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CBN Gov. Emefiele to flag off UNILORIN multimillion naira poultry farm July 21

By Kunle Akogun and Abubakar Imam



■ CBN Governor Emefiele

The Central Bank Governor, Mr. Godwin Emefiele, will this Thursday (July 21, 2022) perform the official commissioning of the multimillion naira UNILORIN GgMAX Integrated Poultry Farm located at Amoyo in Ifelodun Local Government Area of Kwara State.

The commercial poultry farm is financed by a N600 million loan facility from the nation's apex bank, the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN).

The Chairman of the Farm Project Steering Committee, who is also the University's Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research, Technology and Innovation), Prof. Mikhail Buhari, disclosed this to UNILORIN BULLETIN last Friday (July 15, 2022) during a pre-commissioning facility tour of the Farm.

Prof. Buhari said that the commissioning would be hosted by the Pro-Chancellor and Chairman of the University Governing Council, Mallam Abidu Rafindadi Yazidu, OON, and the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Sulyman Age Abdulkareem.

The Deputy Vice-Chancellor added that the epoch-making event is also expected to be graced by dignitaries from all walks of life including the Executive Governor of Kwara State, Mallam AbdulRahman AbdulRazaq; CBN Deputy Governors and some Directors as well as heads of sister institutions of higher learning and prominent traditional rulers from across the state.

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...It's a dream come true, says Prof. Abdulkareem

By Oluwasegun Alabi

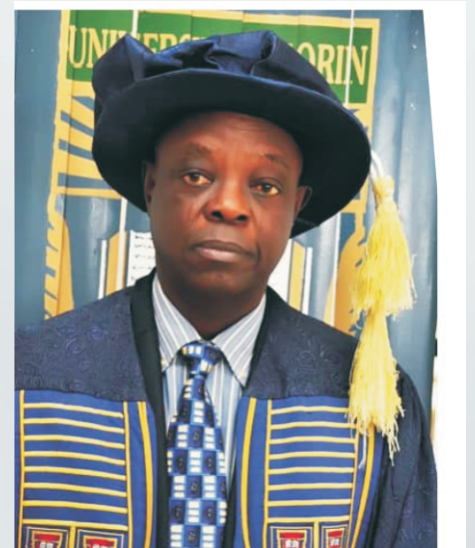
The Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Sulyman Age Abdulkareem, has expressed delight over the completion of the Unilorin/GGMAX Integrated Poultry Farm, describing it as "a dream come true".

In a chat with UNILORIN BULLETIN ahead of the July 21, 2022 commissioning of the Poultry Farm, Prof. Abdulkareem recalled that when he was being interviewed for the position of Vice-Chancellorship in 2017, he told the interview panel that if he got the job, he would ensure "total and profitable use" of the large expanse of land that the University is endowed with.

The Vice-Chancellor, however, pointed out that as at then, he had no idea about where the money would come from.

He said, "On where the money would have come from, I had no idea but sometimes when you wish, dreams can come true. At first, with the help of the former Council Chairman, Dr. Abdullah Jibril Oyekan, MFR, it was the Oriental Energy Resources of Alhaji Muhammad Indimi that took some fractions of the land for commercial farming. Then came along the Central Bank of Nigeria, CBN, and I am glad that our efforts, in the end, yielded something that we can be proud of having come out top amongst close to a dozen universities that presented proposals for the project (Unilorin -GGMAX Poultry Farm). The funding for my idea is what CBN has provided."

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■ Prof. Abdulkareem

SPECIAL FOCUS ON THE UNILORIN/GGMAX POULTRY FARM, AMOYO, DUE FOR COMMISSIONING ON JULY 21ST, 2022

IT's A GAME CHANGER --- Prof. Buhari

"The vision started with the Central Bank Governor, Mr. Godwin Emefiele. Incidentally, that worked well with the vision of total land use of the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Sulyman Age AbdulKareem. We were invited to Abuja by the Central Bank of Nigeria to present a proposal on the revival of the poultry sector in Nigeria. This was sequel to the Government's ban on the importation of poultry products and the large squeeze on foreign exchange; the borders were closed and so the gap between the demand for poultry products and the supply was getting bigger by the day. The vision, therefore, of the Governor of the Central Bank of Nigeria was to bridge that gap using, initially, the Universities (this was later broadened to include all tertiary institutions in Nigeria (public and private)).

