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## Again, UNILORIN wins CUIV debate tournament \*hauls 11 laurels

By Mustafa Abubakar



■ The UNILORIN Debating Team after the tournament



■ The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Sulyman Age Abdulkareem, Dancing in with Prof. Olabisi Olasehinde-Williams during the Thanksgiving reception for her 70th birthday and retirement from service held at the Atlantic Events Centre, Ilorin, last Saturday

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The University of Ilorin Debate Club has won the 4th edition of Covenant University Invitational Tournament (CUIV) for the second time in four years.

The event, which is one of the largest and most prestigious institutional debate tournaments organised in the country, was held at the Covenant University Hebron Campus between Monday, August 1, 2022 and Saturday, August 6, 2022).

The UNILORIN team was composed of 15 participants of six debate teams and three judges who all clinched the victory in a keen contest featuring over 50 speakers from across 14 universities.

The Unilorites spotlighted their dominance at the awards ceremony after clinching 11 different awards.

The awards won by the victorious Team UNILORIN include the Best Speaker by Idris Ibrahim, 2nd Best Speaker by Ayodele Samuel, 3rd Best Speaker by Abimbola Obayemi, 6th Best Speaker by Olafisoye Alexander, 7th Best Speaker by Oloruntoyin Muhammadbaqir, 8th Best Speaker by Muhammad Habeeb, 2nd Best New Speaker by Bada Ifeoluwa and 7th Best New Speaker by Abdul-Lateef Balikis

The Unilorites emerged victorious after seven Preliminary Rounds, three out of the six Unilorin teams advanced to the knockout phase, and teams from Obafemi Awolowo University, University of Calabar, University of Port Harcourt and Nnamdi Azikwe University, Awka, also made the Semi-Finals.

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## Insecurity: Shittu, Adimula task govt on gainful youth employment

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■ Dr. Adimula

Two senior lecturers at the Centre for Peace and Strategic Studies (CPSS), University of Ilorin, Dr. Raji Shittu and Dr. Abiola Adimula, have called for gainful engagement and employment of Nigerian youths as a panacea to the growing level of insecurity in the country.

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■ Dr. Shittu

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# Again, UNILORIN wins CUIV debate tournament

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All the three UNILORIN teams alongside a team from Nnamdi Azikwe University moved to the final stage of the competition where the UNILORIN team composed of Oloruntoyin Muhammadbaqir and Muhammad Habeeb eventually won.

Another UNILORIN team, made up

of Ayodele Samuel and Abimbola Obayemi, also picked the 1st runner-up with the last UNILORIN team in the final including Idris Ibrahim and Olafisoye Alexander.

One UNILORIN team also clinched a spot in the Novice Finals where they eventually ended up as the 2nd Runner-up in the Novice category.

This year's edition also featured a Unilorite as a member of the Core Adjudication Panel of the Tournament in the person of Davida Paul with John-Kalio Peace winning the 3rd Best Judge, Tobiloba Adebara, the 4th Best Judge and Hassan Usman, the 8th Best Judge.

## HiFL: UNILORIN WARRIORS to tackle UAM Tillers for quarterfinal slot Wednesday

By Temitope Omoniyi

The University of Ilorin football club, UNILORIN Warriors, will this Wednesday (August 17, 2022) tackle UAM Tillers of the Federal University of Agriculture, Makurdi, in a much anticipated round-of-16 second leg fixture of the Higher Institutions Football League (HiFL).

In the reverse fixture played at the Federal University of Agriculture Stadium, Makurdi, UNILORIN Warriors secured a famous away win after Mustapha Ogungbenro's 14-minute goal sealed a comfortable 1-0 victory.

A draw or an outright win in the midweek encounter will see the 'better by far' boys progress to the quarter-finals.

The match will be played at the Main Bowl of Unilorin Stadium Complex, University of Ilorin, beginning from 4.00p.m.

Speaking to UNILORIN BULLETIN ahead of the game, the Acting Director of Sport, University of

Ilorin, Dr. Tajudeen Ibraheem, expressed optimism that the Coach Isiaka Gambari-led team will make the University community proud. He further called on fans to come out in full force to support the UNILORIN Team.

In the first leg, the Goalkeeper of UNILORIN Warriors, Hanafi Moshood, won the Man of the Match award after producing brilliant saves to deny UAM Tillers an equaliser in the encounter. He was making his HiFL debut in the game.

Elsewhere, FUOYE Dazzlers of the Federal University of Oye-Ekiti will make attempt to tame EKSU Mountaineers of Ekiti State University in a tricky derby game in Ekiti after the first leg ended 1-0 in favour of EKSU.

IAUE Minders of Ignatius Ajuru University of Education will stay home in Port Harcourt to consolidate their 3-2 first-leg win over Delta Titans of Delta State University in one of the other mouth-watering ties in HiFL. KASU Crocs of Kaduna State University will



■ Goalkeeper of Unilorin Warriors, Hanafi Mashood, clutching his 'Man of the Match' award after the first-leg played in Makurdi

take a trip to North-East to dazzle ATBU Brave Hearts of Abubakar Tafawa Balewa University Bauchi. ATBU defeated KASU Crocs 2-0 in the reverse fixture.



