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Standard of Education not declining - Abdulkareem

By Abubakar Imam

Contrary to the views in many circles over the years, the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Sulyman Age Abdulkareem, has said that the standard of education in Nigeria was not declining.

The Vice-Chancellor stated this during a special interview he granted a national newspaper, *Sunday Trust*, in his office recently.

Prof. Abdulkareem said that as a participant in the nation's educational system, he would not say that the standard and quality of education in the country is deteriorating, but that the problem is distraction.

He explained that students pursuing various academic programmes in Nigeria are being exposed to too many distractions such as strikes and lack of teachers' dedication, saying that despite those factors the nation's educational system is still producing many extremely brilliant students.

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■ Prof. Abdulkareem

VC assures Unilorin remedial students of admission

By Mustafa Abubakar, Adebukola Adedeji, Abdullahi Adepoju and Itunu Olasehinde



■ Prof. Malomo

The Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Sulyman Age Abdulkareem, has assured students of the institution's School of Preliminary Studies, Fufu, of admission into the University proper provided they are able to pass their remedial examinations and get the minimum score of 180 in the Unified Tertiary Matriculation Examination (UTME).

Prof. Abdulkareem gave the assurance last Wednesday (March 2, 2022) while flagging off the 2021/2022 orientation programme held at the School Hall.

"You are assured of admission if you meet up with the major requirements. You are to pass the remedial examination and get the minimum pass mark of 180 for you to get admission", he declared.

The Vice-Chancellor, who was represented by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic), Prof. Sylvia Malomo, warned students to abstain from all forms of deviant and indecent behaviours for them to have successful academic careers at the University.

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PSN President seeks pharmacy store for Unilorin

By Oyindamola Ajayi

The President of the Pharmaceutical Society of Nigeria (PSN), Prof. Cyril Usifoh, (FPSN), has called for the building of a Pharmaceutical Store within the premises of the University of Ilorin to serve as a training center for students of Pharmaceutical Sciences.

The PSN President, who made this request last week during a courtesy visit to the University's Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Sulyman Age Abdulkareem, added that the Community Pharmacy will also create employment opportunities and provide pharmaceutical services to the university community at large as it will also generate revenue for the institution.

While assuring the Vice-Chancellor of his support to the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences through collaboration with local and global stakeholders for research, Prof. Usifoh advocated the payment of professional allowances to Pharmacists in the services of the University in order to keep them motivated for more productivity.

In his remarks, the Vice-Chancellor assured that he will continue in his efforts



■ *The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Abdulkareem (seated middle) with the PSN officials and some lecturers of the University's Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences during the visit*

at putting in place all that are necessary to move the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences of the University and the Pharmaceutical profession forward.

Prof. Abdulkareem, who is also the Chairman of the Committee of the Vice-Chancellors of Nigerian Universities (CVCNU) recalled that among several other support the University is giving the Faculty, the University recently approved the takeoff of the Institute of Medical Research and Training

that would further enhance research in all health-related issues; a Molecular Diagnostic and Research Laboratory was opened in the College that would also further enhance research; and the Construction of the WHO Collaborating Center for Community Based Education and Manpower Development at Shao in the Moro Local Government Area of Kwara State, has been completed and ready for commissioning.

Family organises prayer for Babamale, pioneer FUHS Registrar

By Abubakar Imam

Penultimate Sunday (February 27, 2022) was another great day in the life of Mr. Kassim Kayode Babamale as relations, friends and colleagues joined other well-wishers to seek the favour of Allah as the distinguished Unilorite takes an appointment as the pioneer Registrar of the newly established Federal University of Health Sciences (FUHS), Ila-Orangun, Osun State.

The event, which held at the new Registrar's ancestral home, Babamale Compound, Pakata, Ilorin, was presided-over by the Imam of Babamale Quarter Mosque, Sheikh AbdulAzeez Nurudeen, who was assisted by other renowned clerics.

