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## Unilorin releases VC's exit, hand-over programme

### \* Book presentation, major highlight

As the five-year tenure of the 10<sup>th</sup> Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Sulyman Age Abdulkareem, comes to an end this Saturday (October 15, 2022), the University has released a programme for his exit and symbolic hand-over to his successor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN.

The Registrar, Dr Fola M. Olowoleni told *UNILORIN BULLETIN* last Thursday (October 6, 2022) that the one-day programme will hold on Friday (October 14, 2022) at the University Auditorium beginning from 9.00a.m to be followed by a Special Jumaat service at the

UNILORIN Central Mosque at 1:30p.m.

The occasion is expected to be graced by members of the University community including Principal Officers, Provost, Deans, Directors, Heads of Departments, Vice Chancellors of sister universities, as well as other friends and well wishers of the University, including traditional rulers, religious leaders, captains of industry and leading professionals.

A major highlight of the event is the public presentation of a documentary book, chronicling the achievements of Prof. Abdulkareem during his five-year tenure.

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Prof. Abdulkareem



Prof. Egbewole

## Abdulkareem, Egbewole hail Oloyede on CON award

By Abubakar Imam



Prof Oloyede

As President Muhammadu Buhari confers the prestigious national honour of the Commander of the Order of the Niger (CON) on the 8th Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof Is'haq Olanrewaju Oloyede, OFR, in Abuja tomorrow (Tuesday, October 11, 2022), the Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof Sulyman Age Abdulkareem, has congratulated one of his illustrious predecessors on this well-deserved recognition of his contributions to nation-building.

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## Abdulkareem to UNILORIN students: You are my greatest source of joy

### \* Commissions Students' Union's lockup shops project

By Mustafa Abubakar



The outgoing Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Sulyman Age Abdulkareem, has said that the greatest joy he has ever experienced in the University was being with the students.

Prof. Abdulkareem

disclosed this last Friday (October 7, 2022) while commissioning the 10-lockup shops built by the 34th Students' Union Executive of the University led by Comrade Waliyu Taofik (OMOLUABI).

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## African Lawyers' body congratulates Egbewole

The African Network of Constitutional Lawyers (ANCL) has congratulated Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, on his appointment as Vice Chancellor, University of Ilorin.

A letter to the Vice Chancellor-designate by ANCL President, Dr Elvis Fokala, said that the appointment gives the continental constitutional lawyers' body "great reason to find ways to pilot a collaborative initiative in Ilorin in the future."

The letter, a copy of which was sighted by **UNILORIN BULLETIN** last Monday (October 3, 2022), read in full, "The African Network of Constitutional Lawyers (ANCL) is pleased to hear of your appointment to the office of the Vice Chancellor, University of Ilorin. On

behalf of the executive committee, I extend our congratulations on the well-deserved appointment.

"Certainly, your willingness to volunteer your time and effort, your excellent track record as a member of academic bodies within and outside Nigeria and the legal field, has contributed to your being selected for this all-important position.

"Your presence and that of Dr. Onuora-Oguno, and others in that great university, gives the ANCL great reason to find ways to pilot a collaborative initiative in Ilorin in the future. You have and continue to be an asset to the ANCL and, an inspiration to many of us.

"Thank you! I am pleased to inform you, most of the initiatives we agreed to, as members of the ANCL, during

our conference in Gaborone (Botswana) in 2018, are steadily being implemented. We just returned from Windhoek, Namibia, and will be announcing our next moves and projects, gradually until we meet again at the next ANCL conference in 2024.

"As you are already familiar with the operations of the ANCL, we are committed to supporting our members in various capacities to ensure they excel in all given assignments. Please do not hesitate to reach out to us through your staff, Dr. Azubuike Onuora-Oguno, our Vice President, West Africa, for any of the initiatives that we can explore to sustain the efficient culture of our society and your work ethics.

"We wish you the best in this term of office."

## Ex-UNILORIN VC, AbdulRaheem tasks Egbewole on service delivery

By Abubakar Imam

A former Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Shuaibu Oba AbdulRaheem, OFR, NOPM, has advised the institution's Vice Chancellor-designate, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, to ensure that his administration effectively utilises the human and material resources at the disposal of the University towards deepening the service delivery capacities of the nation's most sought-after ivory tower.

Prof. AbdulRaheem gave the advice last Monday (October 3, 2022) while welcoming the incoming Vice Chancellor of the University to his Adewole Residence in Ilorin, during a courtesy visit.

The former Vice Chancellor, who is also the Talba of Ilorin, admonished the Vice Chancellor-designate to ensure that every effort is made towards sustaining the positive image of the University not just in the media but also within the comity of universities in the country.

Prof. AbdulRaheem, who administered the University between 1997 and 2002 and during whose tenure the University acquired the slogan of "better by far", also advised Prof. Egbewole to ensure that everybody and all segments of the internal and external publics of the institution are carried along in his administration for it to meet the yearnings of all the stakeholders.

The retired Professor of English, who was also the founding Pro-Chancellor and Chairman of the Governing Council of the Kwara State University, Maleté, noted that any form of discrimination perpetrated in the steering of the ship of the University would be a disservice to the vision of the



The former Vice Chancellor, Prof. AbdulRaheem (3rd left), with the Vice Chancellor-designate, Prof. Egbewole, and other members of the delegation during the visit

University's founding fathers and its alluring future.

Prof. AbdulRaheem, who was also the Executive Chairman of the Federal Character Commission (FCC), thanked Prof. Egbewole for finding time out of his tight schedule to visit him, a honour, which he said was truly appreciated.

Earlier in his remarks, the Vice Chancellor-designate acknowledged the enormous sacrifices and contributions of Prof. AbdulRaheem to the evolution of the University as one of the most celebrated institutions of higher learning in Nigeria.

Prof. Egbewole recalled that it was during the tenure of Prof. AbdulRaheem that he joined the services of the University of Ilorin as he described the former Vice Chancellor as a highly detribalised gentleman and a scholar and an administrator with proven records of intellect, sagacity, bravery and competence.

The foremost legal luminary also thanked Prof. AbdulRaheem for his fatherly

roles in the affairs of the University and generations of staff and students of the University as he said that his advice would always be valued.

Prof. Egbewole assured Prof. AbdulRaheem of his readiness to swiftly hit the ground running for the betterment of the University as he assured his host of keeping to his advice and encouragement at all times.

The Vice Chancellor-designate was accompanied on the visit by the immediate past Chairman of the University of Ilorin's Chapter of the Academic Staff Union of Universities (ASUU), Prof. Usman Adebimpe Raheem; another former ASUU Chairman and former Dean of the Faculty of Arts, Prof AbdulRasheed Adeoye; the immediate past Dean of the Faculty of Communication and Information Sciences, Prof. Rasheed Jimoh; and the immediate past Sub-Dean, Student Affairs, Dr Alex Akanmu, among others.



