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UNILORIN management team visits Chancellor in Katsina

By Kunle Akogun

Members of the management team of the University of Ilorin have visited the institution's Chancellor and Emir of Katsina, Alhaji (Dr) Abdulmumin Kabir Usman, CFR, to welcome him on his recent return from the United Kingdom, where he had gone for medical check-up.

The team, led by the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, was in Katsina last Tuesday (December 6, 2022) to also commiserate with the Emir on the recent demise of the University's Pro-Chancellor and Chairman of Council, Mallam Abidu Yazid, who was one of his illustrious subjects. Mallam Yazid died in September this year while the royal father was out of the country.

Other members of the team were the University Registrar and Secretary to Council, Dr Fola M. Olowoleni; the Bursar, Mr H. O. Sonde; and the University Librarian, Dr K. Omopupa.

In his brief remarks during the visit, the Vice Chancellor thanked Almighty Allah for bringing back the Chancellor safely in good health.

In his response, Dr. Usman expressed happiness with the University management for the visit and thanked Allah for returning him hale and hearty.

The Chancellor, who congratulated Prof. Egbewole on his recent assumption of office as the new Vice Chancellor of the University, promised to continue to support UNILORIN and prayed Allah to continue to make the institution to excel.



■ The Chancellor, Dr Usman, welcoming the University team to his palace



■ The Vice Chancellor, Prof. Egbewole, making his remarks during the visit



■ The Chancellor, Dr Usman (middle), flanked from left to right by the University Librarian, Dr Omopupa; the Registrar, Dr Olowoleni; the Vice Chancellor, Prof Egbewole; and the Bursar, Mr Sonde, during the visit

Let's encourage use of local materials in construction industry -- Jimoh

By Abubakar Imam

Professor at the Department of Civil Engineering, University of Ilorin, Abdullahi Alao Jimoh, has restated the need for stakeholders in the nation's construction industry to work towards encouraging the use of local materials for construction and maintenance of

buildings.

Prof. Jimoh made the call last Thursday (December 8, 2022) while delivering the 220th Inaugural Lecture of the University of Ilorin, entitled "Exploring Local Materials for Building Development" at the institution's Main Auditorium.

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■ Prof. Jimoh

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.Faji, new UNILORIN Students' Union President sworn in

*By Mubarak Oladosu and
Mustafa Abubakar*

The University of Ilorin has sworn in a 400 level student of the Department of Materials and Metallurgical Engineering of the Faculty of Engineering and Technology, Tobiloba Samuel Faji as the 35th Students Union President of the Institution.

The swearing in ceremony held last Monday (December 5, 2022) at the Main Auditorium of the University eight months after his election due to the prolonged strike by the Academic Staff Union of Universities (ASUU).

In his remarks at the event, the Vice Chancellor of the University, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, represented by the former Ag Provost of the College of Health Sciences, Prof. A. B. Okesina, advised the new Students' Union executives, to have a well thought-out action plan, more so that they have a limited time for their affairs.

Prof. Egbewole further advised them to map out every major challenge they are facing and see how they can use their tenure to initiate new things, saying, "There are many challenges students are facing: transportation, academic welfare, health care services, accommodation: you must focus on some of these things and see what difference you can make".

"You must make things better for students because whether you like it or not the institution is expanding and we are getting bigger, therefore there will be more challenges and the more we start building actions that will be based on the future of the instruction the better", the Vice Chancellor further charged the new student leaders.

While expressing his appreciation to the outgoing executive, the Vice Chancellor stressed, "We are here because of you. Without students, there is no institution. You are the most important figure in this place. My message to the outgoing executives is that it is a pity we have gone through a very tough period of prolonged ASUU strike which we pray



■ **The new SU President, Faji**

will not happen again, is to sit up and see how to make Nigeria better as students, so that you can make things change. Otherwise, you will just fall into the wrong things some of us have done".

In his remarks, the Dean of Student Affairs, Prof. M. T. Yakubu, said he was delighted to witness the epoch-making event of the handing-over and swearing-in ceremonies of the Students Union Executives for the 2021/2022 Academic Session. He stressed that the tenure of the outgoing executive of University Students Union led by Waliu Taofik ended on 24th February, 2022.

"Consequently, a new election conducted on 20th January 2022 led to the emergence of 11 individuals that will be sworn in today: no thanks to the protracted strike embarked upon by the Academic Staff Union of Universities (ASUU) from 14th February 2022 to 14th October 2022 (8 months) that prevented the immediate inauguration of the new executives", he said.

Prof. Yakubu pointed out that the outgoing executives have done their best within the limited resources available.

"To the incoming executive that will be sworn in today, I wish to advise you to champion the course of modern and impactful governance focusing on the issues and pursuing them to logical conclusions; coming up with reforms that would guarantee shared prosperity in our Better by Far University and beyond; re-

engineering our everyday experiences on campus; and being exemplary in all situations", he said.

In his farewell message, the immediate past President, Mr Waliu Taofik (Omoluabi), appreciated everyone, including the University management, the Student Affairs Unit, and University students for accepting him and his executive all thus far, and prayed that God will accept them too.

In his acceptance speech, entitled, "Leading to Success in a Challenging World", the new President of the Students Union, Tobiloba Faji Samuel, expressed his gratitude for being a part of the University of Ilorin, which has helped him to discover himself by nurturing his potentials.

He noted that he had been elected as the 35th President of the Students Union of the University of Ilorin but only called President-elect for the last nine months and lamented the situation saying, "we, however, unexpectedly witnessed the Academic Staff Union of Universities-ASUU embark on an industrial strike, which turned out to be the second longest strike in the history of the Union's industrial actions, as they downed tools and pursued their cause without remorse. The strike meant a lot to every one of us and quite a number of us managed the situation as humanly as possible."

He further noted that incessant strike is the most serious challenge which undermines the acquisition of quality higher education in Nigeria and argued that when the acquisition of knowledge is constantly punctuated by strikes, knowledge becomes depleted while immorality and social vices thrive and are at their peak during strikes.

He also called on Government to improve the welfare and conditions of service of members of the Academic Staff Union of Universities (ASUU) and other University Unions to ensure a comprehensive revitalization of the Universities.

