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## Graduands commend, recommend Unilorin for admission seekers

By Tajudeen Babamale and Isaac Lewu

A cross-section of the 2019/2020 graduands of the University of Ilorin has appreciated and applauded the management of the University, various Faculties in the University, Departments, academic and non-teaching staff members of the institution for their various contributions to their successes.

In separate interviews with the *UNILORIN BULLETIN* on Convocation Day (Saturday, October 23, 2021), the new graduates, who could not hide their joys, said despite all odds, they are now graduates of the better by far University in Nigeria.

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The Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic), Prof. Sylvia Malomo (middle); flanked by the Director, CREDIT, Prof. Wahab (to her immediate left); Prof. Jehu Hanciles of Emory University, USA (to her immediate right); and other dignitaries during Prof. Hanciles' visit to the University last Wednesday

## Omipidan salutes VC on Unilorin ODL's accreditation

By Abubakar Imam



■ Prof. Omipidan

The Director, Centre for Open and Distant Learning (ODL), University of Ilorin, Prof. Bashir Omipidan, has attributed the recent accreditation of the Centre by the National Universities Commission (NUC) to the relentless determination of the institution's Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Sulyman Age Abdulkareem, to leave enduring legacies of selfless services and excellence at the University.

Prof. Omipidan stated this last Thursday (November 3, 2021) in a chat with *UNILORIN BULLETIN* in his office.

The Director, who is a former Sub-Dean, Faculty of Law, University of Ilorin, said that it was with profound sense of appreciation to the Almighty Allah that he received the news of the approval of the Centre through a letter dated October 10, 2021, addressed to the Vice-Chancellor by the Executive Secretary of the National Universities Commission, Prof. Abubakar Rasheed, MFR. He added that the Regional Training and Research Institute for Distance and Open Learning (RETRIDOL) has also been quite supportive of the Unilorin initiative.

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## Bamigbola decries Nigeria's unsustainable debt profile

By Abubakar Imam

A Professor of Mathematics at the University of Ilorin, Olabode Mathias Bamigbola, has advised the Federal Government against continuous accumulation of debt, saying that the rate at which government takes external loan is unsustainable for a country like Nigeria whose major source of revenue is

declining.

Prof. Bamigbola gave this warning last Thursday (November 4, 2021) while delivering the 207th Inaugural Lecture of the University, entitled "Making the Best Use of What You Have: The Mathematical Approach" at the institution's Auditorium.

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■ Prof. Bamigbola



## Fresh Unilorin Engineering graduands inducted into NSE

By AbdulRahman Abdulbaqi

The Dean, Faculty of Engineering and Technology, Prof O.A. Lasode, has thanked God for the lives of the 2021 Engineering graduates for the successful completion of their academic career.

Prof Lasode, who spoke during the induction ceremony of the 2021 Engineering graduates into the Nigerian Society of Engineers (NSE) at the Engineering Centre, Ilorin, penultimate Thursday (October 21, 2021), eulogized the graduands for being found worthy in character and learning.

The Dean, who was represented by Prof. J. O. Olaoye, advised them to make judicious use of the knowledge impacted on them in the classroom and on the field to solving societal problems and development of engineering practices in Nigeria. He also prayed God to grant them the wisdom and strength to succeed in their future endeavors.

In her opening remarks, the Chairman of the Nigerian Society of Engineers, Ilorin Branch, Dr. T. E. Odetoeye, stated that the Society is mandated to enhance the professional development of members by impacting positively on the community through teamwork.

She, therefore, urged the graduands to strive and play a vital role in national development, as Engineering has played a crucial role



■ NSE Chairman, Dr. Odetoeye

in the making of developed worlds, stressing that they have great potentials in contributing to Nigeria's technological and economic growth, thereby making the great country great again.

The Guest Lecturer at the event, Engr. Ademola S. Ekunboyejo, who spoke on "Harmonizing Engineering Professional Career and Life Challenges: Entrepreneurship Approach", advised the graduands to be entrepreneurial minded in order to survive unemployment and become job creators and employers of labour.

Engr. Ekunboyejo also advised the inductees to be ethical and professional in their practices, so as not to endanger the society and damage their reputation, stating that the advancement of technology has created numerous opportunities for them to flourish.

Also speaking at the event, the NSE President, Engr. Babagana Muhammad, appreciated the Branch Chairman for her hard work and conscious effort towards moving the society forward.

The President, who was represented by Engr. J.S Adebayo, also admonished the inductees to be prepared for the numerous challenges that the world will throw at them, while praying for God to aid their affairs and make life easy for them.

Awards of excellence were also presented to the overall best graduating student in the Faculty and best graduating students in each Department.

The Faculty of Engineering produced 41 First Class graduates out of the 180 produced this year by the University.

## Ojuade delivers 208<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 eighth (208<sup>th</sup>) Inaugural Lecture of the University scheduled as follows:

**Lecturer:** Professor Jeleel Oluksunkanmi Ojuade

**B.A. (Ilorin), M.A. (Ibadan), LL.B. (Ilorin), MBA. (Ilorin), B.L. (Abuja), LL.M. (Ilorin), Ph.D. (Ibadan)**  
Department of the Performing Arts,

Faculty of Arts,

University of Ilorin, Ilorin.