## Unilorin releases VC's exit, hand-over programme

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Entitled 'PROF. ABDULKAREEM: Footprints of a Giant (VC, UNILORIN 2017 – 2022)', the book is authored by the Director of Corporate Affairs, Mr Kunle Akogun, with contributions from Principal Officers, Deans, Directors and other top officials of the University who either work closely with the outgoing Vice Chancellor or whose various offices are directly impacted by Prof. Abdulkareem's policies. The book, which is edited by a renowned Professor of English Stylistics and Semiotics, Victoria A. Alabi, is the second in the "UNILORIN LEADERSHIP SERIES"

Already, the Publisher/Editor-in-Chief of Nigeria's leading investigative news platform, *Premium Times*, Mr Dapo Olorunyomi, has agreed to be the Book Reviewer on the occasion.

The multiple award-winning



■ Mr Olorunyomi

veteran journalist was the winner of several awards, including the 1995 International Editor of the Year Award of the World Press

Review; the 1996 PEN Center (West) Freedom to Write Award; and the 1996 Press Freedom Award of the National Association of Black Journalists (NABJ), New York.

In 2017, the Nigeria Union of Journalists (NUJ) awarded him its Press Freedom award; that same year, the Nigeria Institute of Journalists (NIJ), conferred him a fellowship award; and the Diamond Awards for Media Excellence, (DAME), announced him as recipient of its Lifetime Award. The Committee to Protect Journalists (CPJ) has also announced him co-recipient of its 2020 International Human Rights Award.

Mr Olorunyomi is currently on the board of the African regional fact checking organisation, AfricaCheck, of the International Consortium of Investigative Journalists (ICIJ), of the Panos Institute for West Africa (PIWA).

## Abdulkareem, Egbewole hail Oloyede on CON award

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Prof. Oloyede, who presided over the affairs of the University of Ilorin between 2007 and 2012, is one of the over 400 citizens and friends of Nigeria to receive one national honour or the other in appreciation of their exemplary patriotism, service excellence and outstanding contributions to nation-building.

The award, which would be the third to be bestowed on Prof. Oloyede by the Federal Government in the last one decade, has continued to elicit positive comments from stakeholders from far and near who all described it as well deserving and a reward for consistent display of diligence and integrity.

In his reaction, the outgoing Vice Chancellor, congratulated Prof. Oloyede for not just bagging another prestigious national award but for being acknowledged as a worthy citizen and one of those who are showing remarkable resilience towards national rebirth.

Prof. Abdulkareem, whose congratulatory message was signed by the institution's Director of Corporate Affairs, Mr

Kunle Akogun, explained that the honour "is another befitting reward for service excellence, dogged commitment to set goals, undiluted integrity, and single-minded exhibition of leadership-by-example".

The award-winning Professor of Chemical Engineering likened the honour to that of "a Prophet being recognised and honoured at home and by his appreciative nation", which he said, is not common.

Speaking on the personality of Prof. Oloyede, Prof. Abdulkareem described the JAMB's helmsman as a man of exceptional courage, profound talent, deep intellect and monumental accomplishments, who always delivered on the mandates placed on his shoulders.

In his reaction, the Vice Chancellor- designate of the University, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN; congratulated Prof. Oloyede for bagging the nation's fourth highest national honour in addition to the previous Officer of the Order of the Federal Republic (OFR) that was granted him by the administration of President Goodluck Ebele Jonathan as well

as the National Productivity Merit Award conferred on him in 2020.

The erudite Professor of Jurisprudence and International Law described Prof. Oloyede as an exemplary predecessor and a man who truly imbibed the philosophy of his alma mater. He added that Prof. Oloyede had proven to be a man who is always committed to intellectualism, professionalism and excellence.

Prof. Egbewole said that Prof. Oloyede is undoubtedly a great product of the University and one of its most accomplished and arguably the most decorated alumnus of the institution, so far.

While eulogising Prof. Oloyede for always flying the flag of the University of Ilorin higher in every situation and position he finds himself, the incoming Vice Chancellor urged the Professor of Islamic Jurisprudence to remain a worthy example to the present and future generations of staff and students of the University he contributed in no small way in building to become the nation's most-sought after.

### REGISTRY UNIT

### Directorate of Human Resources Information to the University Community

It has been observed that some staff embark on Leave or absent themselves from duty without due permission of the authorities, in breach of the relevant extant regulations of the University.

Therefore, any staff with any cause to be absent from work or embark on any form of leave, be it Annual, part-time programme or any type of exit should ensure that such request is channeled through the Head to the Registrar for approval.

It should be noted that necessary sanctions attached to non-compliance with the provisional regulations for such acts will be applied appropriately.

Signed

T.A. Bamigboye

Deputy Registrar, Human Resources (Acad)

## Emir of Ilorin welcomes Egbewole's appointment

By Abubakar Imam

**T**he Emir of Ilorin and Chairman, Kwara State Council of Chiefs, Alhaji (Dr) Ibrahim Sulu-Gambari, CFR, has welcomed the appointment of Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, as the Vice Chancellor-designate of the University of Ilorin.

Alhaji Sulu-Gambari declared this last Tuesday (October 4, 2022) while welcoming Prof. Egbewole, who paid him a courtesy visit at his ancient palace in Ilorin.

The Emir, who is also the Chancellor of the Federal University of Agriculture, Makurdi, said that though his wish and that of his subjects was to have an indigene of Ilorin picked as the next Vice Chancellor of the institution, the appointment of Prof. Egbewole by the authorities of the University has become a fait accompli.

Alhaji Sulu-Gambari explained that upon the announcement of the Professor of Jurisprudence and International Law by the late Pro-Chancellor and Chairman of the institution's Governing Council, Mallam Abidu Rafindadi Yazid, OON, he and his people have accepted the appointment.

He added that he was happy that Prof. Egbewole, having been a resident of Ilorin and worked at the University, has become a member of the Ilorin community who should have imbibed the developmental needs of the University and the aspirations of members of the institution's host community.



**■ The Emir (middle) flanked by the Vice Chancellor-designate, Prof. Egbewole (2nd right), Mallam Olaolu Ali (2nd left), and other members of the entourage during the visit**

The monarch added that it has, therefore, become important for stakeholders of the University to support the new Vice Chancellor to enable him succeed in the interest of the progress and stability of the institution.

Alhaji Sulu-Gambari pointed out that whoever rejoiced over the progress of another person would surely have others celebrate his own successes sooner or later as he urged all the staff and students of the University to cooperate fully with Prof. Egbewole.

Earlier in his remarks, the Vice Chancellor-designate said that he was at the palace to formally introduce himself to the first class traditional ruler, who he called "the landlord" of the University.

Prof. Egbewole explained that it was incontrovertible that the abiding peace and progress recorded by the University since its establishment about 47 years ago could be directly or indirectly attributed to the

consistently prevailing peace and tranquility in the host community headed by the Emir.

While assuring the Emir and his people that his administration would work towards deepening the fruitful symbiotic relationship between the University and Ilorin Emirate, Prof. Egbewole appealed to the Emir to continue to support and pray for the University of Ilorin and his administration for the institution to consistently attain its corporate objectives.

