



UNILORIN BULLETIN

www.unilorin.edu.ng

A Weekly Publication of the Office of the Vice-Chancellor

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2022 VOL. 10 NO 23

@UniversityOfIlorin

@unilorinofficial

@unilorinnews

@TheUNILORIN

Unilorin hosts JUPEB Test-Item writing/moderating exercise

By Mustafa Abubakar, Itunu Olasehinde
and Oyindamola Ibidunni



■ The representative of the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Malomo (right); and the Director, Unilorin JUPEB, Prof. Lamidi Usman (left), at the opening ceremony last Monday

The Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Sulyman Age Abdulkareem, has applauded the decision of the Joint Universities Preliminary Examination Board (JUPEB) to hold the second edition of its Test-Item writing and moderating workshop in the University.

Prof. Abdulkareem gave the commendation last Monday (February 7, 2022) while declaring open the JUPEB "Test-Items Writing and Moderation workshop, held at the University's Main Auditorium and Multipurpose Hall.

The Vice-Chancellor, who was represented by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic), Prof. Sylvia O. Malomo, assured participants that the exercise would be a memorable and successful one. He also assured them of their security, saying that they should not have any fear of insecurity in view of the peaceful ambience of Kwara State and the University of Ilorin. (Contd. on page 3)

National debate, quiz contests

30 varsities converge on Unilorin

By Mustafa Abubakar and Abdulquadri Abubakar

No fewer than 30 universities in the country are converging on the University of Ilorin this week for the 9th All-Nigeria Universities Debating Championship and the 2nd Nigeria Universities Quiz Challenge.

A statement made available to **UNILORIN BULLETIN** by the Chairman of the University of Ilorin Debate Committee, Dr. A. A. Owoade, last Wednesday (February 9, 2022) indicated that the contests, which kick off this Monday (February 14, 2022), is expected to run through Friday (February 18, 2022).

(Contd. on page 4)



■ Dr. Owoade

Adeoye calls for establishment of more cancer centres in Nigeria

By Abubakar Imam



■ Prof. Adeoye

In view of the growing rate of cancer afflictions in Nigeria, a Professor of Surgery at the University of Ilorin, Peter Oladapo Adeoye, has called for the establishment of more radiotherapy and nuclear medicine centres across the country for a more efficient and effective battle against the perilous disease.

Prof. Adeoye made the call last Thursday (February 10, 2022) while delivering the 216th Inaugural Lecture of the University, entitled "Battling To Keep Our Hearts: Who Will Heal The Bleeding Heart" at the institution's Auditorium.

(Contd. on page 3)

VC charges JUPEB on timely release of results

By Olusegun Mokuolu

The Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Sulyman Age Abdulkareem, has called on the Joint Universities Preliminary Examinations Board (JUPEB) to strive to release its examination result on time to ensure that candidates can use it to seek admission without compromising the examination's quality.

Prof. Abdulkareem gave this charge last Monday (February 7, 2022) when he received in his office a delegation of JUPEB led by its Registrar and Chief Executive Officer, Prof. Wale Okunuga.

The Vice-Chancellor, who was represented by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic), Prof. Sylvia O. Malomo, advised JUPEB to ensure that students' results can be verified online, a situation that would assist tertiary institutions in the country to speed up their admission processes, adding that it would also serve as an additional source of income for JUPEB.

Prof. Abdulkareem thanked JUPEB for choosing the University of Ilorin to host their meeting for moderation and setting of questions and enjoined the delegates to enjoy the campus in the course of their deliberations.

JUPEB is a national examinations body approved by the Federal Government in December 2013 with the responsibility of conducting common and standard examinations for candidates, who have been exposed to a minimum of one-year approved courses in the different Universities' Foundation and/or Diploma Programmes and are seeking Direct Entry



■ *The representative of the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Malomo (4th left) with the officials of JUPEB and some participants at the workshop*

admissions into University courses at the 200 Level in Nigerian and partnering foreign universities.

