



## Abdulkareem, Egbewole lead condolence teams to late Pro-Chancellor's family



■ L-R: Dr. Olowoleni, Prof. Abdulkareem, Prof. Adesanya, Prof. Issa, and Mr. Alfania during the visit



■ A cross section of the condolence team led by the Vice Chancellor-designate, Prof. Egbewole (1st right), in Katsina penultimate Saturday

The Council and management of the University of Ilorin have dispatched two separate teams of members and top officials of the University to the Katsina home of its late Pro-Chancellor and Chairman, Governing Council, Mallam Abidu Rafindadi Yazid OON, on condolence visits.

Mallam Yazid passed on penultimate Thursday (September 22, 2022) at the age of 79 years and was buried same day according to Islamic rites.

The first team, led by the University's Vice Chancellor-designate, Prof. Wahab Egbewole

(SAN), visited the late Council Chairman's resident and family house in Katsina penultimate Saturday (September 24, 2022), while the second team, led by the outgoing Vice Chancellor, Prof. Sulyman Age Abdulkareem, was also in Katsina last Tuesday (September 27, 2022).

With the Vice Chancellor on the visit were the Registrar and Secretary to Council, Dr. Fola M. Olowoleni; the University Librarian, Prof. Abdulwahab Issa; Prof. Saburi Adesanya, External Council member; and Mr. Mansur Alfania, Council member. *(Contd. from page 3)*



■ Late Mallam Yazid

## UNILORIN students seek stronger ties with Kwara Police Command

By Mustafa Abubakar



■ CP Odama

The leadership of the University of Ilorin Students' Union has urged the new Kwara State Commissioner of Police, Mr. Odama Paul, to further strengthen the existing relationship between the force and the student body.

The appeal was made last Monday (September 26, 2022) when members of the Students' Union executive committee visited the Police Commissioner in his office.

In his remarks, the Students' Union President, Comrade Taofik Waliu Opeyemi, disclosed that the essence of their visit among other reasons was to further strengthen the existing relationship between the force and the student body.

Opeyemi congratulated the new Police Chief and wished him a successful stay in the state.

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## Students, IEMF commiserate with UNILORIN over Council Chair's death

By Mustafa Abubakar

The University of Ilorin Students' Union and the Igbomina/Ekiti Muslims Forum (IEMF) have expressed their condolences to the management of the University of Ilorin over the demise of the University's Pro-Chancellor and Governing Council Chairman, Mallam Abidu Ranfidandi Yazid (OON).

Mallam Yazid died penultimate Thursday (September 22, 2022) at the age of 79 years.

In its condolence message, the Students Union expressed shock at the

sudden death of the Council Chairman.

The message, jointly signed by the Students' Union's President and Public Relations Officer, Comrade Taofik Waliu Opeyemi and Comrade Olabode, Stephen Opeyemi, and made available to **UNILORIN BULLETIN**, prayed God to grant the family, colleagues and friends of Mallam Yazid the fortitude to bear the unfortunate loss.

Also, the Igbomina/Ekiti Muslims Forum (IEMF) described the death of Mallam Yazid as shocking and sad news.

In a statement signed by its President, Alhaji Nasiru Olabisi Ibrahim,

the Forum said, "It is with heavy heart that I commiserate with our brother, the Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Sulyman Age Abdulkareem, and the entire UNILORIN community over the death of Mallam Abidu Ranfidandi Yazid, OON, the Pro-Chancellor and Chairman of the Governing Council of the citadel of learning.

"We also condole with the deceased's family, the Katsina State Government and the entire people of the State. It is our prayer that Allah in His infinite mercy will forgive Mallam Yazid's shortcomings, make Aljanah Firdaus his abode and also grant his family the fortitude to bear the irreparable loss."

## SpringerBriefs publishes Ajimotokan's new Engineering book

By Abubakar Imam

A new book, "*Research Techniques: Qualitative, Quantitative, and Mixed-methods Approaches for Engineers*", written by an Associate Professor at the Department of Mechanical Engineering, University of Ilorin, Dr Habeeb A. Ajimotokan, has been published by a renowned publisher, SpringerBriefs.

The Switzerland-based publishing outfit is a Scopus-indexed international publishing outlet of repute and one of the most sought-after publishers across the globe.

In a chat with **UNILORIN BULLETIN**, Dr Ajimotokan said that the book would serve as "a reference resource to researchers and those in academia and industry, as it is also one of the first of its kind in that branch of human knowledge".



The author, who had earlier invented a pencil-making machine in

2019, which was patented in 2020, explained that the book is one of the first of its kind in that aspect of learning and would definitely positively impact on the rating of the University of Ilorin and especially its Faculty of Engineering and Technology among their peers, not just in Nigeria but also beyond.

The unique features of the book, according to Dr Ajimotokan, are its provision of unique engineering perspectives; discussion of research planning and implementation tools for engineering research; and presentation of generic and soft skills required for impact.

Dr Ajimotokan, who is currently on sabbatical at the Department of Mechanical Engineering, Elizade University, Ilara-Mokin, Ondo State, said that the book can also be assessed online.

## UNILORIN students seek stronger ties with Kwara Police Command

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The student leader and his team used the opportunity of the visit to discuss the security threats being posed by the lingering ASUU strike on the students as well as how to curb police harassment and extortion of students.

In his response, the new Commissioner of Police, said that he was happy to receive the students' leaders in his office, and assured them of his determination to build on the existing relationship between the command and students.

CP Paul further assured the Union of his readiness to combat insecurity, cultism, social vices and harassment in Tanke and its environs.

Earlier, the Union, in a closed-door meeting with the OC, State Intelligence Bureau, and CSP Kabir Wada, discussed various issues bordering on the

security challenges in students' suburban areas and the efforts in tackling them.

Among those at the meeting were the DPO, Tanke F' Division of the command, CSP Abdul Olayinka; 2 I C State Intelligence Bureau, SP Moji Ishola and AIO Tanke, as well as DSP Uthman

Umar, who facilitated the meeting.

On the entourage of the Students' Union President were the Public Relations Officer, Comrade Olabode Stephen Opeyemi; the Welfare Secretary, Comrade



Ajayi Akinwale; the Social Secretary, Comrade Adeyemo Abdulwasii; Sen. Fasasi Ahmed, Sen. Oladimeji Kazeem, and Comr. Omofoma Victor, among others.