Mustapha delivers 221st Inaugural Lecture Dec 15

The Vice-Chancellor, University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, invites members of the University of Ilorin community and the general public to the Two hundred and twenty-first (221st) Inaugural Lecture of the University scheduled as follows:

Lecturer: Professor Oba Toyin Mustapha B.Sc., M.Sc., Ph.D (Ilorin), MBA (Kano)

Department of Plant Biology, Faculty of Life Sciences, University of Ilorin.

Topic: "Chromosome and its Dynamicity for

Classification and Food Security"

Date: Thursday, 15th December, 2022

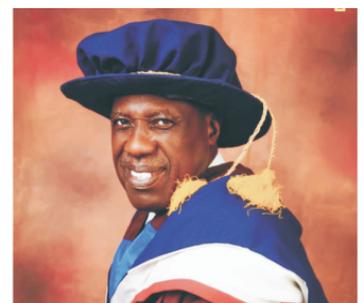
Time: 5.00 p.m.

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

Chairman: Professor Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN Vice-Chancellor, University of Ilorin

Dr Fola M. Olowoleni

Registrar



■ **Prof. Mustapha**



■ *The representative of the Minister of Works and Housing, Engr Lasisi (middle), cutting the tape to declare the road open while the University officials and others watch*

FG inaugurates road project in UNILORIN ... as Egbewole seeks more assistance

By Temitope Omoniyi

The Minister of Works and Housing, Mr Babatunde Raji Fashola, SAN, has inaugurated the rehabilitated link road between the University of Ilorin main campus and the University of Ilorin Teaching Hospital (UITH).

Mr Fashola, who was represented by the Federal Controller of Works, Kwara State, Engr. Rafiu Lasisi, performed the handing over of the 2.75 kilometres road last Wednesday (December 7, 2022) at the new College of Health Sciences Roundabout, University of Ilorin.

At the event witnessed by senior officials of the University and UITH as well as leaders of neighbouring communities, the Minister noted that the gap of infrastructure needs is being steadily bridged by a gradual process of repairs, renewal and construction on major highways "and it now reached the schools".

Mr Fashola said while the construction of the road in the University was going on, 85 people were employed, thereby contributing to the job creation initiatives of the government.

The Minister pointed out that the Federal Government has successfully intervened in 64 internal road projects in various federal tertiary institutions, 46 of which had been handed over as at March

2022.

He said, "We now have another 18 ready to be handed over while we are currently attending to 19 roads in similar institutions across the country making a total of 83".

Mr Fashola observed that with the level of feedback received from students in the institutions where the government intervention has taken place, he is excited that the learning environment has been improved as 'some defective roads have been restored to good condition.

The Minister expressed optimism that the University would ensure that the road is used properly and not abused.

Earlier in his remarks, the Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Egbewole, SAN, while appreciating the Federal Ministry of Works and Housing for the intervention, noted that the road is pivotal to the movement of staff and students between the main campus and the University of Ilorin Teaching Hospital through the College of Health Sciences.

Prof. Egbewole, who was represented by the Director of Academic Planning, Prof. Godwin Arosanyin, said, "The road has reduced travel time significantly; reduced vehicle operating cost (VOC); and increased comfort and convenience during trips".

The Vice Chancellor used the medium to seek further assistance in the

rehabilitation of more roads within the University. He mentioned the road between the main campus and the School of Preliminary Studies at Fufu, Senior Staff Quarters, GRA Road, on the main campus and Junior Staff Quarters Road in Jalala.

The Vice Chancellor's representative later took the representative of the Minister on an on-the-spot assessment of the flood prone locations of the main campus and the School of Preliminary Studies Road.

Dignitaries at the event included the former Acting Provost, College of Health Sciences, University of Ilorin, Prof. A.B. Okesina; the representative of the Chief Medical Director, University of Ilorin Teaching Hospital, Dr Muyiwa Bojuwoye; the President of Unilorin Students Union, Tobiloba Faji; the Balogun Afin of Ilorin, Alh. Muhammad Nuhu Yusuf; the Magaji Tanke Iledu, Alh. Yusuf Kareem and Alangua Opolo, Alh. Abdulrahman Zulkarnaini. The event was also witnessed by Deans and Directors from various Faculties and Units in the University.

It will be recalled that in a letter dated January 11, 2022 and entitled "Award of Contract for the Rehabilitation of Internal Roads at the University of Ilorin", the Ministry indicated that the contract awarded to Messrs Charnel Engineering Company Limited, was worth ₦184 million.

Let's encourage use of local materials in construction industry -- Jimoh

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Prof. Jimoh said that the use of local materials for building is important and should be encouraged because such materials are environmentally suitable and friendly as they can also endure the rigour of the changing climatic situations.

While noting that some of the local building materials are traditional, the foremost academic explained that a number of the materials have experienced modernisation, which made them suitable for use in contemporary situations.

Prof. Jimoh also said that evidences abound, which showed that building materials produced from locally sourced items are save for use as their compositions contained nothing that is injurious to health unlike some of the imported ones.

He added that sourcing materials from different traditional localities would also make the cost of the ensuing buildings cheaper compared to the cost expended on buildings, which materials are sourced from abroad.

Prof. Jimoh also justified his call for the prioritisation of the use of local materials for construction on the fact that the practice would also promote the nation's economic development, stating that when people explore local materials for construction, the economy of the places where those materials are produced would improve drastically.

He added that when materials for the ever increasing and expanding construction industry are sourced locally it would also provide employment



■ **The 220th Inaugural Lecturer, Pro. Jimoh (left), presenting the lecture notes to the representative of the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Okesina**

opportunities for young and agile citizens many of whom have no meaningful sources of livelihood.

While noting that most of the building materials are derived from the forest, Prof. Jimoh enjoined government to do everything within its province to prevent deforestation as he noted that unchecked deforestation is not only a disservice to the climate but also reduce the magnitude of available materials for the development of items needed by the construction industry.

While describing indiscriminate felling of trees and bush burning as "irrational" and dangerous, the Inaugural Lecturer proposed that the campaign for tree planting should not only be sustained but also improved upon by the government and other stakeholders.

