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Buhari hails Unilorin's judicious use of TETFund grants *Commissions 13 new Unilorin projects

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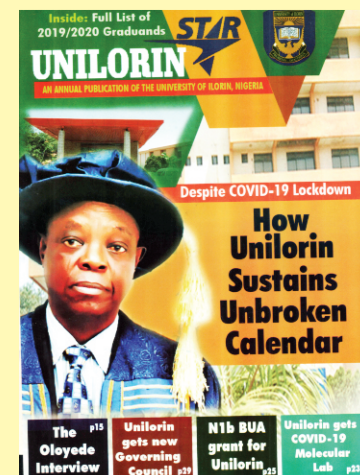
President Muhammadu Buhari has commended the management of the University of Ilorin for the judicious use of intervention funds it received from the Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund) on meaningful projects.

The President made the commendation penultimate Saturday (October 23, 2021) while commissioning 13 new projects executed by the administration of Prof. Sulyman Age Abdulkareem in the University.

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The representative of the President, Prof. Onimawo, (holding mic.), making his remarks before commissioning the new Faculty of Environmental Sciences building



Stakeholders hail 'fantastic' production of UNILORIN STAR

By Mubarak Oladosu

The latest edition of the University's annual publication, the *UNILORIN STAR*, has received accolades from readers across the world for its quality production, excellent editing, fantastic content, as well as clear and colourful photographs.

The commendations came from members of the University community, journalists and Public Relations experts across the country as well as readers from New York, and other far-flung places, who accessed the online edition of the publication of the Directorate of Corporate Affairs.

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36th Convocation Ceremonies: VC commends stakeholders for successful outing

By Abubakar Imam

The Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Sulyman Age Abdulkareem, has attributed the success of the just-concluded 36th hybrid Convocation ceremonies of the institution to the cooperation of stakeholders.

Prof. Abdulkareem, who commended the concerned

stakeholders for the successful outing, said in a statement signed by the institution's Director of Corporate Affairs, Mr. Kunle Akogun, that he was very delighted that every aspect of the ceremonies turned-out to be successful beyond expectations.

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Prof. Abdulkareem

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Abdulkareem seeks injection of innovation into teaching ... as Unilorin inducts 664 Students into TRCN

By Abdulquadri Abubakar
and Tolu Jolayemi

No fewer than 664 fresh graduands of the Faculty of Education, University of Ilorin, have been formally inducted into the teaching profession through the Teachers Registration Council of Nigeria (TRCN).

Speaking at the induction ceremony that held penultimate Thursday (October 21, 2021) at the Faculty of Education Lecture Theatre, the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Sulyman Age Abdulkareem, admonished the inductees to cultivate the habit of embracing innovation, and creativity into the teaching profession.

Prof. Abdulkareem, who was represented by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic), Prof. Sylvia O. Malomo, also urged the inducted graduands to be professional in the discharge of their responsibilities and make sure that they inspire knowledge to those they teach, in order to enable their inspirations be recognized by the stakeholders as nation builders.

The Vice-Chancellor also implored students to see themselves as important in the scheme of things, stressing that as teachers they should not wait till education demands for their services but instead be creative and add value to the profession.

Prof. Abdulkareem thanked the lecturers in the Faculty for the hard work that they have put in to ensure that the students graduated.

In his remarks, the Dean of the Faculty of Education, Prof. M. O. Yusuf, told the inducted graduands that "as you are leaving the University of Ilorin environment as an ambassador of this great citadel of learning, we do not expect you to start whining and moaning about what are



■ A cross section of the new TRCN inductees

not available after your graduation. He encouraged them to "be men and women of success and not of failure."

Prof. Yusuf also urged the inductees to see the conferment of degrees on them as evidence that they have been found worthy, both in character and learning.

Also speaking, the Registrar of the Teachers Registration Council of Nigeria (TRCN), Prof. Josiah Olusegun Ajiboye, who was represented at the event by the Director of Planning, Research and Statistics, stated that there is no doubt that the quality of education in any society depends largely on the quality of teachers which in turn, depends on the regulation and control of the profession.

According to the TRCN Registrar, quality education can only be guaranteed by professional teachers whose delivery, prowess, ability, coordination and general management of the classroom activities lead to qualitative transformation of the pupil.

Prof. Ajiboye noted that the induction is one of the most important

academic rituals that initiate graduates into their profession. It will expose them to near real-life experience in their chosen career.

In his presentation titled "COVID-19 Pandemic and the Opportunities for Hybrid Teaching/Learning in the Educational System in Nigeria", the Director, Centre For Consultancy Service, University of Ilorin, Prof. A. A. Adegoke, explained that the reopening of the educational institutions is highly unpredictable, hence suggested that blended learning is likely to become the future of educational society. He stressed that the prolonged period of forced closure has pushed educators throughout the globe towards more extensive use of technology to grant their lecturers continuity in acquiring knowledge without suffering loss.

Prof. Adegoke observed that blended learning is one of the approaches which suggested where online strategies can be utilized together for teaching-learning along with following social distancing norm, work from home, and avoiding gathering.

Circumcise your hearts, Adimula charges Unilorites

By Tolulope Jolayemi

The Director of Academic Planning, University of Ilorin, Prof. Issac Adimula, has charged members of the University community to "ensure that their hearts are circumcised" in order to have good conscience in the work environment, which will promote honesty and diligence.

Prof. Adimula, who gave the charge at the Chapel of the Light, University of Ilorin, penultimate Sunday (October 24, 2021), during a Special Service to mark the end of the institution's 36th Convocation Ceremonies, noted that "honesty leads to Godliness".

Pointing out that a person with a

clean heart can execute his or her official duties satisfactorily, Prof. Adimula told the fresh graduands to be clean at heart and be good ambassadors of the University.

Also in attendance at the Church service were the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic), Prof. Sylvia O. Malomo; the Registrar, Dr Folaranmi M. Olowoleni; the Deputy Chairman of the Ceremonials committee, Dr. S. T. Arinde; the Director of Sports, Prof. Olufunmilola L. Dominic; the Former Dean of the Faculty of Engineering and Technology, Prof. David S. Ogunniyi; the Director, Computer Services and Information



Technology (COMSIT). Prof. Dupe Ademola-Popoola, and many other staff members and students of the University.



Buhari hails Unilorin's judicious use of TETFund grants

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President Buhari, who was represented by Prof. Ignatius Onimawo of the National Universities Commission (NUC), charged other Universities to take a cue from Unilorin and work towards the growth and standardization of the nation's educational sector.

The 13 projects commissioned as part of activities marking the 36th Convocation Ceremonies of the University, included: Administrative block for the Faculty of Environmental Sciences, Surveying & Geo-Informatics Department Building, Quantity Surveying Department Building, Estate Management Department Building, Community Centre, Exhibition Hall for the Centre for Ilorin Studies, Carpentry and Paint Workshop, Asphalt overlay on the existing surface dressed roads to the College of Health Science phase III, Phase IV, three private hostels, Six Units of Students Toilets for the University's Business School I, Business School II, the Faculty of Communication and Information Sciences, the Faculty of

Education, the Faculty of Arts and the Faculty of Sciences.

