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Abdulkareem gets 'Most Outstanding VC' Award

By Temitope Omoniye

The Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Sulyman Age Abdulkareem, has been awarded the "Most Outstanding Vice-Chancellor of the Year" by the Civil Society Coalition for Transparency (CSCT), a coalition of over 100 civil society groups within and outside Nigeria that believe on reputation management for a better society.

While presenting the award to the Vice-Chancellor in his office last Thursday (July 4, 2022), the President of CSCT, Hon Mike Femi, said that Prof. Abdulkareem's nomination for the Millenium Development Gold Award "was ratified and endorsed by all members in our last general assembly".

Hon. Femi commended the Vice Chancellor for being a competent Public Officer, who has demonstrated competence by creating a conducive environment for students on campus.

In an earlier letter written to the Vice Chancellor, the civil society organization noted that "after due diligent and consideration of reports received, your institution emerged the best in infrastructural development and academic excellence particularly under your able leadership".

While thanking the organization for the recognition of his services to the University of Ilorin, the Vice-Chancellor noted that he has benefitted immensely from working with three former Vice Chancellors of the institution, stressing that he would continue to stay committed to the growth and development of the University.

Other members of the delegation that joined the President of the organization include Comrade Jibril Ishaq, Hon. Harriet Obitea and Comrade Olumuyiwa Onlede.



■ **Hon. Femi (left) presenting the award to Prof. Abdulkareem**

Law School registration: ECOWAS Youth Ambassador appeals for suspension of varsity unions' strike

By Temitope Omoniye

The ECOWAS Youth Council Ambassador, Abdurrazak Gidado, has urged all parties in the ongoing strike in Nigerian universities to consider the reopening of universities in the interest of students.

Ambassador Gidado, who is a student of the Faculty of Law, University of Ilorin, stated this last Thursday (August 4, 2022) when he visited the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Sulyman Age Abdulkareem, in his office.

He particularly noted that final year Law students are unable to register for the Nigerian Law School due to the ongoing strike by the university-based unions.

Gidado also lamented that graduates of the University are currently unable to request for their academic transcripts due to the ongoing strike.

The four university-based unions -- the

Academic Staff Union of Universities (ASUU), the Senior Staff Association of Nigerian Universities (SSANU), the Non-Academic Staff Union of Educational and Associated Institutions (NASU) and the National Association of Academic Technologists (NAAT) - have been on strike since February this year, occasioning the total shut down of Federal and some state universities in the country.

Gidado, who was appointed the Ambassador of the ECOWAS Youth Council (EYC) in April this year, was accompanied on the visit by the President-elect of Law Students' Society, Unilorin, Deputy Lord Chancellor, Justice Chamber, University of Ilorin, Ms. Shukroh Bello and the outgoing Social Director, Department of Business Administration, University of Ilorin.

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■ **The representative of the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Yakubu (left) with Ambassador Gidado**

Raji seeks speedy passage of Soil Management law

By Mustafa Abubakar

A Professor of Agronomy at the University of Ilorin, Bashir Raji, has called for speedy passage of the National Agriculture Soil Management (NASM) policy into law to help the country in addressing continual disputes between agricultural land, and residential and industrial areas.

Prof. Raji, who gave the advice last Tuesday (July 26, 2022) while speaking UNILORIN BULLETIN, said that the passage of the policy will also assist the country to achieve food security. He also urged the government at all levels to guard against land degradation by demarcating such areas.

"Let me emphasise that the National Agriculture Soil Management Policy, which is at the advanced stage from stakeholders such as Soil Science Society of Nigeria, United States Agency for International Development, USAID among others, if passed into law by the Federal Executive Council, would help to separate agricultural land



■ **Prof. Raji**

from residential and industrial areas", he said.

Prof Raji, who is the immediate past President of the Soil Science Society of Nigeria, said that Nigeria at independence had less than 50,000,000 population, but has grown

to over 200,000,000 today, with fixed land of 923,000 square kilometres, which necessitated the need to protect agricultural land from abuse.

