



Ghana renews pledge to support AAU



UNIVERSITIES IN UNITY: Vice-Chancellors of African universities/members of the AAU Board in a group photograph with the President of Ghana, Prof. Attah Mills, (6th from left) recently

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The President of Ghana, Prof. John Evans Attah Mills, has pledged the full support of his government to the Association of African Universities (AAU). President Attah Mills made this pledge while receiving the Board members of the AAU, led by the President of the Association and Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Is-haq O. Oloyede, who paid a courtesy visit on the President on the African University Day (November 12, 2009).

According to the President, the centrality of higher education in the development of Africa cannot be over-emphasised. He then lauded the AAU on its activities, saying "we very much appreciate the good work you are doing". (Contd. on page 2)

Engineer proffers solution to infrastructural collapse

The Chief Executive Officer of Lajub Nigeria Limited, Engr. Olugbenga Olajubu, has called on the Federal Government of Nigeria to make geotechnical investigation mandatory for all Civil Engineering projects if the prevalent collapse of roads and other structures is to become history.



L-R: Ag. Director of SIWES, Dr. Ejieji; Guest Lecturer, Engr. Olajubu; Dean of Engineering and Technology, Prof. Olorunmaiye; DVC (Academic) Prof. Ayorinde and Director of Academic Planning, Prof. Oladosu at the lecture last Wednesday

Engr. Olajubu made this disclosure while delivering the Second Department of Civil Engineering Lecture, entitled "Challenges in Civil Engineering Construction in Nigeria: A Case Study of Universities, Public and Corporate Bodies" on Wednesday (November 18, 2009) at the University auditorium.

Engr. Olajubu remarked that millions of naira will continue to go down the drain in road maintenance until the Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (FERMA) mandates geotechnical investigation into the collapse of roads within a short time after construction saying that road collapse is usually not a failure of the asphalt but the failure of laterite and base.

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Ghanaian president lauds AAU activities

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The Professor of Law and expert in taxation and economic development expressed his delight to receive the leading lights of the African intelligentsia and wished that he could keep them in the Castle for days so that they could further cross-fertilise ideas with him on the development of Ghana and Africa at large.

President Attah Mills acceded to all the requests earlier made by Prof. Oloyede on behalf of AAU and offered his readiness to do more whenever the need arises. He said he was enamoured to be among the members of his professional constituency, the academia, and would be willing to support the Association to achieve its aims and objectives.



THANKS: The President of Ghana, Prof. Attah Mills, receiving a souvenir from the AAU President, Prof. Oloyede, during the visit

Also speaking at the occasion, the Ghanaian Minister of Education said Ghana was pleased to host the AAU secretariat and would continue to support the Association.

He said the Ghanaian government would, apart from a well-equipped and modern secretariat, provide a parcel of land on which the Association might wish to erect a permanent structure.

Earlier in his address, Prof. Oloyede congratulated Prof. Attah-Mills on his electoral victory and emergence as the President earlier in the year saying that the academia had been emotionally attached to his victory as its own representative in government.

The AAU President, who is also the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, recalled that the Association was founded exactly 42 years before then, having been established on November 12, 1967 in Rabat, Morocco. He said AAU Secretariat had been located in Accra, Ghana, since 1970 when Ghana won the bid to host it, under a Headquarters Agreement between the Government of Ghana and the AAU.

Prof. Oloyede highlighted a number of issues relating to the provisions to be made by the Government of Ghana as stipulated in the Agreement. He also appealed to President Attah Mills to provide a more befitting and spacious headquarters to the Association which would further attest to the beauty of Ghana.

Joining the President of AAU, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, on the visit were Prof. George Albert Magoha, Vice-Chancellor, University of Nairobi, Kenya; Prof. Bruno Bekolo Ebe, Vice-Chancellor, University of Douala, Cameroon; Prof. Hayman Russel Botman, Vice-Chancellor, Stellenbosch University, South Africa; Prof. Karrar Ahmed Bashir Alabbadi, Vice-Chancellor, Omduraman Ahlia University, Sudan; Prof. Charles L.M. Olweny, Uganda Martyrs University, Uganda; and Prof. Olive Mudenda, Vice-Chancellor, Kenyatta University, Kenya.

