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## Look before you leap, fresh students urged

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**WATCH IT:** The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Oloyede, addressing the students last Thursday

“On a final note, always remember as I encouraged you that what is worth doing at all is worth doing on time. Therefore, *you must set forth at dawn* in the University of Ilorin by *daring to excel* right from the start here. You must be determined to *be the best you can* be positively by doing away with distractions that may threaten your ambition because as the saying goes, *nothing ventured, nothing gained*. Always *look before you leap* in all situations and you will be assured that you will not have any reason to regret now or later. Dress well, act well, always wear your identification card, study seriously, exercise your body at the sports complex and be prayerful. It shall be well with you.”

It was with the above words that the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Is-haq O. Oloyede, concluded his address, which summarised his addresses to matriculating students of the University since 2007, to the matriculating students for the 2011/2012 academic session last Thursday (January 5, 2012), at the University Auditorium.

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## WAUG 2012: Unilorin spends N442 on infrastructure

### ...as Games now holds March 27 - April 7, 2012

The authorities of the University of Ilorin in the past few months have invested to the tune of N442 million in sporting infrastructure and facilities as the University prepares for the 13<sup>th</sup> edition of the West Africa University Games (WAUG).

The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, gave this disclosure while addressing a press conference at the Kwara State Government House last Thursday (January 5, 2011), to formally announce the new date of the games.

According to the Vice-Chancellor, who was flanked at the occasion by the principal officers, Deans and Directors of the University, the facilities provided, renovated or expanded and their costs are: Tartan tracks and field (N166m), renovation of old pavilion (N24m), renovation of indoor sports hall (N33m), construction of a new pavilion (N71m), and procurement of 59 seater A/C Marcopolo bus (N52m).  
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**TEAM WORK:** Registrar, Mrs. Oyeyemi; DVC (Academic), Prof. Ayorinde; DVC (MS) & WAUG LOC Chair, Prof. Olayemi; VC, Prof. Oloyede; President, WAUG & DG WAUG 2012, Unilorin, Prof. Emiola and Bursar, Mr. Sijuwola at the briefing

## Unilorin matriculates 2011/2012 session fresh students

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In the address, captioned “Look Before You Leap”, the Vice-Chancellor expressed his happiness to congratulate the students on being successful to be admitted to the University of Ilorin. He also encouraged them to sit up and guard their admission jealously because several thousands of students competed with them but could not make it.

“Having come this far, it is therefore important that you sit up and guard your admission jealously. All what this requires is for you to work hard and *look before you leap*. When you work hard, you will not have any academic problem that will threaten your status or good standing. When you *look before you leap*, you will not violate the University rules and regulations and your character will be unblemished. In fact, it is character and learning that the University of Ilorin is renowned for and it is your responsibility that as from today, you hold aloft the banner of probity and scholarship, the motto of the University (i.e. *probitas doctrina*),” he said.



A cross section of the matriculating students

Prof. Oloyede recalled the addresses he had given at the previous matriculation ceremonies on “You Must Set Forth At Dawn” (December 21, 2007), “Dare To Exell: Start Where You Stand!” (December 18, 2008), “Be The Best You Can” (January 19, 2010) and “Nothing Ventured, Nothing Gained” (February 1, 2011) emphasising that the students should download the addresses from the University website and be guided by them on campus.

The Vice-Chancellor disclosed that some 39,040 candidates applied for admission to the University of Ilorin out of which 22,969 candidates met the general minimum requirement or passed the test (with 50% grade and above). He added that out of the 22,969 that passed, only 6,926 or 30.3% could be admitted because of the limited carrying capacity of the University. He

therefore urged the fresh students to look before they leap so that they would not waste a rare opportunity that some 30,418 candidates that sat for the same examinations as they did do not have.

Prof. Oloyede also charged the students to be mindful of how they use their time while quoting an author: “To realize the value of a life-time, ask a person in the last throes of death. To realize the value of four years, ask the captain/coach whose team does not qualify for the World Cup or a politician that has just lost an election. To realize the value of a year, ask a student who has a spill-over or the one that fails WAEC/UTME. To realize the value of one month, ask a woman who has given birth to a premature baby. To realize the value of one week, ask the editor of a weekly paper. To realize the value of one day, ask a daily wage earner who has ten mouths to feed. To realize the value of one hour, ask the person that was late for a job interview. To realize the value of one minute, ask a person who has missed a flight to an important destination. To realize the value of one second, ask a person who has luckily avoided a head-on collision with an articulated vehicle or trailer. To realize the value of one millisecond, ask a person who is placed second in an Olympic race”.

The high points of the occasion included administering the matriculation oath on the students by the Registrar, Mrs. Olufolake O. Oyeyemi, and announcements on completing the matriculation booklet and the procedure of obtaining the matriculation number by the Deputy Registrar (Academic Support Services), Mrs. F. M. Olowoleni. The matriculation ceremony was attended by the Deans and Directors of the University and thousands of the joyous matriculating students.