## Abdulkareem, Egbewole lead condolence teams to late Pro-Chancellor's family

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On Prof. Egbewole's entourage were Mrs Juwon Bose Olayiwola, representative of the Federal Ministry of Education on the Governing Council; Dr Talmiz Usman, external member of the University Council; Alhaja Simiat Ibrahim, external member of Council, Prince Austin Obaedo, external member of the Council, Mr Hakeem Shonde, University Bursar; Dr. Rasheed Odunola, Council member representing the Congregation; Prof. Abdulrasheed Adeoye, Council member representing Convocation and Prof. Fola Ologe, Council member representing the University Senate.

In his remarks during the visit, Prof. Egbewole described Mallam Yazid's death as a great loss not only to the University of Ilorin but also to the country, Katsina State and his immediate family, adding that the late Council Chairman was "a man of God, honesty, integrity, sincerity and a father to all".

Prof. Egbewole said that the late Mallam Yazid would always be remembered for his dedication, services to the nation and humanity.

According to the Vice Chancellor-designate, the late Pro-Chancellor has made unforgettable contributions in an effort towards resolving the prolonged strike by the Academic Staff Union of Universities (ASUU).

"His death has created a very big vacuum in that aspect and also in our Governing Council," Prof. Egbewole said, describing his death as "very shocking, unexpected and painful to the entire staff and students of the University, especially at this point in time".

He said that the late Governing Council Chairman died at a time when his services were most needed by the institution and the nation's university system.

He prayed God to grant his soul eternal rest and give the family the strength to bear the irreparable loss, and "may God forgive his shortcomings and admit him into Aljannah Firdaus".

In his response, the eldest son of the deceased, Mallam Abdulhalim Yazid, described his late father as a mentor and hero, not only to the family, but to many.

He appreciated the UNILORIN delegations for their visit all the way from Kwara State, saying that the visit had given him and the family more strength to bear the loss of their hero.

According to him, their late



■ The Vice Chancellor, Prof. Abdulkareem (2nd right) exchanging views with the Chief of Staff to the President, Prof. Agboola Gambari (2nd left) at the home of the Yazids during the condolence visit last Tuesday



■ The Vice Chancellor and other members of the visiting team condoling with the eldest son of the late Pro-Chancellor, Mallam Abdulhalim Yazid (left)



■ The Vice Chancellor-designate, Prof. Egbewole (2nd left) and other members of his entourage offering prayers at the home of the Yazids in Katsina

father who died in his 70s left behind three wives and five children.

The eldest wife of the deceased, Hajiya Fatima Yazid, who also expressed

the family's appreciation to the delegate, said "it is a clear indication that our late husband was a man of integrity".





## UNILORIN fortunate with Egbewole as VC-Adedimeji

By Abubakar Imam

The Vice Chancellor of the Ahman Pategi University (APU), Pategi, Prof. Mahfouz A. Adedimeji, has said that the University of Ilorin was fortunate to have a distinguished jurist, outstanding scholar and tested administrator in the mould of Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, as its next Vice Chancellor.

Prof. Adedimeji stated this in a congratulatory message addressed to Prof. Egbewole on his emergence as the 11th Vice Chancellor of the nation's most sought-after University, a copy of which was made available to **UNILORIN BULLETIN** last Wednesday (September 28, 2022).

The renowned academic explained that Prof. Egbewole's appointment "is a befitting crown of several years of your intense academic productivity, remarkable professional excellence and robust administrative experience".

He added that "those of us who have been privileged to work and walk with you at the University of Ilorin know that you personify the inimitable ideals of the academe" as he equally described Prof.



■ Prof. Egbewole

Egbewole as "a pride to the university system".

Prof. Adedimeji, who also exalted the infectious personality of the foremost Professor of Jurisprudence and International Law, affirmed that Prof. Egbewole's style and characters had always epitomised honesty, humility, versatility and humanity.

The APU Vice Chancellor expressed the conviction that Prof. Egbewole would certainly bring to bear in the discharge of his enormous responsibilities his "uncommon brilliance, jurisprudential sagacity, commitment to duty, transparent honesty, demonstrable courage and abiding faith in Allah", saying that these dispositions would enable the University of Ilorin to maintain its better by far status.

Prof. Adedimeji, who is a former Director, Centre for Peace and Strategic Studies, University of Ilorin, expressed the determination of his institution to work towards deepening its relationship with the University of Ilorin with a view to also becoming a cynosure of all eyes as the University Prof. Egbewole was appointed to head.

While felicitating with the Senior Advocate of Nigeria on his appointment, Prof. Adedimeji prayed Allah to endow Prof. Egbewole "with divine wisdom and support him with the wherewithal to take the University to the next stage of greatness".

## Unending strike: Unilorin ASUU chairman seeks parents' intervention

By Abubakar Imam

The Chairman of the Academic Staff Union of Universities (ASUU), University of Ilorin Chapter, Prof. Saliu Moyosore Ajao, has again called on stakeholders, particularly parents, to prevail on the Federal Government towards ensuring the resolution of the ongoing strike by the Union, which had led to the closure of federal universities in the country since February 14, 2022.

Prof. Ajao, who stated this last Wednesday (September 28, 2022) while featuring on a radio programme in Ilorin, noted that it was high time parents and other organised bodies pressurised the Federal Government to give the matter the much-needed critical attention instead of the lip services it is currently paying to it.

The Union leader, who noted that even though the matter is in court, a lot could still be done in the interest of all to ensure that students, who are supposed to be learning, return to their various campuses to conclude, continue or commence their various academic programmes as the case may be.

Prof. Ajao expressed his conviction that by the time parents add their voices to the issue, the Federal Government would expedite actions towards resolving the logjam once and for all.



■ Prof. Ajao

While expressing the belief that Nigeria is not too poor to fund the nation's educational system as expected, the don lamented that the salaries being paid to university teachers are too low compared to what their colleagues in other fields earn.

He added that the decision of the Federal Government to apply the policy of "no work no pay", which informed the nonpayment of their salaries since February is not in tune with reality as he explained that staff members of research institutions that have been on strike for more than a year have been receiving their salaries as at when due, while "staff of the nation's moribund refineries that had not refined a drop of oil for a long time are still getting their pay regularly".

Prof. Ajao, who noted that though members of his Union had not been teaching since the strike commenced, they have been religiously carrying out other cardinal responsibilities expected of academics such as research and community services.

He, therefore, said that the government has no reason not to pay the salaries of lecturers, pointing out that insistence on the application of "no work no pay" would only delay the resolution of the industrial dispute.

The distinguished Professor of Anatomy added that the Union did not go into the strike for the betterment of the welfare of its members alone but to ensure that the nation's university system witnesses improvement in the quality of its services and products.

