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## UNILORIN 'll re-enact stable academic calendar, Egbewole assures stakeholders ... Commences 2022/2023 session in August

By Abubakar Imam



■ *The Vice Chancellor, Prof. Egbewole (right), exchanging pleasantries with the NCDC Director General, Dr Adetifa (middle), while the Provost, College of Health Sciences, Prof. Alabi (left), looks on during the visit*

### Diphtheria: Egbewole seeks upgrade of Unilorin molecular lab to public health lab

By Tajudeen Babamale

With the emergence of Diphtheria and growing concerns over the downplay of the public health significance of COVID-19, the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has solicited the support of the Nigeria Centre for Disease Control (NCDC) to upgrade the university's Molecular Laboratory (MDRL) to a Public Health Laboratory (PHL).

Prof. Egbewole, who made the request last Tuesday (January 31, 2023) when he paid a courtesy visit to the Director General of NCDC, Dr. Ifedayo Adetifa, at the agency's Abuja office, said the upgrade is of paramount importance because of other infections outbreaks such as Lassa fever and Diphtheria in the country.

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The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has said that the University is prepared to return to the era of its characteristic stable academic calendar with the attendant high quality service delivery, as he hinted that the next academic session of the University would commence in August.

Prof. Egbewole gave this assurance last Wednesday (February 1, 2023) while addressing newsmen in the University Auditorium during his maiden media parley to mark his first 100 days in office.

The Vice Chancellor said that his administration was not unmindful of the expectations of stakeholders as regards the need to ensure that the University returns to the path of sustainable stable academic calendar, which placed it on top in the nation's university system.

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## At 226th Inaugural Lecture, Abdus-Salam canvasses pollution-free water

By Abubakar Imam

Professor of Chemistry and Director, Central Research Laboratories at the University of Ilorin, Nasiru Abdus-Salam, has urged stakeholders in the nation's water sector to take more than cursory interest in the provision of high quality potable water that is devoid of negative effects of

environmental pollution for the wellbeing of the citizenry.

Prof. Abdus-Salam gave this advice last Thursday (February 2, 2023) while delivering the 226th Inaugural Lecture of the University, entitled "Pollution: A Curse or A Necessity? The Choice is Yours" at the institution's Auditorium.

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■ Prof. Abdus-Salam

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# Let's tailor researches to address national problems – Egbewole

By Olusegun Mokuolu

The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has tasked researchers at the University to identify national problems and tailor their researches to address those problems, noting that research must improve the system.

Prof. Egbewole stated this last Wednesday (February 1, 2023) at the Faculty of Physical Sciences Board Room at the kick-off of a three-day campus-wide familiarisation tour of Faculties to assess and identify peculiar challenges in the various academic Departments with a view to addressing them holistically.

The Vice-Chancellor, who was welcomed by the various Faculty Deans and staff, members, advised that money should be de-emphasised, stating that the institution has the brains to attract funds through grants and groundbreaking research works.

He assured that money would not be a barrier to the achievement of the University's vision and mission because of the system's think tanks, while also promising that the administration would continue to support all Faculties.

Prof. Egbewole noted that it was important to have a familiarisation tour of the Faculties because they are critical to the repositioning of the country, adding that TETFund has been providing a lot of support and resources to the University system that must be efficiently and effectively utilised.

He called on the staff members to embrace the spirit of hard work and



generate ideas that could generate funds for the development of the University.

The Vice Chancellor stated that his administration would soon begin construction of smart buildings that would not require generators or connection to the national power grid, explaining that the institution could not continue to operate traditionally.

Prof. Egbewole thanked the Faculty staff for their service and sacrifice, pointing out that without their selfless efforts, there was no way the work being done by the administration could be appreciated. He said that every staff member, down to the cleaners, is critical to the progress of the University.

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## Gunu delivers 227<sup>th</sup> Inaugural Lecturer

The Vice-Chancellor, University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, invites members of the University of Ilorin community and the general public to the Two hundred and twenty-seventh (227<sup>th</sup>) Inaugural Lecture of the University scheduled as follows:

**Lecturer:** Professor Umar Gunu B.Sc. (Sokoto); M.Sc. Ph.D (Ilorin) Department of Business Administration, Faculty of Management Sciences, University of Ilorin

**Topic:** "What Matters Now: Change

Masters"

**Date:** Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup> February, 2023

**Time:** 5.00 p.m.

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

**Chairman:** Professor Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN Vice-Chancellor, University of Ilorin

**Dr. Fola M. Olowoleni**  
Registrar



Prof. Gunu

## UNILORIN 'll re-enact stable academic calendar, Egbewole assures stakeholders

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Prof. Egbewole said that the University has been growing in leaps and bounds since his assumption of office on October 16, 2022 as the 11th Chief Executive of the University. He expressed profound satisfaction that despite the challenges of the moment, the University has been gaining tremendous positive momentum considering the several accolades that have come its way and those of some members of the university community whose academic and research breakthroughs have been recognised and honoured.

He explained that his determination is to leave the University better than he met it in every ramification particularly in the complete digitisation of its operations as he said that the target of his administration is to ensure that the University produces highly sophisticated and smart graduates who would be able to dominate their environments.

Prof. Egbewole added that he would not relent until the University becomes the first in Nigeria, among the first 10 in Africa and one of the leading 500 universities across the globe.

The learned Senior Advocate of Nigeria explained that the University has signed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Tunil University, Italy; the School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London, United Kingdom and the Summit University, Offa.

