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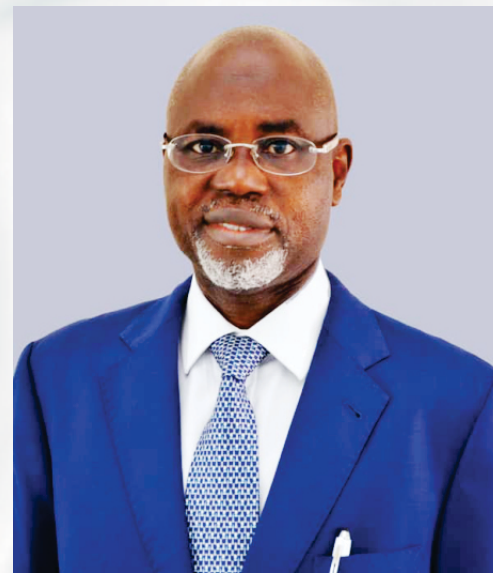
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## UNILORIN Council names Egbewole new VC



■ Mallam Yazid



■ Prof. Egbewole

By Abubakar Imam

**A** Senior Advocate of Nigeria (SAN) and Professor of Jurisprudence and International Law at the University of Ilorin, Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, has emerged as the institution's new Vice Chancellor. He will replace Prof. Sulyman Age Abdulkareem, whose five-year tenure ends on October 15, 2022.

The appointment of the legal luminary was announced last Thursday (September 8, 2022) by the Pro-Chancellor and Chairman of the University Governing Council, Mallam Abidu Rafindadi Yazid, while addressing newsmen at the Council Chambers of the institution.

Prof. Egbewole, who joined the services of the University about 25 years ago, beat 12 other candidates earlier shortlisted for the position to emerge as the Chief Executive of the University.

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## I'll be fair to all Unilorites, VC-designate pledges

By Kunle Akogun

**T**he Vice Chancellor-designate, Prof. Wahab Egbewole, SAN, has pledged that his in-coming administration will be fair to all Unilorites in its dealings and be just in all circumstances.

This pledge was contained in a statement by the erudite Professor of International Law and Senior Advocate of Nigeria as exclusively obtained by UNILORIN BULLETIN last Saturday (September 10, 2022).

Pointing out that the University of Ilorin "is greater than all of us", Prof. Egbewole extended his hands of fellowship to all Unilorites including all his fellow contestants for the position of Vice Chancellor in the last interview session. He appealed to them to join hands with him in his mission to take the University to greater heights.

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## Book on Abdulkareem's tenure for presentation soon



■ Prof. Abdulkareem

By Mubarak Oladosu and Felix Afolabi

**A**s the five-year tenure of Prof. Sulyman Age Abdulkareem as the 10<sup>th</sup> Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin gradually winds down, the University's Directorate of Corporate Affairs has completed arrangement to present a documentary book chronicling his achievements.

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 administrative savvy. (Contd. on page 2)

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## Abikan Commends FMBN over Non-Interest mortgage product

The National President of the Muslim Lawyers Association of Nigeria (MULAN), Prof. Abdulqadir Ibrahim Abikan, has commended the Federal Mortgage Bank of Nigeria (FMBN) for introducing the Non-Interest Rent to Own Housing Product to enable a broader spectrum of Nigerians to own their homes.

Prof. Abikan, who is the immediate past Director of the School of Preliminary Studies, University of Ilorin, made the commendation when he led a team of MULAN executive committee members on a courtesy visit to the FMBN Management Team at the Bank's Head office in Abuja.

The MULAN President said, "We received the news of FMBN's approval of the non-interest rent-to-own product with extreme excitement. This is because it provides an alternative mortgage scheme for many Nigerians whose religious beliefs do not allow them to benefit from the Bank's housing products because of their interest-based nature. We believe the decision will engender a more inclusive mortgage system for a broader spectrum of Nigerians".

Prof. Abikan added that MULAN is ready and willing to partner the FMBN towards ensuring a smooth implementation of the non-interest housing products through the provision of relevant advisory services by its members.

FMBN developed the product to eliminate the challenges that eligible Nigerians who want to own their homes through the National Housing Fund (NHF) Scheme face because of the interest-based nature of the Bank's existing housing products.

The product uses a rent-to-own model that allows beneficiaries to move into FMBN and non-FMBN-funded



■ The representative of the FMBN Managing Director, Alhaji Lukman Mustapha 2nd right, presenting a souvenir to Prof Abikan during the visit

homes and conveniently pay towards full ownership using monthly/quarterly or annual rentals.

The product's financing structure is based on the non-interest financing contract of Ijarah Muntahia Bitamleek (Lease to Own). Under this arrangement, FMBN retains ownership of the property until the financing term ends or at any time during the lease period that the beneficiary wishes to purchase the property.

The FMBN non-interest rent-to-own product is available to Nigerians who must be contributors to the National Housing Fund (NHF) Scheme. It covers both FMBN and non-FMBN-funded properties with a maximum price of N15million. Beneficiaries have the options to pay to own the property in monthly/quarterly or annual rental

installments over 30 years depending on their age and years in service.

Welcoming the MULAN team to his office, the Managing Director/Chief Executive of FMBN, Mr Madu Hamman, represented by the Bank's Executive Director, Loans and Mortgage Services, Alhaji Lukman Mustapha, thanked the team for the visit while assuring them of the Bank's readiness to collaborate with the Association towards ensuring a hitch-free provision of the non-interest housing product.

He encouraged members of MULAN to become ambassadors of the non-interest rent-to-own product by taking the news outside of the Association to other prospective homeowners within their respective areas of influence and network.

## Book on Abdulkareem's tenure for presentation soon

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The book, edited by a renowned Professor of English Stylistics and Semiotics, Victoria A. Alabi, is the second in the "UNILORIN LEADERSHIP SERIES", and it is due for public presentation on October 15, 2022 as part of the handover activities from Prof. Abdulkareem to his successor, Prof. Wahab Egbewole, SAN.

Written in breezy, easy-flowing prose, the eight-chapter, 132-page compendium x-rays the stewardship of

Prof. Abdulkareem and spotlights his accomplishments since he took over the baton of vice chancellorship from Prof. AbdulGaniyu Ambali on October 16, 2017.

In a chat with **UNILORIN BULLETIN**, the author, Mr Akogun said, "For us at the Directorate of Corporate Affairs, and for me in particular, this book project under the broad spectrum of *THE UNILORIN LEADERSHIP SERIES*, has been a self-imposed task since 2017 when the first in the series was published, and it must not

be allowed to die no matter what!"

Mr Akogun pointed out that "despite the obvious body language of Prof. Abdulkareem, which has always shown him to be publicity-shy and the strong probability that he might not buy the idea of having a whole book written on him for whatever reason, we started collating materials for his end-of-tenure compendium right from his first day in office!"

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## UNILORIN Council names Egbewole new VC

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Announcing the appointment, Mallam Yazid said that Prof. Egbewole emerged after a rigorous selection process.

