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Egbewole vows to reposition UNILORIN's IGR units

By Tajudeen Babamale

The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Egbewole, SAN, has restated his commitment to repositioning all the revenue generating units of the institution to make them more efficient for better service delivery and generation of more revenue for the University.

Prof. Egbewole disclosed this last Monday (March 6, 2023) when he led members of the institution's Investment Committee on a tour of some Internally Generated Revenue (IGR) units.

The Vice Chancellor, who is the Chairman of the Committee, was accompanied by the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic), Prof. Olubunmi Omotosho; the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Management Services), Prof. Sulyman Funsho Ambali; the University Bursar, Mr Hakeem Sonde; and Council members, Prof. Folu Emmanuel Ologe and Mr Mansur Alfaanla.

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Prof. Egbewole stressing a point during the visit to UNILORIN TEC (Photos by Precious Okeowo)



The Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Egbewole (left), receiving a souvenir from the Provost of the Nigeria Army College of Education, (NACOE), Sobi, Ilorin, Major Gen. S. S. Ibrahim during the latter's visit to the University last Tuesday (See story on Page 2)

Retreat seeks financial autonomy for PG School



Prof. Moji Bakare-Odunola

By Abubakar Imam

Top academic staff of the University of Ilorin have made a strong case for the financial autonomy of the institution's Postgraduate School, while also canvassing that postgraduate programmes be run independently of the undergraduate programmes.

Rising from a retreat organised by the

Postgraduate School, which was held between Friday 17th and Sunday, 19th February, 2023 at the National Centre for Agricultural Mechanisation (NCAM) Idofian, near Ilorin, the participants at the retreat said that it was increasingly becoming important for the School to be financially autonomous for better service delivery.

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Egbewole welcomes collaboration between UNILORIN, NACOE

By Tajudeen Babamale

The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has expressed his commitment to accede to an affiliation proposal between the University and the Nigeria Army College of Education, (NACOE), Sobi, Ilorin.

Prof. Egbewole stated this last Tuesday (March 7, 2023) while receiving the NACOE Provost, Major-General S. S. Ibrahim, who led a team from the military college on a courtesy visit to his office.

The Vice Chancellor said he was especially elated to welcome the Provost back to his alma mater, having earned his Masters and PhD degrees from the institution's Faculty of Education.

While expressing his willingness to provide all necessary support, the Professor of Jurisprudence and International Law, however, expressed the hope that the collaboration and affiliation would start in earnest, saying that the University of Ilorin is always ready to be part of academic advancement.

Earlier, the leader of the NACOE team, Major-General Ibrahim, said that the Nigerian Armed Forces realised that the current security challenges bedeviling the country are not all about taking guns, but they have to consider a non-kinetic approach to tackle insecurity in Nigeria.



■ *The visiting NACOE officials with the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Egbewole (Sitting 3rd left) and officials of the University*

Major-General Ibrahim explained that one of the components of the non-kinetic approach is the idea of affiliations and collaborations with reputable institutions whose wealth of knowledge can help the military's operations.

The Provost of the Nigerian Army College of Education, however, announced that academics who are interested in security researches can move closer to the theatre commands, adding that, with the support of security officers, they will have access to first-hand data.

He explained that there are a lot of

gaps that need to be bridged, and the theatre believes the experienced scholars in the civil institutions who have an interest and passion in security development can help the Nigerian Army on the security issue.

Major-General Ibrahim observed that the military appreciated the essence of peace more than any other sector of society. Saying, "We have worked in the theater command of the Army and know the damage done by insecurity. But all we always wish for is for people to sleep with their eyes closed."



Egbewole pays last respect to Prof. Karim's late mum

By Tajudeen Babamale

The Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, joined other dignitaries last Wednesday (March 8, 2023) to bid farewell to the late mother of the Vice-Chancellor of Fountain University, Osogbo, Prof. Olayinka R. Karim, Mrs Amudat Kehinde Saji-Odusote.

The late Mrs Saji-Odusote died

penultimate Friday (March 3, 2023) at the age of 89 and was buried same day according to Islamic injunction.

At the Fidau prayer held last Wednesday (March 8, 2023) at the NASFAT Tanke Branch prayer ground, the Vice-Chancellor was represented by the Principal Officers of the University, which included the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic), Prof. Abayomi Omotesho; the

Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Management Services), Prof. Sulyman Funsho Ambali; the Provost of the College of Health Sciences, Prof. Sulyman Alabi; the University Librarian, Dr. Kamaldeen Omopupa; the Bursar, Mr Hakeem Sonde and the University Registrar represented by the Deputy Registrar (Council Office), Mr. Femi Adewuyi.

Retreat seeks financial autonomy for PG School

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In a 21-point communique titled "Idofian Declaration" and signed by six of the participants, the dons expressed the belief that all the issues that have to do with the delay in payment of allowances to all stakeholders such as internal and external examiners as well as lecturers and supervisors should be ironed out.

The communique also enjoined the authorities of the University to ensure that the Postgraduate School application form for Ph.D. should be advertised all the year round and processed for admission twice a year.

The retreat also suggested that co-supervision would now be mandatory from the 2021/2022 session, saying that in the absence of the main supervisor, the co-supervisor becomes the main supervisor.

The communique also enjoined the authorities of the Postgraduate School to redesign its process in such a way that candidates can request for a change of their supervisors.

It was also emphasised that the Postgraduate School should put in place a portal system that manages and monitors



■ Cross section of participants at the retreat

the academic activities of supervisors, adding that the automation of the programmes and activities should be ensured.

The communique also enjoined the authorities to ensure that each Ph.D student publishes at least two papers before the completion of their programmes and that one of the papers must be in at least a Q4 journal as a precondition for graduation.

It was also suggested that the

Postgraduate School should develop a mechanism of tracking Ph.D. graduates to evaluate their impact on the society.

The retreat, which was presided over by the Vice Chancellor of the University, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, and coordinated by the Dean, Postgraduate School, Prof. Moji Taibat Bakare-Odunola, attracted participants from various Faculties and Departments as well as other segments of the University.

Egbewole vows to reposition UNILORIN's IGR units

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Prof. Egbewole explained that the significance of the visitation was to assess the challenges hindering the effective operation of all IGR units at the University, to be able to strategically offer possible solutions to the identified problems.

While speaking at the General Studies Unit (GNS), the Vice Chancellor said that the unit serves as an academic unit and IGR office, adding that he believed the GNS needs to be repositioned so that it will be more beneficial to the University.