"And so, of the 12 universities that were invited initially, University of Ilorin was one of them. We came back home and we got the Animal Production Department of the Faculty of Agriculture to develop a proposal. Luckily our proposal was adjudged to be a bankable one; the next step was to look for a Participating Financial Institution, and we were able to identify Zenith Bank Plc as our own partner bank in this."

How Mega is the Farm?

"The name of the Farm is Unilorin/GGMax Poultry Farm. It is an integrated commercial poultry farm with an installed capacity of 40,000 broilers, 33,000 layers, a feed mill that can produce 5 tons of feeds per hour, a semi-automated broiler processing unit that can process 1000 birds (broilers) per day, and a manure processing unit.

"For backward integration, we are planning for the establishment of a 2000hectare farmland for maize and soyabean production for exclusive use of the poultry farm. Another backward integration strategy we have in the pipeline is the establishment of an hatchery for day old chicks for commercial purpose; in the future, as part of the forward integration, the plan is to establish an egg powder production factory.

"What we have tried to achieve is to ensure that all aspect of the poultry value



■ **Prof. Buhari**

chain has been taken care of, and it is our hope that in the nearest future we can achieve all that we have set out to achieve as far as the poultry farm is concerned".

The Worth And The Commercial Viability

"This came on as part of the CBN-driven Tertiary Institution Poultry Revival Scheme (TIPRES). We accessed the #600m facility from CBN through Zenith Bank as a participating financial institution. Right now, we have eight broilers' pens, four layers' pens and other buildings housing the feed mill, broilers' processing unit, living quarters for the staff of the farm, etc. At full production capacity, we intend to produce 7.5tons of broilers meat every five days; 5000 units of gizzards, 5000 units of livers; the heads and the legs will be in the right proportion along with the 7.5tons we are producing. Eggs, at full capacity, would be about 14,000 units per day that would be up for sale.

"The farm, for us an institution, is a game changer. Net profit, at full capacity, would mean that on every cycle of broiler production, we are making a net profit of over N2m. Though it takes about six weeks to run a cycle, but because they are integrated, you don't wait to finish a cycle before another one will come on stream. Our desire, our hope, our objective therefore is that every forty days, we would have completed eight cycles meaning that at a net profit of N2m per cycle, we are talking of N16m every forty days just on broiler production alone(the meat aspect). A third of that figure would be about N5m that

would also come from the gizzard, the liver, the heads and legs and the intestines, every forty days. The manure production will give us not less than N30,000:00 to N50,000.00 every month-we sell the manure because nothing is wasted as far as poultry is concern. Eggs from the layers is another ball game entirely.

"All these put together, you are looking at a very profitable venture if well run, and it is our desire to ensure that the attention, the commitment, the dedication we put in to get us to where we are today can be sustained to make sure that all our objectives, as far as this venture is concerned, are realized".

The Benefits

Food Security:

"Considering the large gap between the demand for protein and the supply for poultry products specifically, this was designed to bridge the gap using the universities/tertiary institutions as the vehicle. Producing 7.5tons of protein every five days is a big step towards that direction, and that is our little contribution towards contributing to food security in Nigeria.

Increase the Internally Generated Revenue of the University:

"Importantly, looking at the money mentioned, #16m every forty days, imagine the huge amount that will translate to in a year, and what that will mean for the Internally Generated Revenue of the University.

Research Opportunity for Students and Staff:

"The farm represents a very big opportunity for research for both the students and staff of the University.

Employment Generation:

"Right now we have 55 people employed on permanent (full term) basis working on the farm. At the height of construction, we had about 300 people working at the site. Our local community, Amoyo Community can testify that, this is the best thing that has happened to them because the local economy of the town has been considerably uplifted and they are better off for it".