Prof. Egbewole was accompanied on the visit by a friend of the University who doubles as the Pro-Chancellor and Chairman of the Governing Council of the Osun State University, Osogbo, Mallam Yusuf Olaolu Ali, SAN; and two prominent Ilorin-based legal luminaries, Alhaji Adebayo Oba Adelodun, SAN; and Alhaji Kehinde Kolawole Eleja, SAN as well as the Proprietor of the IQRA Group of Schools, Ilorin, Mr Aliyu Alabi Badmus, among others.

## Abdulkareem to UNILORIN students: You are my greatest source of joy

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The outgoing Vice Chancellor said, "You students have been the greatest joy I have experienced in this University. The fact that I have the opportunity of people mentoring and taking care of me gave me joy when I have the opportunity in 2010 to work with Students. You are the greatest joy of the Campus and each one of the leaders that I worked with gave me useful information, workable ones that will bring solutions for the University".

Prof. Abdulkareem urged the student leaders to sit down and bring about solutions to some of the students' challenges by leaving a meaningful legacy behind just like the "Special Project" commissioned, stressing that he thanked God that the students listened to the Student Affairs Units on what they do.

He, however, urged them to relate

more with the Dean, Student Affairs, adding that they should also make sure that students form their uppermost priority.

He prayed that as Comrade Waliyu Taofik-led executive is leaving behind the "Special Project", God and the students that will be benefitting from it will continue to remind and pray for them.

In his address, the Dean of Student Affairs, Prof. M. T. Yakubu, said that the project is unique, taking the history back to 2010 when he was Sub-Dean, Students, adding that "this is a capital project".

Prof. Yakubu commended the input of the immediate past Sub-Dean, Dr Alex Akanmu, saying that "this is just the beginning. I know that in a few months' time, more will be coming up.

The Dean also appreciated the outgoing Vice Chancellor, whom he said has

been very supportive of the cause of the Unit and the students in general

Earlier, in his remarks, the Students' Union President, Waliyu Taofik, said that the fact that the lock-up shops project was completed in less than six months is about people's focus which is his administration's mantra. He added that it is also tailored towards students entrepreneur and creating a head-room for the Students Union to thrive.

Comrade Taofik said, "I researched across campuses and shows that students unions no longer depend on the union dues but projects like this which enable us to think outside the box to generate internally generated revenue for the students".

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## I'll have just a friend as UNILORIN VC --Egbewole

By Abubakar Imam

The Vice Chancellor-designate of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has declared that he was determined, more than ever before, to make friends with only individuals and groups who see the University as a friend.

Prof. Egbewole made this declaration last Tuesday (October 4, 2022) during an interactive session with a cross section of the institution's stakeholders in Ilorin.

The Vice Chancellor-designate said that he was convinced that one of the surest ways by which the corporate objectives of the University can be consistently achieved and improved upon is for him and those that would work with him to fraternise with those who see and relate with the University as a friend.

Notwithstanding, the learned Senior Advocate of Nigeria promised that as the Chief Executive of the nation's most sought-after University, he would always be just and fair to all manners of people in the discharge of his responsibilities.

Prof. Egbewole also assured his audience that his administration would always be modest and fair-minded to both the internal and external publics of the University, adding that he would, on no condition, do anything against the institution's rules and regulations.

The renowned legal luminary explained that he had taken note of the varieties of concerns expressed by stakeholders on how they wanted the institution to be better managed for it to



■ Prof. Egbewole

remain the toast of parents and students as well as the nation at large.

He added that he had seen studying all the proposals of friends and well-wishers as well as the criticisms of others since he was announced as the Vice Chancellor-designate of the University. He promised not to disappoint staff, students and friends of the University, including its host community.

While saying that all of those who aspired for the position of Vice Chancellor of the University along with him were eminently qualified, Prof. Egbewole explained that as a Muslim, he believed that his appointment was not just because he was found to be the best of all the 29 candidates that applied for the position but because Allah wanted it to be so.

While promising to always carry everybody along, the Professor of Jurisprudence and International Law urged members of the University community and

other stakeholders to support him with constructive advice and prayers, saying that he was determined to make every stakeholder of the University to be proud of him and his administration.

The event was attended by a cross section of members of the University community including the Chief Imam of the University of Ilorin Central Mosque, Prof. Nasir AbdusSalam; the immediate past Chairman of the institution's Chapter of the Academic Staff Union of Universities (ASUU), Prof. Usman Adebimpe Raheem; a former Dean of the Faculty of Arts, Prof. AbdulRasheed Adeoye; the immediate past Dean of the Faculty of Communication and Information Sciences, Prof. Rasheed Jimoh; a former Dean of the Faculty of Law, Prof. Ibrahim Kayode Adam; the Head of the Department of Religions, Prof. Abubakar Aliagan and the Director, Corporate Affairs, University of Ilorin, Mr Kunle Akogun.

Also in attendance were the Proprietor of the IQRA Group of Schools, Ilorin, Mr Aliyu Alabi Badmus; a Senior Advocate of Nigeria, Mr. Kehinde Kolawole Eleja; Prof. Nimah Dupe AbdulRaheem and Prof. Ibrahim Imam, both of the Faculty of Law, University of Ilorin, and Dr. Alex Akanmu, who is the immediate past Sub-Dean, Students Affairs as well as the Station Manager, UNILORIN 89.3 FM, Mr Idris Akintola Ibrahim (Alooma). Others were Prof. Fatoba, Prof. Medinat A. Abdulreheem of the Department of Chemistry; and a former Head of the Department of Mass Communication, Dr Saudat Salah Abdulbaqi.

## Egbewole's emergence as VC, will of Allah -- IEDPU President

By Abdulkadir Abubakar

The emergence of a Professor of Jurisprudence and International Law, Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, as the Vice Chancellor-designate of the University of Ilorin has, again, been described as the will of Allah.

The National President of the Ilorin Emirate Descendants Progressive Union (IEDPU), Alhaji Aliyu Otta Uthman, fsi, made this assertion last Tuesday (October 4, 2022) while featuring on 'Oro t'o Nlo', a current affairs programme of UNILORIN 89.3 FM, the official radio station of the University of Ilorin.

The programme, which was part of the activities lined up by the umbrella socio-cultural organisation of the people of Ilorin Emirate towards building a very peaceful environment for the forthcoming general elections in the Emirate jurisdiction, was anchored by the Head of the Station, Mr. Idris Akintola Ibrahim

(Alooma).

Alhaji Uthman explained that though the Union, as an important stakeholder which realised the significance of the University to the all-round development of its host community, worked for the emergence of any of the candidates for the position of Vice Chancellor of the nation's most sought after University from Ilorin Emirate, it has accepted the development as the "will of the Almighty Allah".

The IEDPU leader reiterated the fact that power belongs to no one but Allah and that only He gives it to whoever he wants at any particular time, noting that power is also ephemeral and transient and no one would possess it forever.

Alhaji Uthman urged the Vice Chancellor-designate to work for the progress of the University and ensure that he administers the institution with the fear of the Almighty Allah.

He pointed out that the Union and

the entire people of Ilorin Emirate would want to see the University of Ilorin as an institution that they would continue to be very proud of at all times.

Speaking on the next year's general election, the IEDPU President charged the radio station and others to ensure that they are very meticulous in the use of political communications by ensuring that political messages that have the capacity of endangering public peace are not aired.

