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Jonathan tasks varsities on character ...says Unilorin is one of the most respected in Africa



The Representative of the President, Mallam Abdullahi

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The Visitor to the University of Ilorin and President, Commander-in-Chief of the Nigerian Armed Forces, Dr. Goodluck Ebele Jonathan, has tasked Nigerian universities to key into the transformation agenda of the Federal Government just as he has urged them to pay more attention to the character of their students, saying that "we have a lot more to do in molding the character of our students: obtaining certificates by the students is not enough".

President Jonathan made this submission last Tuesday (October 25, 2011) at the University of Ilorin, whose motto is "character and learning", while speaking at the 27th convocation ceremonies during which 620 higher degrees were conferred on the graduands of the University, including 72 PhDs, among others.

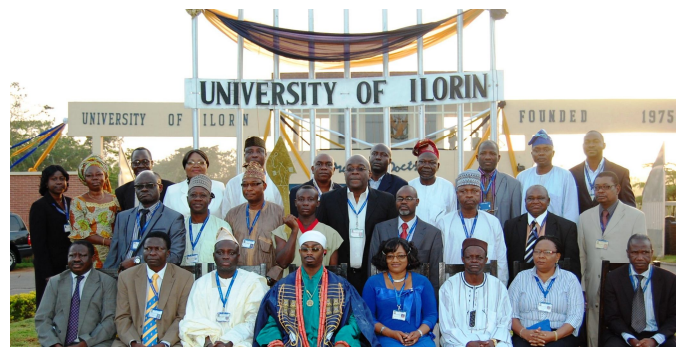
The President, who was represented by the Minister of Youth Development, Mallam Bolaji Abdullahi, stressed that the 21st century economy is built on knowledge and the 117 universities in Nigeria should "make conscious efforts to turn the enormous youth population we are endowed with to assets for the country", noting further that education without character is like power without control. *(Contd. on page 2)*

Chancellor, VC challenge varsity graduands

Both the Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, who is also the Dein of Agbor Kingdom, His Majesty, Dr. Benjamin Ikenchuku, Keagborekuzi I, and the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Is-haq O. Oloyede, have challenged the 5,330 graduands of the University with words of advice with which they can lead successful lives after graduation.

The Chancellor and the Vice-Chancellor gave their pieces of advice last Monday (October 24, 2011) while addressing the first batch of the 2010/2011 graduands of the University as part of the 27th convocation ceremonies.

The Chancellor expressed appreciation to God, the Governor of Kwara State, the Emir of Ilorin and the immediate past Governing Council of the University, led by Alhaji Tukur Mani, Tafarkin Katsina. He also acknowledged the collective efforts of those involved in the management of the University including the highly disciplined staff and students, whose cooperation was responsible for the success being celebrated at the occasion. *(Contd. on page 4)*



The Chancellor, HRM Dr. Benjamin Ikenchuku, in a group photograph with the Principal Officers, Deans and Directors of the University

Be good ambassadors, Chancellor charges graduands

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President Jonathan urged the academic community to reflect on the enormous responsibilities on its shoulders, saying that “all the countries that have made progress in recent times have done so because of the quality of their academic institutions,” stressing further that Nigeria has no reason to lag behind in the quest to match the rest of the world in economic, technological and scientific advancement. He added that what sets “progressing countries apart from the stagnating ones in this century is not their natural resources but the quality of their human capital.” He also observed that “Nigeria is one of the few countries on earth still blessed with a huge youth population. This youth population would, however, not automatically translate into assets unless we make conscious efforts to develop.”

The President noted further that government alone could not shoulder the funding of education while advising universities to device other means of funding to supplement government efforts. He also praised the University of Ilorin, saying “it is with pride and satisfaction that we note the institution’s distinction of being the only federal university with a stable academic calendar for upwards of 10 years.”

According to him, “while the task of building a great institution cannot be done within the tenure of a single leadership, I must however appreciate especially the current Vice-Chancellor, Professor Is-haq O. Oloyede, a

world class scholar and excellent administrator for his creativity, vision and courage that he has brought into piloting the affairs of this University since he has been in charge. He has not only sustained the great tradition of the institution, he has broken new grounds and explored new frontiers to raise the profile of this university as one of the most respected and most sought after universities in Nigeria and on the African continent.”

