



Take over varsity education, Minister tells VCs



GOOD STANDING:L-R, Prof. J.D. Amin, Prof. Obanya, Prof. (Mrs) Bamisaiye, Olorogun Gbagi, Prof. Okojie, Prof. Onyido, Prof. Oloyede and another Professor after the book presentation last Monday

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The Minister of Education, Prof. Ruqqayyatu Ahmed Rufai, has challenged Nigerian Vice-Chancellors to fashion out ways through which they can take full control of university education. Prof. Rufai gave this charge last Monday (September 27, 2010) in Abuja at the opening ceremony of a three-day conference and book presentation organised by the University of Ilorin in conjunction with the National Universities Commission (NUC) and the Association of Vice-Chancellors of Nigerian Universities (AVCNU) to commemorate the 50th independence anniversary of Nigeria.

According to the Minister, who was represented at the occasion by the Minister of State for Education, Olorogun Kenneth Gbagi, what the government is doing at present is to ensure that university education is taken to out of government control and funding.

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How to make our varsities world class- dons

Fifty years after the commencement of University education in Nigeria, which Prof. Babs Fafunwa said actually began with the establishment of the University of Nigeria, Nsukka, in 1960, stakeholders are still benumbed and concerned by the state of university education in the country.

This reality informed the "International Conference on the 50 Years of University Education in Nigeria", themed "Nigerian Universities in Quest for World Class Status" that aimed at identifying the ways of raising the scale and impact of the Nigerian universities.

Conceived by the University of Ilorin and jointly organised by the National Universities Commission and the Association of Vice-Chancellors of Nigerian Universities (AVCNU) the conference was held between September 27 and 29, 2010 at the NUC, Abuja. *(Contd. on page 4)*



WORLD CLASS: Dr. Salmi of the World Bank making his presentation at the conference

Salmi proffers way forward for Nigerian varsities

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“It is high time Vice-Chancellors come together to fashion out a long term plan to take over university education. Vice-Chancellors should go to other countries where they would discover that no government funds university education and expects to have quality in terms of educational development. Universities must encourage endowments to enable them to come out fully to develop the sector without causing unnecessary damage to the institutions. When they do take over, they could determine the quality of their intakes,” she said.

Earlier speaking at the occasion, the Executive Secretary of the NUC, Prof. Julius Okojie, urged the government to revive the old scholarships and students loan scheme in order to ensure that brilliant but poor students are not denied access to university education. He said that the only way to guarantee the quality of university education is to embrace cost-sharing by stakeholders.

While reviewing the commemorative book, a *magnum opus* of 581 pages edited by Professors Julius Okojie, Is-haq Oloyede and Pai Obanya, the former Dean of Education, University of Ibadan, Prof. Remi Bamisaiye, commended the University of Ilorin on the initiative and added that the book is a food for thought for all sundry. While saying that the taste of the pudding is in the eating, she urged all Nigerians to read and digest the book to gain from the wealth of knowledge garnered over the years by the resourceful contributors.

In his keynote presentation, “The Challenge of Establishing World Class Universities”, Dr. Jamil Salmi of the World Bank underscored the importance of the topic by saying that his vast experience and travels all over the globe have made him to realise that world countries are usually proud of three things: “we are proud of our national teams; we are proud of our national airlines; we are proud of our national universities.” The lecturer, who received spontaneous ovation for what was considered a brilliant lecture, added that the attitude of many people to the three issues is not different from the mentality underpinning “My Mercedes is Bigger than Yours” written in 1975 by the Nigerian novelist, Nkem Nwankwo. He noted that three ways through which universities are said to be world class are through self-declaration, reputation and ranking.

While explaining the factors and what would make universities to be actually world class, (even though he noted that Philip G. Altbach said of world class university, “everyone wants one; no one knows what it is; no one knows how to get one”) he identified the ecosystem of a world class university as an interlocking network of complementary and inter-connected variables. These variables are “political and economic stability”, “rule of law,” “basic freedoms”, “resources and incentives”, “quality assurance and enhancement”, “telecommunications and digital infrastructure”, “governance and regulatory framework”, “diversification, articulation and information mechanisms”, “vision, leadership and reform capacity” as well as “location”.

