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## Global warming may shift Niger Delta by 100 kilometres – by expert



**EXPERTS:** A cross-section of the dignitaries at the occasion

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**A**s the Nigerian Meteorological Society (NMets) concluded its national conference themed “Climate Change Impact and Adaptation: Is Nigeria Ready?” last week at the University of Ilorin, a consultant Geologist and former technocrat with Shell Petroleum Development Corporation (SPDC), Dr. K. O. Ladipo, has decribed global warming as a phenomenon which has the potential of affecting the future of oil and gas exploration in Nigeria.

Dr. Ladipo made this submission in his presentation entitled, “The Continued Search for Oil and Gas: The Story of Six Decades and New Frontiers in the Niger Delta”, which was part of a Special Oil Industry Technology Sharing Programme organised by the Department of Geology and Mineral Sciences, Faculty of Science, University of Ilorin, last Thursday (November 4, 2010)

The expert said that the current experience of global warming which results in rising sea level may alter the geography of the Niger Delta such that the continental shelf in that area of Nigeria may be shifted further by as far as 100 kilometres and this has potential for onshore hydrocarbon deposits by the risen sea.

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## Be open, Oloyede tells academics

**T**he Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, has challenged lecturers to be open in their teaching and research activities saying that the penchant for secrecy is accountable for the situation in Africa and other parts of the Third World.

Prof. Oloyede gave this charge last Monday (November 1, 2010) in an address captioned “It Is An Open World” delivered at the opening of a five-day workshop on Open and Distance Learning (ODL) for all lecturers of the University.

According to the Vice-Chancellor, who is also the President of the Association of African Universities (AAU), “it is apparent that the difference between development and underdevelopment lies in open and secret. It is an open world, all people say, but not all those who know the world is open are open to new ideas, developments and challenges. While it is incontestable that open societies bring progress to mankind, we all know that secret societies are harbingers of retrogression, disaster and death.”

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**VC, Prof. Oloyede**

## Unilorin benefits from PTDF programme

Dr. Ladipo, who began his career as a geologist in the University of Ilorin, said that Nigeria has the ninth largest oil and gas reserve in the world and one of the largest unexplored sedimentary basins that may have between 60 and 100 billion barrels of oil and gas reserve. The Fellow of the National Association of Petroleum Explorations also commented on the place of technology in the oil and gas industry when he said that technology cannot replace manpower in the industry but can only increase output. He also pointed out that interaction between the oil industry and the universities need be continuous and constant for the system to get the best of both institutions.

In his own presentation, entitled “Hydrocarbon Source Rock Evaluation in the Cretaceous to Neogene’s Basins of Southern Nigeria and Implications for the Niger Delta Petroleum Systems: Update of the Current Research”, Prof. S.O. Akande of the Department of Geology and Mineral Sciences submitted that Nigeria has potential sources for more oil and gas based on the result of analysis of hydrocarbon content of rocks outside the Niger Delta region.

Prof. Akande and his team of experts said that they were inspired to explore rift basins in Nigeria which are adjacent to the Niger Delta, following the discovery of hydrocarbon deposits in similar rift basins in a country such as Brazil. He added that the Benue thrust, Anambra Basin, Yola Basin and Dahomey Basins all hold vast potentials for oil and gas exploration given that they are organically rich sedimentary rocks.

Meanwhile, the University of Ilorin has been selected as one of the four institutions to benefit from the Technology Knowledge Sharing Programme (TKSP) of the Petroleum Trust Development Fund (PTDF). The Executive Secretary of the agency, Engr. Mutaqqa Rabe Darma, disclosed this last Thursday at the same event at the University of Ilorin. Other benefitting institutions are the University of Ibadan, Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria, and Petroleum Training Institute, Warri, which are institutions where the agency is funding research programmes.

Under the programme, the agency is to bring personnel who had made their marks in the oil and gas industry into the academic circle with the aim of sharing their experience with the institutions. Besides, an overseas training and enhancement programme would also be organised for lecturers in the benefitting universities and institutions as the academic staff of the institutions would be sponsored to world-class universities offering courses relating to oil and gas as well as geophysics.