In his address delivered at the occasion, the Chancellor of the University and Dein of Agbor, His Majesty, Dr. Benjamin Ikenchuku, Keagborekuzi I, acknowledged the management team of the University, the Senate and the entire workforce on what he described as “their uncommon commitment to the continued development of this University”. He also congratulated the graduands on their successes while he urged them to be good ambassadors of the University. His words:

“I congratulate the graduands of today on their successes. We are glad that your efforts over the years have been crowned with success. As you go into the world, we expect you, more than ever before, to exhibit the moral character, discipline and learning which this University has inculcated into you. The good quality education you have received in this University will be measured by your performances outside. I therefore urge you to keep the flag flying higher and be good ambassadors of the University.”

Earlier in his address, captioned “The Life of Purpose”, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Is-haq O. Oloyede, congratulated the graduands and admonished them to live purposefully, saying that “*the life of purpose* is that which is devoted to the pursuit of the Golden Rule and the ultimate good, not selfish interest.” He described university education that the graduands had obtained as the key to unlocking the vast potentials of the human mind and transforming the society, stressing that most of the advances of the developed world are products of the fertile minds and resourcefulness within the academia.

The Vice-Chancellor also highlighted the activities of the University in the year, contained in the Annual Report he presented to the Visitor. “For example, we have upgraded teaching facilities, assured quality in our examinations, maintained 100% full accreditation of the University programmes, awarded scholarships to 96 outstanding students, encouraged staff and student exchange with our international partners, sponsored or facilitated the sponsorship of 470 staff to conferences and workshops, increased staff-student-ratio, attracted staff talents from almost all the states of the Federation and 17 world countries, promoted a good number of qualified staff, re- invigorated research with training and funding, hosted and organised scores of conferences, workshops and seminars, forged further collaborations, enhanced academic publications qualitatively and quantitatively, upgraded our botanical garden with additional animals for research and leisure, invested in fitness programmes, further landscaped and greened the campus...,” he said.



L-R: The Chancellor, the Deputy Governor of Kwara State, the Minister and the Vice-Chancellor

Unilorin's 27th Convocation and Dons' Reactions

When it was predicted on this page in the October 17 edition of *Unilorin Bulletin* that this year's edition of the convocation ceremony would be "one convocation that has not been witnessed before", the memory of which would be "etched indelibly on the psyche of all the stakeholders", many a doubting Thomas might have dismissed the revelation as a mere publicity stunt.

But the truth of it is that for those who witnessed the 10-day event, especially the actual convocation ceremonies of last Monday and Tuesday (October 24 and 25), the University of Ilorin is in a class of its own, a classical case of *primus inter pares*. Knowing the commitment of Atteh Committee that planned the ceremonies, it was quite easy to know *ab initio* that the convocation would be one without a precedent and the knowledge informed the conviction expressed before the ceremonies.

The dust of the convocation had not settled before UNILORIN dons started to register their impression of the activities. Prof. (Mrs) Temidayo Oladiji opened the floor on the online discussion forum. "Permit me to congratulate the Chancellor, Vice Chancellor, Principal Officers and Senate of this great University on the convocation of the University. It is to a large extent second to none that I have attended. It was a successful outing for the University. The orderliness is highly commendable. The comments from the guests and students make one feel proud to be a part of the University," she said in her online posting.

The Director of COMSIT, Prof. Isaac Adimula, agreed to the observation. His words: "I congratulate the great leadership of this University for this showpiece of a convocation. This is showing others how to do it. Congrats VC, Chairman, Ceremonials Committee and the entire University Community."

The next posting came from the Dean of Postgraduate School, Prof. Clement Bewaji. According to the Professor of Biochemistry, "I couldn't believe it that the whole thing was over at 9:45am! Given the fact that the procession by the graduands started at 8 a.m. and that of the staff (and University Scholars) started at 8:30 the whole thing still took less than 2 hours!! I had expected to get back home around 5 pm (still thinking about the convocations of the past and the traffic situations) but I was amazed to find that I could leave the Campus around 12 noon with very minimal traffic hold ups."

Prof. Bewaji continued to "congratulate the visionary Vice-Chancellor, the energetic Chairman, Ceremonials Committee and all members of the Committee, the Principal Officers, the Faculty Officers..., the Deans, the traffic controllers (especially the FRSC), the Performing Arts personnel and the MC (Prof. Ayo Akinwale). I predict that the Visiting Vice-Chancellors will have more than a story to tell when they get back home."