Specifically, he said three key factors are crucial to the attainment of world class status. These, he said, are concentration of talents (including students, teaching staff and researchers) abundant resources (including public budget resources, endowment revenues, tuition fees and research grants) and favourable governance (consisting of supportive regulatory framework, autonomy, academic freedom, leadership team, strategic vision and culture of excellence). He added that countries can make their universities world class through three methods: upgrading existing institutions, forging mergers and creating new institutions. In making Nigerian universities attain world class status, Dr. Salmi ended his lecture with epigrammatic statements: “small is beautiful”; “money is not enough” (as the most expensive universities in the world are not world class) and “it’s all about alignment” of the various elements of the ecosystem.



HOME AWAY FROM HOME: Members of the Governing Council, Principal Officers and Unilorin delegates at the newly acquired Unilorin Liaison Office Complex Abuja, during the conference last Tuesday

Apiculture and Unilorin's culture of happiness

Apiculture, also known as beekeeping, is the management of colonies of bees for hive products such as honey and for the service of pollination of crops. Groups of hives are called apiaries.

Beekeeping, which usually refers to the husbandry of domesticated honey bee and management of other species of social bees, (including the Indian honey bee, Koschevnikov's honey bee, the dwarf honey bee, the giant honey bee, and the mountain giant honey bee or the stingless bees) is an ancient vocation which is believed to have originated in the Middle East. The early Egyptians kept bees and traded in honey and beeswax along the East African coast thousands of years ago.

The most popular bees for apiculture are the Africanised honey bees also known as killer bees and hybrid of African Italian and Caucasian species. Many apiaries have mixtures of these bee races as well as European races naturalized in other climes. Honey, which is derived from these apiaries, today is a major foreign exchange earner for many countries such as China, United States of America, Argentina and Turkey. That all people love honey is evident in hundreds of proverbs on honey in various world cultures.

Apiaries may consist between one and 200 hives, depending on the flower resources available. Commercial beekeepers who make their entire living from bees often keep hundreds or thousands of hives. The honey bee is a social insect that can survive only as a member of a community. The colony inhabits a nest which is an enclosed cavity on trees, hills and mountains. Domesticated colonies are kept in artificial containers such as wooden boxes.

The honey bee community consists of three structurally different forms—the queen (reproductive female which bear other bees), the drone (male), and the worker (non-reproductive females which build and maintain the nest from wax secreted from glands in their abdomen). As sweet as honey is, the sting of the honey bee is bitterly painful.

Given that the University of Ilorin has a good appetite for ensuring food security and engendering a culture of happiness for its immediate and remote communities, the University authority has been busy like a bee over the years preoccupied with many innovative projects. One of these projects the University embarked on is Apiculture which is practised through the University apiary.

The University first ventured into the Apiary Project in 2003 in partnership with the National Youth Service Corps. Over the years, with increased investment under the current administration, the bee farm has about 100 hives which have the capacity of producing 500,000 litres of processed honey per year. In a situation where a litre of premium motor spirit (pms) or fuel sells for N65.00 and a litre of honey sells for at least N1,000.00, the economic value of honey production cannot be over-emphasised.

Apart from its high economic potentials, the beehives in the University of Ilorin Apiary have ecological, nutritional, medicinal and environmental impacts. While writing on the impact of the project, Oloyede, Ayorinde and Oladele (2009) note that the beehives “lead to increased pollination and attendant increased crop yields in the University farm and adjoining private farms”. They add that the project is further “designed to diffuse the innovation of bee keeping and honey production through the provision of on-site and off-site training and demonstration of best practices in bee production for potential bee keepers”.