**Topic:** "Dance is Life, Life is Dance: A Cyclical Nature of Man on Earth"

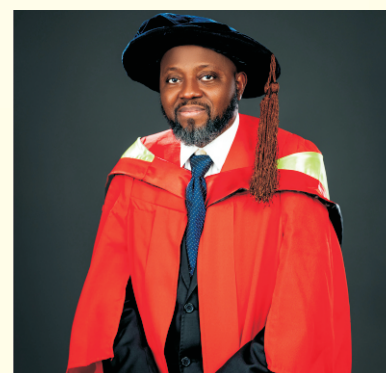
**Date:** Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> November, 2021

**Time:** 5.00 p.m.

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

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

Signed  
Dr. Fola M. Olowoleni  
Registrar



■ Prof. Ojuade



## Bamigbola decries Nigeria's unsustainable debt profile

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While criticising the rate at which the country is profiling debts, particularly external ones, Prof. Bamigbola said that a country or organisation's expenditure must be as low as possible for the system to attain the highest performance.

The renowned Mathematician added that a nation like Nigeria with unfavorable cultural, economic and political environments may not find it easy to get out of another debt crisis if the current trend is not checked.

He, therefore, suggested a synergy between the executive and legislative arms of government to put in place a legal framework that will ensure a drastic reduction of the nation's external debt profile.

Prof. Bamigbola, however, commended the Federal Government for not increasing the pump price of petrol despite the increasing changes in the international oil market, which could have led to proportional increment at local level to the detriment of the ordinary citizens.

The renowned Mathematician said that if the government had not been sensitive to contemporary economic challenges a correspondent increment in pump price of petroleum would have exacerbated the problem being faced by the people. He proffered what he called "deliberate control of parameters of the nation's economy in order for fluctuations in prices to be kept abreast".

Prof. Bamigbola also said that it is becoming more important for the government and citizens to ensure the optimal utilisation of resources in order to rebuild the nation for the benefit of all.

While identifying some of the challenges militating against the optimisation of our national life, he said that problems such as insecurity, unemployment and unstable electric power supply are taking heavy tolls on the nation's well-being. He pointed out that the challenge has led to untimely deaths, fears, poverty and poor image for the country among the comity of nations.

The don suggested that the government should adopt Mathematical Optimisation as employed in the advanced world, China, India and South Africa, which led to great developmental strides with heavy reliance on the application of



■ **The Vice-Chancellor's representative, Prof. Malomo (right), and the Inaugural Lecturer, Prof. Bamigbola last Thursday**

Mathematical principles.

Prof. Bamigbola explained that where mathematical optimisation are put into maximum use there would be great improvement in the entire system as wastages would also be eliminated.

While urging the government and citizens of Nigeria to give proper diagnosis of policies and programmes before embarking on them, Prof. Bamigbola warned against the adoption of policies and practices that are inimical to the sustainable progress and growth of the country for the nation to attain its maximum potentials.

The inaugural lecturer insisted that "if we want to develop to the best of our potentials, our government must summon more courage to fight corruption", which he called a "monster", to a standstill.

He, however, said that the war against corruption should be prosecuted within the regulations provided by the nation's constitution.

Prof. Bamigbola suggested the immediate composition of an ad hoc panel or commission that would be charged with the responsibility of identifying areas of wastages and proffer ways of ameliorating them.

He also called on stakeholders to ensure the provision of a much more regular and stable electricity supply to the nooks and crannies of the country. He explained that incessant power outages not only interrupts processes

and service delivery but is also an indication of the degree of danger bedeviling a community.

The distinguished academic canvassed periodic revision of Mathematics curricula at all levels of education to ensure adaptations to the rapidly expanding frontiers of Mathematical knowledge. He also suggested that the review should be done every decade when the previous one would have been obsolete so that students would be equipped with all they need to have for work, life and other evolving challenges.

He also opined that in view of the importance of Mathematics to national and global development, the Federal Government should encourage careers in mathematical research through the provision of generous scholarships while making teaching and research in the University more lucrative in order to attract, train and retain the best of our human resources.

The lecture was attended by dignitaries from far and near including scholars, colleagues as well as friends, relations and students of the Inaugural Lecturer.



## Ompidan salutes VC on Unilorin ODL's accreditation

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The renowned Professor of Law, who is the fourth Director of the Centre, said that only a determined and selfless leader in the mould of Prof. Abdulkareem would commit huge funds, devote great energy and mobilise other resources to an investment that would yield no dividend while he is in office.

He, therefore, congratulated the award winning Professor of Chemical Engineering and members of his management team on what he called "an outstandingly significant and historic milestone in the annals of the institution".

Prof. Ompidan explained that as the situation stands, the Centre is not only adequately prepared but also fully ready to offer quality services to students from all over the world.

The former Chairman of the University's Time-table and Room Usage Committee explained that arrangements had been concluded to begin the operationalisation of the Centre with a B. Sc programme in Computer Science.

The Director further disclosed that the Centre, which is currently talking to the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB) towards having students who applied to study Computer Science but who were not taken for the regular programme to be offered admission, study and earn their first degree in the programme at the Centre.

Prof. Ompidan added that JAMB would also find the available facilities at the Centre quite appropriate for the hitch-free conduct of its annual Unified Tertiary Matriculation Examinations (UTME).

He also said that by the time the post accreditation exercise is concluded a year after the initial one, the Centre would be statutorily empowered to go ahead with the admission of students for more courses of study.

Prof. Ompidan urged intending students to consider the pursuit of their preferred courses through distant learning, saying that there is no difference whatsoever between academic programmes pursued via conventional means and those done through distant learning, which is epitomised by virtual learning. He added that the same certificate would be issued to all graduands of the University not minding whether they obtained their qualifications through conventional or distant learning programmes.

He particularly charged staff members of the University to take advantage of the location of the Centre in their backyard to obtain higher qualifications for self-development and career progression.

While commending the management of the University of Ilorin for ensuring that the institution joined the league of universities operating distant learning, the Director said that the huge investment made on the Centre

was a product of sagacity, which, he believed, the University would never regret.