In addition, Prof. Egbewole stated that the University has commenced full reengagement with the Association of Commonwealth Universities as well as active participation in the activities of the WARIMA and the Association of West African Universities (AWAU) of which he was recently elected Secretary General.

He also announced the formation of the KU8, which he described as an association of eight of the nine universities operating within Kwara State with him as the pioneer Chairman as he explained that the KU8 came into existence in order to deepen fraternity and cooperation among the institutions to proffer solutions to their common challenges and collectively address the challenges of the State.

The Vice Chancellor also told the gathering that his administration has been attracting and harnessing mouthwatering supports from various sources, saying that since his assumption of duties, the University has received a support totalling N1.1 Billion from the Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund), the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB) and the Federal Ministry of Communication for various projects that would enhance the service delivery capacities of the nation's most sought-after



University.

Prof. Egbewole said that the N500, 000, 000 received from TETFund is to be used for the construction of students' hostel accommodation while another N200, 000, 000 received from the same agency would be channeled to the execution of a zonal intervention project. He added that N400, 000,000 accessed from the Federal Ministry of Communication is for the development of broadband network at the University as he explained that the remaining N75, 000,000 from the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board would be expended in the tarring of the road at the GRA Quarters of the University.

The Vice Chancellor, who thanked members of the press for their support to the University, particularly since his assumption of office, also announced that the Nigerian Automotive Design and Development Council had concluded arrangements towards establishing a battery charging station at the University.

Responding to a question, Prof. Egbewole said that his administration has been maintaining constant and continuous engagement with staff and students of the University with a view to maintaining the prevalent peace and tranquility of the campus.

He also stated that the University would do everything humanly possible to ensure that all its revenue yielding agencies are repositioned in order to ensure that the University's internal revenue increased so as to be able to support the University's developmental agenda.

The Vice Chancellor assured the stakeholders that his administration would ensure the success of its poultry farm at Amoyo as he said that the University has not defaulted in the regimented payment of the CBN loan with which the farm was established.

Prof. Egbewole said that in order to address the challenges associated with transportation to and from the institution's campus the University was exploring the possibilities of working with foreign nations such as China to build a rail line that would link the campus with the town on rail.

On the poor rating of African universities in the global pedestal, the Vice Chancellor said that until African universities come up with modalities of evaluation peculiar to African context, the nation's university system would remain as it is.

The Vice Chancellor thanked the staff and students of the University for their support, as he assured them that they would continue to be motivated to ensure quality productivity.

The media parley was attended by the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Management Services), Prof. Suleiman Funsho Ambali; the Registrar, Dr Folaranmi M. Olowoleni; the University Librarian, Dr Kamaldeen Tunde Omopupa; the Chairman, Editorial Board, **UNILORIN BULLETIN**, Prof. Lukman Adeshina Azeez; and the Director, Corporate Affairs, University of Ilorin, Mr Kunle Akogun.

## At 226th Inaugural Lecture, Abdus-Salam canvasses pollution-free water (Contd. from front page)

While saying that potable water is becoming increasingly scarce across the country due to what he called "anthropogenic pollution", Prof. Abdus-Salam said that good drinkable water is too essential for the health of the people to be exposed to pollution.

Prof. Abdus-Salam, who is also the Chief Imam of the University of Ilorin Central Mosque, said that it is important for government to focus its attention on freshwater resources, which he said are critical to a healthy environment.

In order to ensure provision of quality potable water for the citizens of the country, Prof. Abdus-Salam said that agencies such as the National Water Resources Institute (NWRI) and the National Environmental Standards and Regulations Enforcement Agency (NESREA), among others, should devote more energy and resources towards the monitoring of freshwater resources.

The Inaugural Lecturer, who is a former Dean of the Faculty of Sciences, Federal University, Kashere, Gombe State, also suggested an intensive monitoring of the activities taking place in the Nigerian harbour in order to ensure the implementation of all necessary regulations that would preserve the quality of available water.

On the impact of pollution on water resources, the renowned cleric-don suggested that baselines of dumpsites should be lined to prevent selective absorption of toxic substances.

Prof. Abdus-Salam, who is a Fellow of the Chemical Society of Nigeria, advised the government to provide more and adequate financial support to research, saying that research requires huge capital that cannot be totally paid for by the

researchers alone.

The Inaugural Lecturer also implored corporate bodies and other well-to-do individuals and organisations across and beyond Nigeria to complement government's efforts in the provision of funds for researches as he said that it is through constant and quality researches that the nation can grow.

Prof.

Abdus-Salam implored universities and other institutions of higher learning and research centres in the country to establish central research laboratories instead of different laboratory for different subject matters would reduce cost and enable concentration of needed materials in a single place.

The don also advised that the University Senate Research Grant should not only be reintroduced and maintained but the value payable to researchers should be increased and be made readily available for academics, particularly the younger ones.

Prof. Abdus-Salam, who took time to explain his contributions to the growth of knowledge in the field of Environmental Chemistry, particularly at the University of Ilorin in the last few decades, advised parents to ensure that their children are exposed to balanced and quality education in



■ The Inaugural Lecturer, Prof. Abdus-Salam (left), presenting the lecture notes to the Vice Chancellor last Thursday

order to prepare them for the future.

Citing his experience as a case study, the former Director, General Studies Division, University of Ilorin, said that with determination and support of those that matter, the sky cannot limit one's progression in life as he said that if someone like him, who started out as a pupil of Arabic and Islamic studies could become a Professor of Chemistry, anyone who is determined and properly guided can attain the pinnacle of any career of his choice.