He said, "We believe that this

unit has contributed to the development of the University and the upliftment of the individuals that are involved. We want to know what we could do better for the purpose of achieving its goal.

Responding to a clarification put forward by the Director of the GNS unit, Prof. Victoria Alabi, on whether the unit will be able to continue with the virtual classes despite the financial constraints, the Vice-Chancellor affirmed that the virtual learning is no longer an option but the main thing.

The Vice Chancellor explained that as a critical stakeholder in GNS and as a former Director of the Unit, he

understands that virtual learning is the way to go, saying, "It is even more imperative for GNS due to the large number of students that offer GNS courses".

Speaking at the meeting with the Board of Drama Village and Lake Side Resort, the Vice Chancellor, expressed his worries that the essence of the project originally appeared to be distorted but could be restored.

Prof. Egbewole pointed out that the Drama Village and Lake Side Resort project need to be re-conceptualised, with the redefinition of its priorities and the identification of the millage that can be covered and how to achieve it.

Prof. Egbewole described the Consultancy Service as a critical unit of the University, especially in terms of IGR.

He said, "No doubt the unit has tried its best in the last couple of years, and improvement has taken place, but management of this centre should see what they can do better and how we can strategically improve our IGR".

Other places visited include the Tick Plantation, the Technical and Entrepreneurship Centre (TEC), as well as the University's Teaching and Research Farm/Oil Palm Plantation.



■ Prof. Egbewole (right) with the Director of GNS, Prof. Alabi, during the visit

Egbewole visits rain-damaged facilities on UNILORIN campus

By Tajudeen Babamale

The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has expressed mixed feelings over the havoc wreaked on the campus of the University by the windy March 2, 2023 rainfall.

Prof. Egbewole, who led other Principal Officers penultimate Friday (March 3, 2023) on a campus-wide tour to assess the level of damage done by the rain, told **UNILORIN BULLETIN** that though he was saddened by the incident, he was glad that it occurred when students were on break following the directive of the Federal Government to shut all universities for the period of the 2023 General Elections. He said that if not for the break, no one could predict the extent and consequences of the havoc.

Some of the facilities affected include the Mast of the Network Operating Centre (NOC) housing several internet radios, the Chemical Engineering Lecture Theatre, the Life Sciences Lecture Hall, the Department of Biochemical Engineering, the Computer Based Test (CBT) Centres, where about 40 computers were affected, the Geology and Mineral Resources Department, electric poles, and the General Studies Division (GNS) Unit.

Others are the Animal Houses for the Central Research Laboratories, the Secretariat of the Academic Staff Union of Universities (ASUU), the Secretariat of the Senior Staff Association of Nigerian Universities (SSANU), the UNILORIN Multi-Purpose Cooperative Union Building, Admission Office, Security Unit, New Anatomy Building (College of Medicine), Directorate of Legal Services Unit, UNILORIN Stadium, Education Technology Workshop, as well as the Department of Adult and Primary Education.

Other affected facilities were the



■ One of the damaged buildings

University Health Services, the Faculty of Law, the Old University Library, the Language Laboratory (Faculty of Arts), the Counseling and Human Development Centre, and the Student Affairs Unit.

The Vice Chancellor, however, lamented that properties destroyed by the rain will have serious consequences because they will affect the activities of staff and students, especially researchers who require the internet facility for their academic work.

While seeking the understanding of the University community pending the repairs of the damaged facilities, Prof. Egbewole assured the stakeholders that all facilities affected would be given ultimate attention, adding that their repairs and restoration would start in earnest.

Meanwhile, the Director of Computer Services and Information Technology (COMSIT), Prof. Dupe Ademola-Popoola, said some parts of the University community would find it difficult for some days to access the internet services as a result of the havoc.

While lamenting that facilities worth hundreds of millions of naira were destroyed, the COMSIT Director expressed happiness that the mast did not

fall on the building because some staff members were at work when the incident occurred.

She explained that as a result of the fall of the mast, several huge access points have been destroyed, which is why some parts of the university campus will be without internet service for the time being.

Prof. Ademola-Popoola said, "On the mast, there were several huge access points. Access points are radios that connect one point to another with the internet. All such distributing radios that were distributing wireless internet were on that mast. I can confirm that a number of them have been destroyed. It is not just the metal that was affected but the access points that carry, transmit, and distribute internet across the campuses.

"The consequence is that many places will not have internet. The people who use the fiber will have internet, but those who use wireless will not, and it will also affect the GRA Staff Quarters because they receive internet from the destroyed radio".

On his part, the Ag. Director of the Physical Planning Unit, QS. Toyin Jimoh, said some of the destroyed facilities required maintenance.

Wahab delivers 230th Inaugural Lecture

The Vice-Chancellor, University of Ilorin, Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, invites members of the University of Ilorin community and the general public to the Two hundred and thirtieth (230th) Inaugural Lecture of the University scheduled as follows:

Lecturer: Professor Kolawole Wasiu Wahab MB;BS. (Ilorin); MPH (Ilorin); FWACP; M.Sc. (London); MD (Nig.); FMCP (Nig.), Department of Medicine, Faculty of Clinical Sciences, University of Ilorin.

Topic: "In the Quest for a Masterstroke

for Stroke"

Date: Thursday, 16th March, 2023

Time: 5.00 p.m.

Venue: University Auditorium, Main Campus, University of Ilorin

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

Signed

Dr. Fola M. Olowoleni

Registrar



■ Prof. Wahab

Let's give more attention to gender issues – Egbewole

By Abubakar Imam

The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has called for more commitments on the part of stakeholders towards gender issues in order to ensure greater human development.

Prof. Egbewole made the call last Wednesday (March 8, 2023) while declaring open an international conference, entitled "DigitAll: Innovation and Technology For Gender Equality" organised by the Department of Jurisprudence and International Law, University of Ilorin, to mark this year's International Women's Day.

Prof. Egbewole explained that gender issues are emotive phenomena, saying that the issue affects and concerns every member of the human community one way or the other.

The Professor of Jurisprudence and International Law said that "we must acknowledge the fact that we are all products of women" and that we owe it a duty to ensure that the interests of women are protected to ensure human development.

Prof. Egbewole commended the

Head and members of the Department of Jurisprudence and International Law for organising the event, which he said explained the respect the University has for women as well as its interest on gender issue.

While encouraging the Department to ensure that the subsequent editions of the programme are better publicised and organised to ensure more participation, the Vice Chancellor implored the Department to ensure that resolutions arrived at are passed to the institution's authorities for them to be properly driven.

