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Unilorin appoints new University Librarian, Director of Works

By Abubakar Imam

The Governing Council of the University of Ilorin has approved the appointment of Dr Kamaldeen Tunde Omo-Pupa and Engr Ramoni Kolawole Amaoo as the new University Librarian and Director of Works, respectively.

The appointments of the duo were confirmed by the institution's Director of Corporate Affairs, Mr Kunle Akogun, in a statement last Friday (August 18, 2022).

Mr Akogun explained that the development was one of the highlights of the meeting of the Governing Council of the University held last Monday (August 15, 2022) and presided over by its Chairman, Mallam Abidu Rafindadi Yazid, OON.

Dr. Omo-Pupa would be taking over as the University Librarian from Prof. Abdulwahab Olarewaju Issa, whose five-year tenure ends in October.

An Associate Professor and former Ag. Head of the Department of Library and Information Science, University of Ilorin, Dr Omo-Pupa joined the services of the University as an Assistant Lecturer in 2008.

He was born 52 years ago in Ilorin and attended the famous Government High School, Ilorin, from where he received his West African School Certificate in 1987.

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The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Sulyman Age Abdulkareem (right) during a courtesy visit to the Commander, 303 Medium Airlift Group, Nigerian Air Commodore Garba Ibrahim Gibia, on Thursday, 18th August, 2022 where the two discussed how to further fortify the security synergy existing between their organisations. The VC went on to visit in company of the University's security team

Abdulkareem assures Staff Quarters residents of continuous support

By Oluwasegun Alabi

Residents of Staff Quarters of the University of Ilorin have been assured of continuous support of the University Administration.

The Vice Chancellor of the University, Prof. Sulyman Age Abdulkareem, gave this assurance last Friday (August 19, 2022) when he received members of the Executive Committee of the GRA Quarters who

visited him in his office.

Prof. Abdulkareem thanked the residents of the quarters for their supports in making the job of management easier.

The Vice Chancellor further stated that the development of every aspect of the University is paramount and that the management is committed to it irrespective of whoever is in office as the Vice Chancellor, saying that the

University is a continuous project.

Earlier, in his remarks, the Mayor, Dr Oba La'aro, had thanked the University management for its intervention in the recent provision of potable water to the quarters. He also expressed appreciation for regular attention of the management to the residents' needs.

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3 Unilorites win Global Shapers' Climate Action grants

By Mustafa Abubakar

Three University of Ilorin Students, Akintola Akinyemi Abraham, Precious Adefemi Mary, and Oba Abdulkadir Ibrahim have won the 2022 United States of America Global Shapers' Climate Action grant.

Akintola and Precious won a prize money of \$600 while Ibrahim won the Best Solution to Solving Climate Issues Award award.

The contest was organised by the Global Shapers Community, Ilorin, a flag bearer of the World Economic Forum, a Non-governmental organisation involved in advocacy and climate education in the United States of America

The awards ceremony was held penultimate Saturday (August 6, 2022) at NOKTEL Hotel, Ilorin.

To win their prize, Akintola and Precious beat four other contestants representing Ilorin East Local Government, Kwara State

The trio represented Ilorin East Local Government Area and Ilorin West Local Government Area of Kwara State respectively to emerge victorious amidst other contestants.

To emerge the winners of the grant, Akintola a graduate of Forest Resources Management from the Faculty of Agriculture, University of Ilorin, presented alongside Precious Adefemi Mary, a final year student of the Faculty of Agriculture, University of Ilorin, a problem-solving solution on "Community Integration idea into Plastic Waste Solution; The Concrete Way Out of Plastic Pollution".

With the grant won, Akintola and Precious placed Sabo-Oke Community in Ilorin East Local Government Area, Kwara State as the target beneficiary community that Green Globe Initiative (GGI) shall be engaging, educating and empowering on plastic waste collection and recycling into zero cement

interlocking stones.

Also, Oba Abdulkadir Ibrahim of the Department of Science Education (Agricultural Education), 2016 set emerged after he authored curriculum contents on climate change and smart agricultural practices for inclusion in the Nigerian school curriculum

Ibrahim developed the contents by using the Food and Agricultural Organisation of the United Nations outlined climate-smart agricultural practices.

The curriculum content, published by the Department of Curriculum Studies, Universitas Negeri Semarang Indonesia and when pitched against other innovations from co-contestants won the best solution to solving climate issues in Ilorin West local government.



