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Abdulkareem, Murray-Bruce, 28 others bag maiden Nigeria CEO's Awards

By Segun Alabi

The Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Sulyman Age AbdulKareem, and the Vice-President of the Silverbird Group, Guy Murray-Bruce, were amongst 28 other recipients of the maiden edition of Nigeria Most Respected CEO's Award 2021.

At the Award Ceremony held at Transcorp Hilton Hotel, Abuja last Friday (December 3, 2021), 30 personalities received awards in different categories.

Organised by the NG Buzz Executive, the Business Extension Unit of Business Executive Media Group in Abuja in partnership with the Federation of West Africa Chamber of Commerce and Industries (FEWACCI); International Business Council Africa, Africa Chamber for Trade among other notable esteemed bodies, the awards cut across all walks of life.



■ Prof. AbdulKareem (middle) receiving the award

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Kwara Gov commends Edungbola's pioneering efforts on guineaworm eradication

By Abubakar Imam

The Governor of Kwara State, Mallam AbdulRahman AbdulRazaq, has commended a former Deputy Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Luke Edungbola, for his pioneering efforts in the eradication of guineaworm disease in Nigeria as he described him as an exemplary scholar and a great citizen.

Mallam AbdulRazaq gave the commendation last Wednesday (December 8, 2021) while speaking at the public presentation of the autobiography of the renowned scholar and administrator, titled "From No Direction To A Destination" at the University Auditorium

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IMPORTANT NOTICE

With effect from Monday, 13th December, 2021;

Tinted Vehicles, Unregistered Vehicles, and Learner Drivers are not allowed on the campus of the University of Ilorin.

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Vehicle will be impounded and Offender Prosecuted.

Management

Cancer, not a death sentence, says Afolayan

By Abubakar Imam



■ Prof. Afolayan

Professor at the Department of Pathology, University of Ilorin, Enoch Abiodun Olakojo Afolayan, has allayed the fears of members of the public as regard the morbidity surrounding the affliction of cancer, saying that any form of cancer if detected and treated early, cannot lead to death.

Prof. Afolayan stated this last Thursday (December 9, 2021) while delivering the 212th Inaugural Lecture of

the University of Ilorin entitled "Cancer! The Sledge Hammer of Death? No, Not a Death Sentence, if....." at the institution's Main Auditorium.

Prof. Afolayan explained that cancer can be curtailed and treated if detected, reported and battled at the earliest possible time as he explained that many lose their lives to it because of the lateness surrounding its detection and treatment. (Contd. on page 3)

Let's build trust to fight COVID-19--Oniyangi

By Abubakar Imam

A renowned medical practitioner, Dr. Rasheedat Oluseyi Oniyangi, has canvassed the rebuilding of trust between the government and the governed as a way of effectively combating the spread and the increasingly pernicious effects of COVID-19 pandemic in Nigeria, saying that the disease would not be the last pandemic that will ravage humanity.

Dr. Oniyangi made this assertion last Tuesday (December 7, 2021) while delivering the 8th Kola Olafimihan Endowed Lecture of the College of Health Sciences, University of Ilorin at the institution's Main Auditorium. The lecture was entitled "The Pandemic Now and Next Time -Matters Arising".

While saying that the pandemic has exposed the inherent weaknesses associated with the nation's public health system, Dr. Oniyangi said that sustainable efforts must be made to fight pandemics, which would always occur among other health challenges.

Dr. Oniyangi, who was formerly the Chairman, Medical Advisory Committee, National Hospital, Abuja, said that the surest way of addressing the challenges posed by the pandemic is for the people at the grassroot not only to be adequately informed about the pernicious and pervasive nature of COVID-19 but also get involved in the fight against it.

She explained that for as long as there is mistrust between the government and the people, the synergy needed to fight the pandemic would remain a mirage.

The foremost medical practitioner encouraged government to stimulate the cooperation of religious and traditional leaders as well as opinion leaders and other influential segments of the society towards taking the challenge more seriously.

Dr. Oniyangi insisted that it is only when the trust of the people is built, earned and sustained by the government that the series of efforts being made here and there would not only be smooth but also efficacious.

She suggested that congregations in large gatherings, particularly for social



■ Dr. Oniyangi

activities, must be suspended for now that a new variant of the disease has been reported in Nigeria as she also commended the government of Cross-River State for suspending the popular annual Calabar carnival.

Dr. Oniyangi, who is a consultant paediatrician, said that government must redouble its efforts in effective information dissemination through integrated media to stem the tide of the spread of the disease, saying that the more that is done the more informed and involved the ordinary citizens become.

She also canvassed increased vaccination of the populace to ensure that more percentage of the nation's population are protected against the disease.

While saying that the 3% of the nation's population vaccinated so far was too low considering the pervasiveness of the disease, Dr. Oniyangi insisted that, contrary to the opinions of some people, there is no harm in the vaccines currently being administered.

Dr. Oniyangi dismissed all the misconceptions surrounding the Coronavirus vaccines, which lead to vaccine hesitancy, saying that it is even more disturbing that otherwise educated people are not only disregarding and rejecting the vaccine but are also campaigning vigorously against it among their followers.

Dr. Oniyangi said that though

vaccine does not prevent the disease but it has been established that getting vaccinated can reduce its severity as she also canvassed for accountability on the entire project.

Speaking earlier, the Chairman of the occasion and Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Sulym Age Abdulkareem, said that there was the need for everyone to contribute his or her quota to the health of the nation.

He opined that whoever cares for the health of others is contributing hugely to national development as he commended the family of the late foremost medical icon, Dr Kola Olafimihan, and the authorities of the College of Health Sciences, University of Ilorin, for sustaining the annual lecture series.

In his welcome address, the Provost, College of Health Sciences, University of Ilorin, Prof. O. T. Adedoyin commended the interest, resilience, enthusiasm and commitment of the Olafimihan family, which ensured the sustenance of the legacies of service lived by their late father through the annual lecture.

The provost said that the 8th edition of the lecture was specifically targeted at drawing the attention of stakeholders and the ordinary citizens to critical matters arising from the pandemic now and in the future for the benefit of humanity.

The event was attended by several dignitaries from far and near including the widow of the endowee, Mrs. Violet Olafimihan and her children relations and others; a former National President of the Nigerian Institute of Architects, Arc. Mohammed Jimoh Fawora; the Dean, Faculty of Clinical Sciences, Prof. Ibraheem Adeola Katibi; the Dean, Faculty of Basic Clinical Sciences, Prof. A. A. Akanbi II and the Dean, Faculty of Basic Medical Sciences, Prof. O. B. Akinola, among several others who came from far and near.