The Council Chairman disclosed that 13 candidates were shortlisted out of the 29 that applied for the top post.

He said that the Council chose somebody who would be sympathetic to the needs of the students and staff and be mindful of the needs and aspirations of the institution's host community.

According to Mallam Yazid, "When the applications were received, the Council constituted a Selection Board to assess and shortlist suitable candidates. In the end, we shortlisted 13 candidates, who fulfilled our advertisement and other conditions.

He said, "We interacted with them and processed their application over a period of four days. We checked and double-checked their credentials. We closely questioned and probed each of them to make sure that they would support and fulfil the vision and mission of the University.

"We specifically looked for candidates who would support and be sympathetic to the needs of our students, who would be mindful of the needs and aspirations of our host community as well as the candidate who, in our opinion, would be truly concerned about the progress of the University and our responsibility to our nation.

"I am glad to inform you that the Council has, after rigorous selection procedure, approved the appointment of Professor Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, as the 11<sup>th</sup> Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin", Yazid said.

The new Vice-Chancellor, who joined the services of the University in 1997 as Lecturer II, was born in 1961 in Ile-Ife, Osun State, where he had his primary, secondary and tertiary (LL. B and LL.M degrees) education. He received his doctorate degree from the University of Ilorin and attained the Professorial rank on October 1, 2012.

As statutorily mandatory, Prof. Egbewole, after his first degree, proceeded to

the Nigerian Law School, Lagos and was eventually admitted into the Nigerian Bar in 1985. From 1985 to 1995, Prof. Egbewole acquired tremendous practical exposure to legal practice from government and private firms, and in 1995, he established his own law firm, Wahab Egbewole & Co.

As an active legal practitioner, Prof. Egbewole has contributed immensely to the development of Nigerian jurisprudence in several areas, particularly in election petitions, criminal justice, and general civil practices, among others.

In recognition of his deep intellect, shrewdness and political sagacity, Prof. Egbewole was elected by his colleagues as the Chairman of the Nigerian Bar Association, Ilorin Branch in 2003. He had also served as a member of the National Executive Committee for the Nigerian Bar Association (NBA).

In 2018, the new Unilorin Vice Chancellor attained the pinnacle of the legal profession as he was conferred with the coveted rank of Senior Advocate of Nigeria.

Prof. Egbewole's intellectual and

administrative wherewithal accounted for the numerous administrative positions he held in the services of the University. These positions included his services as an Ag. Head of Department, Sub-Dean, and Ag. Dean of the Faculty of Law, among others. Prof. Egbewole also served the University in different capacities. He was the Director, General Studies Division and as a Member of the University Senate as well as the institution's Governing Council.

The new Vice-Chancellor is a member of many respected professional organisations, both nationally and internationally. These bodies include the Nigerian Bar Association (NBA), the National Association of Law Teachers (NALT), the American Society of International Law (NASL), the African Bar Association (ABA), the International Bar Association (IBA), and the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (UK).

Prof. Egbewole SAN is happily married and blessed with children who are also doing well in their chosen fields.

## Gov Oyetola congratulates UNILORIN VC-designate

The Governor of Osun State, Chief Adegboyega Oyetola, has congratulated Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, on his appointment as the new Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin.

In a statement last Friday (September 9, 2022) by his Chief Press Secretary, Ismail Omipidan, Governor Oyetola expressed delight over the appointment of the Osun State-born Professor of Law, describing it as well-deserved.

The Governor noted that the emergence of Prof. Egbewole through a rigorous selection and highly competitive process, was a testament to his long years of academic excellence, hard work, and demonstration of great leadership skills.

Chief Oyetola pointed out that he had no doubt that the new Vice Chancellor would bring to bear his experience, knowledge, and leadership qualities in the

discharge of his official responsibilities and add value to the institution and improve its ranking.

He said, "On behalf of the government and good people of Osun, I heartily congratulate a distinguished son of the soil, Prof. Wahab Egbewole, SAN, on his appointment as the Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin. In Osun, we are delighted and honoured with his appointment, and are confident in his capacity to move the University to greater heights.

"As a thoroughbred academic, outstanding legal practitioner and versatile administrator, I have no doubt that the new Vice Chancellor would bring to bear his experience, knowledge and leadership qualities in the discharge of his official responsibilities and add value to the institution and improve its ranking.

"I wish Prof. Egbewole success in this new assignment," Oyetola said.

## I'll be fair to all Unilorites, VC-designate pledges

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The exclusive statement read, "We thank Almighty Allah for this great favour and beseech Him to continue to bless the University of Ilorin.

"We commend the University Governing Council for conducting a very thorough and painstaking exercise culminating in this appointment. We want to assure the Council and the University community that this appointment is for all of us as we will continue to put the University first in all our undertakings.

"We appeal to all for unflinching support in the discharge of the onerous tasks ahead. I assure all of us that the

Administration will be fair to all in its dealings and be just in all circumstances. The University of Ilorin is greater than all of us and we want to extend our hands of fellowship to all our colleagues who also applied for this post and appeal that they should join hands with us to do this work collectively and in an all inclusive manner.

"Our students are our pride and we will continue to run a student-friendly regime with emphasis on improved work ethics and zero tolerance for corruption in all its ramifications. We give kudos to the workers of this great University for their untiring efforts in ensuring that our system continues to run in spite of the challenges.

"We will continue to give premium to the training and re-training of the workforce while the welfare of the workers will be given priority.

"Our efforts at improving the quality of research will lead to a few innovations in that regard and we implore the concerned staff to see us as partners in progress with a view to ensuring enhanced capacity and improved delivery.

"We want to appreciate the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Sulyman Age Abdulkareem, and pray for a peaceful transition to move our University to the next level".



## VC greets Yusuf Ali on 66<sup>th</sup> birthday

By Abubakar Imam

The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Sulyman Age Abdulkareem, has congratulated Ilorin-based legal luminary, Mallam Yusuf Ola-Olu Ali, SAN, on the occasion of his 66<sup>th</sup> birthday, which fell due last Wednesday (September 7, 2022).

In a statement signed by the Director of Corporate Affairs, University of Ilorin, Mr. Kunle Akogun, the Vice Chancellor described the renowned Senior Advocate as a good friend of the University for many years.

Prof. Abdulkareem noted that Mallam Ali has done very well for the nation and humanity before and since he became a legal practitioner more than four decades ago, saying that his exemplary professionalism and patriotism had encouraged many younger ones to emulate him.



■ Mallam Ali

The Vice Chancellor added that the choice of Ilorin as the epicentre of the professional career of Mallam Ali has afforded the nation's most sought-after University the privilege of tapping from

his resourcefulness and wealth of experience as a lawyer and statesman.

Prof. Abdulkareem, who is also the Chairman of the Committee of the Vice Chancellors of Nigerian Universities (CVCNU), noted that the foremost legal practitioner has been very useful and friendly to the University, saying that his fraternity with the institution has been commendable and undeniable.