The Executive Secretary gave insight into the technology knowledge sharing programme, saying “it is simply a platform to facilitate the sharing, dissemination and utilization of knowledge of senior or retired industry experts who have made significant practical contributions to the development of the oil and gas industry in Nigeria...We realise that despite several years of oil activities in Nigeria and the large number of experts...that have operated in the sector, there has not been a major attempt at transferring the knowledge and experiences of these experts to other growing professionals. PTDF therefore intervened to bridge this gap and also facilitate the convergence of our research programmes with practical experience in the industry thus, giving relevance to research being conducted in our upgraded universities by relating them with the needs of the industry.”

Earlier speaking at the occasion, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, averred that the University was ready to take maximal advantage of the programme, adding that it was a novel idea which the University, renowned for excellence, would want to associate with. The Vice-Chancellor, who was represented by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Management Services), Prof. Albert Olayemi, noted that the University of Ilorin deserves the attention it is getting from the PTDF because “Geology is one of our strong areas and it is stuck with high quality first class and world-class professionals, responsible and seasoned intellectuals who we have been able to retain and this explains why there is a high number of students yearning to have degrees in our Department of Geology and Mineral Sciences”. He commended the agency for the numerous projects it had embarked upon in the University including the Geology building where the programme was taking place, the computer laboratories, among others.

The acting Head of the Department, Dr. Johnson Ojo, in his address said that his “Department is prepared and well positioned to key into it (TKSP) and take maximum advantage of it. We have highly experienced senior academics, well motivated young lecturers, highly committed students and an excellent environment”. He lauded the PTDF for its numerous interventions in the Department, while further soliciting for its support especially “in the area of acquisition of more Laboratory Equipments and field vehicle.”

The event was attended by the Registrar, Mrs Olufolake Oyeyemi, who later presented a gift to the Executive Secretary, as well as other Principal Officers including the Bursar, Mr. Ayo Sijuwola; the acting University Librarian, Mrs. J. A. Fadayomi; Deans, Directors and Heads of Departments and Units.

As the general elections of 2011 approach Nigerians with each passing day and many politicians, not all though, continue to regale us with their tantrums and tomfoolery, it appears that the dominant message of the University of Ilorin to all stakeholders is a seven letter word: **caution**

This view is reinforced by the various messages passed by the University of Ilorin during the recent 26<sup>th</sup> convocation ceremonies where the University graduated a total of 7,319 graduands.

Perhaps as a result of the media being a critical segment and the means through which the public perceive and receive politics and politicking, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, appealed to them first to ensure that the polity is not over-heated by inflammatory reports they are capable of transmitting.

Addressing them at the opening event of the ceremonies on October 18, 2010, Prof. Oloyede in his “The Journey So Far” cautioned the media against sensationalism as he charged them to embrace journalism of nation building. His words: “...let me, as a keen observer of unfolding events, appeal to you gentlemen of the press to refrain from sensational journalism and embrace the journalism of nation building. Nigeria belongs to us all and we owe it a duty to make the country work. The trend of hyping comments, either stated or concocted, that tend to over-heat the polity should be jettisoned. I think our media men should not play into the hands of politicians who will just say anything to attract attention as the decisive date of 2011 draws near. Journalism is a double-edged sword that should be wielded with care lest it achieves unintended consequences. The political scene of Nigeria is ominous and our respected media men should not beat the drum of hatred and division for the macabre dance of our largely clueless elite.”

Harping on this same caution but subtly addressed to the political class, the convocation play, *Ogun Lakaaye*, also challenged Nigerians to join hands in order to achieve the desired peace and progress in the country. Though a dance play, staged on October 20, 2010 at the ultra-modern Performing Arts Theatre of the University, the underlining message of the well-received play was not lost to the perceptive audience.

In clear terms, the choreographer of the play, Dr. Felix Emoruwa, put the message in perspective on the night the play was staged: “Today, we live in a world full of fear, suspicion, betrayal, want and destruction of lives and property. This is because of our crave for power and wealth. As the next election year is around the corner, among other things, all we can say through this dance piece is that if we fail to retrace our steps as individuals and institutions, then we may end up losing our destiny,” he said.