At the moment, the 35,000 strong University of Ilorin community constitutes the main market of the University honey. Efforts are at top gear to make it a foreign exchange earner for the country. For the consumers of Unilorin honey, it is a natural source of happiness. What pundits are saying now is that for quality assurance in everything positive, including academic, moral, intellectual and natural nourishment like honey, the University of Ilorin is a place to be. It is difficult to disagree with them. who will?

BE GREEN AND CLEAN CONSCIOUS

IN ORDER TO PREPARE UNILORIN FOR
ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

- A message from the Environmental Protection Committee

Fast Facts File

Did you know?

- 1,322,367 candidates registered for the June/July 2010 NECO but 1,143,169 sat for it.
- Based on the results of those candidates, 60% of them cannot be admitted by any Nigerian University.

Dons highlight how to assure quality in Nigerian varsities

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While speaking on “50 Years of Higher Education in Nigeria: Trends in Quality Assurance”, after the keynote lecture of Dr. Jamil Salmi, the immediate past Executive Secretary of the NUC and Pro-Chancellor of three Nigerian universities, Prof. Peter Okebukola, lauded the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, as a man of God who observes the Golden Rule and who has turned the face of university education in Africa round within less than two years of his assumption of office as President.

Prof. Okebukola said that quality assurance is a component part of making universities world class and expressed satisfaction with the improvement in the quality assurance in the system over the years. He added that quality assurance is impeded in Nigeria by depressed funding, capacity deficit in governance and management, political interference, low carrying capacity of the university and “corruption displayed by staff, students, parents and others that patronize the Nigerian university system.”

To further quality assure the Nigerian university system, Prof. Okebukola recommended the establishment of a National Quality Assurance and Monitoring System, subscription to international quality standards, improved resourcing of NUC, NBTE and NCCE, Establishment of state quality assurance agencies, effective use of ICT in quality assurance and setting up of a quality observatory for the higher education system.

While speaking on the options and strategies for Nigerians, the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Is-haq O. Oloyede, observed that four issues that pre-occupy world universities today are access, success, equity and relevance. He explained that Nigerian universities have to rise to the challenge of ensuring that the four are brought to bear in the operations and management of their universities.

The Vice-Chancellor, who is also the President of AAU, noted that there are minimum criteria that universities must meet to be so qualified. He added that if those criteria are not met, a “university” would only be claiming the name while those who know would understand that such an institution is not a university. Prof. Oloyede recalled his encounter with the late social commentator and environmental activist, Ken Saro-Wiwa, who was billed to deliver a lecture in a Nigerian “university” some years back. He said Ken Saro-Wiwa asked the audience to laugh and everyone wondered why they should laugh but he pleaded until everyone started laughing. It was then that Saro-Wiwa packed his bags and said people had mocked the institution in which he was supposed to deliver a lecture and he would not dignify the place by saying he delivered a university lecture there. Prof. Oloyede then added with or without being world class, fulfilling the minimum requirements of a standard university is enough to take Nigerian universities to a higher pedestal.

The Professor of Islamic Jurisprudence and Board Member of the International Association of Universities postulated options available to Nigerian universities as collapse, synergy/networking, clustering of universities, merging of universities, internationalisation, the last of which includes web presence, elegance and discipline.

In his own submission, the Director-General of the Conference, Prof. Pai Obanya, said what everybody in the Nigerian university system needs is to be MAD. He said if everyone Makes A Difference (MAD), the problems would be solved citing the Unilorin as a university that makes a difference. He differentiated between hard and soft skills, which he explained in his chapter in the book earlier presented, just as he clamoured for paying adequate attention to the soft skills which are often taken for granted. He also said that rather than invest in education through programmes that directly impact on students and their teachers, governments often spend on education through budgetary allocations that often do not reach the end-users.

Other speakers at the conference like the Chairman of the Pro-Chancellors of Nigerian Universities, Dr. Wale Babalakin; the Chairman of the Association of Vice-Chancellors of Nigerian Universities, Prof. Ikenna Onyido; the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic), University of Ilorin, Prof. Kolade Ayorinde, the founders/visitors of Covenant University and Afe Babalola University, Dr. David Oyedepo and Chief Afe Babalola, the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Jos, Prof. S. G. Tyoden, were unanimous in stating that Nigerian universities are facing enormous challenges. They submitted that efforts should be made to address the challenges by the universities themselves without necessarily depending on the governments.