In his remark, the JUPEB Registrar, Prof. Okunuga, explained that the purpose of moderating the Board's questions is to ensure that their students can compete anywhere in the world.

He explained that the delegates were on the campus for a week-long meeting that would have 72 participants from across the country, disclosing that they would moderate and set questions for 12 subjects out of JUPEB's 19 subject areas.

Prof. Okunuga thanked the University of Ilorin for hosting the JUPEB meeting, saying that the board had written the name of the University on a golden plate.

The JUPEB boss was accompanied by other staff of the body including Mrs. Happiness Amucha, and Mrs. Agnes Jegede.

With the Deputy Vice-Chancellor at the courtesy visit were the Director, Unilorin JUPEB, Prof. Usman Lamidi Ajao; the Deputy Director, Unilorin JUPEB, Dr. (Mrs.) Fausat Kolawole; and Mrs. B. A. Sa'adu.

SSANU congratulates Salle, Okojie on appointments as Registrars

By Segun Alabi

The Senior Staff Association of Nigerian Universities (SSANU), University of Ilorin Branch, has felicitated with Dr. Kikelomo Wasilah Salle and Dr. Rebecca Aimiohu Okojie on their appointments as Registrars in Kwara

State University, Malete; and Federal University, Lokoja; respectively.

In separate congratulatory letters signed by the Secretary of the Union, Comrade Tunde Saheed, the Union noted that "it is gratifying that your experience, humility, pedigree and qualifications,

which have been the hallmark of your personality eventually paid off".

While wishing the two foremost university administrators successful tenures of office, the Union prayed "that the Almighty God will be your guide and guard you in the discharge of the responsibility of the office".

Prior to their appointments, the new Registrars were Deputy Registrars at the University of Ilorin where they established reputations as outstanding officials before serving as Registrar at the Fountain University, Osogbo, and as Director, Administration and Operational Services at the Kwara State University, Malete, respectively.

Dr. Salle's appointment was made last month while that of Dr. Okojie was confirmed earlier this month by the authorities of their respective institutions.



■ *Dr. Salle*



■ *Dr. Okojie*

Unilorin hosts JUPEB Test-Item writing/moderating exercise

(Contd. from front page)

He said, "Let me reassure the Board that the University of Ilorin JUPEB will be a model of academic excellence. The institution as well provided reliable security, transportation, internet service and the likes for the Board's comfort. I wish the team great success in the assignment".

In his remarks, the Registrar and Chief Executive Officer of the examination body, Prof. Wale Okunuga, disclosed that the first time the Board held the Test-Items Writing and Moderation workshop was in 2017, pointing out that this year's event is unique as the Examination Board is starting a new syllabus that will be in use from 2022 to 2026 and therefore needs to look critically and put into perspective the new syllabus.

Prof. Okunuga, who appreciated the University of Ilorin for the opportunity granted the board to hold the moderation workshop on its campus, said that Unilorin is a strong partner of the Examination Board and that the institution is as well committed to maintaining the high standards for which JUPEB was



■ **The JUPEB Registrar, Prof. Okunuga at the workshop**

established.

Earlier in his opening remarks, the Director of the University of Ilorin JUPEB, Prof. Lamidi Usman, thanked the Examination Board for considering the University of Ilorin good enough to host the 2nd edition of the workshop.

Prof. Usman disclosed that the hosting of the 2nd edition by the University

was due to her strong academic standard.

The JUPEB Director said, "The University will continue to strengthen all mechanisms that ensure high quality teaching that will ensure that JUPEB students are the best anywhere they find themselves. Let me also assure the Board that the University and the JUPEB school will continue to be a centre of excellence and integrity", he said.

Prof. Usman said that the Board is starting a new syllabus (2022-2026) and it is set to critically examine the set of items in accordance with the new syllabus so as to ensure that the prestige of the Board is kept.

