



How to convert brain drain to brain gain – by UNESCO Director



BRAIN GAIN: L-R: Prof. Seddoh, Prof. Oloyede, Mrs. Oyeyemi, Prof. Olayemi and Prof. Oladosu at the occasion

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Though thousands of Africans leave the continent on a yearly basis in pursuit of better educational and career opportunities in Western European, North American and Asian countries resulting in debilitating brain drain, the losses engendered by this development can be converted to gain through networking.

This was the submission of a former Vice-Chancellor of the University of Lome, Togo and Adviser to the Division of Higher Education, United Nations Educational Scientific and Culture Organisation (UNESCO), Prof. Komlavi Francisco Seddoh, while delivering the 26th convocation lecture (“Current Global Initiatives and Networks in Higher Education”) of the University of Ilorin on October 21, 2010.

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Without research, there can't be development -VC

The Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Is-haq Olanrewaju Oloyede, has called on Nigerian Universities to stem the tide of competition among themselves and institute better collaboration through research in order to make Nigeria greater.

Prof. Oloyede made the call last Tuesday (October 20, 2010) while delivering the keynote address, “Research and National Development: Challenges and the Way Forward”, at the opening of the Committee of Directors of Academic Planning of Nigerian Universities (CODAPNU) Annual Workshop and general meeting, held at the University of Ilorin.

According to Prof. Oloyede, a former Chairman of CODAPNU, the quality of knowledge acquired by students will improve and benefit Nigeria in her strive towards development, if academics make their research more quality-driven and collaborate with one another across universities.

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Prof. Oloyede making his keynote presentation to CODAPNU

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According to the don, who also is a former Minister of Higher Education in Lome, Africa holds the world record in student mobility and an estimated 5.6% or one out of every 16 students is pursuing careers outside the shores of Africa. In addition, he said, about 300,000 high level professionals of African origin currently live and work in Europe and North America.

Prof. Seddoh said brain drain is detrimental to the African economy when one takes into account the total cost of training incurred by the countries of origin and the high salaries paid to expatriates who help to make up for the loss of African professionals scattered abroad. The former UNESCO Director decried the uneven effects of globalisation and urged developing countries to promote quality higher education and “enhance their level of training and research capacity if they are to avoid marginalization and exclusion.”

“Humankind is faced with series of problems that cannot be solved within the framework of isolated policies. Although globalization has opened up great opportunities for the improvement of humanity, it implies increased competition and a high level of technological preparedness for which some nations and people are not prepared. In the circumstance, the benefits of globalization are unevenly distributed, and consequently result in glaring inequalities. Globalization tends to widen rather than narrow the gaps. It is closely associated with the rise of the network society, driven by the increasing importance of information technologies and the expansion of the internet”, he said.



GIVE AND TAKE: Prof. Oloyede presenting gifts/ souvenirs to Prof Seddoh after the lecture

He identified some networks that universities can take advantage of as UNITWIN (University Twinning and Networking Scheme) UNESCO Chairs Programme, the Global University Network for Innovation (GUNI) the United Nations University, the International Network for Quality Assurance in Higher Education (INQAAHE), the Initiative for Quality Assurance Capacity (GIQAC), the Africa-Asia University Dialogue for Educational Development, the UNESCO/HP Brain Gain Initiative, UNESCO Open Education Resources Initiative (OER), Africa’s Brain Gain (ABG) and the Digital Network for Africa, among others.

In his paper, Prof. Seddoh also lauded the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Is-haq O. Oloyede, who is also the President of the Association of African Universities (AAU) on his commitment to the development of education saying that despite his “very tight work schedule” at UNESCO, he could not resist accepting the Vice-Chancellor’s invitation to deliver the convocation lecture. According to him, “As you are already aware, Prof. Oloyede is an eminent and esteemed Vice-Chancellor who did not hesitate to devote his time and energy to the development of Higher Education in Africa and the world at large. Furthermore, I would also like to express my deep gratitude to Prof. Atteh, Chairman of the Ceremonials Committee, who facilitated my visit to this city”.

Earlier in his address at the occasion, tagged “Unity Is Strength”, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Oloyede, emphasised the need for partnership, collaboration and unity. “In our daily lives, we realise and appreciate that we cannot clap with one hand. A single hand cannot lift a heavy load to the head just as a single broomstick cannot sweep anything. As such, it is only when people are united by the same purpose, fired by the same mission, and committed to the same vision that they are able to achieve the desired goals. I think that if we all think Nigeria can work, that our *unity is strength*, that we can all be great, the situation will be as we think”, he said.

Prof. Oloyede said the University of Ilorin is doing its best to derive strength from unity, quoting the University anthem, “in unity we grow, committed to the seat of our learning”. He then introduced the Convocation Lecturer as a man of many parts and accomplishments who is a “distinguished academic, astute administrator, renowned higher education expert, accomplished intellectual guru and illustrious son of Africa”.