Staff Development Award

Recipient	Programme	Department	Institution where Tenable
I. N. Aliyu	Ph.D	Information and Communication Science	University of Ilorin, Ilorin
M. E. Mazadu	M.Phil./Ph.D.	Centre for Peace and Strategic Studies	Nile University of Nigeria, Abuja
Nimat T. Ajide -Bamigboye	Ph.D	Microbiology	University of Ilorin, Ilorin
Fullalla O. Aliyu	M.Phil./Ph.D.	Clinical Pharmacy and Pharmacy Practice	University of Jos, Jos
Abiola L. Adepoju	Ph.D.	Food Engineering	Ladoke Akintola University, Ogbomosho

Cancer, not a death sentence, says Afolayan

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He confirmed that cancer has become a global health challenge and therefore called for concerted efforts towards scaling up activities on its prevention, detection, diagnosis and treatment.

Prof. Afolayan said that cancer begins as a tumour, which grows slowly and neither reoccurs nor progresses once removed surgically and does not usually result into death.

The renowned medical expert said that cancer incidents and mortality are rapidly increasing across the globe, saying that the current estimation of new cases is 19.3 million while 9.9 million of cancer related deaths were recorded in 2020.

He added that the increase in cases of cancer is attributed to aging and rapid growth of population worldwide as well as increased industrialisation, which exposes huge population to causative factors. He said that 60% of the global cancers occur in Africa, Asia and Central America while 70% of cancer-related deaths come from the identified regions saying that the survival rates are low in the low and middle income countries.

To reduce the incidence of cancer, Prof. Afolayan encouraged the adoption and inculcation of what he called 10 commandments of cancer prevention. He advised against smoking of cigarettes, which he said account for 19% of all cancer cases and 29% of cancer deaths. He also said that excessive body weight should be avoided because of its negative contributions amounting to 7.8% of cancer cases and 6.5% of cancer deaths. Other critical causes of cancer and associated deaths, according to Prof. Afolayan, are alcoholic



■ The Inaugural lecturer, Prof. Afolayan (left), presenting the lecture note to the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Abdulkareem

consumption, eating of red and processed meat and consumption of diets which have low fruits and calcium contents.

He also called on people to engage in consistent physical activities and avoid continuous exposure to ultraviolet radiations.

Prof. Afolayan also encouraged people to ensure that they make quality sleep a priority and that food containing Vitamin D should also be prioritised.

The renowned academic suggested that the treatment of cancer should be subsidised and that it should be included in the National Health Insurance Scheme. He also canvassed for the establishment of Cancer treatment centres across the length and breadth of the country.

Prof. Afolayan also called for training and retraining of manpower for the effective management of cancer patients and the provision of palliative cares for the cancer patients.

While suggesting that more measures should be taken to fight

against tobacco smoking, he also called Prof. Afolayan for the acceleration of other preventive measures to deal with cancer once detected.

Prof. Afolayan added that many forms of cancers that were considered untreatable are now being treated effectively because of advancement in technology and medicine.

He therefore suggested that efforts should be geared towards making multidisciplinary cancer services for cancer treatment such as drugs, surgery and radiotherapy accessible and affordable to patients as obtainable in the advanced world.

The lecture, which was presided-over by the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Sulyman Age Abdulkareem, was graced by medical scholars and professionals, several traditional rulers, policy makers, friends, relations, cancer patients, and students of Prof. Afolayan from far and near.

FACULTY OF AGRICULTURE

DEPARTMENT OF HOME ECONOMICS AND FOOD SCIENCE

RE-OPENING OF CRECHE

This is to inform the University Community that the Creche being managed by NAWAC in collaboration with the Department of Home Economics and Food Science has been reopened.

Members of staff are enjoined to patronize as competent hands are on ground. Contact Dr. Christiana T. Gbadebo for more details on 08065982341 or 08059165943.

Signed

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Dept. of Home Economics & Food Science

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Earlier in her welcome address, the CEO, Chief Executive office of the Nigeria Business Executive Limited, Baroness Paulette Kporo, said the award scheme identifies the Most Respected CEOs in each sector of activity on the basis of what they have contributed to the success of the organisations which they lead.

Kporo said, "We realised a vacuum in the reward system in the corporate community of the country. "We then reckoned that there were many Chief Executive Officers in Nigeria who had achieved a lot in the various sectors in which they operated but who were not well celebrated."

She explained that the winners in each category were chosen by the general public, adding that the selection process was very comprehensive.

It was, therefore, a day of recognition and celebration of service to humanity for the Vice-Chancellor, University of Ilorin, Prof. Sulyman Age Abdulkareem, who emerged the winner amongst other nine nominated Vice-

Chancellors.

Among the nominees in the Public University Category are Profs. Lilian Imuetinyan Salami (UNIBEN), Onwunari Georgewill (Unipor), Charles Arizechukwu Igwe (UNN) and Abdul-Rasheed Na'allah (UniAbuja). Others are Profs. Abdullahi Bala (FUT Minna), Eyioppe Ogunbodede (OAU), Kabir Bala (ABU), A.B. Ekanola (UI) and Oluwatoyin Ogundipe (UNILAG).

Expressing his feelings after the conferment of the award, Prof. Abdulkareem said that it is a reward of the efforts put in in the discharge of one's duties to humanity.

"We must continue to be the best in discharging duties especially when we are dealing with people. I believe it is challenging to run a University; the physical challenge is there, but the human challenge is what we all face, we just put in the best effort everytime because if you give less, it will not let you achieve what you desired".

Speaking on the good corporate governance, which he has upheld so high as an outstanding industry player worthy of emulation, Prof. Abdulkareem reiterated the

fact that management has to do with dealing with human beings with other resources that go along with it. "I believe one should manage whatever is financially in your care to be sure that you are able to take care of the concerns of those that are working with you. But in dealing with people, fairness, fairness, fairness, and justice, justice, justice is something that must be upheld, so that everybody gets a fair share anytime they are dealing with you", the Vice-Chancellor said.

Prof. Abdulkareem, therefore, dedicated the award to the Almighty Allah, staff and students of the University of Ilorin.

The highlight of the event was the presentation of awards to distinguished Captains of Industries in Public University, Telecommunications, Pharmaceuticals, Agricultural Production, Oil and Gas, Maritime, Automobile, Aviation, Real Estate, Construction, Import and Export, among others.

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Mallam AbdulRazaq noted that Prof. Edungbola did not restrict himself to teaching alone but also devoted time to research and community services, which eventuated in the eradication of the hitherto dreaded disease.