Prof. Ajao reminded the government and other stakeholders that the quality of the products of the nation's educational system could not be better than that of the system which produced them, saying that stakeholders should work on government to ensure that the available facilities in the nation's universities compare favourably with those in their peers across the world.

He added that he and many other members of the striking Union have their children and wards in the universities on strike and said that it would be their pleasure if the strike is resolved as soon as possible and in the interest of peace and



## IESA mourns UNILORIN's Pro-Chancellor

By Abubakar Imam

**T**he Ilorin Emirate Staff Association (IESA), University of Ilorin, has expressed profound sadness over the death of the Pro-Chancellor and Chairman of the Governing Council of the University, Mallam Abidu Rafindadi Yazid, OON.

In a statement signed by the Secretary-General of the Association, Abubakar Imam, on behalf of its Chairman; Prof. Suleiman Funsho Ambali, the Association said that it was saddened by the death of the renowned technocrat and elder statesman.

The IESA Chairman, who is a former Dean, Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, University of Ilorin, described the late Mallam Yazid as an easygoing, amiable, affectionate and moderate gentleman, who presided over the Governing Council of the University at a period of global and national challenges with utmost sense of responsibility, dignity and fear of the



■ Prof. Ambali

Almighty Allah.

Prof. Ambali commiserated with the outgoing Vice Chancellor of the institution, Prof. Sulyman Age Abdulkareem, and members of the Governing Council as well as management, staff and students of the University on the demise of the Pro-

Chancellor, saying that "his death has again reminded all of the transience of life and that we must always prepare for death as it can come at any time".

While also condoling the incoming Vice Chancellor of the University, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, Prof. Ambali said that "the death of the Chairman in the course of transition from one administration to the other was definitely unanticipated, and a colossal loss" as he urged "all of us who are bereaved to take solace in the fact that the late Pro-Chancellor lived a life full of accomplishments".

Prof. Ambali prayed Allah to console his family, friends, the University of Ilorin community, the Katsina Emirate Council and indeed the government and people of Katsina State on the loss of their illustrious son and pray Allah to forgive the shortcomings of the late Pro-Chancellor as well as admit his soul into Aljana Fridaouz.

## Adedimeji charges Nigerians to shun hatred, embrace love

By Mustafa Abubakar

**T**he former Director of the Centre for Peace and Strategic Studies (CPSS), University of Ilorin, Prof. Mahfouz Adedimeji, has urged Nigerians to stop hating one another and embrace love in their relationships both online and in real life.

Prof. Adedimeji gave the charge last Wednesday (September 21, 2022) while delivering a lecture commemorating the International Day of Peace at Ahman Pategi University, Patigi, Kwara State.

Prof. Adedimeji, who is the pioneer Vice Chancellor of Ahman Patigi University and a Fellow of the Society for Peace Studies and Practice (SPSP), said that hating people is like taking poison and thinking it would harm the hated.

He, therefore, enjoined Nigerians to love one another including those who do not deserve it because it is a way of freeing their minds from negativity.

Prof. Adedimeji emphasised that peace is relevant to all people across races, cultures and disciplines, therefore imperative for everyone to uphold truth, promote justice, embrace forgiveness and show love as pillars that make peace hold in the real sense.

While tracing the origin of the



■ Prof. Adedimeji

United Nations International Day of Peace to 1981 when it was first marked, Prof. Adedimeji recalled that a Resolution of the United Nations General Assembly in 2001 fixed the Day on September 21 each year.

He noted that the theme for this year, "Stop Racism, Build Peace" is especially important in a world where people discriminate against one another and wage war, which is evident in the crises ravaging parts of Africa and the war between China and Russia.

He enjoined Nigerians and human beings at large to build bridges of peace and understanding as they stop

discriminating against one another basis on linguistic, ethnic, social, political and cultural differences.

He stressed that given the centrality of the need for peace at all times, the fledgling Ahman Pategi University, where he is currently, will be marking Peace Day every year with programmes, activities and events.

Prof. Adedimeji who was a member of the Governing Council of the International Peace Research Association (IPRA) for some time also admonished Nigerians on the need for mutual understanding, tolerance, self-discipline and harmonious co-existence, stressing that peace of mind is first and foremost.

In their separate remarks, the Bursar and the Senior Assistant Registrar of APU, Alhaji Musbau Oladejo and Mr Dennis Onwukwe, disclosed that those who are familiar with the pedigree of Prof. Adedimeji as a former Director of Peace and Strategic Studies at the University of Ilorin would not be surprised by his versatility and commitment to peace building, noting that the sensitisation was very impactful.

Highlight of the occasion was an interactive session, where both staff and students appreciated the Vice Chancellor on the initiative.





## As Abdulkareem bows out gracefully (2)

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### The N600m Integrated Poultry Farm initiative

Under the leadership of Professor Sulyman Age Abdulkareem, the University established, with a loan of N600, 000, 000 from the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN), an Integrated Commercial Poultry Farm, the UNILORIN GgMax Poultry Farm to boost the production of eggs and chicken in the country.

Arguably the mother of all Abdulkareem's achievements, this project, which was facilitated under the Central Bank's Tertiary Institutions Poultry Revival Scheme (TIPRES), is the administration's flagship legacy of all times.

To date, Unilorin remains the only tertiary institution in Nigeria to have actualised this vision of the CBN Governor. The project was officially commissioned on 21<sup>st</sup> July, 2022 and it is set to play a key role in the agro-based business in the country towards the revival of the poultry subsector to reduce importation and close the existing demand and supply gap of eggs and allied poultry products. It will also generate direct and indirect employment for some of the teeming army of unemployed youths in the country.

The Farm would not only place the University of Ilorin on the map of institutions with such projects but would also serve as a training ground for the students of the University pursuing different programmes such as Veterinary Medicine and Agriculture.

### Sustenance of 'Most Subscribed University' status

By dint of hard work and commitment to institutional goals, the administration of Professor Sulyman Abdulkareem ensured that the University of Ilorin sustained the status of the 'Most Sought-after University' status. It is on record that since the past eight years, the University has consistently been the toast of university admission

seekers. But specifically during the administration of Professor Abdulkareem, the University maintained the tempo: In 2018, 86, 401 candidates chose to study at Unilorin, 105, 058 in 2019, 103, 582 in 2020, 78, 466 in 2021, and 96, 741 in 2022.