He said that the University is ready to uphold the sanctity of JUPEB examination at all times.

Also present at the occasion were the Deputy Director and Secretary, JUPEB, moderators and representatives from the host University (Unilorin), Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife; the University of Lagos, the University of Port Harcourt, the University of Benin, among other distinguished guests.

Adeoye calls for establishment of more cancer centres in Nigeria

(Contd. from front page)

The don, who bemoaned the rate and magnitude of cancer afflictions in the country, also traced the history of heart surgery in Nigeria as he said that the journey has not been joyous.

Prof. Adeoye paid glowing tributes to the pioneers in the field in Nigeria as he said that many specialists who could have assisted to deepen achievements in the field were frustrated out and forced to return to foreign lands despite the fact that their number in the country was even grossly inadequate.

The renowned surgeon decried the situation where a patient who is operated upon at a location in Nigeria would be compelled to wait for appointments for further treatments at other cities, saying that such an unenviable tendency will not give the desired outcome.

Prof. Adeoye specifically called for the establishment of open heart surgical centres in Nigeria as he expressed the conviction that the development would facilitate a situation where patients would be promptly treated.

The Inaugural Lecturer also called on stakeholders to work for the improvement of facilities and sub-specialisation in Histopathology. He explained that the development of specialisation will improve promptness and accuracy in identifying disease conditions, especially cancer.

Prof. Adeoye, who is also the Director of the Technical Entrepreneurship



■ **The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Sulyman Abdulkareem (right), congratulating the 216th Inaugural Lecturer, Prof. Adeoye (left), after the lecture last Thursday**

Centre (TEC), University of Ilorin, pointed out that the establishment of such a centre would also enhance the situation where cancer registry will be better stored and monitored.

He noted that dedicated theatres, intensive care units and cardiac catheterization laboratory should also be provided, saying that the contemporary practice is the building of hybrid theatres which function for catheterization as well as for surgery.

Prof. Adeoye also implored concerned authorities to ensure team building among various related professionals as he said they must be groomed and maintained as a team to achieve the desired aim.

The Inaugural Lecturer also appealed to the government to ensure improved funding of cancer research. He opined that many cancers still have grey areas and yet to be identified aetiological factors, particularly in our environment.

Prof. Adeoye said that it was important for all those who are concerned to commit adequate financial, material and human resources towards achieving efficient and sustainable cardiac surgery programme.

The lecture, which was chaired by the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Sulyman Age Abdulkareem, was attended by medical professionals, relations, students and colleagues of Prof. Adeoye.

30 varsities converge on Unilorin for national debate contest

(Contd. from front page)

The statement explained that the opening ceremony of the competition would commence at the University Auditorium by 11:00 am while the closing ceremony will hold on Friday (February 18, 2022) by 3:00pm at the Multi-purpose Hall.

Among the institutions that have shown interest in addition to the host, University of Ilorin, include the University

of Lagos, the Federal University of Technology, Akure; the University of Calabar, Covenant University, Ota; Ogun State; Alex Ekwueme Federal University, ...; Ebonyi State University, ...; Modibbo Adama University, Yola; and the Federal University, Birni Kebbi.

Others are Chrisland University, Babcock University, Ilisan Remo, Ogun State; Kwara State University, Malete; Al-

Hikmah University, Ilorin; Elizade University, Ilara Mokin, Ondo State; the University of Port Harcourt, Ladoke Akintola University of Technology, Ogbomoso, Oyo State; the University of Nigeria, Nsukka; the Federal University of Technology, Owerri; Nnamdi Azikiwe University, Awka; the Federal University, Otu-Oke, Bayelsa State; and Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife; among others.