■ Cross section of participants at a workshop on Data Science organised by the Carnegie Foundation for lecturers at the Centre for Open and Distance Learning, University of Ilorin, last Tuesday

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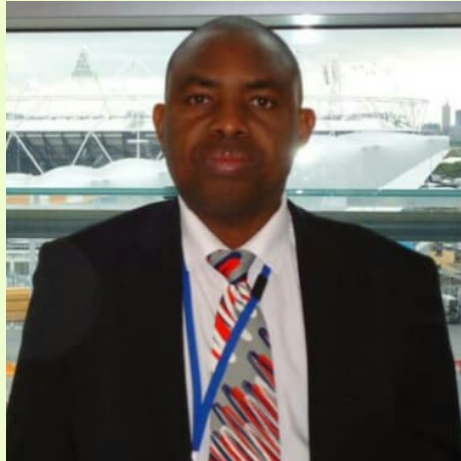
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Dr. Omo-Pupa is a product of the Bayero University, Kano, from where he earned his Bachelor's degree in Library and Information Science in 1994. For his Master degree in the same discipline, he attended the University of Ibadan and graduated in 2005. He had earlier obtained a Master in Labour and Industrial Relations from the University of Ilorin in 2000. The incoming number one Librarian of the University of Ilorin capped his academic credentials with a doctorate degree in Library and Information Science from the University of KwaZulu, Natal, South Africa in 2016.

On his part, the incoming Director of Works, Engr Amoo, is a renowned Mechanical Engineer with about four decades experience in various sectors. An indigene of Ede, Osun State, he joined the services of the University of Ilorin as a Principal Mechanical Engineer in 2011.

Born about 60 years ago, the new Director attended the famous Muslim Grammar School, Ede, from where he earned his West African School Certificate in 1981. He proceeded to The Polytechnic, Ibadan, Oyo State, for his Ordinary National Diploma (OND) in Mechanical Engineering, which he obtained in 1984.

Engr Amoo also received a Bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering from Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife in 1988. He was also educated at the University of Lagos from where he obtained his Master's



■ **Dr. Omo-Pupa**

degree in the same discipline in 2008.

This highly experienced engineer, who, prior to his new appointment, was a Deputy Director of Works, University of Ilorin, would be taking over from Engr Mudathir Abisoye, who recently retired from the services of the University.

Meanwhile, the Dean of the Faculty of Communication and Information Sciences, Prof. Lukman Adesina Azeez; and a former Dean, Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, Prof. Suleiman Funsho Ambali, have commended the appointment of Dr Omo-Pupa as the new University Librarian. The two scholars described the new University Librarian as a highly knowledgeable, versatile and hardworking scholar and professional librarian whose tenure would witness remarkable transformations in the realm of library services at the nation's most-



■ **Engr. Amoo**

sought after University.

Commenting on the appointment of Mr Amoo, the Station Manager, UNILORIN 89.3 FM, Mr Idris Akintola Ibrahim (Alooma) described the appointment of the new Director of Works as a phenomenal development, which would have positive impacts on the University's maintenance services. The celebrated broadcaster added that all those who had interacted with Mr Amoo in one way or the other would agree with him that the incoming Director possesses the knowledge, practical exposure and temperaments required to succeed in the new office.

Similarly, a staff of the Quantity Surveying Unit of the University's Works Department, Mr Ahmed Yakub, also saluted the University management for picking a remarkable professional in the mould of Mr Amoo as the institution's Director of Works.

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Dr. La'aro, who is a Senior Lecturer in the Department of Mass Communication, however, on behalf of the residents of the quarters, requested further help in fixing some of the roofs that were recently blown off, road reconstruction and the

resuscitation of the gym.

Other members of the newly elected executive members on the visit to the Vice Chancellor were Dr. A.O. Fahm, Deputy Mayor; Dr N.S. Njinga, Treasurer; and Mr R. A. Olaitan, Welfare Officer.

Also on the delegation were John Aiyedun, Secretary; Mrs Yemisi Ajayi, Assistant Secretary; Taofiq Ojuade, Auditor; Dr Habib Ajimokotan, Ex-Officio and Dr S.O.O. Shuaib, Ex-Officio.

Encomiums, as Adesiyun is buried

By Olusegun Mokuolu

The remains of the former Director of Physical Planning, University of Ilorin, late Engr. Ademola Adesiyun, were committed to mother earth in Offa last Saturday (August 19, 2022).

The late Engr. Adesiyun died in Lagos on July 20, 2022 at the age of 69 years.