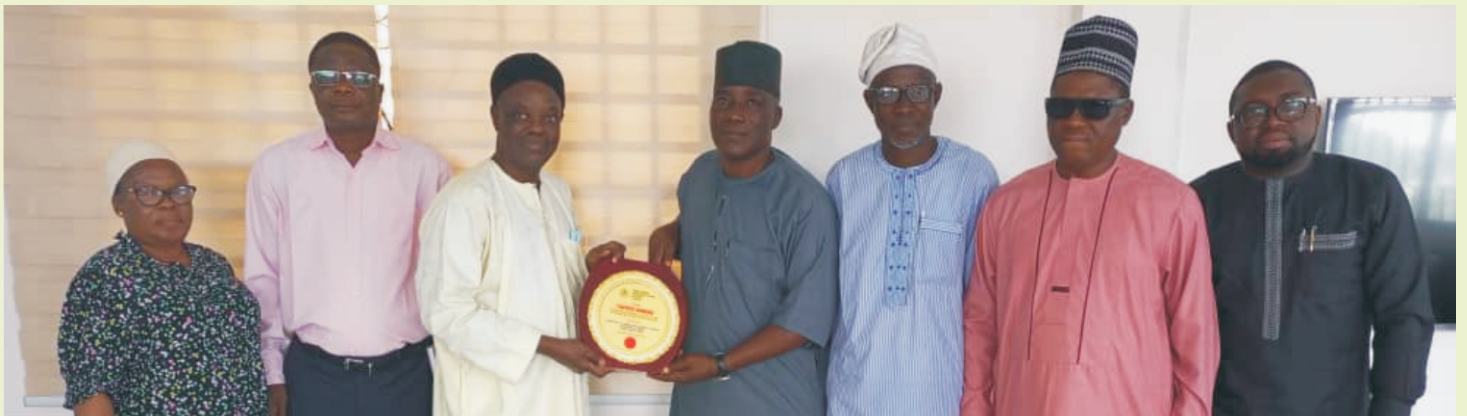
He said demarcation of farmland from industrial and residential areas as practised in developed countries would help to achieve zero hunger, a component of sustainable development goals.

The University don noted that if fertile lands are not properly managed, the nation would not be able to feed her present and future generations.

Prof. Raji also admonished Nigerians to desist from improper waste disposal in the name of modernisation and industrialisation, saying that this is capable of aggravating climate change. He stressed that such acts could make the soil lose its fertility and contaminate groundwater.



■ **The Immediate Past Dean, Faculty of Environmental Sciences, Dr. A.I. Bako presenting TOPREC Award for the Best Accredited Planning School in the 2021/2022 Accreditation Visitation won by the Department of Urban and Regional Planning, University of Ilorin to the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Sulyman Age AbdulKareem on Wednesday, 3rd August, 2022.**



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While making a case for the Law students of the University, Gidado said, "We are of the view that Law school application is out and it is closing very soon. Considering the fact that ASUU is on strike and it is a prerequisite for Law students to go to Law School; already Law students in the University of Ilorin are behind schedule and it is our view that the school makes compromises for them just in time in order to be able to enrol for Law School".

Gidado stated that the ECOWAS Youth Council was proud of the Vice-

Chancellor's good work in the University and specifically making it a peaceful campus devoid of cultism.

Responding, the Vice-Chancellor congratulated Ambassador Gidado on his appointment as the ECOWAS Youth Council Ambassador.

While urging Gidado to continue to be a great ambassador of the University, the Vice-Chancellor, who was represented by the Dean of Student Affairs, Prof. Musa Yakubu, expressed optimism that the current industrial action by the university-based unions will soon be resolved to

let students return to classes. university-based unions will soon be resolved to let students return to classes.

He also assured that the Student Affairs Unit of the University will always be there to guide and assist the new ECOWAS Youth Council Ambassador.

The representative of the Vice-Chancellor was joined by the Sub-Dean of Student Affairs, Dr. Davies Ojo Ajewole, and a Senior Assistant Registrar in the Student Affairs Unit, Olumayowa Oyedepo.



Ojuade for PRAKIS International Education confab

The former Director of the University of Ilorin Centre for Advancement, Prof. Jeel O. Ojuade has been selected as one of the Keynote speakers at the Prakis 1st International Conference on Education Transformation in Africa holding at CSRI Conventional Centre, Pretoria, South Africa between September 12 and 17, 2022.

Prof. Ojuade, who is also the Chairman of UNILORIN FM Board, will be speaking on 'The Impact of Western Education on African Culture' at the Conference themed 'The Transformation of Education in Africa Towards Globalisation'.

Other expected keynote speakers include former Nigerian President, Chief Olusegun Obasanjo; Prof. P.L.O. Lumumba, and Prof. Thuli Madonsela.

The Conference is being organised by Prakis Educational Services in conjunction with the South Africa Department of Basic Education (DBE), African Union Development Agency



■ **Prof. Ojuade**

(AUDA - NEPAD), Pan - African Parliament, African Career Development Centre (ACDC), African Tourism Board (ATB), Archivists University, Nigeria, and Revealed World University, South Africa, Rwanda and the USA, and many more.