Others were Prof. Naana Jane Opoku-Agyeman, Vice-Chancellor, University of Cape Coast, Ghana; Prof. Ehouan Etienne Ehile, Vice-Chancellor, University of Abobo-Ajame, Cote d'Ivoire; Dr. Melfah Almrabet, Vice-Chancellor, University of 7th April, Libya; Prof. Filipe Jose Couto, Vice-Chancellor, Edouardo Mondlane University, Mozambique; Prof. Ade Ogunrinade, Vice-Chancellor, National University of Lesotho, Lesotho; Prof. Lazarua Hangula, Vice-Chancellor, University of Namibia, Namibia; and Prof. Cisco Magagula, Vice-Chancellor, University of Swaziland, Swaziland.

Also in the delegation were other African Vice-Chancellors and their representatives including Prof. Kwasi Kwafu Adarkwa, Prof. Zollo Paul Henri Amvam, Prof. Charles Kitima, Prof. Phillip Olaleye Abiodun, Prof. Aiah A. Gbakima, Prof. Mohamed Mufta M. Saleh, Prof. Ngwabi Mulunge Bhebe as well as the Secretary General of the AAU, Prof. Goolam MohammedBhai.

Oseni outlines policy, advises staff and students

The Dean of the Faculty of Arts, Prof. Zakariyau I. Oseni, has described the office of Dean he was elected into recently as a great challenge and a great burden. He therefore enjoined the staff and students of the faculty to be hard-working and give the world, through the University of Ilorin their best, in order to move the Faculty forward.

In an address entitled “Our Vision for more Progress” delivered at the first Faculty of Arts Board Meeting chaired by him recently, Prof. Oseni said his great assets are “the intellect of a crop of active academics, their power of reasoning, their industry and their creative minds.”

“My policy in this faculty revolves round intensive academic work in terms of teaching, research and publications. I am going to encourage aggressive academic research in the various fields of humanities... Secondly, I am going to be fair to all. We should all work hard, give the world the best we have and steer clear of illegal, corrupt and immoral acts. Thirdly, mine is going to be an open-door policy and I will be reasonably accessible to all, he said.

On students, Prof. Oseni, who is also the Waziri and Chief Imam of Auchu, said he would be keenly interested in their welfare. His words: “In line with the University policy, I advise strongly that students be treated with dignity and guided aright in character and learning all the time and should not do anything to tarnish the image of the University and their families.

“They should be clean, neat, decently dressed and hardworking. As regards physical exercise, I will give the students necessary encouragement to participate in sports, especially football, and win laurels for the faculty and the University at large.”

Prof. Oseni also used the occasion to appreciate the Board members on the confidence reposed in him. He solicited the cooperation of all towards the attainment of success and said he renewed his unalloyed loyalty to and cooperation with the University administration in the collective effort of developing the University.

Unilorin empowers health services with new vehicles

The University of Ilorin Health Services has taken delivery of a Refuse Truck and Cesspool Emptier Vehicle purchased by the University Management as part of the measures to enhance the quality of health service and sanitation on campus.

Commenting on the development, the Acting Director of the University of Ilorin Health Services, Dr.(Mrs.) M.O. Ajiboye, said that the purchase of the two vehicles will improve hygiene on the University Campuses and the staff quarters adding that the prompt evaluation of refuse and sewage will go a long way in eradicating insects, pests, rodents and other vermin from the community.

“With such vectors out of the way, diseases such as Malaria, dysentery typhoid and infections diseases will be drastically reduced”, she said.

In a statement made available to *Unilorin Bulletin*, the Acting Director of University of Ilorin Health Services expressed her gratitude to the University Management for creating a conducive environment for living and learning, which was demonstrated further through the newly-supplied vehicles.

Fast Facts File

Did you know?