To drive the message home further, the Vice-Chancellor cautioned Nigerian politicians against violence. With tacit reference to the October 1 bombing of Abuja and how politics was/is being woven around a clearly criminal act, the Professor of Islamic Jurisprudence and President of the Association of African Universities (AAU) described the scenario as “scary.”

Speaking at the Founder’s Day ceremony and convocation of graduands on Saturday October 23, 2010, Prof. Oloyede said, “Permit me to observe that the problems of Nigeria are not insurmountable if we all play our parts responsibly. The current politicization of violence and gross violations of social order are scary. Our politicians across all divides and strata should allow peace to reign even with their utterances. Politicizing issues of grave importance and heinous crimes will not do the nation any good. If evil is evil,

we should all join hands to condemn it. The high rates of insecurity, hostage taking, kidnapping and killings are symptoms of our social decay, a cancerous development that must be addressed by all. We should learn from the mistakes of the past and put the interest of the nation above our individual interests”.

## Fast Facts File

### *Did you know?*

- About 25,000 people die daily across the world as a result of bad water and poor hygiene.
- According to the United Nations envoy to Nigeria on malaria, Mr. Ray Chambers, 250,000 Nigerians have been dying every year on account of malaria since the last 10 years.
- More than 64 million Nigerians or 46% of the country’s 140 million population are said to be illiterate, according to the Board Chairman, National Commission for Mass, Adult and Non-formal Education, Mr. Paschal Bafyau.

## Unilorin organises ODL workshop for lecturers

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Speaking further, the Professor of Islamic Jurisprudence noted that development is hampered in Nigeria because people tend to cover up while traditional medicine, as a case study, “that would have benefitted humanity is mostly lost because our forefathers kept it secret. There is a tendency not to let the other person know such that under the illusion of knowledge, one can claim superiority.”

Prof. Oloyede decried a tendency among some people who tend to be secretive about their works especially in the context of the university system where the promotion of knowledge is the hallmark. He described as unfortunate a situation in which lecturers hide their publications from their colleagues in the adjoining offices whereas elsewhere, such publications are freely provided online for the benefit of all.

Before declaring the week-long workshop open, the Vice-Chancellor gave the impetus for it in the following words: “It is in this light that Open and Distance Learning has become a compelling imperative to provide access to everyone anywhere anytime. It is part of what is needed today in ‘unlocking knowledge’ and ‘empowering minds’, as stated on the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) open courseware portal. The development of this facility (ODL) is a great and expanded opportunity for students to choose where, when, how and from whom they learn. It will also serve as a bridge between the university and the larger society such that anyone can have an insight into what is going on in the University, what is being taught, who is teaching it, etc. What we should bear in mind is that the lecturer of this century is no longer **a sage on the stage but is rather a guide on the side**. We need to stand by the side of our students, guide them, provide materials for them and give them access to learning resources where they do not have to meet us if they don’t want to: online.”



*Prof. Lawal addressing the participants*

In his own presentation, the Chairman of the University ODL Committee, Prof. Bayo Lawal, discussed the strategic framework for ODL programmes in the University of Ilorin. He reiterated the importance of ODL describing it as a necessary step in the 21<sup>st</sup> century educational delivery.

While identifying the possible challenges of the ODL as the temptation of fire-brigade approach, top-down rather than bottom line approach to the management of change, "discontinuity syndrome, non -maintenance culture unwillingness to innovate and renovate", among others, Prof. Lawal said the ODL programme will be kick-started with the commencement of Post-Doctoral Diploma in Education (PDDE) for which the University has been duly authorised to run.

Other presenters on the opening day included the Director of Academic Planning, Prof. A.G.A.S. Oladosu, the acting Director of the Centre for Peace and Strategic Studies, Dr. (Mrs.) F.A.O. Olasehinde-Williams and a lecturer in the Department of Science Education, Dr. C. O. Olumorin.

## Unilorin marks African university day

**A**s the University of Ilorin concludes hosting the International Association of Universities (IAU) seminar on Wednesday, the University will be organising the 2010 African University Day on Friday, November 12, 2010.