In Unilorin, it's world class students in a world class environment – by Umoh

The Dean of Student Affairs, University of Ilorin, Prof. S. H. Umoh, has described students of the University of Ilorin as a world class crop of dedicated students who would not play a second fiddle wherever they are in the world.

The Dean of Students Affairs made this observation while chatting with *Unilorin Bulletin* last Thursday, (September 30, 2010) in his office on the commencement of the 2010/2011 academic session.

According to the Professor of Counsellor Education, “All being equal, our students will not be second class in the world, they will compare favourably with any student anywhere in the world”.

Prof. Umoh suggested that the standard of the University students is not surprising given that the institution is manned by quality academic and administrative staff who train and manage the students. Prof. Umoh further noted that the ambience of the clean and green environment which the University provides enhances academic performance.

Speaking further, Prof. Umoh said, “We expect our students to be worthy in learning and in character, we are doing everything within our power to provide an enabling environment for them to learn and maximize their total human potential possible”.

To achieve this, the Dean said that the University has partnered other stakeholders in innovative ventures. The hostels, he said, have been renovated. He added that the library too is equipped with new books in addition to the electronic library. The clinic is equipped with genuine drugs and competent and caring medical personnel.

Prof. Umoh said that all these facilities are provided for the benefit of the students and the students are expected to reciprocate the good gesture of the University by behaving in socially and academically acceptable manner.

The Dean reminded students of the need to be familiar with Students Rules and Regulations Handbook. Speaking on the new programmes of B.Sc. Nursing and Veterinary Medicine, Prof. Umoh said that ten pioneer students are to be admitted into each of the two programmes.

A student of the Faculty of Law, Zainab Dindi, said she is happy to be back after the break while she looked forward to another uninterrupted session, one of the hallmarks of the University of Ilorin.

Ayorinde, Student Union caution against indiscipline

The Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic) Prof. Kolade L. Ayorinde, has warned the students of the University to shun all forms of indiscipline and anti-social behaviour as they resume for the 2010/2011 academic session.

Prof. Ayorinde sounded this note of caution while speaking to *Unilorin Bulletin* in his office last week. While welcoming the students back for another session, the Professor of Animal Production said he wished the students a successful and rewarding session. He enjoined them to work hard because it is what one sows that one reaps.

Meanwhile, the leadership of the Student Union, University of Ilorin, has also welcomed students back to the University after their vacation. According to a statement signed by the Public Relations Officer of the Unions, Oladimeji Lateef, “we believe that this new academic session will be a session of academic excellence, achievement, progress, success, corrections and building up of a good reputation.”

The Student Union also calls on students to shun all acts of indiscipline. “Students are advised to disengage themselves from examination malpractices, stealing, fighting, cultism and other fraudulent acts. Anybody found exhibiting such acts will incur the wrath of the University authority... The union urges the students...to be committed to their academics”, the statement reads.

Faculty organises workshop for staff

As part of the drive for better performance as the University commences the 2010/2011 Academic Session, the Faculty of Science is organising a one-day “Workshop on Staff Mobilisation towards Enhanced Productivity and Staff-Student Relationship”.

This workshop, which will be addressed and declared open by the Vice-Chancellor, holds today (Monday October 4, 2010) at the Agricultural and Rural Management Training Institute (ARMTI), Ilorin. It is organised for all lecturers and chief technologists in the Faculty. Registration commences at 8.00am.

According to a statement signed by the Dean of Science, Prof. Sylvia O. Molomo, “it is very important and mandatory that all concerned staff attend this workshop. Transport will be available to convey staff to ARMTI, starting at the Senior Staff Quarters of the main campus at 7.30a.m. prompt. Further details will be conveyed to Heads of Departments.”