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...Interesting

...Illuminating

...Penetrating

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## Of cognitive illusion and a critic

The recent book of the Nobel Laureate in Economics, Daniel Kahneman, *Thinking, Fast and Slow* (2011), provides some illumination on the error of thinking that is the bane of many 'experts'/ 'critics', and the desirability of not trusting our judgements. Released less than two months ago at a time fiery rhetoric, with its muscle flexing mentality, is dominating global discourse, Kahneman's work is perhaps timely in a world where actions are often taken by guts, self-judgment not by data gathered from evidence-based study.

Based largely on the study of some 50 years in the realm of psychology by the author, the book centres mainly on the theory of "cognitive illusion", which is a false belief that we intuitively accept as true. Closely associated with it, the author notes, is the "illusion of validity" which is a false belief in the reliability of our own judgment. It mostly concerns situations where thinking, rather than empirical samples, is made to determine the course of actions. We all seem to suffer from cognitive illusion anyway by assuming that our opinion or thinking is correct or right but the condition is more serious in some people than the others. It is good for our own good that our attention is drawn to it.

While Kahneman's cognitive illusion manifests at the macro and micro levels, it is easy for our own purpose to situate it within the framework of those who have made it their own beat to judge others: this-and-that 'experts' and arm-chair critics. They are often wrong. Examples are legion, from the monologue underpinning the removal of fuel subsidy, assuming there was any, as suggested by our 'experts' at the national level, to the character assassination of others at the University of Ilorin by a self-appointed critic in a puerile and gutter-quality publication and elsewhere, just because people have the guts to do so.

For instance, it takes cognitive illusion to advance the argument that the progress of the University of Ilorin is not real and sustaining the argument itself would rely on the illusion of validity. Anyone who holds that illusion is academically dishonest. Evidence: how many institutions can we count, here or elsewhere, that have invested within the last four years in the future by planting 619 hectares of plantation in a world where "green cities" and "going green" are well known to be the answer to the future?

Between 2008 and now, the University of Ilorin has planted 530 hectares of Teak tree. (It planted 87 hectares in 2008, 100 hectares in 2009, 150 hectares in 2010 and 193 hectares in 2011). Within the same period, 28 hectares of Date Palms and two hectares of Citrus and Mango were planted. Some 45 hectares of *Jatropha* have also been cultivated while the magic tree (*Moringa*) is also sprouting on its own plantation on the University campus. These are sources of income for the University in the future years, as the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Is-haq O. Oloyede, disclosed during the last 27<sup>th</sup> convocation ceremonies.

Besides that, if not for insincerity that manifests in insane proportions, visitors that come to the University are wowed by the totality of their Unilorin experience or what makes the University tick. A student of LASU, who recounted his experience in last Wednesday's *Nigerian Tribune* (January 5, 2012, p.26) expressed his exhilaration to actualize his "long time dream of visiting the University of Ilorin to know why it enjoys such pride in the comity of Universities in Nigeria." To him, seeing is believing.

Apart from transportation challenges that the writer objectively wants both the authorities and the Students Union to address, the piece is a reinforcement of what other assessors of the University of Ilorin have always expressed. "UNILORIN is indeed an academic-friendly environment where orderliness is maintained to its peak. The students were orderly and so were the lecturers. *Doctrina Probitas* (sic), meaning 'Learning with Discipline' is the university's watchword. My experience gave me an impression that the University of Ilorin is the quintessence of academic culture. It signalled that with excellent leadership, everything can be turned around for the better," the 200 level Law student of LASU wrote.

Perhaps, reading Kahneman's book will provide an answer to anyone who thinks the progress of the University is a fluke. The critic certainly suffers from an extreme form of cognitive illusion reinforced by a self-inflicted illusion of validity. Whatever the person writes therefore has no cognitive value, as said in literary circles, as under that condition, he has lost every strand of clear thinking. Case closed for now.

### Fast Facts File

#### Did you know?

- ❖ Gloucestershire Airport in England used to blast Tina Turner songs on its runways to scare birds away.

## Unilorin announces WAUG plans

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Others are: synthetic floor and aesthetics equipment (N45m), renovation of courts and construction of new handball court (4 tennis, 2 basketball, 2 volley ball and handball) (N35m) and the provision of plastic chairs for the old pavilion (N16m) all making a total of N442 million.

Prof. Oloyede noted that the WAUG could not go ahead with its plans on the previous date because it clashed with the games of the Ghanaian universities as Ghana is crucial to the games due to starting WAUG with Nigeria in 1962.

