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## VC to new medics: Don't be in a hurry to check out ...as Unilorin churns out 130 new doctors

By Mustafa Abubakar, Tajudeen Babamale and Adebukola Adedeji

Even as Nigeria continues to witness exodus of her medical doctors seeking greener pastures abroad, the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Sulyman Age Abdulkareem, has encouraged newly inducted medical graduands of the University not to be in a hurry to check out of the country. Rather, he appealed to them to maximise the abundant opportunities in Nigeria to help the teeming populace who will remain ever grateful for their services.

Prof. Abdulkareem made this appeal last Tuesday (November 30, 2021) at the 37th Initiation and Induction Ceremony of 130 new Medical doctors who graduated from the institution's College of Health Sciences.

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■ The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Abdulkareem (middle), with dignitaries and the newly inducted medical doctors at the event last Tuesday

## Counsellor Education honours Prof Idowu

By Temitope Folorunsho

It was a shower of encomiums last Thursday (December 2, 2021) for Prof. Adeyemi Ibukunoluwa Idowu, as the Department of Counsellor Education, Faculty of Education, rolled out the drums in colourful celebration of the erudite scholar on his retirement from the services of University of Ilorin.

The event, which was held at the New Education Lecture Theatre (NELT), attracted people from all walks of life including friends, relations, colleagues and students of the honoree.

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■ L - R: The honoree, Prof. Idowu; the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Abdulkareem; and Prof. (Mrs) Idowu, during the send-forth last Thursday

## Owoyele canvasses recognition, regulation of alternative medicine

By Abubakar Imam

Professor of Physiology at the University of Ilorin, Bamidele Victor Owoyele, has canvassed the continuous appreciation and meticulous regulation of the application of alternative medicine as a way of providing effective remedies to human health challenges based on the gift of nature.

Prof. Owoyele, who stated this last Thursday (December 2, 2021) while delivering the University's 211th Inaugural Lecture, at the University Auditorium, pointed out that the reevaluation and regulation of alternative medicine would be to the benefit of all. (Contd. on page 4)



■ Prof. Owoyele

## Embrace group dynamism, Abdulkareem tells engineers

By Abubakar Imam

**T**he Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Sulyman Age Abdulkareem, has called on professionals in different realms of engineering practice to work towards what he called group dynamism for the progress of the profession and the nation at large.

Prof. Abdulkareem gave the advice penultimate Thursday (November 25, 2021) at the annual conference of the Nigerian Institution of Metallurgical Mining and Materials Engineers (NIMMME), which held at Monarch Hotel, Ilorin.

The Vice-Chancellor, who was the Chairman of the occasion, called for cooperation and collaboration among the various segments of the Nigerian Society of Engineers for the progress of the nation.

Represented by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Management Services), Prof. Bolaji Fatai Sule, the Vice-Chancellor commended the NIMMME for organising the event, which, he said, would expose its members and other participants to the latest developments in the field of metallurgical and material engineering.

While commending the efforts put into the production of the quality of different papers slated for presentation at the conference, Prof. Abdulkareem expressed the hope that members of the Institute from the University of Ilorin



■ **Prof. Abdulkareem**

would continue to give a good account of themselves as foremost scholars and experienced professionals.

Speaking earlier, the Chairman of the Institution, Dr Ayo Adeyemo, charged Nigerians, particularly engineers to brace-up for the development of the country as he said that no foreigner would come to develop Nigeria more than Nigeria. He added that Nigeria had waited enough for foreign technology to be transferred to us to no avail, saying that we must stop relying on foreign technology but focus on our indigenous technology to bring about rapid industrial development.

Dr. Adeyemo also called on the Federal Government to prioritise

indigenous engineers so as to promote indigenous technology and products as he charged the government not to leave any stone unturned towards ensuring security of lives and property, saying that increasing threat to the safety of people would not encourage explorations and investments.

The highlight of the conference was the presentation and discussion of keynote addresses presented by the Dean, Faculty of Engineering, Kwara State University, Malete, Prof. A. G. F. Alabi and the Rector of the Kwara State Polytechnic, Ilorin, Dr Jimoh Muhammad Abdul.

The event, which was attended by professionals and students from various institutions of higher learning, was also graced by Prof. A. S. AbdulRahman of the Federal University of Technology, Minna; a former Director of the Technical and Entrepreneurship Centre, University of Ilorin, Dr. J. K. Odusote; a former Head of the Department of Metallurgical and Material Engineering, University of Ilorin, Dr Yusuf Lanre Shuaib-Babaita; and the Head of the Department of Biomedical Engineering, University of Ilorin, Dr. Suleiman Abimbola Yahaya as well as Dr. Ishaq Na'Allah Aremu, who was the Chairman of the Local Organising Committee.

## Afolayan delivers 212<sup>th</sup> Inaugural Lecture

The Vice-Chancellor, University of Ilorin, Ilorin, Prof. S. A. Abdulkareem, invites members of the University of Ilorin community and the general public to the Two hundred and twelfth (212<sup>th</sup>) Inaugural Lecture of the University scheduled as follows:

**Lecturer:** Professor E. A. O. Afolayan  
**MB; BS. (Zaria); FMCPATH**  
Department of Pathology  
Faculty of Basic Clinical Sciences,  
College of Health Sciences,  
University of Ilorin, Ilorin.

**Topic:** "Cancer! The Sledge Hammer of Death? No, Not a Death Sentence, if..."

**Date:** Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup> December, 2021

**Time:** 3.00 p.m.

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

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

**Dr. Fola M. Olowoleni**  
**Registrar**



■ **Prof. Afolayan**

## Open Ph.D Thesis Defence

S/N	NAME	FACULTY/DEPARTMENT	TITLE	DATE & TIME	VENUE
1	Olanrewaju, Sariyat Olayinka	Life Sciences/Microbiology	Bacteriological, Virological and Physicochemical Investigation of River Amo, Ikirun, Osun State, Nigeria	Monday, 6 <sup>th</sup> December, 2021 & 9:00am	Faculty Board Room



## VC to new medics: Don't be in a hurry to check out

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At the induction ceremony held in the University's Main Auditorium, Prof. Abdulkareem told the new medical doctors that the nation needs their service dearly and willing to benefit from their expertise more than ever before as the country's rural areas are still largely without adequate medical personnel.

While clarifying that though all the new medical doctors have the right to decide where they chose to practice, whether at home or abroad, the Vice-Chancellor admonished them to be good ambassadors of the University, their family and the entire nation anywhere they find themselves.