Aina becomes Board Member of National Library

The Acting Dean of the Faculty of Communication and Information Science, University of Ilorin, Prof. Lenrie Olatokunbo Aina, has been appointed by the Federal Government as a member of Board of National Library of Nigeria.

According to a letter dated 8th of September 2010 and signed by Mrs Hadiza M. Bawa on behalf of the Honourable Minister of Education, Prof. Lenrie Aina is appointed as a representative of the National Library Association. The letter of appointment reads in part:

“I am directed to inform you that the Honourable Minister of Education has approved your appointment as a member of the Board of National Library of Nigeria, Abuja.

“The Boards of the Parastatals of the Federal Ministry of Education are by statute charged with the responsibility of the general management of the affairs of the Parastatal including the appointment, promotion, welfare and discipline of all its staff, among others.

“The Conditions of Service and remunerations on this appointment are guided by the Public Service Rules and extant circulars.”

Society elects new leaders

Unilorin Amicable Multipurpose Cooperative Society has elected a new set of leaders to pilot its affairs. The new leaders, elected during the Annual General Meeting of the Society recently, are: Dr. A. Yusuf, President; Mrs. F. B. Famuyiwa, Vice-President; Mr. J. O. Isarinade, Secretary; Mr. A. A. Orowade, Assistant Secretary; Mr. O. T. Ibrahim, Treasurer; Mr. O. K. Ogungbade; Chairman, Loan Committee; Mr. I. O. Akande, Secretary, Loan Committee; Dr. R. A. Sheu, Member, Loan Committee; Mrs. D. O. Adejumo, Chairperson, Supervisory Committee; Dr. O. L. Olaitan, Secretary, Supervisory Committee; Mr. Isa Olarewaju, Member, Supervisory Committee; Dr. A.E. Talabi, Ex-Officio Member; and Dr. S. A. Onasanya, Ex-Officio Member.

LAUGH LINES

A young woman goes to her doctor who verifies that she is pregnant. This is her first pregnancy. The doctor asks her if she has any questions. She replies, “Well, I’m a little worried about the pain. How much will childbirth hurt?”

The doctor answers, “Well, it varies from woman to woman and pregnancy to pregnancy and besides, it’s difficult to describe pain.”

“I know, but can’t you give some idea as a doctor?”

“Okay,” says the doctor, “grab your upper lip and pull it out a little.”

“Like this?”

“No. A little more”

“Like this?”

“Yes. Does it hurt?”

“A little bit”

“Now, stretch it over your head!”

Obanya is Unilorin Director of CREDIT

The authorities of the University of Ilorin have appointed a new Director for the Centre for Research, Development and In-house Training (CREDIT). He is Prof. Pai Obanya, a 1968 graduate of the University of Ibadan and most published Professor in the field of Education in Africa.

Prof. Obanya was educated at the University of Ibadan where he obtained his first degree in Education/French with first class honours and a distinction in practice teaching in 1968. He followed up his degree with a Ph.D in language education at the same University in June 1973. Before then, he had earlier obtained a *Diplome Suprieur d'Etudes Francaises* of the University of Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire, in June 1967.

The well-travelled don who has produced many professors joined the academic staff of the University of Ibadan in August 1971 as a Research Fellow in the Institute of Education. He rose through the ranks to become a full Professor in October 1979. He was the Director of the same Institute between 1980 and 1983. Between 1984 and 1985, he was the foundation Dean of the Faculty of Education, Lagos State University, Ojoo, Lagos.

The new CREDIT Director's international career began with his appointment in 1986 as Programme Coordinator for Education at the World Confederation of Organisations of the Teaching Profession (WCOTP) in Morges, Switzerland. He later joined the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) Secretariat in August 1988 as the Deputy Director of the UNESCO Regional Office for Education in Africa (better known by its French acronym, BREDA). He became the Director of the same Office in September 1991. He retired from the services of UNESCO as Assistant Director-General in December 1999.