### Consecutive winner of the JAMB Merit Awards

Professor Abdulkareem also led the University to win, for two consecutive years, 2018 and 2019, the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board's (JAMB) National Tertiary Admissions Performance Merit Award.

For the 2018 awards, the University won the "Most Subscribed institution" Award worth N25 million prize money. With a total candidates' enrolment of 86, 401, Unilorin beat the University of Benin to the second place.

In the 2019 edition, the University of Ilorin won two awards - the Most Subscribed institution" by candidates and the "Institution with the Highest Number of Admitted International Students" with a total cash prize of N150 million at N75 million per category.

Also, in the 2020 edition of the award held in July 2022, the University won the award for Institution of First Choice by admission seekers with a cash prize of N75 million.

### Unilorin – ASUU rapprochement

Probably the biggest breakthrough of the Better by Far citadel in 2019 was the final resolution of the cat-and-mouse feud between the University's Chapter of the Academic Staff Union of Universities (ASUU) and the union's national body. The crisis had festered for nearly two decades with its attendant casualties on both sides.

Even though the resolution was not initiated by him, Professor Abdulkareem fervently supported the move when it was brought to his attention. In a *UNILORIN FM* radio interview, Professor Abdulkareem said that his administration got

involved in the reconciliatory process because "the two-decade long polarisation of the Union at the local level had brought a lot of discomfort to the innocent academic staff and students of the University, who have been needlessly harassed by their colleagues from other universities in the country".

The resolution of the ASUU crisis was a testament to the pacifist disposition of Professor Abdulkareem.

### A harvest of high-calibre personnel exports

With no fewer than 10 high calibre personnel export to other universities as vice chancellors, registrars, bursars and librarians, the Professor Abdulkareem's tenure witnessed the University of Ilorin becoming a fertile stable for head-hunters looking for best brains to poach either to pioneer the establishment of new universities or to assist in consolidating on the achievements of going citadels or even to help in retrieving flailing institutions from a certain abyss of decline in fortunes into which they might have been pushed by past administrative inadequacies.

Among the proud personnel exports from the stable of the University of Ilorin during the tenure of Professor Abdulkareem are Professor Luke Ayorinde, Vice Chancellor of Kola Dai University, Ibadan (2018), and Thomas Adewumi University, Oko-Irese, Kwara State, (2020); Professor Muhammad Mustapha Akanbi (SAN), Vice-Chancellor, Kwara State University, Malete (2020); Professor Musa Isyaku Ahmed, Vice Chancellor, Federal University of Agriculture, Zuru (2020); Professor Noah Yusuf, Vice Chancellor, Al-Hikmah University, Ilorin (2020); Professor Mahfouz Adedimeji, Vice Chancellor, Ahman Pategi University, Pategi, Kwara State (2021); Professor Bayo Lawal, Vice-Chancellor, University of Offa (2021); and Professor Temidayo Oladiji, Vice Chancellor, Federal University of Technology, Akure (2022). Also, Professor Yusuf Da-Silva was appointed the Chief Medical Director of the University of Ilorin Teaching Hospital (UITH) (2018) while

Professor Baba Awoye Issa of the Department of Behavioural Sciences was appointed the pioneer Medical Director of the newly established Federal Neuro-Psychiatric Hospital, Budo-Egba in Asa Local Government area of Kwara State.

It should be noted that the University of Ilorin's fecund contribution of quality personnel to the nation's education sector during Professor Abdulkareem's tenure did not end in the vice chancellorship of universities around the country. Many of the University's academic and non-teaching staff members have also secured appointments as universities' Governing Council Chairmen and members, Principal Officers of universities as well as Provosts and Principal Officers of sundry tertiary education institutions. Among these are Professor Sulyman Kuranga, Pro-Chancellor and Chairman, Governing Council of Nnamdi Azikiwe University, Awka; Professor R. I. Adebayo, Provost of the newly established Federal College of Education, Iwo; Professor. Mukaila Aremu, Provost, Kwara State College of Education, Oro; Mr Kazeem Kayode Babamale, Registrar, Federal University of Health Sciences, Ila-Orangun; Ms Funke Hudson, Registrar, Confluence University of Science of Science and Technology, Lokoja; Dr Kikelomo Salle, Registrar, Kwara State University, Malete; Dr Rebecca Okojie, Registrar, Federal University, Lokoja; and Mr. Aransiola, Bursar, IVTEC, Ajase-Ipo.

### Digitisation of academic transcripts' issuance

To facilitate the request and issuance of academic transcripts to former students, the University, under the leadership of Prof. Abdulkareem, resolved to promote efficient service delivery with the institutionalisation of online application for transcripts as against the old delay-laden manual application. The Registry Department was, therefore, empowered to digitise all records and migrate to digital application and processing of transcripts.

The task was carried out in record time and with effect from June 2021, all applications for academic transcripts are now done online.

### Resettlement of Fulani Herdsmen

Professor Abdulkareem's concern for the security of lives of the University staff and students as well as safety of the University's property prompted him, in 2019, to relocate the Fulani herdsmen taking abode on the University land to a land in Opolo community.

The land, located in the Ilorin South Local Government, was donated by the Emir of Ilorin. This was possible through the implementation of the relocation plan of 2011 involving the construction of a school building, drilling of borehole, provision of hygienic toilet and financial support to the herdsmen by the University. This helped in no small way to douse tensions between the University community and the Fulani settlers.

### Resuscitation of the Emeritus Professorship scheme

In order to encourage qualified retired professors to continue to contribute their expertise to the training and development of highly skilled manpower, the University, under the leadership of Professor Abdulkareem, resuscitated the Emeritus Professorship scheme

The first set of five deserving retired professors was approved by the University Council and they were conferred with the emeritus honour during the 2021 University Convocation ceremonies.

### Sports Development

Under the administration of Professor Abdulkareem, the University of Ilorin sustained its sporting excellence. Not only did the University continue to host the popular National Youth Games (NYG) back-to-back on yearly basis throughout his tenure, it also continued to achieve remarkable feats at several national sporting championships.

He provided the enabling environment for sport to thrive. He improved funding that allowed the University to take part in all sporting activities it was invited to.

Prof. Abdulkareem also instituted better and more prompt reward

system for sportsmen and officials. To boost the morale of Unilorin sportsmen, the Vice Chancellor facilitated the acquisition of a brand new 14-seater Toyota Hiace bus for the exclusive use of the Sports Unit.

It is on record that the University hosted the NYG four times during Professor Abdulkareem's tenure -- 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2021. The 2020 edition was skipped due to the then ravaging COVID-19 pandemic. Also, during Professor Abdulkareem's tenure, the University hosted the Nigerian Higher Institutions Football League several times.