- The world population is now 6.8 billion.
- The population of Africans, just like that of the entire hungry people in the world, has now exceeded one billion.
- Nigeria is the 6th highest destination of remittances from citizens living abroad, with an annual \$10 billion remittances sent in by Nigerians in diaspora.
- According to UNICEF, 50% of Nigerian pupils do not finish their primary education before dropping out or being subjected to child labour and forced early marriages.
- Nigeria now has 62 public and 41 private universities.

Engineering students will be involved in project assessment - VC

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The University of Ilorin alumnus highlighted some of the challenges that confront engineers on their jobs including poor regulation and standardisation of construction materials which manifests in the inaccurate measurement of materials which should be precise, inflation effects on materials, variation between the language with which engineers are trained and the working language on the site, dearth of artisans with welding and carpentry skill and lack of funds, among others.



Engineer Olajubu

Engr. Olajubu used the occasion to call for the implementation of the year 2007 Procurement Act and adoption of the communiqué issued at the end of the 2009 Annual General Meeting of the Nigerian Institute of Civil Engineers. He also clamoured for a strict regulation of practitioners in construction industries to engineers as obtainable in the Nigerian Medical Association and the Nigeria Bar Association.

Earlier speaking at the occasion, the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, lauded the Department of Civil Engineering for organising two departmental lectures in less than a year.

The Vice-Chancellor, who was represented by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic), Prof. Kolade L. Ayorinde, said that delivery of departmental lectures will feature as a parameter of departmental rating in the next annual report of the University. He also hinted that engineering students would henceforth be involved in the assessment of construction works in the University.

In his remarks at the occasion, the Dean of the Faculty of Engineering, Prof. John A. Olorunmaiye, expressed his delight to host the guest lecturer who he knew in 1980 as a 300 level student and has graduated to be a formidable entrepreneur. He commended the Department of Civil Engineering for being a pace-setter in the Faculty which has created a forum for interaction between an alumnus and undergraduates.

While welcoming participants to the workshop earlier, the acting Head of the Department Civil Engineering, Dr. Sabur A. Raji in his address, entitled "Unity in Diversity", commended the University administration for phasing out motorcycles in intra campus transportation and replacing it with 'Better by Far' Tricycles which he described as a more dignifying and safer means of commuting passengers. He disclosed that the Department of Civil Engineering would carry out a study on this mode of transportation in due course.

Dr. Raji also used the forum to announce that his Department is organising an International Conference on Sustainable Urban Water Supply in Developing Countries in July 2010. The main objective of the conference, he said, "is to explore and proffer solutions to all issues of sustenance of water supply through integrative approach across disciplines, professions and sectors".

Unilorin mentors Turkish-Nile University

In line with the policy of the Federal Government of developing the University system, the Federal Executive Council has appointed the University of Ilorin as the academic and administrative mentor of the newly-established Turkish-Nile University, Abuja.

According to the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Management Services), Prof. Albert B. Olayemi, who attended the Presentation of Provisional Licence to the University, the University of Ilorin will perform the mentorship function on the University for a period of five years.

Turkish-Nile University is one of the seven newly-approved universities that make the number of Nigerian universities now 103. Other universities approved along with it are Evbuosa Nosa University, Edo State; Paul University, Awka, Anambra State, Rhema University, Obeama-Asa, Rivers State, Oduduwa University, Ipetumodu, Osun State; Afe Babalola University, Ado-Ekiti, Ekiti State; and Godfrey Okoye University, Ugwuomu-Nike, Enugu State.

WHY WE WANT WHAT WE WANT

Text of the Address Delivered by the Vice-Chancellor, University of Ilorin, Ilorin, Professor Is-haq O. Oloyede, on the Occasion of the Founder's Day and 25th Convocation Ceremonies of the 2008/2009 Graduands of the University of Ilorin on Friday October 23, 2009 at the Auditorium, University of Ilorin, Ilorin.