The Governor described the book and its public presentation as "a celebration of a long journey properly documented for posterity" and thanked Prof. Edungbola for his priceless services to humanity.

While responding to Prof. Edungbola's remarks about his Alabe community in Ile-Ire district of Ifelodun Local Government and how the area was long cut off from development, the Governor said efforts were ongoing to fix more rural roads and other basic amenities across the state, including the one connecting Alabe and many communities in the district.

The Governor reiterated the commitment of his administration to always give consideration to every part of the state in its developmental agenda, saying investments in rural roads, river crossings and basic amenities are meant to open up the hinterlands for agricultural and commercial purposes.

"The argument against fixing rural roads is often that traffic is not there but we have taxpayers living or having businesses there. We have economic reasons to build access road there. Apart from the fact that every person deserves



■ L-R: Prof. Edungbola, Gov. Abdulrahman and Prof. Adedoyin in a group photograph at the occasion

access to basic amenities, I consider giving people in the rural areas access to the farmlands and moving produce out of the place to the market as truly important," the Governor said.

Earlier, Prof. Edungbola commended the Governor for honouring him with his personal presence and for always reaching out to the people in the hinterlands for development.

Speaking on what motivated him to author the book, Prof. Edungbola said "My writing of this autobiography, 'From No Direction to A Destination', is for multiple reasons: to praise God, to thank you the participants, to serve as

my constant reflection, recollection, reminder and as a reference of experience while passing through the unpredictable and many circumstances of life. It is to also document the historical account of my life for my children, friends, associations and upcoming generations; to encourage colleagues in writing their autobiographies or biographies too".

Prof. Edungbola, an indigene of Kwara State and a world-class parasitologist, is most notable for his pace-setting research on guinea worm and how his works helped to save millions of lives, mostly in the rural areas of Nigeria.

The book presentation was attended by foremost academics, traditional rulers, and community leaders, including the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Sulyman Age Abdulkareem; the Chancellor of Kwara State University, Malete and founder, Thomas Adewumi University, Oke, Dr. J. B.O. Adewumi; a former Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, and APC Chieftain, Prof. Shuaibu Oba AbdulRaheem, OFR; Dr. S.F. Abogunrin; Prof. Timothy Opoola; and the President of Egbe Omo Ibile Igbomina, Engineer Timothy Adebayo; and Mrs. Cecilia Moji Aina; amongst several other dignitaries.

Oladipo canvases closer gown,town relations

By Idayat Hassan

The need for greater collaboration between the gown and the town in order to ensure the transmission of products of research to the larger society has again been stressed.

This call was made by a former lecturer at the Department of Geology, University of Ilorin, Dr Kehinde Oladipo, while delivering the second in the series of Lecture jointly organised by the Nigerian Academy of Science and the Faculty of Life Sciences, University of Ilorin held at the institution's Auditorium on Tuesday, November 30, 2021.

Dr Oladipo, who is the Chief

Executive Officer of Strat-Kol Consult Limited, encouraged wider and stronger collaborations between the Academies of Science and Engineering particularly for the development and incorporation of artificial intelligence into research.

The Guest Lecturer also appealed to the authorities of the University of Ilorin to strengthen its Sugar Research Institute, saying that sugar is used every day by Nigerians as he said that if the sugar sector is developed it would save Nigeria a lot of foreign exchange.

Dr Oladipo also advised the University to key into the entrepreneurial programme to increase the institution's

internally generated revenue.

Speaking earlier, the Chairman of the Local Organising Committee of the lecture, Prof. Musa Yakubu, explained that the purpose of the lecture was to create awareness on the activities and impact of the Nigerian Academy of Science and to also take science and technology to the grassroots.

Prof. Yakubu, who expressed gratitude for the support of the University and the Faculty of Life Sciences for the lecture, assured that the lecture would be an annual event that will be hosted by the University.

Encomiums galore as Geology Dept celebrates retired Professors, others

By Idayat Hassan

The Department of Geology and Mineral Sciences, University of Ilorin, has honoured its retired Professors and other staff members for their impressive contributions to the growth and development of the Department.

The event took place last penultimate Wednesday (December 1, 2021) at the Geology Lecture Theatre, University of Ilorin.

Those celebrated were Prof. Samuel Olusegun Akande, Prof. Olufemi Ogunsanwo, Late Prof. Jacob Ishola Dele Adekeye, Prof. Rafiu Babatunde Bale and Prof. Olushola Johnson Ojo, who is now the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Federal University Oye-Ekiti. Others were Mr. Charles Obaseki and Mr. Peter Babayemisi, who were Chief Technologists as well as Mr. Sanusi, a former Secretary to the Department who was transferred to another unit within the university.

In his address at the event, the Dean, Faculty of Physical Sciences, Prof. Kayode Oyewumi, described the retirees as men of integrity and highly meticulous individuals who always think about the good of others.

Prof. Oyewumi, who was represented by Prof. A.S. Idowu of the Department of Mathematics, also described his retired colleagues as dedicated, committed and hardworking scholars and staff who impacted a lot, saying that they never compromised standards.

While acknowledging their multidimensional contributions to the growth and development of the Department, Faculty and the University as well as the nation at large, the Dean advised other lecturers to emulate their sterling qualities.



Honourees in a group photography with guests

In his remarks, the Head, Department of Geology and Mineral Sciences, University of Ilorin, Prof. Adebisi Adekeye, thanked the retirees for their total and exemplary dedication to duties.

Prince Dr. Gbenga Lufadeju, the Chairman/Chief Executive Officer of Gldynamics Solution Nigeria Limited, who was the Guest Speaker at the event, commended the unflinching support and contributions of the retired erudite professors to the Department, the University, the nation, and the world at large.

Dr Lufadeju, who spoke through Mr. Ayeni Kehinde, suggested that the Department should consider the encouragement of the creation of the Departmental Alumni Association, saying that having such an association would attract more support for the development from its products who are doing well across the world.

The CEO Gldynamics Solutions Nigeria Limited noted that the alumni would offer "networking opportunities, professional resources, alumni events, discounts from business, career services, volunteer opportunities, giving back to future students and staying connected to alma mater".

While appealing for the Department to get an office for the association and possibly a staff, Dr Lufadeju promised to pay two years rent for the office and salaries of the staff that may be recruited.

He also requested the Department to open a trust fund account for alumni from within and outside the country who are willing to donate to facilitate ease of payment.

Earlier, the Chairman of the Departmental Welfare Committee, Dr. Adeonipekun Dele Adedoyin, congratulated the retirees for the exemplary contributions.