The President pointed out that some universities get more funds from the TETFund than Unilorin but do not have such edifice as the ones in Unilorin.

President Buhari advised the University management not to relent in its drive for high standard, which, he said, would greatly assist the University to sustain its leading reputation.

He congratulated the Chairman of the University Governing Council, the Vice-Chancellor, Senate, the entire staff and students of the University for the laudable achievement, and prayed that the structures would be put to effective use to the glory of God.

Also speaking at the Faculty of Environmental Sciences whose new Faculty building was commissioned, the Vice-Chancellor of the University, Prof. Sulyman Age Abdulkareem, appreciated the Almighty Allah that the building will be finally available for full use by the Faculty.

He also expressed gratitude to TETFund for making it possible for the existence of such an edifice in the

University and called for more interventions in order to be able to accommodate the large number of applicants seeking admission into the University.

In his remarks, the Ag. Dean of the Faculty of Environmental Sciences, Dr. A. I. Bako, promised the University management that the Faculty would make good use of the structure and ensure that maintenance of the edifice would be given top priority.

Also present at the events were the Chairman, Unilorin Governing Council, Mallam Abidu Yazid; the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic), Prof. Sylvia Malomo; the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Management Services), Prof. B.F. Sule, the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (RTI), Prof. Mikhail Buhari; the Registrar, Dr. Fola M. Olowoleni; the University Librarian, Prof. Abdulwahab Issa; the Bursar, Mr. Hakeem Sonde; the Director of Works, Engr. Mudathir Abisoye, the Ag. Director of Physical Planning QS Jimoh, and other staff members of the University.

Stakeholders hail 'fantastic' production of UNILORIN STAR

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Upon receipt of his e-copy of the publication, Mallam Lanre Issa-Onilu, the former National Publicity Secretary of the ruling All Progressive Congress (APC) and former newspaper editor, described it as "great and well packaged".

And from New York, Mr. Femi Ogbodo, an International Communications Consultant, said, "My main man Kunle (Akogun), I am proud of this news magazine! You are the true representative of 84 Unilag Mass Comm. I am proud to show this master piece to my friends here and the Kwara State Community in my city. Please sustain the good work. You are in our prayers".

On his part, an Abuja-based journalist, Mr. Taiye Odewale, said, "The bulletin is very rich in content. Thanks for making it available. *Ekú ẹ̀to, ẹ̀sì kú iwájú*"

A Deputy Editor-in-Chief with the *News Agency of Nigeria*, Dr. Razak Owolabi, said, "I have gone through it. The production is superb. Keep it up."

In his own comment, Dr. Mathew Keyi, the Publisher of *Industrial Leaders* magazine, Abuja and a Unilorin alumnus, said of the publication, "Good job brother! Unilorin, always setting the pace!"

The Editor of *The Guardian on Sunday*, Alhaji Kabir Garba, said of the publication, "Congrats. The delivery is rich and enticing! May your strength be renewed always."

Alhaji Yusuf Olaniyonu, former

Ogun State Commissioner for Information and ex-Special Adviser, Media and Publicity, to the former Senate President, could hardly hide his excitement when he said, "Congratulations, Baba Akogun. This is a good one but I hope you will publish only digitally. It will be expensive and difficult to sustain on hard copy."

Another concise thumbs-up was from Prof. Adedayo Abdulkareem, former Deputy Vice-Chancellor at the University of Ilorin, who said, "Oh, beautiful! JazakaLlah khayran, Director. Regards"

The Business Editor, *Nigerian Tribune* Newspapers, Abuja, Mr. Sanya Adejokun, communicated his pleasure by saying, "You are doing well, Alhaji".

In his reaction, Mr. Ibrahim Farinloye, the Public Relations Officer of the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA), imagined the challenges being faced by his Unilorin counterpart when he said, "The successful application of practical demonstration of journalism in an academic environment is not easy. Well done, sir."

A former Dean of the Postgraduate School, University of Ilorin, and renowned cleric, Prof. Badmas Lanre Yusuf, described the publication as "useful".

An Associate Professor of Mass Communication, University of Ilorin, Dr.

Saudat S. Abdulbaqi, described the publication as "Beautiful" and added in Yoruba language, "*Ekú ẹ̀to, ẹ̀sì kú iwájú*".

A former Dean of the Faculty of Law, Prof. Kayode Adams, said, "Great work sir! This is highly informative and a valuable documentation of important and memorable events. Kudos to you for your excellent initiative and skillful leadership of the Unit".

On his part, the former Director of the Technical and Entrepreneurship Centre (TEC), University of Ilorin, Prof. Ishaq F. Abdul, acknowledged the input and output of the publication, saying, "Hard work done in this bumper edition sir. Congratulations!"

In his own reaction, the former Managing Director of the defunct *Daily Sunray* Newspapers, and one-time President of the Nigerian Institute of Public Relations (NIPR), Chief Bobo Sofiri Brown, underscored the significance of **UNILORIN STAR** to the media and higher education in Nigeria. He said, "Kunle, thanks immensely for the e-copy of **UNILORIN STAR**. It came in handy as our agency (GRAIN Consulting) is conducting a snap survey of the impact of COVID-19 on the business sectors in preparation for the Corporate Performance Competency portfolios we plan to launch shortly. Will go through the copy and revert. Your publication gave us good input regarding the education sector. Regards to your family". (Contd. on page 4)



36th Convocation Ceremonies: VC commends stakeholders for successful outing

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The Vice-Chancellor noted that the glowing successes were "not just products of adequate planning and diligent execution but a development made possible through the fantastic contributions of all the stakeholders who worked day and night to ensure that the ceremonies were not only peaceful but also successful".

Prof. Abdulkareem expressed his appreciations to the Almighty Allah whose guidance ensured that all the plans, efforts, designs and desires of the institution's management and the Ceremonials Committee were realised without much problems.

The Vice-Chancellor specifically thanked the Visitor to the University, President Muhammadu Buhari, GCFR, for his inspirational remarks at the event, which once again established the incontrovertible leading position of the University among its peers. He also thanked the representative of the President at the event, Prof. Ignatius Onimawo, and the Governor of Kwara State, Mallam AbdulRahman AbdulRazaq, who was represented by his Deputy, Elder Kayode Alabi, for expressing the abiding faith of the government and people of Kwara State in the University.

Prof. Abdulkareem, who is also the Chairman of the Committee of Vice-Chancellors of Nigerian Universities (CVNU), also thanked the Minister of Education, Mallam Adamu Adamu, and the Executive Secretary of the National Universities Commission, Prof. Abubakar Rasheed for their support at all times and all issues.

He also expressed his profound gratitude to the Pro-Chancellor and Chairman of the Governing Council of the University, Mallam Abidu Ranfidadi Yazid, OON, and members of the Council for their support. He explained that their



■ **Some of the traditional rulers at the Convocation Ceremony**

presence and support throughout was like oxygen that gave life to the ceremonies.