He disclosed that the WAUG leadership met at the University of Ilorin on Wednesday, January 4, 2012 and ratified the proposal of the University on the games. The games have therefore been rescheduled by WAUG, in conjunction with the University, as follows:



*A cross section of Unilorin Deans at the event*

Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> March 2012	- Arrival of participants
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> to Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> March 2012	- Completion of accreditation and technical meetings
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> March, 2012	- Beginning of competitions
Friday, 30 <sup>th</sup> March, 2012	- WAUG Forum
Saturday 31 <sup>st</sup> march, 2012	- Opening Ceremony
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> April, 2012	- Closing Ceremony
Saturday, 7 <sup>th</sup> April 2012	- Departure of participants

The Vice-Chancellor appealed to all Nigerians to give their support to the University because the University is hosting the international event on behalf of the country. He recalled that the WAUG flag was handed over to the then Minister of Sports, Alhaji Abdurrahman Gimba, at the University of Ghana in 2008. He also thanked the press for the cooperation the University has enjoyed while urging them to still continue to cooperate with the University in its commitment to bring glory and honour to the country.

WAUG competition began in 1965 and its objectives at inception were “to promote unity among West African University students” and “to enhance the development of sports in the sub-region”. Each edition of WAUG is themed and the theme for the 13<sup>th</sup> edition that the University of Ilorin is hosting is “Promoting Regional Cooperation through Effective Sports Participation”. The competition is expected to attract some 120 universities across West Africa to the University of Ilorin.

## University School PTA elects new officers

The Parent-Teacher Association of the University School, University of Ilorin, has elected a new set of officers to run its affairs.

In the keenly contested election that held last month (December 7, 2011) at the school premises, the following staff emerged as the members of the Executive Committee:

Dr. A. O. Oniye	- Chairman
Mr. A. E. Afolabi	- Vice-Chairman
Mr. S. A. R. Olomo	- Secretary
Mr. S. Alfa	- Assistant Secretary
Dr. (Mrs) K.A. Yahaya	-PRO
Mrs. T. M. Olujide	- Financial Secretary
Mrs. M. E. Bojuwoye	- Treasurer
Mr. M. J. Akanbi	-Auditor;
Mr. Festus Ogunyinka	-Ex-Officio

In his acceptance speech at the end of the election, the new chairman, Dr. Oniye, solicited the cooperation of all parents to continue to make the University School a dream school for all. He promised to run an open door administration that would ensure participatory development of the school, smooth teaching and learning by teachers and pupils. He also committed himself to the general well being of the community.

## PEACE BE UPON YOU

*Text of the Address delivered by the Vice-Chancellor, University of Ilorin, Ilorin, Professor Is-haq O. Oloyede, on the occasion of the Opening of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Bi-ennial International Conference of the Centre for Peace and Strategic Studies, University of Ilorin, on Wednesday September 7, 2011 at the Auditorium, University of Ilorin, Ilorin.*

It is my utmost pleasure and happiness to welcome you distinguished men and women of peace to our peaceful University in the vintage State of Harmony, Kwara State. I especially welcome the Keynote Speaker of today, the former Chief of Army Staff, Lt. Gen. A. Danbazau (rtd.) GSS, psc, ndc, fwc(+), Ph.D. I am sure that when the history of our Centre for Peace and Strategic Studies (CPSS) is written, Lt. Gen. Danbazau's name will be cast in gold. This is because apart from accepting to honour us with his distinguished address at this occasion, he is the one (in representative capacity) that formally laid the foundation of the Centre on Thursday October 22, 2008 as part of our 24<sup>th</sup> convocation ceremonies.

As we are all products of history, I remember vividly that when the Keynote Speaker of today was laying the foundation of our CPSS in 2008, in an address I called "Let There Be Peace", I asked a question which I answered myself. I said,

... if the question is asked: why Centre for Peace and Strategic Studies? The answer is simple and straightforward. It is because there is an urgent need for peace in our turbulent world. Wars and conflicts, which are often under-reported, are ravaging the world resulting in the death of millions and displacement of several other millions. The whole world appears to sit on a keg of gun-powder as everyone appears to be clueless on how to redeem the situation. We have come to a stage that pressing a single button is enough to reduce the whole world to ashes. And, it is definitely far easier to make war than to make peace, as Georges Clemenceau once observed. But our clarion call is please, *let there be peace.*

Distinguished ladies and gentlemen, this conference is part of the reiteration of the call for peace. I have no reservation in saying that despite the upsurge in the spate and intensity of violence, the Centre has been living to its billing in creating more awareness on, and providing manpower to peace building efforts in the country. The state of Africa today, from Nigeria to Sudan, from Somalia up to North Africa, is a further testimony to the need for the Centre.

The theme of the conference for which we are gathered here, "Democratization and Conflict in Africa" is apt and accurate though with a disturbing veneer. Looking at the theme, there is this entailment, a subtext, suggesting the needless complementarity of democracy and conflict which has been the African experience. Why has democratization always portended serious conflicts in Africa? Should democracy and conflict necessarily go together? This is not necessarily so and should not be so, I think.