Prof. Obanya assumed the coordinatorship of an initiative he had earlier helped to conceptualise, the Universal Basic Education Programme (UBE) between January 2000 and April 2001. Before his current appointment, he has been active as an international education strategist rendering advisory, consultancy, research and training services to governments and international development associations.

Regarded as a die-hard academic, Prof. Obanya is a well sought-after keynote speaker at academic conferences on education throughout the world. He has about 300 publications to his credit in various national and international outlets.

His works have earned him such sobriquets as "Grand Sage of African Education", "Encyclopedia of Education", among others. He is the recipient of numerous awards and honours including Fellow of the Curriculum Association of Nigeria, Fellow of the Nigeria Association of Teachers of Technology, Fellow of the Nigerian Academy of Education, *Commadeur de l'Ordre Nationale du Lion* of the Republic of Senegal, just to mention a few.

Scholarship opportunity for students

The Directorate of Information and Protocol of the University of Ilorin wishes to draw the attention of students of the University to the MTN Foundation Scholarship, the details of which are available at www.mtnonline.com/mtnfscholarship. Information of the scholarship was also advertised on page 9 of *The Nation* newspaper of Thursday, September 30, 2010.

Applicants to the scholarship scheme must be 200 level full time students who are not currently on scholarship and who have a minimum of 3.5 Cumulative Grade Point (CPGA) Average.

The disciplines open to scholarship as advertised are: Accountancy, Agricultural Science, Architecture, Communication Technology, Computer and Electronics, Computer and Information Science, Computer and Mathematics, Computer Engineering, Computer Science, Electrical Engineering, Electronics and Computer Technology, Electronics Engineering, Engineering Physics, Industrial Mathematics, Industrial Physics, Information Technology, Mathematics, Mechanical Engineering, Physics Electronics, Physics Engineering, Physics/Computational Modeling, Pure/ Applied Physics and Statistics and Computer Science.

The closing date for the submission of applications is Friday October 15, 2010.

Learned Conference

The following staff have enjoyed the sponsorship of the University to learned conferences:

Recipient	Department	Nature of Conference	Place	Date
Prof. Ogunsakin, E.A.	Human Kinetics & Health Education	2010 National Conference of Nigerian Association of Health Educators (NAHE)	Main Auditorium University of Benin, Benin City	2 nd to 5 th June, 2010
Dr. Oniyangi, Shuaib Olanrewaju	Human Kinetics & Health Education	2010 National Conference of Nigerian Association of Health Educators (NAHE)	Main Auditorium University of Benin, Benin City	2 nd to 5 th June, 2010
Dr. Talabi, A.E.	Human Kinetics & Health Education	2010 National Conference of Nigerian Association of Health Educators (NAHE)	Main Auditorium University of Benin, Benin City	2 nd to 5 th June, 2010
Dr. Shehu, Raheem Adaramaja	Human Kinetics & Health Education	2010 National Conference of Nigerian Association of Health Educators (NAHE)	Main Auditorium University of Benin, Benin City	2 nd to 5 th June, 2010
Mr. Abdulmumini Isah	Library & Information Science	International Seminar on Arabic Manuscripts their Preservation and Publication	Usmanu Danfodio University, Sokoto, Nigeria	7 th to 13 th June, 2010
Mrs. Abdulkareem, Mulikat Y.	Library & Information Science	International Seminar Arabic Manuscripts their Preservation and Publication	Usman Danfodio University, Sokoto, Nigeria	7 th to 13 th June, 2010
Mr. Adamariko Anowe Clement	Electrical Engineering	The National Workshop on the Practical use of 3D Cad Design with Autocad, (Nigeria Computer Society)	Conference Centre, University of Ibadan, Nigeria	22 nd – 25 th June, 2010
Mr. Ameen Ahmed Oloduowo	Computer Science	Annual Information Technology Professionals' Assembly/ Annual General meeting	Nicon Luxury Hotel, Abuja	1 st – 2 nd July, 2010
Mr. Bajeh Amos	Computer Science	First international Conference and Workshop on Software Engineering and Intelligent Systems (SEIS 2010)	Covenant University, Otta	5 th – 9 th July, 2010
Dr. Abdullahi, Onimisi Ekun	Arts & Social Science Education	Nigerian Association of Educational Research and Evaluators	University of Port-Harcourt, Rivers State	12 th – 16 th July, 2010
Dr. Tella, Adeyinka	Library & Information Science	Nigerian Library Association Annual Conference	Abuja	17 th – 23 rd July, 2010
Prof. I.O. Aina	Library & Information Science	Nigerian Library Association Annual Conference	Abuja	17 th – 23 rd July, 2010
Mr. Isah, Abdulmumin	Library & Information Science	Nigerian Library Association Annual Conference	Abuja	17 th – 23 rd July, 2010
Mrs. Fadayomi, J.A.	University Library	Annual National Conference for Librarians	Abuja	18 th – 23 rd July, 2010
Mr. Kadir, Owolabi Rasaan	Private & Property Law	Nigerian Bar Association (NBA) National Conference	Kaduna	22 nd – 27 th August, 2010
Mr. Olokooba, Saka Muhammed	Business Law	Nigerian Bar Association (NBA) National Conference	Kaduna	22 nd – 27 th August, 2010