He recalled that in addition to being an Associate Lecturer at the institution's Faculty of Law, Mallam Ali has also had several engagements with the University over the years, including being the Convocation Lecturer at the 36th convocation ceremonies of the University last year.

The Vice-Chancellor wished Mallam Ali many more years of services to the nation in good health and sound mind.

## UNILORIN Law student heads Kwara CPN

By Mustafa Abubakar

A 300-level student of the Department of Arts Education, Faculty of Education, University of Ilorin, Mohammed Ayodele Ataba, has emerged as the Chairman, Child Protections Network (CPN), Kwara State.

This was disclosed to **UNILORIN BULLETIN** by the President of the University Students' Union, Comrade Taofiq Walihi (Omoluabi) last Friday (September 2, 2022).

In a congratulatory message to

the new CPN Chairman, jointly signed by the Students' Union President and Public Relations Officer, Comrade Olabode Stephen (O' Smart), the students' leaders said, "This is to express our heartiest and kind congratulations to Mohammed Ayodele Ataba, a 300-level student of the Department of Arts Education, Faculty of Education, on his emergence as the Chairman, Child Protections Network (CPN), Kwara State.

According to the statement, Mr Mohammed was elected unopposed on Friday, August 5, 2022 during the

Association's general election. He is expected to steer the affairs of the organisation for three years.

The Students' leaders said, "Mohammed's victory is well-deserving and we urge him to remain steadfast and better-by-far in discharging the duties entrusted to him".

The organisation, which exists in the 36 states of the Federation, is responsible for the monitoring, documentation and reporting of child rights abuse cases as well as advocating for the freedom of every child.

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The author, however, said that "the book is a worthy parting gift to the outgoing Vice Chancellor from the Directorate of Corporate Affairs and a veritable valedictory memento for Prof. Abdulkareem", adding that it is also an "invaluable reference material for those who are interested in having a bird's eye view of the comprehensive story of the University of Ilorin, with particular reference to its specific strides between 2017 and 2022".

In a Foreword to the book, the Dean of the Faculty of Communication and Information Sciences, Prof. Lukman A. Azeez, wrote, "This book provides us details of the achievements of the 10<sup>th</sup> Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin,

thereby offering us immutable records to judge and preserve Prof. Abdulkareem's performances and legacies". He added that "the book is, indeed, a scorecard, with the chronicles of the impressive performances of the 10<sup>th</sup> Vice Chancellor of our University, which will not only eternally delight Prof. Abdulkareem himself, but should also gratify all fair-minded and God-fearing stakeholders in the University".

On the author, Prof. Azeez noted that "although Mr Akogun is the Director of the Directorate of Corporate Affairs of the University, and can be wrongly tagged as a publicist by those who harbour malice, he cannot be tainted with unprofessional or unethical motives".

The don, who is also the

Chairman, Editorial Board of **UNILORIN BULLETIN**, said, "This book does not have a taste or padding of any form of sycophancy or cosmetics because the contents are verifiable facts, as it relies heavily on news reports on the accomplishments of Prof. Abdulkareem in national newspapers, newsmagazines, radio and television stations and other media outlets, most especially the weekly **UNILORIN BULLETIN**."

"Thus, the author is not specious with all what he has chronicled in this book. And there can be no better chronicler than Mr Akogun himself because he is the statutory repository of the Vice Chancellor's activities".



## At book launch, Abdullahi, Yusuf, Azeez, Akogun, others eulogise Adedimeji

### \*As APU VC expresses commitment towards humanity, excellence

By Mubarak Oladosu and  
Mustafa Abubakar

**I**t was encomiums galore penultimate Saturday (September 3, 2022) as top University of Ilorin officials, mentees and friends of the former Director of the Centre for Policy and Strategic Studies (CPSS), Prof. Mahfouz Adedimeji, from all walks of life, gathered in Ilorin at the unveiling of two new books in his honour.

The event, which held at the Secretariat of the Nigeria Union of Journalists (NUJ), witnessed the official presentation of two books, 'The Meteoric Rise of a Dynamic Academic' and 'Doses of Grammar' in honour of the pioneer Vice Chancellor of Ahman Patigi University (APU) in recognition of his achievements and contributions to academics and literature.

Speaking at the event, the former Director of the School of Preliminary Studies, University of Ilorin, and the Chairman of the occasion, Prof. Abdullahi Onímisi, described Prof. Adedimeji as more than just a scholar, as he is also the spiritual leader of the Muslim Community of the University Staff Quarters.

Also, in his comment, the former Dean of the Postgraduate School, University of Ilorin, Prof. Badmas Olanrewaju Yusuf, described the honouree as a scholar of many parts, who has been able to swim amidst different challenges of academia and now being celebrated by people whom he has impacted positively.

Prof. Yusuf prayed for long life, good health and more prosperity for the prolific scholar of English and peace studies.

While reviewing the books, the Dean of the Faculty of Communication and Information Sciences, University of Ilorin, Prof. Adesina Lukman Azeez, observed that the compilation of the compendium consist of 42 articles, explained that each of the articles are written by the students of Prof. Adedimeji, as well as some of his acquaintances that he grew up with and had personal relationship with.

Prof. Azeez, who described Prof. Adedimeji as humble, humane, compassionate, and a mentor to many, said that the book eulogises the APU Vice Chancellor as a gifted scholar, great intellectual and a moral compass among others.

"What strikes me most is that some of the contributors to the articles are not Muslims but Prof. Adedimeji's adherents form other religions," he said.

Prof. Azeez pointed out that the merit of the compendium is to ensure, motivate and encourage people to imbibe the exemplary character of Prof. Adedimeji.

In his goodwill message, the Director of Corporate Affairs, University of Ilorin, Mr. Kunle Akogun, who described



■ **Guests displaying the books**

Prof. Adedimeji as a brother, friend, and predecessor in office, stressed that his closeness to the honouree enabled him to settle down on time when he joined the services of the University and achieved the much he had in office.

Mr. Akogun described Prof. Adedimeji as a workaholic, a deeply hardworking intellectual, and a profoundly religious man of the people.

Also speaking, Prof. Razaq Abubakre, a former Vice Chancellor of Al-Hikmah University, Ilorin, said that the compendium explains the nature of Prof. Adedimeji, whom he described as an epitome of humility, dexterity, dignity and candour.

While appreciating guests present at the event, the leader of the organising committee, Mr. Lateef Bello, who acknowledged the support of their mentor, said that without Prof. Adedimeji's support to them their story today would have been a different thing.

Also speaking, the Station Manager, UNILORIN 89.3FM, Mr. Idris Akintola Ibrahim (Aloma), thanked the honouree for being there to all and prayed that his efforts will not go in vein.

In his response, Prof. Adedimeji, pledged his continuous positive impact to the cause of service to humanity through excellence in service delivery.

Prof. Adedimeji said that the compendium on him was compiled by his former students, and while appreciating their efforts in eulogising him, he however, noted that the eulogy is a wake-up call to him to give more to humanity.

The APU Vice Chancellor said, "I was emotional when I was making my presentations because I was just doing my own thing, only for them to come back years

to compile articles.