In other words, it is a sad commentary on Africa that democratization has often ignited conflicts of monumental proportions. From Kenya, where elections propelled needless bloodshed, to Cote D'Ivoire where ordinary voting and declaring results snowballed into almost a civil war giving room for the intervention of the former colonial power, and from Zimbabwe to South Africa, democracy as well as the quest for it has often convulsed the society. Both Sierra Leone and Liberia recently emerged from the terror of civil wars based on factors concerning leadership, democratization and conflict of interests. Violent skirmishes are still occurring in Sudan despite the much-celebrated declaration of the state of South Sudan. In all these conflicts, people die like chickens.

Coming home to Nigeria, the microcosm of Africa, post-election violence had greeted this year's general elections and up till now, insecurity hangs menacingly like a vicious cloud on the national horizon, sometimes raining bombs, kidnappings, assassinations and wanton destruction of lives and property within and beyond Borno and the Plateau. It is worrisome that from the distant 54<sup>th</sup> position that the country occupied in the Failed States Index in 2005, Nigeria had slipped to the 17<sup>th</sup> position in 2007 and is now (in 2011) the 14<sup>th</sup> most likely state to fail among the listed 177 countries. Those who should

redeem the situation, calm frayed nerves are fuelling the crisis ravaging the land with bigoted and inflammatory comments, sensational news reporting and infantile arguments.

In simple terms, to make democracy devoid of conflict in Africa, my opinion is that our religious leaders, our media practitioners and our lawyers are a critical tripod that must reflect. I deliberately exclude politicians because without the collusion of the three, or their manipulation, there is a limit to the havoc the politicians can wreck. If care is not taken, we are now at a terrible stage where religious authorities openly incite violence and confusion, raising the national blood pressure in the process; where the mass media distort truth and commit atrocious crimes with sentimental and bigoted reporting; where lawyers become lawless, playing to the gallery and dancing to the tunes of the highest bidder, not truth, with arguments that smack of evil intention and sheer buffoonery.

As we engage in this macabre dance with everybody fighting for self-interest rather than national interest, the world vultures are watching to feed on the carcass and drink the oil. Libya, which occupied, until very recently, the first position on the Human Development Index for the continent and has the highest life expectancy slipped into an arranged civil war, which exposed state infrastructure to merciless bombardments by the world's most powerful military alliance. The last shots are yet to be fired but the oil resources are already being drained by those who invested in the deadly project.

These and some other areas I believe will be discussed in detail by the distinguished participants. The essential thing, to my mind, is that in our world today, if we do not agree to maintain peace on our common patrimony, forces more powerful than we are will scatter us and take over what belongs to us. I use this opportunity to call on us all, particularly our mass media, our religious leaders and our opinion molders, especially "the learned", to introspect and allow peace to reign. Nigeria deserves peace and we all need peace to progress. There cannot be progress without peace and there is no viable alternative to peace. Nigeria, *peace be upon you*.

Thank you very much for your attention and I wish you successful deliberations.

## **Our take on the national health insurance scheme – Unilorin students**

**I**n the spirit of democracy, the authorities of the University of Ilorin have held a consultative meeting with the leaders of the University students, comprising the executive, legislative and judiciary arms of the Students Union as well as various Faculty and Departmental presidents.

The meeting was convened to know students' opinion on the proposed National Health Insurance Scheme programme for students of Federal tertiary institutions through which students could access health care anywhere in the country through the contribution of a stipend.

While some students supported the idea because of the benefits it has, others expressed reservation arguing that it may not work.

After harvesting the opinions of the representatives, the Vice-Chancellor, who chaired the meeting that had the Principal Officers, Provost, Deans and Directors in attendance, agreed that the issue be taken to the generality of the students who would analyse the issue and come up with a position.

The University also adopted using the appropriate windows of the University radio station, *Unilorin 89.3 fm*, and text messages to knowing the position of the generality of the students on the proposal.

The Vice-Chancellor also used the occasion to warn students of the University to desist from acts capable of putting their lives in danger in view of the state of the nation. He assured the students that the University would continue to provide transportation at the old rate in order to cushion the effect of the hike in fuel prices.

Speaking further, he said the University is committed to ensuring that all students complete their degree as scheduled.

## Assist fallen heroes' families, Nigerians urged

**A** call has been made to all Nigerians to always remember the sacrifices made by members of the Armed Forces who died in service to the nation and that Governments and Nigerians all large should support their families.

This call was made last Friday (January 6, 2012) by the Chairman, Nigerian Legion of Ex-servicemen, Kwara State Council, Col. Ibrahim Idowu (rtd.), while leading his team on a courtesy visit to the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, as part of activities marking the Armed Forces Remembrance Day.