He also called on the authorities of the University of Ilorin as well as those of other institutions of higher learning to prevail on their students against being used for violence.

Alhaji Uthman similarly appealed to religious leaders to work for the promotion of peace and understanding among the adherents of different religions, saying that if all stakeholders worked together there would be no room for any form of violence.

# Tribute To Mallam Abidu Yazid

By Hannatu Musawa

Last week my family, Katsina state, Arewa and Nigeria lost a great example of leadership, honor and excellence. Mallam Abidu Yazid who was the Chairman, Governing Council and Pro-Chancellor, University of Ilorin, was 79 when he passed around 6am on the 22nd September 2022. He was born in Yelwa of Maiduguri on 30th April 1943. Through the example of his life, he influenced so many in the most pious and noble way. With his death, Nigeria has truly lost a treasure.

Baba Abidu was born in 1943 to Mallam Muhammadu Yazid and was the grandchild of Wazirin Katsina Mallam Muhammad Zayyan.

My uncle, an economist by profession, was an epitome of greatness. During the course of his career, he rose to become permanent secretary, Secretary to the Kaduna State Government and Head of Service after which he ventured into business with his cousin, (late) Alhaji Hamza Zayyad (Wazirin Katsina). After turning down several government appointments, in 2021, he was appointed the Pro-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin. Prior to his passing, he was involved in the reconciliation effort between ASUU and the Federal government.

While working in the Ministry of Economic Planning in the, then, North Central State and then later in Kaduna State, Baba Abidu was responsible for creating the first Development Plan in the north central state, which was voted as the best in the country by the Gowon administration. As a result of which he was nominated to be part of the team of rebuilding the southern states affected by the Biafran war. Kaduna state is currently implementing and benefiting from the development plan he designed which led to a library being named after him. Baba Abidu was successful in all ramifications of life. He was a prominent and wise voice. He made a huge impact on anyone that came into contact with him. He was kind, carried himself with an assured posture and possessed the kind of generosity of spirit that our forefathers had.

As people, the way we live our lives becomes a discernable countenance of the condition of our heart. What people saw from interaction with Baba Abidu, day in and day out, was benevolence, decency, grace, and wisdom.

Mallam Abidu Yazid leaves us a solid message of service, virtue, duty



■ *The Registrar, Dr Fola Olowoleni (left), and the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Sulyman Age Abdulkareem during their condolence visit to the Kaduna home of the Yazids recently*

and solidarity. His life was a model of integrity, kindness, simplicity, humility, piety and charity. He was part of the incorruptible generation and popularly known for his stern defense of his honor and principles.

Death is painful; however, death taking a precious jewel like Baba Abidu is more painful. He was a man with a good heart who cared so much about his community and contributed to its development. He was a great personality; intelligent, discerning, attentive, and full of knowledge. His philanthropy took a lot from his personal family to give to charity which saw him give service to the needy on a daily basis.

His love for knowledge inspired so many around him. Losing a person to the cold hand of death is not easy; talk more of writing a tribute in honor and respect for such a person. Having to write a tribute to Baba Abidu is painful but at the same time, it allows me to further celebrate him even in death. I celebrate his dedication to the right standard of life and commitment to the moral value which had resulted in a fulfilled life for him and many more he influenced.

The news of Baba Abidu's death is very sad. Nigeria shall miss him, with his warmth of spirit, his ability to talk about duty to country, faith and the prayer life, which brings God so close to us. At the same time we give thanks to Allah for the wonderful examples and memories Baba Abidu leaves us: his commitment to daily prayer and his selfless duty to his



■ *The Late Mallam Yazid*

beloved country. He will be deeply missed in our efforts to build national peace, and a just, caring and equitable Nigeria.

During the course of his life, he never ceased to remind us that the greatest poverty of all is to live and to die without faith, with no integrity and unloved. The simplicity of his lifestyle will serve as an example for generations to come. Believing in the power of Allah's grace, which directed his life, each of us, relying on the same grace, can reach so many of the achievements that he achieved.

Baba Abidu's life proved that the only real revolution in human affairs



■ *R-L The University Librarian, Prof. Abdulwaha Issa, a member of the Governing Council, Prof. Adesanya, the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Sulyman Abdulkareem, and the Registrar, Dr Fola Olowoleni, during a Governing Council d*

environs and spending time on his farms where he experimented with different farming methods. Most of all he enjoyed reading his Quran which gave him peace of mind. Around his 50th wedding anniversary, his wife mentioned how she saw him read his Holy Quran every single one of the 50 years they had been married.

Summing up his life, those who knew him will always reiterate and come back to one thought; never will you meet a man who more faithfully lived his values. His kind was rare. He was a teacher of all things. He taught by example. His character is the foundation of the conscience of many of those who came into contact with him, who worked with him and who were part of his life. His teachings are endless. He was strong in body, in spirit, and in commitment. He fulfilled every obligation he ever undertook. His word was his bond. He was loyal. His faithfulness to the people he interacted with during his lifetime could be seen in the way he steadfastly maintained ties with anyone he ever knew. He had a quiet dignity, respecting himself the way he respected others. Although he is no more, today, however, we have the privilege of celebrating someone who epitomizes leadership; someone whose life reflects a heart of service and commitment to faith, family, friends, and certainly those who strive to follow his example.

The memory of the righteous is blessed so while he may be gone, his memory will remain with us because of the great imprint he leaves in our hearts.

Baba Abidu lived a good life, he invested his life into many people. He is worthy of emulation in every respect of

good works and service to humanity. I feel so privileged to have been related to him. Some days to his death, he spent time with my own father, Alhaji Musa Musawa, where they talked and caught up. This brought great comfort to my father, and I am so grateful to him for that.

He makes Katsina proud and he will always make Nigeria even prouder. He will not soon be forgotten. His reward will be great in Heaven. We pray for him and for those who knew him.

Mallam Abidu Yazid is survived by 15 grandchildren, 3 wives (Fatima Abidu Yazid, Rakiya Abidu Yazid and Fatima J. Yazid), 5 children (Zarah Yazid, Abdulhalim Yazid, Hauwa Yazid, Halima Yazid and Sakian Yazid). Previously he had lost a son, Sheriff Yazid (late).

To all who loved him; his staff, assistants, neighbors, colleagues, admirers, friends and family:

“May the Almighty reward you and help you to apply patient endurance and appreciation. Indeed our spirit, possessions and families are magnificent gifts, which God has loaned us for a period and he takes them away after the termination of that period. Gratitude becomes necessary when He gives, and patience is mandatory when He takes. Mallam Abidu Yazid, your boss, neighbor, friend, colleague, brother, father, husband and son was from among that great gift which God allowed you to enjoy in a way that was fortunate and gratifying. Although you loved him, his place is with his maker now. As he has gone home, it is your duty to show patience in his death and gratitude for his life.

May the Almighty augment your recompense, be kind in your misfortune, forgive the deceased, encourage you with endurance and give you peace. I pray you have the fortitude to bear his loss.”