SPECIAL FOCUS ON THE UNILORIN/GGMAX POULTRY FARM, AMOYO, DUE FOR COMMISSIONING ON JULY 21ST, 2022

The Role of the Consultancy Services Centre in the Project --- Prof. Alfred Adegoke

"The Consultancy Services Centre is actually the special purpose vehicle, I think the Central Bank of Nigeria itself insisted when this loan was to be given that there will be a special purpose vehicle that will drive this project. So, the Consultancy Unit of the University of Ilorin is actually the Unit that is driving this special poultry revival Scheme by the Central Bank. So, we, in essence, own the project. The project is under us; we have had to midwife it, we have had to put in all the processes, the requirements by the Central Bank. The Consultancy Centre had to work through to create the space for this project, so we create the structure as it were to house this project. This is basically what we have done as a Consultancy Unit; there are a lot of details under what I have just said now but just to let you know that we were driving, we created, we are the special purpose vehicle to drive to this project.

Why Amoyo?

"As you know that the University of Ilorin is endowed with a lot of land, so when this project came, we thought of the best location of the University land which Amoyo is part of. Amoyo, first, is a trunk road, a major road in and out of Ilorin, and Amoyo itself is a big town, so the University chose that part of the land that opens up to Amoyo and I think it's a good decision because it puts us right on the market, right on the road, anybody coming to Ilorin, going to Abuja, Ekiti, Kogi or coming from the other axis would find us right there, so that is the reason. Our land spans to Jebba though but with a lot of brainstorming the Amoyo part of the University of Ilorin was chosen, and I think it's strategic and a good decision.

Creating Value for the huge Money Invested

"As you know, what we got from the CBN is not a grant, it is actually a loan, the poultry farm will therefore have to pay this money back. That was the first thing that got all of us running; we knew that this business could not be done as usual, we knew we had to do it differently. The Vice-Chancellor himself knew that, the DVC (RTI), Professor Buhari who is the lead on this thing knew that. We knew that this has to be done differently, it can't come under the normal bureaucracy of the University, the normal civil service-government kind of thing, this is business. We've got to make our



■ Prof. Adegoke

money, we've got to pay back the loan, so that was the first thing and that informed our action and everything we've done since that time in driving the project. The first thing we did was to set up a Limited Liability Company, that process was on before I became Director, but when I took over, we had to put everything in place; *Unilorin- Bizface* we call it. And this poultry project is under this Limited Liability Company.

"The Vice-Chancellor has provided, excellently, the headship...he has allowed this project to have a life of its own. It is owned by the University but it operates on its own as a business venture and it has to be run that way. So, we had taken all the steps to make sure that everything we do, we do properly because we have to make profit, we have to pay back our loan. In structuring the establishment and all the thing that we did, we are involved - I worked with the technical committee, my team from the Consultancy Services day in, day out...there was a time we were meeting everyday for months working out all of these things. We did the feasibility studies, we made sure we did the environmental impact assessment, we made sure we got all the papers - the insurance, everything was done etc the Consultancy did all of that to make sure the requirements are met. We also made sure that in recruiting the staff, we had an external Consultant which the Vice-Chancellor also approved who was

working with us to guide us, we had the Department of Animal Science who are the technical committee, and everything we did implementing the proposal was guided by the external Consultant.

Sections of the Farm

"We have the Broilers, we have the Layers too. We had to do some employment; we did advertisement, interview, everything was done on merit. The External Consultant was the Chairman while I was the Co-Chair of the interview panel to employ people and Heads of these different units. The Processing Unit, the Feed Mills etc all of them were put in place to do those jobs.

Benefits

"This is a game changer. The University of Ilorin has never had anything like this. And indeed, no University in Nigeria has had this kind of opportunity that we have. We were the first University in this country to access N600m from the Central Bank, and in fact, probably there will be no other University that will access N600m because we now have learnt that Central Bank has said that they won't give up to N600m again, so this is unique for us as a University of Ilorin. This has already put us on the map and impact of this is many and it's going to help the economy and the number of people that are employed on the farm; research and training, a lot of our students in Nigerian Universities graduate without even having the opportunity to see some of these things, now we are going to have the processing unit that is semi-automated, we are going to have the hatchery, we are also going to be bridging the gap of the shortage of poultry meat, eggs etc. This is a big one and I think that for the University of Ilorin we are going to make the impact which is going to affect the community because our products are going to be available for members of the community, we are going to do a lot more as the project takes place. Again, this is a game changer because like this as happened before in this country and in this University.