Unilorin hosts the world through IAU seminar

Come next week, the world intellectual community will again converge on the University of Ilorin as the University hosts the International Association of Universities (IAU) Study and Research Seminar on the theme of “The Changing Nature of Doctoral Programmes in Sub-Saharan Africa.” The Seminar holds between Sunday November 7 and Wednesday November 9, 2010.

The Seminar is a follow-up to an earlier three-day interactive visit by the IAU team on the same theme between July 5 and 8, 2010 during which the delegation had interactions with the doctoral students of the University and their supervisors.

Participants at the seminar are IAU Task Force members including Eva Egron-Polak, IAU Secretary General-France; Prof. Is-haq Oloyede (Nigeria); Dr. Hilligje van’t Land (France); Prof. Patricia Pol (France); Prof. Piyushi Kotecha (South Africa); Prof. Gilles Breton (Canada); Dr. Wisdom Tetty (Canada/Senegal); Prof. Phyllis Freeman (USA); Dr. Aboubacar Barro (Senegal); Dr. Inger Lundgren (Sweden) and an IAU Consultant, Dr. Ndembe Williams of Uganda.

Also expected to participate in the seminar are the Executive Secretary of the National Universities Commission, Prof. Julius Okojie; the Secretary-General of the Association of Vice-Chancellors of Nigerian Universities (AVCNU), Prof. J. D. Amin and the acting Secretary-General of the Association of African Universities, Prof. John Ssebuwufu. The Seminar will bring together participants from six sub-Saharan African universities. From Kenyatta University (KU), there will be the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Olive Mugenda; Deputy Director, Research Capacity Building and Dissemination, KU, Dr. Fatima Chege; and Director, Institute of Peace and Security Studies, KU, Dr. Lucy Maina.

Participating from the National University of Rwanda (NUR) are Prof. Jose Ariyapillil Mathai, Director, Postgraduate Studies and Dr. Evode Mukama, Director of the Centre for Instructional Technology. While the duo of Prof. Oumar Diop, Président du Conseil Scientifique and Prof. Omar Sougou, Directeur de la Recherche, de l’Innovation et de la Coopération Scientifiques are expected from the Université Gaston Berger de Saint-Louis (UGB-SL) Senegal, Prof. Bruno Bekole Ebé, Recteur; Dr. Mngwa Bika Hilaire, Chef de Service de la Coopération and Dr. Blaise Moukoko, Vice-Recteur, chargé des enseignements are representing the Université de Douala (UD).

To represent the Université des Sciences et Technologie du Bénin (USTB) is the Recteur, Frédéric Dohou while the University of Ilorin (UNILORIN) will be represented at the Seminar by the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Is-haq O. Oloyede; the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic), Prof. Kolade A. Ayorinde; the Dean of the Postgraduate School, Prof. Isaac O. Abimbola; the acting Director of the Centre for Peace and Strategic Studies, Dr. Felicia A. O. Olasehinde-Williams; the Coordinator of the Department of Mass Communication, Dr. Adesina L. Azeez, the acting Deputy Director of the Directorate of Information and Protocol, Dr. Mahfouz A. Adedimeji and the Deputy Registrar, Vice-Chancellor’s Office and Project Desk Officer, Mrs. Sabinah A. Oroge.

On Sunday November 7, 2010, there will be a welcome reception in honour of the participants. The following day (November 8, 2010) there will be a formal opening ceremony during which the project will be presented. After the ceremony, a debate/discussion on the key findings on research on doctoral studies in sub-saharan Africa will hold after which the participants will break into small thematic working groups. On Tuesday, (November 9, 2010), the small working group discussions will continue till a plenary session, which will involve conclusions, general debate and the second phase of the project, will be convoked. This will be followed by roundtable/panel discussion and recommendations.

As the international participants depart on Wednesday morning, a special session for Nigerian universities and discussions with the stakeholders will hold. All Principal Officers, Deans and Directors of the

University of Ilorin are invited to the welcome reception on Sunday evening while all principal officers, deans, directors, heads of departments and units, postgraduate coordinators, Postgraduate Board members and all doctoral students of the University are invited to the opening ceremony, which holds in the University Auditorium beginning from 9:00 a.m. next Monday.

Fast Facts File

Did you know?

- Nigerians spend at least N722 billion a year making phone calls on GSM.

Unilorin is great because of its research efforts - Oladosu

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According to Prof. Oloyede, research is the missing link between Nigeria and development while he agreed with the conception of development by Inayatullah as “the ability of an individual to have greater control over his environment and increased realisation of the values of the society, its political destiny and self discipline”. He submitted that determining whether a country is truly developing or not is contingent upon questions on what is happening to poverty, unemployment and inequality.