Also speaking, a former Head of the Department, Prof. Nimah Modupe Abdulraheem, encouraged the Federal Government to declare the International Women Day as a public holiday in Nigeria as it is in several other countries of the world.

Going down memory lane, Prof. Abdulraheem, who moderated the programme, recalled that the celebration of the International Women Day started in the United States of America in 1908 as she noted that the Department would continue to be at home with gender care and protection of the vulnerable members of the society.

Prof. Abdulraheem noted that it was important for issues relating to women to be

given due attention by all and sundry as she submitted that "women rights are human rights".

Presenting a paper on "Women as Core Agent of Sustainable Development", a Professor of Law from the National Open University of Nigeria (NOUN), Ganiyah Adesina-Uthman decried the inelegant treatment women are often exposed to in Nigeria, particularly in leadership recruitment.

She urged political leaders in the country to ensure that women are given their fair shares of elective and appointment positions as she also charged the authorities of the University of Ilorin to ensure the enthronement of gender mainstreaming in appointments of lecturers.

Two other papers were presented in the course of the programme by an Italian scholar and Associate Professor of Law, Dr Roberto Allufo and Dr Gloria Shojobi Ibikunle, a Senior Lecturer at the University of Abuja. While Dr Allufo, in his paper, encouraged women to embrace information technology for personal and collective development, Dr Ibikunle decried the poor performance of women in education, professionalism and modern entrepreneurship, particularly in the developing world and most especially in Nigeria.

UNILORIN loses foremost researcher, Prof. Akorede

By Abubakar Imam

The death has been announced of the UNILORIN Researcher of the Year, 2018/2019 Session and Professor at the Department of Electronics and Electrical Engineering, University of Ilorin, Mudathir Funsho Akorede.

Prof. Akorede, who was also the Head of the Department of Electronics and Electrical Engineering, died penultimate Friday (March 3, 2023) at the age of 52.

The remains of the renowned academic were committed to the mother earth on the same date at his residence in Ilorin after a Janaza prayer that was attended by dignitaries from far and near including the Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN.

The late Prof. Akorede, who was a Deputy Director of the University of Ilorin Central Research Laboratory, received his B.Eng (Hons) in Electrical Engineering from the University of Ilorin in 2000 and M.Eng in 2006 from Bayero University, Kano. He bagged his Ph.D. in Electrical Power Engineering from Universiti Putra, Malaysia in 2011.

He joined the services of the University of Ilorin in 2002.

In his tribute, the Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, described the demise of Prof. Akorede as a great loss not



■ Late Prof. Akorede

only to his Department and Faculty but also to the institution and humanity as a whole.

Prof. Egbewole, who spoke through the institution's Director of Corporate Affairs, Mr Kunle Akogun, said that the deceased was a pride to the University as he was also one of its finest experts.

He added that he received the news of Prof. Akorede's death with shock, saying that he was a young, brilliant and agile scholar who, if not for the death, had a great future before him.

Prof. Egbewole, nevertheless, said that Allah, the ultimate power who gives and takes, knows the reasons why He decided to

take Prof. Akorede away so soon.

While urging his colleagues and students to take solace in the fact that Prof. Akorede lived a life worthy of emulation, Prof. Egbewole prayed Allah to forgive the shortcomings of the deceased and rest his soul in perfect peace.

In another tribute, a colleague of the deceased, Dr Abdulateef Ayodele, described the deceased as a nice, dedicated and exemplary personality.

Dr Ayodele, who acted as Head of the Department in the course of Prof. Akorede's illness, added that the deceased was a listening leader and someone who was always available to offer support to colleagues, students and anyone who desired his assistance.

He opined that the Department would sorely miss Prof. Akorede as he prayed Allah to forgive his shortcomings and bless him with Aljanat fridaouz. He also prayed Allah to grant his bereaved family the fortitude to bear his death.

Speaking at the Fidaou prayer organised for the repose of the soul of the late foremost scholar and award-winning researcher, which was held on Sunday, March 5, 2023 at the deceased's residence in Ilorin, a prominent Islamic cleric and Chief Imam of Ahabudeen Islamic Society of Nigeria, Imam Ali Imam, implored mortals to always ensure that they combine good deeds with religious obligations.

Ambali hails DCA's service delivery

By Abubakar Imam

The Deputy Vice Chancellor (Management Services), University of Ilorin, Prof. Suleiman Funsho Ambali, has commended the management and staff of the institution's Directorate of Corporate Affairs for the quality of services they render the University.

Prof. Ambali gave the commendation penultimate Wednesday (March 1, 2023) while addressing members of the Executive Committee of the Ilorin Emirate Staff Association (IESA), University of Ilorin, who paid him a courtesy visit in his office.

The Professor of Environmental Toxicology said that both the **UNILORIN BULLETIN** and **UNILORIN 89.3 FM** have been doing a great job in building and promoting the good image of the University.

The renowned academic and administrator, who was the Dean of the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, University of Ilorin, said that the peace, stability and progress being recorded by the University could not be divorced from the industry and professionalism of the management and staff of the University's Directorate of Corporate Affairs.

Prof. Ambali explained that the Directorate has always ensured that every



■ Prof. Ambali

segment of the University is given deserved space and air time on the **UNILORIN BULLETIN** and **UNILORIN 89.3 FM**, respectively, to air their views as situations demand.

He added that he often marveled at the promptness with which the Directorate often reports the activities of the University and its personnel as he urged the Directorate not to relent in its efforts at polishing and preserving the image of the nation's most sought-after University.

The Deputy Vice Chancellor urged individual staff members and groups as well as units of the University to ensure that they patronise the **UNILORIN 89.3 FM**, saying

that its services and network can be favourably compared with those of sister stations in town.

Prof. Ambali pointed out that there should be no reason why the radio station should not be given priority by staff, Departments and Faculties in the advertisement of their services and programmes.

The Deputy Vice Chancellor, who encouraged the staff of the University to be conscious of the need to maintain their dignity and integrity, said that the present administration in the University was ready to treat every staff with equality.

He commended the leadership qualities of the Vice Chancellor of the University, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, describing him as a scholar and administrator per excellence and someone who is not only detribalised but also friendly and fair in everything.

Prof. Ambali added that the Vice Chancellor has repeatedly proved in words and actions that he would discharge his responsibilities without fear or favour but in accordance with global best practices.

He, therefore, charged all the staff and students of the University to cooperate fully with the Egbewole administration for the good of all.