The Inaugural Lecture, which was presided over by the Vice Chancellor of the University, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, was attended by friends, relations, colleagues, teachers and students of Prof. Abdussalam from far and near.

## Diphtheria: Egbewole seeks upgrade of Unilorin molecular lab to public health lab

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While observing that the antimicrobial resistance (AMR) is one additional growing threat to man requiring molecular approaches to curb if Nigeria must not return to pre-antibiotic era, the legal luminary also identified poliomyelitis as another infection of public health concern that remains a challenge to the country and can be handled if the status of the institution's laboratory is upgraded.

Prof. Egbewole, who is also the Secretary General of the Association of West African Universities (AWAU), pointed out that a support to the University of Ilorin laboratory in the proposed upgrade will bring the University and NCDC to a global focus on the subject by providing the platform for cutting edge research that will have the potential of

significantly reducing the burden of communicable disorders.

The Vice Chancellor, however, announced that with the NCDC support, the University of Ilorin Molecular Diagnostic and Research Laboratory (MDRL) has processed about 1,300 COVID-19 samples since its commissioning on June 2, 2021 and significantly contributed to efficient management of the disease outbreak both on campus and in Kwara State as a form of service to humanity.

Prof. Egbewole also stated that a University of Ilorin's team of researchers in collaboration with the NCDC have co-authored a manuscript entitled "SARS-COV-2 Variants-Associated Outbreaks of COVID-19 in a Nigerian Tertiary Institution, North Central Nigeria: Implications for Epidemic Control". Adding that, the manuscript is to be

published any moment from now in PLOS ONE, a Q1 journal.

He said, "I am happy to inform you that with continued TETFund support, our molecular lab (MDRL) recently acquired an Illumina Sequencer (Illumina MiSeq System). The equipment is useful for a wide range of molecular research and pleads for your further assistance/collaboration in putting the equipment to most effective use in terms of consumables supply and inclusion on the National Sequence Surveillance Networks of the NCDC.

Prof. Egbewole had earlier celebrated the DG of NCDC who is an alumnus of the University of Ilorin on his appointment. "We are dead sure that you will further propel the glory of your alma mater. We pray for God's guidance and tremendous achievements in your service to the nation", he submitted.

## UNILORIN TEC hosts maiden session of African Speakers Bureau

By Temitope Omoniyi and  
Mubarak Oladosu

The Technical and Entrepreneurship Centre (TEC), University of Ilorin, has hosted the maiden session of African Speakers Bureau (ASB).

In a statement made available to *UNILORIN BULLETIN*, the TEC Director, Prof. Peter Adeoye, noted that the event held penultimate Thursday (January 26, 2023) and had participants from the affiliated institutions in attendance.

The Foundation members drawn from the organisers and participants include Dr. Violet Makuku, Director, Global Quality Assurance; Dr. Irene Brew-Riverson, Senior Lecturer and Academic Exchange Coordinator, Westminster University, London, UK; Mr. Bongani Ndwandwe, Registrar, Southern Africa Nazarene University, Eswatini; Dr. Faith Mlotsa-Mngomezulu, Pro-Vice Chancellor Academics, Southern Africa Nazarene University, Eswatini; Mrs. Ayesha Owusu-Barnaby, Senior Lecturer, Programme Lead UG, Business Management University of Hertfordshire, UK; and Prof. P.O. Adeoye, Director TEC, University of Ilorin.

Prof. Adeoye further noted that the Bureau was hatched following a workshop, titled “Inculcating Entrepreneurship and Job Creation



■ Prof. Adeoye

Skills”, organised by the Association of African Universities (AAU) in Accra, Ghana, in May 2022.

The TEC Director observed that “the vision of the Bureau is to create an African higher education context where our students are better equipped to become international employees and job creators while the mission is to provide access to qualified, educated and experienced professionals and leaders who will inform, guide and inspire students on how to develop successful careers and lives”.

According to Prof. Adeoye, “These will be achieved by providing virtual events that give staff and students the opportunity to hear and learn from a wide spectrum of professionals and leaders”. He disclosed that the University of Ilorin and Southern African Nazarene

University are the pilot institution from where other African institutions will be recruited.

Prof. Adeoye, a Professor of thoracic and cardiovascular surgery, pointed out that the programme falls within the mandate given to Nigerian universities by the National Universities Commission (NUC) to develop entrepreneurship mindset amongst the students and to raise trainers in entrepreneurship. He added that “we hope this programme will contribute to the job creation potentials and employability of our students”.

Southern African Nazarene University, Eswatini, is expected to coordinate the next session. The schedule for the next three months shows that 9<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> of February and 23<sup>rd</sup> of March 2023 will be dedicated for staff (Lecturers/trainers who are keen on entrepreneurship education) while sessions of 9<sup>th</sup> March and 20<sup>th</sup> April 2023 are open to both students and staff.

Prof. Adeoye pointed out that the series will be run monthly or twice in a month all year long, adding that it will be rounded off by a quiz competition and certification will be provided thereafter. All sessions are scheduled to commence at 1:00pm (West Central Africa time) and Zoom links will be circulated ahead of dates, he disclosed.

## Egbewole pledges to equip Unilorin Biotech. & Molecular Science Lab

By Isaac Lewu

The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has promised to equip the institution's Biotechnology and Molecular Laboratory at the Faculty of Agriculture to aid in deep research on Animal and plant genetics.