"However, I believe that compliments are just to be smelled and not to be swallowed. So I'm not going to allow anything that is said to really go to my head.

"This eulogy is an additional challenge; people are paying attention to whatever you're doing. So this calls for me to continue to be a better version of myself and continue to do more", he said.

The prolific English Professor, who acknowledged the role of the University of Ilorin in contributing to his success right from when he was a student at the University, described himself as a beneficiary of the humility of great men who knew him as an undergraduate student but they had supported him ever since.

He noted that most of the senior professors in attendance received no formal invitation but rather a 24-hour notification because he couldn't muster the courage to invite them on time.

The don also appreciated the proprietor of Ahman Pategi University and his staff for their support just as he commended the organisers of the book presentation who invested money, time and intellect and came from far and wide to make the presentations a reality.

Among the dignitaries that witnessed the vent were the Chief Imam of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Nasir Abdussalam; the Vice-Chancellor, Alhikmah University, Prof. Noah Yusuf; the Dean of the Faculty of Agriculture, University of Ilorin, Prof. R. Karim; Dr. Biola Adimula as well as the Founder/Proprietor, Ahman Pategi University, represented by the Bursar, and the Ag. Registrar, Ahman Pategi University, among others.



## Union leaders, other UNILORIN stakeholders hail Egbewole's appointment

By Abubakar Imam

Leaders of the various workers' unions in the University of Ilorin, the Academic Staff Union of Universities (ASUU), the Senior Staff Association of Nigerian Universities (SSANU), the Non-Academic Staff Union of Universities (NASU), and the National Association of Academic Technicians (NAATS), as well as other stakeholders of the University, have welcomed the appointment of Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole as the institution's new Vice Chancellor.

In separate interviews with UNILORIN BULLETIN, the unionists said the appointment was well-deserved.

The Chairman of the institution's chapter of ASUU, Prof. Salihu Moyosore Ajao, welcomed the emergence of a former Chairman of the Union as the incoming Vice Chancellor of the University, saying that the Union was ready to work with him as the tasks ahead were huge and challenging.

The ASUU Chairman urged Prof. Egbewole to be magnanimous in victory by reaching out to all those who contested against him in order to benefit from their visions so that the University would remain better by far among its peers.

In his reaction, the Chairman of the institution's chapter of the

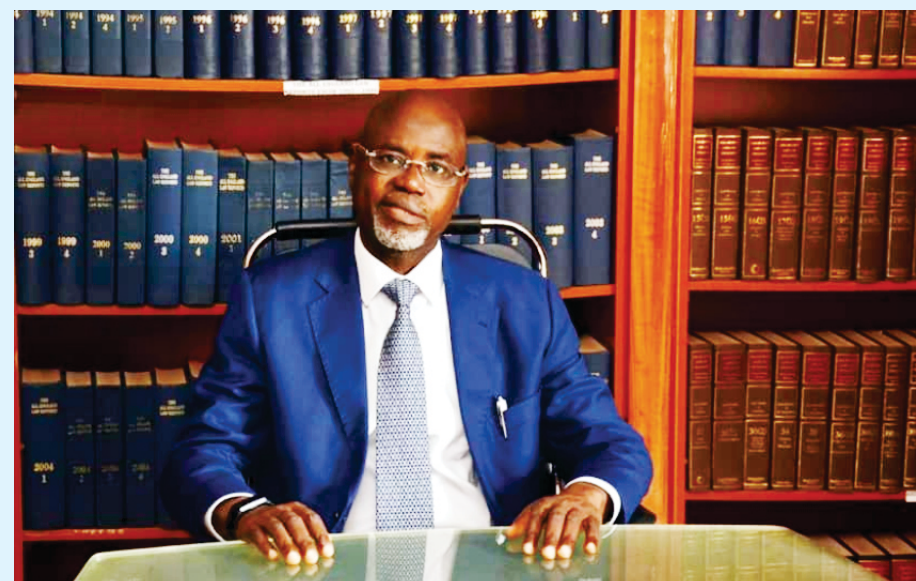


■ Prof. Ajao,

NAAT, Comrade Femi Awolola, described the incoming Vice Chancellor as a fellow comrade and friend, who "is highly experienced".

Comrade Awolola expressed the hope that Prof. Egbewole would lead the University to the next level of progress and development as he equally expressed the desire of NAAT to cooperate fully with the Professor of Jurisprudence and International Law to enable him succeed.

On his part, the Chairman of the institution's Chapter of SSANU, Comrade Naheem Falowo, implored stakeholders of the University to see



■ Prof. Egbewole

the emergence of Prof. Egbewole as God's wish and should therefore work with him.

Comrade Falowo added that the new Vice Chancellor needed to hit the ground running immediately as the tasks before him were enormous, saying that he must begin to work towards ensuring that the reputation of the University is boosted.

He also charged the incoming Vice-Chancellor to brace up to fight the challenge of insecurity posed by the activities of vandals, herdsmen and other unwanted

categories of individuals who are finding the campus of the University attractive for their nefarious activities, saying that he must make a difference as the expectations on him were very high.

The Chairman of NASU, University of Ilorin chapter, Comrade Ibrahim H. Suberu, described the emergence of Prof. Egbewole as a welcome development in view of his experience in university management.

He urged the incoming Vice Chancellor to prioritise the welfare and progress of staff to justify the



■ Comrade Falowo

celebration the announcement of his appointment propelled.

The Ilorin Emirate Staff Association (IESA), University of Ilorin, also welcomed the appointment of Prof. Egbewole, describing it as divinely ordained.

The Association, in a statement signed by its Secretary-General, Abubakar Imam, on behalf of the Chairman, Prof. Suleiman Ambali urged stakeholders to work closely with the incoming Vice Chancellor, whom he described as a friend and ally who has paid his dues towards the progress of the



■ Comrade Suberu

University.

Similarly, the Chairman of the institution's Muslim community, Prof. Ibraheem Adeola Katibi, in a statement congratulated the incoming Vice-Chancellor on his designation as the 11th Chief Executive of the University by the institution's Governing Council.

Prof. Katibi, who described the Vice Chancellor-designate as "our brother and a very committed member of the community", prayed Allah "to grant him the wisdom, dexterity and strength to run the office successfully".

## Cooperate with Egbewole, IEDPU charges UNILORIN stakeholders

By Abubakar Imam

Indigenes of Ilorin Emirate and their colleagues from other backgrounds working at the University of Ilorin have been urged to cooperate with the incoming administration of the University, which would be headed by Prof. Wahab Egbewole in order to sustain and improve upon the giant strides recorded by the University.

This appeal was made by the National President of the Ilorin Emirate Descendants Progressive Union (IEDPU), Alhaji Aliyu Otta Uthman, fsi, while reacting to the appointment of Prof. Egbewole as the 11th Vice Chancellor of the University.

Alhaji Uthman, in a statement personally signed by him and made available to newsmen in Ilorin last Friday (September 9, 2022), said that the Union believed that the appointment of Prof. Egbewole was God's ordained.