Drivers' Association Chair presents score card, as 13 members retire

By Isaac Lewu

The Chairman of the Unilorin Drivers Welfare Association, Mr Fatai Kolawole Salawu, has disclosed that 13 members of the Association retired from service last year having attained the mandatory 65 years in service.

Mr Salawu disclosed this penultimate Saturday (March 4, 2023), during the 2022 Get-together and sent-forth for retired University drivers under the Works Department.

In his speech on the occasion, the Chairman disclosed that in the course of his four years tenure, he has been able to record some achievements. These, according to him, include: ensuring that drivers carry valid Drivers' Licenses, organisation of seminars and workshops for drivers, ensuring that members gets duly promoted, nomination of drivers for University Annual Merit Award, acquisition of Keke NAPEP (Tricycle) for the Association on pay and own agreement, and increment in Association's bank savings as well as co-operative society savings.

Mr Salawu appreciated the immediate past Director of Works, Engr A. M. Abisoye, the incumbent Director of Works, Engr Rahman Amao, the Ag. Director of Physical Planning QS Toyin Jimoh and the Director of Corporate



Affairs, Mr Kunle Akogun, for their support and assistance, which has brought about this great achievement for the Association.

Describing the Transport Unit as a leading Unit in the University, the Chairman stressed that the commitment, carefulness and dedication of the staff members of the Unit to the discharge of their duties is indeed second to none.

He lamented the exit of the professionals in the Unit, saying that the population of Unilorin drivers is getting slimmer. He therefore urged the University

management to recruit more Drivers to fill the vacuum as more drivers will be retiring this year.

The retirees who were honoured at the event were Mr Olatunji Oladimeji, Mr Abel Uweru, Mr Okunade Abraham, Mr Tunde Dada, Mr Sunday Ibadin, Mr. Shehu Lamidi, Mr Felix Oloruntoba, Mr. Giwa Mudashiru, Mr Kolade Ojo, Mr Dayo Aremu, Mr Barbata Rasak, Mr Gbenga Adewusi and Mr Afolabi Timothy.

A major highlight of the occasion included presentation of gifts to the retirees.



UNILORIN WEEKLY FINANCIAL DIGEST

FUND SOURCES AND UTILIZATION REPORT FROM 23RD FEBRUARY TO 2ND MARCH 2023

RECEIPTS:	AMOUNT
Academic Transcript	404,500.00
Sundry & Other Fees Student Charges	530,500.00
Sundry Other Income	55,945.41
Tender Fees	5,500.00
Capitation NHIS	5,250.00
Income from Dental Clinic	67,500.00
Convocation Souvenir	20,800.00
Contractors' Registration Fees	1,000.00
Income from Verification/Screening	5,000.00
Rent on University Property	500,000.00
Staff I.D Cards	2,000.00
Undergraduate School Charges	2,197,800.00
Undergraduate Convocation Charges	314,250.00
Undergraduate Hostel Accommodation	56,300.00
Undergraduate Add/Drop Payment	558,900.00
Undergraduate Change of Course form	5,150.00
Undergraduate General Payment	40,150.00
Postgraduate School Charges	43,161,700.00
Postgraduate School Add/Drop payment	9,200.00
Postgraduate School Acceptance Payment	443,300.00
JUPEB General Payment	30,150.00
JUPEB School Charges	315,450.00
Remedial School Application Form	75,750.00
Total Receipt for the Period	₦48,806,095.41
PAYMENTS	
PAYMENT TO CONTRACTORS/SUPPLIERS:	
Trybal Space Ltd Retreat for Postgraduate School	4,461,787.50
Ibadan Electricity Distribution Company Electricity bill for February 2023	76,446,329.95
Bliss Centre Catering Services	141,000.00
Legal Printing Press Printing of Files Jacket and Table Jotter	422,500.00
Fresh Mubrasal Multibiz Nig Ltd Plumbing Repairs	978,250.00
Tesbaq Electrical Technologies Repair of Transformer	1,457,625.00
Sabiko Ventures Nig Ltd Rescreeding of Vice Chancellor External Corridor.	883,474.78
OTHER PAYMENTS:	
Various Various i.e DTA, IMPREST, REFUND e.t.c	15,231,487.80
Purchase Advance Various	1,651,700.00
Unilorin Press Production of Statement of Results	310,000.00
Unilorin Guest House Catering Services	2,134,200.00
Unilorin Petrol Station Supply of Fuel	629,767.00
John Olusola Baiyeshea & Co First Tranch payment of Legal fees	20,000,000.00
Unilorin Staff Training Staff Development Awards CBNTETFUND	1,500,000.00
Association of Bursars of Nigeria Universities Annual Dues	200,000.00
Unilorin Post UTME Honorarium for the Exercises	11,698,750.00
Association of Home Economics and Food Studies Part of Due to Association	130,000.00
TSA Charges Various	101,032.00
Total payment for the period	₦138,377,904.03

Signed

O.H. Sonde FCA

Bursar

UNILORIN Senate appoints new Board members

By Isaac Lewu

In its 294th (Special) Meeting held on February 17, 2023, the Senate of the University of Ilorin has elected its representatives into four statutory boards

and committees.

Those elected were Prof. J. A. Olorunmaiye and Prof. L. O. Ibrahim, Selection Board for the Appointment of Principal Officers; Prof. A.B. Okeshina,

Board of the Unilorin Teaching Hospital (UTH); Prof. I. B. Ibrahim, NACHRED; as well as Prof. P. M. Kolo and Prof. Modinat Abdulraheem, Board of the University Press.

Olaoye's daughter weds

The wedding ceremony of Barakat Adeola Olaoye, the daughter of the Director of the Centre for International Education (CIE), University of Ilorin, Prof. Abdulraheem Adebayo Olaoye, has been scheduled to hold from March 16th to 18th, 2023.

Miss Olaoye will tie the nuptial

knots with her heartthrob, Ridwan Sholagberu Lawal.

A wedding notification made available to UNILORIN BULLETIN indicated that the Wolimah Eve will hold on Thursday, March 16, 2023 behind Old Herald, GRA, Ilorin beginning from 4.00p.m while the Wolimah proper would

hold on Friday, March 17, 2023 at the same venue beginning from 10.00a.m.

Reception will hold on Saturday, March 18, 2023 at PAMAN Events Centre, 39 Western Reservoir, opposite INEC Office Ilorin.

Members of the University community are cordially invited.