Dr. Adedoyin said, "You came, you contributed your quota, doling out knowledge in the area of Geosciences. You expended your energy, your time, and even money to develop this Department to what it is today. You spent the most active part of your lives planting, watering, tendering and sustaining this Department to the present status and enviable position. You taught us the ABC and XYZ of Geoscience and held nothing back. You weathered the storms of challenges and problems before attaining positions of authority in your chosen areas. We appreciate and celebrate you".

Responding on behalf of the honourees, Prof. Johnson Ojo expressed his gratitude to the Department for the honour as he said, "this is a wonderful send forth".

Prof. Ojo thanked all the staff and students of the Department for putting the send forth together and making it "a memorable one."

Mokuolu charges scientists on national development

By Idayat Hassan

A former Director, Centre for International Education, University of Ilorin, Prof. Olugbenga Mokuolu, has said that the ultimate maturity of a life scientist is determined by his capacities to contribute to national development through life impacting researches and intellectual products.

Prof. Mokuolu made this assertion last Tuesday (December 7, 2021) while delivering a lecture entitled "Mentoring: A Lifelong Experience" at the fourth Commencement Ceremony for the Life Sciences profession. The programme is induct Ph.D and masters graduands of the Faculty of Life Sciences fully into the profession.

Prof. Mokuolu, a seasoned mentor, advised the new graduands to "recognize your need for polishing in order to bring out the lustre of your life as a Life Scientist"

"You have the opportunity of engaging in fundamental research that provide insight into health, food, body functions, the environment and the ecosystems and



■ Prof. Mokuolu (6th from right) and Prof. Oladiji (7th from left) in a group photograph with participants

Multiple skills are necessary for an enduring career", he stated.

Prof. Mokuolu, who has produced over 20 Ph.D graduands, noted that the critical roles of mentors include "helping in our wholesome development".

He also listed characteristics of good mentorship as "trust between both

mentor and mentees, desire to develop, knowledge sharing, developing self-awareness, discussion of goals, exposure to new ways of thinking, skills development, focus on career progression and the unlocking of someone's potentials".

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Unilorin Petrol Station fetes Aremu, Ogunbiyi

By Mubarak Oladosu, Testimony Agbojo and Abdullah Ismail

The Unilorin Petrol Station Management Board (UPSMB) has celebrated its immediate past Chairman, Prof. M. A. Aremu, and the immediate past Accountant of the Board, Mr. I. O. Ogunbiyi, for their meritorious services towards the advancement of the station.

The two gentlemen were honoured last Wednesday (December 8, 2021) at a send-off programme organised by the UPSMB at the Central Research Laboratories Building.

In his address, the current Chairman of UPSMB, Prof. L. A. Olayaki, noted that he met the landmark legacies laid down by his predecessor in office, and appreciated his passion and dedication towards the Petrol Station.

The Chairman, who is a Professor of Physiology, also appreciated the immediate past Accountant, who has retired from the services of the University, for his meritorious services and passion, while wishing him the best in his future endeavours.

In his comments, Prof. E. O. Oriola of the Department of Geography, who is also a member at the Board, submitted that the appointment of the immediate past Chairman as Provost of the Kwara State College of Education, Oro, was a testament to his years of good work, adding that the "prize of good work is more work."

Prof. Oriola also described the immediate past Accountant of the Board as a seasoned accountant who is always ready to provide free consultancy services and whose advice must always be taken seriously on account of his expertise, experience and sincerity.



■ Prof. Aremu (4th left) and Prof. Ogunbiyi (2nd right) in a group photography with the new Director (4th right) and others

While appreciating the honourees, Prof. O. L. Olaitan of the Department of Health Promotion and Environmental Health Education described Prof. Aremu as a multi-talented scholar who is endowed with a lot of potential and similarly commended Mr. Ogunbiyi for his diligence and cordial relationship with everyone during his years of service at the University.

While taking his turn to revisit their times on the Board, another member of the Board, Dr. S. A. Raji of the Department of Civil Engineering described the immediate past Chairman as his brother as he appreciated him for his transparency during his tenure. He similarly commended Mr. Ogunbiyi for his transparency, integrity and simplicity in relating with people across different groupings and prayed that the veteran accountant experience the best of times as a retiree..

In his response, the immediate past Chairman, UPSMB, Prof. Aremu appreciated the current Chairman and

other members of the Board for the honour accorded them, and thanked the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. S.A. Abdulkareem for believing in him.

Prof. Aremu noted that all the commendations accorded him should go to the whole Board, adding that "a tree can never make a forest".

The Provost also appreciated the immediate past Accountant of the Board for his support, while urging the current members of the Board to support the new chairman in advancing the Petrol Station, just as he enjoyed their support.

In his response, Mr. Ogunbiyi appreciated the entire Board, and urged them to keep the flag flying, as he pledged his continued support as a customer, and prayed for their success in managing the Unilorin Petrol Station.

Other dignitaries at the event included the Director of Works, University of Ilorin, Engr. E. A. Abisoye; the Secretary, UPSMB, Mr. J. U. Agbede; and the new Accountant, UPSMB, Mr. Abodunrin.

Mokuolu charges scientists on national development

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Prof. Mokuolu noted that a mentoring culture can only be achieved when an organisation successfully fostered the principles of learning, knowledge sharing, and personal development. He added that it goes beyond the running of select mentoring programme, submitting that it is a foundational value of a company or a country as a whole.

The renowned scholar opined that "having a mentoring culture makes mentoring accessible to every employee and encourage both formal and informal mentoring across the spectrum of the organisation's business".

In her welcome address, the Dean, Faculty of Life Sciences, Prof.

Adenike Oladiji, noted that life sciences profession has touched "directly 11 out of the 17 United Nations Sustainable Development Goals" as part of its contributions towards improvement of human lives and protecting the environment".

She added that "we touch lives in various dimensions" as the profession has produced experts working in pharmaceutical industries, research institutes and in the field of teaching amongst others.

Prof. Oladiji said that mentoring is a lifelong process "and if you will do well in this profession, you need somebody that will continue to believe in you and guide you".

The Chairman of the 2021 Organising Committee of the programme, Prof. Patricia Omojasola, in her address noted that the Faculty produced 21 out of the 236 Ph.D graduands at the last convocation ceremonies of the University.

The highlight of the occasion was the presentation of plaques to all the 2021 Ph.D graduands produced by the Faculty.

Dignitaries at the event included the former Vice-Chancellor of Summit University, Offa and Fountain University, Osogbo; Professor Hussein O.B. Oloyede and two past Deans of the Faculty, Prof. Paul Fatoba and Prof. Adeolu Ande, among others.