He added that since the development was made public by the Chairman of the Governing Council of the University, Mallam Abidu Rafindadi Yazidu, OON, the Union had been inundated with calls from concerned stakeholders considering the fact that quite a number of indigenes of Ilorin Emirate contested for the same position.

The community leader explained that "though the Union had

anticipated the emergence of one of the candidates from Ilorin Emirate as the next Chief Executive of the University considering their exceptional academic, professional and administrative qualifications and competencies as well as untainted integrity but since it has happened otherwise, we believe that the development was the wish of Allah who we worship and ask for help".

Alhaji Uthman insisted that the people of Ilorin Emirate, as Muslims, must consistently demonstrate their convictions that nothing happens without the desire of Allah and that "it is only He who gives and takes dominion".

While appreciating the fact that

the University of Ilorin remains the biggest investment of the Federal Government in Ilorin Emirate and the entire Kwara State, the IEDPU President opined that "those of us who are hosts of the institution cannot and must not behave in a manner that would put our piety, learning and exposure to question simply because of the outcome of the selection process of the new Vice Chancellor".

Alhaji Uthman, who is an alumnus of the University, commended the characteristic maturity and humility displayed by the leadership and members of Ilorin Emirate Staff Association, University of Ilorin, which had

issued a very comforting statement on the development, as well as the spirit of Allah-know- best and dignifying dispositions of our compatriots who contested for the position.

The IEDPU President appealed to the incoming Vice Chancellor to see all those who contested against him as brothers and friends and who he must stimulate with fraternity in order to ensure their fruitful participations in his administration for the benefit of the University.

The retired intelligence technocrat wished the new Vice Chancellor a very peaceful and rewarding tenure of office.



■ Comrade Awolola





## UNILORIN Chief Imam, Ooni, Ife Union, others congratulate Egbewole

**T**he Chief Imam of the University of Ilorin Central Mosque, Prof. Nasir AbdusSalam has congratulated the Vice Chancellor-designate, Prof. AbdulWahab Egbewole, on his appointment.

In a statement he posted on the UNILORIN Muslim WhatsApp Platform, Prof. AbdusSalam beseeched Allah “to grant Prof. Egbewole wisdom, sound health, security and a good working team to move the University forward”.

The message read in part: “Say, ‘O Allah, Owner of Sovereignty, You give sovereignty to whom You will and You take sovereignty away from whom You will. You honor whom You will and You humble whom You will. In Your hand is [all] good. Indeed, You are over all things competent’” (Q3:26).

“I beseech Allah to grant the VC designate, Prof. AbdulWahab O. Egbewole, wisdom, sound health, security and a good working team to move the University forward.

“May Allah comfort other contestants in the race, who were also eminently qualified for the same position, with something better in the sight of Allah.

“I beseech Allah to grant our Ummah peace, progress and a better understanding of one another. May He answer all your personal supplications”.

Meanwhile, the Arole Oduduwa and Ooni of Ife, Oba Adeyeye Enitan Ogunwusi Ojaja II, has congratulated Prof. Egbewole on his emergence as the Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin.

Ooni Ogunwusi expressed his felicitations via a statement by his Director of Media and Public Affairs, Otunba Moses Olafare on Thursday, describing the appointment as well deserved.

The Royal Father told the Ife-born don, “Your latest status is a true reflection of your decades of investment in the growth of Nigeria’s Education sector through the University of Ilorin. I am so proud and I



■ **Oba Ogunwusi**

cannot but congratulate you very warmly”.

Oba Ogunwusi admonished the Unilorin Vice Chancellor-designate “to sustain the virtues upon which he became the latest VC in Nigeria and also step it up now that you have a bigger platform to impact lives and help develop our dear country’s educational sector”.

In its own reaction to the appointment, the Ilorin Branch of the Federation of Ile-Ife Descendants Progressive Union joined friends, students, colleagues and associates of the renowned Senior Advocate of Nigeria and foremost Professor of Jurisprudence and International Law in congratulating him on his appointment as the Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin.

In a statement signed by its Secretary, Mr. Joseph Folorunsho Olafare, the Union said it received the news with tremendous joy and profound sense of satisfaction.

Mr. Olafare, who retired as the Chief Confidential Secretary from the University, said that members of the Union were not surprised by the appointment going by the fascinating credentials and accomplishments of the learned legal luminary as an erudite academic and



■ **Prof. AbdusSalam**

university administrator.

The Union thanked the Chairman and members of the University’s Governing Council for finding Prof. Egbewole worthy of the appointment, saying that the Ooni of Ife, His Imperial Majesty, Oba Enitan Ogunwusi Ojaja II and the good people of Ile-Ife at home and in the Diaspora considered the appointment of Prof. Egbewole as a great privilege.

He also expressed joy with the way and manner the appointment was being celebrated by all and sundry, saying that all these pointed to the fact that Prof. Egbewole is the right choice for the University at this material time.

Mr. Olafare urged Prof. Egbewole, who he described as an outstanding member of the Union, to seize the opportunity placed before him by the appointment to ensure that he did everything within his capacity to accentuate the progress of the institution, saying that expectations on him were too high.

While assuring the Vice Chancellor-designate of the support and prayers of the Ooni of Ife and members of the Union, Mr. Olafare wished Prof. Egbewole a very accomplished and fruitful tenure of office.

## UNILORIN Muslim Community congratulates Egbewole

**T**he University of Ilorin Muslim Community has rejoiced with Prof. Wahab Egbewole, SAN, on his appointment as the 11<sup>th</sup> Vice Chancellor of the University.

In a statement signed by its Chairman, Prof. Ibraheem Katibi, the Muslim Community beseeched Allah to

grant the Vice Chancellor-designate, whom it described as “our brother and a committed member” the wisdom, dexterity and strength to run the office successfully.

Waxing philosophical, Prof. Katibi, who also gunned for the Vice Chancellorship position, said, “O Allah,

Lord of all dominion! You give dominion to whom You will, and take away dominion from whom You will, and You exalt whom You will, and abase whom You will. In Your Hand is all good. Surely You are All-Powerful. Alhamdu lillah! Alhamdu lillah! Alhamdu lillah robili alameena! Amin. Aku orire o”.