Prof. Oloyede further said that the answers to the questions bordering on development in the Nigerian context reveal that “poverty rate has worsened from about 45% in 1970 to nearly 70% in 2007. This shows that nearly 70% of our people live below \$1 a day.” He further stressed the situation of confronting Nigerians saying that “About 92% of Nigerians survive on less than \$2 daily while about 71% survive on less than \$1 a day. This means that two Nigerian’s income is equivalent to the daily feeding of a cow in Europe”. He also submitted that “the rate of unemployment has worsened in the last 10 years from about 15% in 2003 to at least 20% in 2009 in the total population reaching 40% among the youth. Life expectancy has deteriorated from 54 years in 1980 to 47 years in 2008.”

In his comment on how to harmonise the needs of Nigerians and the numerous universities in Nigeria, Prof. Oloyede said that research in Nigerian Universities needs to be driven by the needs of Nigerians. Citing authorities, he noted that only a limited amount of University research in Universities in Nigeria reaches the commercial stage and despite claims of breakthroughs and inventions, basic and applied research efforts of Nigerian universities operate between 6% and 24% of national capacity.

In his address at the occasion, the Director of Academic Planning, University of Ilorin, Prof. A.G.A.S. Oladosu, observed that the hosting of the Committee of Directors of Academic Planning of Nigerian Universities is one of the best practices which characterise the University of Ilorin. Highlighting the commitment of the University to the promotion and encouragement of research, Prof. Oladosu disclosed that some 233 academic staff of the University were sponsored to learned conferences across the country while 141 staff were also supported to attend learned conferences outside Nigeria in the 2009/2010 academic session.

Among other strides of the University of Ilorin identified by the Director is that the institution is spearheading the inaugural meeting of the Association of West African Universities. “All these and their similar activities, have brought UNILORIN to the limelight, made it the first choice of prospective University students, added to its fame and reputation, conferred on it, the status of a world class institution and the appellation of the University that is better by far”.

In his welcome address to the participants, the Chairman of CODAPNU, Dr. W. A. Iguadola who is the Director of Academic Planning of the University of Benin, said that the theme of this year’s workshop which is ‘Research and National Development: Challenges and Way Forward’, is chosen by the executive committee in order to properly articulate and bring to the fore those useful, productive and meaningful factors that have enhanced or impeded research activities in Nigerian Universities”. He appreciated the authorities of the University of Ilorin for hosting the Committee when circumstances would not make the Committee hold its workshop in another University.

Law School boss delivers Faculty public lecture

The Director General of the Nigerian Law School, Dr. Mamman Tahir will deliver the 3rd M.M.A. Akanbi Faculty of Law Public Lecture next Monday (November 8, 2010) at the University of Ilorin.

The lecture, themed “The Challenges of Legal Education in the 21st Century will hold at the Science Lecture Theatre” at the University beginning from 11:00am. under the chairmanship of the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede.

The Chief Host of the occasion is the acting Dean of Law, Dr. Wahab O. Egbewole, while the Guests of Honour at the lecture are Hon. Justice S. D. Kawu, acting Chief Judge of Kwara State, and Mallam Yusuf O. Ali, legal luminary and Senior Advocate of Nigeria.

Nigerians' major problem is attitudinal – dons

The submission of scholars and participants at the 2010 Workshop of the Committee of Directors of Academic Planning hosted for the second time by the University of Ilorin last week (October 26 and 27) after hosting the workshop in 2004 is that attitude is the major challenge hindering the progress of Nigeria and scholars have a major role to play in changing attitude to research and development, starting from themselves.

In his paper entitled, “University Academic Programmes Curricula and Research for Development in Nigeria” Prof. E. B. Sonaiya of the Department of Annual Science, Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife, revealed that initiatives by the new partnerships for African Development, the World Bank, the Gates Foundation and the African Ministerial Council of Science and Technology have shown that collaboration through networks of Centres of Excellence and curriculum response to research needs are the measures through which the gaps in research for development can be bridged.

Prof. Sonaiya noted that the challenge of underdevelopment and dishonesty which plagues Nigeria could be addressed by scholars in the humanities who should explain why Nigerian are religious and at the same time dishonest. He observed further that attitudinal problem also exists in the universities where some academics do not see the attainment of the status of Professor as the pinnacle of their career but see being a Vice-Chancellor as the attainment of success, a situation which he said is not obtainable in the renowned universities of the world. He emphasised that the hallmark of academic success is the ability to attract research grant and that scholars should dissipate their energies in ground breaking research that will bring development to the nation and humanity, saying that their calling is research.

In his own presentation entitled, “Development-Driven Research: Experiences From Other Lands”, Prof. Musbau Akanji, the Director, Central Research Laboratory of the University of Ilorin, opined that for any society to develop, such society must be able to feed itself and industrialise. He noted that underdeveloped countries are not developing because they are not paying attention to research and development in science and technology. He submitted that Nigerians need attitudinal change to fast-track development.