I welcome you distinguished and eminent ladies and gentlemen to our Founder's Day and convocation ceremony. I thank you most sincerely for sharing the joy of this moment with us, our esteemed graduands and their families. I especially welcome the President and Commander-in-Chief of the Nigerian Armed Forces, our Visitor, Alhaji Umaru Musa Yar'Adua, ably represented by the Governor of Kwara State, His Excellency, Dr. Bukola Saraki, for whom the Deputy Governor, our own Baba, Chief Joel Ogundeji, is standing in. I also welcome a very distinguished Nigerian, our Honourable Minister of Education, His Excellency, Dr. Sam Egwu, as well as the Permanent Secretary, Federal Ministry of Education, Prof. Afolabi. I acknowledge the presence of the whole super-structure of the Nigerian university system, represented by the Executive Secretary, National Universities Commission (NUC), Prof. Julius Okojie, and the Director of Higher Education, Dr. Jemilat Suara.

I want to begin by thanking Allah for life and for the privilege of witnessing this special day in the lives of these graduating young men and women. Every new day we see is a privilege, not a right, and we cannot thank Him enough. I also thank the Federal Government of Nigeria for its support to the University of Ilorin at all times and its recent injection of N5.5 billion into the University through the Education Trust Fund (EFT) Special Intervention Fund. We are grateful and we use this opportunity to re-affirm our commitment to the rationale behind our establishment as a University in 1976. We hope not fail Nigeria and the world.

I also specially welcome and thank our host, the Kwara State Governor and Chairman of Governors' Forum, Dr. Bukola Saraki, who has been very supportive to the University through different layers of assistance. I warmly welcome our Royal Father, the Emir of Ilorin and the Chairman of Kwara State Traditional Council, HRH Alhaji Ibrahim Sulu Gambari. I welcome you all, our guests from Nigeria, Vice-Chancellors of Nigerian and other world universities as well as every single person here present. I crave your indulgence to disallow me from wasting your precious time by mentioning you by name. I have the mandate of my Chancellor, HRM Dr. Benjamin Ikechukwu Keagborekuzi I, the Dein of Agbor and the Pro-Chancellor, Alhaji Tukur Mani, CON, the Tafarkin Katsina, to thank you for gracing this occasion.

The Visitor and Chancellor sirs, today marks the grand finale of the convocation ceremonies that started last Monday with the Vice-Chancellor's press briefing. In the press briefing, which I called *What We Want*, I summarised some of the developments in the University essentially on the basis of our vision and mission statements. As I congratulate our 3,876 first degree/diploma graduands and their 1,491 higher degree/ postgraduate diploma counterparts, I believe that it would not be out of place to reiterate *why we want what we want* at the University of Ilorin.

More than any other time in history, human beings appear to be on the tinderbox. Humanity is confronted by unprecedented challenges posed by climate change, economic meltdown, social contradictions and outright wars, small scale or large scale, to mention but a few. Africa especially has more than a fair share of the contemporary challenges and to us, it is only through proper education, the one that is efficient and consistent, that we can surmount the daunting tasks that confront the world, Africa and Nigeria. *Why we want what we want* is that the future of humanity lies in the youth of today and without education, the youth have neither today nor tomorrow.

It may be very difficult to solve the problems of the world; let the leaders of the world mind that serious business seriously because they are in charge. It may very difficult to solve the problems of Africa; African leaders have a duty to fix the problems. It may be very difficult to solve the problems of Nigeria; let Nigerian leaders continue to work hard to solve the problems. The same way the University system

has its problems; people who operate within it should rise to the occasion. At the University of Ilorin on which we are accountable, what we do is to do our own, not oblivious of many problems, but convinced that cutting the head is not the solution to headache. That is why we are what we are.

In other words, *why we want what we want* is that we desire to accelerate the pace of national development through our contribution to the human capital of the country, our greatest asset as a nation. We wish to scale all heights, fathom all depths and traverse all horizons such that we give our students the best and we provide the right atmosphere for our staff to excel. This is why we cherish our students and we prioritize the welfare of our staff. We value you our graduands. We congratulate you. We appreciate you. The future lies in you. We wish you the best.