UNILORIN WEEKLY FINANCIAL DIGEST

FUND SOURCES AND UTILIZATION REPORT FROM 2ND MARCH TO 9TH 2023

RECEIPTS:	AMOUNT
Academic Transcript	761,050.00
Sundry & Other Fees Student Charges	42,100.00
Sundry Other Income	997,538.75
Refund (Salary)	100,692.81
Capitation NHIS	15,750.00
Income from Dental Clinic	22,600.00
Convocation Souvenir	105,000.00
Contractors' Registration Fees	10,000.00
Income from Verification/Screening	60,000.00
Rent on Staff Accommodation	5,100.00
Tender Fees	5,250.00
Boarded Property	2,370,000.00
Income from Diagnostic Centre	71,448.75
Publication	158,000.00
Undergraduate School Charges	1,433,150.00
Undergraduate Convocation Charges	314,250.00
Undergraduate Hostel Accommodation	84,450.00
Undergraduate Post UTME Registration	4,300.00
Postgraduate Convocation Charges	21,450.00
Postgraduate School Charges	5,421,650.00
Postgraduate School Add/Drop payment	1,150.00
Postgraduate School Acceptance Payment	221,650.00
Postgraduate School General Payment	445,900.00
Ilorin Business School Application Form	75,450.00
JUPEB School Charges	215,300.00
Remedial School Application Form	60,600.00
Remedial Acceptance Payment	15,150.00
Remedial School Charges	118,150.00
Total Receipt for the Period	₦13,157,130.31
PAYMENTS	
PAYMENT TO CONTRACTORS/SUPPLIERS :	
Blackstone Heritage Ltd Supply & Installation of Laboratory Equipment.	14,859,200.00
GLO Business Solution Conference fee	700,000.00
Bliss Centre Catering Services	178,181.25
Tee Jay Elevator Ltd Repair of General Lift	1,335,488.63
Noab Global Concept Ltd Overhauling of Generators	1,241,141.25
F and B Catering Services Catering Services	420,000.00
OTHER PAYMENTS:	
Various Various i.e DTA, IMPREST, REFUND e.t.c	6,270,240.12
Purchase Advance Various	876,150.00
Federal Tender Journal Advertisement in respect of Construction of Cobes office	280,000.00
TSA Charges Various	15,695.00
Total payment for the period	₦26,176,096.25

Signed

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Open Ph.D Thesis Defence

S/N	NAME	FACULTY/DEPARTMENT	TITLE	DATE&TIME	VENUE
1	BABARINDE, Funtó Esther	Life Sciences/Microbiology	Synergistic Effects of Methanol-solubilized <i>Vitellaria paradoxa</i> C. F. Gaertn and Essential Oil of <i>Citrus reticulata</i> on Selected Dermatophytes	Wednesday, 15 th March, 2023/10:00am	Faculty of Life Sciences Committee Room
2	YAYI, Timothy Opeyemi	Education/Social Sciences Education	Effects of Field Trips on Selected Colleges of Education Students' Attitude to Civic Responsibility in Nigeria	Thursday, 16 th March, 2023/10:00am	Faculty of Education Board Room
3	SOTOYINBO, Amos Oladimeji	Education/Social Sciences Education	Effects of Guided-inquiry and Graphic-organisers Instructional Strategies on Upper Basic Social Studies Students Performance in Ogun State, Nigeria	Thursday, 16 th March, 2023/1:00pm	Faculty of Education Board Room
4	ADIKA, Christianah Adedoyin	Education/Social Sciences Education	Effects of Group Discussion and Debate Strategies on Basic School Students' Performance in Social Studies in Oyo State, Nigeria	Friday, 17 th March, 2023	



S/N	Name	Department	Birthday
1	Badmus Olalekan Taofeek	Science Education	Mar 05
2	Fawole Olufemi Adeniyi	Sociology	Mar 05
3	Omuya Ohiare Aliu	Works: Works/Maintenance Office	Mar 05
4	Falade Samuel Olusegun	Registry	Mar 05
5	Abubakar Ismaila	Security Division	Mar 05
6	Bamidele Kehinde	Registry	Mar 05
7	Giwa Mudasiru Akinni	Works: Works/Maintenance Office	Mar 05
8	Ayodele Timilola Rachael	Registry	Mar 05
9	Yusuf Rasheed Adebisi	Works: Works/Maintenance Office	Mar 05
10	Alabi Ganiyat Bolanle	University Lodges Unit	Mar 06
11	Ishola Abubakar Sidiq	Library	Mar 06
12	Abdulfatai Salamat Ayo	Registry	Mar 06
13	Kadir Yinus	Security Division	Mar 06
14	Adigun Foyeke Muniratu	Anatomy	Mar 06
15	Musa Bilikisu Bolajoko	Registry	Mar 06
16	Abdulkadir Fatimah Ronke	Chemistry	Mar 07
17	Ayinde Jamiu Kehinde	Architecture	Mar 07
18	Adebayo Ahmed Adeshina	Registry	Mar 07
19	Oluwaseun Oluwabukola Victoria	Water Resources & Environmental Engineering	Mar 07
20	Ganiyu Ganiyat Wumi	Animal Production	Mar 07
21	Adeniyi Janet Nike	Registry	Mar 07
22	Isiaq Abdullateef	Central Research Laboratories	Mar 08
23	Olanipekun Sunday Joshua	Security Division	Mar 08
24	Oniye Sherifat Tinuke	Centre For Counselling & Human Development	Mar 08
25	Oseni Olayinka	Siwes Unit	Mar 08
26	Alebiosu Emmanuel Olaniyi	Bursary	Mar 08
27	Akosewa Joseph Adeleke	Biochemistry	Mar 08
28	Akinola Oluwale Busayo	Anatomy	Mar 08
29	Adedayo-Dada Ayodele Khadijat	Network Operating Centre	Mar 08
30	Babalola Folaranmi Dapo	Forest Resources Management	Mar 08
31	Ilori David Ojo	Registry	Mar 08
32	Ayinla Ally Yeketi	Mathematics	Mar 08
33	Ajide Victor Jacob	Works: Mechanical	Mar 09
34	Abdulkareem Risikat Jumai	Registry	Mar 09
35	Saka Kamaldeen Dagbo	Network Operating Centre	Mar 09
36	Abubakar Fatimah Aluko	Biochemistry	Mar 09
37	Jolayemi Oluseun	Registry	Mar 09
38	Annor Patricia Omioguele	Centre For Counselling & Human Development	Mar 09
39	Faruk Aishat Olarundare	Library	Mar 09
40	Abajo Grace Omotola	Unilorin Staff School	Mar 10
41	Giwa Abdul-Hakeem	Registry	Mar 10
42	Lawal Abiodun	Bursary	Mar 10
43	Olowu Suru Oladimeji	Works: Works/Maintenance Office	Mar 10
44	Sulaiman Oba	Works: Works/Maintenance Office	Mar 10
45	Mohammed Safi	Registry	Mar 10
46	Akanbi Bashir Omotosho	Health Services	Mar 10
47	Adekeye Olabisi Adeleye	Geology & Mineral Sciences	Mar 10
48	Adedayo Bimpe Sidiqat	Bursary	Mar 10
49	Tiamiyu Bashir Bolaji	Plant Biology	Mar 10
50	Omosidi Abdulrahman Suyuti	Educational Management	Mar 10
51	Joseph Oluwatoyin Mary	Registry	Mar 10
52	Babamale Tajudeen Olanrewaju	Registry	Mar 10
53	Oni Felicia Bosede	Registry	Mar 10
54	Oyedepo Risikat Olufunke	Registry	Mar 10
55	Awoyemi Dorcas Mosunmola	Unilorin Staff School	Mar 11
56	Adegunju Kabiru Adewale	Centre For Supportive Services For The Deaf	Mar 11
57	Isarinade Julius Olaolu	Centre For Supportive Services For The Deaf	Mar 11
58	Salami Anthony Dauda	Security Division	Mar 11
59	Ganiyu Alao Busari	Security Division	Mar 11
60	Ojo Ayodele Augustine	Registry	Mar 11
61	Olokoba Abdulfatai Bamidele	Medicine	Mar 11
62	Usman Hamzat	Health Services	Mar 11
63	Johnson Lukman Mobolaji	Geology & Mineral Sciences	Mar 11