According to the Chairman of the Council, the Remembrance Day is meant to celebrate both the living and the dead armed forces who sacrifice(d) their lives to make the world better. His words: "The A. F. R. D. celebrations is an annual event set aside in honour of the members of the Nigerian Armed Forces who fought in the I and II World Wars, those who served or are still serving in various Peace Support Operations worldwide and those who fought in the Nigerian Civil War. It is a day we celebrate those of them who paid the supreme sacrifice serving their fatherland and those who are still alive today."



*The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Oloyede, being decorated by Col Idowu (rtd.) at the occasion*

Speaking further, Col. Idowu (rtd.) explained that the Armed Forces Remembrance Day was initially marked on the 11th of November (11/11) by the I and II World War veterans in all Commonwealth countries but that in view of Nigeria's significant historical development, 15th of January of every year was chosen. This, according to him, is symbolic as it was that date in 1966 that the first shot was fired to commence the Nigerian Civil War and the quest to keep the nation one.

He therefore called on Nigerians to used the moment to think about the fallen heroes and the families they left behind. "As we celebrate the fallen as well as living heroes (ex-servicemen), we must pause to think about the plight of their wives, children and other dependants who are in dire need of assistance. The A. F. R. D. celebration is therefore a unique occasion for the government and the society to soberly reflect on the conditions of these heroes and their families with a resolve to assist them", he said.

In his response, Prof. Oloyede noted that the Armed Forces are critical to world peace. He also stressed that Nigeria is built on the good will of her forefathers, adding that the Armed Forces are playing a significant role to ensure peace for all. He noted that though the Nigerian Armed Forces have created some problems for the country, they nonetheless have sacrificed to keep the country together.

The Vice-Chancellor opined that the Armed Forces Remembrance Day is a time to reflect and prevent the event of January 15, 1966 from repeating itself. The NIREC Executive Secretary advised that the celebration should also remind us of the inherent danger in war. He therefore called on all Nigerians to maintain peace and order and tasked them to take care of the families of the fallen soldiers who have sacrificed their lives for the country. He used the occasion as well to thank the Governor of Kwara State, Alh. Abdulfatai Ahmed, for donating the sum of one million naira to the legion on behalf of everyone in the state while he also encouraged everyone to donate to the Legion of Ex-servicemen.

## WAUG receives additional donation

**A** company, Ify Bosco International Limited, Ilorin, has donated a sum of N30,000.00 to the University of Ilorin as the University prepares for hosting the West Africa University Games.

While appreciating the gesture of the donor, the University expects other organisations and individuals to key into the Games to contribute their quota to the greatness of the University of Ilorin.

## MONEY MATTERS

### UNILORIN WEEKLY FINANCIAL DIGEST

SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS FOR THE PERIOD 30<sup>th</sup>

December, 2011- 5<sup>th</sup> January 2012

<b>RECEIPTS</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
Registration of Contractors	300:00
Staff I.D. Card	1,800:00
Boarded Properties	35,300:00
Students Charges: Undergraduate	2,607,300:00
Students Charges: Postgraduate	788,900:00
Institute of Education Fee	288,750:00
Academic outfit	41,750:00
Order of Proceedings	63,250:00
Scroll	47,000:00
Students I.D. Cards	14,600:00
Academic Transcripts	175,000:00
Change of Course Form	75,000:00
<b>Total Receipts for the Period</b>	<b>4,138,950:00</b>
<b>PAYMENTS</b>	
Payments to Contractors/Suppliers:	
M technologies Nig Ltd- Bandwidth supply	16,065,000:00
Other Payments:	
Purchase Advance	703,684:00
Various – Refund, etc.	1,564,158:40
Touring Advance	90,100:00
Salaries Personnel cost	844,790:09
Messers Abiodun Aina & Co- External Audit service	3,835,000:00
Direct Teaching & Laboratory Cost (DTLC)	6,078,352.13
Council Members Expenses	2,838,650:00
College of Health Sciences- Laying of Interlocking Stone	1,293,473:00
PHCN Dec 2011 Bills/ Unmetered Transformer	2,439,197:63
Water Bill Dec 2011	1,200,000:00
Popoola Joshua Olusogo- Final Account Service/Networking	485,000:00
<b>Total Expenditure for the Period</b>	<b>37,437,405:25</b>

Signed

**Ayo Sijuwola**

**BURSAR**

### LAUGH LINES

A local newspaper organised a competition asking for a rhyme with the most romantic first line... but the least romantic second line. Here are some of the entries the paper received:

- 1) I thought that I could love no other  
Until, that is, I met your brother.
- 2) *Roses are red, violets are blue, sugar is sweet, and so are you.*  
*But the roses are wilting, the violets are dead, the sugar bowl's empty and so is your head.*
- 3) Of loving beauty you float with grace  
If only you could hide your face
- 4) *Kind, intelligent, loving and hot,*  
*This describes everything you are not*
- 5) I want to feel your sweet embrace  
But don't take that paper bag off of your face
- 6) *I love your smile, your face, and your eyes -*  
*Damn, I'm good at telling lies!*

## Unilorin steers EU-Africa Project

The University of Ilorin has been appointed to serve on the Steering Committee for the Tuning Pilot Project for Africa. It is one of three successful Nigerian universities on the Committee.