For the Dean of Law, Dr. Wahab Egbewole, a very active netizen and online commentator, though he did not witness the first day of the convocation, news reached him that it was a most excellent outing for the University. "I was not present at the venue physically but I've received several calls commending the outing. One of such came from a Visiting Official and another from somebody who heard the story. I give kudos to all that made it possible especially the Chairman and members of the Ceremonials Committee for driving properly the vision of our able VC," he wrote.

Dr. Victor Owoyele of the Department of Physiology quickly posted that he was there. "I was there and very impressed. Just 45 wonderful minutes. Hearty congratulations to the indefatigable Vice Chancellor, the Chancellor, the Chairman Ceremonials Committee (and his team) and all that made today glorious."

While Dr. B. O. Bolaji of the Department of Anaesthesia said he joined "others in congratulating the Vice-Chancellor and his management team, members of the Ceremonials Committee on this innovation in the duration of the convocation", adding that "this is something very new. Let us keep the fire burning!", Dr. Alhassan Sani of the Department of Microbiology also opined that the occasion was worthy of congratulations. "I congratulate our indefatigable Vice-Chancellor and his team, the Chairman Ceremonials Committee and his team for the job well done."

Fast Facts File

Did you know?

- The magic word "Abracadabra" was originally intended for the specific purpose of curing hay fever.
- The world's libraries store more than 100 million original volumes.
- The word "set" has the highest number of definitions in the English language: 192.

Unilorin churns out 72 PhD graduands in a year

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The Chancellor challenged the graduands to apply the knowledge they had acquired from the University to their self-improvement as well as the development of the country. “As you step out into the wide world, we urge you to be good ambassadors of your Alma Mater. When fortune smiles on you, as we hope it will in no distant time, please remember to make your little contributions to the continued sustenance of this University. We wish you great success in life.” The Dein also tasked the staff and students of the University to keep up the cooperation with which the University is able to attain its status.

“The University of Ilorin is well known for its culture of peace and stability. This has been made possible by our highly disciplined staff and students of the University. The warm and close rapport existing between the University Administration and the staff and students has been wonderful. I urge you all to maintain this cordial relationship which has brought academic excellence, fame and respect to this University. We should strive to maintain our uniqueness and never allow ourselves to be influenced by negative actions which can only reverse the tremendous gains we have made. Only the best is good for us,” he said.

In his own address, captioned “The Purpose of Life”, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Oloyede, observed that “the journey of life is not necessarily for the fastest” adding that it is “not everyone who begins a journey that reaches its end.” He therefore congratulated the graduands, their parents and guardians on the occasion saying that they all had reasons to give thanks to God.

According to the Vice-Chancellor, “Dear graduands, now that you are graduating from the micro world of the university to the macro world of the larger society, it is just essential that I remind you of *the purpose of life*. Many people in the world, including some who are supposedly educated, live their lives purposelessly. Jean-Paul Satre once claimed that ‘if we have to die, then our life has no meaning’ but this is not true. Despite the fact that we are going to die, our life can be meaningful if we know its purpose and live it accordingly.”

Speaking further, Prof. Oloyede noted that “*the purpose of life* is to serve God and humanity. As you are graduating from this stage of life to another, always remember that you are in this world to serve and you must serve diligently for you to be fulfilled. Our convocation lecture this year, delivered by one of the very first staff of the University, the founding Head of our Department of Medicine, Emeritus Professor John Hamilton, focused on service. All of us are **a community to serve** and this spirit of service is what you have to live with as graduands of the University of Ilorin. You have to strive and you have to serve for you to succeed.”

While speaking earlier as she announced the commencement of the convocation, the Registrar, Mrs. Olufolake Oyeyemi, noted that according to the Act establishing the University, the Chancellor awards degrees of the University and presides over all congregations for the purpose of awarding degrees. After the Chancellor set the convocation on course, the Registrar subsequently invited Deans of Faculties to present their students for the award of the degrees.

The high points of the occasion included the recognition of the 23 First Class graduands who had royal and professorial handshakes with the Chancellor and the Vice-Chancellor. Many participants at the event were also surprised that the convocation lasted for 45 minutes only having started from 9:00 a.m. precisely.