Prof. Jimoh also canvassed for

synergy among the universities and especially their Departments of Civil Engineering, the construction industry and related government agencies towards ensuring greater research on the locally available building materials.

The Inaugural Lecturer also advised that interested Civil Engineering graduates who may wish to specialise on local material production for building purpose should be encouraged.

He equally implored farmers to consider the use of mud silos as it is a cheap structure that would also afford them safe storage facilities and promote their economic wellbeing.

The Inaugural Lecture was graced by dignitaries including the colleagues, friends, classmates and students of Prof. Jimoh from far and near.

Linkage, collaboration with int'l grant agencies will enhance the varsity system ---Stakeholders

By Mustafa Abubakar and Abdulquadri Abubakar

Promotion of linkage and collaboration among international grant agencies and Faculties of Education in Nigerian universities and provision of adequate information to members have been identified as a way of enhancing the university system in the country.

This was part of the communique issued at the end of the 2022 University of Ilorin, Faculty of Education Academic Retreat held between December 2, 2022 and December 4, 2022 at the National Centre for Agriculture Mechanization (NCAM), Idofian, Kwara State.

The retreat, themed "Retooling Educators for 21st Century Excellence, aimed at adopting the Faculty of Education Academic Programmes to contemporary and emerging societal needs.

In the communique, signed by the Chairman of the Retreat Planning and Implementation Committee, Prof. AbdulRaheem Yusuf, and made available to UNILORIN BULLETIN last Monday (December 5, 2022), the stakeholders also



■ **Prof. Yusuf**

called for the review of teaching practice, being the only internship for teacher education. The envisaged review would be in terms of quality and quantity, while efforts should be made to expand the period of internship from six weeks to a full semester, encompassing in-schools and related industrial experience.

The communique also advised the University to revive the available Faculty, and institutional research grants and make funds available for members to work on, stressing further that the Faculty members

were concerned about the student undergraduate project while reiterating the need to re-examine the assessment technique for oral presentation.

It also noted that the Faculty should put in place and empower quality assurance units/modalities, and suggested that an efficient and effective informal mentorship with annual appraisal should also be put in place to protect the Faculty.

The communique expressed appreciation to the Vice Chancellor of the University, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, for the rare opportunity accorded, and the Dean of the Faculty for the success of the retreat.

Earlier in his remarks, the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Egbewole, implored members of the University Community to support the vision of the current administration to achieve more, in terms of academic excellence.

Prof. Egbewole, however, emphasised the need to adopt an interdisciplinary approach to solving both academic and societal problems.

UNILORIN commences 2022 promotion exercise

By Abubakar Imam

In continuation of its resolve to always work towards enhancing staff welfare, particularly through career progression, the University of Ilorin has commenced the processes that would lead to the promotion of its deserving staff members.

A check across the various Faculties, Departments and Units of the University by **UNILORIN BULLETIN** last week showed eligible staff members taking part in the promotion exercise.

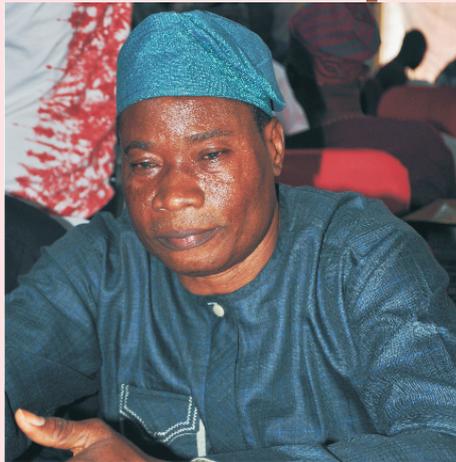
The written and oral aspects of the evaluation of the eligible non-teaching staff, which started last Monday (December 5, 2022) is expected to be rounded off this Wednesday (December 14, 2022).

At the Directorate of Corporate Affairs, University of Ilorin, 15 members of staff on various cadres took part in the oral and written tests last Tuesday (December 6, 2022) to determine those that would benefit from this year's promotion exercise.

Addressing the eligible candidates before the commencement of the exercise, the Director of Corporate Affairs, Mr Kunle Akogun, commended them for their civility and hardwork as he said that the exercise was not to witchhunt but to evaluate eligibility and contributions of the concerned staff to the attainment of the University's corporate objectives.

Mr Akogun added that none of the eligible candidates would be evaluated on issues outside their day to day official responsibilities, saying that those who have relevant qualifications and have been working hard have nothing to fear.

Speaking to **UNILORIN BULLETIN** on the exercise in his office last Thursday (December 8, 2022), the Deputy Registrar, Human Resources (Academic), University of Ilorin, Mr Toyin Bamigboye, said that the promotion exercise would continue to be an annual



■ Mr Bamigboye

industrial relations ritual as the institution's management is determined to ensure that the progress of its staff are ensured and assured.

The Deputy Registrar explained that the annual promotion exercise is not a jamboree but a deliberate attempt of the management to appreciate and encourage service delivery from the institution's staff members.

Mr Bamigboye added that, while eligible staff across the academic and non teaching cadres would be promoted this year as it has always been the practice, the exercise was open to only those who have been on the same rank for at least three years.

While explaining that academic staff would be evaluated principally on the quality and magnitude of their relevant scholarly publications, members of staff in the non teaching sector would be examined through written and oral tests.

He added that the exercise is compartmentalised into three stages. He explained that the first stage is the forwarding of applications by interested, qualified and eligible staff, which, for the first time, among teaching staff, was done online.

The second stage, according to Mr Bamigboye, is the subjection of eligible

non-teaching candidates to written and oral tests on their routine official duties to assess their cognitive power and to know the levels of understanding of their statutory duties as the publications of the concerned academics would also be thoroughly assessed.

Mr Bamigboye said that the last and final stage is the consideration and adoptions of the reports on the proposed promotions by the University's Governing Council for those going to the rank of Associate Professor and Professor among the academics and those who are eyeing management level in the non-teaching cadre while the report on those below the cadre would go through similar treatments from the institution's Appointment and Promotion Committee (A&PC).