Prof. Ompidan disclosed that Nursing Department had also keyed into the programme of the Centre through training of facilitators from the Department on the preparation of courseware. He added that the Department of Jurisprudence and International Law has also shown interest in partnering with the Centre towards running a "Certificate programme in Disability Rights".

He added that some staff of Ilorin Business School would also be trained on the writing of courseware in preparation for the running of some of its programmes in partnership with the ODL.

Prof. Ompidan paid glowing tributes to all his three predecessors and those who worked with them during their respective tenures for their cumulative contributions that resulted in the accreditation of the Centre.

He also thanked all his lieutenants and other members of staff of the Centre for believing and working with him, saying that the glorious status of the Centre was a collective achievement of everyone who had been involved one way or the other in its evolution and progress.

## Graduands commend, recommend Unilorin for admission seekers

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One of such students was the 2019/2020 overall best graduating student of the University, Master Adeola Joseph Oloruntoba, who graduated with a CGPA of 4.92 from the Department of Mathematics.

Joseph expressed gratitude to God for His wonder in his life, his supervisor, Mrs. Usamot Foluke Idayat, for her counseling and support, his pastors at the Campus Fellowship, University of Ilorin, Unilorin Christian Fellowship, and all others who supported his dream.

While recommending the University to admission seekers for quality academic pursuit, counseling, and mentorship, the overall best graduating student said that choosing the University was the best decision he made in life.

Speaking on his academic routine that won him the overall best graduating student of the prestigious University of Ilorin, Joseph explained that there was nothing so special about him except doing everything exceptionally, what others will do averagely. "The same studies, the same lectures, the same assignments, same prayers, but being extraordinary made my dream come true", he submitted.

On his part, a Ph.D graduate of

Business Administration, Dr. Adebola Damilare, attributed the success of his programme to God, the commitment of his lecturers, and most especially his supervisor whom he described as an excellent and impressive man.

Dr. Damilare said that the lecturers never compromised standards and it is a thing that he can be proud of anywhere. "I can raise my head anywhere and announce that I am a product of the better by far university, the University of Ilorin", he stated.

Also speaking with the **UNILORIN BULLETIN**, a Ph.D graduand of Educational Guidance and Counseling, Faculty of Education, Dr. (Mrs.) Ajibola Busayo Omolade, said she has been waiting for this moment for a very long time.

Speaking further, she said, "My experience is awesome. I did my first degree, second degree, and now Ph.D here. The University's serene environment and quality of the lecturers are some of the factors that made my sojourn at the University a successful one.

On his part, a first-class graduate of the Department of Agronomy, Faculty of Agriculture, Mr. Isiak Abdulganiyu, felt honoured to be part of a few graduates who could make it to the Auditorium on Convocation Day out of the teeming

population of the graduands.

Abdulganiyu, who chose Medicine but was admitted to study Agronomy, however, commended all the lecturers in his Department who made him develop a greater passion and love for Agronomy.

Another first-class graduate of Agriculture and Biosystems Engineering, Faculty of Engineering and Technology, Miss Agboola Zainab Titilope, said the late-night classes, the readings, a lot of trial and error, and the financial challenge, are all memories that she would forever cherish.

Also, Dr Sirajudeen Adewale Badru, a Ph.D. graduate of the Department of Art Education, Faculty of Education, said that he never regretted coming to the University of Ilorin because he gained a lot from his lecturers especially his supervisor, Prof. R.A. Lawal, who is not just a teacher but a mentor.

"I can recommend the University of Ilorin to anyone who appreciates scholarship and mentorship and for whoever desires quality education. This is because coming to one of the best universities in Nigeria and Africa will be an experience that is worth it", he noted.



# UNILORIN MERIT AWARDS PRESENTATION (1)



*Award to Best Graduating Student,  
Joseph Oloruntoba Adeola,  
from the Vice-Chancellor*



*The Deputy Registrar (ASS), Mr. Adam Abdulsalam  
(left), receiving his award*



*Award for Mr. Gbadeyan*



*Award for Mr. Ishola*



*Award for Mr. Ameh of the Vice-Chancellor's  
Office*



*Award for Mr. Bello of the Registrar's Office*



## 2021/2022 Session Post-UTME Screening Registration

The University of Ilorin hereby invites all candidates, who have applied for admission into the University as first choice, either at UTME or Direct Entry level, to visit the University website: [www.unilorin.edu.ng](http://www.unilorin.edu.ng) for details of the procedure for the Post-UTME Screening Exercise.

To be eligible, UTME candidates must have scored at least 180 in the UTME examination conducted by the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB).

Registration for the Post-UTME Screening Exercise will commence on THURSDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER, 2021, and end on SUNDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2021.

Candidates are advised to log on to the University

website, [www.unilorin.edu.ng](http://www.unilorin.edu.ng), go to Undergraduate Portal and click on "Pre-Admission Screening Instructions" for detailed information about the registration process and to be very meticulous in their entries, as wrong entries will lead to automatic disqualification.

For further enquiries, candidates should contact: [pre-admission@unilorin.edu.ng](mailto:pre-admission@unilorin.edu.ng)

*Signed*  
Dr. Fola M. Olowoleni  
Registrar

## UNILORIN alumnus donates printers to Academic Support Services

By Mubarak Oladosu and Temitope Omoniye

An alumnus of the University of Ilorin, Engr. Babatunde Afolabi, has donated three sets of Printers to the Examinations and Records Unit of the Directorate of Academic Support Services of the University.

Engr. Afolabi, who graduated from the Department of Civil Engineering in 1989, noted that his "choice of donation to the Examinations and Records Unit is because of its services to graduates and alumni of the University in terms of academic transcripts, certificates and records verifications for scholarship and employment opportunities for university alumni".