Other landmark achievements of Professor Abdulkareem in the area of Sports include the rehabilitation of the second football pitch (aka Maracana); fencing and regressing of the main football pitch; completion of the Squash Court with provision of glass back wall, wooden floors and air-conditioners for all the four courts; and hosting of several other competitions.

The University's contingent performed wonders at the 26<sup>th</sup> edition of the Nigerian Universities Game (NUGA), hosted by the University of Lagos. At the end of the games, Unilorin, with a total of 39 medals, emerged the 4<sup>th</sup> best team out of 73 universities listed on the medals table. The University also picked the most coveted football gold.

All these were the practical manifestation of Professor Abdulkareem's huge investment in sports facilities and the welfare of the institution's sports men and women.

### Endowment of annual prize for academic excellence

In line with his love for and penchant for encouraging academic excellence, Professor Abdulkareem personally instituted an annual prize award for the best graduating student of the Department of Chemical Engineering.

Known as "Prof. S. A. Abdulkareem's Award for the Best Graduating Student in Chemical Engineering", the award, in the sum of N50, 000, is to run for 10 years.



## Quintessential Personage (3)

By Prof. Adesina Lukman Azeez

A Review of the book, 'The Meteoric Rise of a Dynamic Academic', published in honour of Prof. Mahfouz Adedimeji

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But as inspiring as it is, as lucid as it is, in its smooth, simple but correct expressions, it has a few errors that are identified across the book. Such errors are mechanical and lexical in nature.

First, there are inconsistencies in the use of the British and American spellings on many pages of the book. It might be a minor mechanical issue, but I know Professor Lawal is very fastidious about this. At the beginning of my writing the column *on the Podium*, he called on several occasions to draw my attention to the unacceptability of such inconsistencies. For instance, *realised* is inconstantly spelt as *realized* on pages 91, paragraph 3, line 5, and on page 97, but spelt correctly in British format on page 109, last paragraph, line 2, and also on page 89. *Recognize* and *utilize* are also seen as being spelt inconsistently in American and British spellings in some other places.

Second, there is an error of subject-verb agreement on page 56, paragraph 3, line 6. It is always tricky to use the appropriate verb when the construction – one of – is used as the head word in a sentence.

Also, some hidden faulty parallelism errors are committed on page 90, paragraph 3, line 3 and 4; and on page 23. This is also usually a tricky unintentional violation of syntactic principles of comma splice while a general misuse of comma is also abundant in this book. Comma, if not properly used, either by omission or by being superfluous, can contaminate the semantic significance of a sentence. Thus, we should note such errors, for instance, on page 99, paragraph 2, line 3; page 23; page 27, paragraph 3; on page 40, paragraph 1, line 9 as well.

Mechanically, *1990s* should not be with an apostrophe. Wrong

use of a parallel tense also occurs on page 121, paragraph 1, line 5 when the past tense of *handle* should have been used to go with *taught* that precedes it. Besides, the book title –The Gods are not to Blame– on page 104, last paragraph, line 5, is supposed to be either italicized or quoted. There is also a printer's devil working on page 31 where *society* is spelt as *sciety*. It is an omission of proofreading. The use of *at* or *in* to precede office and university is also a thorny usage that only Professor Lawal can give a verdict on. I cannot close my eyes to the error of referring to my Department as Department of Mass Communications on page 107, line 4 and 5, last paragraph. There is no *s* marker for communication as a field of study. Although the book reads smoothly as a unified theme, I would have loved that the articles in the book are chapterised to make it better organised and easier for reference.

More importantly, too, I would have loved that the title of the book reads as *The Merit in a Man*, or *The Quintessential Personage*, rather than *The Meteoric Rise of a Dynamic Academic*. This is because the book is not essentially on how Professor Mahfouz rose to the enviable height he is occupying today. Rather, the contents of the book essentially extol/praise the virtues of a man who has impacted many lives.

In spite of all these pardonable mechanical and lexical errors, this compendium is a classic. Even though the book does not have any element of suspense, readers will not want to put it down until they read the whole 42 articles. This was what happened to me while reading the book in preparation for this review. The secret behind this irresistibility is the concrete narration of stories that are compelling about how the authors experienced Professor Mahfouz. Like I said at the outset, the book is not fictional but very didactic. As you read on, you will continue to evaluate yourself whether or not you

are in the same class of moral rectitude with Professor Mahfouz, and the wish of becoming like him will continue to flash your mind. The taste of the pudding is in the eating. I have tasted this pudding of the celebration and inspiration for a symbol of quintessential personage. It tastes well. It is far from praise-singing. I therefore recommend the book for all and sundry to provide us a template we can copy to make us attain the greatest height in our relationships with people and in our desire for success, achievement and acceptability in this world and the hereafter.

Let me end this review by stressing that 'If you have anything really valuable to contribute to the world it will come through the expression of your own personality, that single spark of divinity that sets you off and makes you different from every other living creature'. Professor Mahfouz has that spark of divinity and moral purity that sets him off and makes him different from many others. This is why he is being presented through this book to the world as a model we can all aspire to be like.

Before I take my seat, permit me to also introduce to you a book, which Professor Mahfouz has again recently released from the harbor of his prolific intellectual dexterity. This is one of the reasons why one of his mentees referred to him as a linguistic aficionado/fanatic. The book is captivatingly and symbolically entitled as *Doses of Grammar: Amazing Grammar Pills for English Usage Ills*. Not long after the release of the book, I had some bouts of grammatical malaria. I took some of the doses as prescribed in the book, and I can confidently tell you that the doses worked like magic. So, please grab a copy for any form of grammatical ailment you might have.

Thank you for listening to me.