To mark the day, the University is organising a seminar/workshop themed “The Contributions of African Universities to the Achievement of the MDGs” at the University Auditorium beginning from 9:00 a.m. under the chairmanship of the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Is-haq O. Oloyede.

All Principal Officers, Deans, Directors, Heads of Departments/ units and entire staff are invited.

## End the strike in your varsities, South East Governors told

A strident call has been made by the Committee of Directors of Academic Planning of Nigerian Universities (CODAPNU) to the South East Governors of Nigeria in whose states a protracted strike action by Academic Staff Union of Universities is crippling the universities to address the issue.

The dons made this appeal in a communiqué issued at the end of their 2010 CODAPNU workshop and annual general meeting held at the University of Ilorin between October 24 and 28, 2010, saying that the Governors should urgently “address this issue as soon as possible so that our children who are leaders of tomorrow can return back to school.”

According to the communiqué issued at the end of the workshop and annual general meeting, the Committee observed that:

1. Academic programme curriculum is a statement of any higher education on her identity; what she can contribute to intellectual development of students and her services to the society through Research & Development (R & D);
2. Academic planning units in Nigerian Universities have unique roles in promoting multi-institutional approach in the implementation of the academic curricula across the country;
3. The Nigerian Universities do not encourage effective Collaboration and linkages amongst themselves; rather they are into unhealthy rivalry and competition;
4. Research for development in Nigeria has not been given its rightful place, hence the country's inability to reap the ultimate benefit to research which is development;
5. The three prominent challenges militating against research for development in Nigeria are Political, Financial and Attitudinal influence. Particularly attitudinal issues of transparency and honesty amongst academics remain critical to research for development;
6. Lack of internal mechanism for rewarding research efforts partly account for the low research activities in our universities;
7. The chronological age of third world countries such as Nigeria, and the number of her universities is at variance with its development status. Hence, research findings in Nigerian Universities have not made enough impact on the lives of their immediate communities, Nigerian Nation and the society at large;
8. The curriculum delivery systems and the criteria adopted by NUC for accreditation of programmes does not seem to promote vibrant research cultures in our universities;
9. Until recently, the low level of research in Nigerian Universities was a reflection of non commitment of major stakeholders at all levels. However, the current effort of the Federal Government of Nigeria to research funding through STEP B, ETF, PTF, ARCN, etc is commendable, though there is still room for improvement;
10. Information Communication Technology (ICT) with its enormous resources in research information and communication, i.e. the databases, directories, etc. is a driving force for research and development in the 21<sup>st</sup> century; and
11. The unending strike action in Nigeria by state universities in the south east geopolitical zone, has a capacity to erode quality of education service delivery.

Based on its observations, CODAPNU then recommended that:

1. Academic programme curricula review should be broad-based incorporating inputs from industries and other major stakeholders. The review should also be regular, need based and responsive to development aspirations of the society.
2. The Academic Planning Units of our universities should rise up to the challenge of providing direction in the implementation strategy of multi-institutional approach to curricula development, research administration and management of quality instructional service delivery.
3. Collaboration and linkages should be encouraged among universities rather than unhealthy rivalry and competition and that in addition to international Collaboration, universities should buy into home grown collaboration which should be pursued vigorously from university to university, university to research institutes and university to industries.
4. Ethical re-orientation of our academic culture and promotion of curiosity should be inculcated in research minds of academics to be able to search and re-search into community needs. *(Contd. on page 6)*

## STEP-B researchers approach project completion

The two Science and Technology Education Post-Basic (STEP B) researchers of the University of Ilorin, Prof. T. S. Ibiyemi of the Department of Electrical Engineering and Prof. J. A. Obaleye of the Department of Chemistry, have expressed their happiness that as planned, their projects are nearing completion.

The two top researchers, who won the multi-million dollar World Bank research award gave this optimism while meeting with the University STEP-B team, headed by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic), Prof. Kolade L. Ayorinde, recently.