In his tribute to the deceased, the Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Sulyman Age Abdulkareem, described the late Engr Adesiyun as a professional Engineer that embodied hard work, service excellence and integrity, attributes that marked him out throughout his long tenure as the University's Director of Physical Planning.

Also, at a special tribute session held via zoom and organised by Tunde And Friends Foundation, a non-governmental organisation chaired by Engr. Adesiyun until his death, a former Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin and Registrar of the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB), Prof. Ishaq Oloyede, was full of praise for the late Engr Ademola Adesiyun at the global night of tributes organised in memory of the former Director of the Physical Planning Unit, University of Ilorin.

Describing the deceased as a man who was contented to a fault, Prof. Oloyede said that he had confidence in Engr. Adesiyun, while he was the Vice-Chancellor. He added that he was an honest and competent man of honour.

"I regret that I didn't get to tell him while he was alive the respect I have for him and how highly I regarded his person and work. He was indeed a true Christian," the JAMB Registrar said.

He said that the University, the country, the Christian community and the entire world have lost a gem of incalculable value.

In his tribute, Prof. Ademola Popoola, who is also a member of the Board of the Tunde And Friends



■ *The late Engr. Adesiyun*

Foundation, submitted that Engr Adesiyun gave exceptional leadership, seasoned with forthrightness, insightfulness, compassion, love, generosity, and faith.

Prof. Popoola also said that the late Adesiyun related excellently well with those who were younger and those who were older than him.

The don said, "He served the Chapel of the Light at the University of Ilorin with his professional and spiritual callings, all for free. During the extension works at the Main Campus Chapel he was always available to guide in the big project with a novice, a medical doctor, as the building committee chairman. He helped the Chapel source professionals who helped with the project."

Another former Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Shamsudeen Amali, noted that his memory of Engr Adesiyun is a thorough professional that related well with everyone.

Prof. Amali expressed his gratitude to God for the time he worked with Engr Adesiyun, and prayed to God to comfort his family and the entire University community.

A former Provost of the College of

Health Sciences, University of Ilorin, Prof. W. R. Johnson, in his tribute, opined that the workforce of the University of Ilorin has lost an astute and devoted retired professional engineer, who was not only honest to a fault but unarguably a highly principled gentleman.

Prof. Johnson recalled, "During that difficult phase of moving our Faculty of Clinical Sciences/College of Health Sciences (including the students' hostel facilities), from the mini-campus to the University of Ilorin Teaching Hospital location, he was uncompromising on standards, sometimes even in situations when the overall accounting officer wanted some functional facilities at the cheapest costs."

The former Provost prayed to the Almighty God to grant the entire Adesiyun extended family, the nuclear family of Engr. Ademola Adesiyun, as well as his close associates and mentees, the fortitude to bear the loss of a beloved gentleman and a devoted family man.

The late Engr Adesiyun was born in Lagos on October 16, 1952 into the family of Hon. Justice James Moradeyo and Chief Mrs Felicia Adeola Adesiyun of the famous Ile Olomi, Offa, Kwara State.

After his foreign studies, he returned to Nigeria in 1977 to start his career as an Engineer with the Department of Works, University of Ilorin. He rose through the ranks to become the Director of the Physical Planning Unit of the University. He died on Friday July 20, 2022 and buried in Offa, on August 19, 2022.

On Thursday August 18, 2022, a commendation service was held in his honour at the United Missionary Church of Africa Chapel, Tanke, Ilorin, which was attended by family members, friends, and colleagues.