Other expected speakers include Hon. Lindiwe Sisulu, South African Minister of Tourism; High Chief

Gabriel Igbinedion, the Founder of Igbinedion University, Okada; Prof. David Mosoma, former Deputy Vice - Chancellor, University of South Africa & Chairman of CRL Commission, South Africa; Hon - Justice Emmanuel Fagbenle, former Chief Justice of The Gambia; Dr. Talib Rifai, Patron of the African Tourism Board & Former Secretary - General of UNWTO); and Professor Emeritus Olu Aina, the Former Chairman, National Business & Technical Examination Board) and etc.

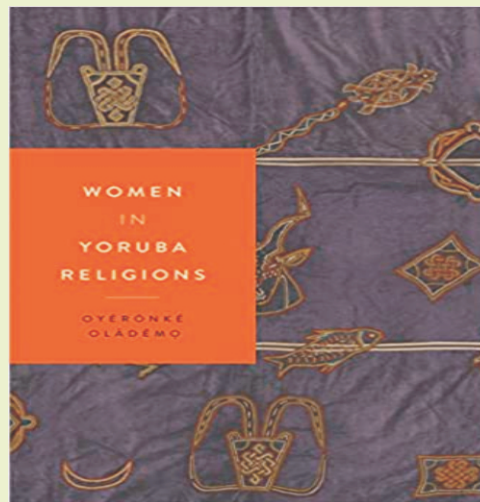
His Imperial Majesty, Arole Oodua, Oba Enitan Adeyeye Babatunde Ogunwusi, Ojaja II, Ooni of Ife is the 'Global Royal Ambassador' of the Transformation of Education Agenda in Africa and will be leading his entourage to the conference.

Olademo's new book out

A new book, written by the former Dean of the Faculty of Arts, University of Ilorin, Prof. Oyeronke Olademo, has been released to the market.

The book, titled 'Women in Yoruba Religions', was released on [amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com) in July.

According to a statement by the author, the book "uncovers the influence of Yoruba culture on women's religious lives and leadership in the Religions practiced by Yoruba people. It examines the profound influence of Yoruba culture in Yoruba



religion, Christianity, Islam and

Afro-Diasporic Religions such as Santeria and Candomble, placing gender relations in historical and social contexts.

"It asserts that Yoruba Women operate within a system of gender balance, so that neither of the Sexes can be subsumed in the other. The book illustrates how religion is at the core of Yoruba lived experiences and is intricately bound up in all sectors of daily life in Yorubaland and abroad in the Diaspora".

Oyewo's daughter weds August 20

Miss Zulfah Oyetola Oyewo, the daughter of the Chief Security Officer, University of Ilorin, Mr. AbdulWasiu Oyewo, will tie the nuptial knots with her heartthrob, Hakeem

Fowomola, on Saturday (August 20, 2022).

A wedding notification made available to UNILORIN BULLETIN indicated that the wedding will take

place at the Unilorin Community Centre, University of Ilorin, beginning from 10.00a.m.

Members of the University community are cordially invited.