On the number of staff that would be promoted this year, Mr Bamigboye insisted that no one is sure of the exact figure as he explained that that would be determined by the performances of eligible candidates and the budgetary provisions made for it.

Mr Bamigboye, who commended the Vice Chancellor of the University, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, for approving the commencement of the promotion exercise, said that the onus of determining the number of beneficiaries of the promotion lies on the budgetary proposals made for such by Heads of various departments and the performances of the concerned staff.

Speaking on the shortfall in the number of staff across all the Units of the University, Mr Bamigboye said that, though the situation is not peculiar to the University of Ilorin, it was, nevertheless, informed by the embargo placed on recruitment by the Federal Government.

He, therefore, enjoined the Federal Government to lift the embargo on employment of staff by universities so that existing vacancies and those that would be created by the ongoing exercise and retirement can be filled

Unilorin shines at NAEPE exhibition

By Idayat Hassan

The University of Ilorin has been ranked as the best University for its outstanding performance in the just concluded 40th exhibition organised by the Nigerian Association of Petroleum Explorationists (NAEPE) held at Eko Hotel, Lagos.

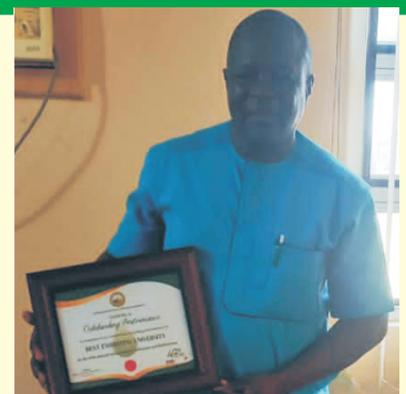
The award was presented during the Dinner/Award Night held on November 18, 2022 to the Head of the Department, of Geology, University of Ilorin, Prof. Olabisi

Adeleye Adekeye, who represented the Department at the exhibition.

According to Prof. Adekeye, the University of Ilorin ranked best amongst the 15 Universities that participated in the exhibition.

He noted that this is the second time the University was participating since the exhibition started.

Prof. Adekeye commended the former students of the Department for supporting the Department to get an exhibition space and booth.



Egbewole lauds Alabi on service to humanity

By Mubarak Oladosu

The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has commended the Provost-elect of the institution's College of Health Sciences, Prof. B.S. Alabi, for his annual Head and Neck Cadaver Dissection and Live Surgery training initiative, which has been running since the past 13 years.

Prof. Egbewole gave this commendation penultimate Thursday, (December 1, 2022), while speaking at the Special Guest Lecture that marked the closing session of the annual training held at the Professorial suite of the University of Ilorin Teaching Hospital.

The Vice Chancellor, who was represented by the Dean, Faculty of Clinical Sciences, University of Ilorin, Prof. I. A. Katibi, pledged to continue to support the voluntary initiative and expressed hope that the annual training programme will include academic publishing in the field of otorhinolaryngology (ORL) and also establish a Centre soon.

In his lecture, entitled "ORL Specialist Fellowship Training: Perspectives from the West African College of Surgeons", the Chair of the College, who is also a Professor at the Aminu Kano Teaching Hospital of the Bayero University, Kano, Prof. A.D. Salisu, disclosed that Nigeria has about 200 head and neck specialists who take care of the surgical needs on the head, nose, throat and ear patients of her 200 million population, a figure which he said he feared might have been reduced on account



■ Prof. Alabi

of the ongoing brain drain, at the end of the day.

The don noted that training of a specialist lasts between 12 to 14 years of post secondary school education and the College has 20 training centres in Nigeria, three in Ghana while the Gambia has no training centre.

Prof. Salisu further observed that the curriculum in operation in Nigeria needs to be reviewed, having been introduced about 30 years ago and the effect is that only urban dwellers enjoy the services of the few professionals who are available.

The Guest Lecturer, however, proposed that Nigeria should adopt postings to rural communities as part of the training programme, as done in Ghana, to improve the situation.

While welcoming participants earlier, the convener of the training, Prof.

Alabi, disclosed that he was inspired to transfer the knowledge which he acquired during a series of Fellowships and trainings on Ear Nose and Throat (ENT), beginning with Head & Neck fellowships at St George's Hospital, University of London in 2005, and a Head & Neck Dissection Course in 2008 before the commencement of the annual training programme in Ilorin, in 2009.

In a chat with newsmen at the end of the event, the renowned surgeon said that the 2022 edition of the programme has renewed hope for over 52 indigents through its free surgeries and called on government at the Federal, State and Local Government levels to embark on health education for early detection of cancers and also urged them to provide health insurance in communities as well as establish cancer centres for the benefit of Nigerians.

Prof. Alabi also appreciated local and international sponsors and partners who have supported the training and outreach programme over the years.

The event featured announcement of the most outstanding participant in the person of Dr Ali Anjo Yaroko of ENT Department, Uthman Dan Fodio University Teaching Hospital, Sokoto, who won a training programme in South Africa and the runner-up, Dr Ikeoluwa Elizabeth Omosule of the University of Abuja Teaching Hospital, Gwagwalada, who was recognised for her distinguished participation.

The event was attended by distinguished Ear Nose and Throat Surgeons and other practitioners and

Industrial Chemistry students honour Okoro

By Idayat Hassan

The Students Chemical Society of Nigeria, University of Ilorin Chapter, has presented an Award of Honour to the Ag. Head of the institution's Department of Industrial Chemistry, Dr Hussein Okoro, for his immense contribution to the smooth running of the association.

The award was presented to Dr Okoro in his office by the President of the Society, Oyetola Pelumi penultimate Wednesday (November 30, 2022).

In his reaction to the award, Dr Okoro expressed his profound gratitude to the members of the association and thanked them for their kind words and goodwill messages.

The don promised to continue to contribute his quota to make sure that the Industrial Chemistry Department grows from strength to strength.

He, therefore, solicited for more



■ Dr. Okoro (right) receiving the award

support from them and the staff in the Department "so that together we can both

hinder the progress of their study and peace on campus.

move the Department forward."