At the 27th convocation ceremonies of the University of Ilorin last week, 3,991 convoked on Monday while another 1,339 convoked on Tuesday making a total of 5,330 graduands. This figure consisted of 4,710 first degree/ diploma and 620 higher degree/postgraduate diploma graduands during the session.

The breakdown of the 2010/2011 graduands as announced by the Vice-Chancellor is: 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, 80 postgraduate diploma, 399 academic Master’s, 69 professional postgraduate and 72 doctoral graduands.

We are standardising campus eateries - Johnson

The Chairman of the Board of Health, who is also the Chairman of Campus Eatery Regulatory Board, Prof. W.B.R. Johnson has called on all eatery operators in the University to cooperate with the Campus Regulatory Board in order to ensure that all campus eateries are safe and standardised.

Prof. Johnson made this call last week Thursday (October 27, 2011) during a workshop organised by the regulatory Board for the eatery operators on campus.



L-R: Dr. (Mrs) Karim, Prof. Johnson and Prof. Olayemi at the workshop

While speaking at the workshop themed “Towards Acceptable Food Hygiene, Safety and Quality on the Campus: Bringing the Eatery Operators on Board”, the Dean of Clinical Sciences told participants that the commitment of the University to standardised eateries on the campus informed the workshop. His words:

“On behalf of the University of Ilorin Eatery Board, and indeed the Vice-Chancellor, whose insatiable quest for excellence in all ramifications led to the inauguration of the Board, I am extending my warm welcome to all our Eatery Operators and other stakeholders.”

He explained that the “Campus Eatery Regulatory Board was constituted to regulate the activities of eateries on the Campus as well as safeguard the health of the staff, students, and visitors and to preserve the image of the University. The Board is, therefore, expected to develop various avenues that can be used to educate and inform the operators on proper hygiene, food safety and environmental upkeep”.

The Board is also expected to develop various avenues that can be used to educate and inform the operators on proper hygiene, food safety and environmental upkeep. The Board is further required to categorise all eateries with reference to their facilities and service rendered.

“A cafeteria or any form of eatery centre in an academic environment such as the University of Ilorin should be made to conform to public health, safety regulations, provide a high standard of cleanliness, sanitation and provide balanced food. This is our major term of reference and therefore the responsibility of all of us to ensure that food provided to consumers is safe and does not become a source of disease outbreak or transmission of communicable diseases,” he added.

The Professor of Paediatrics disclosed that the need for such a workshop became necessary considering the huge success of the 27th Convocation and the up-coming West Africa University Games to be hosted by the University of Ilorin.

The Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Management Services), Prof. Albert Olayemi, who represented the Vice-Chancellor at the workshop, told participants that the Vice-Chancellor considered the workshop very important because food hygiene affects the lives of people. “Because the University is world-class, the population is mixed and this population must be properly and safely fed”, he noted.

Prof. Olayemi assured the eatery operators that the Board was not constituted to harass them but to promote hygiene, educate them and maintain standards. He stressed that ensuring standard would prevent food related diseases, adding that members of the Board had been carefully selected on merit and the basis of professionalism.

Papers presented at the workshop included “Food Safety and Hygiene: Implications for the University Community” and “Categorization of Eateries in the University of Ilorin” both by Dr. (Mrs.) O. R. Karim, “Food Standardization on Campus” by Dr. R. A. Shehu, “Procedure of Securing Eatery Space on the Campus” by Mr. B. S. Baba, “Sanitary and Hygiene Requirements for Food Preparing Premises” by Mr. I. A. Okunlola and “Security Tips” by Mr. A. O. Oyewo of the Security Department.