Happy Birthday

| S/N | Name | Department | Birthday |
|-----|-----------------------------------|---|----------|
| 1 | Sonde Olalekan Hakeem | Bursary | Aug 21 |
| 2 | Joel Kerimu Ikazuwagbe | Human Kinetics & Health Edu. | Aug 21 |
| 3 | Daniel Mary Taiye | Religions | Aug 21 |
| 4 | Ahmed Ajarat Abiola | Chemistry | Aug 21 |
| 5 | Ogunsakin Joy Bolanle | Mass Communication | Aug 21 |
| 6 | Akanbi Mohammed Jimoh | Bursary | Aug 21 |
| 7 | Oyenibi Festus Olusegun | Bursary | Aug 21 |
| 8 | Isiaka Afusat | Security Division | Aug 21 |
| 9 | Fatoyinbo Rufus Dayo | Library | Aug 21 |
| 10 | Akorede Mudathir Funsho | Electrical & Electronics Engineering | Aug 21 |
| 11 | Jimoh Rasheed Gbenga | Computer Science | Aug 21 |
| 12 | Olatunde Olusegun Akintunde | Veterinary Theriogenology & Production | Aug 21 |
| 13 | Jaji-Sulaimon Rukayat | Anatomy | Aug 21 |
| 14 | Olagunju Olufunmilayo Peju | Health Services | Aug 21 |
| 15 | Usman Abdulkadir Bolaji | Geography & Environmental Management | Aug 22 |
| 16 | Musa Abdulrasak Kannike | Crop Protection | Aug 22 |
| 17 | Olawole-Bello Ebinoluwa Funmilola | Physiology | Aug 22 |
| 18 | Akanni Jimoh | Electrical & Electronics Engineering | Aug 22 |
| 19 | Usman Abdulfatai Abolaji | Registry | Aug 22 |
| 20 | Adeyanju Grace Olayinka | Home Economics & Food Science | Aug 22 |
| 21 | Awotunde Taiye Adewale | Political Science | Aug 22 |
| 22 | Ibrahim Muritala Mohammed | Bursary | Aug 22 |
| 23 | Abdulganiyu Abdullahi Shola | Works: Works/Maintenance Office | Aug 22 |
| 24 | Yusuf Abdulkadir Olalekan | Library | Aug 22 |
| 25 | Afolabi Alaba Olasunkanmi | Security Division | Aug 23 |
| 26 | Ajibola Moses Ayaniyi | Works: Mechanical | Aug 23 |
| 27 | Thomas Shola Titilayo | Health Services | Aug 23 |
| 28 | Arinde-Simeon Titilayo Olamide | Social Work | Aug 23 |
| 29 | Nnaji Charles Ikechukwu | Ling. & Nig. Languages | Aug 23 |
| 30 | Balarabe Sadiq Bashir | Registry | Aug 23 |
| 31 | Martins Racheal Omatayo | Registry | Aug 23 |
| 32 | Olawale Yinusa Alabi | Business Administration | Aug 23 |
| 33 | Jegede Iyabo Moinsola | Registry | Aug 23 |
| 34 | Ayoade Oluwadamilola Olajumoke | Microbiology | Aug 23 |
| 35 | Omolabi Olugbenga Akindele | Zoology | Aug 23 |
| 36 | Kolade Esther Iyabo | Registry | Aug 23 |
| 37 | Ogunlela Ayodele Olanrewaju | Agricultural & Biosystem Engineering | Aug 24 |
| 38 | Adesina Olabisi Fadeke | Library | Aug 24 |
| 39 | Muktair Mubo Bolaji | Security Division | Aug 24 |
| 40 | Muhammed Sulaiman | Registry | Aug 24 |
| 41 | Nasir Abdulrasheed Adegoke | Surgery | Aug 24 |
| 42 | Sa'ad Bashirat Abdulkareem | Veterinary Microbiology | Aug 24 |
| 43 | Lawal Tunji Abubakar | Works: Works/Maintenance Office | Aug 24 |
| 44 | Tajudeen Ahmed | Registry | Aug 24 |
| 45 | Udende Patrick | Mass Communication | Aug 25 |
| 46 | Titiloye Emmanuel Oloruntimi | Mathematics | Aug 25 |
| 47 | Ajijola Isa Olanrewaju | Registry | Aug 25 |
| 48 | Kilishi Abdulhakeem Abdullahi | Economics | Aug 25 |
| 49 | Abolarin Afusat Tayo | Bursary | Aug 25 |
| 50 | Olawepo Ayokunle | Anatomy | Aug 25 |
| 51 | Ige Simon Olatunji | Physics | Aug 25 |
| 52 | Akinsola Elizabeth Oluwatosin | Unilorin Staff School | Aug 26 |
| 53 | Ikibe Solomon Oziakpono | Performing Arts | Aug 26 |
| 54 | Adewoye Adegboyega Ayodele | Registry | Aug 26 |
| 55 | Oloyede Muyideen Olayinka | Training Research & Development | Aug 26 |
| 56 | Ologe Mary Olufunmilayo | Pharmacology & Therapeutics | Aug 26 |
| 57 | Uthman Sidikat Titilope Salman | Registry | Aug 26 |
| 58 | Abubakar Shehu Ahmad-Tijani | Private & Property Law | Aug 26 |
| 59 | Mustapha Kabiru Kayode | Biochemistry | Aug 26 |
| 60 | Bello Maryam Avamiku | Registry | Aug 26 |
| 61 | Anjorin Adenike Tumininu | Library | Aug 26 |
| 62 | Musa Rabi | Veterinary Parasitology & Entomology | Aug 27 |
| 63 | Olofintoye Oluwatosin Onaopemipo | Water Resources & Environmental Engineering | Aug 27 |
| 64 | Abdulrazaq Fatimoh Funsho | Private & Property Law | Aug 27 |
| 65 | Dunmade Aderinola Ololade | Computer Base Test | Aug 27 |
| 66 | Oguntoyinbo Adewale Erinoluwa | Radiology | Aug 27 |
| 67 | Peter Cordelia Ngozi | Mechanical Engineering | Aug 27 |
| 68 | Afeni Ayoola Festus | Registry | Aug 27 |
| 69 | Koledade Olufunke Oluremi | Registry | Aug 27 |
| 70 | Ige Olufemi Adebayo | Anaesthesia | Aug 27 |
| 71 | Abdulsalam Abubakar Kolapo | Internal Audit Unit | Aug 27 |
| 72 | Musa Salihu Aremu | Central Workshop:Engineering | Aug 27 |
| 73 | Issa Baba | Works: Works/Maintenance Office | Aug 27 |
| 74 | Lawal Musibau Adebayo | Arts Education | Aug 27 |
| 75 | Abdullah Sulaiman Adewumi | Industrial Relations & Personnel Management | Aug 27 |