Speaking on the history of learning, Prof. Akanji, who is the founding Vice-Chancellor of Al-Hikmah University, Ilorin, said, “The Ancient Greeks were the first people to approach scientific enquiry with a desire to learn for learning sake. Their era was one of the most productive learning periods in history. By the time Greek civilization became dominated by the Romans, a useful start on the systematic compilation of knowledge had started...” He further submitted that when it became the turn of the Islamic civilization to bear the torch of human progress for humanity, scholarship was advanced such that “at its peak, Islamic Spain probably held more volumes of books than all of Europe taken together.”

He added thus: “When Nigerian Institute for Oil Palm Research (NIFOR) was established after independence, it was to conduct research to various aspects of uses and improvement of palm fruit that was abundant in the Eastern area of the country. The initial stage was so promising that officials of Malaysian government came to the institute to collect seedlings of its palm fruit for cultivation. By now, more than 23 products have been developed from the plant while Nigeria has become a net importer of such products from Malaysia”.

Prof. Akanji painted a similar picture in his assessment of the Defense Industries Corporation, Kaduna, which he said now manufactures office furniture while its Brazilian counterpart progressed from manufacturing soft military wares to manufacturing military hardware. He added that while Nigerians fight over oil, water will chime engines in Europe in the next 20 years as a result of Europeans attitude to research and development.

In Prof. ‘Biodun Adediran’s “Funding University Research in Nigeria”, the don, who was represented by Dr. (Mrs) O. O. Ojo opined that the Nigerian education system is laden with many untapped opportunities for research grants. He disclosed that Obafemi Awolowo University received a grant of 25.3 million naira from the NUC in 2003 but only 10.1 million naira was accessed by researchers. To confront this challenge, he said that scholars need to improve their proposal writing skills.

Town and gown partnership lauded as President commissions Unilorin projects

The President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria and Visitor to the University of Ilorin, Dr. Goodluck Jonathan, has lauded the partnership between the University of Ilorin and the Ilorin South Local Government through which a multi-million naira School for Preliminary Studies was constructed for the use of the University.



Faculty of Agriculture Professorial Suites: One of the projects commissioned by Mr. President

Dr. Jonathan, who was represented by the Permanent Secretary, Federal Ministry of Education, Prof. Oladapo Afolabi, gave this commendation when he was commissioning the School located near Fufu during the 26th convocation ceremonies of the University of Ilorin.

According to the President, “this type of project is a major landmark in the sense that the community is taking up a partnership with the University” through which the community will benefit and knowledge will be further promoted.

He commended the Council Chairman, Barrister Lanre Daibu, saying that the community is lucky to have a person like him as Chairman. “The greatest problem we have in development, whether national, state or local government is that our best don’t remain at the local government and our best should remain at the local government level. So, whatever we can do to retain our best, we must endeavour to do it because the local government is the closest to the people. I am impressed with the personality heading the local government.”

After the commissioning of the School for Preliminary Studies, the President, along with the Pro-Chancellor, Vice-Chancellor, Principal Officers and functionaries of the University, moved to commission other projects like the Block of Professorial Suites of the Faculty of Agriculture, the Faculty of Communication and Information Sciences, Computer Based Test Hall for Science, Computer-Based Test Hall for Engineering and Technology, Block of Offices for Works Department and the Network Operating Centre.

Centre organises workshop

As part of the commitment to the manpower development of its workforce, the University of Ilorin Centre for Supportive Services for the Deaf (CSSD) has organised a capacity building workshop for the signers and interpreters of deaf students. The workshop, themed “21st Century Contemporary Basic Total Communication”, was described as a welcome development that would promote effective signing by the Dean of Education, Prof. A. S. Olorundare, who declared it open.

Speaking at the workshop, a lecturer at the Department of Rehabilitation Education, Federal College of Education (Special) Oyo, and a signer/ interpreter of several years, Mr. A. M. Rauf, discussed interpreting and highlighted its practicability and pedagogy. The lecturer suggested the need for a sign language library that would allow interpreters to be able familiarise themselves with the various disciplines where they have to interpret for deaf students. He also stressed the need for lecturers to make lecture notes available to deaf students.

In his own lecture, a hearing-impaired lecturer at the Department of Educational Technology, Federal College of Education (Special), Oyo, Mr. Tolu Odusanya, discussed appropriate signing without finger spelling. He submitted that signing with context makes interpretation meaningful.

Speaking at the end of the workshop, the acting Director of the Centre, Dr. (Mrs.) Olabisi Olawuyi, expressed happiness that the workshop was a success. She appreciated the University authority for the provision of the appropriate environment for study and development for both the deaf students and their interpreters.