The Vice-Chancellor also expressed the gratitude of the University's management, staff and students to the Chancellor of the University, His Royal Highness, the Emir of Katsina, Alhaji Abdulmumini Kabir Usman, CFR, for his fatherly support as well as to the Emir of Ilorin, Alhaji (Dr.) Ibrahim Sulu-Gambari, CFR, for his timeless support and those of the people of the Emirate for being a great host to the University.

He also thanked traditional rulers, business men and women, political and opinion leaders and other professionals and Vice-Chancellors of sister universities as well as the founder of Al-Hikmah University, Ilorin, Chief AbdulRaheem Oladimeji, OFR, and other leaders, for their presence, which, he said, added colour to the ceremonies.

Prof. Abdulkareem, who also thanked the Convocation Lecturer, Mallam Yusuf Olaolu Ali, SAN, for honouring the University, paid glowing tributes to the Chairman of the Ceremonials Committee, who is also the immediate past Dean of the Faculty of Arts, Prof. AbdulRasheed

Abiodun Adeoye, and members of his Committee for delivering on the Committee's mandates in what he called "a most superlative way as they have always done".

He added that the hybrid convocation method adopted by the University this year has turned out to be another plus to the University as an institution that is proactive and always in tune with the mood of the society.

While thanking the security agencies and members of the press for playing exciting roles throughout the ceremonies, Prof. Abdulkareem opined that the development was a clear confirmation of the conviction of the University that with the right leadership and progressive-minded followership, the nation would soon rediscover itself and pursue civility in order to attain its destined greatness.

The Vice-Chancellor specifically thanked graduands and their parents as well as other members of the public for adhering strictly with the regulations laid down by the University for the ceremonies, which ensured that everything went smoothly.

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Veteran journalist and immediate past Executive Secretary of NEITI, Mr. Waziri Adio, remarked, "Great! Good and thorough job you have done here! Please keep it up!".

Mr. Emmanuel Bello, the Public Relations Officer of the Federal University, Lokoja, exclaimed, "Waooh! Very rich! Thanks sir, I appreciate. God bless".

In his reaction, the Manager of Unilorin Press, Mr. Festus Ogunyinka, described the publication as

"Informative!" He said, "Congratulations on the success of the Hybrid Convocation. Kudos to Prof. Oloyede (one of those featured in a special interview in the publication) for his clear and consistent approach to issues relating to university autonomy."

A staff of the Directorate on study leave in South Africa, Dr. Oyindamola Ajayi, praised the input into **UNILORIN STAR**, and exclaimed, "Amazing work done sir! Congratulations to you and everyone who made this a success".

Barrister Bolade Opaleye, a journalist and Lagos-based lawyer, reacted with the following words. "Kunle, congratulations on the publication of the 2021 edition of UNILORIN STAR. Bravo, brother. Continue to raise issues".

Prof. Olufunmilola Dominic, the Director of Sports, University of Ilorin, assessed the publication philosophically, saying, "I have gone through and found it as a monumental and historic document! Thanks, indeed".

Ejalonibu's daughter weds

The daughter of Mr. Aliu Shuaib Ejalonibu of the Bursary Department, Miss Afolake Ganiyat, will, this Saturday (November 6, 2020), tie the nuptial knots with her heartthrob, Sadeeq Adeseun

Adeleke at the Unilorin Multipurpose Hall, Ilorin.

A wedding notice made available to **Unilorin Bulletin** indicated that the wedding ceremony (Wolimat-Nikkah)

will commence by 10.00a.m, while reception follows immediately after at the same venue.

Members of the University community are cordially invited.

AT CPSS LECTURE:**Patriarchy: Stakeholders canvass better deal for women***By Mustafa Abubakar*

Participants at the 3rd Distinguished Personality Lecture organised by the University of Ilorin Centre for Peace and Strategic Studies (CPSS) have urged African leaders to have collective understanding of the rights and limitations of women when demanding for recognitions, participations and control in governance, in order to have healthy and universally agreed societal values among all stakeholders.

They also called on political parties in the country to allow 30 percent of women participation in elective positions.

The Public Lecture themed "Patriarchy and Female Participation in Politics in Nigeria" held at the University Main Auditorium last Monday (October 25, 2021), also observed that the participation of female in Nigeria could not be more effective compared to men due to the domination and violence put in place in the African politics.

In her presentation, the Guest Speaker, a member of the House of Representatives, representing Oluyole Federal Constituency, Oyo State, Hon. Tolulope Akande-Sadipe, said that African society, especially Nigeria, is surrounded with a system in which men dominate and oppress, adding that "it is a society where eldest male decides or directs where others go and everything that happens thereof. That is the reality of what happens all over, and Nigeria is not an exception".

She said that female participation in politics and chances of winning elections or of being elected to higher positions of authorities is more prominent in other African countries compared to Nigeria where female citizens are seen and limited to only housewives.

Hon. Akande-Sadipe, who is the Chairman, House of Representatives Committee on Diaspora, explained that the Qur'an holds the woman in the highest esteem and that the closest person to Jesus Christ in the Bible was Mary, noting that nowhere in those two holy books was the female gender defined as inferior but here



■ **Dignitaries at the CPSS Lecture**

in Nigeria, men put in place patriarchy, which changed the reality.

Lamenting the situation, the Guest Speaker, who focused her lecture on the South-West region women political participation, added that men created patriarchy but women encouraged it by allowing themselves to be used as a tool to push it.

Earlier in his welcome address, the Vice-Chancellor, University of Ilorin, Prof. Sulyman Age Abdulkareem, appreciated the organisers of the Public Lecture for bringing not only an experienced personality but a woman who has made womenfolk proud in her struggle to make the voice of women heard and relevant in the political space.

While appreciating all invitees, Prof. Abdulkareem expressed the belief that the Guest Speaker would do justice to the discourse and at the end Nigeria will be better for it. He urged the participants to take advantage of the event and work collectively to make one Nigeria of our dream for both male and female.

Also speaking, the Chairman of the occasion, who is also the Registrar of the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB), Prof. Is'haq Olanrewaju Oloyede, said, "The adoption of gender politics by the government should encourage more women participation in politics. And it is a collective responsibility to allow women to play their own roles in nation-building through politics".

According to Prof. Oloyede, "As the 2023 general elections approach, there is the need to sensitise Nigerians to let women play more active roles. Though 49.4 percent of Nigerians are said to be women, but they represented 11.36 percent of 2,870 women whose names appeared on the 2019 nominated candidates list. As a matter of fact, it has been revealed that the 2019 elections were the worst for Nigerian women in nearly two decades representatively.

The former Unilorin Vice-Chancellor said, "Apart from the fact that six female presidential candidates withdrew from the race for various reasons, a state like Lagos where women had always been deputy governors has slid into more patriarchy with the election of a male deputy governor at the end of 2019 governorship race".

Earlier in her welcome address, the Director of CPSS, Prof. Oyeronke Olademo, identified patriarchy as a formidable challenge to gender equality especially in Africa despite the Goal five of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) of the United Nations (UN) that targets gender equality.