The presentation of the printers was made during the 13th edition of the University of Ilorin Merit Awards



following the request of Engr. Afolabi in a letter addressed to the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Sulyman Abdulkareem on October 20, 2021. The Merit Awards ceremony was part of the activities of the 36th Convocation Ceremonies

Receiving the awards on behalf of the University, the Deputy Vice-

Chancellor (Management Services), Professor Bolaji Sule, thanked Engr. Afolabi for giving back to his alma mater. While assuring the donor of adequate use of the printers,

Prof. Sule, who is the Chairman of the Merit Awards Committee, called on other alumni of the University to continue to give back to the 46-year old institution.

Engr. Afolabi was represented by Mr. Bamigboye Olamilekan at the event held at the Multi-Purpose Hall, University of Ilorin. The donation was initiated by Lawal Ahmed Abiodun and facilitated by Adebisi Ridwan, both of whom are former Presidents of Students' Union, University of Ilorin.

## Ohworisi's son weds

The son of Mr. O. A. Ohworisi of the Directorate of Human Resources, Ochuuko Alex Ohworisi, will this Saturday (November 13, 2021), take his heartthrob, Fidelia Akpevweoghene Orobo to the altar.

According to a wedding notification made available to UNILORIN BULLETIN, the marriage solemnisation will hold at St. Francis Catholic Church, 20, College Road, Odogbo, Ekhenwan Road, Benin City at 10.00a.m. Reception follows

immediately after the Church Service at Pacific Hall, Da Civic Centre, 79, Airport Road, Benin City, Edo State.

## Balogun loses mom

The Ag. Head of the Department of Information and Communication Science, Dr. N. A. Balogun, has lost his mother, Mrs. H. Balogun.

Aged 74 years, Mrs. Balogun died on October 27, 2021 and was laid to rest in Lagos on the same day according to Islamic injunctions.



Late Mrs. Balogun



## Akogun tasks staff on renewed dedication to duties

By Abubakar Imam

**T**he Director of Corporate Affairs, University of Ilorin, Mr. Kunle Akogun, has charged staff members of the University, most especially those of the Directorate, to renew their dedication to duties in order to facilitate their career progression and engender divine blessings.

Mr. Akogun stated this last Monday (November 1, 2021) while distributing commendation letters to some staff of the Directorate in recognition of their extraordinary contributions to the progress, success and sustainability, and uninterrupted production of the weekly **UNILORIN BULLETIN** and smooth transmission of **UNILORIN 89.3 FM**, especially during last year's Coronavirus lockdown.

The Director, who acknowledged the significant positive changes recorded in commitment to duties by the staff of the Directorate, explained that it was important for staff to always justify their employment and emoluments by remaining committed to their duties and diligently carrying out their assignments.

Mr. Akogun added that the management of the Directorate was greatly enamoured by the level of cooperation it received from staff who risked their lives to ensure that the radio station had uninterrupted transmission throughout the lockdown period just as the weekly production of the Bulletin was not hampered. He pointed out that this uncommon dedication and sacrifice kept the stakeholders and members of the public constantly abreast with happenings in the University at that particularly challenging time in human history.

While noting that the management watched with keen interest the contributions of each of the concerned staff members to the achievement of the mandate of the Directorate, Mr. Akogun said that



■ **Mr. Akogun**

the letter of commendation was a token of appreciation of their efforts in order to motivate others towards offering efficient service delivery.

The Director however warned the staff against acts of indiscipline, saying that the management would always frown at such tendencies with clear and strong measures to stem the tide. He noted that staff who have the habit of going on unauthorized leaves, overspending their approved annual leaves or not carrying out the degree of duties expected of them would face the music.

Mr. Akogun urged the staff to always take advantage of relevant training programmes and facilities in their areas of operations, by applying for such at the right time. He disclosed that the bi-monthly seminar series of the Directorate would be resuscitated as from January, 2022 in order to deepen fraternity, scholarship and professionalism among staff members.

He, therefore, charged members of the Directorate Seminar Committee to come up with modalities for the smooth running of the programme, which he said had exposed and broadened the intellectual horizons of both presenters and participants.

Responding on behalf of other staff members, the Station Manager, **UNILORIN 89.3 FM**, Mr. Idris Akintola Ibrahim (Alooma), described the

event as a very significant episode in the career of staff of the Directorate and the annals of the Unit.

While disclosing the decision of the management of the Directorate to institutionalise awards of the "Staff of the Month" and "Most Improved Staff of the Month" to stimulate higher and better productivity, Mr. Ibrahim explained that the letter of commendation issued to deserving staff at the event was a great honour and recognition of their extraordinary contributions. He said that it was effected so that the beneficiaries would have to remind themselves of their positive restlessness, which, he said, would also boost their respective curriculum vitae.

The Station Manager commended the good leadership style of Mr. Akogun, who, he said, always motivates his subordinates, in words and by personal exemplary conducts, to excel in whatever they do, particularly in their services to the University.

While urging the beneficiaries of the letters of commendation to renew their commitments to the progress of the Directorate and the University at large as intended, Mr. Ibrahim charged them and others to work harder to deserve such recognition in future.

The Station Manager, who also congratulated the Head of Programme of **UNILORIN 89.3 FM**, Mr. Temitope Olawuyi, on the Merit Award presented to him by the University management during the convocation ceremonies, assured the Director of the readiness of the entire workforce of the Directorate to work and cooperate with him in order for the alluring image of the University to remain shining.

The highlight of the event was the presentation of the letter of commendation by the Director to concerned staff members.