Imam Nurudeen thanked Allah for the appointment of Mr. Babamale as the pioneer Registrar of a federal tertiary educational institution as he described the appointment as a privilege for the appointee to prove his intellectual capacities and administrative wherewithal.

He urged Mr. Babamale to work much harder and with impeccable integrity so that his reputation and the good name of his family would be kept afloat.

He, thereafter, led others to beseech Allah to grant Mr. Babamale all he would need to discharge his responsibilities far beyond the expectations of those who worked for his appointment.

Also speaking, a prominent Islamic scholar, Ustaz Abdullahi Babamale, said that the appointment was a reward for the good work of Babamale and those of his parents who are always happy seeing others grow.

Ustaz Babamale urged parents to take effective care of their children by ensuring that they are not only well nurtured and educated but also grow up to become morally upright.

He added that it was the huge investment of Mr. Babamale's parents that eventuated in his rising profile not only at the University of Ilorin but also in the society at large.

While commending the authorities of the University of Ilorin for giving Mr. Babamale the privilege to demonstrate his acumen, the renowned cleric specifically thanked the 8th Vice-Chancellor of the University, Prof. Ishaq Olanrewaju Oloyede, OFR; who is now the Registrar and Chief Executive of the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB); and its immediate past Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Abdulganiyu Ambali, OON; for grooming Mr. Babamale towards becoming what he is today.

Speaking to *UNILORIN BULLETIN* on the sideline of the ceremony, the new Registrar thanked all those who attended the event for doing so despite the short notice.

He assured the University of Ilorin and members of his family and friends that he would discharge his responsibilities as the Chief Administrative Officer of FUHS to the best of his ability and ensure that no one is disappointed for him to deserve being celebrated again.

The event, which was witnessed by the parents of the new Registrar, Alhaji



■ *Mr. Babamale*

Abdulmalik and Alhaja Wasilat Babamale, was also graced by a Member of the Governing Council who is also a Deputy Registrar and Secretary to the Postgraduate School, University of Ilorin, Mr. Mansur Adeleke Alfanla; the Deputy Editor, *UNILORIN BULLETIN*, who doubles as the National Secretary, Ilorin Emirate Descendants Progressive Union, Mr. Abubakar Imam; and the Chairman, UNILORIN Chapel of the Nigerian Union of Journalists (NUJ), Mr. Tajudeen Babamale; as well as Mr. AbdulRazaq Babamale of the University of Ilorin Sports Council and Mrs. Rasheedat Babamale-Adeta of the College of Health Sciences, University of Ilorin, among others.



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He added that in the course of his career as a University teacher, he had "met some students that have blown my mind by being extremely good by any measure I can use".

The renowned Professor of Chemical Engineering said that what brings confusion in the minds of assessors is that they often expect a graduate to know everything, an expectation he said is not realisable.

The Vice-Chancellor explained that most people often forget that no matter the quality of a degree possessed by an individual, he still requires more training and retraining for him to perform maximally at work.

Prof. Abdulkareem recalled that when he was in the United States of America, he was told that "if you have a First Class and you are the best brain, if they take you from your University to your workplace, the owner of that place must take time to develop you, because what you do at MIT is not what you are going to meet at GE (General Electric) or

3M where I had worked before"

He, therefore, charged employers of labour against describing products of the nation's universities as substandard. He added that no matter how good these products are, "you still take time to develop them because the equipment you are using at work is not what they are using in the University".

On the growing unemployment in the country, Prof. Abdulkareem said that no university is supposed to take care of unemployment. He added that the trio of the university, the government and industry must work together to address the challenge posed to the nation by unemployment.

He, however, urged university graduates to think out of the box and particularly towards entrepreneurship, saying that self-employment is a solution that must be given due consideration.

Citing his experience as a case study, the Vice-Chancellor explained that when he returned to Nigeria in 1996 from the United States of America, he ventured into private business, "which was doing extremely well. I started pure water business

and I was doing extremely well financially" before he was taken out of the business world for the academia.

The celebrated inventor charged graduates to always ask themselves what they could do with their degrees in order to earn a decent living without having to beg anybody.