Tournament Schedules for All-Nigeria Universities Quiz Competition

DATE / DAY	EVENT	VENUE	TIME
Monday, 14 th February 2022 .	Opening Ceremonies	Auditorium	10am – 1pm
	Quiz Preliminary Round 1	Auditorium	3.30pm – 6.30pm
Tuesday, 15 th February 2022.	Quiz Preliminary Round 2	Auditorium	2.30pm – 5 .30pm
	Quiz Preliminary Round 3	Auditorium	10am – 1pm
Wednesday, 16 th February 2022	Quiz Preliminary Round 4	Auditorium	3.30pm – 6.30pm
	Quarter and Semi Finals	Auditorium	10am – 1pm
Thursday, 17 th February 2022	Finals	Auditorium	10am – 1pm

Unilorin ASUU insists on UTAS platform for salary payment

By Abubakar Imam

The University of Ilorin Branch of the Academic Staff Union of Universities (ASUU) has reiterated the need for the Federal Government to adopt the University Transparency and Accountability Solution (UTAS) platform instead of Integrated Payroll and Personnel Information System (IPPIS) as the medium for the payment of salaries of academic staff of the nation's ivory towers in order to encourage industrial harmony.

This position was contained in a press release jointly signed by Prof. Salihu Moyosore Ajao and Dr. Abdulganiyu Olatunji, the Chairman and Secretary of the chapter, respectively, a copy of which was made available to **UNILORIN BULLETIN** last Wednesday (February 9,



Prof. Ajao

2021).

The Union specifically drew the attention of stakeholders and other

members of the general public to the continuous non-implementation of the 2020 agreement the Federal Government had with the Union.

The statement also urged the government to immediately ensure an improvement in the conditions of service, particularly increment in the salaries of academic staff of universities, in the interest of justice and industrial harmony.

While expressing its readiness to adopt the decision of its parent body to pressurise the government towards the implementation of the agreement, the Unilorin Branch urged stakeholders to swiftly do the needful in order to avoid a situation where Nigerian universities will be closed down again.

Unilorin Secondary School University Of Ilorin

Entrance Examination To JSS I (UBE 7) 2022/2023 Academic Session

Date: Saturday, 21st May, 2022

Time: 8.00 a.m Prompt

Centre: Unilorin Secondary University of Ilorin , Mini Campus, Adewole, Ilorin.

Subjects: English Language, Mathematics and General Paper.

Form Application forms in addition to a year's past question papers are obtainable at Unilorin Secondary School, University Of Ilorin, Mini Campus at the rate of N5,000.00 per form

The N 5,000.00 is payable to First Bank Plc, Account No.: 2003938315.

The teller should be brought to the School in duplicate to obtain the form.

Closing Date: All completed application forms must reach the Principal on or before **29th April, 2022**

Signed
Principal

Nigerian youths tasked on active participation in politics

By Mubarak Oladosu

As the 2023 general elections approach, Nigerian youths have been urged to play prominent roles in the electoral processes and governance in the country.

The call was made last Tuesday (February 8, 2022) by speakers at the 2022 Annual Distinguished Personality Lecture organised by the University of Ilorin Postgraduate Students Association (POGSASS), themed “Fixing a Round Peg in a Round Hole,” in honour of the Governor of Kwara State, Mallam Abdulrahman Abdulrazaq.

In his Keynote address delivered at the event, the Turaki of Ilorin, Mallam Saliu Mustapha, who emphasised the need for youths participation in elections, described the Nigerian environment as one characterised by a conflict of contradictions in view of the fact that the youths do not participate in elections because they consider politics as dirty, yet, they expect the political class, which they consider as dirty, to do clean things, while in government.

Mallam Mustapha who was represented by a social entrepreneur, Mr. Nasir Abdulqadri, noted that such conflict of contradiction has always worked in favour of political actors because the youths have always allowed it, despite their numerical strength. He therefore advised Nigerian youths not to be confused in the next round of general elections.

While directing an advice to the POGSASS members, Mallam Mustapha said that “as young people, we must get involved by playing the role of key opinion leaders at election seasons. Aside from voting, which is purely a civic responsibility, you must also begin to use your advanced education, knowledge, exposure and network to help members of our families and extended communities in understanding the type of leaders the political parties and the societies at large deserve at every time”.