AN ADDRESS BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA, HIS EXCELLENCY DR. GOODLUCK EBELE JONATHAN, GCFR, ON THE OCCASION OF THE 26TH CONVOCATION CEREMONY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ILORIN ON SATURDAY, 23RD OCTOBER 2010

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It is a great pleasure to be with you on this 26th convocation ceremony of this great University. Let me begin by congratulating you on this impressive academic journey and to also implore you to continue to strive for greater heights!

Prior to my arrival here, I had received reports on the positive and glowing achievements of the institution which thus far has not been contradicted. This is very good. The University of Ilorin with its impressive lush, green and inviting environment is emerging as one of the ideal environment conducive for rigorous academic pursuit to members of staff and students. I want to thank the University management for keeping it so serene and for encouraging achievements in many areas.

Let me specially congratulate you on the great leap to the No. 1 position in the Webometric ranking of Universities in our country and to urge that you do not relent in the pursuit of excellence. This achievement, no doubt, has been made possible through your stable academic calendars and the promotion of peaceful coexistence, discipline and orderliness in your campuses. I urge you, to continue to remain in the frontline of academic excellence even as you strive to be among the best universities in Africa and beyond.

The Chairman of the Governing Council, The Senate, very distinguished Ladies and Gentlemen, Universities the world over are catalysts for economic growth and development. Ours cannot be different. I want to specially encourage you to reclaim the primary assignments of teaching, research, debate and public service that constitute the fundamental pivot which stimulates the development of the nations.

There is an ongoing public outcry over the quality of graduates that our universities now produce. There is an urgent need to respond to these concerns and such responses must be coercive, coordinated and comprehensive.

A few weeks ago, I summoned an education summit to review what we have not done well and what we could do differently and better. I am very confident that in a few years, the complaints and concerns that are being raised now will turn to praise and admiration.

In the meantime I urge university administrators to channel efforts in retraining and retooling our vital human resources for greater and most effective output. The challenges of the approaching economic boom must not be met in shortfall of an ill-prepared workforce. In this regard we must put needed emphasis on research and innovations even as we pay attention on inventions. Our country can only make progress and join the technologically advanced nations when we support research and insist on excellence in all our endeavours.

The Federal Government remains committed to improving the standard of higher education in our country but as research has shown we must equally pay special attention to kindergarten, primary and secondary education. Education as you are aware is an item on the concurrent legislative list in our constitution, therefore the Federal Government will work cooperatively with the State and local government towards a better and more befitting educational status for our union. Every identified bottleneck that stands on our way to academic excellence shall be removed. Education is the gateway to our advancement and we cannot afford to toy with its potentials.

Very distinguished ladies and gentlemen, I cannot conclude this address without congratulating the new graduates on their sacrifices and efforts. By your academic achievements, you have brought immense joy to your parents, relations, sponsors, friends and the staff who were with you while this sojourn last. In the next efforts you are required to place your talents and knowledge in the development of our nation. As

key stakeholders in the Nigerian project and your contributions are highly valued and are being awaited. I understand you undertook an entrepreneurial course which was designed to promote self-employment, this, is most commendable. Nigerians are a skilful and productive people. We will do everything within our powers to support you to create wealth and employ others. The challenge of the present is to defeat poverty and employ all those who are willing and are ready to work. That challenge can only be met if all work in concert: the private sector, the government, the universities and the citizenry. The Nigerian cannot be caged. We will fly into the firmament of achievement and contribute our quota to human progress. I wish you the best of luck and God's blessings in all your future endeavours.

Your Excellencies, Your Royal Majesties, my Lord Spiritual and Temporal, distinguished ladies and gentlemen, I thank you for coming; I thank you for your contributions to the emergence of a new era in the education sector; I thank you for your kind attention. I wish you journey mercies to your various destinations.

God bless you!

And may God bless the Federal Republic of Nigeria!

Unilorin hosts climate change conference

The National Conference of the Nigerian Meteorological Society (NMets) which began yesterday with the arrival of participants from all over the country continues today at the University of Ilorin. The conference is themed "Climate Change Impact and Adaptation: Is Nigeria Ready?".

According to a statement by the Chairman of the Organising Committee, Prof. A. A. Adeloye, the opening ceremony of the conference begins at 10:00a.m today at the University Auditorium during which the lead paper of the conference will be presented.

Technical sessions will follow till Wednesday when the Annual General Meeting of the society, excursion and closing ceremony will take place. The conference ends on Thursday.