**FUND SOURCES AND UTILIZATION REPORT FROM 22<sup>ND</sup> TO 29<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2022**

RECEIPTS:	AMOUNT
Academic Transcript	71,500.00
Sundry & Other Student Charges	1,026,500.00
Sunday Other Incomes	348,500.00
Refund	71,500.00
Income from Dental Clinic	56,538.75
Income from Diagnostic Centre	74,297.50
Income from Verification/Screening	25,000.00
Convocation Souvenir	21,300.00
Undergraduate Clearance Charges	50,300.00
Postgraduate School Convocation	21,450.00
JUPEB Acceptance Payment	40,300.00
JUPEB School Charges	100,150.00
Remedial School Application Form	15,150.00
<b>Total Receipt for the Period</b>	<b>₦1,922,486.25</b>
<b>PAYMENTS</b>	
<b>PAYMENT TO CONTRACTORS/SUPPLIERS :</b>	
Blessing Fumigation & Pest Controls Venture      Maintenance of COHS Environment	200,000.00
Tesbaq Electrical Technologies      Repair of faulty      Transformer at Senior Staff Quarters	1,472,750.00
Bliss Centre      Catering Services	24,187.50
United Parcel Services      Courier Services	65,812.05
Konstard Nigeria Ltd      Supply and Installation of Assorted Laboratory Equipment(TETFUND)	7,499,835.00
Hesaab Engineering and Consultants Ltd      Supply and Installation of Laboratory Equipment (TETFUND)	7,499,820.00
Hikam Engineering and Consultancy      Supply and Installation of Laboratory Equipment(TETFUND)	7,499,925.00
Crescent Gold Crown Hospital      Hospital Bill	177,450.00
Halmax Firms & Records      Servicing of Generators	235,962.50
IdowuOtetubi and Associates      Audit Fees	1,873,250.00
Rabrisa Consultants Ltd      Erosion & Flood Control	1,368,228.83
Onobode& Construction Co Ltd      Training on the Usage of Equipment (NEEDS)	12,001,250.50
<b>OTHER PAYMENTS:</b>	
Various      Various i.e. DTA, IMPREST, REFUND etc	6,395,854.00
Purchase Advance      Various	1,494,330.00
University of Ilorin Teaching Hospital      Medical Bills	117,655.00
University of Ilorin Petrol Station      Supply of Petrol	1,159,127.00
Total TSA Charges      Various	23,005.00
<b>Total payment for the period</b>	<b>₦49,108,442.38</b>

*Signed***O.H. Sonde FCA****Bursar****New Appointments**

NAME	FACULTY /DEPARTMENT	APPOINTMENT	EFFECTIVE DATE
Dr. R. M. Mahmood	Engineering and Technology/Materials and Metallurgical Engineering	Acting Head, Department of Materials and Metallurgical Engineering	1 <sup>st</sup> August, 2022
Dr. O. G. Okeola	Engineering and Technology /Water Resources and Environmental Engineering	Acting Head, Department of Water Resources and Environmental Engineering	1 <sup>st</sup> August, 2022
Dr. A. S. Adekunle	Engineering and Technology /Mechanical Engineering	Acting Head, Department of Mechanical Engineering	1 <sup>st</sup> August, 2022
Dr. J. A. Adeniran	Engineering and Technology /Chemical Engineering	Acting Head, Department of Chemical Engineering	1 <sup>st</sup> August, 2022
Dr. K. O. Yusuf	Engineering and Technology /Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering	Acting Head, Department of Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering	1 <sup>st</sup> August, 2022
Dr. S. A. Yahaya	Engineering and Technology /Biomedical Engineering	Coordinator, Department of Biomedical Engineering	1 <sup>st</sup> August, 2022
Dr. J. F. Opadiji	Engineering and Technology /Computer Engineering	Acting Head, Department of Computer Engineering	1 <sup>st</sup> August, 2022
Prof. M. F. Akorede	Engineering and Technology /Electrical and Electronics Engineering	Head, Department of Electrical and Electronics Engineering	1 <sup>st</sup> August, 2022
Dr. O. A. Otuoze	Engineering and Technology / Electrical and Electronics Engineering	Sub-Dean, Faculty of Engineering and Technology	12 <sup>th</sup> September, 2022