As we witness another twilight for Nigeria and the death of another patriot, I pray that God forgives and has mercy on the soul of Mallam Abidu Yazid and makes honorable his reception. May Allah keep him safe and sound, protect the place where he has rested and make his entrance wide; bless him for his good deeds and surround him with a garden filled with beauty. May he receive the gentle blow of a cool breeze, be washed with snowflakes, ice, sleet, water and everything pure and cleansed of sin as a white cloth is purified perfectly. I pray Allah admits him to Paradise and may his grave be spacious and filled with light. Amen.

*\*Culled from Leadership Newspaper, Wednesday, September 28, 2022*

## 2023: Azeez tasks journalists on commitment to ethical values

By *Mustafa Abubakar*

The Dean of the Faculty of Communication and Information Sciences, University of Ilorin, Prof. Adesina Lukuman Azeez, has said that to ensure the security of the country and the safety of journalists in the forthcoming 2023 election, commitment to, and strengthening of the ethical values of the profession must be applied by all media practitioners in the country.

Prof. Azeez, who made the call last Thursday (October 6, 2022) while delivering a lecture at the Nigeria Union of Journalists (NUJ), Kwara Council's Press Week, held at the NUJ Secretariat, Ilorin, also called for institutionalised safety mechanisms for journalists in the country.

In the lecture, titled "Effective Media Coverage of 2023 Election amidst Insecurity: Safety and Security as a Priority for Nigerian Journalists", the Mass Communication scholar said, "Journalists must cover or report the 2023 election in a way that guarantees the security of this nation as well as their safety".

Prof. Azeez pointed out that journalists "can do this if they can commit to, and strengthen the ethos of professionalism in the practice of journalism", explaining that "an individual journalist that wishes to guarantee the security of the nation and the safety of his life must imbibe and demonstrate the professional norms of good journalism, which include particularly truthfulness, objectivity, neutrality and detachment".

The Dean further said that such an ethos of professionalism enjoins journalists to avoid the practices of fraternization with the political aspirations of their owners, and encourages them to eschew all forms of subjective or biased reporting of political events and issues.

According to him, "Journalists thrive and rejoice on drama and spectacle. That is no doubt a major news value that often forms the basis of their judgment".

He, however, submitted that "when extravagant perspective and drama triumph over the core essentials of journalism, objectivity is downplayed, and this threatens the security of the nation and the safety of journalists".

Quoting Olatunji Dare, who stated



■ *Prof. Azeez*

that, "journalism serves the public interest best when it is grounded on facts", Prof. Azeez said that "journalists should engage in a relentless search for facts, and cultivate the nice sense of discrimination essential for distinguishing fact from rumour", adding that "gossip or campaign of calumny, the kind that is likely to be orchestrated by political parties as the campaign rallies are set in motion".

The don said that partisanship and all forms of professional ethical vices do violence to the best spirit of journalism as much as it does violence to the nation and journalists themselves.

Prof. Azeez said that for effective media coverage amidst insecurity in the 2023 election, all stakeholders, including the politicians, must be committed to maintaining peace by averting an escalation of the country's already terrifying security situation, stressing that media and journalists are the most important players in this aspiration.

He said that journalists must be careful to reduce their coverage of elections to routine reportage of well-rehearsed adversarial positions of political spokespersons to the detriment of authentic and fresh ideas.

Prof. Azeez, who stressed that "if my plea is that we should not allow politicians and their political logics to dominate our own media logic", added, "I need to beg us that in our coverage of the 2023 election, we must not be the echo

chamber of the disinformation on social media. In other words, there are a lot of deceptions that are already being masqueraded as news on social media. They should not be picked or validated by the legacy media through you".

The Mass Communication scholar advised journalists to "act as a beacon of the media sphere", pointing out that "the proliferation of so-called 'citizen journalism' and the dawn of a continuous stream of information have made it an absolute necessity to check, filter and interpret this information flows, which circulates amidst a chaotic jumble of rumour, extrapolation, speculation and trolling".

He said that if media and journalists can commit themselves to real information rather than entertainment, reasoned arguments rather than confrontations, substances of issue-based campaigns rather than unwholesome political tactics and analysis of processes rather than individuals and scandals, we will overcome the pressures and carry out the normative roles to enhance security.

Earlier in his opening remarks, the Chairman of the NUJ, Mallam 'Lanre Ahmed, said that the timeliness of the thematic preoccupation of the lecture cannot be overemphasized because of the forthcoming general elections staring every Nigerian electorate, particularly eligible voters in the face.

Mallam Ahmed said, "This is understandable because journalists are often seen as endangered species", pointing out that "instances are replete with violence that characterized past elections in the country where several journalists lost their lives, sustained severe injuries while some became permanently incapacitated".

He said that it is incumbent on the election management body, security agencies and all stakeholders to prioritise the safety and security of journalists assigned to cover the election, stressing that the safety of their families must also be guaranteed.

Among the dignitaries that witnessed the event were the University Librarian-designate, Dr K. T. Omopupa, Dr A. O. Laaro of the Department of Mass Communication.

## Abdulkareem to UNILORIN students: You are my greatest source of joy

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He reiterated that the revenue will be for the union, union executives and members, adding that it will also encourage student entrepreneurs at a very low give-away price compared to other shops on campus.

The Students Union President appreciated the outgoing Vice Chancellor, the

Director, Health Services and member of the Council, Dr Rasheed Odunola; the Dean, Students' Affairs, Prof. M. T. Yakubu; the Sub-Dean of Student Affairs, Dr Adewole Davies; the Deputy Registrar, Students, Mrs Maimunat Zakariyah; the Vice Chancellor's Office; and the Corporate Affairs Directorate for their support to the Union's development.

Present at the event were the Vice Chancellor's colleague and seniors in the

secondary school, Architect Alata and Chief Tajudeen Kareem; the Director, Health Services and member of the Governing Council, Dr Rasheed Odunola; the Sub Dean of Students, Dr Adewole Davies; the Deputy Registrar, Students, Mrs Maimunat Zakariyah; Staff of the Vice Chancellor's Office, members of the 34th Students Union Executives, friends and well-wishers of the Union, among others.

