor of *ThisDay*, Mr. Tunde Rahman, has been appointed Editor, *ThisDay*, *The Saturday Newspaper*, by the management of the media organization. ('New appointments at THISDAY', *ThisDay*, Thursday, January 20, 2011, pp.1 & 8)
- In a communiqué issued at the end of the inaugural meeting of the Association of West Africa Universities (AWAU) at the University of Ilorin, West African universities have committed themselves to the promotion of higher education in the region. ('AWAU to promote ideals of varsity education in W/Africa', *Daily Trust*, Thursday, January 20, 2011, p.38)
- A rare incident of robbery attack has occurred at the University of Ilorin in which some students lost their laptops and cell phones. ('Gunmen invade UNILORIN', *The Nation*, Saturday, January 22, 2011, p.6)

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- Eminent scholars from within and outside Nigeria will storm the University of Ilorin very soon for the second edition of the joint Unilorin – UCC international conference.  
(‘Eminent scholars for conference’, *Nigerian Compass*, same date, p.16)
- In their effort of curb indecent dressing on campus, members of the Dress Code Committee of the University of Ilorin have caught 75 students and transported them out of the University campus in order to drive home the anti-indecent dressing campaign.  
(‘UNILORIN sanctions 75 students over indecent dressing’, *Nigerian Compass*, same date, p.17)
- While inaugurating the Association of West Africa Universities (AWAU) at the University of Ilorin, the Minister of Education, Prof. Ruqayyatu Ahmed Rufa’i has urged West African Vice-Chancellors to help Government in bringing the mushrooming “degree mills” to book.  
(‘Minister warns varsities against milling of degrees’, *Nigerian Compass*, same date, p.19).
- The second international conference of the Universities of Ilorin, Nigeria and Cape-Coast, Ghana will hold at the University of Ilorin between April 24 and 28, (now May 1 to 5, 2011).  
(‘UNILORIN, Ghana varsity conference for April’, *Nigerian Compass*, same date, p.23)
- The Association of West Africa Universities (AWAU) recently inaugurated at the University of Ilorin has posited in its communiqué that it is committed to improving the higher education infrastructure in the sub-region.  
(‘West African varsities unite for higher education devt’, *This Day*, Wednesday January 19, 2011, p.48).
- Some 75 students of the University of Ilorin have been placed under watch for violating the dress code of the University while the Vice-Chancellor, in another development, has presented new cars to four Deans of the University. (‘UNILORIN keeps tab on 75 students’, *This Day*, same as above).
- The Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Is-haq O. Oloyede, has presented four new Toyota Corolla cars worth N3.65 million each to four Deans of the University of Ilorin while the moment of the presentation of the car key to the Dean of Student Affairs, Prof. S.H. Umoh, in the presence of other top officials of the University has been frozen in a published photograph.  
(‘Management distributes N14.6m cars’, *Nigerian Tribune*, Thursday, January 20, 2011, p.25)
- The leadership of the newly inaugurated Association of West Africa Universities (AWAU) at the University of Ilorin has emerged in the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Cape Coast, Prof. Naana Opoky-Agyemang as President and the Vice-Chancellor of the Federal University of Technology, Akure, Prof. Adebisi Balogun as Vice-President.  
(‘AWAU elects executive’, *Nigerian Tribune*, same as above)
- The Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, has attributed the need for collaboration to the consequence of the shrinking of the world from a large size to a tiny size as suggested by Thomas Friedman in his *The World Is Flat* while speaking at the inauguration of AWAU.  
(‘West African varsities forge partnership’, *Nigerian Tribune*, same as above.)
- While speaking at the inauguration of AWAU at the University of Ilorin, the Minister of Education, Prof. Ruqayyatu Rufa’i, has called for action against the activities of illegal universities in the region.  
(‘some varsities are mere degree mills – Rufai’, *Nigerian Tribune*, same date, p.32)
- A lecturer at the University of Ilorin, Dr. Pius Abioje, has expressed his satisfaction with the declaration of the Central Bank Governor, Sanusi Lamido Sanusi, as Man of the Year by the *Financial Times* of London.  
(‘Sanusi Lamido Sanusi, Man of the Year’, *The Guardian* Thursday, January 20, 2011 p.14.)
- Academic heavyweights have been lined up to speak at the second joint International Conference of the Universities of Ilorin and Cape-Coast later this year.  
(‘Dons for conference’, “UNILORIN, File” *The Nation*, Thursday, November 20, 2011, p.22)
- The leadership of the Association of West Africa Universities (AWAU) has emerged after the inauguration of the body at the University of Ilorin.  
(‘AWAU Exco emerges’, same as above)
- Some 75 students of the University of Ilorin have been caught and transported back to town on account of their indecent dressing.  
(‘75 students held for indecent dressing’, *The Nation*, same as above)