# Happy Birthday

S/N	Name	Department	Birthday
1	Iyenmoana Ese	Optometry & Vision Science	Oct 02
2	Adepoju Grace Feyisayo	Ophthalmology	Oct 02
3	Saliu Usman Ajjisafe	Library	Oct 02
4	Kayode Moses Oyetunji	Security Division	Oct 02
5	Suberu Tahiru	Security Division	Oct 02
6	Babalola Abolarinde David	Security Division	Oct 02
7	Balogun -Dauda Medinat Bolanle	Registry	Oct 02
8	Aliko Abdullahi	Security Division	Oct 02
9	Adisa Rasaan Muhammed	Mass Communication	Oct 02
10	Bakare-Odunola Taibat Moji	Medicinal & Pharm. Chemistry	Oct 02
11	Mohammed Hauwa Hambali	Physiotherapy	Oct 02
12	Adah Adakole Sylvanus	Veterinary Physiology & Biochemistry	Oct 02
13	Abioye Ganiat Mosunmola	Health Services	Oct 02
14	Akpenpuun Timothy Denen	Agricultural & Biosystem Engineering	Oct 02
15	Ajayi Fadeke Anthonia	Registry	Oct 02
16	Onagun Rasheed	History & International Studies	Oct 02
17	Adeoye Bukola Latifat	Computer Science	Oct 02
18	Adeniyi Folake Margret	Registry	Oct 02
19	Salman Sofiat Abidemi	Registry	Oct 02
20	Umar Hakeem	Security Division	Oct 02
21	Oragwa Mark Okechukwu	Centre For Archives & Documentation	Oct 02
22	Sani Muhammed Adeiza	Pharm. Microbiology & Biotechnology	Oct 03
23	Muhammed Jamiu Oladele	Library & Information Science	Oct 03
24	James Ezekiel Omoniyi	Teaching & Research Farm	Oct 03
25	Ibrahim Amudalat Idowu	Registry	Oct 03
26	Yusuf Isiaka Bakare	Registry	Oct 03
27	Bakare Bashir Bello	Central Admin: Office	Oct 03
28	Ahmed Ibrahim Hadi	Registry	Oct 03
29	Nurudeen Monsurat Aramide	English	Oct 03
30	Ayinla Abdulganiyu	Works: Works/Maintenance Office	Oct 03
31	Obatolu Kehinde Paul	Internal Audit Unit	Oct 03
32	Abdulraheem Jamiu Wankasi	Library	Oct 03
33	Obatolu Peter Taiwo	Geology & Mineral Sciences	Oct 03
34	Ogbudinkpa Ijeoma Charity	Educational Management	Oct 03
35	Chimezie Amuzie Chukwuemeka	Procurement & Maintenance Support	Oct 04
36	Olaghere Ivie Loretta	Agric Econs & Farm Mgt	Oct 04
37	Babatunde Abiola Samuel	Haematology & Blood Transfusion	Oct 04
38	Amusa Aminat Abiodun	Registry	Oct 04
39	Taiwo Julianah Olayonu	Registry	Oct 04
40	Oladiipo Wumi Victoria	Registry	Oct 04
41	Abidoeye Saliu Shittu	Works: Works/Maintenance Office	Oct 04
42	Fagbemi Mowaiye Olufunmilayo	Social Science Education	Oct 04
43	Quadri Luqman Ayodeji	Biochemistry	Oct 04
44	Jimoh Abdulganiyu	Security Division	Oct 04
45	Daodu Peter Ohis	Fire Services Unit	Oct 04
46	Daodu Oluwafemi Babatunde	Veterinary Microbiology	Oct 04
47	Adedayo Segun Mathew	Mechanical Engineering	Oct 05
48	Rauf Kamilu	Mathematics	Oct 05
49	Ikeke John Joseph	Security Division	Oct 05
50	Adesina David Omotayo	Registry	Oct 05
51	Adeyi Maruf Ayinde	Library	Oct 05
52	Ayeni Adeseko Aborisade	Telecommunication Science	Oct 05
53	Ibraheem Habeebat Olabisi	Mathematics	Oct 05
54	Ahmed Bola Abdulkadir	Surgery	Oct 05
55	Olorunjoje Lukman Olarewaju	Quantity Surveying	Oct 05
56	Bello Abdullateef	Registry	Oct 05
57	Olatokun Ganiyat Mobolaji	Private & Property Law	Oct 06
58	Akinboro Evelyn Olakitan	Library	Oct 06
59	Yusuf Mudasiru Olalere	Educational Technology	Oct 06
60	Arungbemi Julianah Oluwatoyin	Registry	Oct 06
61	Ajiboye Tajudeen Kolawole	Mechanical Engineering	Oct 06
62	Ayinla Ibrahim	Unilorin Zoo	Oct 06
63	Jimoh Abdullahi	Security Division	Oct 06
64	Jimoh Shakirat Taiye	Bursary	Oct 06
65	Afolabi Abdulrahman Olushola	Otorhinolaryngology	Oct 06
66	Shittu Olalere	Zoology	Oct 06
67	Abdulrahman Mohammed	Network Operating Centre	Oct 06
68	Bolakale Iyabo	Registry	Oct 06
69	Abdulkareem Abdulrazaq Kayode	Public Administration	Oct 06
70	Lasisi Maryam Oluwakemi	Mass Communication	Oct 06
71	Hambali Hambali Umar	Chemical Engineering	Oct 06
72	Dauda Rofiat Olusola	Human Kinetics & Health Edu.	Oct 07
73	Akintayo Temilolu Temitope	Registry	Oct 07
74	Dauda Ismaila	Academic Planning Unit	Oct 07
75	Alao Rasaan Atanda	Electrical & Electronics Engineering	Oct 07
76	Ajibade Lukman	Registry	Oct 08
77	Ibrahim Tayo Babatunde	Works: Works/Maintenance Office	Oct 08
78	Jimoh Musiliyu Adebola	Works: Civil/Building	Oct 08
79	Job Obalowu	Statistics	Oct 08
80	Ademola Susan Kemi	Registry	Oct 08
81	Oba Aliu	Registry	Oct 08
82	Lawal Musiliu Adebayo	Network Operating Centre	Oct 08
83	Mohammed Nakodi Kitagbu	Works: Works/Maintenance Office	Oct 08
84	Olaniyan Titilayo Omolola	Technical & Entrepreneurship Centre	Oct 08
85	Ogundeji Olatunde Abdulah	Physical Planning Unit	Oct 08

**The University Board of Health encourages you to visit the University Health Services for medical check-up on your birthday. Thanks**





- The Chairman of the Ilorin Emirate Staff Association (IESA), University of Ilorin, Prof. Suleiman Folorunso Ambali, has cautioned agitators against the Vice Chancellor-designate of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Egbewole, SAN, noting that no one should attempt to control the University because it is located in their domain. ("UNILORIN VC appointment: Ilorin' emirate Professor cautions protesters", *Nigerian Tribune*, Monday, September 26, 2022, P.8)
- The Chairman, Governing Council of the University of Ilorin, Mallam Abidu Yazid is dead. ("UNILORIN Council Chairman, Yazid, Dies", *Leadership*, Friday, September 23, 2022, P.10)
- The Vice Chancellor-designate of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Egbewole, SAN, has expressed shock over the death of the University's Pro-Chancellor and Chairman of Governing Council, Mallam Abidu Yazid, saying that the news was confounding, confusing and totally unbelievable. ("UNILORIN VC-designate mourns council Chairman Sudden Death", *Business Day*, Sunday, September 25, 2022, P.15; See also, "UNILORIN VC-designate mourns Council Chairman's Sudden Death", *The Nation*, Monday, September 26, 2022, P.28; "UNILORIN VC-designate mourns Council Chairman Sudden Death", *The Guardian*, Sunday, September 25, 2022, P.29; "UNILORIN' Council Chairman's death shocking -- VC-designate, Egbewole", <https://dailypost.ng>, "Unilorin VC-designate, Emir Express Shock over Death of institution's Pro-Chancellor, Rafindadi", *Thisday Live*, <https://ucxyz>; "UNILORIN Council Chairman's death confounding – Egbewole, VC - designate", <https://www.breaking7.com>; "UNILORIN VC-designate, Prof. Egbewole Expresses Shock Over Council Chairman's Death", <https://sobifm.com>; "UNILORIN Council Chairman's death confounding, unbelievable, says Egbewole, VC-designate", <https://choice reporters.com>)
- President Muhammadu Buhari has joined the government and people of Katsina State in mourning a former Secretary to the State Government and Chairman/Pro-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Abidu Rafindadi. ("Buhari, Others Mourn UNILORIN Council Chairman, Abidu Rafindadi", *This Day*, Saturday, September 24, 2022, P.14; See also, "Buhari, Others mourn UNILORIN's Pro-Chancellor, Rafindadi", <https://www.thetimes.com.ng>; "Buhari, Others Mourn UNILORIN Council Chairman, Abidu Rafindadi", *ThisDay Live*, <https://www.thisdayline.com>)
- A group photograph of the Vice-Chancellor-designate of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Egbewole, SAN, and some members of the University Governing Council during their condolence visit to the family of the University's late Pro-Chancellor and Chairman of Governing Council, Abidu Rafindadi Yazid has been published. ("Corporate Suite", *The Nation*, Monday, September 26, 2022, P.2; See also, *Leadership*, Monday, September 26, 2022, P.13, *Business Day*, Tuesday, September 27, 2022, P.34, *New Telegraph*, Tuesday, September 27, 2022, P.3)
- While speaking with journalists, the Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Sulyman Age Abdulkareem, has said that the affected students and staff were yet to resume despite the directives. ("FG backtracks, withdraws order to reopen Varsities", *Daily Trust*, Tuesday, September 27, 2022, P.6)
- A photograph of the late Pro-Chancellor and Chairman of Governing Council of the University of Ilorin, Mal. Abidu Rafindadi Yazid, has been published. ("Obituary", *Daily Trust*, Tuesday, September 27, 2022, P.28)
- A newspaper columnist, Hannatu Musawa, has eulogised the late Chairman of the Governing Council of the University of Ilorin ("Tribute to Mallam Abidu Yazid", *Leadership*, Wednesday, September 28, 2022, Back page)