Dr Okoro implored those who have graduated to join the ICH Alumni Association, which is already in existence.

The Head of the Department also advised them to face their study with full dedication and commitment and shun all acts of violence that can



■ Prof. Alabi (5th left), the immediate past Ag Provost, Prof Okesina(6th left), Deans and staff of the College during the hand-over ceremony

Alabi assumes office as new Provost, CoHS ... as colleagues set agenda

By Abubakar Imam

The new Provost, College of Health Sciences (CoHS), University of Ilorin, Prof. Biodun Sulyman Alabi, was last Friday (December 9, 2022) ushered into office by the management and staff of the College with pomp and pageantry.

Speaking on the occasion, the immediate past Ag Provost of the College, Prof. Bashir Adekunle Okesina, expressed profound satisfaction that the transition process that birthed the new leadership for the College was hitch free.

Prof. Okesina, who thanked Allah for seeing him through in the last four months, described his successor as a man who is capable of holding the position effectively and efficiently.

Prof. Okesina advised the new Provost to ensure that he always carries his colleagues along in his administration, saying that a leader who will go far must do so with others.

The former Ag. Provost assured Prof. Alabi of his support and cooperation at all times.

Also speaking, the Dean, Faculty of Clinical Sciences, Prof. Ibraheem Adeola Katibi, charged the new Provost to always maintain good relationship with the Vice Chancellor, explaining that that was the only way he could get all the enablement needed to take the College to greater heights.

He also urged Prof. Alabi to ensure that he builds and sustains mutual respect with the Deans of the three Faculties in the College and those of other Faculties that he would be leading.

Prof. Katibi then pledged his loyalty and support to the new Provost on the task ahead.

In his comment, the Dean, Faculty of Basic Clinical Sciences, Prof. Aliyu Ajibola Akanbi II, urged the new Provost to take the interest of the entirety of the staff and students of the College at heart.

He added that the Provost should not see one Faculty in the College as more

important than others, saying that it was the surest route to a successful administration.

To the Dean, Faculty of Basic Medical Sciences, Prof. B. O. Akinola, the new Provost should ensure that he emulates his predecessor in office who regarded everyone as his friend.

Prof. Akinola also wished the new Provost a very successful tenure of office.

In her remarks, the College Secretary, Mrs Muibat A. Oladosu, recalled that the processes that led to the emergence of the new Provost was very peaceful and democratic.

She commended Prof. Okesina for his contributions not only to the development of the College but that of the entire University before and during the course of his Provostship

In his response, Prof. Alabi thanked Prof. Okesina for his outstanding leadership and the positive impacts his four months tenure exerted on the College.

While noting that every situation comes with its challenges, the new Provost said that he believed that his previous experiences, particularly as the Chairman of the Medical Advisory Committee of the University of Ilorin Teaching Hospital, had exposed him to the necessity of always fraternizing with higher authorities and simultaneously carrying others along.

Prof. Alabi, who is the immediate past Director of the Centre for Research, Development and In-House Training (CREDIT), University of Ilorin, appreciated the advice offered by his colleagues as he urged them to always put him on track whenever he is not doing things right.

The new Provost, who sought the cooperation of the staff and students of the College, also thanked his colleagues for finding him worthy of the position.

Meanwhile, the Ilorin Emirate Staff Association (IESA), University of Ilorin, has enjoined the new Provost of the institution's College of Health Sciences, Prof. Alabi, who is the Vice Chairman I of

the body, to ensure that his tenure as the Head of the College records impressive qualitative and quantitative growth.

The Association gave the advice in a statement signed by its Chairman Prof. Suleiman Funsho Ambali.

Prof. Ambali, who expressed gratitude to members of the three Faculties in the College for finding Prof. Alabi worthy of the office, said that his emergence would continue to be regarded as a huge honour.

He added that the Office of the Provost, College of Health Sciences in any University is a position with high responsibility as the holder not only presides over the affairs of three Faculties but also automatically becomes the Chairman of all the Committee of Provost and Deans of the institutions' Faculties.

The statement described Prof. Alabi's election as a reward for hard work, professionalism, humility and commitment to duties exhibited by the former Director of CREDIT, University of Ilorin over the years.

Prof. Ambali explained that the Association had always believed that Prof. Alabi is endowed with fascinating leadership qualities, adding that he was not surprised that the new Provost emerged unopposed.

The foremost Professor of Veterinary Medicine said that he was extremely stimulated with the manner his colleagues at the College of Health Sciences conducted its leadership recruitment process, saying that politicians in the real world have a lot to learn from what took place at the College for the nation to have a very peaceful general elections next year.

The Association said that it expected the renowned medical scholar to work assiduously with his every stakeholder towards ensuring that the University of Ilorin produces more medical personnel who would assist in the facilitation of quality healthcare for the people.

CSSD holds 3-day training for Interpreters

By Temitope Folorunsho and
Jemilat Mahmud

The Centre for Supportive Services for the Deaf (CSSD), University of Ilorin, has held an In-house training for its interpreters.

At the training held last Monday (December 5, 2022) at the Centre's ICT room, the CSSD Director, Prof. Afusat T. Alabi, noted that in any profession one engages in, new things emerge and in order not to become obsolete and to meet up with the current trends and requirements for effectiveness, one needs to be trained and retrained.

The Professor of Educational Management added that the essence of the event was to upgrade the skills of the interpreters so as not to be dropped along the line, saying, "What you know now may not be able to sustain you in years to come".

She, therefore, urged the participants to take the training seriously and seize the opportunity to learn new things and improve upon what they already know so that they could deliver effectively.

Prof. Alabi appreciated the staff members, most especially the two Deputy Directors of the Centre, Mr. J. O. Isarinade and Mrs. A. P. Kolawole, for their hard work and dedication despite all challenges.

The Dean of the Faculty of Education, Prof. M. O. Yusuf, who was represented by Prof. Y. A. Fasasi of the Department of Educational Management, commended the Director and the organisers of the training programme.

He noted the importance of training, saying the society keeps on changing so there is need for training and retraining for improvement.

Prof. Yusuf emphasised the need to show empathy with the deaf students because, accordingly to him, "we stand in



■ Prof. Alabi making her remarks

the shoes of their parents".