FUND SOURCES AND UTILIZATION REPORT FROM 28<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER TO OCTOBER 2022

RECEIPTS:	AMOUNT
Academic Transcript	368,650.00
Sunday Other Income	384,100.00
Income from Dental Clinic	33,938.75
Income from Diagnostic Centre	62,017.50
Contractor's Registration fees	2,000.00
Convocation Souvenir	42,100.00
Sundry/Other fees and Student	105,500.00
Tender Fees	30,000.00
Utility Income	20,800.00
Undergraduate Clearance Charges	125,750.00
Remedial Application Form	166,811.25
Postgraduate Application Form	25,150.00
Postgraduate General Payment	420,600.00
JUPEB Acceptance payment	80,600.00
JUPEB Application form	150,900.00
JUPEB School Charges	805,900.00
JUPEB Hostel Accommodation	90,450.00
<b>Total Receipt for the Period</b>	<b>₦2,915,267.50</b>
<b>PAYMENTS</b>	
<b>PAYMENT TO CONTRACTORS/SUPPLIERS:</b>	
Greenville Pharm Nigeria Ltd Supply of Drugs	2,361,810.00
Khalifad Consult Consultancy Services	1,965,732.87
GhemohDipsons Ltd Construction of Carpentry Workshop and Paint (TETFUND)	5,164,076.24
AdetosEnt Supply and Installation of Desktop	671,500.00
Fasman Nig Ent Erosion Control	185,308.50
Noab Global Concept Ltd Servicing of Generator Sets	721,056.25
Blessing Fumigation and Pest Control Ventures Maintenance of College of Health Sciences Environment.	823,750.00
Afribased Project Ltd Construction of Exhibition Hall for Ilorin Studies (TETFUND).	12,217,524.74
KleeninKonsult Replacement of Amps Change Over	320,450.00
Stonebridge Engineering Ltd Extension of University Clinic Building (NEEDS).	5,024,156.25
Mubafiz Nig Ltd Supply and Installation of Laboratory Equipment (NEEDS).	57,757,164.42
Yusuf Olaolu Ali & Co Professional Services.	20,000,000.00
Sabiko Ventures Ltd Change of Power Source to Faculty of Arts.	788,535.00
<b>OTHER PAYMENTS:</b>	
Various Various i.e. DTA, IMPREST, REFUND etc	26,065,182.65
Purchase Advance Various	777,250.00
Staff Training Programme Oversea (CBNTEST) Staff Training and Development (SDA)	5,374,625.00
Unilorin Press Printing Work Done	1,932,000.00
Staff Research Programme Research Grant	5,216,139.38
Unilorin Petrol Station Supply of Petrol	1,033,600.00
IOE Staff Sept 2022 Salary	100,000.00
JUPEB Sept 2022 Salary	215,000.00
Nigerian Legion Sept 2022 Salary	140,000.00
Nigerian Legion of Ex-Servicemen Sept 2022 Salary	4,140,000.00
Ilorin Business School Sept 2022 Salary	285,097.38
Total TSA Charges	87,075.00
<b>Total payment for the period</b>	<b>₦153,367,033.68</b>

Signed

O.H. Sonde FCA

Bursar

## I am open to advice, constructive criticism -- Egbewole

By Tajudeen Babamale

The Vice-Chancellor-designate of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole (SAN), has said that he is always open to advice tailored at moving the University to a greater height and open to constructive criticism.

Prof. Egbewole said this last Monday (October 3, 2022) while receiving a team from the Federation of Ile-Ife Descendants Association, Ilorin Branch, that visited him at his Nimah House Chamber to felicitate and congratulate him on his emergence as the 11th Vice Chancellor of the most sought-after university in Nigeria.

The leader of the team, Chief Gabriel Olasupo Akintilo, had earlier admonished the Vice Chancellor-designate to always put God

first in all his endeavours and be fair in dealing with people.

Chief Akintilo explained that if Egbewole put God first and is just with all without discrimination, he would surely have a cause to glorify God's name after the end of his five-year tenure.

Chief Akintilo, who prayed for peace and tranquility in the University of Ilorin, glorious and successful administration for Prof. Egbewole, said that the Ooni of Ife and Ile-Ife indigenes all over the world would be proud of the legal luminary if he has a successful tenure.

Prof. Egbewole, however, pledged to adhere to the counsel of the elders, saying that he will always put God first, be fair and just to all, and lead a team that the entire

University of Ilorin community would be proud of.

The Vice Chancellor-designate, who was elated to receive the team, beseeched God to give him the wisdom and strength to take the University to a greater height.

The high point of the event includes a special prayer led by a Muslim and Christian representative. While Prince Alimi Oyediran led the Muslim prayer, Elder M. Orasope led the prayer in a Christianity way.

Other members who joined the team to pay the congratulatory visit include, Prince M.A. Sijuade, Chief Alimi Oyediran, Elder L. Makinde, Dr. J. K. Omisore, Mr Yahya Adewoye and the General Manager of the UNILORIN FM 89.3, Mr. Ibrahim Akintola Idris (Alooma), among others.