Prof. Egbewole made the promise last Wednesday (February 1, 2023) at the 1st International Biotechnology and Molecular Science Symposium, held at the Main Auditorium of the University.

He further said that the University will not rest on its oars in ensuring that all necessary assistance is deployed to the Faculty to realise the dream of a working Biotechnology & Molecular Laboratory.

Prof. Egbewole advised academics to key into interdisciplinary synergy in order to achieve a common goal, which impacts the society at large.

In her welcome address, the Dean of the Faculty of Agriculture, Prof. Ramota O. Karim, stressed that the Faculty is determined to be a vanguard and pacesetter in Biotechnology & Molecular Science hence the birth of the symposium.

Prof. Karim pointed out that the symposium would serve as a strategy adopted by the Faculty to enhance contribution of Biotechnology and Molecular Science to food production, food processing as well as food and nutrition security.

She added that farmers have been using Biotechnology in cross breeding and various Standardisation techniques for food production for over 10,000 years, and the study has found its way into several fields including Medicine, Agriculture and genetic engineering.

The Chairperson of the Symposium Local Organising Committee,

Dr. F.E. Sola-Ojo, advised youths and upcoming scientists never to give up their dreams due to obstacles, but should rather explore opportunities that come their way and network in the right direction.

The immediate past Dean of the Faculty, Prof. Gbadebo Olaoye, said that the emerging field of Biotechnology and Molecular Science will continue to provide great importance and success in its delivery.

Also present at the event were Prof. Kolade Luke Ayorinde, who was the Chairman of the occasion; Prof. Oluyemisi Fawole of the Department of Agronomy, Prof. Opeyemi Ayinde, Department of Agricultural Economics and Farm Management, Dr. Adefalu L.L, Ag. Head of the Department of Agric. Extension & Rural Development, among others.



### Let's tailor researches to address national problems – Egbewole

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According to the Vice-Chancellor, funds for conferences are being structured to go around equitably, and policies are being put in place to ensure systemic fairness and equitability in the award of conference funds.

He charged the top scholars in the Faculties to mentor and train the younger ones, advising that if the top scholars mentored five younger ones, the institution would be brimming with quality scholars in the next five years.

He pleaded with the academics to

let the administration know about their groundbreaking achievements so that they can be celebrated, appreciated, and properly documented to add colour to the University.

Prof. Egbewole assured the Faculties that a committee he had earlier set up had identified all their challenges, promising that the issues they raised were already being tackled based on needs and the availability of funds.

The Faculties visited included, Physical Sciences, Life Sciences, Veterinary Medicines, Arts, Law and Engineering and Technology.

Others were Agriculture,

Management Sciences, Social Sciences, College of Health Sciences, Pharmaceutical Sciences, Environmental Sciences, Education and Communication and Information Sciences.

The Vice Chancellor was accompanied on the tour by the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic), Prof. Abayomi Omotesho; the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Management Services), Prof. S. F. Ambali; the Registrar, Dr Fola M. Olowoloni; the University Librarian, Dr. K. T. Omopupa; and the Bursar, Mr. O. H. Sonde.

## New Appointment

NAME	FACULTY /DEPARTMENT	APPOINTMENT	EFFECTIVE DATE
Dr. Aishat T. Abubakar-Kamar	Environmental Sciences/ Architecture	Coordinator, Department of Architecture	31 <sup>st</sup> January, 2023

## Renewal of Appointments

NAME	FACULTY/DEPARTMENT	APPOINTMENT	EFFECTIVE DATE
Dr. G. Amuda-Yusuf	Environmental Sciences/Quantity Surveying	Acting Head, Department of Quantity Surveying	10 <sup>th</sup> January, 2023
Dr. O. Adedigba	Education/Adult and Primary Education	Acting Head, Department of Adult and Primary Education	19 <sup>th</sup> October, 2022

*Dignitaries and participants at the 1st International Biotechnology and Molecular Science Symposium held last Wednesday*



## UNILORIN to host medical consultants' conference, Aug

*By Olusegun Mokuolu*

The University of Ilorin is set to host the national conference of the National Postgraduate Medical College of Nigeria (NPMCN) in August, this year.

The NPMCN President, Prof. Akin Osibogun, disclosed this last Monday (January 30, 2023) during a courtesy visit to the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, in his office.

Prof. Osibogun, who was accompanied on the visit by the Registrar of NPMCN, Prof. Fatiu Arogundade, explained that his team was on the campus to assess the readiness of the University to

host the conference, noting that over 1000 medical consultants would attend the conference.

According to Prof. Osibogun, the College handles the accreditation of Training Institutions for the Professional Postgraduate training of doctors and dentists and the periodical publication of a list of such accredited institutions.

He stated further that the College coordinates the organization of professional postgraduate training programmes and curricula and the conduct of Continuing Professional Development in the various specialised branches of medicine and dentistry and through the various Faculties of the College.

Welcoming the team to the

University, the Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Egbewole thanked the NPMCN for considering the University to host such an important conference.

Prof. Egbewole, who was represented by the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Management Services) Prof. S. F. Ambali, stressed that medical education is lifelong, considering the emergence of new diseases that must be conquered.

The Vice Chancellor stated that it is a great honour to be awarded the hosting right of such an esteemed conference and assured that the institution would provide all the support necessary to make the conference successful and memorable.