Prof. Olademo explained that the Distinguished Personality Lecture is one of the tools to achieve the mandate of the Centre which focuses on capacity training on peace and strategic and security studies as well as bridging gap between the academia and policy makers.

Bamigbola delivers 207th Inaugural Lecture

The Vice-Chancellor, University of Ilorin, Ilorin, Prof. S. A. Abdulkareem, invites members of the University of Ilorin community and the general public to the Two hundred and seventh (207th) Inaugural Lecture of the University scheduled as follows:

Lecturer: Professor O. M. Bamigbola
B.Sc. (ED), M. Sc., Ph.D. (Ilorin)

Department of Mathematics, Faculty of Physical Science, University of Ilorin, Ilorin.

Topic: "Making the Best Use of What You Have: The Mathematical Approach"

Date: Thursday, 4th November, 2021

Time: 5.00 p.m.

Venue: University Auditorium, Main Campus, University of Ilorin.

Chairman: Professor S. A. Abdulkareem, Vice-Chancellor, University of Ilorin

Dr. Fola M. Olowoleni
Registrar



■ **Prof. Bamigbola,**

We are blessed to have passed through Unilorin - Graduands (1)

By Abubakar Imam and Idayat Hassan

The 36th Convocation ceremonies of the University of Ilorin, which was the first to be conducted in hybrid format and held penultimate week, had come and gone but the stories of its colour and pageantry would for long remain sources of pride to the management and staff as well as friends of the nation's most sought-after University.

The ceremony, whose grand finale took place on Saturday, October 23, 2021, was another remarkable and exciting phase in the annals of the University with the calibre of those who attended the peace that reign throughout and uncommon cooperation and excitement of stakeholders. It was as splendid as it was refreshing.

The main focus, as expected, were the graduands. They attended the event in their numbers. They and their well-wishers were at the ceremonies in the best of attires. There were lots to eat and drink with good music to add colour to the joy of the latest additions to the nation and global human resources. In keeping with the laid down protocols of COVID-19. Those who were granted access into the Auditorium were obviously not as many as countless others who occupied various spaces and locations to savour the joy of completing their various courses of studies.

UNILORIN BULLETIN, as an important stakeholder, was at the event and it interacted with quite a number of the graduands and their parents. Beaming with colourful smiles and uncommon excitements, the graduands unveiled their impressions on the University as an institution and their varied personal experience while pursuing their various programmes here.

Dr. Amudalat Ranti Lawal, a lecturer at the Kwara State College



■ Dr. Lawal

of Education, Ilorin, who completed her Ph.D. at the Department of Plant Biology, was full of praises for the characteristic quality service delivery at the University. She was happy that she obtained all her degrees here, describing herself as "completely Unilorin made".

Another Ph.D graduand, . Okoye Celestine Chinweze, who retired as a Deputy Inspector-General of Police, said that the University "is a great place to study". He said, "I was here for my Master's and what I experienced made me to come back for my doctorate, which I obtained from the University's Centre for Peace and Strategic Studies". The Anambra State-born retired Police Chief explained that "the University is very focused and it is a place I can and will recommend for anyone who desired quality learning and graduating as scheduled to attend".

Dr. Musa Danjuma, who teaches at the Department of Arabic, University of Ilorin, said that he was "excited, delighted and fulfilled" for earning his doctorate degree from the University. He said, "All over the world, University of Ilorin is known for probity and learning. I know that much because it was also here that I



■ Dr. Okoye



■ Miss Abdulniyu

obtained my Master's".

Miss Habiba Adedapo, who obtained a first class degree in Agricultural Extension, remarked that "I am proud of myself. I am grateful to God that I have achieved my dream with the highest obtainable grade in a first degree". She added that the University of Ilorin is an institution of its class. It is incomparable with any other in this clime as it exists for nothing but knowledge and self-discovery.

Mr. Suleiman Kayode Shuaib, who obtained his first degree from the Department of Library and Information Science,



■ Dr. Suleiman



■ Miss Adedapo

said "my graduation is a dream come true. It is a real and actual reflection of my age-long desire not to attend any other University apart from the University of Ilorin. My appreciations go to Allah and my parents for seeing me through".

On her part, Miss Akanbi Taiye Elizabeth said that the period of her study at the University of Ilorin was not easy. She added that it was so "because nothing good comes easy". She noted that she was not disappointed picking the University as a place she would attend among o t h e r s .

Dr. Shuaib Abdulkareem, who graduated with MB; BS, said



■ Dr. Danjuma

that his experience at the University was "wholesome, interesting and challenging to some extent and in some ways". He added that the University impacted quite a lot on him.

Dr Kamaldeen Suleiman, who earned his Ph.D degree in Educational Management, described himself as "a product of Unilorin in totality". He added that he earned all his degrees from the institution and that the University is an institution of not only of pride to him but to all those who are associated to it. I promised to keep its flag flowing".

On his part, Mr. Shuaib Opeyemi Shuaib expressed his gratitude to the University of Ilorin for turning him into a professional Quantity Surveyor. "I came here five years ago with a school certificate and I am being sent to the real world as a professional in the construction industry. This University is a blessing to me in so many ways and I can never forget the academic and moral training inculcated in me by this exceptionally great ivory tower".

For Miss Mekanjuola Bukunmi, who earned a first class honours in Food Science, "excitement and gladness is the summary of my feelings". She said

that she was most pleased to have attended the University of Ilorin, adding that she has no regret at all. She summed her impression of the University as "a very good experience".

Miss Robiat Olalade Abdulganiyu said was delighted coming to the University of Ilorin for her degree in Library and Information Science. "I am proud to be an alumnus of this great institution that has helped in turning me into a more responsible and respectable member of the society".

Miss Mutiat Apampa, a graduate of Electrical Engineering, said that "the journey was a difficult one but the experience was a beautiful one". She added that she will always recommend the school to family and friends. She advised undergraduates that "nothing is impossible. Once you have a goal you can attain it".

Another graduand, Mr. Muhammed Adedigba, who graduated from the Department of Civil Engineering with a first class, said that "it was a difficult journey but today am reaping the reward". Mr. Adedigba advised the school to keep-up the good work and advised undergraduate students that "anything that is worth doing at all is worth doing well".

Mrs. Fatima Temim, a staff of the Kwara State University, Malete, who obtained her Master's degree in Library and Information Science from the University of Ilorin, thanked Allah that she finally rounded-off the programme.

Some parents who also spoke with **UNILORIN BULLETIN** expressed happiness that their children were able to complete their programmes and are now holders of the certificate of a famous institution of higher learning.