While Prof. Ibiyemi is concluding his project on “Biometric Signal Processing for Personal identification and Forensic Applications” which has relevance for the 2011 general elections, Prof. Obaleye’s work on “Novel Metal Complexes of some Anti-Malarial Drugs: Synthesis, Structural Elucidation and their Biological Potency” has implications for the combat of malaria, which claims the lives of 250,000 Nigerians annually (see *Fast Facts File* on page 3).

## Senior Staff Club holds Congress

The University of Ilorin senior staff club has announced a congress meeting scheduled to hold on Wednesday, November 10, 2010, at the club house. The meeting, according to a statement signed by the Secretary of the club, begins at 3 p.m. prompt.

## CODAPNU wants South East Governors to end strike

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5. Public spirited individuals and corporate bodies should be encouraged to establish foundations to fund research as done in developed countries. In addition, endowment and research chairs should be floated in universities to attract funds.

6. To be able to drive and enhance research for development, there is a need for aggressive commitment by our universities to human capacity development, training and re-training of researchers in all areas of research activities including writing of proposals for attracting research grants.

7. There is a need for academic researchers to be digital and ICT compliant in order to draw maximum benefit on research information and communication from available online resources.

8. Adequate mechanism should be put in place for the assessment of research output and should be incorporated into internal assessment and appraisal guidelines for promotion of academic staff. In the same vein, research results should be given adequate publicity to elicit response from interested members of the public who may wish to utilize them.

9. The government should put in place appropriate legal and legislative frameworks as well as a national policy to promote, fund and manage researches in our universities to aid the implementation of the vision 20 – 2020 programme.

10. All relevant professional bodies should seek new mechanisms and incentives towards strengthening links between industrial and academic research in the area of research for development.

11. Industries should be encouraged to increase its support for general university fundamental research. In particular, the research activities of Multinational agencies should be undertaken in Nigerian Universities.

12. All tiers of Government should invest substantially in research for development by the establishment of a National Research Foundation to coordinate the operation of dedicated national research centres at regional/zonal levels for dissemination of shared and dedicated research results.

13. Government should provide tax incentives as a way of encouraging industry to increase their support for university fundamental research.

14. Curriculum delivery system and criteria for NUC accreditation should stimulate and encourage research activities while CODAPNU should partner with the NUC, Federal Ministry of Education in curriculum review, planning and training of researchers in the correct pedagogy and R 4 D issues.

15. CODAPNU is strongly appealing to the south east state governors where strike action is currently ongoing to address this issue as soon as possible so that our children who are leaders of tomorrow can return back to school.

While pledging its loyalty to the Federal Government of Nigeria, the Committee affirms its commitment to assist the Government and the private sector in the implementation of the recommendations it gave.

## IAU begins seminar at Unilorin

After a reception in their honour at Kwara Hotels yesterday, the International Association of Universities (IAU) delegates led by the IAU Secretary-General, Eva Egron-Polak, begin today their four-day seminar at the University of Ilorin.

The opening session begins at 9:00 a.m. today at the University Auditorium under the chairmanship of the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, who is also the IAU Task Force Chair on “The Changing Nature of Doctoral Programmes in Sub-Saharan Africa.” The six participating universities in the Pilot Project are the University of Ilorin, Nigeria; Kenyatta University, Kenya; National University of Rwanda; Université Gaston Berger de Saint-Louis, Sénégal; Université des Sciences et Technologies du Bénin; and Université de Douala, Cameroun.

During the opening session, the participants will be addressed by Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, the hosting Vice-Chancellor and Secretary-General Eva Egron-Polak, after which the IAU consultant on the project, Dr. Ddembe Williams and IAU Director of Membership and Programme Development, Dr. Hilligje van’t Land, will present an introduction to the project, aims and processes along with some initial key findings.

Participants will thereafter break into six working groups and they will work till 5:30 p.m, the outcomes of which they will present tomorrow (Tuesday November 9, 2010). This will be followed by a general debate and a plenary session on “The Way Forward”.

On Wednesday (November 10, 2010), there will be a seminar with leaders of the Nigerian Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) after which there will be a presentation of the outcomes of the IAU Study and Research Seminar by Prof. Oloyede, Ms. Egron-Polak and Dr. van’t Land.