Discouraging the new doctors from being arrogant, Prof. Abdulkareem implored them to be patient, compassionate, caring and loving to their patients, saying that the University's staff have spent years to train them so that they will demonstrate professionalism and competence in the discharge of their duties.

The Vice-Chancellor disclosed that the MBBS programme of the University of Ilorin is largely over-subscribed by prospective applicants because of the stable academic calendar of the institution, saying that the Unilorin is the only University in the country that did not lose any academic session in spite of the set-back of the COVID 19 pandemic.

In his address, the Keynote Speaker, a Professor of Physiology at the College of Health Sciences, Bowen University, Iwo, Osun State, Soladoye Ayodele Olufemi, advocated the review of the undergraduate medical curriculum in Nigeria to broaden students' horizon, more innovative and creative in vaccine technology in order to perfect the practice of the medical profession in the most populous Africa nation.

Speaking on the topic, "Medical Practice in the New Normal", Prof. Soladoye stated that the practice of medicine in the new

normal in Nigeria is both reactionary and preventive, adding that this is a major shift from the largely reactionary practice of the past.

The Keynote Speaker said that the change in the new normal is due to the massive investment in Tertiary Health Care, Basic Health Care and Primary Health Care facilities.

Prof. Soladoye, however, lamented that "ordinary Nigerians and medical doctors have left the country in search of better health care, better job opportunity and residency training", adding that "the medical tourism and search for better opportunity have resulted in exodus to such destinations in India, Saudi Arabia, North America South Africa, Australia, East and Western Europe".

According to him, "Presently, it was reported that over 4,000 Nigerian doctors are in USA and 8,384 are in the UK, while such exodus is a serious brain drain on the health care system, it may also suggest that the medical practice in the new normal in such outside borders is better".

The Physiologist identified reasons for seeking greener pasture to include superior doctor/patient ratio, short waiting time by patients in the hospital, available, functional advanced medical equipment for patient care, deployment of AI and Choice of human/Robotics in surgery, high level of coverage for medical insurance to meet cost of health care, liberal use of Tele-medicine, easy access to highly specialized medical and surgical procedures, easy access to prescription drugs and home test kits for patients since they may be produced locally, doctors and other members of the health care manpower are well remunerated, among others.

Earlier in his address, the Provost

of the College of Health Sciences, Prof. Olanrewaju Timothy Adedoyin, appealed to the Medical and Dental Council of Nigeria to consider the request by the College for accreditation of more MBBS programme for the College so as to consider increasing the admission quota for the programme.

The Provost explained that the MBBS programme is highly subscribed by prospective applicants making the 150 quota inadequate.

Prof. Adedoyin, however, admonished the new doctors to be noble, speak only when it is necessary, resist the temptation to misbehave in the public even when provoked, and must be role models in the society and be the envy of all.

In his remarks, the Registrar of the Medical and Dental Council of Nigeria (MDCN), Dr. Tajudeen Adisa Bolanle Sanusi, pledged the Council's readiness to approve the upgrading of the admission quota into the University of Ilorin MBBS programme if the institution meets up with the requirements for the upgrading.

The Registrar, however, reminded the new medical doctors to be professionals, disciplined, committed to saving lives, warning that the Council would not hesitate to withdraw the license of any member who is involved in unprofessional practices, vices, or any activities that could undermine the good name of the noble medical profession.

The colourful occasion was attended by parents, families, friends and well wishers of the graduands.

## Encomiums galore as Counsellor Education honours Prof Idowu

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In his welcome address, the Dean of the Faculty of Education, Prof. M. O. Yusuf, who was represented by Prof. Y. A. Fasasi, described Prof. Idowu as a teacher of teachers, counsellor of counsellors, mentor of mentors and an administrator par excellence.

Prof. Yusuf stated that Prof. Idowu uplifted the Department of Counsellor Education with his exemplary style of administration, and always ensured that everything good happened at the Department even up to the Faculty level.

The Dean referred to Prof. Idowu as a confidant and a symbol of goodness, even outside the University community where he had performed excellently well.

In his tribute, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Sulyman Age Abdulkareem, described the Osun state born Professor, as a hardworking man who had been one of the shakers of the

University community that one could not just miss his presence.

He said Prof. Idowu is someone who believes in giving all it takes to make things work, giving an instance when Prof. Idowu gave a passionate speech on the Senate floor about a PGD programme they were all skeptical of, making them enroll for the programme eventually and becoming better teachers today.

Prof. Abdulkareem congratulated Prof. Idowu and his wife whom he described as "impressive", and also thanked God for the good health He has bestowed on them.

He prayed God to continue to give Prof. Idowu the grace to enjoy his retirement.

In her welcome address, the Head of the Department of Counsellor Education, Prof. Mary G. Fajonyomi, stated that the event would have taken place last year when Prof. Idowu retired from active service from the University but for the outbreak of COVID-19.

Prof. Fajonyomi, who said she believes in giving honour to deserving persons when alive, thanked God for the opportunity

given the Department to hold such an event.

The HOD thanked the former Provost of Adeyemi College of Education, Ondo, for his fatherly role and sound counsel, praying God to bless him in his retirement.

Also paying tribute to Prof. Idowu, a former Ambassador to The Netherlands, Dr. Nimota Nihinlola Akanbi, appreciated him for the positive impact he and his wife had in her life. She said because of Prof. Idowu's insistence, she had to undergo her Ph.D. programme, which eventually contributed to her being nominated for ambassadorial post. Dr. Akanbi, therefore, prayed God to continue to keep Prof. Idowu healthy, wishing him the best in his retirement.

Others who paid glowing tributes to Prof. Idowu included the wife of a former Vice-Chancellor of the University, Dr. Rahimat Oloyede; a former Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic), University of Ilorin,

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In the lecture, entitled "The Balm in Your Backyard: Use it for Your Health Benefits", the don opined that irrespective of whatever divide we find ourselves, we should not condemn what the nature has given us but embrace them for the benefit of our sound health.

Prof. Owoyele, who is the Head of the Department of Physiology, explained that the best way of living a healthy life is for man to ensure continuous and positive interactions with his environment. He said that most of the leaves and plants around us are effective in the treatment of ailments if we can go into history to see how they were used by our forebears and even contemporaries who are exposed to their values over the years.

The renowned Physiologist explained that alternative medicine should be properly redefined and carefully regulated by stakeholders so that we can benefit maximally from it as obtainable in Asian countries such as China, India and Japan.