"I have said it that if I learnt tailoring and earned a degree, I would do it differently than somebody who didn't go to a University", Prof. Abdulkareem added.

Speaking on the moral wherewithal of the students of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Abdulkareem explained that the University has not toned down the quality of its disciplinary measures. He pointed out that erring students are still being punished.

The Vice-Chancellor added that the realisation of the fact that metting out extreme punishments on students may destroy their lives informed the prioritisation of counseling services. He explained that his prayers that the students of the University would realise that God has given them an opportunity they should not toy with.

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"If your goal is just to socialise, make friends and show people you are handsome and beautiful, I wonder if you are meant to be here. Focus on why you are here, and that means you have to be diligent", he said.

Prof. Abdulkareem also advised them not to be shameful to say, "I don't know" when actually they don't know.

According to him, "it is not a shameful act, but it is rather stupid to pretend to know something when actually you don't know". He implored the average ones to move closer to the brilliant ones among themselves.

The Vice-Chancellor also warned the students against hard drugs, saying that the satisfaction derived from drugs is ephemeral but the consequences are very enduring.

On the dangers of manipulating personal data, he averred that lying about

such personal details as age, state of origin, 'O' level grades, can deny the students of gaining admission into the University, even if such students meet up with the requirements.

The Vice-Chancellor further cautioned the students that the University would not clear any of them that is caught to have lied about his personal details.

Earlier in his address, the Director of the School, Prof. M. A. N Adeboye, urged the students to prepare well for their upcoming tests, affirming that as long as they comport themselves well, make their five credits, pass UTME or score at least 180, they will be welcomed into 100level next session.

The Director assured that measures were being taken to ensure that the students achieve excellence not only in their academics but also in their morals include setting up marshals of security,

provision of good water supply and equipping the Library with books, among others.

Also speaking, the University Librarian, Prof. Abdulwahab Olanrewaju Issa, noted that the primary aim of the University library is to meet the information needs of its users including students of the School of Preliminary Studies.

The University Librarian, who was represented by Mr. George Eromosele of the University Library, stated that the Library selects, acquires and organises books, periodicals, documents and other print and electronic resources required for teaching, research and self development activities of the University and its environments.

Prof. Issa urged the students to make the Library their second room for them to record excellence.

Oyedeji, Unilorin Petrol Manager, loses dad

The death has been announced of Revd. John Moronfoye Oyedeji, a retired Pastor of the Nigerian Baptist Convention. The late Revd Oyedeji, from Igosun, Kwara State, was the father of Mr. I.

A. Oyedeji, the Manager of Unilorin Petrol Station. He died on March 1, 2021 at the age of 100 years.

Burial arrangements will be announced later.



■ The late Revd. Oyedeji

Why Unilorin returned to ASUU 19 years after – VC

Sulyman Age Abdulkareem, a professor of Chemical Engineering, is the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin. He graduated from University of Detroit in the US in 1980 with BChE degree and MChE degree in 1988. He was awarded a PhD by the University of Louisville in the US. He joined Unilorin in 1999 and became the vice-chancellor in 2017 after Professor AbdulGaniyu Ambali's tenure. In this interview, Abdulkareem sheds lights on issues bordering on the management of the university in the last three years, the return of the university to the mainstream Academic Staff Union of Universities (ASUU) as well as the ongoing ASUU strike.

How have you fared in the last three years of running the university as the vice-chancellor?

It has been very challenging. But gracefully, I have been able to do things to what I call the satisfaction of God most of the time.

What are the challenges?

It's been challenging because you have to deal with welfare and people's concerns. Sometimes, people would even bring their matrimonial problems to you, apart from academic and other related management things that you have to do for the university. You have to get personal sometime to be sure that if somebody falls sick, they would expect you to go and visit the family. These are not related issues, but they are part of the job that comes with the terrain.

In terms of the challenges relating to the running of the university given the huge capital involved, how have you been able to cope?