# Happy Birthday

S/N	Name	Department	Birthday
1	Nuhu Kehinde Murtala	Educational Technology	Oct 09
2	Adedoyin Adeonipekun Dele	Geology & Mineral Sciences	Oct 09
3	Okunuga Akintunde Babatunde	Electrical & Electronics Engineering	Oct 09
4	Atolagbe Elizabeth Olufunke	Registry	Oct 09
5	Durowade Bidemi Sururat	Bursary	Oct 09
6	Yusuf Hamdallat Taiwo	Social Science Education	Oct 09
7	Babatunde Abosede Rashidat Omowunmi	Centre For Peace & Strategic Studies	Oct 09
8	Bakinde Surajudeen Toshoh	Human Kinetics & Health Edu.	Oct 09
9	Hassan Idayat Folashade	Directorate Of Corporate Affairs	Oct 09
10	Kuranga Yunus Adebayo	Adult & Primary Education	Oct 09
11	Oladiti Muideen Kunle	Pharmaceuticals & Industrial Pharmacy	Oct 10
12	Ogunkanmi Feclicia Tunrayo	Registry	Oct 10
13	Olaoye Reuben Olawale	Geology & Mineral Sciences	Oct 10
14	Fasasi Yunus Adebunmi	Educational Management	Oct 10
15	Otonekwu Andrew Owabor	Registry	Oct 10
16	Adisa Rashid Solagberu	Agric Extension & Rural Dev	Oct 10
17	Adeboye Helen Omolayo	Registry	Oct 10
18	Ikujimi Omoyeni Alice	Registry	Oct 10
19	Oloyede Is'haq Olarewaju	Religions	Oct 10
20	Kolawole Olatunji Matthew	Microbiology	Oct 10
21	James Janet Aderemi	Registry	Oct 10
22	Olaoye Mary Olayinka	Computer Science	Oct 10
23	Murtala Bakare	Works: Works/Maintenance Office	Oct 10
24	Abel Tunde Stephen	Registry	Oct 10
25	Samuel Deborah Eytayo	Bursary	Oct 10
26	Philip Oluyemisi Oladunni	Bursary	Oct 10
27	Oladipo Ganiyu Taiwo	Business Administration	Oct 10
28	Mejabi Aishat Idowu	Health Services	Oct 10
29	Ibrahim Olaitan Abdul-Ganiyu	Works: Works/Maintenance Office	Oct 10
30	Abolarin Susan Makanjuola	Registry	Oct 10
31	Ibrahim Wasiu Oluwatoyin	Finance	Oct 10
32	Elijah Kehinde Hassan	Works: Works/Maintenance Office	Oct 10
33	Oyawoye Ajibola Abubakar	Civil Engineering	Oct 10
34	Abdulsalam Abdullah	Clinical Pharmacy & Pharmacy Practice	Oct 10
35	Sulaiman Yusuf	Library	Oct 10
36	Rasaq Tunde	Security Division	Oct 10
37	Yusuf Sulaiman Magaji	Registry	Oct 10
38	Ibrahim Rashidat Oladosu	Registry	Oct 10
39	Babamale Rasaq Ramat	Teaching & Research Farm	Oct 10
40	Olobayo Folusho Francis	Registry	Oct 11
41	Olaoye Femi Johnson	Health Services	Oct 11
42	Okesina Adekumle Bashir	Chem. Path. & Immunology	Oct 11
43	Issa Abdulwahab Olanrewaju	Library & Information Science	Oct 11
44	Yakub Muhammed Jamiu	Works: Works/Maintenance Office	Oct 11
45	Alanamu Zubair Olayemi	Portal Services	Oct 11
46	Mustapha Rahmat Bola	Health Services	Oct 11
47	Ajao Kabiru Suleiman	Materials & Metallurgical Engineering	Oct 11
48	Sayi-Mohammed Aminat	Registry	Oct 11
49	Salami Omaiseye Tosan	Pharm. Microbiology & Biotechnology	Oct 11
50	Alabi Jacob Oluwatoyin	Centre For Archives & Documentation	Oct 12
51	Abolarin Lawrence Oladele	Registry	Oct 12
52	Adunmo Godwin Olawoyin	Medical Laboratory Science	Oct 12
53	Adevara Janet Olusevi	Library	Oct 12
54	Salawu Abdullahi Enesi	Works: Works/Maintenance Office	Oct 12
55	Ugbaja Onyebuo Angel ina	Registry	Oct 12
56	Yahaya Jamu Idowu	Industrial Relations & Personnel Management	Oct 12
57	Bello-Ochende Margaret Unoiza	Mechanical Engineering	Oct 12
58	Aliyu Ishola Nasiru	Information & Communication Science	Oct 12
59	Johnson Winnifred Oluwaseyi	Home Economics & Food Science	Oct 12
60	Adeboye Tunde Adegbenga	Unilorin Staff School	Oct 13
61	Bakare Adebola Rafiu	Political Science	Oct 13
62	Ologe Foluwasayo Emmanuel	Otorhinolaryngology	Oct 13
63	Agboola Olajumoke Bolaji	Registry	Oct 13
64	Ezeoke Grace Gwazachi	Obstetrics & Gynaecology	Oct 13
65	Akanbi Abdulrasaq Oladimeji	Science Education	Oct 13
66	Abolarin Temitope Mary	Microbiology	Oct 13
67	Sadiq Mashood Adeshina	Registry	Oct 13
68	Mohammed Ibrahim Ayinde	Registry	Oct 14
69	Ajibade Lanre Tajudeen	Geography & Environmental Management	Oct 14
70	Akpatu Charles Olu	Security Division	Oct 14
71	Zubair Abdulkabir Jamiu	Security Division	Oct 14
72	Oba Isiaka	Security Division	Oct 14
73	Abdulazeez Okene Hamza	Public Law	Oct 14
74	Animasahun Ridwan	Registry	Oct 14
75	Mas'ud Saliu Ibrahim	Unilorin Staff School	Oct 15
76	Attah Francis Alfred Unuagbe	Pharmacognosy & Drug Development	Oct 15
77	Anofi Abdulfatai Olanrewaju	Urban & Regional Planning	Oct 15
78	Liadi Muideen Tella	Teaching & Research Farm	Oct 15
79	Olorunmaiye Kehinde Stephen	Plant Biology	Oct 15
80	Gbodofo Khalil Mohammad Usman	Arabic	Oct 15
81	Idris Babatunde	Works: Mechanical	Oct 15
82	Olotu Oluwole	Registry	Oct 15
83	Odiri Christy Iyabode	Registry	Oct 15
84	Iyanda Sunday Elijah	Religions	Oct 15
85	Adeyemi Jeremiah Abolaji	Registry	Oct 15
86	Fatoyinbo Bosede Beatrice	Health Services	Oct 15
87	Atanda Lamidi Ajadi	Bursary	Oct 15
88	Afolayan Thaddeus Adeloye	Electrical & Electronics Engineering	Oct 15
89	Arinde Sunday	Central Workshop:Engineering	Oct 15
90	Suleiman Aliyu Dagbo	Registry	Oct 15
91	Kolawole Israel Kayode	Anaesthesia	Oct 15
92	Olawoyin Lukman Abiodun	Telecommunication Science	Oct 15
93	Awoyemi Alfred Olatayo	Counsellor Education	Oct 15
94	Salman Iyabo Munirat	Unilorin Zoo	Oct 15
95	Obafemi Oluwabunmi Olamide	Directorate Of Corporate Affairs	Oct 15

## University School, University Of Ilorin

### Announcement of Entrance Examination Dates

On behalf of the Teachers and Pupils of University School, University of Ilorin, I wish to notify you that the 2022/ 2023 admission forms into Pre-Reception / Reception , Basic 1-6 and Upper Basic 7-9 ( JSS 1-3) are available in the school for sale.

Pre-Reception/ Reception and Basic 1-6 - N 2,000  
 Upper Basic 7-9 (JSS 1-3) - N 3000  
**Examination Date** - Every Wednesday

**Venue:** - University School Premises, University of Ilorin (Permanent Site)  
**Time:** - 9.00 a.m each day

*Signed*  
**M. I. Salihu**  
 Head Teacher



- A photograph of Prof. Abubakar Aliagan of the University of Ilorin, with some Muslim dignitaries at the Janazat of late Sheikh AbdulGaniyu Aboto, has been published. ("Photo", *The Herald*, Wednesday, October 5, 2022, P.5)
- The Dean of the Faculty of Communication and Information Sciences (CIS), University of Ilorin, Prof. L. A. Azeez, has decried the state of insecurity in Nigeria as the 2023 general election draws nearer. ("University don decries state of insecurity in Nigeria, cautions journalists on reportage", <https://dailypost.ng>; "2023: Be guided by professional ethos in your reporting, varsity don tells journalists", <https://thenationalpilot.ng>)
- The University of Ilorin has dismissed social media report that it has released the 2022/2023 post-UTME screening form for sale. ("Unilorin disclaims post-UTME screening form to applicants", <https://www.vanguardngr.com>; "Unilorin disclaims post-UTME screening form to applicants",

<https://thenewsguru.com>; "Unilorin disclaims post UTME screening form to applicants", <https://www.withinnigeria.com>

The University of Ilorin has been mentioned among other universities in Nigeria that have gotten full accreditation by the Council for the Regulation of Engineering in Nigeria (COREN) ("Council For Regulation of Engineering in Nigeria COREN", *Thisday*, Thursday, October 6, 2022, P.28; See also, "Council For Regulation of Engineering in Nigeria COREN", *Daily Trust*, Friday October 7, 2022, P.18)

- The Chairman of the Academic Staff Union of Universities (ASUU), University of Ilorin Chapter, Prof. Moyosore Ajao, has insisted on the continuation of the eight months strike. ("Unilorin ASUU insists on strike, denies existence of CONUA", *The Herald*, Friday, October 7, 2022, Pp.1&2)

## Fadipe-Joseph appointed Chair of Commission for African Women in Mathematics

By Idayat Hassan

**A** Professor at the Department of Mathematics, University of Ilorin, Olubunmi Abidemi Fadipe-Joseph, has been appointed as the Chair of the Commission for African Women in Mathematics (CAWM).