Prof. Owoyele, who took pain to confirm the efficacy of several herbs and natural products in meeting the health care needs of the people, said that the more exposed we are to the benefits derivable from plants and seeds the better such herbs and vegetational products would go a long way in providing remedies to our life challenges.

The renowned academic, who is also the President of the Neuroscience Society of Nigeria, said that most of the day-to-day complaints of man like pains and fever can be cured by the use of appropriate quality and measures of products of plants around us.

Citing personal experiences and outcomes of several research efforts, Prof. Owoyele provided extensive postulations on the impact of pawpaw, onions, maize, bitter cola,



■ **The 211th Inaugural Lecturer, Prof. Owoyele (left), presenting the Lecture notes to the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Sulyman Age Abdulkareem, last Thursday**

copper leaf and sunflowers, among others, in providing medications for quite a number of ailments.

The don also drew the attention of the audience to the increasing cases of pain among Nigerians. He said that though pain is a common phenomenon among human beings as it serves as warning and protective functions, if left untreated could be life threatening.

While saying that the nature of pain varies based on gender, genetic and ethnicity, Prof. Owoyele added that the effect of pains can be reduced by the application of some herbs.

Prof. Owoyele, who is also the President of the Nigerian Society for Experimental Biology (NISEB), drew attention of stakeholders to the fact that sleep deprivation was fast becoming a global phenomenon because of modern day activities that requires sleeping late and waking early.

The foremost University teacher also discussed the medicinal

values of pure honey. While he said that it was difficult to find pure honey in Nigeria, Prof. Owoyele said that the application of pure honey can address so many physiological challenges.

Prof. Owoyele encouraged academics to make provision of individualised research spaces a priority, saying that doing so will enhance productivity, innovation and career progression and would enable them to serve humanity more.

He, however, advised concerned authorities to provide funds and facilities for research laboratories in Nigeria as a way of encouraging more meaningful and timely researches to emerging challenges.

Prof. Owoyele also suggested that acad

The inaugural lecture, which was presided over by the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Sulyman Age Abdulkareem, was graced by many dignitaries from far and near including Prof. Owoyele's relations, colleagues, friends and students.

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Prof. Bayo Lawal; the Registrar, Dr. Fola M. Olowoleni, who was represented by Mr. T. A. Bamigboye; mentees of Prof. Idowu who referred to themselves as his academic children and grandchildren, such as Dr. Abenna from the United Kingdom, Prof. A. A. G. Alutu from the University of Benin, Prof. Uyazibo Aniebo, Prof. Olasehinde Williams, Prof. Mary Esere, Drs. Adere and Martins from Adeyemi College of Education, Ondo, among others.

In her remarks, the wife of the celebrant, Prof. Adetoun Idowu, appreciated everyone present for honouring them. She admitted that doors had indeed opened for her because of her husband, Prof. Idowu, whom she described as a generous, accommodating, kind and gentle person.

In his response, Prof. Idowu

thanked everyone present and prayed God to honour them in return. He also thanked God for being kind to him by giving him a very lovely wife who has always been accommodating and a soul-mate.

Prof. Idowu went down memory lane in his academic sojourn in the Department of Counsellor Education and the numerous challenges he faced especially during election period for Deanship, which was very stormy, according to him.

He, therefore, advised that people should be their brother's keeper, adding that promotion period should not be seen as a time to witch-hunt anyone. He said if people do not qualify for a position, they should be told.

Prof. Idowu thanked the Department for hosting him and his family and promised to always be available whenever his counsel is needed.

Highlights of the occasion included the unveiling of a Festschrift titled "Promoting Guidance and Counseling Practices in Nigeria", in honour of the retired Professor and anchored by Prof. A. A. Adegoke.

There was also Ewi rendition, presentation of gifts and cutting of cake by the celebrant.

Among the dignitaries that graced the occasion which was anchored by the duo of a renowned broadcaster, Abdulfatai A deniyi Dankazeem and Dr. Murtala Tukur, included Prof. Medinat Salman, Prof. O. O. Ogunlade, Mr. Festus Ogunyinka, Manager Unilorin Press; Prof. and Dr. (Mrs) A. B. Okesina, Prof. L. A. Azeez, Dean, Faculty of Communication and Information Sciences; Dr. (Mrs.) Ibrahim Bebe, Prof. Oyelade, Prof. Irene Durosaro, Dr. S. K. Ajiboye, Prof. Afusat Alabi and Prof. Etejere.



## Unilorin ASUU holds workshop on research methodology

*By Mustafa Abubakar, Testimony  
Agbojo and Rabi'at Gambari*

**T**he University of Ilorin Branch of the Academic Staff Union of Universities (ASUU) has said that it had recorded another landmark achievement following the conclusion of a training workshop on research methodology for some of its members in the Graduate Assistant to Lecturer I bracket across the 16 faculties of the University.

The training workshop, themed "The Basic Issues of Research Methodology" was held last Monday (November 29, 2021) at the Faculty of Arts Board Room.

Declaring the programme opened, the Chairperson of the Union, Prof. Salihu Moyosore Ajao, explained that the two-day workshop was aimed at positioning every participant to excel in their career and to enhance the skills of every member in the area of Research and Publication of research findings.

Prof. Ajao, who was represented by the Vice-Chairperson of the Union, Dr. Wasiu Raji, declared that the three key mandates of any academic staff are teaching, research and community services.

He said, "Research methodology is very key to the success of any investigation either in the Humanities, Medicine, Sciences or Engineering. The three key mandates of any academic staff are teaching, research and community service. Of these three, teaching is the most popular and research is the least popular. However, research is the yardstick for the promotion and appointment of academic staff. It is also a key yardstick for the award of higher degrees -M.Sc and PhD."

Prof. Ajao said that ASUU will



■ *Dignitaries and participants at the ASUU workshop*

continue to partner the government to ensure that education is affordable and accessible to all, advising the government to cut down identified wasteful spending and prioritise its programmes and projects.

The Union noted that ASUU would continue to partner the government to make sure that education is affordable and accessible to all and continue to provide the search to light to enable her members to navigate the rugged terrain.

In his presentation, the former Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences, whose idea brought about the workshop, Prof. Hassan. A. Soliu, said, "No Nation can develop without carrying out research". He stated that before research is done various things should be noted, which include research proposal, the area, the topic and also certain factors should be considered, such as the financial standing, language proficient and ethical issue.

The Professor of Political Science, whose paper was entitled, "Research Proposal", said that a research cannot be well conducted without considering these factors.