"I will want to thank the Vice-Chancellor for the opportunity to drive this and to be involved in this because of the legacy and because of the impact of the results this will produce for generations coming."

Adeoye commends VC on bus procurement for University School

By Temitope Omoniyi

The Chairman of Parent-Teachers Association (PTA) of the University School, University of Ilorin, Prof. Abdulrasheed Adeoye, has commended the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Sulyman Abdulkareem, for the huge support his administration gave to the PTA in procuring a 62-seater bus for the school.

Prof. Adeoye, who gave the commendation at the PTA meeting last Thursday (July 14, 2022), noted that the Vice Chancellor has always supported the PTA in its activities.

Speaking on infrastructural development in the school, Prof. Adeoye, a former Dean of Faculty of Arts, University of Ilorin, was also full of praises for the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB) and its Registrar, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, for the road leading to the school constructed by the Board.

The PTA Chairman, who is also a member of the University Governing Council, appreciated the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic) and Chairman of University School Board, Prof. Sylvia Malomo, for her unrelenting efforts in creating a conducive environment for academic excellence.

He also appreciated the University management for ensuring that qualified staff of the school are not denied their promotion, which he noted, has been regular since the inception of the current PTA executive.

Other executives of the PTA that joined



the Chairman on the occasion include the Vice Chairman of the association, Dr. O.K. Ogungbade, the Financial Secretary, Mr. W. O. Ibrahim, the Public Relations Officer, Dr. A.A. Badmus and the Auditor, Mrs. B. S. Adedayo.

In his remarks, the Head Teacher, Mr. Masud Salihu, announced that five pupils of the school participated in the 2021 Commonwealth Essay Competition with Omotola Ogungbade and Muhammad Raji winning silver and bronze medals respectively. He added that Esther Adeyeye, Ayomide Adekanye and Joy Enahoro, were awarded Certificate of Participation.

Parents and Teachers were later led on an

inspection of the new school bus by the Chairman of the PTA, Prof. Adeoye.

The event also witnessed presentation of gift items to some retirees of the school including Mrs Christella Obafemi, wife of the immediate past Registrar of the University of Ilorin, Mr Dada Obafemi.

Others include Mrs Rebecca Ogunjimi, Mrs Anna Obafemi and Mrs Victoria Bamigboye.

The wife of the Vice-Chancellor, Mrs Falilat Sulyman, parents, teachers, friends and family members of the retirees were among those that graced the occasion.

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While commending the University's Vice-Chancellor for his commitment to the project's execution and the management of the Central Bank for providing the enabling funds to the University, Prof. Buhari described the farm project as "a game changer" in the annals of creativity in ivory towers leadership in Nigeria.

Prof. Buhari pointed out that the project would contribute to the country's efforts towards attaining self-sufficiency in poultry production and boost employment opportunities for Nigerian youths.

While describing the project as a success story in view of the positive changes it has brought to the people of the host community and the transformation of an hitherto sleepy region into a busy and economically viable one, the Deputy Vice-Chancellor said that the farm has started with semi-automated production of chicks and its products.

Buhari, who disclosed that the farm has in stock over 25,000 broilers and 17,000 layers, explained that its products would certainly bridge the gap between the demand and supply of protein-yielding food, adding that, apart from the insurance on the farm, well trained experts are also on the farm to perpetuate its successes.

The Vice-Chancellor added that the University was bound to make a lot of money from the farm as everything generated from it, including waste materials, would be sold towards earning more money, which would boost the University's internally generated revenue.

The foremost academic said that the project is engaging relatively huge number of workers as he said that over 50 who were carefully recruited are already earning their livelihood on the farm while over 200 others are indirectly engaged.