I mentioned last Monday to the distinguished members of the press some successes recorded in the University focusing mainly on those in this month of October because they are so many. I am delighted to tell our audience and graduands that between last Monday and now, I still have some fresh news to share. I just received a letter from the Registrar of the Institute of Planning, Nigeria, that one of our students, a student of Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering, came first in the national Independence Essay Competition organised recently for undergraduate students all over Nigeria. This week as well, after the briefing, my attention was drawn to the fact that a joint medical research a Professor in this University with his colleagues at the Imperial College, London, embarked on is not only recognised globally but it is listed as number one on the list of the best 50 biomedical articles in the world between 2004 and now. This is on www.recentmedicalfindings.com. It is not gratuitous when we to say that our lecturers are among the best in the world and our students receive the best training available. We are proud of them.

My distinguished graduands, let me again congratulate you. I have heard some of you whisper that the University of Ilorin is not easy. I agree with you as long as we all agree that life is not easy, it is a struggle. And not only for the Maddiba, Nelson Mandela, who wrote in an address that *the struggle is my life*, each and everyone of you, and indeed all of us, know that life is about struggle - struggle against odds; struggle against evil desires; struggle against internal and external conflicts. The challenges you had passed through were meant to make your future challenges and struggles easier and I know you will be proud of yourselves now. The gold is assayed in fire and nothing great comes easily on a platter of gold. I know that your training and experience here have added more quality to your life and more value to your worth. You are in a distinct class of great Unilorin alumni and it is just the beginning of greater successes in your lives. I wish you well in your endeavours and I wish you God's grace and guidance in your steps. The world is changing and in the larger world you are graduating into, changing the face is not what matters, facing the change is the ideal. Do not change your face. Face the change!

As I said during the inauguration of your junior colleagues in the 2009/2010 Student Union executive and representative council last June 26, this year, "to whom much is given much is expected." The University motto, *probitas doctrina* or "character and learning" should be your operational blueprint so that you will continue to be good ambassadors of the University of Ilorin. Be men and women of impeccable character and do not allow your integrity to be tarnished by mundane things. Comport yourselves with dignity and integrity and the world will respect you. Then, take learning seriously and never think that you have finished schooling. Life itself is a University in which we learn till we die as I once said. And as our Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Management Services), Prof. Albert Olayemi, said two days ago, he who is too big to learn will be too small to lead. Learning is a life-long experience. I admonish you to continue to learn and promote learning.

The Visitor and Chancellor sirs, the 2008/2009 first degree and diploma graduands that are convoking today, who represent themselves and their colleagues, are 3,876 (which Faculty-by-Faculty, are: Agriculture, 105; Arts, 259; Basic Medical Sciences, 205; Business and Social Sciences, 1,311; Clinical Sciences, 252; Communication and Information Sciences, 119; Education 676; Engineering and Technology, 231; Law, 112 and Science, 606). Out of this figure, 252 are MB;BS. Others are 13 First Class, 515 Second Class Upper; 1,808 Second Class Lower; 981 Third Class; 180 Pass and 127 Diploma graduands.

For the Higher Degree/ Postgraduate Diploma graduands, they are 1,491 in number (i.e. Agriculture, 67; Arts, 98; Basic Medical Sciences, 8; Business and Social Sciences, 907; Clinical Sciences, 69; Communication and Information Sciences, 13; Education, 145; Engineering and Technology, 14; Law, 1; and Science, 169). This figure comprises 81 Ph.D, 470 Master's, 67 MPH, 559 MBA, 56 MPA, 89 MILR, 12 MIGS, 13 MIS, 141 Diploma and 3 Certificate graduands.

In line with our tradition of adopting best practices, our graduands here present are not coming back tomorrow, next week, next month or next year to collect their certificates, they have them already. We do not issue 'To Whom It May Concern' and statements of result now expire after six months. We believe that what is worth doing at all is worth doing on time. Our convocation continues to hold regularly and every graduand that attends the convocation at all would be sure of having his/her certificate before the Founder's Day.

In line with the practice we started again last year and as stipulated in the University act, this is not meant to be a long address. The usual Convocation Address would ordinarily take a long time as an attempt is made to recount the developments within the year. Instead, we have our 2008/2009 Annual Report. On behalf of the Council, Management and staff of the University of Ilorin, I respectfully present the Annual Report to you, our Visitor, sir.