In his own presentation, the Special Adviser to Governor Seyi Makinde of Oyo State on Youth and Sports, Mr.



■ The Dean, Postgraduate School, Prof. Bakare-Odunola (2nd right), presenting a souvenir to the Guest Speaker, Mr. Bolarinwa, after the programme last Tuesday

Kazeem Bolarinwa, pointed out that Nigeria is experiencing continuous bloodletting today because of the silence of good people who have information on the criminal minds but would not volunteer such information to the concerned authorities.

He noted that because the older generation does not want to relinquish power, they paint the youths as criminally minded and morally bankrupt while they are the clients of the moral bankruptcy and backers of criminality. He, therefore, advised young Nigerians to be a solution to socio-economic problems in the country by recognising the value which they can add to the society because there is always someone who is ready to pay for such value. He added that anyone who has no value to add would be a problem that needs to be solved.

Speaking earlier at the event, the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Sulyman Age Abdulkareem, who was represented by the Dean of the Postgraduate School, Prof. Taibat Moji Bakare-Odunola, appreciated the organisers of the event for their commitment.

The Vice-Chancellor of the Kwara

State University who is the Life Patron of POGSASS, Prof. M. M. Akanbi, SAN, described the leadership of the Postgraduate School as astute. He appreciated the Dean of the school for providing an enabling environment for the postgraduate students to relate with town.

While speaking with **UNILORIN BULLETIN** at the event, a member of POGSASS who is also the Chairman of the University of Ilorin Chapel of the Nigerian Union of Journalists (NUJ), Mr. Tajudeen Babamale, advised POGSASS to begin the charity of fixing round peg in a round hole at home, by ensuring that their officers are elected from relevant departments and specialisations in order to have a more vibrant Association. He also advised academic departments to support the Association by encouraging their postgraduate students to participate actively in the affairs of the Association.

The event was attended by many eminent personalities, including the Commissioner for Tertiary Education in Kwara State, Mr. Senior Ibrahim Sulyman, who represented the Kwara State Governor, Mallam AbdulRazaq.

1998 Agric alumni donate hatchery, other projects to Faculty

By Isaac Lewu

The Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof Sulyman Age Abdulkareem has commended the members of the 1998 graduating set of the Faculty of Agriculture for their spirit of giving back to their alma mater, a gesture he described as an act of community service.

Prof. Abdulkareem made this commendation last Wednesday (February 9, 2022) during the foundation laying of the Fish Hatchery donated by the 1998 set of the Faculty at the proposed site.

The Vice-Chancellor, who was represented by the Dean of the Faculty of

Agriculture, Prof. Olayinka R. Karim, appreciated the set for their donations and promised that their contributions will be used to train and educate students of the Faculty to improve and create a world class standard of Agriculturists.

He also seized the opportunity to call on other Alumni sets of the Faculty to emulate the kind gesture and community service displayed by the 1998 set.

In his remarks, the Head of the Department of Aquaculture and Fisheries Dr. W. A. Jimoh, thanked the 1998 set for their immense contribution and assured them that the fish hatchery will be

judiciously used for development, training and research when completed.

The foundation laying ceremony was witnessed by members of the 1998 Alumni set, Prof. A.K. Musa, Dr. M.I. Abubakar, Alh. Ajanaku, Dr. A.A. Ayelaja, Mr. Adam Abdullah among others.

The 1998 set of Alumni, Faculty of Agriculture promised to give back to the Faculty by ensuring that they put in place a functioning hatchery (35×50 ft), a 145 feet deep borehole, metal scaffold for holding water tanks and also providing a 2,000 and 2,500 litres capacity plastic tanks respectively.

Unilorin Students' Union donates N2m to sick members

By **Mustafa Abubakar**
and **Oyindamola Ibidunni**

The Babatunde Lukman Foundation (BLF) of the University of Ilorin Students' Union has donated N2, 042,800.00 to five students of the institution who are down with major and minor sicknesses.