## UNILORIN hosts Quiz Competition for Secondary Schools

*By Isaac Lewu*

The Dean, Faculty of Agriculture, University of Ilorin, Prof. Olayinka Ramota Karim, has advised secondary school students to choose the most sought-after University, the University of Ilorin in order to benefit from its intellectual excellence.

Prof. Karim stated this last Wednesday (January 18, 2023), while declaring open a quiz competition organized by the Biotechnology and Molecular Science Committee for

Secondary Schools in the Faculty's Lecture Theatre.

The Dean, who is also the Vice Chancellor-designate of the Fountain University, Osogbo, stressed that the Faculty in 2022 successfully gained accreditation of four programmes by the Nigerian University Commission (NUC).

In her welcome address, the Chairperson of the Quiz Competition's Local Organising Committee, Dr. Foluke Eunice Sola-Ojo, said the secondary school students were invited for the quiz

competition in order to sensitize the young ones and also assist them to have a feel of the series of events and advancements made on Biotechnology and Molecular Sciences, exposing them at an early stage to happenings in the University environment, so as to aid their footage in the choice of what interest them.

In his contribution, the President, Nigerian Association of Agricultural Students (NAAS), University of Ilorin, Comrade Abdullateef, said the University impacts its students with the real life experiences which will sharpen them to turn out as problem solvers in the society.

He added that the alumni of the better by far University always turn out to be good ambassadors of the University wherever they find themselves and advised the secondary school students not to miss the opportunity of becoming great under the watch of well trained professionals that the University of Ilorin has on ground.

At the end of the competition, Hill City College took the first position, while the University of Ilorin Secondary School emerged second and Saint Charles College clinched the third position.



# 4 UNILORIN researchers get N100m TETFund support

By Abubakar Imam

Four University of Ilorin researchers have emerged "as part of the winners of the 2021 TETFund National Research Fund".

The Director of the University's Centre for Research Development and In-House Training (CREDIT), Prof. K. W. Wahab, who disclosed this in a memo to the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, said that the four scholars were granted a total of N100, 703, 500 to aid the realisation of their research initiatives.

The beneficiaries, according to the CREDIT Director, include Prof. Tella Adedibu Clement, who was granted the sum of N27,000,000 for his "Development of a Handheld Device Using Functionalised Metal-Organic Frameworks for Applications in the Selective Detection of Nitro Aromatic Explosives" and Prof. Raji Bashiru Ademola, who received N30,015,000 towards the realisation of a project entitled "Development of Soil Health Dataset for Upscaling Specialty Fertilizer/Soil Management in Kwara and Niger States.

The others are Prof. Abdullahi Ali Arazeem, whose project, entitled "Investigating State University Intervention

and Gender Dynamics in Rice Value Chain in Nigeria" attracted N20, 000, 000 support; and Prof. Tiamiyu Lateef Oloyede, whose project, entitled "Nutritional Programming: A Novel Approach for Tailoring Fish Performance with Sustainable Feed", earned him N23,698,500 support.

Welcoming the development, the Vice Chancellor described the awards as another fascinating New Year gift to the University as he warmly congratulated the awardees for being found worthy of the monumental support.

The Vice Chancellor, who spoke through the Director, Corporate Affairs of the University,

Mr Kunle Akogun, expressed profound satisfaction with the fact that the proposals of four of the University's distinguished researchers attracted such a huge support.

He expressed the hope that the grant would facilitate and accelerate the timely completion of the researches of the task which he also believed would not only enhance the profiles and careers of the beneficiaries but also boost the ratings of the University of Ilorin among its peers at



■ Prof. Raji



■ Prof. Tiamiyu



■ Prof. Abdullahi



■ Prof. Tella

local and global levels.

While assuring members of staff of the University of the readiness of his administration to always support their research initiatives, Prof. Egbewole expressed the conviction that the four scholars would make effective use of the grants in order to encourage TETFund and similar agencies to continuously support the University and research endeavours of its researchers for the benefit of the society.

## Piloting UNILORIN

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Excellent Staff, Excellent University

Within the past 109 days, many great things have happened for which one can only be grateful to God. The excellence of our staff has impacted on the university and the excellence of the university has also impacted on the staff. The elevation of 31 new Professors and 38 Readers in various Departments has brought joy to many families and reassured the staff that hard work pays. Besides, that 11 academic staff of the University were announced within the period as among the top 500 authors by the internationally acclaimed Elsevier is an indication of the standard that the University has.

The University of Ilorin has also lived to its bidding as one of the most prolific producers of Vice Chancellors in Nigeria. While the University is known to

have produced pioneer Vice Chancellors of many universities, it has also been recording Vice Chancellors and Heads of tertiary institutions in recent years. Within the past days of my tenure, in addition to those already on ground, the University has produced the Vice Chancellors of Fountain University, Osogbo, and Crown-Hill University, Ilorin, in persons of Prof. Ramota Karim and Prof. Jeleel Ojuade respectively. It is serendipitous that while Prof. Ojuade officially resumed work on 22rd January, Prof. Karim resumes work next month.

Prayer Point

Whatever is good requires prayers and whatever is bad also requires prayers. It has been good for the University of Ilorin and I pray that the Almighty Allah continue to make it better by far. I supplicate that the Bestower, Al-Wahab, bestow us good health, abundant energy

and divine wisdom to be able to discharge our onerous duties as patriotic Nigerians and world citizens. I commit the University to the hands of the Almighty and pray for His guidance and protection for everyone of us as we shuttle into the space and reposition the University for additional institutional excellence. This University is great and let us continue to pursue this greatness, with malice to none and justice to all.