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**REGISTRAR'S OFFICE****NOTICE TO STAFF EVADING APPEARANCE BEFORE THE STAFF DISCIPLINARY AND APPEALS COMMITTEE**

The University of Ilorin Governing Council at its 168th Meeting held on Wednesday, 23rd and Thursday, 24th September, 2020, carefully considered the Report from the 52nd Meeting of the Staff Disciplinary and Appeals Committee (SDAC) held on Thursday, 10th and Friday, 11th September, 2020, and noted that some staff had been evading appearance at the Committee's meetings to defend themselves on the allegations leveled against them. The staff concerned are:

1. ONYEUBO ANGELINAUGBAJA, CLERICAL OFFICER, DEPARTMENT

OF ARTS EDUCATION- UIL/JSE/PF/5257

She was queried for:

- a) deliberately and wrongly securing employment on 8th October, 2014 and working with the FSLC and SSCE Certificates; and
- b) deliberately and wrongly presenting her FSLC and SSCE Certificates to the Certificate Screening Committee when she knew that the Certificates are not genuine and do not emanate from the issuing authorities as claimed;

She was invited to appear before SDAC on three occasions namely, 4th November, 2019, Monday 20th and Tuesday, 21st January, 2020 and Monday 2nd and Tuesday, 3rd March, 2020 but she failed to honour the invitations.

2. MOHAMMED MUSA BABA, HEAD OFFICE ASSISTANT, UNIVERSITY

LIBRARY- UIL/JSE/PF/5471

He was queried for:

- a) deliberately and wrongly securing employment on 2nd November, 2015 and working with falsified NECO and SSCE Certificates; and
- b) deliberately and wrongly presenting falsified NECO and SSCE Certificates to the Certificate Screening Committee when he knew that the Certificates are not genuine and do not emanate from the issuing authorities as claimed;

He was invited to appear before SDAC on three occasions namely, 4th November, 2019, Monday 20th and Tuesday, 21st January, 2020 and Monday 2nd and Tuesday, 3rd March, 2020 but he failed to honour the invitations.

3. TAOFEK OMOTAYO BELLO, ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE OFFICER,

ACADEMIC SUPPORT SERVICES-UIL/JSE/PF/5361

He was queried for:

- a) deliberately securing employment on 16th March, 2015 and working with falsified OND Certificate; and
- b) deliberately and wrongly presenting falsified OND Certificate to the Certificate Screening Committee when he knew that the Certificate was not genuine and did not emanate from the issuing authority as claimed;

He was invited to appear before SDAC on three occasions namely, 4th November, 2019, Monday 20th and Tuesday, 21st January, 2020 and Monday 2nd and Tuesday, 3rd March, 2020 but he failed to honour the invitations.

4. RONKE ANUOLUWAPU FESTUS, CONFIDENTIAL SECRETARY II, DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICAL ENGINEERING- UIL/SSE/PF/7520

She was queried for:

- a) deliberately and wrongly securing employment on 13th August, 2015 and working with SSCE, FSLC and Ordinary National Diploma (OND) Certificates when she knew that the Certificates are not genuine, unacceptable

by the University and same did not emanate from the issuing authorities she claimed;

- b) deliberately and wrongly presented her SSCE, FSLC and Ordinary National Diploma (OND) Certificates to the Certificates Screening Committee when she knew that the Certificates are not genuine.

Ronke Anuoluwapo Festus was absent at the meeting of the SDAC held on Monday 2nd and Tuesday, 3rd March, 2020.

5. ISIAKA AMINU, PRINCIPAL HEALTH ASSISTANT, UNIVERSITY HEALTH SERVICE-UIL/SSE/PF/7697

He was queried on the allegations of:

- a) deliberately and wrongly presented his National Diploma and Higher National Diploma Certificates to the Certificate Screening Committee when he knew that the Certificates are not genuine, unacceptable by the University and same did not emanate from the issuing authority claimed by him; and

- b) absenting himself from duty since 25th January, 2020, contrary to Chapters 8.1.2(b) 1 and 21 of the 2014 Revised Conditions of Service for Senior Staff, University of Ilorin.

He was invited to appear before SDAC on Monday 2nd and Tuesday, 3rd March, 2020 and Thursday 10th and Friday 11th, September, 2020 but he failed to honour the invitation.

6. ABUBAKAR ABDULLAHI, SENIOR DRIVER/MECHANIC II, UNILORIN LIAISON OFFICE, ABUJA- UIL/JS/PF/5049

He was queried for:

- absenting himself from duty since 17th June, 2013 to date.

7. JOHN OLUGBENGA JOSEPH, SENIOR PATROLMAN, SECURITY DIVISION UIL/JS/PF/3545

He was queried for:

- absenting himself from duty since Tuesday 19th November, 2013. His salary was stopped through memo Ref. No. UIL/JS/PF/3545 dated 13th November, 2013. The Chief Security Officer confirmed that efforts to locate him have proved abortive.

8. TAOFIK AYIGORO RAHEEM, PLANT OPERATOR II, WORKS DEPARTMENT - UIL/JS/PF/5128

He was queried for:

- absenting himself from duty since Tuesday 1st July, 2014 when he was supposed to resume duty after his 2014 annual leave. His salary was stopped through memo Ref. No. UIL/JS/PF/5128 dated 19th January, 2015. Memo Ref. No. UIL/W/48 from Director of Works dated 23rd December, 2014 revealed that he had secured another appointment.

9. ROFIAT TEMITOPE ELEJA, LABORATORY ASSISTANT, DEPARTMENT OF PHARMACOLOGY & TOXICOLOGY - UIL/JS/PF/5340

She was queried for:

- absenting herself from duty since 5th May, 2015, to attend NYSC Orientation in Ogun State without permission. She was queried via letter Ref. No. UIL/JS/PF/5340 dated 22nd May, 2015 but she did not respond.

10. LUKE MONDAY OWOJAIYE, LIBRARY ASSISTANT, UNIVERSITY LIBRARY - UIL/JS/PF/5655

He was queried for:

- a) absenting himself from duty without permission since 23rd March, 2018; and
- b) failing, neglecting and refusal to respond to the departmental query dated 12th April, 2018 issued to him.

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**UNILORIN WEEKLY FINANCIAL DIGEST****FUND SOURCES AND UTILIZATION REPORT FROM 21ST OCT., TO 29TH OCTOBER 2021**