While saying that everything worth doing would be done to ensure the success of the farm project, the distinguished Professor of Medicine pointed out that each of the workers was mandated to work at their maximum best as they would be given specific targets, which must be met.

Prof. Buhari, who said that the farm was located at the South-western end of the University land to spread development and prevent the institution's land from being encroached upon, assured members of the University community that they would also be opportune to buy the products of the farm.

The Deputy Vice-Chancellor encouraged staff, students and members of the host community to see the farm project as theirs and ensure its protection from vandalism.

...It's a dream come true, says Prof. Abdulkareem

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"The University of Ilorin, being a pioneer, my prayer is that things will go right so that we can lay examples for others that will go back to CBN or through other sources to seek for help and be able to carry out the scheme on a large scale, as

we are doing, now from the empowerment obtained from CBN.

"The emphasis was laid by the CBN Governor, at inception, that he wanted both the students and staff to benefit maximally from the project

through researches and adequate food (protein) supply but as we march forward, the farm has expanded to cementing the town and gown relationship by providing jobs for people of the immediate community (Amoyo)."

Happy Birthday

S/N	Name	Department	Birthday
1	Fadesire Sunday Ayinla	Web Support Services	Jul 17
2	Okeke Constance Chinyere	Registry	Jul 17
3	Badiru Abdullahi Ayinde	Library	Jul 17
4	Alamoyo-Yusuf Alimat Ajibike	Registry	Jul 17
5	Olafunmishe Habeebat Aduke	Health Services	Jul 17
6	Ologe Abimbola Rita	Registry	Jul 17
7	Adetutu Joseph Adebayo	Works: Works/ Maintenance Office	Jul 17
8	Akanbi Olatunde Babatunde	Veterinary Pathology	Jul 17
9	Abdulrasaq Ridwan	Library	Jul 17
10	Suleiman Saliu Salahudeen	Veterinary Public Health & Preventive Medicine	Jul 18
11	Yusuf Aishat Abdulqadri	Science Education	Jul 18
12	Ahmad Sadiya Isah	Registry	Jul 18
13	Olarewaju Olamide David	Registry	Jul 18
14	Usman Yisa	Security Division	Jul 19
15	Ajagbe Ajibola Oluwasegun	Telecommunication Science	Jul 19
16	Omidiji Olaitan	Works: Mechanical	Jul 19
17	Ihedioha Esther Ifesinachi	Siwes Unit	Jul 19
18	Omotosho Remi Stephen	Registry	Jul 19
19	Ajimati Rasidat Titilayo	Library	Jul 19
20	Afolabi Saheed Olanrewaju	Pharmacology & Therapeutics	Jul 20
21	Nagode Ibrahim	Registry	Jul 20
22	Ahmed Limota	Human Kinetics & Health Edu.	Jul 20
23	Amei Michael Oonwudegu	Security Division	Jul 20
24	Braimoh Kunle Thomas	Radiology	Jul 20
25	Adegbite Hassana	Registry	Jul 20
26	Aremu Khadijat Omowumi	Health Services	Jul 20
27	Fakoya Abdulamid Abiola	Directorate Of Corporate Affairs	Jul 20
28	Atanda Jimoh	Works: Works/ Maintenance Office	Jul 20
29	Olumoh-Abdul Hidayah Ayodeji	Pharmacology & Toxicology	Jul 20
30	Ayuba Hussaina	Registry	Jul 20
31	Yusuf Hammed Agboola	Economics	Jul 20
32	Ande Adeolu Taiwo	Zoology	Jul 21
33	Animashaun Elizabeth	Registry	Jul 21
34	Olorundare Olufunke Esan	Pharmacology & Therapeutics	Jul 21
35	Opoola Caleb Oluwasola	Internal Audit Unit	Jul 21
36	Sanusi Nasiru Alao	Institute Of Education	Jul 21
37	Kolawole Omolola Mary	Directorate Of Corporate Affairs	Jul 21
38	Abisoye Afeez Olalekan	Registry	Jul 21
39	Lawal Gbenga	Central Research Laboratories	Jul 21
40	Alimi Sheikh Ahmad	Registry	Jul 21
41	Husseni Sadiat Oluwatoyin	Computer Science	Jul 21
42	Olanrewaju Adetunji Sanjo	Sociology	Jul 22
43	Mustapha Sikiru Sunkanmi	Registry	Jul 22
44	Areola Emmanuel Damilare	Physiology	Jul 22
45	Ajala Samuel	Industrial Chemistry	Jul 22
46	Bello Matthew Kolawole	Medicinal & Pharm. Chemistry	Jul 22
47	Ajibola Mary Alaba	Registry	Jul 22
48	Abdulkareem Suleiman	Mechanical Engineering	Jul 22
49	Amaechi Ebube Charles	Zoology	Jul 22
50	Olorunmaiye Kehinde Oladimeji	Pharmacology & Toxicology	Jul 22
51	Mohammed Falilat Arinola	Registry	Jul 22
52	Soji-Omoniwa Omolola Jillian	Biochemistry	Jul 22
53	Ajetomobi Oluwuyiwa Aduralere	Religions	Jul 22
54	Festus Ronke Oluwapo	Registry	Jul 22
55	Idowu Adetoun Omolola	Library & Information Science	Jul 22
56	Adewuyi Oluwasanmi Adekunle	Mechanical Engineering	Jul 22
57	Afolayan Oluyinka Titilope	Information & Communication Science	Jul 23
58	Imam Idris Kashimawo	Registry	Jul 23
59	Garba Abdulkadir Kayode	Security Division	Jul 23
60	Abdulkadir Nasir	Registry	Jul 23