Unilorin unveils new sticker for commercial vehicles on Campus

***** Advocates more speed breakers, zebra crossing signs**

By Mustafa Abubakar, Abdullah Ogundipe, Debora Olasehinde and Testimony Agbojo

The management of the University of Ilorin has officially unveiled new sticker of identification for commercial vehicles operating on the campus to monitor vehicular movement within and outside the campus.

Presenting the stickers to the operators on behalf of the management penultimate Wednesday (November 24, 2021), the Dean of Students Affairs, University of Ilorin, Prof. Tajudeen Ajibade, said that the new stickers will help in protecting the students and other commuters plying the campus against insecurity ravaging the nation.

Prof. Ajibade, who was at the event with the Sub-Dean, Dr. Alex Akanmu and Mr. Joseph Oyedepo and some other staff members of the Unit, said that with the notice of strange vehicles on campus coupled with the alarming rate of kidnapping in the country, the University administration felt it necessary to come up with the idea for ease of identification of registered vehicles on campus.

"There are strange vehicles on campus. So, we have introduced the stickers for our students to know those buses that are working for the School and those that are not", he said.

The Dean said that, in addition to the effort to safeguard students from kidnapping and other related dangers, the University would commence vehicle inspection and roads worthiness of vehicles to figure out unregistered buses and those that are not fit for the University campus.

"We will go on vehicle inspection very soon. Those that are not road-worthy will be thrown out and those that meet up with our standards will be allowed to



Transport operators displaying the new sticker

stay", the Dean explained.

Prof. Ajibade warned the students not to board any vehicle without the new stickers for their safety.

The Dean, who said that the speed-breakers on the campus roads have assisted the University in reducing road accidents, advocated for more of such and inscription of Zebra Crossing signs on major areas on the campus roads.

"The speed breakers were constructed to reduce accident rates on campus, and since they were constructed, the rate of accidents have reduced. I want the Works Department to create Zebra Crossing signs on campus roads and enlighten everybody about it. So, where you see Zebra Crossing, you stop."

Responding, representatives of commercial vehicle owners such as Small Buses (Korope), tricycle, Big Buses and Cars appreciated the effort of the University of Ilorin management in improving the security status of the Campus.

Mr. Isa Bello of the National Union

of Road Transport Workers, Challenge Unit, who is also Chairman for Cars and Bus Drivers in the school, said that he was always terrified about news of kidnapping but happy that the case is different in University of Ilorin.

Mr. Bello further said the stickers presented will also improve the security of the school and those of the vehicle operators.

On his part, the Chairman, Tricycle Association, Unilorin Branch, Mr. Yakub Ibrahim, while speaking with **UNILORIN BULLETIN**, advised the students to be careful and be sure that tricycle they board is for the school.

Mr. Ibrahim urged the students not to board tricycle from outside the campus as it is against the management rule.

To the Korope Chairman, Mr. Isiaka Orilowo, who urged the students to cooperate with transport workers in the University, thanked and prayed for the management for continuous success of all times.

Focus on Prof. Azeez, Dean, Faculty of Communication and Information Sciences

By Abubakar Imam

Prof. Lukuman Adesina Azeez, a prolific communicator, outstanding academic, exceptional media technocrat and reputable administrator, was born on December 3, 1970. He hails from Ayetoro Oke in the Kajola Local Government Area of Oyo State.

Prof. Azeez is the Dean, Faculty of Communication and Information Sciences, University of Ilorin. He assumed the position in August, 2021.

After a fascinating primary education, this exciting wordsmith attended Iganna High School, Iganna, Oyo State, between 1979 and 1983. In 1985, Prof. Azeez was admitted into the then Oyo State College of Education (now Osun State College of Education), Ilesha, at the end of which he earned the Nigeria Certificate in Education (NCE), in 1987.

Prof. Azeez, who is the first Professor of Mass Communication produced by the nation's most sought after University, proceeded to the University of Lagos where he earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Mass Communication in 1997. He equally earned his Master of Arts degree in International Law and Diplomacy from the same University in 2000.

Determined to become a respected media professional, outstanding media technocrat and foremost scholar of Mass Communication, this multitalented scholar re-enrolled at the University of Lagos for his Master of Science degree in the same discipline and earned the qualification in 2001. Prof. Azeez capped his alluring academic credentials with a doctorate degree in Communication Studies from the famous University of Leeds, United Kingdom, in 2008.

This outstanding academic started his career as a classroom teacher. He taught at the Iwajowa Grammar School, Ijio, Oyo State between 1988 and 1992. He was also a part-time lecturer at the famous Ibadan Polytechnic, Ibadan, Oyo State from 2001 to 2003.

He subsequently joined the services of the Oyo State Ministry of Information as an Information Officer. He served as the Press Officer in-charge of the State Ministries of Information, Women Affairs and the Ministry of Finance as well as the Oyo State Teaching Service Commission, all between 2001 and 2003.

His versatility in scholarship caught the attention of the University of Ilorin and he consequently joined the services of the University as a Lecturer II



■ **Prof. Azeez**

in 2009. As a brilliant, focussed and determined scholar, this great teacher of Mass Communication effectively combined and discharged his duties continuously in the realms of teaching, research and community services to the satisfaction of the authorities of the University, which eventuated in his elevation to the prestigious rank of Professor of Mass Communication in October, 2020.

Prof. Azeez, apart from his regular services, has held several administrative offices in the University. His impact has been and still being felt in almost every facet of the institution. He was a Level Adviser to the 300 Level students of his Department between 2008 and 2009. He equally served as the Coordinator/ Ag. Head of the same Department from 2009 to 2012 and between 2018 and 2019.

He was the representative of the Faculty of Communication and Information Sciences on different committees and boards of the University such as the Faculty of Clinical Sciences and the Board of Preliminary Studies. He has also been the Managing Editor of the Faculty Journal from 2011 till date. He equally served as the Sub-Dean of the Faculty between 2015 and 2017.

Prof. Azeez has been serving as a Member, University Curriculum Committee since 2020. He was also a Member of the Unilorin 4th Strategic Planning Committee in 2009. This don has been the Chairman of the Editorial Board, **UNILORIN BULLETIN** since 2013 as well as a Member of **UNILORIN 89.3** Board. Before he became the Dean, he was appointed as the Director, Advancement Center of the University of Ilorin in 2019.