RECEIPTS:	AMOUNT
Academic Transcript	561,361.25
Utility Income	5,000.00
Rent on University Property	73,707.34
Student I.D. Card	29,000.00
Staff I.D Card	3,000.00
Sundry & Other Student Charges	972,400.00
Sundry & Other Income	364,750.00
Contractor's Registration	9,000.00
Capitation-NHIS	2,024,250.00
Verification	31,000.00
REFUND	536,166.50
Departmental Income	4,400,000.00
Income from Diagnostic Centre	239,706.25
Undergraduate Convocation Charges	5,446,850.00
Add & Drop Payment	6,150.00
School Charges	89,250.00
Postgraduate School Acceptance Charges	120,900.00
Postgraduate School Charges	43,079,375.00
Convocation Charges	4,483,050.00
General Payment	202,350.00
Postgraduate Add & Drop Payment	8,050.00
Ilorin Business School Acceptance	80,600.00
Ilorin Business School Charges	1,261,000.00
Ilorin business School Application Form	50,300.00
JUPEB Application form	804,800.00
JUPEB Acceptance	745,550.00
JUPEB School Charges	6,847,200.00
JUPEB Hostel	964,800.00
JUPEB General Payment	30,150.00
Remedial Late Registration Surcharges	3,000.00
Total Receipt for the Period	₦73,472,716.34
PAYMENTS	
PAYMENT TO CONTRACTORS/SUPPLIERS:	
S.O. ALANI & SON ENT Maintenance of Public Building	2,357,636.25
SunilarNig Ltd Construction of Community Centre [NEEDS]	7,240,000.00
MC George Consulting Ltd Construction of Surveying & Geo-Informatics Department [TETFUND]	8,500,000.00
Hikam Engineering Consultants Ltd Construction of Estate Management Dept. [TETFUND]	17,191,173.25
Hessab Engineering Consultants Ltd Construction of Estate Management Dept. [TETFUND]	12,998,814.51
OTHER PAYMENTS	
Various Various i.e. DTA, IMPREST, REFUND etc	6,854,147.00
Purchase Advance Various	3,521,350.00
Unilorin Press Matriculation Oath Booklet & Printing of Handbook	2,525,900.00
Researcher Lodge Accommodation & Feeding	172,000.00
Unilorin Guest House Catering Services	177,870.00
Kwara State Internal Revenue Water Bill for Sept., 2021	1,500,000.00
Unilorin Graduating Students Prize for the Best Student	3,010,000.00
Sport Writer Association of NIG Financial Support	50,000.00
Ilorin Business School Honorarium for IBS Staff	18,270,000.00
Unilorin Petrol Station Supply of Fuel	210,723.00
Total TSA Charges	55,470.00
Total payment for the Period	₦84,635,084.01

*Signed***O. H. Sonde FCA****Bursar****NOTICE TO STAFF EVADING APPEARANCE BEFORE THE STAFF DISCIPLINARY AND APPEALS COMMITTEE***(Contd. from page 8)***11. JOHN EMMANUEL OCHE, SENIOR PATROLMAN, SECURITY DIVISION, UIL/JSE/PF/5413****He was queried for:**absenting himself from duty since 26th April, 2019 to date.**12. UMMI AYUBA, SENIOR LIBRARY ASSISTANT, UNIVERSITY LIBRARY, UIL/JSE/PF/5325****She was queried for:**absconding from work without permission since 16th August, 2019. She was invited to appear before SDAC on two occasions: Thursday, 10th and Friday 11th September, 2020, and Thursday, 18th and Friday 19th, March, 2021 but she failed to honour the Invitations as she had absconded from duty.**13. KIKELOMO FADILE BAMIDELE, EXECUTIVE OFFICER, ACADEMIC SUPPORT SERVICES - UIL/SSE/PF/7640****She was queried for:**a) deliberately securing employment in University of Ilorin on 4th January, 2016 and working with falsified Ordinary National Diploma Certificate; and

b) refusal to present her Ordinary National Diploma Certificate to the Certificate Screening Committee.

14. HUSSAINA AYUBA, EXECUTIVE OFFICER, DEPARTMENT OF STATISTICS, UNIVERSITY OF ILORIN - UIL/SSE/PF/7363**She was queried for:**

refusal to present her Ordinary Level, Teacher Grade II and NCE certificates to the Certificate Screening Committee and absenting herself from duty without permission since January 2020.

The above-named staff are hereby requested to appear before the Staff Disciplinary and Appeals Committee (SDAC) on Thursday 11th and Friday 12th November, 2021 at 10.00 a.m. in the Council Chamber, to defend themselves on the allegations leveled against them.*Signed*
T. A. Bamigboye
for: Registrar



Happy Birthday

S/N	Name	Department	Birthday
1	Bakare, Nathaniel Olatunde	Ling. & Nig. Languages	Oct 31
2	Solui, Kazeem Adebayo	Works: Works/Maintenance Office	Oct 31
3	Abdulhamid, Asiawu Belgore	Legal Services Unit	Oct 31
4	Okesina, Kazeem Bidemi	Optometry & Vision Science	Oct 31
5	Abdulkareem, Zainab Olorunbukademi	Telecommunication Science	Nov 1
6	Aina, Daniel	Security Division	Nov 1
7	Yusuf, Medinat Ajibola	Security Division	Nov 1
8	Suleiman, Zakari Aliyu	Anaesthesia	Nov 1
9	Oyeniran, Saheed	Educational Management	Nov 1
10	Mustapha, Adedayo Saheed	Internal Audit Unit	Nov 1
11	Bello, Kamal Asola	Marketing	Nov 1
12	Abubakar, Musa	Web Support Services	Nov 1
13	Ajiboye, Olufunke Sarah	Veterinary Microbiology	Nov 1
14	Atolagbe, Motunrayo	Registry	Nov 1
15	Ambali, Hauwa Motunrayo	Veterinary Medicine	Nov 2
16	Arikewuyo, Halima Oluwaseyi	Health Services	Nov 2
17	Ijaiya, Hakeem Olasunkanmi	Private & Property Law	Nov 2
18	Olorunfemi, Jacob Folorunso	Geography & Environmental Management	Nov 2
19	Ayodele, Kehinde	Teaching & Research Farm	Nov 2
20	Saliu, Rasag	Security Division	Nov 2
21	Adeta-babamale, Rasheedat Adenike	Registry	Nov 2
22	Tiamiyu, Akeem	Technical & Entrepreneurship Centre	Nov 2
23	Mustapha, Usman Kola	Mechanical Engineering	Nov 3
24	Afolabi, Olugbenga Onaolapo	Pathology	Nov 3
25	Jubril, Audu Mohammed	Security Division	Nov 3
26	Akang, Austine Benard	Registry	Nov 3
27	Katibi, Oludolapo Sherifat	Paediatric & Child Health	Nov 3
28	Sanusi, Muhammed	Centre For Research Laboratory	Nov 3
29	Ojo, Isaac Mayowa	Procurement & Maintenance Support	Nov 3
30	Mahmoud-maukadam, Abdur-rasheed	Arabic	Nov 3
31	Shuaib, Abdulrasag Omotola	Registry	Nov 3
32	Ibrahim, Sulyman Olaitan	Library	Nov 3
33	Ashaolu, Modupe Oluremi	Registry	Nov 3
34	Raimi, Fatimoh	Registry	Nov 4
35	Olowo, Yusuf Kudirat	Registry	Nov 4
36	Abdulsalam, Abdulrasak	Works: Works/ Maintenance Office	Nov 4
37	Alege, Folorunsho Bello	Registry	Nov 4
38	Dare, Akintade Oyedele	Medical Radiography	Nov 5
39	Iyanda, Murtala Olayode	Agricultural & Biosystem Engineering	Nov 5
40	Adeoye, Esther Bolanle	Health Services	Nov 5
41	Akangbe, Ayotomisinoluwa Adeunmola	Criminology & Security Studies	Nov 5
42	Osang, Felix Owan	Sugar Research Institute	Nov 5
43	Babarinde, Funmilola Justina	Training Research & Development	Nov 5
44	Olorukooba, Halima Omolara	Nursing Science	Nov 5
45	Lewu, Susan Folashade	Anatomy	Nov 5
46	Dauda, Abdulrafiu	Accounting	Nov 5
47	Adebayo, Kayode A.	Security Division	Nov 5
48	Abolarin, Roseline Oluwaseyi	Registry	Nov 5
49	Muhammad-lawal, Abdul-azeez	Agric Econs & Farm Management	Nov 5
50	Okoro, Hussein Kehinde	Chemistry	Nov 6
51	Ibikunle, Monsurat Bimpe	Vice-Chancellor's Lodge	Nov 6
52	Aliyu-ibrahim, Foluke Rashidat	English	Nov 6
53	Olanrewaju, Temitope Marim	Procurement & Maintenance Support	Nov 6
54	Sani, Olabisi Musliu	Bursary	Nov 6
55	Imam, Aminu	Anatomy	Nov 6
56	Ogunniran, Victoria Oludunni	Arts Education	Nov 6
57	Oluyomi, Ruth Bukola	Registry	Nov 6
58	Ajibade, Toyin Benedict	Agric Econs & Farm Management	Nov 6
59	Olorukooba, Zainab Titi	Registry	Nov 6
60	Komolafe, Moses Adekoya	Works: Electrical/Telecom	Nov 6