# Prof. Karim, Dean, Faculty of Agriculture

By Abubakar Imam

**T**he Dean of the Faculty of Agriculture, Prof. Olayinka R. Karim, a distinguished Food Scientist, eminent academic and renowned administrator; was born on March 12, 1970. She hails from Ijebu-Ode, Ogun State.

Prof. Karim assumed the position as the Faculty's first female Dean of the Faculty on August 1, 2021. She is the first occupant of the strategic office from the Department of Home Economics and Food Science.

This alluring Unilorite was trained at Ansarudeen Primary School, Oliworo Quarters, Ijebu-Ode, between 1975 and 1981; and Muslim Girls High School, also in Ijebu-Ode, Ogun State, from 1981 to 1986, for her First School Leaving Certificate (FSLC) and the West African School Certificate (WASC), respectively. She was the Games/Sports Prefect during her secondary school days.

In 1987, Prof. Karim was admitted into the Federal University of Agriculture, Abeokuta, Ogun State, from where she earned B. Sc (Second Class Upper Division) degree in Food Science and Technology in 1992. She proceeded to the University of Ibadan, Oyo State, for her M. Sc degree in Food Science, which she bagged in 1995. She eventually capped her academic credentials with a Ph. D in Food Science and Technology with specialisation in Food Processing and Quality Control in 2005.

The don commenced her career as a Quality Control Supervisor at B. S. B Bakery, Akure, Ondo State, as a member of the National Youth Service Corps. She offered her mandatory national youth service at the famous bakery between 1993 and 1994. On the completion of her NYSC programme, Prof. Karim joined Glayour Bakery, Ipaja, Lagos and was its Production Supervisor from 1995 to 1998.

She joined the services of Olabisi Onabanjo University, Ago-Iwoye, Ogun State as an Assistant Lecturer at the institution's Department of Home Economics and Food Science in 1998. She progressed through the ranks and left the services of the University as a Lecturer I for the University of Ilorin, which she joined as a Senior Lecturer at the institution's Department of Home Economics and Food Science in 2008. She was deservedly promoted to the pinnacle of her teaching career as a Professor in 2014 by the authorities of the



■ **Prof. Karim**  
University of Ilorin.

This academic Amazon has served the University of Ilorin in several capacities since she became a member of its staff in 2008. She served at Departmental, Faculty, and University levels with commitment. She was the Acting Head of the Department of Home Economics and Food Science, between 2009 and 2015. She also served as a Member of the University Ceremonials Committee from 2009 to 2020. She was the General Manager of Unilorin Guest House between 2012 and 2016 and the Chairman of the Guest House from 2018 to 2020.

This brilliant academic, who also served as an adjunct lecturer at the Kwara State University, Malete, between 2015 and 2020, is a recipient of 12 research grants, which involved various sums of money and through which she has been able to provide profound solutions to challenges of food preservation and security, among other areas, which won her accolades of stakeholders.

A well published scholar, Prof. Karim has no fewer than 189 publications published in several respected local, national and international journals, books, and conference proceedings. She has also attended about twenty conferences, trainings, workshops and seminars on food production and security as well as peace-building and human capital development.

Prof Karim is a valued member of 14 national and global professional bodies. These include Institute of Food Technology (IFT), Home Economics Council of Nigeria and the Association of Women in Science, United States of America, Association of African Agricultural Professionals in the Diaspora (AAAPD) and Nigeria Women in Agricultural Research and Development (NiWARD).

The brilliance, industry, fraternity and generosity of Prof. Karim had also

earned no fewer than 20 awards and recognitions right from her school days to the present. She was the "Winner of the Best Mock Result" at the Muslim Girls High School, Ijebu-Ode in 1986 and 3rd Position in the Hajia Kose Memorial Secondary Schools Competition in Ijebu-Ode also in 1986. She also earned the "Best Sports Female Student of the Year" at the Federal University of Agriculture, Abeokuta in 1991. Prof. Karim also bagged a "Commendation Award" from NYSC Ondo State Directorate for her outstanding contributions to national development as a youth corps member in the 1992/1993 service year. She was also recognised as the "Lecturer of the Year" for the 2003/2004 academic session by the Home Economics and Hotel Management Students Association (HOMSA), College of Agricultural Science, Olabisi Onabanjo University, Yewa Campus, Ayetoro. Prof. Karim also received a "Letter of Commendation" from the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin following her fascinating membership of an "Investigative Committee into Some Unwholesome Practices Among Students" in 2010, Distinguished Service and a "Recognition Award" from **UNILORIN 89.3 FM**, the official radio station of the University of Ilorin, on the occasion of her 10th anniversary.

Despite her tight schedule as an academic and administrator, Prof. Karim has always found time to serve the nation and humanity in various other capacities beyond her calling. She was the Returning Officer in the 2019 Presidential Elections for Osi Town in Ekiti Local Government Area of Kwara State. She also served as the Collation Officer in charge of Irepodun Local Government Area of Kwara State during the last gubernatorial elections, in 2019.

Prof. Karim is a deeply religious fellow and a devout Muslim. She is currently the Amirah of Unilorin Muslim Ladies Circle. She was also the Vice-Chairman of the Tanke Branch of NASFAT between 2016 and 2020. She also served as the Children Affairs Secretary and Women Affairs Secretary of the Tanke Branch of NASFAT from 2010 to 2012 and between 2012 and 2016, respectively. This unassuming scholar also has the record of being the only staff member of the University who singlehandedly sponsored a Ramadan programme, 'Emu Sari Je', on **UNILORIN 89.3 FM**, for many years.

This exciting academic, humble scholar and enterprising administrator, is married and blessed with children who are doing very well.