The Commission of African Women in Mathematics (CAWM) is a non-profit, non-governmental international network founded in 1986 to serve under AMU to encourage and empower girls and women to study, have active careers in Mathematical Sciences, create equal opportunities and equal treatment in the African mathematical community, and to create a meeting place for mathematical African women.

In his reaction to the development,



■ Prof Fadipe-Joseph

the Dean of the Faculty of Physical Sciences, University of Ilorin, Prof. Kayode Oyewumi,

described the appointment of Prof. Fadipe-Joseph as laudable and wished her more outstanding laurels.

Aside the Dean, other colleagues of Prof. Fadipe-Joseph have also lauded her latest accomplishment. Those who rejoiced with her included a former Dean of the Faculty, Prof. F.A. Adekola, FAS; Prof. U. B. Eke, Prof. S.O. Oguntoye, Prof I. A. Adimula, Prof. A. O. Adejumo and the Chief Imam of the University of Ilorin Central Mosque, Prof. Nasir Abdulsalam. She had also received congratulatory messages from Prof. Omolara O. Olatuwaniyi, Dr. A.O. Hamid, Prof. K. Rauf, Prof. K. O. Babalola, among others.

## Again, Unilorite emerges Chairman, NANS JCC Kwara

By Mustafa Abubakar

**F**or the fourth consecutive time, another Unilorite, a 300-level student of the Department of Science Education, Yusuf Abdulgafar (Gee Roophai), has again emerged Chairman of the National Association of Nigerian Students (NANS) Joint Campus Committee, Kwara State axis.

Two other Unilorites, Issa Abdulgafar (Saoty), a 100-level student of the Department of Social Science Education Lawal Abdullah (Atom), a 400-level student of the Department of Agric Extension and Rural Development, also clinched the positions of Public Relations Officer I and Director of Contacts and Logistics of the Association, respectively.



■ Mr Yusuf

The trio, who were elected during the Association's Annual Special Convention

held at the Nigeria Labour Congress (NLC) Secretariat, Ilorin, penultimate Friday (September 31, 2022), will be in office for a period of one academic calendar year.

In a congratulatory message jointly signed by the President and Public Relations Officer of the University of Ilorin Students' Union, Taofik Waliu Opeyemi (Omoluabi) and Olabode, Stephen Opeyemi (O' Smart) respectively, described the election of the Unilorites as a new feat and charged them "to keep flying the better-by-far flag high, duly represent the interests of students in the state and be steadfast in their service delivery".

## New Appointments

NAME	FACULTY /DEPARTMENT	APPOINTMENT	EFFECTIVE DATE
Prof. K. T. Adesina	Clinical Sciences /Obstetrics and Gynecology	Desk Officer, Association of African Universities (AAU)	28 <sup>th</sup> September, 2022



## Oloyede, distinguished alumnus, ex-UNILORIN VC

# A Prophet honoured at home!

**A**s he walks up the dais tomorrow (Tuesday, October 11, 2022) at the Presidential Villa Banquet Hall, Abuja, to be decorated by President Muhammed Buhari with the national honour of the Commander of the Order of the Niger (CON), the iconic former Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Is'haq Oloyede, will be making a bold statement as one of the very few 'prophets' in history to be duly recognised and rewarded at home! Although National Honours Awards in this clime have been turned to yearly rituals for dispensing patronage to mostly political lackeys and fraternal associates with scant impact on national development, some of the awardees still stand out as eminently worthy of the honour bestowed on them on accounts of their visible achievements in their areas of public service endeavours or private sector undertakings through which they have greatly contributed to nation-building.

One of such high-impact public servants is Prof. Oloyede, a distinguished alumnus and former Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin. The erudite Professor of Islamic Jurisprudence is currently the Registrar/Chief Executive Officer of the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB). He is one of the over 400 eminent Nigerians to be conferred with various categories of national honour by the President.

Significantly, this latest award will be the third of such national honours in Prof. Oloyede's kitty within a space of less than 10 years. In 2014, he was conferred with the OFR (Officer of the Federal Republic) award by former President Goodluck Jonathan. And in 2019, he bagged the prestigious National Productivity Order of Merit (NPOM) award, also conferred on him by President Buhari. This CON award is an icing on the cake, a promotion of sorts from the OFR of 2014.

Not only is the honour well-deserved, it is also another befitting reward for Prof. Oloyede's service excellence, administrative acumen, dogged commitment to the achievement of set goals, undiluted integrity in public service, effortless exhibition of leadership by example and unapologetic insistence on fairness for all!

To be sure, this prestigious national honours award is a brand new feather to Prof. Oloyede's already well-decorated cap of honours. And it doesn't come as a surprise to the watchers of the erudite Professor's inimitable records of selfless service to humanity.

Before now, Prof. Oloyede has received scores of awards in recognition of his sterling achievements in public service. These include the 2021 'Public Sector (Education) Icon' by Vanguard Newspaper on May 20, 2022; the National Productivity Order of Merit (NIPOM) award (2019); The Sun Newspaper's Public Service Award for 2018 "for being an exemplary public servant with zero tolerance for corruption and

setting up a new order of transparency in the running of JAMB"; and Leadership Newspaper award for JAMB as "Government Agency of the Year, 2018", among several others; as well as special parliamentary commendation by members of the House of Representatives (2019).

No wonder he was reappointed by the Federal Government for another term of five years in 2021 at the expiration of his first term in JAMB.

This erudite scholar and consummate administrator is fast becoming the face of the new Nigeria we all fervently pray and yearn for! And as the country begins another frenetic search for new set of leaders come 2023, it would not be out of place to recommend the Oloyede magical persona and indeed his winning administrative formula as a veritable template for an ideal new national leadership. For, his entire public service life is full of great lessons for incumbent and aspiring leaders!

On this note, it would not be out of place to quote what the Editor of The Vanguard Newspaper, Mr. Eze Anaba, said in May while explaining the rationale for the newspaper's decision to honour the JAMB Registrar.

In the letter of award sent to Prof. Oloyede, the Editor said, "This award is in recognition of your exceptional contributions to nation-building, particularly in the education sector, where you not only made a name for yourself, but also made Nigeria proud. You achieved fame since 2007 when you became Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin. Your tenure is outstanding in the annals of the university because in just five years, you transformed it and made it the most sought-after university in Nigeria".

Mr. Anaba continued, "... as Registrar/CEO of JAMB, your achievements in reorganising and cleaning the proverbial Augean stable, coupled with unprecedented financial prudence, which saw remittance of funds back to federal coffers, are indeed worthy of commendation. These, and more, which space does not permit us to list in this letter, are what commend you for this award".

The newspaper editor further explained that "the history of a united Nigeria will not be complete without a copious mention of your dedication and commitment to our fatherland", adding that "the philosophy of this award is to recognise and celebrate Excellence, National Pride and Service to Humanity".

Indeed, this distinguished alumnus, the very first at that to become Vice Chancellor of his alma mater, is a great pride to the Better-by-far University, and an exemplary ambassador of the institution. Prof. Oloyede is a true Unilorite, through and through! For, not only did he have all his academic degrees at the University, he started and ran his entire academic career here before eventually reaching the pinnacle of academic service! Ride on, 'Mr. UNILORIN'!