MONEY MATTERS**UNILORIN WEEKLY FINANCIAL DIGEST**SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS FOR THE PERIOD 21ST – 27TH OCTOBER, 2011**RECEIPTS**

Rents of Kiosks, Buka and Shops	102,000.00
Donations towards WAUG (Mallam Bolaji Abdullahi)	250,000.00
Sales of Parking Permit during Convocation	1,296,000.00
Hiring of Space Charges during Convocation	100,000.00
Boarded Properties	2,000.00
I.D. Card/Lanyard (staff)	2,200.00
Contractors Registration Form	1,500.00
Medical Test	500.00
Registration at Fitness Centre	1,000.00

Total Receipts for the Period**1,755,200.00****PAYMENTS**

Payment to Contractors/Consultants:

Targent Construction Ltd. Renovation/Installation of sun breaker @ Senate Building	1,491,027.18
Talim Associates Ltd. Consultancy on Unilorin Radio	1,955,718.24
Project Cost Consultants Ltd-QT Consultancy on refurbishing of existing stages I &II	<u>2,657,072.63</u>
	<u>6,103,818.05</u>

Payment to Suppliers:

Tomeex Aluminum-Lab Aluminium Window	62,320.00
Abe Ayodeji - Repair of Printer	<u>20,090.00</u>
Touring Advance	330,840.00
Purchase Advance	1,336,540.00
Convocation Expenses	7,909,882.60
University Scholars	6,708,900.00
Production of T-shirts for Graduands	2,992,500.00
Hotel Expenses	50,725.64
Merit Award	2,000,000.00
Donations	100,000.00
Burial Expenses	200,000.00
Payment for Books	20,000.00
October Salaries	399,233.393.46
Various (e.g. Refund, Imprest, etc.)	1,630,100.00

Total Expenditure for the Period**428,699,109.75**

Signed

Ayo Sijuwola**Bursar****NACHRED organises seminar**

The National Centre for Hydropower Research and Development (NACHRED), University of Ilorin, invites members of the University Community to its In-House Seminar presentation series scheduled for this Thursday (November 3, 2011) at NACHRED Board Room on the University Mini Campus beginning from 10:00 a.m.

The first of the Seminar Papers is entitled "Sedimentation Studies of Hydropower Dam Reservoirs in Nigeria" and it will be presented by Adeogun A.G. while the second presentation, to be presented by Mr. A. S. Oladeji, is entitled "Development of a Solar-Wind Hydro 15kVA, 220V, 50Hz Hybrid Inverter."

NOTICE TO ALL STUDENTS

2011/2012 MEDICAL EXAMINATION/REGISTRATION OF NEW STUDENTS

Medical Examination of New Students will commence on 31st October, 2011.

Returning students who are yet to register are hereby advised to do so while the exercise is ongoing.

Please come along with the original and photocopies of your school receipts.

Duration	-	2 calendar months
Time	-	Monday – Friday 8:00a.m. – 3:00p.m.
Venue:	-	Main Campus Clinic

Students should endeavour to print out the medical registration form from the University Portal.

Signed

Dr. (Mrs.) M. O. Ajiboye
Ag. Director, University Health Services

Happy Birthday To You!

S/N	Name	Department/Unit	Date of Birth
1.	Sanusi, Issa O.	Linguistics and Nigerian Languages	30 th October
2.	Ogunlade, Amos A.	Arts and Social Science Education	31 st October
3.	Makanjuola, Samuel O.	Mathematics	2nd November
4.	Olorunfemi, Jacob F.	Geography and Environmental Management	2nd November
5.	Muhammad-Lawal, Abdulazez	Agric Economics and Farm Management	5th November

LAUGH LINES

Employer-Employee Equation

Smart boss + smart employee = profit
 Smart boss + dumb employee = production
 Smart boss + smart employee = promotion
 Dumb boss + dumb employee = frustration

Unilorin in the News

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- The Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin and Chairman of the Committee of Vice-Chancellors in Nigeria, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, has called for the re-introduction of University Matriculation Examination (UME) because curricula of universities are different from those of other tertiary institutions. ('Vice-Chancellors battle JAMB over UTME', *The Nation*, Friday, October 28, 2011, p.7)
- While appearing before the Senate Committee on Education, the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin and Chairman of the Association of Vice-Chancellors of Nigerian Universities, Prof. Is-haq O. Oloyede, has canvassed the re-introduction of Universities Matriculation Examinations because universities operate different from other tertiary institutions. ('VCs seek abolition of UTME', *Nigerian Tribune*, Friday, October 28, 2011, p.11)
- The Chairman of the Committee of Vice-Chancellors and Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Is-haq O. Oloyede, has assured stakeholders in the education sector that all observed shortcomings in the conduct of the post-UTME would be addressed by his committee, adding that the admission examinations of University applicants should be conducted separately by JAMB as the case was in the past. ('Vice-Chancellors call for scrapping of UTME', *Nigerian Compass*, Friday, October 28, 2011)
- The Chairman of the Association of Vice Chancellors of Nigeria Universities (AVCNU) and Vice Chancellor, University of Ilorin, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, has said that the Association had forwarded a letter to the senate while reacting to the threat of the upper legislative chamber of the National Assembly to put an end to the Post UTME test by universities. "UTME: Vice-Chancellors set to prove case before senate" <http://www.sunnewsonline.com/webpages/news/national/2011/oct/18/national-18-10-2011-0030.html>)