Happy Birthdays To You !

S/No.	Names	Department/Unit	Date of Birth
1.	Adu, Tunde S.	Electrical Engineering	3rd October
2.	Amusa, Aminat A.	Statistics	4 th October
3.	Ayeni, Adeseko, A.	Electrical Engineering	5th October
4.	Abubakar, Sidiq A.	Works/Power	5th October
5.	Adebola, Andrew S.	History	6th October
6.	Awopetu, Veronica	Animal Production	9th October

2009/2010 Staff Development Award - renewal

Recipient	Programme	Department
Mrs. Otunola, Gloria A.	Ph.D	Home Economics and Food Science
Mr. Ishola, Tajudeen Abiodun	Ph.D	Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering
Mr. Ibrahim, Yusuf Abubakar	Ph.D	Mass Communication
Mr. AbdulRahaman, Abdulqadir	Ph.D	Geology and Mineral Sciences
Mr. Agboola, Abdulazeez Shola	Ph.D	Religions
Mr. Akorede, Mudathir Funsho	Ph.D	Electrical Engineering
Mr. Abdul-Hamid, Oba Yusuf	Ph.D	Business Law

2010/2011 Staff Development Award - Supplementation Grant

Recipient	Programme	Department	Institution
Mr. Adefolaju, Gbenga Anthony	Ph.D	Anatomy	University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, South Africa

2010/2011 Staff Development Award - Renewal

Recipient	Programme	Department
Mr. Olokooba, Saka Muhammed	Ph.D	Business Law

Unilorin in the News

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- The University of Ilorin has sponsored about 60 members of staff to an international conference on 50 years of University education in Nigeria.
(‘Unilorin staff for Abuja conference’, *Nigerian Compass*, Wednesday September 29, 2010, p.18).
- Dr. Taofiq Yusuf, a graduate of the University of Ilorin College of Health Sciences, has established a bi-weekly free medical services in Kano State for members of the public and his fellow corps members.
(‘I offer people oriented medical care’, *The Nation*, Thursday September 30, 2010, p.26).
- The Registrar of the University of Ilorin, Mrs. Olufolake Oyeyemi, has urged the students of her University to imbibe the culture of decent dressing so that they can be good ambassadors of the University.
(‘Registrar advocates decent dressing among students’, *Daily Trust*, Thursday, September 30, 2010, p.51)
- The admission applicants that scored a minimum of 50% in the pre-registration screening exercise of the University of Ilorin have been asked to register their details online.
(‘Unilorin tells candidates to upgrade online’, *Daily Trust*, same as above.)
- The Chief Imam of the University of Ilorin, Prof. A.G.A.S. Oladosu, has called on Muslims to uphold the lessons of Ramadan even after the end of the holy month
(‘Oladosu counsels Muslims on moral conduct’, *The Herald*, Friday October 1, 2010, p.23)
- The immediate past Executive Secretary of the National Universities Commission, Prof. Peter Okebukola, has noted that the University of Ilorin stands in good stead to be a leading and globally competitive University in foreign student content.
(‘A ripe time for a world class university project’, *The Punch*, Friday October 1, 2010, p. B30)