## SDC invites students to meeting

The students of the University of Ilorin with the following details are invited to appear before the next meeting of the Students Disciplinary Committee:

S/No.	Matric. No	Name	Department
1	07/10AC260	SAYI, Olaosebikan Abdullahi	Agric
2	04/15CE032	FADUMILA, Adejoke	French
3	04/15CE068	OGUNTUASE, Yemi	French
4	04/15CE017	AKINOLA, B. Bolanle	French
5	04/15CE045	OGOR, J. Uju	French
6	04/15CE037	ISIOYE, Taiye	French
7	04/15CE049	OLANIYAN, Felicia	French
8	04/15CE058	SADIKU, Ibiola	French
9	04/15CE005	ADEGBENRO, Olaolu	French
10	04/15CE007	ADENIRAN, Gbemisola	French
11	04/15CE060	SALAMI, Bimbo	French
12	04/15CE031	FADIDUN, Anthony	French
13	04/15CE033	FAJUYYI, Oluwaseun A.	French
14	03/66MB014	AKINNIYI, Bukola Fatimoh	History
15	03/66MH023	AKINTOKUN, Olabisi Kafayat	History
16	03/15CA060	TAJUDEEN, R.O.	History
17	03/66MC090	ISHOLA, Sule Kayode	History
18	01/66MH083	MUSTAPHA, Hamzat Olashile	History
19	03/15CA093	OLOMODE, Iretioluwa Margaret	History
20	03/15CA010	ADESANYA, Bola Adeola	History
21	02/66MB055	BELLO, Rasheedat Oluwakemi	History
22	01/15CB014	AKINKUEBI, Adebayo Remi	Linguistics
23	04/66MB022	HANAFI, Abdulganiyu Olaitan	Geography
24	09/55EA014	ADEYEYE, Adewale Emmanuel	Geology

**LEARNED CONFERENCE**

The following staff have been sponsored/supported by the University to attend learned conferences:

Recipient	Department	Nature of Conference	Place	Date
Mr. Adekilekun, Mubarak Tijani	Business Law	Nigerian Bar Association (NBA) National Conference	Kaduna	22 <sup>nd</sup> – 27 <sup>th</sup> August, 2010
Mr. Ismail, Adua Mustapha	Business Law	Nigerian Bar Association (NBA) National Conference 2010	Kaduna	22 <sup>nd</sup> – 27 <sup>th</sup> August, 2010
Mrs. Olatokun, Ganiat Mobolaji	Private and Property Law	Nigerian Bar Association (NBA) National Conference 2010	Kaduna	21 <sup>st</sup> - 27 <sup>th</sup> August, 2010
Mr. Sambo, Oladapo Abdulfatai	Public Law	Nigerian Bar Association (NBA) National Conference 2010	Kaduna	22 <sup>nd</sup> - 27 <sup>th</sup> August 2010
Mr. Imam, Ibrahim	Public Law	Nigerian Bar Association (NBA) National Conference 2010	Kaduna	22 <sup>nd</sup> - 28 <sup>th</sup> August, 2010
Dr. Aremu, Mukaila Ayanda	Business Administration	Nigerian International Conference on Management and Enterprise Development	University of Ibadan, Oyo State	5 <sup>th</sup> - 8 <sup>th</sup> October 2010