**FUND SOURCES AND UTILIZATION REPORT FROM 24<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST TO 1<sup>ST</sup> SEPT. 2022**

RECEIPTS	AMOUNT
Academic Transcript	1,464,500.00
Staff I.D.Cards	3,000.00
Sundry & Other Student Charges	108,700.00
Sunday Other Income	2,599,234.00
Capitation-NHIS	11,250.00
Clinic Registration	1,000.00
General Donation	4,161,761.25
Verification/Screening	20,000.00
Convocation Souvenir	437,800.00
Postgraduate School Application Form	75,450.00
Postgraduate School Convocation Charges	128,700.00
JUPEB Acceptance Payment	443,300.00
JUPEB School Charges	1,211,200.00
JUPEB Application form	779,650.00
JUPEB Hostel Accommodation	60,300.00
Remedial Application	469,650.00
<b>Total Receipt for the Period</b>	<b>₦11,975,495.25</b>
<b>PAYMENTS</b>	
<b>PAYMENT TO CONTRACTORS/SUPPLIERS :</b>	
Ibadan Electricity Distribution company Electricity bills	18,129,484.37
Alhaji Hussein Taiwo Adeniyi and Sons Supply of Tyres	2,029,600.00
Noab Global Concept Ltd Servicing of Generator set	105,350.00
<b>OTHER PAYMENTS:</b>	
Various Various i.e. DTA, IMPREST, REFUND etc	3,365,115.00
Purchase Advance Various	365,000.00
Unilorin Press Printing of Letter Head paper	160,000.00
NYSC Allowance for August 2022	2,380,000.00
Institute of Education Wages for the Cleaners for August 2022	100,000.00
Ilorin Business School Wages for the Cleaners for August 2022	281,212.02
Nigerian Legion Salary for August 2022	140,000.00
Kwara State Internal Revenue Service Collections PAYE	3,885.36
Researchers Lodge Accommodation and Feeding	480,000.00
TSA Charges Various	24,535.00
<b>Total payment for the Period</b>	<b>₦27,564,181.75</b>

**FUND SOURCES AND UTILIZATION REPORT FROM 1<sup>ST</sup> TO 7<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2022**

RECEIPTS:	AMOUNT
Academic Transcript	566,000.00
Boarded Property	167,000.00
Sundry & Other Student Charges	5000.00
Verification/Screening	160,000.00
Sunday Other Income	770,800.00
Refund of Unspent Staff Personal Advance	50,000.00
Income from Dental Clinic	30,338.75
Income from Diagnostic Centre	134,632.50
Capitation –NHIS	2,022,750.00
Convocation Souvenir	84,500.00
Postgraduate School General payment	1,682,400.00
Postgraduate School Application form	100,600.00
JUPEB Acceptance	40,300.00
JUPEB Hostel	60,300.00
JUPEB School Charges	440,600.00
JUPEB Application form	50,300.00
Remedial Application	151,500.00
<b>Total Receipt for the Period</b>	<b>₦6,517,021.25</b>
<b>PAYMENTS</b>	
<b>PAYMENT TO CONTRACTORS/SUPPLIERS :</b>	
Sunilar Nig Ltd Construction of External work to Community Centre	6,338,469.83
Fasman O.M Replacement of Bad Doors	2,426,229.85
Habraib Global Resource Ltd Construction of Student Work Centre (TETFUND)	4,961,850.00
Foling Engineering Nig Ltd Construction of Advance Centre Building	3,017,122.70
O.M. Fasman Nig Ent Re-Roofing of Blocks of Classroom	4,270,835.25
Garuba Ayinla Nig Ent. Reconstruction Fabrication Installation and Plumbing	843,391.25
PCG Cleaners and Merchants Waste Collections	35,000.00
S.O. Alani and Sons Supply of Tables	95,000.00
Bliss Centre Catering services at various meetings in the University	4,613,215.00
<b>OTHER PAYMENTS:</b>	
Various Various i.e. DTA, IMPREST, REFUND etc	9,544,150.00
Purchase Advance Various	64,360.00
Unilorin Press Printing of Carbonized store Issued Vouchers and Bulletin	1,620,000.00
Nigerian Legion Ex –Service men August 2022 Salary	4,140,000.00
Faculty Staff July 2022 Salary	9,762,800.00
Unilorin Petrol Station Supply of Petrol	4,173,403.00
Nigerian Legion August 2022 Salary	370,000.00
Faculty Staff B August 2022 Salary	113,000.00
Total TSA Charges	82,345.00
<b>Total payment for the Period</b>	<b>₦56,471,171.88</b>

Signed

O.H. Sonde FCA

Bursar





# Happy Birthday

S/N	Name	Department	Birthday
1	Popoola Joshua Olusogo	Computer Engineering	Sep 11
2	Idowu Amos Sesan	Mathematics	Sep 11
3	Agbale Igunnu Theophilus	Works: Parks & Gardens	Sep 11
4	Uthman Ajape	Registry	Sep 11
5	Audu Isiaka	Security Division	Sep 11
6	Usman Reshidat Bimbo	Academic Planning Unit	Sep 11
7	Fajonyomi Ayodele Anthony	Adult & Primary Education	Sep 11
8	Yusuf Mujitaba Bature	Centre For Linguistics & Immersion	Sep 11
9	Adeshina Fatima Omowumi	Veterinary Teaching Hospital	Sep 11
10	Kareem Muritala Bolaji	Home Economics & Food Science	Sep 11
11	Adegbola James Obafemi	Materials & Metallurgical Engineering	Sep 12
12	Olatunji Yisa	Works: Works/Maintenance Office	Sep 12
13	Eyinla Bolade Michael	History & International Studies	Sep 12
14	Audu Tolorunju Bashir	Works: Works/Maintenance Office	Sep 12
15	Shuaibu Rebecca Onipe	Registry	Sep 12
16	Oyekunle Rafiat Ajibade	Information & Communication Science	Sep 12
17	Salman Abdurasaq	Business Administration	Sep 12
18	Mokuolu Olusegun Abayomi	Directorate Of Corporate Affairs	Sep 12
19	Adeyemi Moshood Folorunsho	Dentistry	Sep 12
20	Yunusa Mohammed	Registry	Sep 12
21	Mohammed Shereefdeen Deji	Registry	Sep 12
22	Jidda Kafayah Adeola	Health Promotion & Environmental Health Edu	Sep 12
23	Abudu Zeinab Assake	Arts Education	Sep 12
24	Isaac Taiye Sunday	Library	Sep 12
25	Olaoye Ganiyat Omolola	Unilorin Staff School	Sep 13
26	Oni Omotade Oluwafemi	Library	Sep 13
27	Galadima Jamiu Mohammed	Registry	Sep 13
28	Omosho Abdul-Rafi Oyewumi	Islamic Law	Sep 13
29	Osuolale-Ajayi Ibukun Titilayo	English	Sep 13
30	Omosho Funmilayo Kemi	Agric Extension & Rural Dev	Sep 13
31	Fori Kate Anthony	Registry	Sep 13
32	Aliu Fatima Omotayo	Political Science	Sep 13
33	Jimoh Jemilat	Network Operating Centre	Sep 13
34	Rasheed Abdulkadir Shehu	Quantity Surveying	Sep 13
35	Dolapo Tawakalitu Abiola	Agric Extension & Rural Dev	Sep 14
36	Yusuf Kamorudeen Olaniyi	Agricultural & Biosystem Engineering	Sep 14
37	Fagbemi Temitope Olamide	Accounting	Sep 14
38	Abdulkadir Issa	Library	Sep 14
39	Yusuf Ibrahim Arowosaiye	Public Law	Sep 14
40	Bilaminu Sikisu Abayomi	Chem. Path. & Immunology	Sep 14
41	Adegboye Taiye Oladapo	Bursary	Sep 14
42	Alabi Ade Stephen	Anatomy	Sep 14
43	Abdulrahim Halimat Amin	Medical Biochemistry	Sep 14
44	Yusuf Sa'adat Yetunde	Crop Protection	Sep 14
45	Ogunniyi Oluwatoyin	Health Services	Sep 14
46	Yusuff Afolabi Taohed	Animal Production	Sep 14
47	Isiaka Ayoka Bolaji	Unilorin Staff School	Sep 15
48	Yahaya-Sheshe Ado	Works: Electrical/Telecom	Sep 15
49	Folami Lawrence Adeniyi	Registry	Sep 15
50	Bola-Ige Bola-Ige Elizabeth	Registry	Sep 15
51	Adeoti Johnson Olabode	Business Administration	Sep 15
52	Adegunloye Olushola Abejide	Behavioural Science	Sep 15
53	Sadiku Nusirat Aderinsola	Forest Resources Management	Sep 15
54	Osasona Folusho Friday	Works: Works/Maintenance Office	Sep 15
55	Aina Michael Gbemisola	Human Kinetics & Health Edu.	Sep 15
56	Olaifa Folashade Helen	Veterinary Physiology & Biochemistry	Sep 15
57	Akanni Janet Olawumi	Registry	Sep 15
58	Saliman Wasilat Omowumi	Registry	Sep 15
59	Kareem Iyabode Falilat	Unilorin Staff School	Sep 16
60	Kolade Timileyin Solomon	Registry	Sep 16
61	Ajiboye Adeleke Raheem	Computer Science	Sep 16
62	Ekundayo Adeitan Funmilayo	Registry	Sep 16
63	Usman Sedeeq Ajadi	Works: Works/Maintenance Office	Sep 16
64	Tajudeen Lawal Bolakale	Library	Sep 16
65	Soliu Rasaq Aremu	Registry	Sep 17
66	Momodu Bolanle Abimbola	Registry	Sep 17
67	Ayorinde Kolade Luke	Animal Production	Sep 17
68	Oyeyiola Julianah Yemisi	Registry	Sep 17
69	Iyama Anthonia	Registry	Sep 17
70	Yusuf Ibrahim Ayinla	Registry	Sep 17
71	Omotoye-Moses Omobukola Grace	Registry	Sep 17
72	Kadir Rafiu Adebisi	Veterinary Medicine	Sep 17
73	Abdulkareem Hamdalat Opeyemi	Central Research Laboratories	Sep 17
74	Aliyu Tajudeen Olayinka	Registry	Sep 17
75	Jimoh Mutiat Opeyemi	Registry	Sep 17
76	Ibitoye Bukola Mary	Nursing Science	Sep 17