MEMORIES OF THE DAY ATTEH'S DAUGHTER HOOKED AGAJA'S SON



Prof. and Mrs. S. B. Agaja: Groom's parents



Prof. and Mrs. J.O. Atteh: Bride's parents



The Couple: Femi and Tolu



L-R: Prof. A.B.O. Omotosho, Prof. I.O. Oloyede, Mrs.O.O. Oyeyemi and Prof. K.L. Ayorinde

**RE: REQUEST FOR DATA OF FEDERAL GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES DUE FOR
RETIREMENT BETWEEN JANUARY, 2012 AND DECEMBER 2012 UNDER THE
CONTRIBUTORY PENSION SCHEME**

The National Pension Commission is proposing a verification and enrolment exercise in First Quarter of year 2011 for employees of the University that are due to retire between January and December, 2012 by virtue of attaining the age of 60/65 years or 35 years in service whichever is earlier.

The exercise is also intended to capture mandatory and voluntary retirees that retired between July 2007 and December 2010 who had not been verified and enrolled by the Commission.

In view of the above, all members of staff that fall under these categories should report to the Pension Desk Officer on or before 15th November 2010 with the following documents:

Payslip as at 30th June 2004

Payslip as at 31st December, 2006

Current payslip

Evidence of Registration with PFA

WARNING:

Only retirees contained in the list to be compiled and forwarded to National Pension Commission will be enrolled and screened accordingly.

E.D. Obafemi

For: Registrar

Happy Birthdays To You!

S/N	Name	Department	Date of Birth
1.	Ogunlade, Amos A.	Arts and Social Sciences Education	October 31st
2.	Alade, Sunday O.	Bursary	October 31st
3.	Ijaiya, Hakeem O.	Private and Property Law	November 2nd
4.	Makanjuola, Samuel O.	Mathematics	November 2 nd
5.	Olorunfemi, Jacob F.	Geography	November 2 nd
6.	Afolabi, Onaolapo O.	Pathology	November 3 rd
7.	Taiwo, Gbenga	Works/ Civil	November 4th
7.	Muhammad-Lawal Abdulazeez	Agricultural Economics & Farm Magt.	November 5th
6.	Oduwaiye, Rhoda O.	Educational Management	November 5th
7	Komolafe, Adekoya M	Works/ Electrical	November 6 th
8.	Raiyemo, Roseline O.	Human Kinetics and Health Education	November 6 th
9.	Seniyi, Raphael A.	Sociology	November 7th

LAUGH LINES

See me see trouble. I was walking through the supermarket to pick up a few things with just the remaining money I had on me when I noticed an old woman following me around. Thinking nothing of it, I ignored her and continued shopping. Finally I went to the checkout line but she got in front of me.

"Pardon me", she said, "I'm sorry if my staring at you has made you feel uncomfortable. It's just that you look like my son, who just died recently."

"I'm very sorry," I said to her, "Is there anything I can do for you?"

"Yes," she said, "As I am leaving, can you say 'Goodbye mother'? It would make me feel much better."

"Sure," I said. An odd request, but no harm would come of it, I told myself. As the old woman was leaving the store, I called out, "Goodbye mother!"

As I stepped to the checkout counter, I saw that my total was N20,700. I had only about N10,000 in my wallet.

"How can that be? I only picked a few things!" I protested.

"Your mother said you would pay for her," said the clerk.

If you were the clerk, would you believe me if I disowned at paypoint that naughty old woman I never knew?