Open Ph.D Thesis Defence

S/N	NAME	FACULTY/DEPARTMENT	TITLE	DATE & TIME	VENUE
1	ADESINA, Adetayo Oluwole	Arts/International Studies	"Poverty Alleviation and Rural Development in Old Oyo State, Nigeria, 1976-1991"	29 th Friday, Oct. 2021/3:00pm	New Faculty of Arts Board Room
2	ADENIRAN, Janet Adebukola	Education/Health Promotion and Environmental Health Education	Effectiveness of Health Education Intervention on Knowledge, Attitude and Practice of Healthy Eating among Adolescents in Abuja, Nigeria	3 rd Wednesday, Nov. 2021/10.00am	Departmental Seminal Room
3	ADEDIGBA, Chris Gbade	Education/ Health Promotion and Environmental Health Education	Effects of E-Waste Disposal on Environmental and Human Health as Perceived by Residents of Oke-Ogun, Oyo State, Nigeria	2 nd Tuesday, Nov. 2021/12:00noon	Departmental Seminal Room

New Appointment

NAME	FACULTY /DEPARTMENT	APPOINTMENT	EFFECTIVE DATE
Dr. S. O. Onidare	Telecommunication Science/Communication and Information Sciences	Coordinator, Department of Telecommunication Science	1 st November, 2021



- In his speech at the just concluded 36th Convocation Ceremony of the University of Ilorin, President Muhammadu Buhari, has appealed to the Academic Staff Union of Universities (ASUU) and other Unions within and outside the University system to always give peace a chance.
("Buhari urges ASUU, others to embrace dialogue", *The Nation*, Sunday, October 24, 2021, p. 8; See also, "Give peace a chance, Buhari urges ASUU", *Blueprint*, Monday, October 25, 2021, p. 18; "Buhari urges ASUU, to embrace dialogue", <https://choicereporters.com>, "embrace dialogue Buhari begs ASUU, others", <https://punchng.com>, "Buhari wants ASUU to embrace dialogue in resolving industrial conflict", <https://www.thegraphic.ng>, "Buhari to ASUU, others: Shelve planned strike", <https://www.blueprint.ng>, "Buhari to ASUU, Our Universities cant withstand another strike", <https://dailytrust.com>, "Buhari urges ASUU, others to embrace dialogue", <https://thenationonline.ng.net>).
- President Muhammadu Buhari has charged other institutions of higher learning in the Country to take a cue from the University of Ilorin, by working to maintain peace at all time.
("Buhari urges Nigerian varsities to emulate Unilorin", <https://dailylinks.ng>, Breaking: President Buhari Tasks Nigerian Varsities to Emulate Unilorin", <http://www.holisticinfos.com>).
- President Muhammadu Buhari has tasked the University of Ilorin to play a leading role in research and production of vaccines locally.
("Buhari Charges Varsity to Develop COVID- 19 Vaccine", *Thisday*, The Sunday Newspaper, October 24, 2021, p. 63; See also, "Buhari to Nigerian Universities: Produce COVID-19 Vaccine", *The Herald on Sunday*, October 24, 2021, pp. 1&3; "Buhari charges varsity to lead research into local vaccine", <https://theeagleonline.com.ng>; "Buhari charges Unilorin to lead research on local vaccine production", <https://www.pulse.ng>; "Find Antidote to COVID-19, President Buhari tasks Universities", <https://leadership.ng>; "President Buhari tells Universities to conduct researches on COVID-19", <https://von.gov.ng>; "President Buhari challenges Universities on researches targeted at COVID-19", <https://businessstandardsng.com>).
- President Muhammadu Buhari has lauded the management, staff and students of the University of Ilorin for sustaining the glowing reputation of the institution as the most sought-after University in the last eight years.
("UNILORIN, pride to Nigeria, says Buhari", *Sunday Telegraph*, Sunday, October 24, 2021, p. 5; See also, "UNILORIN, pride to Nigeria, says Buhari", <https://www.newtelegraphng.com>).
- A graduating student of Mathematics Department of the University of Ilorin, Joseph Oloruntoba Adeola, who is also a godson of pastor William Folorunsho Kumuyi, has emerged the overall best graduating Student of the University at the 2019/2020 convocation ceremony with a CGPA of 4.92.
("Kumuyi's godson, Adeola emerges UNILORIN best graduating Student", *National Pilot*, Mon. 25th – Wed. 27th October 2021, p. 4)
- The Convocation Lecturer at the 36th Convocation Ceremony of the University of Ilorin, Yusuf Olaolu Ali, SAN, has identified incessant strikes and weak funding, among other factors, as key issues killing universities in the country.
("Poor Funding Incessant Strikes Killing Universities - Yusuf Ali",
; See also, "Yusuf Ali, SAN, laments low world ranking of Nigerian Universities", <https://nationaltrailonline.com.ng>; "Council chair bemoans low ranking of Nigerian Varsities", <https://www.newtelegraph.com>; "Tertiary Education and the future of Nigeria", *The Herald on Sunday*, October 24, 2021, p. 12-13; "inadequate funding , Unionism affecting running of varsities- Ali", *Blueprint*, Monday, October 25, 2021, p. 5).
- The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Sulyman Age Abdulkareem, has disclosed that the University has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Nigerian Army to produce ballistic composites.
("UNILORIN and Nigerian Army Sign pact to produce ballistic composites", https://youtu.be/JFSIZIRH_6U).
- The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Sulyman Age Abdulkareem, has said the institution sustained an uninterrupted 2019/2020 academic session despite the COVID-19 lockdown.
("36th Convocation: Despite COVID-19 Threat, Unilorin maintains uninterrupted session- VC", <http://www.holisticinfos.com>; See also, "36th Convocation: Unilorin maintains uninterrupted session", <https://www.facebook.com/sobiFM101.9>).
- The University of Ilorin has been announced as the winner of the HiFL ELITE HOST OF THE YEAR AT THE HiFL Elite Awards recently held in Lagos
("Suleiman Leads 2021 HiFL Elite II", *The Guardian*, Monday, October 25, 2021, p. 47)
- A picture of the just concluded 36th Convocation Ceremony of the University of Ilorin has been published in a newspaper.
(*The Herald on Sunday*, October 24, 2021, p.9)

2 Unilorin dons make TETFund grants' monitoring team

By Abubakar Imam

The Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund), a leading educational intervention agency of the Federal Government, has appointed two University of Ilorin Professors into its National Research Fund Screening and Monitoring Committee (NRFS & MC).