In the first year, things were somehow rough because we were on Government Integrated Financial and Management Information System (GIFMIS) and whatever was given to you as a university to run it, you had to make sure it went round and there

were a lot of things that were paid out of IGR that was making things very difficult in the first year. But since the IPPPIS came up, things have levelled up to the point that you know how much IGR you have when students resume and you must be able to manage it to make sure that it lasts the whole session and that is what we were doing.

When you came on board, one of the things you did was to ensure return of the local chapter of the ASUU to the national body after almost two decades of severing relationship with the union. Are you not worried that the return has altered the uninterrupted academic calendar that the union has been known for?

Let me set the record straight. We did not pull out of ASUU. We were suspended. When they came and said they were ready to lift the suspension, I as VC can't say I don't want you on my campus. ASUU suspended this university and throughout the 19 years, there must have been more than one dozen meetings all over Nigeria. From Ogbomosho to Oyo, Abeokuta, Ado Ekiti, several places. Each time they met, they were not able to reach a truce. But this time and God is my witness, four people came through that door from the national body and said they wanted to make peace with the local faction. I remember telling them, 'you are not fighting the VC as far as I am concerned.' The people you are fighting, if you can make peace with them, it is fine.

All that happened is nothing other than having two warring parties fighting each other. God used me for them to sit down and talk to each other.

If you ask me, is joining the right thing to do? Being forgiven or brought back to the union does not mean you have to go on strike. I know the union believes in some issues and I am a member by the way. But one



The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Abdulkareem, stressing a point during the interview

thing I have never agreed to since I joined in 1996, coming from a totally trained American background, is that I don't believe any lecturer should go on strike.

If you have grievances with those who are running the institution, you have a reason to raise issues. But it should not be to the detriment of the students. Again, I was lucky. From primary school up to PhD, I never missed one day in my life and it is because I had good teaching, good tutoring, good education and I can only give that credit to my teachers and lecturers.

So I never once believed and till now that you are talking to me, that the right thing to do is to go on strike.

If they keep telling me that, that is the only language the government understands, there must be a way to protect the students. There are some hard realities. The pay is poor. Facilities are not the best you can have in the country. This system is still able to produce extremely good students. We must do our best as lecturers to make sure that the little available is used in such a way to give the very best education to our

students. That is what I will implore fellow ASUU members to do, but not to say that the government is meeting the needs of ASUU or the education as required.

Whatever is available, we must do our best to make sure that we do not fail our students on the contract between us them.

What would be your advice to ASUU and the Federal Government?

Each time we go on strike, it is bad for the lecturers and equally bad for the students. Continuity breeds something in you that you cannot equate to broken or abridged acquisition of knowledge. Continuity, sustenance of lectures, learning and continuous academy should guide us in the way we run our system. When you spend most part of the time sitting down at home, it is not good for any mind, whether students or lecturers. I am a scholar to the core. All my life, I am either in school or at work. So, making a mind go idle is a taboo to me even for one day. Your mind should progressively be looking for things to do or improve. It should not come to a

point where you go home for six months and you worry about whether you are going to resume or not. That is not how to treat a good mind, you should develop it but not deprive it of the needed growth.

A lot of people believe the education standard and quality of graduates are waning. What are your thoughts?

I don't agree with that statement and I have said it at several fora. The problem we have now is that there are too many distractions. We have mentioned the issue of strike and we have lecturers who are not dedicated to what they are doing as it used to be in the past. In between the insinuation of waning standard, we are still producing many extremely brilliant students. Being a teacher for so many years, I have met some students that have blown my mind by being extremely good by any measure I can use. When you get a degree, it does not mean you have it all. I remember being told in the US that if you have first class and you are the best brain, if they take you from your university to your workplace, the owner of that place must take time to develop you, because what you do at MIT is not what you are going to meet at GE (General Electric) or 3M where I have worked before. I worked for four years on a PhD on Reactor. When I got to my place of work, I saw a different thing and I had to deliver. So when employers say people are coming out substandard, I don't agree. No matter how good they are, you still take the time to develop them because the equipment you are using at work is not what they are using in the university. But I believe employers do not want to spend on the development of credible skilled men.