I want to appreciate you all for being part of this milestone event, distinguished ladies and gentlemen. I want to thank in particular, the gentlemen of the press (I understand there are no ladies of the press) for you have always been part of Unilorin Greatness Team from the 1<sup>st</sup> day that I assumed duty. We are just starting and the sky is the beginning for you all.

Thank you and God bless you.

## Open Ph.D Thesis Defence

S/N	NAME	FACULTY/DEPARTMENT	TITLE	DATE&TIME	VENUE
1	OLAGOKE, Elijah Olabamiji	Education/Human Kinetics Education	Comparative Analysis of Sports Management practices at Federal and State Universities in South-West, Nigeria	Friday, 10th February, 2023/10:00am	Board Room, Squash Hall, University of Ilorin





## FUND SOURCES AND UTILIZATION REPORT FROM 26<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY TO 2<sup>ND</sup> FEBRUARY 2023

RECEIPTS:	AMOUNT
Academic Transcript	992,500.00
Sundry & Other Fees Student Charges	349,500.00
Sundry Other Income	6,075,250.00
Tender Fees	60,000.00
Income from Fitness Centre	2,000.00
Capitation NHIS	5,250.00
Income from Dental Clinic	76,938.75
Convocation Souvenir	166,900.00
Unilorin T-Shirt	5,250.00
Departmental Income	1,800,000.00
Income from Diagnostic Centre	36,713.50
Hire of University Property	24,000.00
Publication	177,500.00
Income from Verification/Screening	35,000.00
Rent on University Property	142,925.00
Staff I.D Cards	3,000.00
Game Fee	1,000.00
Student I.D. Cards	12,000.00
Undergraduate School Charges	69,369,150.00
Undergraduate Convocation Charges	4,399,500.00
Undergraduate Hostel Accommodation	8,489,350.00
Undergraduate Change of Course form	46,350.00
Undergraduate General Payment	401,500.00
Undergraduate Post UTME Registration	935,550.00
Postgraduate School Convocation Charges	21,450.00
Postgraduate School Charges	97,417,400.00
Postgraduate School General payment	1,767,050.00
Postgraduate School Add/Drop payment	5,750.00
Postgraduate School Acceptance Payment	2,075,450.00
JUPEB Application form	176,050.00
JUPEB Acceptance Payment	302,250.00
JUPEB Hostel Accommodation	271,350.00
JUPEB School Charges	2,047,400.00
Ilorin Business School Application form	50,300.00
Remedial School Application Form	75,750.00
Remedial School Charges	693,900.00
Remedial School Acceptance Payment	257,550.00
Remedial School Hostel Accommodation	106,050.00
<b>Total Receipt for the Period</b>	<b>₦198,874,827.25</b>
PAYMENTS	
PAYMENT TO CONTRACTORS/SUPPLIERS:	
Cytech Engineering Construction Ltd Construction of Faculty of Basic Sciences Building (CBNTETFund).	12,617,050.17
Tejusco Multibiz Ventures Installation of Industrial Fan	236,553.75
NOAB Global Concept Ltd Supply of Battery	499,875.00
De Peace Hotel and Suites Feeding and Accommodation of Guest	114,680.00
Ibadan Electricity Distribution Company Electricity Bill	50,687,708.50
Vanguard Media Ltd Advertisement	285,573.75
Princess Luxury Hotels and Tourism Ltd Feeding and Accommodation of Guest.	354,672.91
OTHER PAYMENTS:	
Various Various i.e DTA, IMPREST, REFUND e.t.c	10,289,846.73
Purchase Advance Various	1,875,360.00
Faculty Staff Salary January 2023	9,578,800.00

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

## Staff Development Award

RECIPIENT	PROGRAMME	DEPARTMENT	INSTITUTION WHERE TENABLE
O. B. Ayeni	Ph. D	Telecommunication Sciences	Federal University Oye, Ekiti, Nigeria