**UNILORIN WEEKLY FINANCIAL DIGEST****FUND SOURCES AND UTILIZATION REPORT FROM 29<sup>TH</sup> OCT. TO 4<sup>TH</sup> NOV. 2021**

RECEIPTS:	AMOUNT
Academic Transcript	305,500.00
Boarded Property	1,000.00
Clinic Registration	4,500.00
Student I.D. Card	7,000.00
Staff I.D Card	1,000.00
Sundry & Other Student Charges	896,900.00
Sundry & Other Income	549,049.74
Contractor's Registration	20,000.00
Capitation-NHIS	4,500.00
Verification	20,000.00
Disciplinary Fines	5,000.00
REFUND	1,315,750.00
Staff Quatres Rent	64,037.86
Income from Diagnostic Centre	156,235.00
Dental Charges	117,277.50
Income from Consultancies	250,000.00
Undergraduate Convocation Charges	544,600.00
Add & Drop Payment	6,150.00
Postgraduate School Acceptance Charges	201,500.00
Postgraduate School Charges	53,664,012.50
Convocation Charges	429,000.00
General Payment	333,000.00
Postgraduate Add & Drop Payment	8,050.00
Ilorin Business School Acceptance	100,750.00
Ilorin Business School Charges	452,000.00
JUPEB Application form	377,250.00
JUPEB Acceptance	241,800.00
JUPEB School Charges	2,648,000.00
JUPEB Hostel	422,100.00
<b>Total Receipt for the Period</b>	<b>₦63,145,962.60</b>
<b>PAYMENTS</b>	
<b>PAYMENT TO CONTRACTORS/SUPPLIERS:</b>	
Seeminal Engineering Ltd Construction of Quality Surveying Deot [TETFUND]	5,544,827.78
KonstradNig Ltd Construction of Admn Block of Faculty of Environment	4,560,427.83
Hollywood Interior Deco Supply of Office Furniture Nig Ent Inverter & Air- Conditioner	3,411,190.00
GokeAdeoye Enterprises Supply of Stationeries	291,750.00
Floracion Global Associate Ltd Supply & Installation of office Furniture & Equipment	1,879,375.00
SunilarNig Ltd Construction of Community Centre	8,178,667.37
LabodArtworld International Procurement of Convocation Attires	2,365,000.00
DHL International Couriers Services	91,531.85
Habraib Global Resources Ltd Supply of Maxim Plastic Tables & Construction of Accomodation [TETFUND]	8,546,625.47
Blessing Fumigation & Pest Cleaning of College of Health Control Ventures Science Environment	393,750.00
Accurate Intercontinental Ltd Supply & Installation of Office Equipment	3,870,000.00
Total Review Concept Ltd Production of Convocation Bill Boards	1,400,000.00
Emmnock Enterprises Production of Plagues	1,782,135.00
<b>OTHER PAYMENTS</b>	
Various Various i.e. DTA, IMPREST, REFUND etc	27,831,897.41
Purchase Advance Various	6,524,247.00
Unilorin Press Printing of Stationeries	296,000.00
JUPEB Supply of Teaching Materials	615,000.00
Staff Training Learned Conference Oversea	5,762,020.00
ASUU Academic Earned Allowance	1,587,590.50
Financial Reporting Council Seminar and Conference Of Nigeria-NASE	100,000.00
Faculty/Dept Staff October 2021 Salary	9,968,800.00
Ilorin Business School October 2021 Salary	285,097.38
Institute of Education October 2021 Salary	100,000.00
Unilorin Petrol Station Supply of Fuel	1,868,252.00
NYSC Monthly Allowance for October	920,000.00
Total TSA Charges	62,884.50
<b>Total payment for the Period</b>	<b>₦98,237,069.09</b>