Outside the University of Ilorin, Prof. Azeez is a well known Communication consultant who served as a Facilitator at different training workshops for journalists at various times and was also a facilitator at a

workshop for senior local government officials in Kwara State in 2013, to mention a few. He has also been serving as the Coordinator of the Ilorin Study Center of International Institute of Journalism (IJ), a training institute of the Nigeria Union of Journalists (NUJ), since 2015.

As a mark of his erudition and versatility, Prof. Azeez has no fewer than 53 scholarly articles published in respected local, national and international journals. He has also participated in no fewer than 12 conferences and workshops held within and outside Nigeria, which sharpened his intellectual and administrative wherewithal.

This great scholar is a member of respected several professional bodies such as the Nigerian Institute of Public Relations (NIPR), the Association of International Law, the African Council for Communication Education and the Association of Communication Scholars and Professionals of Nigeria to mention but four. He is also a Fellow, Institute of Human and Natural Resources.

Prof. Azeez has held several leadership positions over the years and earned numerous honours and awards right from his days in school. He was the Punctuality Prefect at the Iganna High School. He was also the Class Governor during his undergraduate days at the University of Lagos. His enviable brilliance also won him prizes institutionalised by the APCON/AAPN, Nigerian Television Authority, Daily Times of Nigeria, Chancellor and Alhaji Babatunde Jose and Alhaji Saka Fagbo at the end of his undergraduate programme at the University of Lagos for being the Overall Best Graduating Student in the Department of Mass Communication, University of Lagos in 1997. He was similarly the Best Graduating Student at the end of his M.Sc. degree programme at the University of Lagos in 2001. Prof. Azeez also emerged as the Best Student in the Master of Arts programme in International Law at the University of Lagos in 2000.

This hardworking gentleman has not only created a niche for himself among outstanding egg-heads but has also influenced generations of academic and non-teaching staff as well as students of the University of Ilorin and even beyond before and since he joined the services of the University 12 years ago.

Prof. Azeez, an unassuming, humble and industrious academic and administrator, is happily married to Mrs. Omowumi Azeez, who is also a staff of the University. They are blessed with promising children.

**UNILORIN WEEKLY FINANCIAL DIGEST****FUND SOURCES AND UTILIZATION REPORT FROM 2ND TO 9TH DECEMBER 2021.**

RECEIPTS	AMOUNT
Academic Transcript	330,000.00
Sundry other Income	11,171,142.00
Dental Clinic Charges	58,638.75
Income from Diagnostic Centre	36,957.50
Hire of University Property	50,000.00
Fitness Centre	1,000.00
Clinic Registration	1,000.00
Refund	259,200.00
Student I.D. Card	1,000.00
Staff I.D. Card	1,000.00
Sundry & other Student Charges	2,773,600.00
Departmental Income	255,963.45
Contractor's Registration	1,000.00
Capitation -NHIS	2,010,750.00
Rent on University Property	40,969.46
Staff Quarter Rent	51,789.78
Utility Income	20,800.00
Undergraduate Post UTME Registration	4,550,528.75
Undergraduate Convocation Charges	104,750.00
Undergraduate Transfer Charges	45,450.00
Undergraduate School Charges	34,250.00
Undergraduate Add & Drop Payment	2,400,050.00
Postgraduate School Charges	83,100.00
Postgraduate School Add/Drop Payment	21,850.00
Postgraduate School Convocation Charges	415,350.00
Ilorin Business School Acceptance fee	161,200.00
Ilorin Business School Charges	3,191,000.00
Institute of Education Acceptance Fee	746,750.00
Institute of Education Application Form	157,100.00
Remedial Application	1,242,300.00
JUPEB Application Form	679,050.00
JUPEB Acceptance	483,600.00
JUPEB Hostel Accommodation	452,250.00
JUPEB School Charges	2,878,150.00
Total of Fund Sources for the period	₦34,710,539.69
FUNDS UTILIZATION:	
PAYMENT TO CONTRACTORS/SUPPLIERS :	
Halmax Power Generation Decarbonization of 350KVA Sound Proof Cummins	1,822,125.00
Ayosco-Jasper Enterprises Supply of Generator	400,000.00
Trans Jones Global Integrated Nig Ltd Supply and Installation of Backless Plastic Seat.	1,752,250.00
Bliss Centre Catering Services	263,375.00
Ferhat Consult Ltd Construction of Drainage	419,869.20
Molandra Global Ent Reconstruction of Broken Fence	326,252.50
Spetrum Engineering Ltd Retention fee (CBNTETFUND)	10,273,425.71
Obasco International Nig Ltd Supply of Identity Cards Materials	194,000.00
OTHER PAYMENTS:	
Various i.e DTA, Imprest, Refund e.t.c	16,761,550.74
Purchase Advance Various	3,395,536.42
Unilorin Press Printing of Letter Headed Paper	25,000.00
Kwara State Internal Revenue Services PAYE	38,391.98
Unilorin Petrol Station Supply of Petrol	87,500.00
Faculty Staff November 2021 Salary	9,889,000.00
National Universities Commission (NUC) Accreditation Expenses	2,830,000.00
Total TSA Charges Charges for Transaction	97,825.00
Total Payments for the Period	₦48,576,101.55

Signed**O. H. Sonde FCA****Bursar****Always remember your alma mater, Olawepo charges Unilorin alumni****By Idayat Hassan**

The Head, the Department of Physics, University of Ilorin, Prof. Olayinka Olawepo, has appealed to products of institutions of learning to always give back to their alma maters.

Prof. Olawepo stated this penultimate Thursday (December 2, 2021) in his office while receiving a computer printer donated to the Department by its 2010 set of graduates.

The renowned scholar thanked the donors for deeming it fit to give back to their

alma mater, particularly at this economically challenging time.

Presenting the material on behalf of his colleagues, a member of the set, Dr Anuoluwapo Obasuyi, said that the decision to make the donation was informed by the need to support the Department, which made them what they are today.

While announcing that the set would henceforth give the sum of N10,000.00 each to three scholars at 200, 300 and 400 levels of the Department as a

way of encouraging hard work and scholarship, he said that his set has also concluded an arrangement to institutionalise an annual award for the Best Graduating Student of the Department.

Also speaking, a lecturer at the Department, Dr Muyiwa Micheal Orosun, commended the former students for remembering the Department in a special way as he encouraged other sets of ex-students of the Department to emulate the 2010 set so as to improve service delivery of the Department and the University at large.