Unilorin in the News

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- A philanthropic organisation called the Kwara State Children Resource Centre has made donations to some patients at the University of Ilorin Teaching Hospital.
(‘A passion for under-privileged’, *The Herald*, Wednesday, October 26, 2011, p.9)
- A lecturer in the University of Ilorin, Dr. Pius Abioje, has justified the need for pre-registration screening exercise while he countered the allegation that post-UTME is exploited as a means of revenue generation.
(‘Another view on post-JAMB test’, *The Nation*, Wednesday, October 26th, 2011, p.20)
- President Goodluck Jonathan has challenged Nigerian universities on the character of their students and urged them to work hard on developing the country while speaking through the Minister of Youth Development, Mallam Bolaji Abdullahi, at the 27th convocation ceremonies of the University of Ilorin.
(‘Work on students’ character, Jonathan tells varsities’, *Nigerian Compass*, Wednesday, October 26, 2011, p.4)
- The Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Is-haq O. Oloyede, has said that his institution would introduce a postgraduate Diploma programme in palliative medicine while receiving members of the committee on palliative care from the University of Ilorin Teaching Hospital.
(‘Unilorin to introduce palliative medicine’, *Nigerian Compass*, Wednesday, October 26, 2011, p.19)
- Speaking at the 27th convocation ceremonies of the University of Ilorin through his representative, President Goodluck Jonathan has averred that without her universities, Nigeria cannot hope to become one of the world’s 20 leading economies by 2020.
(‘Nigeria cannot be a leading economy in 2020 unless’, *Nigerian Tribune*, Wednesday, October 26th, p.46)
- Dr. Goodluck E. Jonathan in a convocation address delivered at the University of Ilorin through the Minister of Youth Development, Mallam Bolaji Abdullahi, has said that higher education funding is more than what the government can do alone while he urged universities to focus on their students’ character.
(‘Jonathan urges more private funding of varsities’, *The Guardian*, Wednesday, October 26, 2011, p.6)
- President Goodluck Jonathan has charged Nigerian universities to key into the transformation agenda of the federal government in his address at the 27th convocation ceremony of the University of Ilorin.
(‘Jonathan tasks varsity over transformation agenda’, *Leadership*, Wednesday, October 26, 2011, p.7)
- The editorial of a national newspaper has reflected on the debate over post-UTME quoting the AVCNU Chairman and Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede.
(‘Resolving the post-UTME debate’, *Daily Trust* Wednesday, October 26, 2011, p.31)
- In a paid advertorial, the National Association of Seadogs has debunked the claim that its members operate at the University of Ilorin and some other tertiary institutions in Nigeria.
(‘Disclaimer’, *Daily Trust*, same date, p.42)
- The Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Is-haq O. Oloyede, has revealed that his University would offer a programme in palliative medicine to revamp healthcare delivery in Nigeria.
(‘Unilorin to offer palliative medicine’, “UNILORIN File”, *The Nation*, Thursday, October 27, 2011, p.26)
- Dr. Abdul-Razzaq Abdul-Majeed Alaro of the Department of Islamic Law, University of Ilorin has been appointed as one of the 11 Nigerian scholars to provide guidance to the pilgrims during this year’s edition hajj exercise in Saudi Arabia. (‘Lecturer is hajj guide’, same as above)
- The University of Ilorin Governing Council has embarked on the rehabilitation of Oyun River Bridge in the University in order to ease transportation.
(‘Varsity awards contract on bridge’, same as above)
- The Union of Campus Journalists of the University of Ilorin has held its inaugural meeting for the session after paying a courtesy visit to its patron, Dr. Mahfouz A. Adedimeji, who heads the Corporate Affairs Directorate of the University.
(‘Campus journalists hold meeting’, *The Nation*, same date, p.30)
- The President, Dr. Goodluck Ebele Jonathan, has advocated good character as a component of sound education in Nigeria while speaking at the 27th convocation ceremonies of the University of Ilorin.
(‘We should improve character of graduands’, *National Pilot*, Thursday 27th – Sunday 30th October, 2011, p. 2)
- Various photographs featuring different moments during the just concluded 27th convocation ceremonies of the University of Ilorin have been published.
(‘27th Convocation Ceremony of Unilorin, Kwara State in Pix,’ *National Pilot*, same date, p.12)
- A former Dean of Arts and Chief Imam/Waziri of Auchu, Prof. Zakariyau I. Oseni, has been inducted into the Hall of Fame of a Non-Governmental Organisation (NGO), Cymmy Associates.
(‘NGO honours Prof. Oseni, others’, *Nigerian Tribune*, Thursday October 27, 2011, p.32)