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



- The Director of Computer Services and Information Technology (COMSIT), University of Ilorin, Prof. Dupe Ademola- Popoola, has called for strong collaboration between Wereforh Institute of Technology ( WIT) U.S.A. and Unilorin' on Data Sciences.  
("Unilorin' Partners American Institute on data sciences", *The Herald*, Wednesday, August 24, 2022, p.3)
- A veteran columnist, Dare Babarinsa, has mentioned the First Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Oladipo Akingugbe in his write-up.  
("It is time ASUU gives alternative to strike", *The Guardian*, Thursday August 25, 2022, P.32)
- The University of Ilorin has been mentioned among other Federal Universities that have not ended strike embarked upon by the Academic Staff Union of Universities (ASUU).  
("The unending ASUU strikes and government's inconsistency", *Blueprint*, Friday, August 26, 2022, p.2)
- An Assistant Coach of the University of Ilorin Warriors, Abdulraheem Abdulhafiz, has expressed his satisfaction with the performance of his team and espoused their hard work and positive spirits.  
("Unilorin' Oust Tillers, Progress into HiFL Q'final", *Thisday*, Friday, August 26, 2022, P.47; See also, "UAM Tiller KASU Out As AIBU, UNILORIN' Qualify For HiFL Quarterfinals", *The Guardian*, Saturday, August 27, 2022, p.31, "Unilorin' oust UAM Tillers, Progress into HiFL quarters", *Sunday Tribune*, August 27, 2022, P.31, )
- The Chairman of the Academic Staff Union of Universities, ASUU, Unilorin' Chapter, Prof. Moyosore Ajao, has noted that some of the lecturers with some forms of health conditions were surviving by a miracle as the strike embarked upon by the Union lingers on.  
("Anger over ASUU's indefinite strike", *The Nation*, Thursday, September 1, 2022, P.16)
- A letter written by Oluwaseun Ojo, a Law student at the University of Ilorin was published.  
("Dear ASUU, education now a side hustle", *The Punch*, Friday, September 2, 2022, P. 14)
- The overall best student of the 2022 set, from Bowen University College of Health Sciences, Dr. Oyenyin Adiat Chinonye, has revealed that University of Ilorin was her first choice, while waiting for the merit list from the University, Bowen University offered her admission to study Medicine and Surgery  
("Setting academic goals dedication to studies, key to success-Dr.Oyenyin", *Saturday Tribune*, September 3, 2022, P.18)
- 13 Senior Professors have been shortlisted for the soon-to-be-vacant seat of the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin  
("UNILORIN':13 senior professors make shortlist for VC", *The Herald*, Wednesday, August 24, 2022; See also, "13 Professors Jostle For UNILORIN Vice Chancellor's Seat", *Leadership*, Tuesday, September 6, 2022, P. 16; "Hassan Saliu, 12 others battle for UNILORIN VC seat", *National Pilot*, Monday, September 5th -Sunday 11th September, 2022, P.2); "Prof. Egbewole, 12 others shortlisted for U n i l o r i n V C " , <https://www.thisdaylive.com/index.php/2022/09/02>
- The Central Bank of Nigeria has commissioned the N600 million University of Ilorin poultry project.  
("Inside Unilorin N600m poultry farm project" *Daily Trust*, Sunday, September 4, 2022, P.24)
- An article written by the Deputy Editor of the **UNILORIN BULLETIN** who also doubles as the National Secretary, Ilorin Emirate Descendants Progressive Union (IEDPU), Mr. Abubakar Imam, has been published.  
("Ambassador Imam: The Demise of A Diplomat of simplicity" *National Pilot*, Monday 5th -Sunday 11th September, 2022, P.22)
- The Chairman of the Academic Staff Union of Universities, (ASUU), Unilorin Chapter, Prof. Moyosore Ajao, has called on well-meaning Nigerian leaders to intervene in the ongoing industrial dispute between the Union and the Federal Government.  
("ASUU strike portends grave danger to Nigeria, say Varsity alumni" , *The Nation*, Tuesday, September 6, 2022, P.25; See also, "UNILORIN ASUU seeks elders intervention to end strike" *Nigerian Tribune*, September 6, 2022, P. 29, "ASUU strike: Ajao asks leaders to interfere" *The Herald*, Wednesday, September 7, 2022, P.9)
- The Governing Council of the University of Ilorin is determined to improve the Internally Generated Revenue of the institution through the exportation of the multipurpose shea-butter popularly called 'Ori' in Yoruba language.  
("Unilorin to export shea-butter", *The Herald*, Wednesday September 7, 2022, P.9)
- The Kwara State Government has assured the University of Ilorin Community that the construction of the flyover bridge along the University road would be completed by December  
("UNILORIN flyover ready by December", *Daily Sun*, Wednesday, September 7, 2022 P...27)
- The University of Ilorin Alumni Association has charged stakeholders in the process to look in the direction of graduates of the University so as to select a "better by far" candidate to pilot the affairs of the institution.  
("UNILORIN alumni wants institution's product as new VC", *Nigerian Tribune*, Thursday, September 8, 2022, P.18)
- The Chairman of the University of Ilorin Governing Council, Mallam Abidu Rafindadi Yazid, has announced the appointment of Prof. Wahab Egbewole, SAN, as the 11th Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin.  
("JUST IN: UNILORIN Governing Council Announces Professor Wahab Egbewole As New VC" , <https://www.9japparetonline.com> "JUST IN: UNILORIN Announces Egbewole New VC" , <https://incnews.247.com> , "International law expert becomes UNILORIN new VC" , <https://www.pulse.ng/news/local>, "Just in: Egbewole Emerges As UNILORIN New Vice Chancellor" , <https://www.naijanews.com>, "UNILORIN appoints new Vice Chancellor" , <https://the eagle online.com.ng>, "Just in: Egbewole Emerges As UNILORIN NEW Vice Chancellor" <https://www.sunnewsonline.com>, "Law Prof. Egbewole UNILORIN VC" , <https://thenationonline.net>, "UNILORIN Appoints Professor Egbewole New Vice-Chancellor", <https://so ifm.com>, "Professor Egbewole Appointed 12th Vice - Chancellor of Unilorin" , <https://www.radionigeriakaduna.gov.ng>, "BREAKING: Despite ongoing ASUU strike UNILORIN appoints new Vice Chancellor" , <https://www.premiumtimesng.com>, " Prof. Egbewole emerges 12th VC Unilorin", <https://dailypost.ng>, "UNILORIN GETS NEW VICE - C H A N C E L L O R " , <https://solarnews.wordpress.com>, "Egbewole Emerges 12th Vice Chancellor of University of Ilorin", <https://leadership.ng>, "UNILORIN gets new VC, Prof. Egbewole", <https://www.newtelegraphng.com>; See also, "Unilorin names Egbewole as new Vice-Chancellor", *T h e Herald*, Friday, September 9, 2022, P.2, "UNILORIN g e t s new VC , Egbewole", *New Telegraph*, Friday, September 9, 2022, P.30, "Unilorin Announces Egbewole as VC", *Daily Trust*, Friday, September 9, 2022, P.34)
- A Professor at the Department of Performing Arts, University of Ilorin, Prof. Jeleele Ojuade, has advocated the establishment of a University for creative Arts and Entertainment in Nigeria.  
("Don advocates establishment of entertainment Varsity", *The Herald*, Friday, September 9, 2022, P.9)