In his presentation, the Unilorin 2021 Researcher of the Year, Dr. George Adeniyi of the Department of Chemical Engineering stated that the key to effective publication of research paper is being able to state the quality and in all sincerity the procedures utilised in formulating the research paper.

Dr. Adeniyi pointed out that reproducibility is important in every research work, declaring that his interest is to teach people how to know more about effective research and data collection, and its importance in relations to integrity as a researcher in order to avoid misalignment.

Also presenting his paper, the immediate past Director of the Central Research Laboratory (CRL), Prof. M.T. Yakubu of the Department of Biochemistry said, "Publication is a process of academic research in a printed or electronic medium expected to communicate with the public", which could be in periodical and academic books.

Present at the programme are lecturers from all the 16 Faculties, Departments and other fields.

## Ijaiya canvasses attitudinal change among Nigerians for sustainable growth

*By Abdulquadri Abubakar and Abdullahi Ogundipe*

The Director of Ilorin Business School, University of Ilorin, Prof. G. T. Ijaya, has stressed the need for Nigerians to have positive character remoulding in dealing with one another for a sustainable societal growth.

Prof. Ijaiya, who made the observation penultimate Sunday (November 28, 2021) at the 12th Annual Symposium of the Standard Bearers Islamic Organisation, Kwara State Chapter, also urged them to be fair in the distribution of available resources that are put in their care.

Participating in a panel discussion themed "A National Rebirth", at the symposium held at the FOMWAN Hall, Fate Road, Ilorin, Prof. Ijaiya said, "Government at all levels should adopt character remoulding and be fair in the

distribution of resources. This is the only way society can grow and live together peacefully”.

The Director said that history as a subject is compulsory for every student in the '60's and '70's but wondered why such important subject is jettisoned nowadays. He, therefore, urged the government to readdress the situation, saying, "If you don't know your history, you will not understand your present and your future will be jeopardized".

Prof. Ijaiya stressed further that the history of Nigeria's economic reforms started during the colonial era and later some Nigerian leaders came up with various reforms with the hope to improve the nation's economic situation but they did not achieve their objectives because of faulty distribution of resources.

In his remarks, the Chairman of the occasion and the former Dean of Science, University of Ilorin, Prof. B. L. Adeleke, thanked Almighty Allah for the event, saying that the Standard Bearer Islamic Organisation came up with this programme to remind Nigerians of the situation we found ourselves in the country and try to find solutions to enable us live together peacefully and in happiness.

The Professor of Statistics, who said that the lectures centred on attitudinal changes, advised the youths, as the future leaders, not to be desperate in looking for money.

He said that because money has been connected to working hard, whatever little that will come ones way while working hard, should be through the right attitude.

## Zoology Dept honours Mustapha, Unilorin's 210<sup>th</sup> Inaugural Lecturer

By Abdulquadri Abubakar and  
Adewumi Odeyemi

It was encomium galore penultimate Friday (November 26, 2021) as staff members of the Department of Zoology, University of Ilorin, organised a "Tea Session" in honour of Prof. Moshood Keke Mustapha, who delivered the University's 210th Inaugural lecture a day earlier.

Welcoming Prof. Mustapha back to the Department after his successful Inaugural Lecture, titled, "Man-Made Lakes: A Means of Eradicating Man-Made Poverty" at the "Tea Session" held at the premises of the Department, a lecturer, Prof. Chioma G. Nzeh, described him as a great scholar who has good working relations with his colleagues.

In his remarks, Dr. O. A. Iyiola, described the celebrant as very humble and kind, adding that he is always after the progress of every staff member of the Department.

On his part, Prof. Taiwo Ande explained that he was happy to be identified as a staff working together with Prof. Mustapha whom he described as very accommodating and hard-working.

He added that Zoology is all about supporting one another to achieve their dreams, stressing that "anybody in Zoology should not be seen as appendage of the whole structure"



■ Prof. Mustapha

Also speaking, Prof. Ugbomoiko thanked Prof. Mustapha immensely for his contributions towards moving the Department to greater heights.

He described the 210<sup>th</sup> Inaugural Lecturer as a super-professor who has now formally sat on his professorial chair, explaining that delivering an Inaugural lecture is the most important element in the professorial career that can sell the academics to the world.

In his response, the honouree, who is also the Head of the Department, Prof. Mustapha, recalled the working relationship that exists among the staff members of the Department as at the time he joined the Department many years ago, saying that

everybody works with commitment and dedication.

He disclosed that "Tea Session" is not a new innovation but has been part of the Departmental programming which no one liked to miss.

"It is an hour programme and the reason behind the "Tea Session" is to rub minds together within ourselves about researches", he disclosed.

Prof. Mustapha appreciated every member of the Department including students for being supportive to him throughout his research, noting that if there is no conducive environment, he won't be able to accomplish what he had accomplished.

### Edungbola's autobiography for presentation Dec 8

The autobiography of Emeritus Professor of Public Health, Luke Edungbola, will be publicly presented this Wednesday (December 8, 2021) at the University Auditorium.

The event, which begins at 10.00a.m, is expected to be attended by dignitaries from all walks of life.

Members of the University community and the general public are cordially invited.

## Adegbite bags NPPVA award

By Jemilat Mahmud

A lecturer at the Department of the Performing Arts, University of Ilorin, Mr. Adegbite Adeshina has been conferred with a Merit Award by the Nigeria Professional Photographers Videographers Association (NPPVA), Ilorin Emirate-Baboko Zone.

The award, which was presented to Mr. Adegbite on October 28, 2021, was part of the activities organised to commemorate the Association's end of the year activities.

In a lecture he delivered at the

event, Mr. Adegbite described photography as an interesting field for anyone that has passion for exploration beyond a limit, adding that it is a limitless depth of field which gives room for growth and expansion on daily basis.

He, therefore, encouraged members of the Association to keep the flag flying and not rest on their oars until they ensure that photography is in the hands of trained people and until it becomes a business that can't be toyed with.



■ Mr. Adegbite



## Unilorin ITA holds maiden workshop for translators

By **Mustafa Abubakar, Abdullah Ogundipe, Debora Olaleye and Testimony Ogojo**

**T**he University of Ilorin Institute of Translation Arts has held its maiden training/workshop for translators on globalisation with a charge to do more in attaining global recognition in the field.

The three-day workshop, themed "Translation and Globalisation", which held at the Faculty of Arts Lecture Hall penultimate Tuesday (November 23, 2021), was attended by participants from the University and beyond.