S/N	Name	Department	Birthday
1	Ibraheem Ismail Aremu	Works: Works/Maintenance Office	Feb 05
2	Adeniran Sunday Adebunmi	Plant Biology	Feb 05
3	Babafemi Grace Olabisi	Library	Feb 05
4	Abdulsalam Oyeniyi Biliamin	Works: Electrical/Telecom	Feb 05
5	Aliyu Yakubu	Unilorin Sugar Research Institute	Feb 05
6	Bamidele Folake Florence	Registry	Feb 05
7	Salami Bamidele	Registry	Feb 05
8	Falowo Olushola Naheem	Bursary	Feb 05
9	Kigir Esther Solomon	Veterinary Anatomy	Feb 05
10	Durosinmi Muhideen Ola	English	Feb 05
11	Abdulwahab Kudirat Adenike	Chemistry	Feb 05
12	Jinadu Ajibola Wasiu	Bursary	Feb 05
13	Olumoh Ismail Adebayo	Library	Feb 05
14	Adesina Adedoyin Victoria	Registry	Feb 05
15	Olawale Abimbola Omotojesi	Registry	Feb 05
16	Saminu Sani	Biomedical Engineering	Feb 05
17	Ajokpaniovo Michael	Counsellor Education	Feb 06
18	Baba Dare Abubakar	Human Kinetics & Health Edu.	Feb 06
19	Babatunde Shola Timothy	English	Feb 06
20	Nuhu Umar	Security Division	Feb 06
21	Olunka John Alunka	Registry	Feb 06
22	Saheed Mohammed Tunde	Works: Works/Maintenance Office	Feb 06
23	Hanafi Suleiman Olesin	Works: Works/Maintenance Office	Feb 06
24	Lawal-Ibrahim Falilat Ayo	Nursing Science	Feb 06
25	Ipadeola Oyedapo Ademuyiwa	Surveying & Geo-Informatics	Feb 06
26	Omoiya Maridiyat Omowumi	Unilorin Staff School	Feb 07
27	Danmaiduka Salamat Omotayo	Centre For Supportive Services For The Deaf	Feb 07
28	Nmom Ikeola Olufunke	Home Economics & Food Science	Feb 07
29	Ogunbiyi Olatunde Oyewole	Religions	Feb 07
30	Ademola Olaoluwa John	Zoology	Feb 07
31	Malik Nurudeen Adesola	Geography & Environmental Management	Feb 07
32	Salman Abiola Ramat	Web Support Services	Feb 07
33	Yusuf Musiliu Olawale	Works: Works/Maintenance Office	Feb 07
34	Salman Moradeke Balikis	Registry	Feb 07
35	Ajiboye Taiwo Aye	Computer Engineering	Feb 07
36	Akeyede Moshood Immam	Unilorin Staff School	Feb 08
37	Joel Janet Funmilayo	Unilorin Staff School	Feb 08
38	Dada Sunday Charlces	Registry	Feb 08
39	Owoade Adetoye Kehinde	Registry	Feb 08
40	Olaniran Oyebayo Ridwan	Statistics	Feb 08
41	Akindele Iyiola Tomilayo	Public Administration	Feb 08
42	Abdullahi Hafsa Mustapha	Veterinary Microbiology	Feb 08
43	Adeyeye Agnes Omotayo	Religions	Feb 08
44	Ojo Benjamin Ayoade	Works: Mechanical	Feb 09
45	Adegoke Haleemat Iyabode	Chemistry	Feb 09
46	Giwa Felicia Bosede	Registry	Feb 09
47	Usman Lamidi Ajao	Chemistry	Feb 09
48	Ogunbiyi Benjamin Adesanya	Security Division	Feb 09
49	Adesua Obafemi A	Pharmacology & Therapeutics	Feb 09
50	Abdulqadir Ibrahim Abikan	Islamic Law	Feb 09
51	Adegoke Alfred Akinbo	Counsellor Education	Feb 09
52	Gambari Saadat Arinola	Registry	Feb 09
53	Adebisi Jeleel Adekunle	Materials & Metallurgical Engineering	Feb 09
54	Adesola Abduljelili	Security Division	Feb 10
55	Okoro Emmanuel Obi	Medicine	Feb 10
56	Anifowose Emmanuel Olusegun	Works: Civil/Building	Feb 10
57	Ayinla Saadu	Security Division	Feb 10
58	Jimoh Saidu	Security Division	Feb 10
59	Adesina Ramoni Amofe	Registry	Feb 10
60	Afolami Daniel Ekumdayo	Registry	Feb 10
61	Tella Adeyinka	Library & Information Science	Feb 10
62	Adediran Shakirat Omolara	Veterinary Surgery & Radiology	Feb 10
63	Giwa Halima Bukola Funmilayo	Clinical Pharmacy & Pharmacy Practice	Feb 10
64	Adah Arime Deborah	Veterinary Medicine	Feb 10
65	Erota Mary Olamiji	Registry	Feb 10
66	Ajewole Ojo Davies	Geography & Environmental Management	Feb 11
67	Oluwole Adetutu	Registry	Feb 11
68	Jimoh Alao Abdullahi	Civil Engineering	Feb 11
69	Odevole Michael Mayokun	Food & Bioprocess Engineering	Feb 11
70	Adeyeye Mathew Tunde	Registry	Feb 11

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

*The Vice Chancellor, University of Ilorin, Prof Wahab Egbewole (3rd right) with the Director General of NCDC, Dr Ifedayo Adetifa (3rd left); the Provost, College of Health Sciences, Prof Alabi (2nd left); and other officials during Prof Egbewole's visit to NCDC's Abuja office last Tuesday*



## NAKSS honours UNILORIN FM boss

*By Tajudeen Babamale*

The National Association of Kwara State Students (NAKSS), University of Ilorin Chapter, has given an award of excellence to the General Manager of UNILORIN FM 89.3, Mr. Ibrahim Idris Alooma, in recognition of his tireless and immeasurable contribution towards youth development in the state.

The award presentation was a major highlight of the Kwara State Students Leadership and Entrepreneurship Summit held Wednesday (January 18, 2023) at the Faculty of Education Lecture Theatre.

Reacting after receiving the award, Mr. Alooma appreciated the Association for deeming it fit to honour him, saying that it always gives him joy whenever he had the opportunity to help needy students, as the essence of humanity is assisting those in need.



Mr Alooma, however, used the occasion to implore the students to continue to demonstrate the responsible traits in them by obeying and respecting constituted

authority, abiding by rules of engagement, and most importantly being reputable ambassadors of their parents.

In a chat with the *UNILORIN BULLETIN* on the sideline of the event, the President of the National Association of Kwara State Students (NAKSS), University of Ilorin Chapter, Musbau Alawaye, encouraged the teeming students of the institution to get their permanent voters cards (PVC) before the deadline for collection elapsed.