The two Unilorites are the immediate past Director of COMSIT, Prof. Yinusa A. Adediran and the former Head, Humanity Clustre, Centre for Research, Development and In-House Training (CREDIT), Prof. Imam Y.O.

A letter signed by the Executive

Secretary of the Fund, Prof. Suleiman E. Bogoro, a copy of which was made available to **UNILORIN BULLETIN**, stated that the Committee, which consists of 75 members, has a Professor of Agriculture at the Federal University, Dutse, Jigawa State, Musa Abubakar, as Chairman.

Prof. Bogoro explained that the Committee, which has two years as its lifespan, is expected to examine pre-qualified applications for research grants from academic in beneficiary institutions

to ensure that they are in compliance with approved templates for accessing TETFund NRF Grant; categorise pre-qualified research into streams and disciplines to ease the appointment of assessors/reviewers; and recommend pre-qualified and categorised proposals.

Members of the Committee, according to the letter of appointment, are also expected to serve on the NRF proposal panel and carry out other responsibilities that may be assigned to them from time to time by the Fund.



The BIG STORY

Adeniyi is Unilorin's Researcher of the Year 2020

...32 other staff bag Merit Awards *28 retired/late dons honoured

By Mubarak Oladosu

The Acting Head of the Department of Chemical Engineering, University of Ilorin, Dr. Adeniyi Adewale George, has won the institution's Researcher of the Year 2020 award. The award is its 13th edition, which was part of the activities marking this year's convocation ceremonies of the institution, goes with a brand new car gift.

At a grand ceremony in the University's Multipurpose Hall, where the award was presented to Dr. Adeniyi penultimate Saturday (October 23, 2021), 32 other staff members of the University that cut across all Departments, Units, Centres and Directorates were also given Merit Awards for their services to the University while 28 retired and deceased Professors were also honoured.

Speaking at the event, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Sulyman Age Abdulkareem, appreciated all the staff of the University and noted that members of staff who miss out on the merit awards this year should take it as an opportunity to keep working hard because it will soon be their turn to be recognised for their dedication.

The University management also recognised 28 Professors who recently disengaged as staff of the University on account of retirement or death and 23 senior non-teaching staff as well as nine junior ones in acknowledgment of their meritorious services and laudable commitment to duties.

The Professors, who were recognised upon their retirement were the pioneer Vice-Chancellor of Al-Hikmah University, Ilorin, Prof. Musbau Akanji; former Deputy Vice-Chancellors at the University, Professors A.Y. Abdulkareem, N. Y. S. Ijaiya, and Albert Olayemi; the former President of the Association of Nigerian Authors and Chairman, Governing Council of the Federal University of Technology, Akure, Prof. Olufemi Obafemi; the immediate past Director-General of the National Library, Prof. Lenrie Aina; the former Director, Centre for Hydropower Research, Prof C. O. Akoshile; the former Provost, Adeyemi College of Education, Prof. A. I. Idowu; and the first Professor of Islamic Law in West Africa, Prof. Abdulqadir Zubair.

Others were the former Chief Imam and pioneer Director of the Centre for Ilorin Studies, University of Ilorin, Prof. A.G.A.S. Oladosu; the Chief Imam and Waziri of Auchi, Prof. Z. I. Oseni;



■ Dr. Adeniyi displaying the Prize Car Key and award Plaque

Prof. Rafiu Bale of the Department of Geology, as well as Professors Olufemi Ogunsanwo, Samuel Akande and Jacob Adekeye, all of the Department of Geology.

Also honoured were the former Dean of the Postgraduate School, Prof. Clement Bewaji; the former Dean of the Faculty of Agriculture, Prof. Gbadebo Olaoye; the former Dean of the Faculty of Engineering and Technology, Prof. Y. A. Jimoh; the former Dean of the Faculty of Business and Social Science, Prof. I. O. Taiwo and a former Dean of Student Affairs, Prof. J. A. Morakinyo.

Other retired Professors on the honours list were Prof. James Olaniyi Adeniran of the Department of Surgery, Prof. Olukayode Oje of the Department of Agricultural Engineering, Prof. Olujide Oyeyinka of the Department of Chemical Pathology and Immunology and Prof. Olufemi Odeunmi of the Department of Chemistry.

The Posthumous Awards went to Prof. A. O. Awoyemi, who retired from the Department of Epidemiology and Community Health; Prof. Emmanuel Sanya of the Department of Medicine, Prof. Taiye Akomolafe of the Department of Physics and Prof. Ayobami Akinwale of the Department of the Performing Arts.

Awardees in the non-teaching staff category included the Deputy Registrar (Academic Support Services), Mr. Adam Abdulsalam; Senior Assistant Registrars, Messrs Sunday Olorunyomi and Musbau Jimoh; an Assistant Registrar, Mrs. Rachel Ayodele; an Administrative

Officer, Mr. Ahmed Lawal; a Senior Information Officer, Mr. Temitope Olawuyi of the Directorate of Corporate Affairs (UNILORIN 89.3FM), Senior Lodge Officer; Mr. Johnson Bello; Security Officer, Mr. Michael Ameh; Assistant Chief Technical Officer, Mr. James Ishola; Chief Secretarial Assistant, Mrs. Olayemi Salako; Laboratory Superintendent, Mr. Jide Opotu; Confidential Secretary, Mrs. M. F. Sadiku; Higher Executive Officer, Mr. Damilola Ekemode; Chief Medical Statistics Officer, Mr. R. O. Ikusemoro; Administrative Officer, Mr. Abimbola Adeshina; Senior Executive Officer, Ms Olufunke Koledade; Senior Confidential Secretary, Mr. Ayinde Kadir; an Assistant Security Officer, Mrs. Victoria Abiodun; Senior Executive Officers, Messrs Kolowole Adegboyega, C. O. Bello and Abdulfatai Zakariyau; Executive Officer, Mr. Tajudeen Olayinka and also Mr. Tantoluwa Gbadeyan.

The junior non-teaching staff who were honoured were Miss Victoria Obafemi, Mr. Giwa Abdulhakeem, Mrs. Omoyeni Ikujuni, Mrs. Modupe Mojuba, Mr. Tajudeen Arowosaiye, Mrs. Victoria Durojaiye, Mr. Samuel Akeredolu, Mr. Femilolu Ajayi and Mr. Ibrahim Olowo.

The merit awards programme also featured the Overall Best Graduating Student, which went to Adeola, Joseph Oloruntoba, the Best Sportsman of the Year won by Mr. Abdulkareem A. Olanrewaju, and the Best Sportswoman of the Year won by Mrs. Idowu Aremu.

Graduating University scholars were also recognised at the event.