The donation was presented to the representatives of the beneficiaries last Monday (February 7, 2022) at the Dean, Student Affairs' office.

The Babatunde Lukman Foundation is an Account of the Unilorin Students' Union created in 2013 to provide financial assistance to students with serious health-related issues. Over the years, the foundation has really helped many students across various Faculties in the University with millions of naira.

Speaking at the brief, but emotional ceremony, the Dean, Student Affairs, Prof. L.T. Ajibade, said that the financial support by the Foundation to the students is for the 2020/2021 session that is currently winding up. He disclosed that since the establishment of the Foundation in 2013 till date, it has helped more than 20 students of the institution.

"Today, the University of Ilorin Students' Union, with the support of Babatunde Lukman Foundation, donated N2, 042,800.00 to five University students who are victims who are sick or involved in accident to contribute fund towards alleviating their medical expenses".

The Students include Adelekun Ifeoluwa, Department of Home Economics, for total hip replacement, who was given N1,024,000; Jeremiah Oluwakemi, Department of Educational Technology for Chemotherapy and Radiography, also got a sum of N455,000; Falodun Esther, Department of Accounting for treatment of injury sustained in an accident, who also got



The Dean, Student Affairs, Prof. Ajibade (left), presenting the letter of approval to one of the beneficiaries

N436,800.00; Ogundare Samuel, Department of Educational Technology, also an accident victim who got N119,000.00, and Taiwo Grace of the Department of Agriculture, a Diabetics patient, who was given N8,000.00.

In a chat with **UNILORIN BULLETIN**, Prof. Ajibade disclosed that the money, after approval, was sent to the respective accounts of the beneficiaries for their immediate use.

He pointed out that before a student can qualify, he/she must have sought medical attention from the University Health Centre, which must confirm that he/she is in need. However, such beneficiary would only get 70 per cent of the total medical bill after the approval.

The Dean added that "in all these processes, the Staff Adviser, Level Adviser and colleagues of the beneficiary and the Director of the University Health Centre are involved and made recommendations

before any assistant is rendered. It is however worthy of note that the Foundation will not attend to a medical challenge that does not pass through the University".

In his remarks, one of the representatives of the victims, who is also the President, Department of Educational Technology Students Association, Balogun AbdulHakeem, showed his appreciation, on behalf of the victims, to the Students Union, the University management and the Students Affairs Unit, for the assistance rendered to their loved ones and their continuous pledge to keep the mission of the Foundation flying.

Also in his words of appreciation, the father to one of the beneficiaries, Mr. Falodun, prayed to God to keep everyone together and alive, stressing that he will forever be grateful to the Foundation and the University for the uncommon assistance rendered to his daughter.

Unilorin will never ask candidates to pay before gaining admission – Arinde

By **Tajudeen Babamale**

The Deputy Chairman of the University of Ilorin Admissions Committee, Dr Tayo Arinde, has reiterated that the University will never request candidates seeking admission into the institution to pay any amount before gaining admission into the University.

This is as he encouraged candidates that participated in the institution's post-UTME screening last December to start visiting the Joint Admission and Matriculation Board (JAMB)'s Central Admissions Processing System (CAPS) to check their admission status.

Dr. Arinde announced this penultimate Tuesday (January 31, 2022) while featuring on 'Oro to nlo', a popular Yoruba current affairs programme on **UNILORIN 89.3 FM**.

The don announced that the merit list of successful candidates is already being released by JAMB, which will be followed



■ **Dr Arinde**

by the catchment area list before candidates from the educationally less disadvantaged states.

Commenting on why some

applicants are given courses different from their preferred ones, the Deputy Chairman of Unilorin Admission Committee explained that applicants are moved to other courses when the subject combination they entered during the UTME registration process does not qualify them for their preferred courses.