Happy Birthday

S/N	Name	Department	Birthday
1	Atoyebi, Sherifat Olayinka	Unilorin Staff School	Dec 12
2	Durotoye, Idayat Adenike	Haematology And Blood Transfusion	Dec 12
3	Abubakar, Isa Alabi	Arabic	Dec 12
4	Ibiyemi, Florence Kemi	Registry	Dec 12
5	Timothy, Adewoye	Security Division	Dec 12
6	Ologunde, Timothy	Security Division	Dec 12
7	Oyewopo, Bamidele Joseph	Security Division	Dec 12
8	Moshood, Raheem Adepoju	Library	Dec 12
9	Olasehinde, Elizabeth Funmilayo	Library	Dec 12
10	Arokoyo, Grace Omowunmi	Registry	Dec 12
11	Ayano, Sarah Omayan	Registry	Dec 12
12	Adeniran, Adegboye Joshua	Registry	Dec 12
13	Rufai, Muritala	Network Operating Centre	Dec 12
14	Ajagbe, James Ade	Works: Works/Maint. Office	Dec 12
15	Lawal, Isiaka	Security Division	Dec 12
16	Ajayi, Yemisi Joy	Registry	Dec 12
17	Adeyemi, Mary Oluwaremilekun	Registry	Dec 12
18	Garuba, Rukayat Yemisi	Registry	Dec 12
19	Suleiman, Ibrahim Olayinka	Technical & Entrepreneurship Centre	Dec 12
20	Omofe, Hanna	Registry	Dec 12
21	Tunde-Ayinmode, Mosunmola Florence	Behavioural Sciences	Dec 12
22	Bello, Mohammed Lawan	Public Administration	Dec 12
23	Mustapha, Abu Taiye	Veterinary Medicine	Dec 13
24	Oloyede, Muhtahir Oluwaseyi	Information & Communication Science	Dec 13
25	Salman, Babatunde Abdulsalam	Works: Works/Maint. Office	Dec 13
26	Isah, Ismaila	Registry	Dec 13
27	Atanda, Foluke Mercy	Registry	Dec 13
28	Olugbami, Gbenga Omoniyi	Works: Mechanical	Dec 13
29	Oke, Emmanuel Babatunde	Security Division	Dec 13
30	Shehu, Hameelah	Registry	Dec 14
31	Oloyede, Olatokunbo Amelia	Registry	Dec 14
32	Ekwemuka, Benedict Chuks	Electrical & Electronics Engineering	Dec 14
33	Owalude, Samson Olatunji	Chemistry	Dec 14
34	Ibraheem, Gbadebo Hakeem	Surgery	Dec 14
35	Onuora-oguno, Azubike Chinwuba	Jurisprud. & Interna. Law	Dec 14
36	Jinadu, Oyeronke Simisola	Home Economics & Food Science	Dec 14
37	Adebayo, Babatunde Samson	Human Kinetics & Health Edu.	Dec 14
38	Aminullahi, Salman Alawaye	Centre For Counselling & Human Development	Dec 14
39	Saba, Sabiu Abdulmalik	Registry	Dec 15
40	Giwa, Abdulganiyu	Clinical Pharmacy & Pharmacy Practice	Dec 15
41	Aina, Olusegun	Works: Electrical/Telecom	Dec 15
42	Abogunrin, Abiodun Peter	Industrial Relations & Personnel Management	Dec 15
43	Musa, Shuaib	Security Division	Dec 15
44	Awoyemi, Adeseye Oluwasikemi	Agric Econs & Farm Mgt	Dec 16
45	Usman, Abdulrasheed	Security Division	Dec 16
46	Issah, Moshood	Sociology	Dec 16
47	Mustapha, Abubakar Kayode	Security Division	Dec 16
48	Bankole, Michael Tunde	Works: Electrical/Telecom	Dec 16
49	Abdussalam, Is-haaq Abiodun	Registry	Dec 17
50	Fakunle, Rukayat Temitope	Chemistry	Dec 17
51	Olanrewaju, Oladejo Rafiu	Security Division	Dec 17
52	Otiki, Temitope Eunice	Registry	Dec 17
53	Ejio, Toyin Dupe	Registry	Dec 17
54	Ikubanni, Joel Majasan	Security Division	Dec 17
55	Ola-fadunsin, Shola David	Veterinary Parasitology & Entomology	Dec 18
56	Mohammed, Musa Kehinde	Registry	Dec 18
57	Daramola, Florence Olutunu	Educational Technology	Dec 18
58	Johnson, Olusegun Tanimola	Registry	Dec 18
59	Andrew, Isaiah Olorunfemi	Registry	Dec 18
60	Amoo, Ramoni Kolawole	Works: Mechanical	Dec 18
61	Adeniran, Abiodun Suleman	Obstetrics & Gynaecology	Dec 18
62	Obafemi, Oluwaseun Esther	Registry	Dec 18
63	Akogun-jolayemi, Aminat Abidemi	Registry	Dec 18
64	Sadiku, Mary Fatima	Registry	Dec 18

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



- While delivering the 211th Inaugural Lecture of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Bamidele Owoyele of the institution's Department of Physiology has submitted that maize husks could be used for the treatment of arthritis. ("Don says maize husks can be used to treat arthritis", <https://choicereporters.com>, See also, "Unilorin don calls for reworking of curriculum", *The Herald*, Wednesday, December 8, 2021, p.9)
- The Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Sulyman Age Abdulkareem, has said that the design and the bills of quantities of the University's Hydro Power Station, was ready and that the approval for the commencement of its construction had been granted as part of the ongoing 2021 capital projects. ("UNILORIN Gets 5KW Mini-Hydropower Station" <https://wreporters.com>.)
- Four persons died in a motor accident, which occurred within the University's Campus. (" 2 UNILORIN Students Die in Auto Crash within

Varsity ", <https://leadership.ng>, "UNILORIN mourns five victims of auto crash on Campus", <https://daily.post.ng>, "UNILORIN mourns as crash claims, man, wife, children, student", <https://news wxpressngr.com>, See also, "Ghastly accident: UNILORIN cautions against over speeding " *The Herald*, Wednesday, December 8, 2021, p.1, "5 Person die in UNILORIN autocrash" *Vanguard*, Wednesday, December 8, 2021, p.3, "Five dead in UNILORIN auto accident" , *New Telegraph*, Wednesday, December 8, 2021, p.5, "Five killed in UNILORIN campus auto accident" *Tribune*, Wednesday, December 8, 2021, p.28, "UNILORIN mourns as crash claims man, wife, children, students: Two Killed as car rans into truck on Onitsha - Awka highway" , *The Punch*, Wednesday, December 8, 2021, p.4, "Couple, 2 undergraduates Killed in Unilorin students' car racing" , *Daily Trust*, Wednesday, December 8, 2021, p.38, "Five die in Ilorin crash" , *The Nation*, Wednesday, December 8, 2021, p.5)

Unilorin PG school trains students on research writing

By Mustafa Abubakar

The Postgraduate School, University of Ilorin has trained students undergoing various programmes in the School on enhancement of their research and academic writing capacities to enable them pursue knowledge with little or no hindrance.