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



# Happy Birthday

S/N	Name	Department	Birthday
1	Popoola, Tajudeen Olalekan	Mechanical Engineering	Nov 7
2	Oyewumi, Kayode John	Physics	Nov 7
3	Nwabotu, Ifeanyi Anthony	Network Operating Centre	Nov 7
4	Innocent, Margaret	Directorate Of Corporate Affairs	Nov 7
5	Abdulwahab, Yusuf Adebayo	Registry	Nov 7
6	Ahmed-zakariyah, Rahmat Bukola	Registry	Nov 7
7	Omidiji, Olayemi Jumoke	Registry	Nov 7
8	Sanni, Raliat Kikelomo	Registry	Nov 7
9	Adebara, Alao Kehinde	Physical Planning Unit	Nov 8
10	Agboola, Segun Olatunde	Directorate Of Corporate Affairs	Nov 8
11	Biobaku, Khalid Talha	Veterinary Pharmacology & Toxicology	Nov 8
12	Yahya, Shaykh Ahmad	Religions	Nov 8
13	Salaudeen, Mashood Abiola	Security Division	Nov 8
14	Salihu, Habeeb Abdulrauf	Criminology & Security Studies	Nov 8
15	Kadiri, Adekunle	Sugar Research Institute	Nov 8
16	Bamidele, Georgina Ibukunolu	Microbiology	Nov 8
17	Afuye, Mary Bimpe	Registry	Nov 8
18	Peter-obotolu, Marvelous Tosin	Geophysics	Nov 8
19	Ibrahim, Fatima	Registry	Nov 9
20	Akinpelu, Oyelayo Emmanuel	Central Workshop:Engineering	Nov 9
21	Abdulrasaq, Risikat Jumai	Central Admin: Office	Nov 9
22	Aderigbigbe, Fasilat Yetunde	Mathematics	Nov 9
23	Omolabi, Issa	Business Administration	Nov 9
24	Afolabi, Taofeeq	Security Division	Nov 9
25	Badmus, Shuaib Olanrewaju	Veterinary Medicine	Nov 9
26	Ogundeji, Emmanuel Niya	Registry	Nov 10
27	Bakare, Bello Tajudeen	Central Admin: Office	Nov 10
28	Omotunde, Shola Janet	Registry	Nov 10
29	Abdulkareem, Nasirudeen Olatunji	Registry	Nov 10
30	Usman, Sheriff Tayo	Registry	Nov 10
31	Owa, Joke	Registry	Nov 10
32	Ajikobi, Zeenat Kehinde	Registry	Nov 10
33	Amigun, Bamidele Oyewumi	Health Services	Nov 10
34	Eniayewu, Oluwasegun Ibrahim	Pharm. & Medicinal Chemistry	Nov 10
35	Arinde, Tayo Simeon	Performing Arts	Nov 11
36	Ajayi, Omotayo	Registry	Nov 11
37	Sadiq, Abdulmumini Ozovehe	Zoology	Nov 11
38	Aremu, Olusola Isaac	Pharm. Microbiology	Nov 11
39	Omogoye, Oluwashola Abosede	Registry	Nov 11
40	Olatunji, Abdulahi Ganiyu	Sociology	Nov 11
41	Njan, Anoka Ayembe	Pharmacology & Therapeutics	Nov 11
42	Bolaji-adi, Mobisola Eniitan	Registry	Nov 11
43	Adesua, Ajoke Caroline	Physics	Nov 11
44	Woleola, Akeem Adeolu	Bursary	Nov 11
45	Agava, Halim Yusuf	Estate Management	Nov 11
46	Abubakre, Samiat Olubunmi	Ling. & Nig. Languages	Nov 11
47	Akanbi ii, Ali Ajibola	Medical Microbiology & Parasitology	Nov 12
48	Akande, Isaac Okunlola	Registry	Nov 12
49	Olayaki, Luqman Aribidesi	Physiology	Nov 12
50	Agboluaje, Yemisi Serah	Teaching & Research Farm	Nov 12
51	Onah, Christana Folasade	Registry	Nov 12
52	Olayemi, Titilayo Deborah	Registry	Nov 12
53	Surajudeen-bakinde, Nazmat Toyin	Electrical & Electronics Engineering	Nov 12
54	Oyewo, Segun Oyeleke	Performing Arts	Nov 12
55	Oyetade, Michael Oyebowale	Religions	Nov 12
56	Amosa, Rafiu Jimoh	Business Administration	Nov 12
57	Adedokun-shittu, Nafisat Afolake	Educational Technology	Nov 12
58	Bello, Abdulwahab	Registry	Nov 12
59	Babatunde, Khadijat Bukola	Centre For Counselling & Human Development	Nov 12
60	Sambo, Abdulfatai Oladapo	Public Law	Nov 13
61	Kolade, Isiaka Oyeniyi	Siwes Unit	Nov 13
62	Osagbemi, Ebunoluwa Omotayo	Registry	Nov 13
63	Agarry, Rachael Ojima	Adult & Primary Education	Nov 13
64	Shuaib, Suleiman Bature	Science Education	Nov 13
65	Ajina, Joseph Olorungbon	Works: Civil/Building	Nov 13

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



## Students charged to think outside the box

By Idayat Hassan

**T**he Executive Vice President, Technical, Toplead Consulting Limited, Mr. Kayode Oni, has admonished students to take advantage of the application of artificial intelligence and think outside the box.

Mr. Oni, an alumnus of the University of Ilorin, made this call penultimate Wednesday (October 27, 2021) while delivering a lecture entitled "Application of Artificial Intelligence in Mineral Resources" at the Department of Geology Lecture Theatre.

He enjoined the students to move towards the direction the world is going and to think about how they can commercialize their knowledge.

The renowned entrepreneur noted that "a lot of time, we have observed that people just sit down within their domain not knowing the application of

some of this latest technology in what they are doing".

Mr. Oni emphasized that lots of opportunities are open to "our young students especially in Nigeria", adding that the application of artificial intelligent knowledge is still at a low rate in Nigeria.

He added that the benefits of the lecture were to open up the students' minds to a wider aspect of their disciplines especially knowing how to navigate when it gets to raw material and also to steer up their interest in other areas in which they can try to look at their knowledge and how they "can make it" in a knowledge-driven economy.

Mr. Oni charged students, particularly those of the Department of Geology, who have passionate interests in artificial intelligence to pick up a projection for the oil industry as some of these technologies are being taken from outside

Nigeria but "if we have students who have interest in it and can do that, it will be a lot of capital flight reduction for Nigerians and boost their careers around the world".

The Guest Speaker also decried the poor relationship between the town and gown and appealed to university managements to work on it so there will be more synergy between town and gown.

In his remarks, the Dean, Faculty of Physical Sciences, University of Ilorin, Prof. Kayode Oyewumi, commended Mr. Oni for his decision to come to his alma mater to give back from the wealth of experience he has acquired.

Also speaking, the Head of the Department of Geology, University of Ilorin, Prof. Olabisi Adeleye Adekeye, applauded Mr. Oni for the lecture, which he described as "well-delivered".

## Ayoku emerges new President of Unilorin Resources Manager Cooperative

By Idayat Hassan

**T**he Chief Confidential Secretary in the Office of the Dean, Faculty of Physical Sciences, University of Ilorin, Mr. Amori Abubakar Ayoku, has emerged as the new President of Unilorin Resources Manager Cooperative Union.

Mr. Ayoku's emergence was the highlight of the elections conducted into the Executive Committee of the Society penultimate Tuesday (October 26, 2021) at Unilorin Corporative Building.