In his welcome address, the Director of the Institute, Prof. Hezekiah Olufemi Adeosun, said that the essence of the workshop was to fulfill part of the Institute's mandate by updating its workforce on development and current trends in translation profession through in-house training among others.

Prof. Adeosun said, "This three-day programme is a means of boosting the Institute on globalisation and its social impact on translation studies as globalisation necessitated translation".

While appreciating the Vice-



■ **Some participants at the workshop**

Chancellor of the University, Prof. Sulyman Age Abdulkareem, for approving and supporting the workshop, the Director also recognised the commitment of the staff of the Institute towards the actualisation of the workshop.

Earlier in their separate goodwill messages, the Dean of the Faculty of Arts, Prof. A.S. Abubakar; the former Director of the Institute, Prof. Victoria A. Alabi; and the immediate past Director, Prof. T.A. Alabi, applauded the efforts of the Institute and urged its management to keep the flag flying by ensuring legacies left behind are not abandoned for irrelevant things.

In her remarks, the Assistant Registrar in the Institute, Mrs. Tomilola R. Ayodele, disclosed that the workshop was organised to present opportunities to interrogate "our essence, seek innovation and contemporary ways to meeting the ever-increasing demand of our society and

world at large".

Mrs. Ayodele, who said that the training would have come earlier but the COVID-19 outbreak and other circumstances beyond the Institute control had made the programme to come now, urged the participants to make the best use of the opportunity to improve their translation skills.

Speaking with **UNILORIN BULLETIN**, a participant at the workshop, Mrs. Fawziyyah S. Olomoda, a reporter with the Kwara State Television Authority (KwaraTV), expressed her happiness to be among the participants, adding that the programme has been impactful and has educated her more.

Mrs. Olomoda disclosed that the workshop will go a long way in assisting her in doing her job well as a Yoruba news reporter.

## COSFAN reaffirms support for child rights protection

By **Mustafa Abubakar, Abdullahi Ogundipe, Rabiat Gambari and Itunu Olasehinde**

**T**he Commonwealth Scholars and Fellows Alumni Association Nigeria (COSFAN) has reaffirmed the Association's support for the protection of children's rights in Kwara State.

The National President of the Association, Dr. Abiola Adimula, made the statement last Monday (November 29, 2021) at the End of the Year Event and Annual General Meeting of the Kwara State Chapter of the Association, held in collaboration with the Kwara State Judiciary, Women and Child Watch Initiatives (WOCWI), Kwara State Internal Revenue Service (KWIRS), and Commonwealth Scholarship.

In her opening remarks, Dr. Adimula, disclosed that the programme was organised to build strong judicial institution for the Family Court in the State, enhance access to justice for family cases, especially matters involving children under the Child Rights Act 2003 or Child Rights Law of the State, 2006.

Dr. Adimula said that at the end of the programme with continuous



■ **Dr. Adimula**

sensitization, children facing abuse, sexual exploitation and violence of any sort will be confident to speak out, seek solution and access redress.

She recounted the history of the Family Court in Kwara State, which she said was a legacy of two Children Parliamentarians who represented the

State at the national level between 2008 and 2011.

"These children are Mr. Quawiy Olododo, who was aged 16 as at that time, now the current Technical Adviser on Agriculture for the Kwara State Government and Mr. Ayodeji Adimula who was aged 13 then. The duo advocated before the then Ag. Chief Judge of Kwara State, Hon. Justice J. F. Gbadeyan in June 2009 and Family Court was established in July, 2009. The court has handled hundreds of cases in the interest of children and families in the State", she added.

Highlights of the programme included participation of specially invited students from Queens College, Rehoboth College, Iqra Secondary School and Al-Hikmah Secondary School to ensure effectiveness of the programme in benefitting Kwarans, and to serve as a voice for other children in Kwara State who were not privileged to attend.

The occasion was attended by many distinguished personalities from all walks of life including top government officials, the judiciary, traditional rulers and others.

## Focus on Prof. Katibi, Dean, Faculty of Clinical Sciences

By Abubakar Imam

**P**rof. Ibraheem Adeola Katibi, a distinguished academic, fascinating medical practitioner and renowned community leader, was born in Ilorin on February 3, 1968.

He is the Dean, Faculty of Clinical Sciences, University of Ilorin. He has been the Dean of the Faculty since August 2018.

This highly endowed scholar had his early western education at Okela Moslem School, Ikare-Akoko in the present day Ondo State, between 1974 and 1980. He proceeded to Agolo High School also in Ikare-Akoko, where he was educated from 1980 to 1985 and emerged as Overall Best Student and School Librarian.

Prof. Katibi subsequently attended Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria, Medical School, from 1985 to 1991, where he graduated with Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery (MB; BS) degree. He also earned the degree of Masters in Business Administration (MBA) of the University of Ilorin in 1998. He equally obtained a Doctorate degree from the University of Glasgow in the United Kingdom, after which he attended the University of Kwazulu Natal, Pietermaritzburg, South Africa for further education in Medical Research and Ethics. He is also a recipient of the prestigious Fellowship on Ethics on global medical research of the Harvard University, Boston, United States.

This remarkable scholar equally underwent postgraduate residency training at both the National and West African Postgraduate Medical Colleges at University of Ilorin Teaching Hospital (UTH) and University College Hospital, Ibadan leading to the conferment of the Fellowship award of the West African College of Physicians (FWACP). He is also a Fellow of the American College of Cardiology (FACC), Fellow of the European Society of Cardiology (FESC), and Fellow of the Nigerian Cardiac Society (FNCS). He is also a Fellow of the International Society for the Epidemiology and Prevention of Cardiovascular Diseases.

Prof Katibi was appointed Lecturer I in 1999 and had since risen through the ranks to become a Professor of Medicine in 2011. He is an Honorary Consultant Physician/Cardiologist to the University of Ilorin Teaching Hospital (UTH) where he was once the Chairman of the Research and Ethics Board. He also served as the Head of the Department of Medicine, University of Ilorin and University of Ilorin Teaching



**Prof. Katibi**

Hospital. He was formerly the Research Manager for the Faculty of Clinical Sciences, University of Ilorin.

Prof. Katibi's famous inaugural lecture was entitled "The choice is yours but the burden is ours" and delivered in March 2013. He was appointed an Honorary Clinical Research Fellow at the University of Glasgow, United Kingdom, in 2003. He had also served, at different times, as visiting Consultant Cardiologist to Arar Specialist Hospital, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and high end referral cardiac center in Nigeria; Reddington Hospital, Victoria Island, Lagos.