The workshop, tagged "Training Workshop for PG Students Towards an Effective Learning Environment" was held last Monday (December 6, 2021) at the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Science Lecture Theater.

Declaring the workshop open, the Dean of the School, Prof. Taibat Moji Bakare-Odunola, disclosed that the workshop is also centered on quality research and management of time, adding that at the end of the training the students should be capable of generating, analysing and interpreting experimental results while also being able to practice and promote research credibility and scholarly skills.

"The training on abstract and statistical data analysis are initiatives of the school, as indicated is a step down from the 'Doctor Academic of Nigerian' workshop, a newly established body that aims at the Good Research and Supervision", she stressed.

In her presentation at the training on ethical issues, research integrity and academic writings in Postgraduate Education, Prof. Olayinka

Karim, who is the Dean of the Faculty of Agriculture, noted that one of the key aims of university education, especially at the Postgraduate level where much of the research work is done, is the production of skilled and high manpower as a precursor for economic and national development.

She added that good research practice is about imbibing appropriate behaviours on the part of the students and all stakeholders in the research enterprise.

Prof. Karim explained that promoting academic writing as a major pathway in Postgraduate research and education involves due consideration to ethical issues and research integrity.

Speaking further on the relationships and responsibilities of supervisors and students in Postgraduate research, Prof Karim said, "a cardinal factor which determines the timely and successful completion of the programme is the student-supervisor relationship. The relationship is more than an occasional friendship. Whatever the case may be, every student needs a good supervisor to practically show them the way during the course of the programme."

She, however, said that seeking supervisor's assistance, reliance on supervisor's advice, obedience to the university regulations on research, speaking out where necessary and seeking external help on critical situations are ways through which postgraduate students can be successful in pursuance of research.

On his part, Dr. I. Oloyede of the Department of the Department of Statistics noted that it was necessary that there should be synergies between the Department of Statistics and Postgraduate School so as to have seasoned theses writing and publication.

Prof. O. L. Olaitan of the Department of Health Promotion and Environmental Health Education, said that writing of crucial research work sections demand researcher to include abstract, background, aims and objectives, research design, research methodology, research findings, recommendation, conclusion, and data analysis, among others.

Prof. A. O. Adejumo also of the Department of Statistics, said that proper use of SPSS for data analysis must include types of sampling, types of data, programme where SPSS can be used, descriptive statistics general data, and contingency tables for conditional probabilities, among others.

Prof. Gafar M. Oyeyemi, also of the Department of Statistics on his path, said that the use of STATA for data analysis in the areas of good research must include data and data generation, STATA window, graphics statistical tests, one sample T-test, independent samples T-test, Paired T-test, one-way, two-way ANOVA, measures of association, predictive and models/modelling, among others.

The programme was attended by postgraduate students and staff of the school among others.

The BIG STORY

Unilorin NASU commissions N28m Secretariat complex

By Mustafa Abubakar, Abdullah Ismail
and Abdullahi Ogundipe

The Non-Academic Staff Union of Educational and Associated Institutions (NASU), University of Ilorin Branch, has commissioned its newly built secretariat complex worth 28 million Naira.

Commissioning the Secretariat Complex last Monday (December 6, 2021), the National General Secretary of the Union, Prince Peters Adeyemi, described NASU as one of the most focused labour outfits in Nigeria, stressing that, "The University of Ilorin Branch of NASU is a very loyal branch, pace setter and greatly rated among NASU chapters in Nigeria. I congratulate and commend the Unilorin NASU for this newly-built Secretariat Building".

Prince Adeyemi commended the Unilorin Branch of NASU's approach to modern unionism, saying that such collective bargaining initiatives had paved way for the union to build a secretariat for the members, with small scale ventures and to the extent of planning to build hostel for students.

The NASU General Secretary, who said that the National Headquarters of the Union is very proud of the University of Ilorin NASU, lamented the delay in the payment of the minimum wage arrears as well as the sharing formula of the recently approved N22,127 billion Earned Allowances for the four universities.

"We are happy with the management relationship with NASU because there is hardly anything that can be done meaningfully if there is no cordial relationship between the union and the management of the university. So, we are proud of them", Prince Adeyemi said.

In his remarks, the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Sulyman Age Abdulkareem, attributed the University's stable



■ *Mr. Adeyemi cutting the tape during the ceremony*

academic calendar to the cooperation between the management and the Unions on campus, adding that the institution is the only University in Nigeria that did not lose any academic calendar due to COVID-19 pandemic.

Represented by the Provost, College of Health Sciences, Prof. O. T. Adedoyin, the Vice-Chancellor said, "Let me commend the Union for being a partner in progress and for prioritising the welfare of members and for being prudent in the management of the Union's resources".

The Vice-Chancellor also commended the Unilorin NASU for building the secretariat complex as well as always defending their members welfare.

While urging the Union not to be confrontational to the University administration, the Vice-Chancellor urged its leadership to always come forward to him to ventilate grievances, assuring that such will be attended to. He encouraged the Union to continue to maintain the unity between it and the University management so as to perpetuate smooth relationship in the interest of students.

Earlier, the Chairman of the Unilorin Chapter of NASU, Comrade Ibrahim Zubair, appreciated the National General Secretary of the Union, Prince Peters Adeyemi, the

University management and other well-wishers for their supports.

He explained that the new secretariat complex has four offices, a relaxation room, a mini hall, eight shops and a restaurant which cost the Union N28 million only.

Comrade Zubair added that the NASU Executive Council under his watch has also secured a portion of land to embark on hostel building with four blocks of 152 rooms.

He therefore acknowledged the support of all members, past and present executive members for the opportunity given to him to lead them, stressing that more successes shall come their ways.

In his lecture entitled, "An overview of Pension Reform Act 2014: Challenges and Prospects as it affects staff of the University of Ilorin", the Pension Desk Officer, University of Ilorin, Mr. Moses Opaleke, encouraged Nigerians who are still in active service to ensure that they constantly update their records that service and ensure that all their information tally in order to avoid problems after retirement.

Highlights of the occasion include awards of excellence to the Vice-Chancellor of the University, the National General Secretary of the Union, Prince Peters Adeyemi and past leaders of the Union, among others.