■ Coach Isiaka Gambari during a training session with the players ahead of the game



## Olasehinde-Williams appreciates God at 70th birthday Thanksgiving Service

By Isaac Lewu

**T**he immediate past Director of the Centre for International Education (CIE), University of Ilorin, Prof. Olabisi Olasehinde-Williams, has charged Nigerians to imbibe the culture of appreciating God at all times.

Prof. Olasehinde-Williams made the call last Saturday (August 13, 2022) while speaking to UNILORIN BULLETIN on the sidelines of a Communion Service and Thanksgiving to mark her 70th birthday and retirement from service, which held at the Mount Olive Anglican Church, Pipeline Road, Ilorin.

The Professor of Education described her life as a testimony of what God alone can do.

Recalling that despite the fact that her greatest ambition while growing up was to be a Nigerian Airways hostess, she said that the fact that she is now retiring as a Professor is nothing but God's divine mercy in her life.

Prof. Olasehinde-Williams advised well wishers to always put God first in all they do because "He is the Architect of our lives and He will perfect all our plans according to His riches in glory".

She also stressed the need for hard work, which, she said, pays at the long run.

The celebrant took out time to appreciate her in-laws, who have remained solidly with her; her children, who have always been the pillar of her hope; and her siblings, for their

support, which she said, she never took for granted.

Prof. Olasehinde-Williams also expressed profound gratitude to the Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Sulyman Age Abdulkareem, and members of his management team for the privilege provided her to actualise her potentials and function effectively in the University system.

Speaking earlier at the Thanksgiving service, the Vicar of the Church, Venerable Prof. Rotimi Omotoye, stressed the need for people to always appreciate God at all time.

Prof. Omotoye advised all present to emulate the attitude of the Samaritan, who was among the 10 lepers that were healed by Jesus Christ, and came back to appreciate him for healing him from the illness, stating that the celebrant has displayed same by giving God thanks for all His mercies that have brought her thus far.

The Vicar said that the celebrant deserves accolades for her exceptional performance, which he said has reflected scholarship dignity and integrity.

In his remarks, a former Deputy Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Luke. Edungbola, who was the



**Prof. Olasehinde-Williams**

Chairman at the reception, described Prof. Olasehinde-Williams as "a versatile academic and a remarkable leader who always made herself available to the University whenever her services and input are required".

While wishing the celebrant a fruitful 70th Birthday, Prof. Edungbola encouraged her to be a beacon of hope and also be steadfast in providing mentorship for members of the younger generation for a better society.

## Insecurity: Shittu, Adimula task govt on gainful youth employment

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Dr. Adimula, who is the new Director of the Centre for Peace and Security Studies of Al-Hikmah University, Ilorin, asserted that the major way of fighting insecurity in Nigeria is to engage the youths in well-structured employment.

"There is a need to re-orientate our youths in peaceful coexistence. Peaceful coexistence is very important these days," she said.

The expert on peace and security studies, who also observed the link between insecurity and the growing unemployment of youths who could not explore their talents, reiterated that "government at all tiers must look into issues of unemployment in the country to address the insecurity menace in the country".

According to Dr. Adimula, "When you employ these youths, they will be able to use their knowledge and intellect for the

progress of the country and not otherwise.

The situation of security in the country is so bad, such that it must be looked into because of the deadly dimensions".

She added that there is a need for the youths to be productive for the country, noting that the Centre for Peace and Security Studies engaged students to learn about security matters as well as indulge in research and training, using communities for their practical aspect of studies.

On his part, Dr. Shittu said that Nigeria needs to embrace "Digital Security" in the fight against all insecurities in the country.

According to him, the method of using Analogue means of fighting insecurity is outdated, saying that the method employed all over the world is the digital security method.

He said, "Let us get advanced weaponry and technology to deal with insecurities. I think when we address it, we can de-escalate conflicts in Nigeria".

Describing the Nigerian insecurity problem as "unfortunate", Dr. Shittu pointed out that it can be surmounted "if all stakeholders can do the needful including the government to deal with the challenges of the lopsided structural composition of the society".

"The society must be structured and premised on fairness, justice and equity. In a society where these are lacking we will be festering with individuals who are frustrated and aggressive because their needs are not met", he said.

Dr. Shittu called for a balanced society where there are available opportunities for lawful engagements and employment.

He said, "If these are done, it will lower the tempo and temper of the masses. Politics is around the corner now, we have to make sure that the exercise is open, free and fair so that the temper and tempo of the political space will mellow down".

## Workshop on Artificial Intelligence research kicks off Aug. 22

By Abubakar Imam

Arrangements have been concluded by the University of Ilorin, to host a workshop on Artificial Intelligence Research and Collaboration (AIRC) next week.