Prof. Katibi was formerly the National Treasurer of the Nigerian Medical Association (NMA) in 2000. He was on the National Executive Council of the Association for well over a decade. Indeed, he was a National Presidential candidate of the Nigerian Medical Association at the first ever virtual NMA National election held in June 2020.

This foremost academic has won several grants/awards/Fellowships in his pursuit of academic and professional excellence, one of which was used in pioneering the establishment of the first electronic database of normal electrocardiogram in any Black African population worldwide. Notable among other Fellowships he bagged are Commonwealth University academic staff Fellowship; World Heart Federation Fellowship; TETFUND Research grant; University of Ilorin, University of Glasgow & University of Warwick research grants.

He has also collaborated with researchers across the globe in his landmark contributions to the field of world comparative electrocardiogram between Nigerian, British, Chinese and Asian populations. He is currently leading a team of dedicated and budding researchers working on the establishment

of the first digital central core ECG Laboratory in Africa at the University of Ilorin using Artificial Intelligence and machine learning.

Prof. Katibi has over 100 intellectually exciting and professionally stimulating publications in several respected local, national and international peer-reviewed journals, including contributions to textbooks. He was formerly on the editorial board of the Nigerian Medical Journal and Nigerian Journal of Medicine aside from being a peer reviewer to about 10 local and international journals.

He has co-supervised the training of almost a score and a half Specialist Cardiologists, who today, are practicing in different parts of the globe, thereby making useful contributions to population well being.

The Dean has been a Member of the Senate of the University of Ilorin for about a decade. He was also the Chairman, Board of Survey; Chairman, Board of Health and Chairman, Board of Eatery of the University. He has also served on several national and international Boards, notable among which are the Management Board of the National Eye Center, Kaduna, Kwara State Advisory Board on Prerogative of Mercy and National Advisory Panel on Heart Failure.

A deeply religious gentleman, Prof. Katibi is the current Chairman of the University of Ilorin Muslim Community under whose tenure the University Central Mosque has witnessed unprecedented massive renovation.

This exemplary academic giant is a Member of the Ilorin Emirate Staff Association, University of Ilorin. He is also a Member of the Ilorin Emirate Professors Association (IEPA), the Likeminds and the Coremates, Ilorin Emirate, among several Community Development Associations focusing on the progress and development of Ilorin Emirate in one way or the other.

His contributions here and there to the stability, progress and development of Ilorin Emirate have been recognised and rewarded by his community as he was appointed the Wakili Likitoci (Chief Medical Advisor) of Ilorin by His Royal Highness, the Emir of Ilorin, Alhaji (Dr.) Ibrahim Sulu-Gambari, CFR, in 2019.

Prof. Katibi, an easygoing, cerebral, enterprising and energetic academic and administrator, is happily married to Dr. (Mrs.) Oludolapo Sherifat Katibi, a Consultant Paediatrician/Dermatologist. The union is blessed with very good and obedient children, two of whom are currently at the Unilorin Medical School to carry on with the family's life of dedication to service of humanity.





# UNILORIN WEEKLY FINANCIAL DIGEST

## FUND SOURCES AND UTILIZATION REPORT FROM 25<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER TO 2<sup>ND</sup> DECEMBER 2021.

RECEIPTS	AMOUNT
Academic Transcript	395,000.00
Sundry other Income	7,808,650.00
Dental Clinic Charges	133,116.25
Staff Quarters Electricity	6,800.40
Income from Diagnostic Centre	107,368.00
NHIS Charges	5,250.00
Hire of University Property	95,361.24
Fitness Centre	5,000.00
Clinic Registration	6,000.00
Refund	663,000.00
Student I.D. Card	2,000.00
Staff I.D. Card	4,000.00
Verification	45,000.00
Sundry & other Student Charges	763,700.00
Departmental Income	213,060.00
Undergraduate Post UTME Registration	7,705,235.00
Undergraduate Convocation Charges	438,700.00
Undergraduate School Transfer Charges	90,900.00
Undergraduate Add & Drop Payment	6,900.00
Postgraduate School General Payment	243,585.00
Postgraduate School Charges	5,309,050.00
Postgraduate School Add/Drop Payment	8,050.00
Postgraduate School Convocation Charges	150,150.00
Ilorin Business School Acceptance fee	141,050.00
Ilorin Business School Charges	1,241,000.00
Institute of Education Application	131,950.00
Remedial Application	1,575,600.00
JUPEB Application Form	930,550.00
JUPEB General Payment	60,300.00
JUPEB Acceptance	705,250.00
JUPEB Hostel Accommodation	753,750.00
JUPEB School Charges	7,212,200.00
<b>Total of Fund Sources for the Period</b>	<b>₦36,957,525.89</b>
<b>FUNDS UTILIZATION:</b>	
<b>PAYMENT TO CONTRACTORS/SUPPLIERS :</b>	
Olukolawole Nigeria Enterprises Accreditation	310,350.00
Solamid Nigeria Ltd Construction of Road	16,115,218.17
Crescent Gold Crown Hospital Settlement of Hospital Bills	168,350.00
Noab Global Concept Ltd Servicing of Generator	419,787.50
Standard Geophysical & Drilling Services Sinking of Borehole	2,377,900.00
Sityser Ltd Repair of Roof, Kitchen Leages and Maintenance of POP	247,680.00
Bidex Multibiz Ventures Supply of a Fairly Used Toyota Camry	2,753,750.00
United Parcel Service Postages	2,327,806.10
UpLinx Allied Services Supply and Installation of Cycle Battery	491,300.00
Hollywood Interior Deco Nig Ent Supply of Executive office Chair	365,000.00
Raglat Technology Services Repairing of University Kerbs	398,223.00
Mutrad Ventures Filling of Pot Holes	718,960.00
Blessing Fumigation and Pest Control Ventures Maintenance of College Environment.	393,750.00
Davelaw Technologies Supply and Installation of inverter Battery	3,220,000.00
Adetos Ent Ltd Supply of Stationery and Consumables	124,700.00
Sityser Ltd Repair of Roof Leakages	2,030,785.50
<b>OTHER PAYMENTS:</b>	
Various i.e DTA, Imprest, Refund e.t.c	26,759,819.29
Purchase Advance Various	36,055,220.00
Institute of Education Salary for the month of November 2021	100,000.00
Unilorin Petrol Station Supply of Diesel and Petrol	7,370,737.00
Staff Training TETFUND Grants	26,667,771.00
Adegoke Elizabeth Arinola Convocation	376,250.00
NYSC Monthly Allowance for the month of Nov 2021	1,740,000.00
Ilorin Business School Salary for the month of November 2021	285,097.38
Unilorin Guest House Catering Services	678,480.00
Nigerian Legion Sept and Oct 2021 Salary	420,000.00
Asuu Earned Allowance	667,352.17
Total TSA Charges Charges for Transaction	111,849.00
<b>Total Payments for the Period</b>	<b>₦133,696,136.11</b>