**Happy Birthday To You!**

S/No.	Name	Department	Date of Birth
1.	Aboyarin, Roseline O.	Engineering Workshop	5 <sup>th</sup> November
2.	Adeloye, Esther F.	University School	8 <sup>th</sup> November
3.	Agaja, Samuel B.	Surgery	9 <sup>th</sup> November
4.	Akinpelumi, Emmanuel O.	Engineering Workshop	9 <sup>th</sup> November
5.	Abdulkarim, Abubakar	Electrical Engineering	10 <sup>th</sup> November
6.	Audu, Nimota Abolaji	Pathology	10 <sup>th</sup> November
7.	Abdulkadir, Aishat	Security	11 <sup>th</sup> November
8.	Abubakre, Samiat O.	Linguistics & Nigerian Languages	11 <sup>th</sup> November
9.	Alao, Busari G.	Security	11 <sup>th</sup> November
10.	Akanbi II, Ali A.	Medical Microbiology & Parasitology	12 <sup>th</sup> November
11.	Akande, Isaac O.	Registry	12 <sup>th</sup> November
12.	Obaterin, Joseph Sunday	Security	12 <sup>th</sup> November
13.	Surajudeen-Bakinde, Nazmat T.	Electrical Engineering	12 <sup>th</sup> November
14.	Atoyebi Hezekiah O.	Works/Civil	13 <sup>th</sup> November
15.	Tanimu, Bashir	Sociology	13 <sup>th</sup> November

**LAUGH LINES**

In the middle of an argument while travelling in a car, a man said to his wife, "I don't know how you can be so stupid and beautiful all at the same time!"

The wife replied calmly, "Allow me to explain... the good Lord made me beautiful so that you would be attracted to me; and he made me so stupid so that I would be attracted to you!"

Embarrassed, the man drove several kilometres without saying a word as he looked forward to having an opportunity to embarrass his wife in a similar fashion. Sighting a barn-yard of mules, goats and pigs, the man with a sheepish smile asked his wife sarcastically, "See them, relatives of yours?"

"Yes, they are," she replied, "my in-laws."

- An Adviser on Higher Education to the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) and former Vice-Chancellor of the University of Lomé, Togo, Prof. Komlavo Seddoh, has called for the return of the African human capital in the diaspora while delivering the University of Ilorin 26<sup>th</sup> convocation lecture recently.  
(‘Don seeks end to brain drain’, *The Guardian*, Tuesday November 2, 2010, p.37)
- An editor has x-rayed the remarkable phases of development in the 35 years of existence of the University of Ilorin saying that “today, the University has not only continued to wax stronger and blossom in the production of qualitative graduates, who are worthy in learning and character, but also breaking new grounds in academic research development and community activities aimed at positioning the country for the challenges of the 21<sup>st</sup> century”.
- (‘Unilorin: waxing stronger at 35’, *Nigerian Compass*, Wednesday November 3, 2010, pp.13, 14 & 19)
- The University of Ilorin has graduated 7,319 students during the 26<sup>th</sup> convocation of the University.  
(‘Unilorin holds graduation, founder’s day in style’, same as above, p.16)
- The moment at which the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede decorated Dr. Mahfouz Adedimeji of the Directorate of Information and Protocol with his Ph.D cap during the 26<sup>th</sup> convocation ceremony of the institution has been frozen in a photograph.  
(*Nigerian Compass*, same as above, p.23)
- The presentation of a car prize by the Chairman of the University of Ilorin Governing Council, Alhaji Tukur Mani, to the Researcher of the year 2010, Dr. Olugbenga Mokuolu, has been documented in a published photograph.  
(*The Herald*, Wednesday, November 3, 2010, p.6)
- The Executive Secretary of the Nigeria Inter-Religious Council (NIREC), who is also the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, has co-signed the communiqué issued at the end of the third quarter meeting of the Council with the co-Chairmen of NIREC the Sultan of Sokoto, Alhaji Muhammad Sa’ad Abubakar, and the President of the Christian Association of Nigeria (CAN) Pastor Ayodele Oritsejafor.  
(‘NIREC’, *Daily Trust*, Wednesday November 3, 2010, p.34)
- The University of Ilorin has announced a seminar on “The Changing Nature of Doctoral Programmes in Sub-Saharan Africa” organized in conjunction with the International Association of Universities.  
(“Unilorin hosts international seminar”, *The Nation*, Thursday November 4, 2010 p.22)
- A columnist has congratulated five former students of the University of Ilorin who recently graduated from the University.  
(‘Congratulations to the Unilorin 5’, *The Nation*, same as above, p.26)
- The University of Ilorin has graduated 19 first class students during its 26<sup>th</sup> convocation ceremonies.  
(‘19 make first class same as above, p.27)
- Rising from its Annual General Meeting and Workshop, the Committee of Directors of Academic Planning of Nigerian Universities (COPAPNU) has charged the Federal Government to establish institutional and legal framework to promote research.  
(‘Varsities academic planning directors charge FG on research’ *National Pilot*, Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> - Sunday November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2010, p.4)
- The University of Ilorin is set to host the International Association of Universities seminar on doctoral research in Sub-Saharan Africa.  
(‘Unilorin hosts IAU seminar’; same as above; p.18)
- The President of the Association of African Universities and Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, has called for improved collaboration among Nigerian universities.  
(‘Nigerian Universities should stop rivalry, Oloyede’, *Daily Trust*, Thursday November 4, 2010. 43)