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CoHS condoles with Prof. Abiodun on mum's death

By Isaac Lewu

The College of Health Sciences, University of Ilorin, has condoled with the family of Prof. O. A. Abiodun, over the demise of his mother, Deaconess Folusho Esther Abiodun, who died on January 15, 2023 at the age of 89 years.

In a condolence letter sent to Prof. Abiodun of the Department of Behavioral Sciences, dated March 3, 2023, the College Secretary Mrs Muhibat A. O. Oladosu, said, "On behalf of myself, family, staff and students of the College of Health Sciences, University of Ilorin, I wish to commiserate with you and

members of your family on the demise of your mother, Deaconess Folusho Esther Abiodun, aged 89 years who died on Sunday (January 15, 2023)".

The College Secretary also prayed Almighty God to grant the family the fortitude to bear the irreparable loss, and grant her eternal rest.



S/N	Name	Department	Birthday
1	Animasaun Adedayo David	Plant Biology	Mar 12
2	Karim Olayinka Ramota	Home Economics & Food Science	Mar 12
3	Ajao Garuba Olaiya	Works: Mechanical	Mar 12
4	Raji Adebayo Ibrahim	College of Health Sciences/Works Unit	Mar 12
5	Fatiku Kehinde	Registry	Mar 12
6	Akande Adeyinka Abdulrasaq	Chem. Path. & Immunology	Mar 12
7	Adebayo Abdulrauf	Works: Works/Maintenance Office	Mar 12
8	Kadir Eniola Risikat	Anatomy	Mar 13
9	Adeyemi Kazeem Dauda	Animal Production	Mar 13
10	Adedeji Fatai Ademola	Registry	Mar 13
11	Oyelabi Olusegun Adeleke	French	Mar 13
12	Ogedengbe Racheal Yetunde	Registry	Mar 13
13	Majasan Samuel Ikubanni	Agronomy	Mar 13
14	Oderinwale Olugbenga Ayodele	Registry	Mar 13
15	Asajeun Yakubu Okanlawon	Works: Works/Maintenance Office	Mar 13
16	Abdulganiyu Salman Sebutu	Arts Education	Mar 13
17	Olaoye Akeem Kehinde	Centre For Archives & Documentation	Mar 13
18	Buhari Mikhaila Olayimka	Pathology	Mar 14
19	Onasoga Olayinka Abolore	Nursing Science	Mar 14
20	Mohammed Aminat Aderonke	Industrial Chemistry	Mar 14
21	Salaty Abubakar Abdullahi	Arabic	Mar 14
22	Saliu Mariam Bolanle	Security Division	Mar 14
23	Okoro Bola Jane	Unilorin Staff School	Mar 15
24	Adegoke Fatai Akanmu	Works: Civil/Building	Mar 15
25	Uche Issac	Security Division	Mar 15
26	Mohammed Tajudeen	Security Division	Mar 15
27	Salami Alakija Kareem	Medicine	Mar 15
28	Awolade Joseph Akinyele	Registry	Mar 15
29	Omotosho Joseph Kehinde	Bursary	Mar 15
30	Sanni Raliat	Registry	Mar 15
31	Jamiu Muslim Olakunle	Clinical Pharmacy & Pharmacy Practice	Mar 15
32	Adebayo Ishola	Unilorin Zoo	Mar 15
33	Sanusi Fatima	Veterinary Physiology & Biochemistry	Mar 15
34	Fagbamila Olumide David	Sociology	Mar 15
35	Audu Olasibi Bashirat	Registry	Mar 15
36	Odeigah Theresa Nfam	History & International Studies	Mar 15
37	Adebayo Ezekiel Bidemi	Registry	Mar 15
38	Ishola Bola Idayat	Security Division	Mar 15
39	Petinrin Esther Olayemi	Registry	Mar 15
40	Ayuba Saheed Iyanda	Registry	Mar 15
41	Ogunkolo Oluwaseun Bridget	Library	Mar 15
42	Alabi Jimoh Adeniyi	Arts Education	Mar 16
43	Akande Halimat Jumai	Radiology	Mar 16
44	Adeniran Kamoru Akanni	Agricultural & Biosystem Engineering	Mar 16
45	Johnson Wahab Rotimi	Paediatrics & Child Health	Mar 16
46	Omomeji Issa Atere	Registry	Mar 16
47	Joseph John Kolade	Home Economics & Food Science	Mar 16
48	Omotosho Fatima Titilayo	Health Services	Mar 16
49	Adekola Racheal Titilayo	Registry	Mar 16
50	Abdussalam Abdulganiy Abimbola	Arabic	Mar 16
51	Amaechi Mary Chimaobi	Linguistics & Nigerian Languages	Mar 16
52	Aluko Khadijah Oyinlola	Geophysics	Mar 16
53	Omitoogun Wakeel Olawuyi	Centre For Peace & Strategic Studies	Mar 16
54	Issa Abdulrofhi Idowu	Registry	Mar 16
55	Jinadu Saidat Temitope	Health Services	Mar 16
56	Oba Kadri Abdulraheem	Works: Works/Maintenance Office	Mar 16
57	Etejere Patricia Agnes Ovigueraye	Educational Management	Mar 17
58	Mustapha Ahmed	Works: Works/Maintenance Office	Mar 17
59	Olajide Stephen Billy	Arts Education	Mar 17
60	Opoola Mary Yemisi	Registry	Mar 17
61	Nwosu Patrick Uchenna	Religions	Mar 17
62	Joseph Emmanuel	Unilorin Zoo	Mar 17
63	Bello Saeed Abioye	Physics	Mar 17
64	Ambali Zainab Olanihun	Library	Mar 17
65	Olapade Akeem Ishola	Pharmacology & Toxicology	Mar 17
66	Abdulmajeed Isiaku	Veterinary Medicine	Mar 18
67	Jimoh Ayodele	Economics	Mar 18
68	Jimoh Ahmed Oladipupo	Internal Audit Unit	Mar 18
69	Rufai-Ahmad Kazeem	Performing Arts	Mar 18
70	Oniye Olayinka Ibrahim	Religions	Mar 18
71	Mustapha Yusuf Ismaila	Marketing	Mar 18
72	Owoetoni Ibukun Justina	Registry	Mar 18