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



# Happy Birthday

S/N	Name	Department	Birthday
1	Veta, Oghenechoja Dennis	Social Work	Dec 5
2	Olorunmaiye, John Adesiji	Mechanical Engineering	Dec 5
3	Olowoseye, Helen Titilayo	Registry	Dec 5
4	Abubakar, Mulikat Sulaiman	Microbiology	Dec 5
5	Ademola-popoola, Dupe	Ophthalmology	Dec 5
6	Abdulrahman, Mohammed Rabiu	Educational Technology	Dec 5
7	Opeyemi, Olufunke Adenike	Zoology	Dec 5
8	Afosi, Afeez Babatunde	Pharmaceutics & Industrial Pharmacy	Dec 5
9	Omede, Adedoyin Jolaade	Political Science	Dec 6
10	Olumori, Olubode Charles	Educational Technology	Dec 6
11	Mokuolu, Olugbenga Ayodeji	Paediatric & Child Health	Dec 6
12	Adeosun, Hezekiah Olufemi	Ling. & Nig. Languages	Dec 6
13	Akinyemi, Olaoluwa	Registry	Dec 6
14	Abubakar, Nurudeen Yahya	Network Operating Centre	Dec 6
15	Animasawun, Gbemisola Abdul-jelil	Centre For Peace & Strategic Studies	Dec 6
16	Alausa, Abdulkadir	Electrical & Electronics Engineering	Dec 6
17	Yusuf, Ridwan Olalekan	Works: Works/Maint. Office	Dec 6
18	Ahmed, Yusuf Kola	Biomedical Engineering	Dec 6
19	Aliyu, Abdullahi	Veterinary Surgery & Radiology	Dec 6
20	Olawepo, Raphael Abiodun	Geography & Environmental Management	Dec 6
21	Abdulhadi, Risikat Medinat	Security Division	Dec 7
22	Akano, Felicia Oladebo	Registry	Dec 7
23	Lawal, Mujidat Adenike	Bursary	Dec 7
24	Adewuyi, Florence Funke	Registry	Dec 7
25	Olowa, Theophilus Olatunde .o.	Quantity Surveying	Dec 7
26	Akomolafe, Oladeji	Mechanical Engineering	Dec 7
27	Ismail, Rukayat Ajibola	Registry	Dec 8
28	Abubakar, Hassanat Funmilayo	Arabic	Dec 8
29	Opaleke, Moses Ademola	Registry	Dec 8
30	Banu, Baba Manu	Registry	Dec 8
31	Ayorinde, Janet Olaide	Geology & Mineral Sciences	Dec 8
32	Akanbi, Oluwadamilola Modupe	Registry	Dec 8
33	Olatunji, Yisa	Works: Works/Maint. Office	Dec 9
34	Ogunniyi, David Sunday	Chemical Engineering	Dec 9
35	Abdulkadir, Mohammed Baba	Paediatric & Child Health	Dec 9
36	Odetunde, Opeyemi	Mathematics	Dec 9
37	Balogun, Opeyemi Bamidele	Registry	Dec 9
38	Owoade, Abdul-lateef Adekunle	Islamic Law	Dec 10
39	Adeyemi, Gafar Adeniyi	Works: Electrical/Telecom	Dec 10
40	Jolayemi, Emmanuel Teju	Statistics	Dec 10
41	Ologunde, Isreal Olayiwola	Security Division	Dec 10
42	Oyinloye, Grace Ayodele	Registry	Dec 10
43	Abdulkareem, Rasqa Lanre	Educational Management	Dec 10
44	Aiyelero, Oyeronke Medinat	Pharmacology & Toxicology	Dec 10
45	Ayinde, Abdulkareem	Works: Works/Maint. Office	Dec 10
46	Yahaya, Ismail Alada	Registry	Dec 10
47	Mahmud, Jemilat Bolanle	Directorate Of Corporate Affairs	Dec 10
48	Babamale, Bodunrin Sherifat	Registry	Dec 10
49	Kamaldeen, Majeed Daramola	Works: Works/Maint. Office	Dec 10
50	Olowu, Ayodele Emmanuel	Bursary	Dec 10
51	Iyanda, David	Works: Parks & Gardens	Dec 10
52	Lawal, Adijat	Registry	Dec 10
53	Ochenika, Ibrahim	University Lodges Unit	Dec 11
54	Oladipo, Bamidele	Security Division	Dec 11
55	Ayinde, Kadir	Registry	Dec 11
56	Inawole, Abiodun Elizabeth	Registry	Dec 11
57	Bolaji, Omotosho Ishola	Registry	Dec 11
58	Sulaiman, Musibawu Naibi	Security Division	Dec 11
59	Mazadu, Mark Elisha	Centre For Peace & Strategic Studies	Dec 11
60	Siseku, Olorunfemi Monday	Centre For Resrarch Laboratory	Dec 11
61	Raheem, Taofiq Ayigoro	Works: Works/Maint. Office	Dec 11