According to a letter addressed to the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, by the Coordinator of Tuning Africa Project and Vicerrector of International Relations, University of Deusto, Bilbao, Dra. Julia M<sup>a</sup> Gonzalez, the project will be a significant contribution towards the goals of the African Strategy for Harmonisation in Higher Education and the realisation of the objectives of the revised ARUSHA Declaration.

“You may wish to know that we had a large number of high quality applications. The specialist reviewers and the steering committee spent two full days reviewing the applications with the advice from the Association of African Universities and Directors of Regional Associations. As you will understand, this was not an easy process and it is more noteworthy that your University has been successful. I am sure that you wish to share and communicate your success with your colleagues throughout the University and the wider community,” the letter reads.

The representative of the University on the Project and Dean of Agriculture, Prof. Olubunmi Abayomi, will be attending the meetings of the Committee. The first of the meeting holds between January 23 and 25, 2012 in Cameroun while the second one holds between may 23 and 25 in Cape Town, South Africa.

“Once again, may I congratulate you on your engagement with this EU-Africa Project and thank you for continued support”, the Coordinator concludes.

## Happy Birthday To You!

S/No.	Name	Department/Unit	Date of Birth
1	Abdulsalam, Rasheedat	University School	8th January
2.	Adeloye, Abiodun A.	Animal Production	8th January
3.	Adesiyun, Abidemi O.	Radiology	9th January
4.	Jimoh, Yinusa A.	Civil Engineering	10 <sup>th</sup> January
5.	Ikubanni, Joel	Security	12 <sup>th</sup> January
6.	Olomoda, Shakirat O.	Student Affairs	13 <sup>th</sup> January
7.	Osasona, David F.	Unilorin Sugar Research Institute	13 <sup>th</sup> January
8.	Oseni, Gobir A.	Bursary	13 <sup>th</sup> January

## Unilorin in the News

(Contd. from page 10)

- While addressing the newly matriculated students of the University of Ilorin in an address captioned “Look Before You Leap”, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, has urged the students to guard their admission, which confers a special status on them, jealously.  
(‘Unilorin matriculates 6,926’, *The Herald*, Friday, January 6, 2012, pp. 1&2)
- While announcing the postponement of West Africa University Games (WAUG) till March 2012, the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, has disclosed that the University has expended a sum of N442 million on the provision of facilities and upgrade of sports infrastructure in the University in preparation for the games.  
(‘WAUG: Unilorin expends N442 million on sports kits’, *New Nigerian*, Friday, 6 January, 2012, p.37)
- The Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, has advised the new students of the University against imitating the immoral acts of the foreign models during the matriculation ceremony of the 2011/2012 graduands of the University.  
(‘Unilorin VC warns students against immoral foreign models’, *Peoples Daily*, Friday, 6 January, 2012, p.8)
- The University of Ilorin has spent at least N442 million on sports facilities and equipment as it prepares to host the 13<sup>th</sup> edition of the West Africa University Games (WAUG), the date of which is now March 27 – April 7, 2012.  
(‘Unilorin spends N442 million on WAUG’, *Peoples Daily*, same date, p.45)