Unilorin in the News

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- A pictorial record showing the Chancellor of the University, the Minister of Education, Principal Officers of the University of Ilorin and guests who were present at the official commissioning of some special projects during the 27th convocation of the University has been published.
(*Nigerian Tribune*, Monday, October 24 2011, p.41)
- Speaking at the convocation ceremonies of the graduands of the University of Ilorin, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, has urged the graduands to spend their lives on serving God and humanity.
(*Radio Kwara Ilorin* news @3:00 p.m. and 8:00p.m. Monday, October 24, 2011)
- The University of Ilorin has graduated 5,330 graduands during the 2010/2011 academic session as disclosed by the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, during the 27th convocation ceremonies today.
(*Harmony FM Idofian* news @6:00p.m. Monday, October 24, 2011)
- Both the Chancellor and Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, HRM Benjamin Ikenchuku and Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, have enjoined the graduands of the University to let the education they received at the University impact on their lives in the larger society during the 27th convocation ceremonies.
(*NTA Ilorin News* @ 7:00p.m., Monday, October 24, 2011)
- The Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, has charged the graduands of the University to live purposefully by serving others during the 27th convocation ceremonies.
(*Harmony FM Idofian* news @10:00a.m. Tuesday, October 25, 2011)
- The Chancellor of the University of Ilorin and Dein of Agbor Kingdom, Dr. Benjamin Ikenchukwu Keagborekuzi 1, has urged the University of Ilorin community to maintain the cordial relationship that has brought academic excellence to the institution.
(‘Monarch urges Unilorin to sustain tempo’, *Leadership*, Tuesday, October 25, 2011, p.6)
- The Minister of Education, Prof. Ruqayyatu Rufa’i, has said at the University of Ilorin that Post-UTME is necessary because everyone is now talking about quality and universities need to assure quality.
(Post-UTME Test: FG allays fears of varsities’, *Peoples’ Daily*, Tuesday, October 25, 2011)
- The Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Is-haq O. Oloyede, has defended the screening of candidates seeking admission through the pre-registration screening exercise called post-UTME.
(‘VC disagrees with senate over post-UME test’, *The Punch*, Tuesday October 18, 2011, p.10)
- The first Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Oladipo Akinkugbe, has said that both the UTME and post-UTME should be retained arguing that JAMB requires fine-tuning while speaking after the convocation lecture delivered by Prof. John Hamilton at the University of Ilorin.
(‘Akinkugbe wants UTME fine-tuned’ *Blueprint*, Tuesday, October 25, 2011, p.12)
- The Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Is-haq O. Oloyede, has challenged the University community to put more effort in the service of their immediate communities while responding to questions raised by journalists during the convocation lecture.
(‘We have not moved an inch, says Unilorin VC’, *Blueprint*, same as above)
- The Vice-Chancellor, of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Is-haq O. Oloyede, has disclosed that the University of Ilorin has acquired properties in Abuja and Lagos during the 2010/2011 session while addressing newsmen at the commencement of the 27th convocation ceremonies.
(‘Unilorin spends N1.5b on projects, acquires N250m properties’, *Nigerian Compass*, Tuesday October 25, 2011, p.15)
- The Chancellor of the University of Ilorin and Dein of Agbor Kingdom, Dr. Benjamin Ikenchuku, has commended the hosts of the University of Ilorin, Kwara State, for being a cornerstone of the achievements of the University.
(‘Why Unilorin has achieved much, Chancellor’, *Nigerian Tribune*, Tuesday, October 25, 2011, p.10)
- President Goodluck Jonathan has stressed the need for universities to develop the nation with their talents saying that Nigeria has abundant human resources that can be converted to wealth while speaking at the 27th convocation ceremonies of the University of Ilorin through his representative, Mallam Bolaji Abdullahi.
(*Radio Kwara Ilorin* news @3:00 p.m. and 8:00p.m. Tuesday, October 25, 2011)
- The Visitor to the University of Ilorin and President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, Dr. Goodluck Jonathan, has described 21st century as the age of knowledge and tasked universities to convert knowledge to development while speaking through the Minister of Youth Affairs, Mallam Bolaji Abdullahi, at the 27th convocation ceremonies of the University of Ilorin.