The election, which was held peacefully, also saw to the emergence of other officers who were all elected unopposed.

In his acceptance speech, Mr. Ayoku thanked members of the Union for the confidence reposed in him and his colleagues.

He assured members of the Union that he would run an open-door administration, saying, "my door will be open to all members and members should feel free to make demands as we are there



■ **Mr. Ayoku**

to serve".

The newly elected President assured all the members of the Union that "no one will be denied of his rights and privileges as far as he or she is qualified".

While promising to build on the successes of his predecessor, Mr. Ayoku appealed to members to pay back their loans as at when due to enable others to benefit.

The newly elected President also expressed his profound gratitude to the officials of the Kwara State Ministry of Commerce and Cooperatives that came to conduct the elections.

Other officers elected are Mrs. Eunice Arokoyo, Vice President; Mrs. Victoria Okunlola, Secretary; Mr. Kayode Oba, Treasurer; Mrs. Bola Olumo, Assistant Secretary; and Mrs. Hajarat Usman, Chairperson.

Others are the Chairman of the Loan Committee, Usman Isiaka; Loan Committee's Secretary, Toba Bamidele; while Mr. Adebisi Rotimi was elected as the Chairman, Supervisory Committee with Mrs. Aboyarin Ruth was elected the Supervisory Committee's Secretary and Mr. Monday Siseka as member.

## Club pledges support for Faculty of Vet Medicine

By Tolulope Jolayemi

**T**he President of the Kite Club, Offa, Dr Ibrahim Musbau Adekunle has assured the management of the Faculty of Veterinary medicine, University of Ilorin of its readiness to support the Faculty in whatever way it can.

Dr Adekunle gave the assurance penultimate Thursday (October 21, 2021) during when he led other members of the Club on a courtesy visit to the Dean of the Faculty, Prof.

Moshood Raji Moshood who is also a member of the Club.

In his response, Prof Moshood thanked the team for the recognition and for the visit while assuring the Club members of the Faculty's openness to continue to receive any support the club gives.

Also speaking on the occasion, a former Dean of the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, Prof S. F. Ambali, thanked the visiting Club members for their solidarity while encouraging them

to continue to stand for humanity.

Members of the Club that accompanied the President on the visit are the Vice President, Gaffar Dere, Muideen Olatunde, Dr Rasheed Tomori, and Barrister Bayo Lawal.

Other Faculty members that joined Prof. Raji in receiving the visitors were the Head of Radiology Department, Veterinary Teaching Hospital, Ilorin, Dr Abdulrauf Obalowo ; and Dr Adam Mohammed of the Pathology Department of the Faculty.



### 36th Convocation: VC hails Ceremonials Committee for 'making it happen'

By Mustafa Abubakar

The Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Sulyman Age AbdulKareem, has attributed the success story of the just concluded 36th Convocation Ceremonies of the University to the overwhelming selfless services of members of the Ceremonials Committee, saying that the committee members "made it happen".

Prof. AbdulKareem gave this kudos last Thursday (November 4, 2021) while addressing members of the Ceremonials Committee during its appraisal meeting held in the Main Auditorium.

Represented by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic), Prof. Sylvia O. Malomo, the Vice-Chancellor also congratulated all members of the University Community, especially the committee for the achievement recorded.

He said, "Thank you for the role placed by all of you for making it happen in spite of all the challenges", adding, "Let me thank the Chairman and the Acting Chairman, members of Unilorin community and everyone. The Unilorin management appreciates you".

The Vice-Chancellor said, "This year's Convocation was unique and everyone rose to the occasion", adding that the hybrid event was to make sure the University complied with COVID-19 protocols.

Appreciating the Convocation activities, the Vice-Chancellor's representative said, "I enjoyed the Convocation play and let me in particular appreciate The Performing Arts Department for putting up such outing. I got the message therein, that we should be careful in all we do. We must be humble, faithful and make sure we make valuable impact on people. And that, there is no gain in making people face what you cannot bear".

Prof. Malomo, who challenged



■ *The representative of the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Malomo (middle), with members of the Ceremonials Committee after the meeting last Thursday*

members of the Ceremonials Committee to do more work to have greater outing next time, called on members to respond whenever they are called upon.

She said, "Let me challenge you to do more work and hope that when you are called upon you will continue to do more and put in more to the success already recorded".

In his response, the Ag. Chairman of the Committee, Dr. A. T. Arinde, also appreciated all members for a successful outing.

Dr. Arinde said, "It will be an understatement to say that you have done very well. Thank you all. We didn't look at class or status before we worked. It was success to all. I have received several calls from people commending us for a successful outing. Thanks to the COVID-19 that challenged and brought out the ingenuity in everybody. We are indeed grateful. God will reward everybody in no limited way".

In his remarks, the Chief Security Officer of the University, Mr. Abdulwasii Oyewo, acknowledged the smooth and hutch-free security situation recorded during the

Convocation ceremonies. He expressed gratitude to everyone for making the exercise successful and problem free.

On his part, Prof. Solomon Ikibe of The Department of the Performing Art appreciated everyone that contributed to the successful staging of the convocation ceremonies, adding that the convocation play, in line with the Department's arrangement, will be restaged as soon as the students return from break with a token.

The Deputy Registrar, College of Health Sciences, Mrs. M. O. Oladosu, also congratulated members of the Committee on behalf of the Registrar, Dr. Fola M. Olowoleni, for the successful outing.

In his remarks, the representative of the Unilorin Alumni Association, Prof. Abdullateef Oladimeji, said that the ceremonies have come and gone but its memories will linger on as one of the best organised and successful Convocation Ceremonies ever held.

He said, "We are proud of what your formidable team has done and we appreciate every member of the Committee".