The Dean therefore urged the staff of the Centre to be more committed, as they are dealing with life, because whatever they impact on the students would be with them for life.

In her keynote address, a Professor of Social Sciences Education and former Director of CSSD, Bolanle O. Olawuyi, stressed the need to adopt the International Sign Language as the current trend in interpreting in a global world.

The erudite scholar noted that a lot of deaf people are restricted to work overseas due to the confusion created by the different sign languages used in the global world, which resulted in deaf people having to unlearn and relearn.

She said that whatever sign

language one uses as an interpreter in the educational setting, there are certain roles and responsibilities that go with it. According to her, the role of an interpreter cannot be overemphasised. She noted that interpreters perform amazing jobs when interpreting because they put their life in it.

Prof. Olawuyi recommended among others that Sign Language Interpretation should be professionalised to improve the standard of the practitioners and that the Sign Language Interpreters should also be properly remunerated in addition to implementing the 15% special allowance that the Federal Government approved for Interpreters.

Highlights of the event include goodwill messages delivered by three past Directors of the Centre namely Prof. Alfred A. Adegoke of Counsellor Education Department, Dr Patricia Etejere of the Department of Educational Management and Dr Ganiyu Bello of Science Education Department. They all appreciated the organisers of the training programme and commended the interpreters for being committed to duty, urging them to take the training seriously.

An interactive session thereafter followed, with questions and answers.

Also present at the event were the two Deputy Directors of the Centre, Mr J. O. Isarinade and Mrs A. P. Kolawole, a Research Fellow, Mr Abass Isiaka, as well as interpreters and other members of staff.

Alaro becomes Member, National Institute

By Abubakar Imam

A former Head of the Department of Islamic Law, University of Ilorin, Prof. AbdulRazaq AbdulMajeed Alaro, has been conferred with the coveted membership of the prestigious National Institute of Policy and Strategic Studies (NIPSS), Kuru, Jos.

The conferment of the award on the renowned scholar was consequent upon his successful conclusion of participation in a rigorous training programme as a member of the Course(SEC)44,2022 of the foremost citadel of leadership and management training in Nigeria.

The course is ten month long, which included mandatory study hours to several Ministries, Departments and Agencies, 14 States of the Federation, 6 African Countries and other non-African Countries.

Prof. Alaro, who is a foremost



■ Prof Alaro

expert and consultant on Islamic financial matters to several local and international institutions, was one of the 89 members who participated in the Course that also attracted topmost civil servants from the state and

federal civil service, senior military and paramilitary officers, high-ranking business executives and distinguished University Professors, among other eminent citizens.

Apart from giving a good account of himself and doing the University proud while the programme lasted, Prof. Alaro also served as the Leader and Imam of all the Muslim participants as he also headed some of the important committees constituted in the course of the programme.

With this development, Prof. Alaro has become one of the few members of the University of Ilorin community who became a Member of the National Institute and can subsequently add the insignia of "mni" to their names.

Since its inception 43 years ago, NIPSS has remained the nation's foremost policy think tank for bureaucrats, senior military officers, senior civil servants, private sector leaders and policy makers.



FUND SOURCES AND UTILIZATION REPORT FROM 1ST TO 8TH DECEMBER 2022

RECEIPTS:	AMOUNT
Academic Transcript	609,261.25
Utility Income	62,400.00
Sundry & Other Student Charges	1,299,450.00
Income from Verification/Screening	400,000.00
Sunday Other Income	319,300.00
Electricity Charges from Shop, Kiosk	33,000.00
Income from Dental Clinic	71,477.50
Income from Diagnostic Centre	65,860.00
Capitation –NHIS	750.00
Rent on Staff Accommodation	46,303.32
Rent on University Property	142,938.92
Refund (Salary)	1,200,000.00
Staff I.D. Cards	1,000.00
Student I.D Cards	1,000.00
Student Fee - Academic Programme	364,661.25
Convocation Souvenir	104,000.00
Contractors' Registration fees	21,000.00
Tender Fees	82,600.00
Departmental Income	200,000.00
Undergraduate School Charges	110,602,800.00
Undergraduate Post UTME	4,654,150.00
Undergraduate Add/Drop Payment	4,496,400.00
Undergraduate Registration Fees	51,900.00
Undergraduate Convocation Charges	20,950.00
Postgraduate School General payment	481,050.00
Postgraduate School Add/Drop Payment	9,200.00
Postgraduate School Convocation Charges	42,900.00
Ilorin Business School Application form	50,300.00
JUPEB Acceptance Payment	120,900.00
JUPEB Hostel Accommodation	180,900.00
JUPEB School Charges	1,196,350.00
JUPEB Application form	276,650.00
Remedial School Application Form	90,900.00
Remedial School Charges	236,300.00
Remedial School Acceptance Payment	15,150.00
Total Receipt for the Period	₦127,551,802.24
PAYMENTS	
PAYMENT TO CONTRACTORS/SUPPLIERS :	
Yakssmally Global Ent. Construction of Drainage	698,674.75
Poka Global Services Ltd Extension of Student Affairs Unit Building (NEEDS)	14,235,805.90
StoneBridge Engineering Ltd Extension of Unilorin Clinic (NEEDS)	18,519,321.04
Wadhuha Nigeria Ltd Supply and Installation of Laboratory Equipment (NEEDS)	29,874,465.00
Fasman Nig Ent. Clearing of Bush and Earth Work Drainage	136,737.50
Ola Sheu Uphostery Ent Construction of Cannopy	999,750.00
Amac Tenament Rate Tenament Rate	480,000.00
OTHER PAYMENTS:	
Various Various i.e. DTA, IMPREST, REFUND etc	14,422,206.00
Purchase Advance Various	3,195,900.00
Unilorin Petrol Station Supply of Petrol and Diesel	3,951,917.54
Tec Products Supply of Paints	352,448.37
Unilorin Guest House Catering Services	1,511,400.00
Unilorin Press Printing of Letter Heads and Log Book for SIWES Unit.	4,463,000.00
Faculty Staff November 2022 Salary	9,709,000.00
Ilorin Business School November 2022 Salary	291,184.67
NYSC Allowance for the month of November 2022	1,180,000.00
Total TSA Charges	103,267.00
Total payment for the period	₦104,125,077.77