Unilorin in the News

- The Minister of Education, Prof. Ruqayyatu Rufai, has called for the understanding of stakeholders, especially the Senate, on post-UTME because it boosts the quality of University intakes. ('Minister pleads with senate over post-UTME test,' *The Punch*, Monday, October 24, 2011, p.11)
- A photograph showing some of the graduands of the University of Ilorin Secondary School during the 21st graduation, speech and prize giving ceremony of the School has been published. (*The Herald*, Monday October 24, 2011 p.5)
- The Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Is-haq O. Oloyede, has reiterated the commitment of the University to the exploration of all avenues towards actualising the vision of the University during an interactive session with pressmen. ('Unilorin produces 23 First Class', *The Herald*, same date, p.18)
- The Centre for Peace and Strategies Studies (CPSS) of the University of Ilorin has set its goal of providing solution to some problems of conflicts in Nigeria during an award ceremony in honour of some newly elevated professors, including the Director of the Centre. ('Six new professors bag award', *The Herald*, same date, p.19)
- The Visitor to the University of Ilorin and President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, Dr. Goodluck Ebele Jonathan, has described the University of Ilorin 89.3FM Radio Station as a manifestation of how ideas can be transformed into development. ('Unilorin 89.3FM hits airwaves', *The Guardian*, Monday, October 24, 2011, p.71)
- The Minister of Education, Prof. Ruqayyatu Rufa'i, who represented the President at the commissioning of the University of Ilorin projects, has advised stakeholders in education to accept post- Unified Tertiary Matriculation Examination (UTME) as a means to sustain and maintain the quality of University students. ('Minister wades into senate, VCs rift over post-UTME tests,' *The Guardian*, same date, back page)
- The Minister of Education, Prof. Ruqayyatu Rufa'i, has lent her support to post-UTME while speaking at the commissioning of some projects, on behalf of the President, as part of the 27th convocation ceremonies of the University of Ilorin. ('Post-UME: Minister backs VCs', *Nigerian Compass*, Monday, October 24, 2011, p.1)
- While the Minister of Education, Prof. Ruqayyatu Rufa'i, has said that Post-UTME is a means of guaranteeing quality, the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Is-haq O. Oloyede, has noted that it is a constitutional matter and universities are legally backed to conduct it. ('Post-UME: Minister backs VCs', *Nigerian Compass*, same date, p.38)
- A photograph shot during the commissioning of the Faculty of Communication and Information Sciences of the University of Ilorin among other projects during the 27th convocation ceremonies of the University of Ilorin has been published. (*The Nation*, Monday, October 24, 2011 p.7)
- A national newspaper in an editorial has backed the Chairman of the Association of Vice-Chancellors of Nigerian Universities (AVCNU), Prof. Is-haq Oloyede of the University of Ilorin, on the need to sustain Post-UTME. ('The VCs are right', *The Nation*, Monday, October 24, 2011 p.19)
- While speaking at the University of Ilorin where she represented the President at the commissioning of some projects, the Minister of Education, Prof. Ruqayyatu Rufa'i, has justified the desirability of post-UTME as a quality assurance mechanism. ('Post-UTME to stay - Minister', *Nigerian Tribune*, Monday, October 24, 2011, p. 5)

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Quotes of the Week

In politics, if you want anything said, ask a man; if you want anything done, ask a woman. - Margaret Thatcher

One who wears only an apron is merely tying himself with a rope. - Amos Tutuola

It takes your enemy and your friend, working together, to hurt you to the heart; the one to slander you and the other to get the news to you. - Mark Twain

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