Unilorin in the News

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- ✓ The authorities of Ilorin have unfolded the plan of giving a new car to the researcher of the year during their 25th convocation ceremonies while briefing the press about the activities of the events.
(‘Unilorin offers car prize for best researcher’, *The Herald*, Monday, October 25, 2010, pp.1-2)
- ✓ The Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, has emphasised that all the programmes offered at the University of Ilorin enjoy 100% NUC accreditation while addressing the press as part of the 26th convocation ceremonies.
(‘Unilorin enjoys 100%NUC accreditation’, *The Herald*, same as above, p.24. for other reports on Unilorin, see ‘...produces 19 first class’, ‘...denies sack of directors’, same page)
- ✓ President Goodluck Jonathan has thanked the University of Ilorin “for setting the pace” for others and lamented the recent low quality of university graduates while speaking at the 26th convocation ceremonies of the University of Ilorin.
(‘Jonathan bemoans dearth of quality manpower’, *The Guardian*, Tuesday, October 26, 2010,p.41)
- ✓ While speaking as a keynote presenter at a workshop organised by CODAPNU at the University of Ilorin, the Vice-chancellor, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, has identified research as the missing link between Nigeria and development.
(‘NTA Ilorin news, Tuesday October 26, 2010, 7p.m.)
- ✓ The Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Is-haq O. Oloyede, has emphasised the role of research in universities in a keynote address presented to the Committee of Directors of Academic Planning of Nigerian Universities (CODAPNU) at a workshop held at the University of Ilorin.
(‘Radio Kwara news’, Tuesday October 26, 2010; 6:00p.m;8:00p,m;8:15p.m.)
- ✓ The authorities of the University of Ilorin have appointed a former Director of UNESCO-BREDA and foremost educationist, Prof. Pai Obanya, as the Director of Centre for Research, Development and In-House Training (CREDIT).
(‘UNILORIN names new director of centre’, *Nigerian Compass*, Wednesday, October 27, 2010, p.16)
- ✓ At a conference commemorating 50 years of University education in Nigeria initiated by the University of Ilorin, the Minister of Education, Prof. Ruqayyat Ahmed Rufai, has tasked Vice-Chancellors to address the challenges being faced by university education in the country.
(‘Minister tasks VC on varsity education, funding, control’, *Nigerian Compass*, same as above,p.22)
- ✓ An editorialist has used his platform to subjectively appraise the University of Ilorin in respect of the reinstated lecturers of the university.
(‘Unilorin 49: justice at last’*The Nation*, Wednesday, October 27, 2010,p.17)
- ✓ The Chairman of Ilorin South Local Government Area of Kwara State, Barrister Lanre Daibu, has disclosed that his administration invested N376 million in the University of Ilorin School for Preliminary Studies during the commissioning of the project at Fufu recently.
(‘We are greatest beneficiary of Joint Account – Daibu’, *National Pilot*, Thursday, October 28 – Sunday October 31, 2010, p.2)
- ✓ The President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria and University of Ilorin Visitor, Dr. Goodluck Jonathan, has challenged Nigerian universities to tackle the concern of the public about the quality of their products while the Pro-Chancellor of the University, Alh. Tukur Mani, has called for an increase in the admission quota of the University.
(‘Jonathan to universities: address outcry of output...as Unilorin seeks increased admission quota’, *National Pilot*, same as above p.4)
- ✓ The moment in which the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, embraced one of the Ph.D graduands of the University during the 26th convocation ceremonies of the University of Ilorin, has been frozen in a published photograph.
(*National Pilot*, same as above, p.9)
- ✓ More photographs of the 26th convocation ceremonies of the University of Ilorin have been published.
(‘26th convocation ceremony of the University of Ilorin, Kwara State, in pix’, *National Pilot*, same as above, p.13)

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- ✓ The President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, Dr. Goodluck Jonathan has tasked the graduands of the University of Ilorin to reduce poverty by taking advantage of the entrepreneurship programme offered by their University.
(‘Jonathan charges Unilorin graduands on poverty reduction’, *Peoples’ Daily*, Monday, October 25, 2010, p. 5.).
- ✓ The President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, Dr. Goodluck Jonathan, who was represented by Prof. Oladapo Afolabi, has commended the initiative of the University of Ilorin and Ilorin South Local Government Area in establishing the University School for Preliminary Studies in the local community, saying that it will promote development.
(‘Let our best be in local government’, *National Pilot*, Monday October 25 to Wednesday 27, 2010, pp.1-2)
- ✓ The Pro-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Alh. Tukur Mani, has urged the National Universities Commission (NUC) to increase the admission quota of the University while speaking during the 26th convocation Ceremonies.
(‘UNILORIN urges NUC to increase admission quota’, *Daily Independent*, Monday October 25, 2010, p.6).
- ✓ President Goodluck Jonathan has submitted that the high rate of unemployment among graduates is due to failure of universities to prepare their graduates with entrepreneurial skills that will make them cope with life after school.
(‘Jonathan charges lecturers on standard of education’, *The Punch*, Monday, October 25, 2010,p.6)
- ✓ Dr. Mahfouz Adedimeji of the Department of English has been congratulated by members of the Correspondents Chapel of the Nigerian Union of Journalists (NUJ) and other journalists after he was conferred with a doctoral degree along with others at the University of Ilorin during the 26th convocation ceremonies.
(‘Unilorin acting DDI, Adedimeji, 74 others bag Ph.D’, *National Pilot*, same as above, p.2)
- ✓ The Governor of Kwara State, Dr. Bukola Saraki, who was represented by his Deputy, Chief Joel Ogundeji, has congratulated the University of Ilorin on its achievements while urging the management not to be complacent about their current status but to continue to build on the standard they have set for themselves.
(‘Don’t relent, Saraki tells Unilorin’, *National Pilot*, same as above, p.12)
- ✓ A former Commissioner of the National Hajj Commission (NAHCON), Dr. Yusuf Lanre Badmas, has welcomed the appointment of the Sultan of Sokoto, Alh. Muhammad Sa’ad Abubakar, as the permanent Amirul Hajj of Nigeria saying that the Muslim Ummah would be satisfied with such a development which will make Hajj operations more organised.
(‘Badmas hails Sultan’s appointment as permanent Amirul Hajj’, *National Pilot*, same as above)
- ✓ The 26th convocation ceremonies of the University of Ilorin have been used to highlight some challenges of university graduands in Nigeria vis-a-vis the unemployment rate in the country while a moment of a chat between the representative of the President, Prof. Oladapo Afolabi and the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, has been frozen in a photograph.
(‘Graduating into the world of uncertainty’, *National Pilot*, same as above,pp.14 and 19)
- ✓ Several moments during the commissioning of the University of Ilorin School for Preliminary Studies by President Goodluck Jonathan supported by the University of Ilorin Council and Management have been captured and documented in images.
(‘Commissioning ceremony of University of Ilorin School of Preliminary Studies, Fufu, Kwara State, in pix’, *National Pilot*, same as above,p.20)
- ✓ A former Dean of Business and Social Sciences, University of Ilorin, Prof. Hassan A. Saliu, has been described as an outstanding scholar.
(‘A standing ovation for a complete academic’, *National Pilot*, same as above,p.25)
- ✓ While speaking at the University of Ilorin during the 26th convocation ceremonies, President Goodluck Jonathan has decried the quality of university graduates and urged Nigerian universities to address the issue in order to salvage education in the country.
(‘RayPower FM’ Lagos, Monday October 25, 2010, 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.)