Signed

H. O. Sonde FCA

Bursar



Happy Birthday

S/N	Name	Department	Birthday
1	Ochenika Ibrahim	University Lodges Unit	Dec 11
2	Ayinde Kadir	Registry	Dec 11
3	Inawole Abiodun Elizabeth	Registry	Dec 11
4	Bolaji Omotosho Ishola	Registry	Dec 11
5	Sulaiman Musibawu Naibi	Security Division	Dec 11
6	Mazadu Mark Elisha	Centre for Peace & Strategic Studies	Dec 11
7	Siseku Olorunfemi Monday	Central Research Laboratories	Dec 11
8	Raheem Taofiq Ayigoro	Works: Works/Maintenance Office	Dec 11
9	Atoyebi Sherifat Olayinka	Unilorin Staff School	Dec 12
10	Samuel Sunday	Works: Works/Maintenance Office	Dec 12
11	Ismail Adua Mustapha	Business Law	Dec 12
12	Bello Mohammed Lawan	Public Administration	Dec 12
13	Durotoye Idayat Adenike	Haematology & Blood Transfusion	Dec 12
14	Abubakar Isa Alabi	Arabic	Dec 12
15	Ibiyemi Florence Kemi	Registry	Dec 12
16	Timothy Adewoye	Security Division	Dec 12
17	Oyewopo Bamidele Joseph	Security Division	Dec 12
18	Raheem Adepoju Moshood	Library	Dec 12
19	Olasehinde Elizabeth Funmilayo	Library	Dec 12
20	Arokoyo Grace Omowunmi	Registry	Dec 12
21	Ayano Sarah Omayan	Registry	Dec 12
22	Omofe Hanna	Registry	Dec 12
23	Adeniran Adegboye Joshua	Registry	Dec 12
24	Tunde-Ayinmode Mosunmola Florence	Behavioural Science	Dec 12
25	Rufai Muritala	Network Operating Centre	Dec 12
26	Ajagbe James Ade	Works: Works/Maintenance Office	Dec 12
27	Lawal Isiaka	Security Division	Dec 12
28	Ajayi Yemisi Joy	Registry	Dec 12
29	Adeyemi Mary Oluwaremilekun	Registry	Dec 12
30	Garuba Rukayat Yemisi	Registry	Dec 12
31	Suleiman Ibrahim Olayinka	Technical & Entrepreneurship Centre	Dec 12
32	Mustapha Abu Taiye	Veterinary Medicine	Dec 13
33	Olugbami Gbenga Omoniyi	Works: Mechanical	Dec 13
34	Oloyede Muhtahir Oluwaseyi	Information & Communication Science	Dec 13
35	Salman Babatunde Abdulsalam	Works: Works/Maintenance Office	Dec 13
36	Isah Ismaila	Registry	Dec 13
37	Atanda Foluke Mercy	Registry	Dec 13
38	Shehu Jameelah	Registry	Dec 14
39	Ekwemuka Benedict Chuks	Electrical & Electronics Engineering	Dec 14
40	Owalude Samson Olatunji	Chemistry	Dec 14
41	Ibraheem Gbadebo Hakeem	Surgery	Dec 14
42	Onuora-Oguno Azubike Chinwuba	Jurisprud. & Interna. Law	Dec 14
43	Jinadu Oyeronke Simisola	Home Economics & Food Science	Dec 14
44	Adebayo Babatunde Samson	Human Kinetics & Health Education	Dec 14
45	Aminullahi Salman Alawaye	Centre For Counselling & Human Development	Dec 14
46	Saba Sabiu Abdulmalik	Registry	Dec 15
47	Giwa Abdulganiyu	Clinical Pharmacy & Pharmacy Practice	Dec 15
48	Aina Olusegun	Works: Electrical/Telecom	Dec 15
49	Abogunrin Abiodun Peter	Industrial Relations & Personnel Management	Dec 15
50	Faruk Muritala	Registry	Dec 15
51	Musa Shuaib	Security Division	Dec 15
52	Awoyemi Adeseye Oluwasikemi	Agric Extension & Rural Development	Dec 16
53	Bankole Michael Tunde	Works: Electrical/Telecom	Dec 16
54	Usman Abdulrasheed	Security Division	Dec 16
55	Issah Moshood	Sociology	Dec 16
56	Mustapha Abubakar Kayode	Security Division	Dec 16
57	Ikubanni Joel Majasan	Security Division	Dec 17
58	Abdussalam Is-Haaq Abiodun	Registry	Dec 17
59	Fakunle Rukayat Temitope	Chemistry	Dec 17
60	Olanrewaju Oladejo Rafiu	Security Division	Dec 17
61	Otiki Temitope Eunice	Registry	Dec 17
62	Ejio Toyin Dupe	Registry	Dec 17

New Appointments

NAME	FACULTY /DEPARTMENT	APPOINTMENT	EFFECTIVE DATE
Prof. Ibrahim Imam	Law/Public Law	Director, Institute for Legislative Studies	28 th November, 2022