## Unilorin in the News

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- The University of Ilorin Teaching Hospital has been positioned for more efficient service delivery with the promised donation of one 800 KVA Generator by the Kwara State Government. (UITH: KWSG approves N37m for 800 KVA generator procurement, *National Pilot*, same date, p.13).
- The Non-Academic Staff Union of Nigerian Universities (NASU), University of Ilorin Chapter, has presented gifts to the 24 retired staff and four families of the deceased members of the Union at a programme organised recently at the University. ('NASU supports retirees', "UNILORIN FILE", *The Nation*, same date p.27; also see the same source for other Unilorin reports like 'More donations for WAUG' and 'Students hold mock political campaign').
- A 500 level Civil Engineering student and Students' Union President, University of Ilorin, Surajudeen Musa, has expressed his passion for politics in an interview. ('I play politics every day', *The Nation*, same date, p.30)
- Defaulting postgraduate students of the University of Ilorin have got another chance to complete their programmes through a statement issued by the University. ('Defaulting UNILORIN PG students get second chance', *The Nation*, same date, p.31).
- The University of Ilorin Students' Union has organised the maiden edition of female soccer competition as reported by Michael Adebayo of the Computer Science Department. ('For female students only', *The Nation*, same date, p.31).
- The Department of Physiology, University of Ilorin, has organised a send-off party in honour of its former Secretary, Mrs. L. A. A. Adeyemi, who recently retired after some 35 years of meritorious service to the University. ('Dept. sends off secretary', *The Nation*, Thursday, January 5, 2012, p.38).
- The Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, has disclosed that the 13<sup>th</sup> West Africa Universities Games (WAUG) earlier billed for this month at the University of Ilorin has been postponed till March. ('ASUU strike, Ghana games delay WAUG', *The Nation*, same date, p.37).
- In a press conference addressed at the Government House, Ilorin, the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, has announced the postponement of the West Africa Universities Games till March, 2012. (*NTA Ilorin News*, Thursday, January 5, 2012 @ 7:10pm,
- At a press conference held in Ilorin, the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, has announced that the new date for the West Africa University Games to be hosted by his University is now March 27 – April 7, 2012. ('*Channel TV News*', Lagos, Thursday, January 5, 2012, 8:00p.m. and 10:00p.m.
- The Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Is-haq O. Oloyede, has announced that the new date for WAUG holding at his University is March 27 – April 7, 2012 while disclosing that his University has expended N442 million on the sports infrastructure in readiness for the Games. ('*NTA Network News*', Thursday, January 5, 2012, 9:30p.m.)
- The University of Ilorin has admitted 6,926 students out of the 39,040 candidates that applied to the University originally as a result of the limited carrying capacity of the University while the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, has urged the new students to aim to excel in their studies. ('UNILORIN rejects 16,000 qualified admission seekers', *The Punch*, Friday, January 6, 2012, p.14)
- At a press conference in Ilorin, the authorities of the University of Ilorin have announced that the West Africa University Games, the 13<sup>th</sup> edition of which their University will host, now hold between March 27 and April 7, 2012. ('Unilorin announces postponement of WAUG', *Nigerian Tribune*, Friday, January 6, 2012, p.4)
- The West Africa University Games to be hosted by the University of Ilorin now holds between March 27 and April 7, 2012 at the University of Ilorin, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, has announced. ('Unilorin postpones WAUG again', *The Herald*, Friday, January 6, 2012, back page.)

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## Unilorin in the News

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- The University of Ilorin has produced a new set 107 medical graduands at a recent medical professional initiation ceremony held at the University.  
(‘Unilorin graduates 107 medical students’, *Nigerian Compass*, same date, p.19).
- The Executive Secretary of the Nigeria Inter-Religious Council (NIREC) and Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, has advised Nigerians to disregard *Boko Haram*’s threat that some Nigerians should relocate from the north.  
(‘NIREC urges calm over *Boko Haram*’s threat’, *The Guardian*, Wednesday, January 5, 2012, p.7).
- Mr. Nurudeen Yusuf, a 200L Law student of Lagos State University, has described the University of Ilorin in laudable terms while writing on his memorable experience at the University of Ilorin during the two-week closure of his University.  
(‘My experience at University of Ilorin’, *Nigerian Tribune*, Thursday, 5 January, 2012, p.26.)
- A student of political science, University of Ilorin, Kolapo Abayomi, has emphasised the need for students to change the notion of considering unionism as being synonymous with violence.  
(‘In Students’ Unionism, we need a mental shift from violence’, *Nigerian Tribune*, same as above)
- A student has written on the methods deployed by students of the University of Ilorin as their holiday period draws near.  
(‘How students prepared for holiday’, *Nigerian Tribune*, same as above).
- Students of Akwa Ibom State in the University of Ilorin have been at a recent meeting of the members at the University charged one another on commitment to Association programmes.  
(‘Akwa Ibom students in UNILORIN hold 1<sup>st</sup> meeting’, *Nigerian Tribune*, same as above)
- Students of Sociology and Anthropology at the University of Ilorin have held a meeting in which a new set of leaders was inaugurated for their Association.  
(‘Sociology/Anthropology Association inaugurates exco’, *Nigerian Tribune*, same as above p.26).
- Alabede Surajudeen Kayode, a 200 level Geography and Environmental Management student of the University of Ilorin, has wondered what is there to be celebrated after 51 years of independence when Nigerians are living in darkness.  
(‘Before Nigeria clocks 52: Let’s clear the rot’, *Nigerian Tribune*, same date, p.33).
- The Non-Academic Staff Union of Nigerian Universities (NASU), University of Ilorin Chapter, has presented NASU welfare awards to 24 retired staff and families of four deceased members.  
(‘NASU rewards retired members’, *Nigerian Tribune*, same date, p.34).
- Students of the Department of Mass Communication, University of Ilorin, have tasked politicians on good leadership in the country during their mock presidential campaign.  
(‘Students task politicians on leadership’, *Nigerian Tribune* same date p.34).
- A former Dean of the Faculty of Arts and member of the University of Ilorin Dress Code Committee, Professor Yasir A. Quadri, has charged the University students to dress properly while addressing a group of the students in the University.  
(‘Don advises students on dressing’, *Nigerian Tribune*, same date, p.34).
- The forthcoming 13<sup>th</sup> edition of the West Africa Universities Games (WAUG) holding at the University of Ilorin has been postponed till March, 2012.  
(‘WAUG under fresh threat of postponement’, *Nigerian Tribune*, same date, p.54).
- Yemi Odelabi, a student of the University of Ilorin has won the men singles of the first Maigida closed Badminton competition held in Ilorin.  
(‘Unilorin student wins first Maigida closed Badminton Championship’, *National Pilot*, Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> January, 2012, p.22).
- The pains of the removal of oil subsidy have started having effects on the commuters plying the University of Ilorin road. (‘Nationwide strike begins January 9: Hiked transport fare bite harder in Ilorin’, *National Pilot*, Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> January, 2012, p.2).
- Mr. Oba La’aro, a lecturer in the Department of Mass Communication, University of Ilorin, has canvassed a palliative measure of six months before the removal of oil subsidy by the Federal Government. (‘Subsidy removal is desirable but... - Don’, *National Pilot*, Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> January, 2012, p.2).