## Quintessential Personage

*By Prof. Adesina Lukman Azeez*  
*A Review of the book, 'The Meteoric Rise of a Dynamic Academic', published in honour of Prof. Mahfouz Adedimeji*

Permit me to introduce this review with Benjamin Franklin's inspiring and ever-green quote, which I learnt for the first time from Professor Mahfouz, and which many contributors in this book echoed in providing pertinent backgrounds to the theme that runs through all the essays in this book. Franklin asserted thus: 'If you would not be forgotten as soon as you are dead and rotten, either write things worth reading or do things worth writing.' There is no doubt that Professor Mahfouz has done many remarkable things or has acted in many remarkable ways that deserve the monuments that are being preserved in the book we are presenting in his honour today.

When Professor Mahfouz was appointed the pioneer Vice-Chancellor of Ahman Pategi University, I wrote an article on the back page of *Unilorin Bulletin* to celebrate him. In the article, I used the Panopticon Metaphor to underscore the fact that we are all being watched not only by the omnipresent God, but also by everybody around us. We might not know that people around us are watching or observing our behaviour and our relationship with people. We might not even know who among the people are observing. But it is definite that we are under the eye of purposive inspectors – those who are inspecting not just for narcissism or mere voyeurism, but essentially for the purpose of coming in at the right time to reinforce our behaviour and relationship through appropriate reward and punishment - depending on whether or not our behaviour and pattern of relationship are appropriate and normal.

The outpourings of the candid appraisals and appreciation of Professor Mahfouz's rare personality, which run through all the essays in this book, reinforce or confirm the divine attributes and justice of all-seeing gaze that had observed, at close range, Professor Mahfouz's behaviour, dedication to duty, standard of excellence and pattern of relationship, which, in their judgment, like any right-thinking individual, are normalised behaviour. So, I can confirm that the different perspectives of the exaltations or applauses of Professor Mahfouz, which sum up each article in this book, are not frivolous, pretentious, or empty praises that are just meant to deceive him or to make him self-important/self-

conceited. They are, indeed, not just perceptions beclouded in overzealousness or blind adoration or obsession on the part of the contributors, but a verifiable reality of the quintessential personage of Professor Mahfouz.

Aristotle asserted that truth is to say of 'what is that it is and what is not that it is not', and false is to say 'what is that is not, or what is not that it is'. This book is who Mahfouz is. Behaviour is a mirror in which everyone displays his image. This book mirrors the true image of my friend and mentor. And as one of the contributors asserts in this book, 'people are too wise to praise a man, unless they note in him some distinctive features of humility'. All the contributors in this book, by their accounts, had not only noted a particular distinctiveness of character and talent in Professor Mahfouz, they had also experienced it. Even though Islam condemns praising people exceedingly, it does encourage doing that moderately if it will allow the person to do more and serve as motivation for others, as Haleemah Ahmad asserts in her article on page 55 of the book.

In essence, I am quick to agree with Barrister Ilias Babatunde Agboola, in the summary of his thrilling foreword on page 12 of this book that the essence of the book is to ostensibly 'elicit deliberate positive attitudes that enable the society to birth many more exemplars like Professor Mahfouz', and to 'also encourage him to work harder in his service of God and humanity. In his conscious or unconscious efforts, Professor Mahfouz has bestowed on many people, especially the contributors of the 42 articles in this book, including me, the great gift, which is a multidimensional, immutable and imitable example. Honest efforts like this can never be lost. This is the law that governs human activity. In my own judgment, therefore, this book is the worldly gain of being good, pious, compassionate, humane, humble, which are all part of the virtues that make up the quintessential personage of Professor Mahfouz. The heavenly profit of being virtuous, as all the contributors in this book have testified from different perspectives, is, by our human logic and God's covenant, sure. 'Whoever does good does so to his own benefit; and whoever does evil will suffer its consequence. Your Lord does no wrong to His servants' (Q4:46). On this earth and hereafter, the only reward of virtue is virtue.

*To be continued*  
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