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New Appointment

NAME	FACULTY /DEPARTMENT	APPOINTMENT	EFFECTIVE DATE
Dr Aishat T. Abubakar-Kamar	Environmental Sciences/Architecture	Coordinator, Department of Architecture	31 st January, 2023

- The Director of Corporate Affairs, University of Ilorin, Mr Kunle Akogun has written an opinion article on the reception hosted by the Ooni Ife, Oba Adeyeye Enitan Ogunwusi, Ojaja11 for the Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole SAN, in the ancient town recently
("An Evening of Royal Honours For Egbewole", <https://royalnews.com.ng>; "An evening of royal honours for Egbewole", <https://solarenews.wordpress.com>; "An evening of royal honours for Egbewole -Kunle Akogun", <https://theshieldonline.com>; "An evening of royal honours for Egbewole", <https://www.nidlanpost.ng/index.php/narrow-block-news/9025>; "An evening of royal honours for Egbewole", <https://highprofile.com.ng>; "An evening of royal honours for Egbewole", <https://dailylinks.ng>)
- While delivering the 229th Inaugural Lecture of the University, entitled "The Tiny Giants of the Unseen that Explains the Seen", Prof. Abdullahi AbdulRahman of the Department of Plant Biology, has urged the Federal Government to enact a law to subsidise kerosene for Nigerians.
("Deforestation: Don advocates kerosene subsidy law", <https://www.environmentnewsigeria.com>; "Unilorin Don Proffers Solution to attain Food Security in Nigeria", <https://www.theidealnewsworld.com.ng>; See also, "Deforestation: Don advocates kerosene subsidy law", *The Herald*, Wednesday, March 1, 2023, P.6)
- The photograph of the first Female Dean, Faculty of Agriculture, University of Ilorin who is now the Vice Chancellor of the Fountain University, Osogbo, Osun State, Prof. Ramota Karim, has been published.
("Congratulations to our Star Girl", *the Punch*, Wednesday, March 1, 2023, P.10)
- A former Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, who is also the Kwara State governorship candidate of the New Nigeria People's Party (NNPP), Prof. Shuaib AbdulRaheem, has said that whoever emerges as the winner of the 2023 Presidential election will be a victory for all Nigerians.
("Whoever wins its victory for all Nigerians -Prof. AbdulRaheem", *Daily Trust*, Tuesday, February 28, 2023, P.4)
- The President-elect, Asiwaju Bola Ahmed Tinubu, has rejoiced with a frontline veteran journalist who was a retired researcher at the Department of Mass Communication, University of Ilorin, Alhaji Liadi Tella, on the occasion of his 75th birthday.
("Tinubu rejoices with Tella @75", <https://highprofile.com.ng>; See also, "Buhari felicitates Adeboye 81, Ladi Tella at 75", *Daily Trust*, Friday, March 3, 2023, P.29 ; "Tinubu Hails Veteran Journalist, Liadi Tella, At 75", *Leadership* Sunday, March 5, 2023, P.7)
- A tribute has been published for the Dean of the Faculty of Agriculture, University of Ilorin, who has been appointed the first female Vice Chancellor of the Fountain University, Osogbo, Prof. Olayinka Ramota Karim
("Professor O.R. Karim: The Amazon atop Fountain University", <https://highprofile.com.ng>; See also, "Professor O. R. Karim: The Amazon atop Fountain University", *The Herald*, Sunday, March 5, 2023, P.21)
- In an interview, a Professor of Public Health at the University of Ilorin and the former National Chairman Association of Public Health Physician of Nigeria, Tomilola Akande, has revealed that "obesity and overweight are not just the problems of the rich alone, even those in the middle - income class are also having obese children"
("Obese women at increased risk of miscarriage - Public health Prof", *The Punch*, Wednesday, March 8, 2023, P.7)

UNILORIN Probitas Coop Society commissions 20 shops

By Mustafa Abubakar

The University of Ilorin Probitas Cooperative Society has commissioned 20 lock-up shops for the benefit of its members and the University Community.

The beneficiaries are four UNILORIN students, including two foreign students, four Cooperative members, and 12 non-members from the University Community.

The shops, located opposite Zamfara Hostel, were commissioned recently by the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN.

Speaking at the commissioning, Prof. Egbewole, who was represented by the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Management Services), Prof. Sulyman Ambali, felicitated with the Cooperative Society for the beautiful edifice, which has also added value to the University environment.

The Vice Chancellor disclosed that the society is supportive to the University development, especially in the area of easing the problem of the students and the University community.

Prof. Egbewole said, "As a Cooperative you have been doing well as a reliable partner. It is on record that you have assisted members of the Cooperative

in terms of welfare needs, and now building shops, you have also assisted the students and members of the University to get their needs without going far. You are really better by far".

In her remarks, a representative of the Kwara State Commissioner for Business, Innovation, and Technology, Alhaja Medinat Ojibara, commended the University management for its listening ears in attending to the needs of the Cooperative Societies in the institution.