In conclusion, it is part of our culture to give honour to whom it is due. Our modest achievements during the 2008/2009 session could not have been made without the support and cooperation of the Council, constituted this year under the Chairmanship of Alhaji Tukur Mani, who complements the efforts of our efficient Chancellor, HRM Dr. Benjamin Ikechukwu Keagborekuzi I, the Dein of Agbor, Vice-Chairman, Delta State Council of Traditional Rulers and the youngest monarch in Africa. Our assiduous Chairman, who is also the National Financial Secretary of People's Democratic Party and Chairman of the Governing Council, Hassan Usman Katsina Polytechnic, Katsina, carries along every member of Council and Administration in order to ensure that everything is done as well as it can possibly be. An accomplished civil servant who was appointed Permanent Secretary in the Federal Ministry of Commerce and Tourism in 1994 and served meritoriously in other Ministries before he voluntarily retired from the Federal Civil Service in 2001, our Pro-Chancellor and Council Chairman has contributed immensely to the socio-economic and political development of his home state and the nation at large. He had been a Director, Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of Boards as well as Member of the National Political Reforms Conference. We appreciate him.

We also thank the Vice-Chancellor of Nigerian universities here present and their representatives as we appreciate those who cannot make it for one reason or the other. We appreciate the Vice-Chancellor of Suleyman Demirel University, Isparta, Turkey, Prof. Metin Lutfi Baydar, and our Convocation Lecturer and Secretary General of Magna Charta Observatory, Bologna, Italy. We acknowledge the delegation from the University of Cape Coast led by the Pro-Chancellor, Prof. Haruna Yakubu. We are equally grateful to the First Bank for its sponsorship and Mallam Yusuf O. Ali, SAN, who donated a twin dormitory to the University during the session. We are very grateful to every member of the University Council, our esteemed Principal Officers of the University, my distinguished colleagues in Senate as well as our teeming staff and students. We are all one in the determination to make our University positively different.

Thank you all for coming and for listening. May God bless you all.

You are invited to my son's wedding – Obiyemi

The Director of the Institute of Education, University of Ilorin, Prof. Olawole Obiyemi, has invited friends and well wishers in the University community to the wedding of his son, Obirotimi Oluwaseyi Obiyemi and his heartthrob, Jumoke Odunayo Oluwafemi, this Saturday, November 28, 2009, at 11.a.m.

The solemnization takes place at Mount of Joy Parish, off Fufu Street, Sabo Oke, Ilorin while the reception holds at 1.00p.m. at Queens Hall, Unity Road, Ilorin.

Oladosu's son advised as he gets married

Saturday November 14, 2009 is a date that the Oladosus will not forget in a hurry. That was the day their son, Dr. Ahmad Kayode Oladosu, exchanged marital vows with his sweet heart, Nafisat Temilade AbdulAziz, in Funtua, Kastina State, at a colourful and solemn Nikah ceremony, where relations, friends and well-wishers across the country and beyond converged to mark the milestone event.

Speaking at the occasion, the Chief Imam of Olabisi Onabanjo University, Prof. Kamaldeen Balogun, exhorted the couple to live by the moral and spiritual lessons with which they have been brought up and follow the footsteps of their parents by eschewing vices and embracing virtues.

In his own admonition, the former Chief Imam of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Rasheed Ajani Raji, urged the couple to live by the pristine teachings of the Qu'ran and Sunnah in order to attain marital success.



The couple, Dr. and Mrs. Oladosu

The occasion was attended by dignities including Dr. Mrs. Raheemat Oloyede, who advised the couple to do all things together and complement each other. Other dignities at the occasion include members of the University of Ilorin community, Alhaji Isa Ozi Salami, a board member of Nigerian Television Authority, Dr. (Mrs.) Bilkis Amoloye of Kwara State College of Arabic and Islamic Legal Studies, Prof. Carew of the Faculty of Education, University of Maiduguri, among several others.