- While delivering the 217th Inaugural Lecture of the University of Ilorin, titled "Engineering Technology and Technology of Manipulation of Process Parameters", Prof. Jacob Olayiwola Aweda has called for closer collaborations between the nation's universities and industries to ensure greater economic development. ("Unilorin Professor Canvases Closer Varsity-Industry Ties", <https://Tribuneonline.ng.com>)
- Speaking during the 218th Inaugural lecture of the University of Ilorin, titled "The Doctors' Doctor: Weighing Clinical and Morphological Evidence To Make Life-Changing Decisions", Prof. Mikhail Buhari of the Department of Pathology, Faculty of Basic Clinical Sciences, has called on government at all levels to establish special centres for the management of cancers and kidney disorders across the country. ("Don Urges Govt To Create Centre For Kidney, Cancer's Management Across County", <https://Karizcomoline.wordpress.com>, "Only 1% of Medical Students Request Autopsy", <https://dailytrust.com>, "Prof. Buhari Urges Government To Create Centre For Management of Cancers Kidneys Across County", <https://Choice-reporters.com>, "Pathologist laments challenges posed by kidney diseases", <https://www.newtelegrahng.com>, "Pathologist Laments Challenges Posed By Kidneys Diseases", <https://von.gov.ng>, "Varsity Don rues challenges posed by kidney diseases - Daily Newscraft", <https://dailynewscraft.ng>, "UNILORIN don rues challenges posed by kidney diseases", <https://the-reflection.com.ng>, "Don urges govt to create centres for kidney, cancers mgt across Nigeria", <https://thefactnewspaper.com>, "Don urges Govt To Create Centres For Kidneys ,Cancers Management Across County", <https://rulerswrl.com>, "Autopsy are very low in Nigeria -- Pathologist", <https://solarmnews.wordpress.com>)
- A Senior Information Officer at the Directorate of Corporate Affairs, University of Ilorin, who is also a journalist and photographer, Precious Okeowo, has said that she is a typical example of how passion for something can lead someone to a successful career. ("How being a star student photographer changed my fortune -- Precious Okewo, *Daily Trust*, Friday, November 20, 2022, P.34)
- The Chairman of the Academic Staff Union of Universities (ASUU), University of Ilorin Branch, Prof Moyosore Ajao, has raised alarm at the special congress of the local branch, held at the University's main Auditorium. ("ASUU Threatens Fresh Crisis Over FG 's " No work ,No Pay' Rule ", *Daily Independent*, Tuesday, November 29, 2022, P.1; See also, "ASUU warns against new crises, seeks intervention", *The Punch*, November 29, 2022, P.29, "UNILORIN ASUU vows to resist half salary payment", *Nigerian Tribune*, Thursday, December 1, 2022, P.19)
- The former Chairman of the Academic Staff Union of Universities (ASUU), University of Ilorin, Prof. Rasheed Adeoye and the Secretary of the Union in the University, Olatunji AbdulGaniyu ,have described half salaries reportedly paid by government to members of the Union for October as unacceptable, saying it would be resisted. ("ASUU Unilorin Vows to resist half salary" *Nigerian Tribune*, Tuesday, November 29,2022, P.25)
 - While delivering the 219th Inaugural Lecture of the University, entitled "Child Survival Obstacles and Opportunities: Through the Eyes of a Paediatrician in Practice and Research", Prof. Aishatu Ahmed Gobir of the Department of Paediatrics and Child Health, University of Ilorin, has said that she is worried about the rising cases of drug usage among adolescents in schools. ("Don expresses worry over drug usage among adolescents in schools", <https://timeline.ng/index.php/health/2182>)
- The Minister of Works and Housing, Mr Babatunde Fashola, has disclosed that the Federal Government has intervened in a total of 83 internal road projects in various tertiary institutions across the country. ("Federal Govt Completes 83 Roads in Tertiary Institutions -- Fashola", <https://leadership.ng>, "Tertiary Institution: 83 Road projects completed -- Minister", <https://von.gov.ng>; See also, "FG has completed 64 internal tertiary institution roads -- Fashola", *Daily Trust*, Thursday, December 8, 2022,P.32; "FG inaugurates 2.75km road at Unilorin" *The Herald*, Friday, December 9,2022,P.)

Raji bags SPSP Fellowship Award

By Mustafa Abubakar and
Abdulquadri Abubakar

A Senior Lecturer at the Centre for Peace and Strategic Studies (CPPS), University of Ilorin, Dr Shittu Raji, has bagged the Award of Fellowship of the Society for Peace Studies and Practice (SPSP).

This development was contained in the letter of nomination sent to Dr Raji, dated November 3, 2022, and jointly signed by the National President of the Society for Peace Studies and Practice (SPSP) and the General Secretary of the Society for Peace Studies and Practice (SPSP), Dr N. D. Danjibo and Dr Adeola Adams, respectively.

Dr Raji's investiture was held



■ **Dr Raji (left) receiving the award**

between November 30 and December 1, 2022, during the 16th International Conference and Annual General Meeting of

the Society held at the Army Resource Centre, Abuja.

In his reaction to the Fellowship Award, Dr Raji said, "I will continue to take part in promoting the practice of third-party intervention to facilitate the management, resolution and transformation of conflicts, promote the culture of peace through peace education and advocacy, keep and getting curriculum to promote training and peace practice,

support and encourage reforms that promote the culture of peace, promote and uphold the ethics of the peace society among others".



FOR THE

RECORD



PRESS STATEMENT

Students' Resumption: Advisory on Likely Traffic Glitch on University Road

The Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, and the entire management of the University of Ilorin are eagerly waiting to welcome new and returning students of the University back on campus as from Thursday, December 15, 2022 for the commencement of the 2021/2022 academic session.

The management, however, appeals to our dear students and their parents to exercise great patience in the face of the traffic challenges they are likely to encounter, especially as a result of the ongoing construction of a Flyover on the Tipper Garage axis of the University Road.

Great Unilorites, we want to assure you that the University management is in touch with the Kwara State government, which has in turn assured us that actions are being expedited on the Flyover construction to ensure its timely completion.

To avoid the Tipper Garage route, there are two alternative routes to access the Tanke Oke Odo road towards the main campus.

The first one is the detour after the Government Day Secondary School, Tanke, enroute

Pipeline to Awolowo Road to burst out at old Mark Fuel Station on University Road. The second one is the Fate-Tanke Road by the old Saw Mill, Tanke, enroute the Police F Division Road to burst out at old Mark Fuel Station.

Commuters and motorists can also access the University main campus from town through the newly constructed UITH – Main Campus Link road to avoid the likely traffic build-up on the Tanke access road and reduce the attendant delay in getting to the campus.

While wishing our dear students journey mercies back to Ilorin and to the campus for the resumption of their studies, we wish them hitch-free and highly rewarding new academic session.

Let's keep to all rules and regulations guiding our conducts as great Unilorites.

Thank you.

E-Signed
Kunle Akogun
Director, Corporate Affairs,
UNILORIN
11th December, 2022