He said that UNILORIN FM Manager was honoured for supporting the Association's programme, adding that the Association also honoured the gubernatorial candidate of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) in Kwara State, Alhaji Shuaibu Yaman for his support to Kwara students, as well as the Managing Director of KEMSAN, Oluwaseun Owoseni.

## URMCS on a sound footing -- Ayoku

*By Abubakar Imam*

The President of UNILORIN Resources Managers Cooperative Society Limited, Mr Abubakar Amori Ayoku, has said that despite some challenges facing it, the Society was in good position to effectively render good services to members.

Mr Ayoku stated this penultimate Friday (January 27, 2023) while welcoming members and guests to the

Society's Ordinary General Meeting held at the University's Cooperative Building.

While expressing the hope that the Federal Government would release the withheld salaries of University workers, which would surely increase the capital base of the Society, Mr Ayoku, who is also a Chief Confidential Secretary attached to the Faculty of Physical Sciences, University of Ilorin, also enjoined members who are indebted to the Society to settle such swiftly in order to enable others to

benefit as well.

Members, who spoke at the event, thanked Mr Ayoku and his colleagues in the Society's leadership for what they called effective and efficient discharge of responsibilities since their election.

The event was also witnessed by representatives of the Kwara State Commissioner for Business Innovation and Technology, which also acknowledged the good standing of the Cooperative Society to the applause of members.



## Piloting UNILORIN

*Text of a Press Briefing by Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, the 11<sup>th</sup> Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, at his maiden media parley on Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> February, 2023 at the University Auditorium*

### A New Chapter

Like the speed of a meteor shooting through the space, the clock ticked so fast on Saturday, 15<sup>th</sup> October, 2022 and the day ended well to herald a new day. I assumed duty as the 11<sup>th</sup> Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin on Sunday, 16<sup>th</sup> October, 2022 opening a new chapter in the magnum opus that the University of Ilorin has become. I woke up that day brimming with ideas, burning with renewed energy, eager to locate challenges and prepared to tackle them headlong being aware that time is short.

However, I did not prepare for an easy fix for our decayed infrastructure, dying university culture, abandoned academic traditions, intergenerational disconnect among staff and palpable feeling of disenchantment arising from a long and punitive strike. Doing so would make me wear a hypocritical tag of a man who wanted to build a castle in the air. I am also not mistaken about my inability to do it alone. That is why right from the start, I identified the imperative of teamwork, stressing that Together, Everyone Achieves More. As the University of Ilorin is work in progress, not a mission accomplished, I am certain that we shall continue to build magnificently on the solid foundation laid by our founding fathers.

UNILORIN Greatness Team I have since set to work and put a team, Unilorin Greatness Team, together, prominent among whom are the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic) Prof. Abayomi Omotesho and the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Management Services), Prof. Sulaiman Ambali. We have also had the Provost of the College of Health Sciences and Chairmen of important committees and organs of the University. The Administration is already fledgling and the engine is revving in the sky for a decisive flight. Ours is a shuttle to the space, as I told the Senate in my inaugural address on October 21, 2022.

Distinguished members of the fourth estate of the realm, ladies and gentlemen, there is no standstill or cessation of activities; there is no frustration or discouragement for my team in Unilorin as we have all resolved to take the University to where it deserves. It is either success or nothing else for all of us in this better-by-far University.

### Days of Velvet Revolution

Today marks my 109 days in office as the 11th Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin. These Days are days of commitment and intense hard work, no lazy days. They are characterised by the pleasurable rigour of policy formulations and intellectual engagements with critical stakeholders without any hindrance. They are innovative, super, awesome and unique days that lay the foundation for the turbo-charged Unilorin's mission to greatness.

I am fortunate because the Unilorin Greatness Team is taking shape with great men and women of courage, commitment, vision and value. I believe in reforming the mind and Velvet Revolution is my model. Thus, I have engaged all members of staff through the various organs of the University on attitudinal change and positive disposition to work. I can also testify that the tension within has reduced drastically and our harmony is great.

Catalogue of Catalysts

Perhaps it may be too early to be counting achievements but the catalysts that herald them are. Permit me, therefore, to briefly highlight some of the major catalysts that others may call achievements that yours truly has recorded since this team started work:

1. MOU signed with Tunil University in Italy
2. Another MOU being consummated with the School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London
3. KU8 established to create Synergy in University Education in Kwara State
4. MOU with Summit University, Offa
5. ? 75M award by JAMB paid for tarring GRA Quarters Road
6. Reactivation of active participation in WARIMA and AWAU. The Vice Chancellor is now the Secretary General of AWAU, with the University of Ilorin regaining global visibility
7. Training by CODL, organised by Commonwealth of Learning, Canada
8. TETFund award of ? 500M hostel accommodation for our students
9. TETFund award of N200M zonal intervention
10. Renewed motivation of staff and students
11. Proactive engagements with all the unions on Campus
12. Composition of 11 strategic committees on security, investment and revenue generation, ranking, environmental issues, transportation and so on. The reports of the committees have been submitted and implementation will soon commence any moment from now
13. Revenue Generation drive through strategic repositioning of the IGR Units
14. Engagements of MDAs for synergy, support and collaboration
15. Reactivation of the original model of U6 Developmental Agenda
16. Grant of ? 400M broadband by Ministry of Communication
17. Re-engagement with the Association of Commonwealth Universities
18. Siting of battery charging station by National Automotive Design and Development Council

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