But the university is known to be very strict with students. Have your disciplinary measures against erring students toned down?

They have not been toned down. People are still being punished. But we are working more on counselling people than punishing them. But some of the punishments are terminal. If you expel somebody, that person must go and start all over somewhere. Is that not so? That is not good and second chances are not always there. My prayer is that these kids would realise that God has given them an opportunity they should not mess with or waste it.

How best do you think the university can respond to the issue of unemployment?

No university is supposed to take care of unemployment. We are supposed to work with the government and the industry as universities to make sure we create an avenue. Before I came in 1996 with a PhD degree in Chemical Engineering, I was self-employed. I started a business that was worth over N11bn a day for Nigeria. I started a pure water business and I was doing extremely well financially. But God wanted me here. Otherwise, I was satisfied with what I was doing. You cannot sit down and whine when God has given you the chance to go to university. You must ask yourself, what can I do with the degree I have? That is the beginning of entrepreneurship. What other things do I have within me that I can use to keep going and be an honourable person? I don't have to beg anybody? What other thing can I do to earn a living? It may mean further training. Sometimes, it can be as easy as going back to your soft skill to make a person of you. I have said that if I learnt tailoring and earned a degree, I would do it differently than somebody who didn't go to a university.

This interview was culled from Sunday Trust, February 20, 2022

**UNILORIN WEEKLY FINANCIAL DIGEST****FUND SOURCES AND UTILIZATION REPORT FROM 24TH FEBRUARY TO 3RD MARCH 2022.**

<i>RECEIPTS</i>	<i>AMOUNT</i>
Academic Transcript	571,500.00
Dental Clinic Charges	119,177.50
Income from Diagnostic Centre	115,660.75
Contractors' Registration	18,000.00
Utility Income	20,800.00
Rent on University Property	92,000.00
Verification/Screening	40,000.00
Staff I.D. Card	2,000.00
Sundry & other Student Charges	310,950.00
Clinic Registration	32,000.00
Boarded Property	16,500.00
Refund	24,001,500.00
Rent on Staff Accommodation	16,575.00
Sundry Other Incomes	1,020,030.00
Capitation –NHIS	15,750.00
Undergraduate Convocation Charges	167,600.00
Undergraduate Clearance Charges	700,300.00
Postgraduate School Application form	603,600.00
Postgraduate School Convocation Charges	313,300.00
Remedial Acceptance Payment	136,350.00
Remedial Application Form	136,350.00
Remedial Hostel Accommodation	60,600.00
Remedial School Charges	3,376,350.00
Ilorin Business School Charges	106,750.00
Institute of Education Application Form	25,150.00
JUPEB General Payment	90,450.00
JUPEB School Charges	645,900.00
Total of Fund Sources for the period	? 32,755,143.25
FUNDS UTILIZATION:	
PAYMENT TO CONTRACTORS/SUPPLIERS :	
<i>T and K Event Planner Supply of Refreshment</i>	350,000.00
<i>Eaglescan Technology Ltd Membership of Professional body</i>	1,562,850.00
<i>Mulgan Engineering Nig Ltd Supply & Installation of Split Air Conditioners</i>	1,034,217.19
<i>Adetos Enterprises Ltd Supply & Installation of Office Furniture</i>	614,500.00
<i>Cyteck Engineering Construction Tech. Ltd Construction of Faculty Basic Clinical Sciences.</i>	9,697,953.10
<i>Solamid Nig Ltd Construction of Faculty of Arts, Law Road and Access Road.</i>	9,907,493.45
<i>Ibadan Electricity Distribution Company Arrears of Electricity Bills</i>	530,046.10
OTHER PAYMENTS:	
Various i.e DTA, Imprest, Refund e.t.c	20,802,478.00
Purchase Advance Various	3,442,025.00
<i>Staff Training Staff Development Awards (TETFUND)</i>	5,100,875.00
<i>Nigeria Legion Corps of Commissionaires Salary for the month of February 2022</i>	370,000.00
<i>Nigeria Legion Salary for the month of February 2022</i>	140,000.00
Total TSA Charges Charges for Transaction	32,787.50
Total Payments for the period	? 53,585,225.34

Signed
O. H. Sonde FCA
Bursar

PG School postpones Qualifying Exams

By Abubakar Imam

The Qualifying Examination for applicants seeking admission into the postgraduate programmes of the University of Ilorin has been postponed till further notice.