## Unilorin in the News

- The University of Ilorin community and old students of the Department of the Performing Arts have attended a memorial lecture entitled "Zulu Sofola's Tragic Vision" delivered by Dr. Solomon Ejeke in honour of the pioneer Head of the Department, Prof. Mrs. Nwazulu Sofola.  
(‘Memorial lecture for Late Prof. Zulu Sofola’, *The Herald*, Monday November 1, 2010, p.3)
- The photograph of a first class graduate of agriculture, Miss Khadijat Olatinwo, taken with her family and friends during the 26<sup>th</sup> convocation of the University of Ilorin has been published.  
(*The Herald*, same as above, p.5)
- The photograph of Dr. Olugbenga Mokuolu with the car prize he won as the best researcher in the University of Ilorin in the 2009/2010 academic session has been published. (*The Herald*, same as above, p.24)
- The Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, has called for more collaboration among Nigerian universities saying that such is necessary to give the students varied background that will shape their contributions to research and development.  
(‘Collaboration, not competition is the future of Nigerian Universities’, same as above)
- The International Association of Universities (IAU) will hold a study and research seminar on the theme, "Changing Nature of Doctoral Programmes in Sub-Saharan Africa" between November 7 and 9, 2010, at the University of Ilorin.  
(‘Unilorin hosts IAU seminar’, same as above)
- The Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, has called for collaboration among Nigerian universities and scholars while making a keynote presentation at the workshop of the Committee of Directors of Academic Planning of Nigerian Universities (COPAPNU).  
(‘Unilorin VC urges collaboration among varsities’, *Daily Trust*, Monday November 1, 2010, p.9)
- While addressing the Committee of Directors of Academic Planning of Nigerian Universities (CODAPNU) recently, the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, has advised Nigerian universities to shun unhealthy rivalry.  
(‘VC advises varsities against unhealthy rivalry’, *New Nigerian*, Monday, November 1, 2010, p.4)
- The Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede has called for cessation of unhealthy rivalry among Nigerian Universities saying that cooperation, not competition among them is the way forward.
- (‘VC calls for greater partnership among Nigerian varsities’, *The Punch*, Tuesday November 2, 2010, p.44)
- While crosschecking some information presented before them online, members of the Senate had found the 2009 ranking of world universities which ranked the University of Ilorin after the University of Benin though the current 2010 ranking makes the University of Ilorin number one  
(‘Adedoja angers senators over LAUTECH’, *The Nation*, Wednesday, November 3, 2010, p.4)
- A lecturer in the Department of Religions, University of Ilorin, Dr. Pius Oyeniran Abioje, has faulted a statement attributed to the former Governor of Ekiti State, Engr. Segun Oni.  
(‘Segun Oni’s strange claim’, *The Nation*, same as above, p.18)
- Many students of the University of Ilorin have been shortlisted for the MTNF Science and Technology Scholarship Scheme Phase 2 and have therefore been invited for a test.  
(‘MTN Foundation: Invitation for Aptitude Test’, *This Day*, Wednesday, November 3, 2010, pp.51-57)

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### Quotes of the Week

A man content to go to heaven alone will never go to heaven. – Boethius

A loving heart is the beginning of all knowledge. – Thomas Carlyle

Mistakes are painful when they happen, but years later, a collection of mistakes is what is called experience. – Jim Roh

We should all be concerned about the future because we shall spend the rest of our lives there. – Charles F. Kettering.