Department offers decoration services

The Department of Home Economics and Food Science has commenced interior and exterior decoration services. According to a statement signed by the Acting Head of the Department, Dr.(Mrs.) O. Ramota Karim, the Department offers the following Interior and Exterior Decoration Services:

- a. Formal arrangement and decoration of offices and passages: floors, walls, and ceiling will be decorated with appropriate selection of furniture and fixtures, carpets and rugs, drapers or curtains, hangings, flowers as well as many other items that will contribute to aesthetic appeal, comfort and attractiveness of the room to enhance productivity
- b. Venue Decoration: decoration of high table, backdrop and walkway of hall and auditorium for meetings, conferences, workshops, seminar, weddings and other gatherings within the campus.
- c. Indoor Tent: renting of indoor tent for classic high table decoration.

All the services are available at negotiable prices.

Bells varsity VC delivers Faculty of Agric lecture

The Vice-Chancellor of Bells University of Technology, Otta, Prof. I. A. Adeyemi, will deliver the 2009 Faculty of Agriculture Lecture next Monday (November 30, 2009).

The lecture, "The Frontiers of Technology for National Food Security: Challenges and Possibilities" begins at 10a.m. at the University Auditorium under the chairmanship of the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede.

According to a statement signed by Dr. Abdulazeez Muhammad-Lawal on behalf of the organisers, all members of the University community are cordially invited.

Staff urged to suggest themes for Ilorin 2010

As the University of Ilorin prepares to host the next edition of the Unilorin - UCC joint conference scheduled for next year, the Chairman of the Local Organising Committee, Prof. J.O. Atteh, has called on the University community to suggest a befitting theme for the conference.

The statement, entitled "Call for Theme for Ilorin 2010", a copy of which was made available to *Unilorin Bulletin* reads:

The University of Ilorin and University of Cape Coast Ghana has an existing Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). One of the components of the MOU is the organisation of annual joint conference, the venue of which will rotate between the two Universities. The University of Cape Coast hosted the first conference between September 28th and 30th 2009. The theme of the Conference was "Culture, Science and Sustainable Development in Africa".

The University of Ilorin will be hosting the conference in 2010. It is in view of this that we request the University community to suggest an appropriate theme for the conference. Please forward your suggestions to Dr. (Mrs.) Olasehinde Williams, Ag. Director, Centre for Supportive Services for the Deaf or reach her at olabisiolasehhde@yahoo.com. Alternatively, you can also make your submission to Prof. J.O. Atteh (Department of Animal Production) at olu3011@yahoo.com.

Register now or forfeit your admission

The newly admitted students of the University of Ilorin have been urged by the Registrar, Mrs. Olufolake O. Oyeyemi, in an announcement being broadcast on the electronic media to register between now and this Saturday (November 28, 2009) or lose their admission status. The full statement reads:

"All candidates who have been offered provisional admission by the University of Ilorin for the 2009/2010 academic session are hereby requested to check on the University of Ilorin's website www.unilorin.edu.ng for the guidelines and process of registration. Successful candidates are strongly advised to proceed with the registration formalities immediately as those who have not registered by Saturday, 28th November, 2009 should consider the provisional admission forfeited."

Students' Union orientates new students

The Students' Union of the University of Ilorin is organising a three-day orientation programme for its new members beginning from today at the University Auditorium.

According to a statement jointly signed by the President of the Union, Mr. Bello O. Kabir, and the Secretary General, Mr. Adedoyin Kehinde, the orientation programme will feature lectures, shows and football match, among others.