This was contained in a statement signed by the Director of the Computer Services and Information Technology (COMSIT) Unit, University of Ilorin, Prof. Dupe Ademola-Popoola, who disclosed that the workshop would hold

at the institution's mini-campus between Tuesday, August 22 and Friday, August 26, 2022.

Prof. Ademola-Popoola explained that the workshop is a collaboration among a consortium of researchers at Wentworth Institute of Technology, Boston, Massachusetts, United States of America; and the University of Ilorin, adding that it is aimed at training Nigerian students, lecturers and other professionals on

the basics of AI and Machine Learning and its applications in other disciplines.

While disclosing that the initiative is supported by the Carnegie African Diaspora grant, the Professor of Ophthalmology assured intending participants that the registration for the workshop is free. She, however, added that available space is limited.

## Tiamiyu bags Chinese varsity's award of excellence

Dr. Bashir Bolaji Tiamiyu of the Department of Plant Biology has been awarded the 2022 Excellent International Graduate Award by the University of Chinese Academy of Sciences, China.

The award followed Dr. Tiamiyu's brilliant performance on the completion of his Ph.D. degree programme in Botany at the Wuhan Botanical Garden, Chinese Academy of Sciences.

The nomination for the award was based on consistent academic performance, exemplary character, and strict obedience to Chinese rules and regulations.



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## Yusuf praises MSSN's role in fighting social menace

By Mustafa Abubakar

**A** former Dean of the Postgraduate School, University of Ilorin, Prof. Badmas 'Lanre Yusuf, has praised members of the Muslim Students Society of Nigeria (MSSN) for being vanguards of modern educational pursuits aimed at shaping lives to combat the social menace that is bedevilling the country.

Prof. Yusuf stated this last Wednesday (August 10, 2022) at the inauguration of the 14-member Hosting Fathers, Elders and Mentors' Committee (HFEMC) for the 79th National Islamic Vacation Course (IVC), tagged "KWARA2022", to be hosted by the Muslim Students Society of Nigeria (MSSN), Kwara Area Unit.

The inauguration, held at the palace of the Emir of Ilorin, was witnessed by important dignitaries in the state, as well as the leadership and members of the MSSN, National Headquarters and Kwara Area Unit.

While praising Allah for His mercy, Prof. Yusuf, who is also an MSSN Board member and National Chairman of Hijrah Organization of Nigeria, congratulated everyone, especially, the Emir of Ilorin, for witnessing all the good things that are happening during his reign. He also prayed Allah to elongate the Emir's life in the service of Allah and humanity.

Prof. Yusuf described the MSSN as "youth vanguard with a line-up of programmes aimed at shaping the lives of our children to empower them to combat the social menace that is bedevilling our society.

The UNILORIN don said, "We are here today to receive the



■ Prof. Yusuf

blessings of our dear and revered father for the 79th National Islamic Vacation Course (IVC), which is slated to come up from 22nd to 28th December 2022."

He said that the IVC, a week-long programme which usually comes up in December of every year, normally attracts students from primary schools up to university levels across the country. The main activities in the camps among others include lectures, ta'alimat, classroom instructions, Da'awah outreach, visitations, interactive forum, skills acquisitions as well as the issuance of communiqué.

Prof. Yusuf added that the programme is aimed at improving Muslims' skill acquisition, creating interaction between Muslim youth and providing platform wherein Muslim youths will have access to participate in Da'wah activities and receive classroom instructions from different Muslim scholars all over the country.

According to him, "The National IVC is to be held in the two zones of the MSSN, namely the "A" zone and the "B" zone. The Muslim Students' Society of Nigeria, MSSN

"A" Zone comprising the 19 Northern States and FCT has decided to stage the 79th National Islamic Vacation Course (IVC) in Kwara State this year".

Prof. Yusuf disclosed that over 4000 participants are expected at this year's National IVC and the programme is aimed at training and inculcating the Islamic values in the Muslim students.

He said that to host the programme, a huge sum of N55,179,000 will be required, adding that "with the blessings and support of our fathers, the task is regarded as an accomplished one, Insha Allah".

Prof. Yusuf said, "This is the first of its kind to be staged in the whole of North Central Nigeria where Kwara is picked".

The don disclosed that the Sultan of Sokoto and President General of the Nigeria Supreme Council for Islamic Affairs, Alhaji Muhammad Sa'ad Abubakarr III, would be in attendance to grace the Formal Opening Ceremony.

In his remarks, the Emir of Ilorin and Chairman of the Kwara State Council of Traditional Rulers, Dr. Ibrahim Sulu- Gambari, noted that MSSN has produced people of 'timber and calibre', including royal fathers, seasoned administrators, legal luminaries, Khadis, educationists, astute politicians and captains of industries, among several others. He affirmed his membership of the Society and his full participation in the upcoming event, and support toward the drive for successful hosting.

Highlights of the event include recitation of the glorious Qur'an, the inaugural meeting of the Committee on the way forward and group photographs.