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- The Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, has urged parents and stakeholders to serve as role models for the youth while delivering a lecture in Ilorin. ('VC proffers solution to problem facing youths', *The Herald on Sunday*, January 1, 2012, p.2).
- While speaking at a dinner organised recently in Ilorin, a lecturer in the Department of Geography and Environmental Management, University of Ilorin, Dr. Raheem Usman, has called for discipline among Nigerians. ('Honour merit, selfless service, don charges Nigerians', *The Herald on Sunday*, same date, p.4)
- The Head of the Department of Religions, University of Ilorin and Chief Imam of Al-Hilal Central Mosque, Ilorin, Dr. Badmus Yusuf, has urged against construing *Boko Haram* as an Islamic organisation. ('Cleric cautions journalists over wrong colouration of Islam', *The Herald on Sunday*, same date, p.7)
- A former Commissioner of Operation at the National Hajj Commission and current Head of the Department of Religions, Dr. Yusuf Badmus, has cautioned security agencies on the negative implementation of state of emergency declared recently by the Federal Government in the affected arrears. ('Don't intimidate residents', *The Punch*, Monday, January 2, 2012, p.11).
- The University of Ilorin has reiterated its commitment to a successful hosting of the 13<sup>th</sup> West Africa Universities Games which now holds between March 27 and April 7, 2012. ('ASUU strike forces WAUG to postpone games', *The Moment*, Tuesday, January 3, 2012, p.36).
- A report of the fire outbreak that occurred a year ago has been re-published in a newspaper. ('Unilorin fire outbreak, major setback – VC', *the Moment*, same date, p. 39)
- Prof. Y. A. Quadri of the University of Ilorin has tasked the students of the University of the need to dress properly while speaking at a recent event organised by the Faculty of Arts Students Association. ('Don charges students on decent dressing', *The Moment*, same as above.)
- The Non-Academic Staff Union of Nigerian Universities (NASU), Unilorin Chapter, has honoured 24 retired staff and families of four deceased members. ('NASU honours retired members', *The Moment*, same date, p.42).
- Students of the Department of Mass Communication, University of Ilorin, in a mock presidential campaign have demonstrated aspects of leadership value in a democratic dispensation. ('Students task politicians on leadership', *The Moment*, same as above. )
- The Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, and the Chief Imam of the University, Prof. AGAS Oladosu, on behalf of the Nigeria Inter-religious Council and Unilorin Muslim Community respectively have condemned the *Boko Haram* bombing attacks on Christmas day. ('VC, Muslims condemn Christmas bombings', *The Punch*, Tuesday, January 3, 2012, p.43)
- The Executive Secretary of the Nigeria Inter-Religious Council and Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, has called on Nigerians to shun any threat to vacate their homes in the north. ('Ignore *Boko Haram*'s threat on relocation – NIREC tells Nigerians', *Nigerian Tribune*, Wednesday, January 4, 2012, pp.1 & 4).
- The University of Ilorin Dress Code Committee has advised students and other members of the University community to abide by the University dress policy. ('Committee on dress code begins sensitisation exercise', *Nigerian Compass*, Wednesday, January 4, 2012, p.19).
- The Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin has disclosed that telecommunication is at the heart of every human endeavour in today's world while he also expressed the determination of the University to develop its ICT infrastructure to an enviable level. ('Nigerian graduates are employable, says ICT expert', *Nigerian Compass*, same date, p.16).

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## Quotes of the Week

An investment in knowledge always pays the best interest. – Benjamin Franklin

One should always play fair when one has the winning cards. – Oscar Wilde

Grief can take care of itself, but to get the full value of joy you must have somebody to divide it with. – Mark Twain

Our understandings are always liable to error. Nature and certainty are very hard to come at, and infallibility is mere vanity and pretence. – Marcus Antonius