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- ✓ The Pro-Chancellor and Governing Council Chairman of the University of Ilorin, Alh. Tukur Mani, has called on the Federal Government to support the University as it hosts the West Africa University Games (WAUG) next year on behalf of the country.
(‘Unilorin pro-chancellor seeks FG’s support for WAUG’, *The Herald on Sunday*, October 24, 2010, p.2)
- ✓ The Chief Imam of Hilal Crescent Mosque who is also the acting Head of Religions Department, University of Ilorin, Dr. Lanre Yusuf Badmas, has tasked all Nigerians to rise to the challenge posed by insecurity in the country.
(‘Rise up to insecurity, don tasks Muslims’, *The Herald on Sunday*, October 24, 2010, p.2)
- ✓ The Governor of Kwara State, Dr. Bukola Saraki, has traced the problems of the country to the unbridled quest for wealth and urged the graduands of the University of Ilorin to explore self-employment opportunities while speaking at the 26th convocation ceremonies of the University on October 23, 2010.
(‘Unilorin graduates tasked on self-employment’, same as above, p.6)
- ✓ The Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Is-haq O. Oloyede, has urged the graduating students of the University to plan in order to secure their future.
(‘NTA Network news, Sunday October 24, 2010, 7:00 p.m.).
- ✓ The Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Is-haq O. Oloyede, has called on the graduands of the University to maintain the good name of their alma mater anywhere they find themselves later in life during the 26th convocation ceremonies.
(‘FRCN Harmony FM, Idofian, Sunday October 24, 2010. 12:00noon and 12:15 p.m.)
- ✓ While speaking at the 26th convocation ceremonies of the University of Ilorin, President Goodluck Jonathan has emphasized the commitment of the Federal Government to the production of graduates who will be employers of labour rather than job seekers while speaking at the 26th convocation ceremonies of the University of Ilorin last weekend.
(‘FG will support varsities to produce graduates who will be employers of labour’ – Jonathan’, *New Nigerian* Sunday October 24, 2010, p.2).
- ✓ President Goodluck Jonathan has tasked Nigerian universities to do more in equipping their graduands with self-employment skills.
(‘NTA International news’, Monday October 25, 2010, 10:00 a.m.)
- ✓ The Pro-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Alh. Tukur Mani, has appreciated Dr. Mike Adenuga for his donation of N25m to the University in preparation for the hosting WAUG next year while calling on others to emulate him.
(West Africa University Games: Adenuga donates N25m to UNILORIN’, *The Nation*, Monday, October 25, 2010, p.63)
- ✓ President Goodluck Jonathan has urged Nigerian universities to contribute more to the economic development of the country through commitment to their mandate while speaking through his representative, Prof. Oladapo Afolabi of the Federal Ministry of Education at the 26th convocation ceremonies of the University of Ilorin.
(‘Jonathan tasks universities on economic growth’, *Leadership*, Monday October 25, 2010, p.5)
- ✓ During the 26 Convocation Ceremonies of the University of Ilorin, the National Universities Commission (NUC) has been urged by the Pro-Chancellor, Alh. Tukur Mani, to increase the admission quota of the University.
(‘Increase Unilorin admission quota, NUC urged’, *New Nigerian*, Monday October 25, 2010 p.3).

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Quotes of the Week

The function of education is to help you from childhood not to imitate anybody but be yourself all the time. – Jiddu Krishnamurii

Character is easier kept than recovered.
- Thomas Paine

I’ve learnt that all in the world can be done and something will still go wrong...The key is how you deal with it. – Terran Potor

Good timbers do not grow with ease, the stronger the wind, the stronger the trees.
- J. William Marriot