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

COMSIT Director seeks closer ties with Wentworth US Institute

By Abubakar Imam

The Director, Computer Services and Information Technology (COMSIT), University of Ilorin, Prof. Dupe Ademola-Popoola, has called for stronger collaborations between the University and Wentworth Institute of Technology (WIT), Boston, Massachusetts, USA, for students and staff of the two institutions to be exposed to apparent diversities.

Prof. Ademola-Popoola made the call last Tuesday (August 16, 2022) while flagging off the Open House For Nigeria organised under the auspices of Carnegie Foundation to expose participants to opportunities available in the field of Data Science held at the Centre for Distance and Open Learning, Mini-Campus, University of Ilorin.

The Director, said that it was very important to encourage such collaborations among institutions of higher learning in order for students to benefit from the comparative advantages obtainable from those institutions.

She commended the Wentworth Institute of Technology for choosing to collaborate with the University of Ilorin, saying that the programme would go a long way in exposing participants to the latest in the field of information technology and allied matters.

The Director, who is a Professor of Ophthalmology, also called for the running of joint courses between the University of Ilorin and Wentworth Institute of Technology, saying that such an arrangement would enhance knowledge transfer and promote the growth of the two institutions and offer abiding benefits to their staff and students.

In her own remarks, the



■ *L-R: Prof. Suresh-Menon, Prof. Ademola-Popoola, and Dr. Folajimi at the Workshop last Tuesday*

facilitator of the programme, Dr. Yetunde Folajimi of the Wentworth Institute of Technology, said that the programme was organised to serve as a way of giving back to Nigeria and particularly the University of Ilorin and its immediate environment.

She stressed the need to bridge interactions amongst members of the global community, explaining that the increasing diversities needed to be bridged.

Dr. Folajimi, who is an Associate Professor at the School of Computing and Data Science at Wentworth Institute of Technology, added that everything worth doing should be done to ensure that members of the younger generations should not lose what she and her contemporaries lost while growing up in the country as a result of its peculiar disadvantages, particularly infrastructures, which hindered information flow on the opportunities available elsewhere.

She suggested the possibility of banks and other financial institutions making money available for students to pursue learning with an agreement that the students upon graduation would work either for such institutions or elsewhere for them to repay the

facilities extended to them as done in advanced countries.

Dr. Folajimi added that such a programme would give more opportunities for indigent but brilliant students to get educated with little or no stress as it would also reduce the number of youths that would be lured into armed robbery, banditry, prostitution and other anti-social vices threatening the stability and survival of the nation.

In her presentation, the Dean, School of Computing and Data Science, Wentworth Institute of Technology, Prof. Durga Suresh-Menon, described her institution as a friendly one that is willing to provide training for students from all over the world.

Prof. Suresh-Menon, an Indian-American, described Nigeria as a great country with a lot of potentials to be among the leading nations in the world. She added that the current challenges facing the country were not unusual as every nation at one point or the other passed through similar routes.

She canvassed the prioritisation of interest in Data Science as she said that the field would make those who specialise in it ready jobs, saying that her institution prepares graduates career ready.