Happy Birthday

S/N	Name	Department	Birthday
1	Ndazungi Ibrahim	Unilorin Sugar Research Institute	Aug 07
2	Salawu Zainab Hassan	Registry	Aug 07
3	Arowolo Caroline Taiwo	Registry	Aug 07
4	Arowolo Idiat Bola	Clinical Pharmacy & Pharmacy Practice	Aug 07
5	Amutu Ishaku Ibrahim	Veterinary Theriogenology & Production	Aug 07
6	Adekeye Deborah Shade	Sociology	Aug 08
7	Balogun Akeem	Registry	Aug 08
8	Kayode Rowland Monday Ojo	Home Economics & Food Science	Aug 08
9	Oche John Emmanuel	Security Division	Aug 08
10	Dada Olanike Olabisi	Registry	Aug 08
11	Ariyo Abdul Yekini	Works: Works/ Maintenance Office	Aug 08
12	Moyo Uthman Tunde Osen	Architecture	Aug 08
13	Ojelabi Abiola Tenigbola	Centre For Supportive Services For The Deaf	Aug 08
14	Yusuf Saliu Danlad	History & International Studies	Aug 08
15	Osunsanya Kolawole Olusegun	Electrical & Electronics Engineering	Aug 08
16	Bashorun Musediq Tunji	Library & Information Science	Aug 09
17	Olarongbe Shuaib Agboola	Library & Information Science	Aug 09
18	Ogungbayi Peter Ropo	Central Workshop:Engineering	Aug 09
19	Abu Taofiqat Omotayo	Industrial Chemistry	Aug 09
20	Bello Ronke Hadiyah	Pharm. Microbiology & Biotechnology	Aug 09
21	Idris Soliu	Quantity Surveying	Aug 09
22	Ayodele Grace Yemisi	Registry	Aug 10
23	Nwabuisi Charles	Medical Microbiology & Parasitology	Aug 10
24	Alabi Muhibi	Works: Parks & Gardens	Aug 10
25	Ogundele Comfort Oyeladun	Registry	Aug 10
26	Alabi Oluwasegun Timothy	Directorate Of Corporate Affairs	Aug 10
27	Ajala Lydia Bola	Registry	Aug 10
28	Subair Kehinde Mutiat	Industrial Chemistry	Aug 10
29	Adebayo Rasheedat Aderonke	Registry	Aug 11
30	Popoola Mobolaji Olushola	Works: Electrical/Telecom	Aug 11
31	Sanusi Nurudeen Adebawale	Bursary	Aug 11
32	Lawal Suraj Shola	Works: Electrical/Telecom	Aug 11
33	Usman Abdulahi Ishola	Works: Works/ Maintenance Office	Aug 12
34	Oba Aremu Abdulrasheed	Unilorin Staff School	Aug 12
35	Adebayo Peter Folorunsho	History & International Studies	Aug 12
36	Okparakwu Francis Ebi	Registry	Aug 12
37	Olawumi Hannah Oluwayemisi	Haematology & Blood Transfusion	Aug 12
38	Oladimeji Olatunji	Works: Works/ Maintenance Office	Aug 12
39	Bamidele Abdul-Latifu Akano	Security Division	Aug 12
40	Opakunle Muritala Adenekan	Biomedical Engineering	Aug 12
41	Ogunlade Oluwabunmi Racheal	Library & Information Science	Aug 13
42	Fatoba Paul Ojo	Plant Biology	Aug 13
43	Aliyu Usman	Security Division	Aug 13
44	Olasehinde-Williams Felicia Alarape Olabisi	Social Science Education	Aug 13
45	Yahaya Taiwo	Materials & Metallurgical Engineering	Aug 13
46	Gambari-Ambali Rabiati Olaronke	Microbiology	Aug 13
47	Olawuyi Emmanuel Temitope	Directorate Of Corporate Affairs	Aug 13
48	Adam Mohammed	Veterinary Pathology	Aug 13

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



■ *A cross section of the participants at the meeting*

UNILORIN, Tanke community partner on security

By Mustafa Abubakar

The University of Ilorin Student Affairs Unit has entered into a partnership agreement with the Tanke Community stakeholders towards ensuring better security of lives and properties of residents of the community.

This was one of the highlights of a meeting held at the instance of the Alangua of Tanke Community, Alhaji Umaru Salaudeen, on Thursday, July 21, 2022 at the Chamber of the Alangua with all the 25 Mogajis within the community and University staff in attendance.

In his remarks at the meeting, the Dean, Student Affairs Unit, Prof. M. T. Yakubu, appreciated the support of all the stakeholders in joining hands with the University in the area of security. He hinted at the steps being taken by the Student Affairs of the University toward addressing the issue of security.

Prof. Yakubu suggested that a committee be put in place that will strategically work on the resolutions and drive the implementation of the lofty ideas aimed at reducing or bringing the security challenges under control.

The Dean also suggested that the meeting should not be once-and-for-all, but should be held regularly to review developments and fine-tune strategies.

In his own submission, the Divisional Police Officer of "F" Division of the Nigerian Police Force, Tanke, Mr. Abdul Olayinka, also affirmed that the Tanke community is a developing community and there will be a need for concerted efforts at addressing the issues of security in the community.

Mr. Olayinka highlighted the efforts made by the Division and the progress made so far in stemming the growing security concern within the community.

The DPO, who disclosed that the State Commissioner of Police is very much interested in the meeting, also solicited the cooperation of members of the community as matters of security are all about collaboration among the stakeholders.

In his message, the Alangua of Tanke, who thanked the University management for their constant support, appreciated everyone for attending the meeting.

He also solicited the maximum

cooperation of all and support from the University.

Others who spoke in their separate submissions at the meeting included the Sub-Dean, Student Affairs, Dr. O. D. Ajewole; the Mogajis of Tanke Iledu, Alhaji Yusuf Kareem; Tanke Bubu, Alhaji Muhammed Babatunde Bawa; Aleniboro, Alhaji Anu; Tanke Akata, Alhaji Babatunde; Jalala, Saheed Akano; Seriki Hausawa; the Secretary of Hausa Community in Tanke. They applauded the moves by the University management and the attendance.

They, however, agreed that there is the need to work more with the security agents in order to drastically reduce the security menace in the area or brought it under control.

Among those that attended the meeting are the Senior Assistant Registrar, Student Affairs Unit, Mr. O. J. Oyedepo; the University Chief Security Officer (CSO), Mr. Ikubani; all the 25 Mogajis within the community; and members of the Student Union executives led by the President, Mr. Taofik Waliyullah (OMOLUABI).