## University Librarian celebrates Akogun on appointment renewal

By Tajudeen Babamale

The University Librarian of the University of Ilorin, Prof. AbdulWahab Olanrewaju Issa, has made available to **UNILORIN BULLETIN** last Thursday, September 29, 2022.

The University Librarian said he had no doubt that the renewal of Mr Akogun's apportionment is a "well-deserved honour and attainment, of no mean feat".

Prof. Issa's message is contained in a letter he personally signed and sent to Mr Akogun.

Entitled "Letter of Congratulations" and dated September 7, 2022, the letter was

you over your recent renewal of appointment as Director, Corporate Affairs, University of Ilorin.

"I have no doubts whatsoever that this is a well-deserved honour and attainment, of no mean feat. I, therefore, pray that this appointment marks the beginning of even greater attainments in your chosen career and indeed, your life. Best wishes always".

## Renewal of Appointment

NAME	FACULTY /DEPARTMENT	APPOINTMENT	EFFECTIVE DATE
Dr. M. M. Odewole	Engineering and Technology/Food Engineering	Acting Head, Department of Food Engineering	1 <sup>st</sup> August, 2022

## Staff Development Award

RECIPIENT	PROGRAMME	DEPARTMENT	INSTITUTION WHERE TENABLE
O. A. Oderinwale	Master Degree	Council Office	University of Derby, United Kingdom





## As Abdulkareem bows out gracefully (2)

*Contd. from last week*

### Pioneering virtual teaching/learning

One of the unforgettable innovations taught by the prolonged closure of schools in the wake of the outbreak of the Coronavirus pandemic was the visibility of virtual learning. The University of Ilorin, ever so ingenious and innovative, quickly adapted to the new global reality with the shutdown of virtually every human activity because of the raging COVID-19 in the first quarter of 2020.

Under the leadership of Professor Abdulkareem, the University commenced the virtual learning system on January 11, 2021. To make the system seamless, the University increased its bandwidth subscription from 620Mbps to over 1.2Gbps for the main campus and additional 620Mbps for the mini campus. The University also expanded network access to over 70 per cent of its main campus and the College of Health Sciences through its Campus Connectivity Project.

Also, the University management purchased 2000 zoom licenses at the cost of \$66,700 to ensure that lecturers taught seamlessly on the online platform. The estimation is aside other infrastructures put in place to ensure the success of the virtual learning initiative. The massive license purchase was to ensure that each of the institution's 1, 450 lecturers had the licence to facilitate their teaching on the online platform.

### CODL's final accreditation

As a result of Professor Abdulkareem's passion, the University's Centre for Open and Distance Learning (CODL) that was initiated in 2007 was formally accredited by the National Universities Commission (NUC) in October 2021. He made resources available for the Centre to meet up with the required standard of typical open and distance learning institution in the country.

A major input by the Abdulkareem-led management was the establishment of a multimillion-naira state-of-the-art studio, which can compete favourably with that of any university in the world. Also, the buildings in the Centre were furnished and restructured.

**The centre has also been accredited by the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB) as a licensed CBT Examination Centre, and it actually participated in the 2022 Mock and JAMB UTME examinations held on the 9<sup>th</sup> of April, 2022 and 6<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup> May, 2022 respectively.**

### MoU with Oriental Farms on mechanised farming

On December 5, 2019, the University took another giant leap in its sustained effort to contribute positively to the country's socio-economic development with the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with OER Farms Ltd for the use of 10,000-hectares of the University's vast land for mechanised farming.

The 21-year Land Lease Agreement climaxed a series of consultations between the University and OER Farms, a

member of the Oriental Group, which began on September 4, 2019. The Lease agreement, under which improved crop varieties with high yield of cash crops such as maize, soya beans and cashew will be massively cultivated, underscores the Federal Government's progress towards food security nationwide.

It is one of the hallmarks of Professor Sulyman Abdulkareem's sustained commitment to community service and sterling contribution to the resolution of the nagging unemployment and food scarcity problems in the country. When it eventually comes on stream, the mechanised agricultural project will not only boost food production, it will also enhance employment generation for some of the teeming unemployed youths in the country.

### The N1b BUA Group's infrastructural development grant

The administration of Professor Abdulkareem, in 2021, facilitated a whopping N1 billion grant from the Abdul Samad Rabiu African Initiative (ASR AFRICA), an initiative of the BUA Group, for the development of critical infrastructure in the University. The donation was committed to the building of a massive 3,500 – capacity multi-purpose Amphitheatre plan.

The Founder and Chairman of BUA Group, Alhaji Abdul Samad Isyaku Rabiu (CON), said that the grant was made to the University of Ilorin in recognition of its quality services and the pedigree of its graduates nationally and internationally.

The BUA Chairman, who was represented by BUA Group's Director of Government Relations, Dr Aliyu Idi Hong, explained that the University of Ilorin is among the six universities from the country's six geopolitical zones that were nominated to benefit in the first phase of the education grant.

### Massive campus roads rehabilitation

Professor Abdulkareem carried out massive rehabilitation of campus road networks through the N184 million grant by the Federal Ministry of Works and the N150 million prize money the University won from the 2019 edition of the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB) moderated National Tertiary Admissions Performance Merit Award.

While the N184 million Federal Government grant was expended on resurfacing and expanding the Main Campus – UITH road, the N150 million JAMB's prize money was used in constructing the Engineering Faculty – Law Faculty road.

There is also considerable motorability improvement in the Main Campus – Fufu road, while the Main Campus Staff Quarters road enjoined constant rehabilitation.

The road rehabilitation/construction projects had further boosted the environmental aesthetics of the University campus and also enhanced smooth movement of staff and students as well as visitors to the campus.

*(Contd. on the centre spread)*