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





- A Lecturer at the Department of Zoology, University of Ilorin, Prof. Mashood Keke Mustapha, has called for the establishment of National Lakes Service Commission in the country  
("Varsity don calls for establishment of national lakes service commission", <https://dailypost.ng>; See also, "Nigeria can generate 100bn annually from man-made lakes-Expert ", <https://www.odogwublog.com>, How To Use Lakes To Eradicate Poverty in Nigeria -UNILORIN Don " , [https://Tribune\\_online.com](https://Tribune_online.com) , "University Don calls for establishment of National Lake Service Commission " , <https://www.Sunnewsonline.com>;"Don Task FG On Debt of Inland Waterways " , *Aljazeera Nigeria* Newspapers, Tuesday, November 30, 2021,p.9)
- In an opinion article, a guest writer, Tunde Olusunle, has commented on the recent attack on a Unilorin lecturer by a final student of the institution, saying that it was a case of one bad apple in a basket of goodies  
("The Unilorin better by far basket and one bad apple", *The Guardian*, Monday, November 29, 2021, p.48)
- A Kwara State High Court has dismissed the claim of forced statements made by the accused persons standing trial for the alleged rape and murder of a student of the University of Ilorin, Omowumi Olajide.  
(" UNILORIN student's murder: Court dismisses suspects' claim of forced statements " , *The Punch*, Wednesday, December 1, 2021, p5; See also,"Unilorin rape: Your statements not obtained under duress, judge tells suspects", *Daily Trust*, Tuesday, November 30, 2021, p.29)
- Justice Mahmud Abdulgafar of the Kwara State High Court, Ilorin, has jailed a 29 year-old ex-convict, Joshua Oluwatobi, for. Impersonating the Dean of Student Affairs, University of Ilorin and others to defraud unsuspecting student seeking to pay school fees and hostel accommodation  
("Ex-convict impersonates UNILORIN DSA, defraud Students, jailed 28 year", *The Punch*, Wednesday, December 1, 2021, p.4)
- An alumnus of the University of Ilorin who is also a legal practitioner, Jimoh Saad Muhammad, has observed that if more schools are to be created, the body that is overseeing Law education in Nigeria will have more duties to perform than before and the control power of administration may be reduced.  
("Creating more law schools is unnecessary - Muhammad", *National Pilot*, Thursday 2nd -Sunday 5th December, 2021, p.19)
- University of Ilorin has been mentioned among Nigerian universities that were growing number of first class graduates between 2009 -2021  
("Nigerian universities and growing number of first class graduates", *The Guardian*, Thursday, December 2, 2021,p.49)
- The Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Sullyman Age Abdulkreem, has said that the design and the bills of quantities of the University's mini hydropower. station, was ready and the approval for the commencement of its constructions has been granted as part of the ongoing 2021 capital projects.  
("Electricity: UNILORIN to construct mini hydropower station", *The Herald*, Friday, December 3, 2021, p.2)
- In a commentary, a newspaper columnist, Femi Abbas, explained that the Registrar of the Joint Admission and Matriculation Board (JAMB), who is also a former Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, has introduced Computer Based Test during his administration as a means of gaining admission into the University and also to stop acquisition of certificates through the back door from Nigerian graduates.  
("JAMB'S vision to Nigeria's future 2" ,*The Nation*, Friday, December 3, 2021,p.30)

## Onuora-Oguno emerges ANCL's VP

By Abubakar Imam

A Senior Lecturer at the Department of Jurisprudence and International Law, University of Ilorin, Dr. Azubuike Onuora-Oguno, has emerged the new Vice-President (West Africa) of the Network of Constitutional Lawyers (ANCL).

The emergence of Dr Onuora-Oguno was one of the highlights of the last General Assembly of the body, which held in Nairobi, Kenya on October 29,2021 as indicated in a letter dated November 24,2021 and signed by ANCL's Secretariat Administrator, Vanja Karth, a copy of which was



■ **Dr. Onuora-Oguno**  
 sighted by **UNILORIN BULLETIN**.  
 The ANCL, which is an affiliate

of the International Association of Constitutional Lawyers (IACL), is a respected association of judges, lawyers, academics, activists, NGOs, research or academic institutes and bar associations that are interested in constitutional and development of constitutionalism in African countries.

The ANCL is run by the Coordinating Committee consisting of 15 members from various African countries and has its Secretariat at the Department of Public Law, University of Cape Town, South Africa.

### Unilorin's Architecture Dept gets full accreditation

By Abubakar Imam

**T**he Architects Registration Council of Nigeria (ARCON), the highest regulatory body for the training, practise and regulation of Architecture in Nigeria, has granted the Department of Architecture, University of Ilorin full accreditation.

This development was conveyed in a report forwarded to the Vice-Chancellor of the University, Prof. Sulyman Age Abdulkareem by the Council and dated Monday, November 30, 2021, a copy of which was sighted by **UNILORIN BULLETIN**.

In the report, a four-man team of the Council, which was led by Arc. Muhammad Itopa Sule, commended the high quality of the facilities and manpower available at the Department, which it said are good enough to facilitate the efficient training and production of qualified and competent professional architects at first and second degree levels by the nation's most sought-after University.

The report specifically commended the high calibre of the academic staff of the Department, which it noted has more than 80% of its composition professionally registered Architects. It also described the presentations made by students of the Department as excellent as it assessed the quality and magnitude of architecturally relevant materials at the University Library as one of the best in Nigeria.

Other parameters, on which the accreditation exercise was conducted, included studio space, staff-student ratio, modeling studio, data room as well as workshop and laboratories.

In a chat with **UNILORIN BULLETIN** in his office last Thursday (December 2, 2021) on the development, the Coordinator of the Department, Arc. Oladimeji Samuel Bolaji, welcomed the full accreditation, which he described as not only well deserved but also long overdue.

He noted that the full accreditation granted his Department was no doubt a product of hard work and cooperation from concerned stakeholders who played different but synergetic roles



■ **The Director of Academic Planning, University of Ilorin, Prof. Isaac Adimula (left), presenting the Accreditation Certificate to the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Sulyman Age Abdulkareem (left)**



■ **Arc. Bolaji**

to make the accreditation a resounding reality.

The Coordinator, who noted that the processes of accreditation were slowed-down by the eruption of Coronavirus pandemic, explained that the Department has now met all the requirements slated for the training of Architects in Nigeria.

He added that the ARCON accreditation was a mandatory step because Architecture is "a double-edged and essentially practical oriented academic programme, which must be continuously assessed by those who are in the real world of practice" to ensure that

those being baked are getting the best of training through the best of facilities and at the instance of competent professionals.

Arc. Bolaji was particularly grateful for the positive comments and observations of ARCON on all the parameters on which the accreditation was based. He added that the Department felt elated that it was not only one of such five Departments accredited this year across Nigerian universities but also gratified that the report granted the Department 79.39%.

The Coordinator paid glowing tributes to the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Sulyman Age Abdulkareem, for his warm support. He similarly thanked the Director of Academic Planning, Prof. Isaac Adimula for his fantastic roles in ensuring the realisation of the feat. He also thanked the Ag. Dean of the Faculty of Environmental Sciences, Dr Abdulateef Bako, for the leadership he provided before, during and since the conclusion of the accreditation exercise, which lasted between August 2 and 5, 2021.

Arc. Bolaji also commended staff members, academic and non-teaching, as well as students across all levels of the Department for playing their parts, which cumulatively ensured the success of the accreditation exercise.