A statement by the Deputy Registrar and Secretary to the

Postgraduate School, University of Ilorin, Mr. Mansur Adeleke Alfaanla, explained that the postponement of the examination earlier scheduled for Saturday, March 5, 2022 was due to unforeseen circumstances.

The statement also explained that

the sale of form for 2021/2022 postgraduate admission continues and will close on Thursday, March 31, 2022.

Mr. Alfaanla apologised to applicants and other stakeholders for any inconveniences that may be caused by the postponement.



Happy Birthday

S/N	Name	Department	Birthday
1	Alabi Ganiyat Bolanle	University Lodges Unit	Mar 06
2	Ishola Abubakar Sidiq	Library	Mar 06
3	Abdulfatai Salamat Ayo	Registry	Mar 06
4	Kadir Yinus	Security Division	Mar 06
5	Adigun Foyeke Muniratu	Anatomy	Mar 06
6	Musa Bilikisu Bolajoko	Registry	Mar 06
7	Abdulkadir Fatimah Ronke	Chemistry	Mar 07
8	Ayinde Jamiu Kehinde	Architecture	Mar 07
9	Adebayo Ahmed Adeshina	Registry	Mar 07
10	Oluwaseun Oluwabukola Victoria	Water Resources & Environmental Engineering	Mar 07
11	Ganiyu Ganiyat Wumi	Animal Production	Mar 07
12	Adeniyi Janet Nike	Registry	Mar 07
13	Isiaq Abdullateef	Central Research Laboratories	Mar 08
14	Olanipekun Sunday Joshua	Security Division	Mar 08
15	Oniye Sherifat Tinuke	Centre For Counselling & Human Dev	Mar 08
16	Oseni Olayinka	Siwes Unit	Mar 08
17	Alebiosu Emmanuel Olaniyi	Bursary	Mar 08
18	Akosewa Joseph Adeleke	Biochemistry	Mar 08
19	Akinola Oluwole Busayo	Anatomy	Mar 08
20	Adedayo-Dada Ayodele Khadijat	Network Operating Centre	Mar 08
21	Babalola Folaranmi Dapo	Forest Resources Management	Mar 08
22	Ilori David Ojo	Registry	Mar 08
23	Ayinla Ally Yeketi	Mathematics	Mar 08
24	Ajide Victor Jacob	Works: Mechanical	Mar 09
25	Abdulkareem Risikat Jumai	Registry	Mar 09
26	Saka Kamaldeen Dagbo	Network Operating Centre	Mar 09
27	Abubakar Fatimah Aluko	Biochemistry	Mar 09
28	Jolayemi Oluseun	Registry	Mar 09
29	Annor Patricia Omioguele	Centre For Counselling & Human Dev	Mar 09
30	Faruk Aishat Olarundare	Library	Mar 09
31	Abajo Grace Omotola	Unilorin Staff School	Mar 10
32	Giwa Abdul-Hakeem	Registry	Mar 10
33	Lawal Abiodun	Bursary	Mar 10
34	Olowu Suru Oladimeji	Works: Works/Maintenance Office	Mar 10
35	Sulaiman Oba	Works: Works/Maintenance Office	Mar 10
36	Mohammed Safi	Registry	Mar 10
37	Akanbi Bashir Omotosho	Health Services	Mar 10
38	Adekeye Olabisi Adeleye	Geology & Mineral Sciences	Mar 10
39	Adedayo Bimpe Sidiqat	Bursary	Mar 10
40	Tiamiyu Bashir Bolaji	Plant Biology	Mar 10
41	Omosidi Abdulrahman Suyuti	Educational Management	Mar 10
42	Joseph Oluwatoyin Mary	Registry	Mar 10
43	Babamale Tajudeen Olanrewaju	Registry	Mar 10
44	Oni Felicia Bosede	Registry	Mar 10
45	Oyedepo Risikat Olufunke	Registry	Mar 10
46	Awoyemi Dorcas Mosunmola	Unilorin Staff School	Mar 11
47	Adegunju Kabiru Adewale	Centre For Supportive Services For The Deaf	Mar 11
48	Isarinade Julius Olaolu	Centre For Supportive Services For The Deaf	Mar 11
49	Salami Anthony Dauda	Security Division	Mar 11
50	Ganiyu Alao Busari	Security Division	Mar 11
51	Ojo Ayodele Augustine	Registry	Mar 11
52	Olokoba Abdulfatai Bamidele	Medicine	Mar 11
53	Usman Hamzat	Health Services	Mar 11
54	Johnson Lukman Mobolaji	Geology & Mineral Sciences	Mar 11
55	Animasaun Adedayo David	Plant Biology	Mar 12
56	Karim Olayinka Ramota	Home Economics & Food Science	Mar 12
57	Ajao Garuba Olaiya	Works: Mechanical	Mar 12
58	Raji Adebayo Ibrahim	Coll Of Health Sci - Works Unit	Mar 12
59	Fatiku Kehinde	Registry	Mar 12
61	Akande Adeyinka Abdulrasaq	Chem. Path. & Immunology	Mar 12
62	Adebayo Abdulrauf	Works: Works/Maintenance Office	Mar 12