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- The Dress Code Committee of the University of Ilorin, led by Professors. Y. A. Quadri and S. H. Umoh, has caught and warned 75 students on account of their socially irresponsible dress sense.  
(‘Varsity nabs 75 for indecent dressing’, *The Guardian*, Sunday, January 16, 2011, p.7)
- Vice-Chancellors and stakeholders in university education across West Africa have converged on the University of Ilorin to inaugurate the Association of West Africa Universities (AWAU).  
(‘Association of West Africa Universities (AWAU) inaugurated in Ilorin’, *The Guardian*, same date, p.32)
- In its effort to further advance what it is known for, “character and learning”, the University of Ilorin has expelled 22 students for various acts of misconduct.  
(‘UNILORIN expels 22 students for misconduct’, *The Guardian*, same as above).
- The Federal Government of Nigeria has advertised Invitation for Bids in respect of STEP B projects at the University of Ilorin.  
(‘Invitation for Bids’, *The Punch*, Monday, January 17, 2011, p.71 also in *Nigerian Tribune*, same date, p.50 and *The Herald*, same date, p.9)
- The photograph of some female undergraduates of the University of Ilorin has been published to illustrate a report.  
(‘Education and training of women and the girl-child’ III’, *National Pilot*, Monday January 17 – Wednesday, January 19, 2011, p.12)
- The University of Ilorin and the International Islamic University, Malaysia, have signed a Memorandum of Understanding on mutually beneficial academic partnership.  
(‘Unilorin to partner IIUM on quality teaching’, *New Nigerian*, Monday, January 17, 2011, p.4)
- The authorities of the University of Ilorin have caught 75 students who violated the dress code of the University in a recent anti-indecent dressing campaign.  
(‘75 arrested over dress code violation in Unilorin’, *New Nigerian*, same as above, p.17)
- Some 75 students of the University of Ilorin have been caught for dressing indecently while in another development, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, has presented new cars to the Deans of Basic Medical Sciences, Clinical Sciences, Education and Student Affairs.  
(‘UNILORIN undergraduates arrested over indecent dressing’, *Nigerian Tribune*, Tuesday, January 18, 2011, p.27)
- The Chief Medical Director of the University of Ilorin Teaching Hospital (UITH), Dr. Abdulwaheed Olatinwo, has lamented the absence of philanthropic gestures towards improving the Nigerian medical health.  
(‘UITH chief wants wealthy Nigerians to aid health sector’, *The Guardian*, Tuesday, January 18, 2011, p.7)
- In a communiqué issued at the end of the inaugural meeting of the Association of West Africa Universities at the University of Ilorin, the role of networking and collaboration in the context of the age of globalization has been stressed.  
(‘Association of West African varsities harps on role in education’, *Nigerian Compass*, January Wednesday, 19, 2011, p.15)
- The Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, has presented four new cars bought at ₦3.65 million each to four Deans of the University while a photograph showing the Vice-Chancellor, the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Management Services), the Dean of Basic Medical Sciences, Prof. Ayo Soladoye and the Dean of Student Affairs, Prof. S.H. Umoh, at the occasion has been published. (‘₦14.6m cars for varsity deans’, *Nigerian Compass*, same as above.)

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## Quotes of the Week

The more you recognise and express gratitude for the things you have, the more you will have to express gratitude for.

- Zig Ziglar

The most perfect communion of soul with soul, the most exquisite fellowship of mind with mind, are possible only where undoubted trust and undying love are possible, nowhere else. Nothing so ennobles and purifies a spirit as the exercise of faith in somebody. – George Elliot