Unilorin in the News

- A commentator, Ayo Olukotun, has described the rating of the University of Ilorin as the best Nigerian University, the 55th best University in the Africa and the 5,484th University in the world, as an indication that Nigeria has some distance to cover to attain a world class university education status.
(‘Wanted: Nigerian world class university’, *This Day*, Sunday September 26, 2010, p.27).
- The acting Head of the Department of Religions, University of Ilorin, Dr. B.O. Yusuf, has counseled Muslims against depending on fellow human beings in times of need.
(‘Cleric warns against injustice on one’s soul’, *The Herald* on Sunday, September 26, 2010, p.5).
- The University of Ilorin in partnership with the National Universities Commission (NUC) and Association of Vice-Chancellors of Nigerian Universities (AVCNU) has organised an international conference which charts the path for Nigerian universities to attain a world class status.
(‘Varsity heads, others list ways to education reforms’, *The Guardian*, Monday September 27, 2010, front page)
- The University of Ilorin has advertised to interested and qualified candidates that admission applications are now open to its School of Preliminary Studies.
(‘University of Ilorin, Ilorin Nigeria’, *Daily Trust*, Monday September 27,2010, p.65; *National Pilot*, Monday 27th – Wednesday 29th September, 2010, p.5)
- The President of the West Africa University Games, who is also the Director-General of WAUG Secretariat at the University of Ilorin, Prof. Lasun Emiola, has described the WAUG, which the University of Ilorin will host next year, as a means of abundant economic opportunities for Ilorin in particular and Nigeria in general.
(‘WAUG president highlights gains of Unilorin 2011’, *National Pilot*, same as above, p.27)
- The University of Ilorin has invited interested qualified candidates to apply for admission into its School of Preliminary Studies.
(‘University of Ilorin, Ilorin Nigeria’, *Nigerian Compass*, Tuesday, September 28, 2010, p.8).
- Stakeholders have identified ways of improving university education in Nigeria at a conference organised in Abuja by the University of Ilorin in conjunction with the National Universities Commission (NUC) and Association of Vice-Chancellors of Nigerian Universities (AVCNU).
(‘Varsity heads, others list ways to education reforms’, *The Guardian*, September 28, 2010, pp.1-2)
- The Registrar of the University of Ilorin, Mrs. Olufolake Oyeyemi, has advised students of the institution to represent the University properly by dressing decently at all times while welcoming them back to the University.
(‘Registrar tasks students on dress code’, *This Day*, Wednesday September 29, 2010, p. 53)
- Prof. D.A. Nzeh of the Department of Radiology, University of Ilorin, has been elected Fellow of the Royal College of Radiologists of the United Kingdom.
(‘Don bags British fellowship’, *Nigerian Compass*, Wednesday September 29, 2010, p.15).
- Mr. Philip Adeniyi, a Postgraduate student in the University of Ilorin, has emerged as the best Postgraduate student in Nigeria.
(‘Unilorin wins best postgraduate award’, same as above, p. 15).
- Mr. Alao Olanipekun, the Deputy Director of Information at the National Youth Service Corps (NYSC) has commended the sports facilities at the University of Ilorin saying that they are among the best in the country.
(‘Varsity’s facilities okayed for sports fiesta’, same as above, p.17).

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Quotes of the Week

Live amongst people in such a manner that if you die they weep over you and if you are alive they crave your company.

-Ali bn Abi Talib.

Age is an issue of mind over matter. If you don’t mind, it doesn’t matter. - Mark Twain

Education is the best provision for the journey to old age. – Aristotle.

Only from the heart can you touch the sky.

- Jalaludin Rumi.