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



Issa tasks Librarians on 'challenges of the moment'

By Abubakar Imam

The University Librarian, University of Ilorin, Prof. Abdulwahab Olanrewaju Issa, has charged Librarians to design effective ways of attracting users into the library in order to preserve their jobs.

Prof. Issa gave this advice on Tuesday, February 22, 2022 while delivering a lecture entitled "Effective Use of Library Resources" at the National Institute for Security Studies(NISS), Abuja.

The renowned academic said that "Librarians must come to term with the reality that the era of sitting behind the stacks and expecting users to come into the library has gone for good" in view of the increasingly unprecedented growth in information technology.

He explained that Librarians needed to think outside the box in order for the services they render to be attractive to users or else their jobs would be at a risk in no distant future.

Addressing the management, staff and participants of the Executive Intelligence Management Course 15(EIMC 15) of the NISS, which drew top officers from all the categories of security agencies from within and outside Nigeria, Prof. Issa said that prior to the advent of the ICT revolution, the library was the prime information gateway where people have to come to in order to satisfy their information needs.

The Professor of Library and Information Science, who delivered similar lecture to the participants of the previous edition of the Course last year, added that the case is no longer so as the library is daily becoming deserted and therefore there was the need to arrest the trend.

In order to make libraries attractive to readers again as it was many years back, Prof. Issa advocated effective dynamism among library workforce, training and retraining of library staff and the deployment of social media for service provision.

The University

Librarian, who is also a former Head of the Department of Library and Information Science, University of Ilorin, also suggested what he called "purposeful user studies", aggressive marketing of services and deeper users education as well as judicious utilisation of available scarce resources and conducive library environment towards drawing readers to the library.

While saying that a library plays important roles in the attainment of the goals of its parent institution, the foremost scholar explained that efforts must be made and sustained to ensure greater patronage of library services.

Prof. Issa commended the management and staff of the National Institute for Security



■ **Prof. Issa**

Studies(NISS), Abuja, for partnering with the University of Ilorin. He said that the collaboration between the two institutions would certainly enhance their effective service delivery.

While noting that the library remains an outfit where information derived from various issues are deposited and preserved, Prof. Issa urged participants to always make use of different library resources to update their knowledge as he said that knowledge is wealth and power. He specifically thanked the Commandant of the Institute and participants of Course 15 for the invitation extended to him to address them.