"On behalf of the ministry, we commend the University of Ilorin for the partnership established with the Cooperative. Let me disclose to you that most organisations did not want to hear anything concerning Cooperative not to talk of establishing such in their organization. For this feast, you are indeed a partner in progress", she said.

In their separate comments, the Chairmen of the National Association of Academic Technologists (NAAT), UNILORIN Branch, Comrade Oluwafemi Paul Awolola; the Senior Staff Association of Nigeria Universities (SSANU), Comrade Olushola Falowo; and the Non-Academic Staff Union of Universities (NASU), Comrade Suberu Ibrahim, said that the Cooperative has done so much to support their members.

In his remarks, Architect Ibrahim

Bolaji Tajudeen of the Works Unit, University of Ilorin, thanked Almighty Allah for making the day a remarkable one, adding that the day was a historic day for the Probitas, the management, and the University Staff at large because they have demonstrated good example for other Cooperatives to emulate.

He said, "This is not the first by the Probitas Cooperative Society. Twelve years back the Cooperative built the first of its kind in the University campus private hostel. This was emulated by others. I want to thank the Vice Chancellor for providing an enabling environment for the multipurpose Cooperative Society because if they were not given the opportunity of the land to build on we will not be here today talking about the edifice".

Earlier in his opening remarks, the President of the Cooperative Society, Mr Olateju Mukaila Ademola, said that the journey to the achievement was not easy but thanked God for His support to reach this stage.

Mr Ademola, who appreciated the University management and the entire members for their support, promised that the Cooperative will do more to positively take care of the member's welfare.

Highlights of the ceremony were the presentation of insurance of the retainer's certificate to beneficiaries of the shops.

The BIG STORY

AGRIFOOD KNOWLEDGE TRANSFER

UNILORIN researchers win N.7b Innovate UK Award

By *Mustafa Abubakar*

Two researchers in the Department of Food Engineering, Faculty of Engineering and Technology, University of Ilorin, Prof. J. O. Olaoye and Dr M. O. Sunmonu, have won £141,959 (about N788, 862,483.27k) grant from Innovate UK for the 2022/2023 Africa AgriFood Knowledge Transfer Partnership (AAKTP).

The award was granted to the University of Ilorin in partnership with De Montfort University, UK and Microscale Embedded Limited, Abuja.

This was made known in a Grant Offer Letter dated November 30, 2022 and signed by the Deputy Director, Operations Delivery of Innovate UK, Barry Shaw.

Innovate UK is the funding agency for the AAKPT award grant. It is the United Kingdom's national innovation agency that supports business-led innovation in all sectors, technologies, and UK regions.

The AAKPT grant will be used to train and coordinate farmers and to also work on building software for farmers that will enable them to access farm processes at a very convenient instance.

In a chat with **UNILORIN BULLETIN** in his office last Monday (March 6, 2023), Prof. J. O. Olaoye, who is the Academic Lead for the project, said that "the grant award is Agricultural based. It is a Knowledge Transfer Partnership award called African Agriculture Knowledge Transfer Partnership (AAKTP)".

Prof. Olaoye said, "It is a joint award for three groups, De Montfort University, University of Ilorin, and Microscale Embedded Limited with the grant award of £141,959, to be shared among the three. The chunk of the money, £77,839, will be coming to the University of Ilorin because it has the highest responsibility and the De Montfort University will be having £64,120".

He said that the three groups, through their representatives, had earlier put up a collective proposal with major work done by Dr. Sunmonu of the University of Ilorin as the Academic Supervisor.

"The lead supervisor is to create an enabling environment while the academic supervisor is the brain behind the project with the guidance of the lead supervisor. We must give kudos to Dr Sunmonu for his resilience in this particular award. The company also has its chairman and the supervisor at the company level; the other University also has her own lead and academic supervisor", he stressed.

Prof. Olaoye said, "This particular competition started in 2019/2020 when the results of 2021 were released and we were declared winner almost of the same amount but even higher but because of COVID we could not take it then. To the award company, they believed that it is our second award but to us it is the first because we could not assess the first one due to COVID."

On the project, the don said, "By the directive, the project has to be carried out in Nigeria and the University of Ilorin is the sole University to carry out the project under the 'Innovate UK' supervision, to ensure that we are doing the right thing in accordance to the demand of the granting body of the award. That is why we are collaborating.

"The company has to come again because it is not just paperwork alone; it transcends that. The focus is how we can mitigate against agricultural loss, and doing that involves coming out with the concept of putting all stakeholders within the agricultural value chain of multiple crops on the same page, such that we have producers, this particular research work will assist the farmers in doing the right thing at the right time to get the best



■ **Prof. Olaoye (right) with Dr Sunmonu**

productivity from the work they are carrying out.

On the gain to be derived by the University of Ilorin from the grant, Prof. Olaoye said, "Wherever the award is mentioned, the name of the University will be on the world map. It is also an achievement as it will enhance our Webometric ranking. It also gives the University opportunity for our alumni to be employed in this project. We will also be training our alumni".

"When it starts, we hope that we will get a Laboratory where we will be training our students on Global Information Services. This is a kind of system where we can get information about a specific location to relate to what happens globally.

"We will bring in the farmers, processors, and marketers for training with not less than 20 participants, and at the end of the training, we would have trained over 150 trainees that would have passed through this stage of software development machine. This will also generate patenting among scholars and researchers who will be participating.

"Before the expiration of this project, a machine will be developed that farmers will have handy, to assist them to know what to do. It will also involve the students, the farmers, and other stakeholders. The machine will be handy and will assist them in ensuring that we mitigate agricultural losses".

"The project will enhance the potential of the farmers because before you go on to farming there is basic knowledge acquired, you don't need so much education with what we want to develop".

As part of the process to kick start the project, Prof. Olaoye, also disclosed that a mini-conference will take place in Lagos by April 27, 2023, to enable all awardees to have one and one opportunity to interact with Kent Frame who will be coming from the UK to meet the award winners of the Knowledge Transfer Partnership.

In his remarks, the University of Ilorin AAKPT Academic Supervisor, Dr M. O. Sunmonu, disclosed that based on his assigned responsibility, he will be working with the associate to put them on track, check if there are lapses and make sure that the project meets the standard and furnished as planned.

Dr Sunmonu, who expressed happiness about the grant, said that it has put the University on the world map again through his efforts. "I will supervise the work of the associates to put them on track if there are any lapses. It is a 15 months project. Initially it was to be 24 months", he added.