Unilorin in the News

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- The Unilorin Christian Alumni Association is meeting on November 28, 2009 for a get-together ('Unilorin Alumni's party', *The Guardian*, Thursday, November 19, 2009, p.14)
- The University of Ilorin has hosted its new employees to a workshop on career development. ('success nuggets for new staff', "UNILORIN FILE", *The Nation*, Thursday, November 19, 2009, p.B2)
- The UNESCO/KEIZO Obuchi Research Fellowship in Japan has invited researchers in various fields to send in their application. ('Japan offers fellowship', same as above')
- The former Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. S.O.O. Amali, has been appointed as the Vice-Chancellor of Nassarawa State University. ('Amali is Nassarawa Varsity VC', same as above)
- The Benue State Chapter of the North Central States Students' Association of Nigeria (NOCSSAN) has declared the Vice-Chancellor of Unilorin as the best performing Vice-Chancellor in Nigeria. ('Oloyede, Nigeria's best VC – Northern Students', *Daily Trust*, Thursday November 19, 2009, p.48)
- The Dean of Arts, Prof. Zakariyau Oseni, has urged both staff and students of the Faculty to give the world their best. ('Don outlines policy, advises staff and students' same as above)
- The Department of Civil Engineering has organised the Second Departmental Lecture in a year. ('Olajubu delivers 2nd Civil Engineering Lecture', same as above)

Unilorin in the News

- The Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, has advised the foreign students of the University of Ilorin to be good ambassadors of their countries.
(‘VC charges foreign students to be at their best’, *The Guardian on Sunday*, November 15, 2009, p.52)
- The media interview with the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin Prof. Is-haq Oloyede during the 25th Convocation of the University has been published.
(‘Strike, not solution to problem in education sector – VC’, *National Pilot*, Monday 16-Wed. 18 November, 2009, p.12)
- The Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, has said that the University has included entrepreneurship in its curriculum to equip its graduates.
(‘Our graduates knowledgeable, but less skillful – Oloyede’, same as above, p.24).
- A Ph.D. student in the University of Ilorin, Mrs. Mary Arinde, has underscored the importance of keeping in touch with modern trends in teaching and learning.
(‘Teachers charged on dynamics of teaching approaches’, same as above, p.25)
- The Ghanaian President, Prof. John Atta Mills, has assured the Association of African Universities of his support when its President, who is also the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, led the Board of the Association on a courtesy visit to the President.
(NTA Ilorin news @ 7:00p.m Monday, November 16, 2009)
- The Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, represented by Prof. Albert Olayemi, has made a case for collaboration between universities and industries as a way achieving development in Africa during the African University Day forum at the University of Ilorin.
(‘Don calls for African varsities research institutes ties’, *New Nigerian*, Monday, November 16, 2009, p.4)
- The Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin has described the election of Professor Atta Mills as the President of Ghana as an achievement for the African university system.
(‘NTA Network news, 5p.m and 9:00p.m, Tuesday October 17, 2009).
- The Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin has counseled that a positive attitude is the first requirement in the pursuit of a successful career.
(‘VC offers trips to workers’, *Nigerian Compass*, Wednesday November 18, 2009, p.18)
- Professor J.O. Adeniyi of the Department of Physics, University of Ilorin, is appointed the Chairman of the Local Organising Committee of the Nigerian National meeting on GNSS science and application on ‘National Augmentation System to GPS’ four day workshop at the NUC in Abuja.
(‘Workshop on GNSS holds’, same as above)
- The Senior Staff Association of Nigerian Universities, Unilorin Chapter, has held its manifesto day.
(‘SSANU’s manifesto day holds’, same as above)
- Members of the Unilorin Community have been notified that they have up to the end of this month to verify their PPVE Phase I with the National Pension Commission (PENCOM)
(PENCOM to end verification exercise soon’, same as above)
- The C.E.O. of Lajub Nigeria Limited, Engr. O.A. Olajubu, has been invited to deliver the second edition of the Department of Civil Engineering Lecture.
(‘Civil Engineering Department holds lecture’, same as above)
- Researchers in African Universities and the industrial sector have been charged to work in tandem while carrying out their research.
(‘Varsities, industries challenged as Unilorin marks day’, same as above, p.19)

Quotes of the Week

What a man accomplishes depends on what he believes. - Bankers Bulletin

A happy man or woman is a radiant focus of good will, and their entrance into a room is as though another candle had been lighted. - Robert Louis Stevenson

True politeness is perfect ease and freedom. It simply consists in treating others just as you love to be treated. - Lord Chesterfield

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