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

Ex-PPU Director, Adesiyun, passes on

The death has been announced of a former Director of Physical Planning Unit (PPU), University of Ilorin, Engr. Ademola Adesiyun.

He died in a Lagos hospital last Friday (July 15, 2022) at the age of 69 years. He would have been 70 this October.

The Offa-born renowned Engineer was Director of PPU between 1993 and 2017 when he retired from service.

He is survived by a wife, children and grandchildren.

Burial arrangements will be announced later by the family.



Late Engr. Adesiyun.

Again, UNILORIN Debate Club shines in Africa, World Debating circuit*By Mustafa Abubakar*

A team of the University of Ilorin Debate Club, led by Oloruntoyin Muhammadbaqir of the Faculty of Agriculture and Ayodele Samuel of the Faculty of Engineering, has recorded a remarkable and outstanding performance in the African and World Debating circuit. The event, which was recently held in different categories, saw Ogundare Tobiloba of the Faculty of Agriculture, who represented the institution as an Adjudicator, also joined in raising the institution's flag way high.

In just one month, this team won the Best Institution at the All Top Universities in Africa Debate Championship 2022 and the Pre-Worlds Universities Debate Championship (WUDC) Hadzabe 2022 ESL Category while Tobiloba went ahead to win the Best Adjudicator at ATUDC 2022 and 4th Overall Best Adjudicator at Pre-WUDC 2022.

The University of Ilorin Debate Club (UILDC) was invited to participate at the All Top Universities in Africa Debate Championship, organized by Royalty Pact Debating Academy.

The competition was strictly by invitation to the best 16 universities in the African debating circuit.

Amongst the participating institutions were Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, Ghana; University of Ghana; Strathmore University, Kenya; and University of Calabar, Nigeria among others.

After Seven rigorous preliminary rounds and a final, the University of Ilorin emerged Best Institution and

■ **Ayodele Samuel**

won the Best Adjudicator.

The University also participated at the Pre-Worlds Universities Debate Championship 2022, tagged "Hadzabe" with universities around the world.

The universities included the University of Chittagong; Diplomatic Academy of Vietnam; Ibn Aladun University; Nnamdi Azikiwe University; and University of Rajshahi among others.

The same team made it to the Finals for the English as Second Language category and emerged Champions with Tobiloba winning the 4th Best Judge and Olayinka Esther of the Faculty of Engineering made it to the Finals of the Open category and emerged a Runner-up.

■ **Ogundare Tobiloba**■ **Oloruntoyin Muhammadbaqir**