Dr. Arinde, however, clarified that the University cannot exclusively admit the students into the various programmes, saying that JAMB was empowered by the federal government to ensure that the right candidates are admitted into Nigerian institutions.

He encouraged admission seekers to always visit the official website of the University of Ilorin, www.unilorin.edu.ng for explanation and clarification of any issue, warning them not to succumb to desperation that will make them fall into the trap of fraudsters.

Abisoye urges safe driving on Unilorin campus

By Abubakar Imam

The Director of Works, University of Ilorin, Engr. Mudashiru Adesoji Abisoye, has appealed to motorists plying the campus roads to always drive with care.

Engr. Abisoye gave the advice last Tuesday (February 8, 2022) while featuring on "Oro to Nlo", a current affairs programme of **UNILORIN 89.3 FM**, the official radio station of the University of Ilorin. The programme was anchored by the Head of the Station, Mr. Idris Akintola Ibrahim (Alooma).

The Director, who is a renowned electrical engineer, explained that it was the carelessness of some motorists who are always in a hurry that compelled the authorities of the University to erect speed breakers on the roads across the main campus of the institution in order to serve as a caution against over-speeding.

While acknowledging the fact that the large number of speed breakers erected on the campus could have negative effects on the health of the vehicles, the Director explained that the situation is better than loss of lives as a result of dangerous driving of some recalcitrant motorists.

He added that available facts at the disposal of the institution's management showed that students constitute the greatest numbers of motorists who drive recklessly on the campus. He, therefore, implored those that are fond of driving recklessly to be mindful of their safety and those of other motorists.

Engr. Abisoye, who regretted the recent road mishap on the campus, said that it is important to always drive with care in order to ensure safety of lives of staff, students and other members of the University community, saying that there is



■ Engr. Abisoye

no spare life anywhere.

The Director also disclosed that the recent contract awarded by the Federal Government for the rehabilitation of roads on the University campus had been completed as he commended the contractor for doing a very good job.

He also unveiled the resolve of the management to ensure the rehabilitation of the portions of the road linking the institution with the University of Ilorin Teaching Hospital to ensure the safety of lives and vehicles of members of the University community who ply the route.

On the achievements of the current management in the realm of maintenance of infrastructures across the institution, Engr. Abisoye commended the Vice-Chancellor of the University, Prof. Sulyman Age Abdulkareem, for his fascinating leadership qualities.

He added that the desire of the Vice-Chancellor to hand over a better

University at the end of his tenure was not only noticeable in his extraordinary interest in seeing to the regular maintenance of mobile and immobile facilities owned by the institution but also worthy of emulation.

Engr. Abisoye, who hailed the Vice-Chancellor for not being an armchair Chief Executive, said that the personal interventions of Prof. Abdulkareem at critical times had led to the prompt resolution of many challenges which would have taken more time and energy to resolve.

The Director also assured that the University would always prevail on the management of the Ibadan Electricity Distribution Company (IBEDC) to ensure that the institution is supplied with regular and adequate power to ensure conducive life for members of the University community and efficient service delivery.

While explaining that the University has 52 electricity transformers located across its campuses, Engr. Abisoye noted that the power consumption pattern of the institution is higher than those of many towns.

He assured that those power facilities would continue to be maintained to ensure quality supply at all times as he promised that there would not be disruption in power supply to the University without prior notice.

The Director, however, urged members of the University community to assist in power management, noting that many use power indiscriminately which often increases the institution's monthly energy bills as he said that the money paid for the settlement of needless consumption could be channeled to something more useful.

Seek knowledge of Cancer, Odunola advises Nigerians

By Tajudeen Babamale

As Nigeria joined the rest of the world to observe the 2022 World Cancer Day, the Director of Unilorin Health Services, Dr. Rasheed Odunola, has encouraged Nigerians to seek knowledge of the disease to prevent contracting it.

Dr. Odunola, who gave the advice while participating on 'Kotan sibe', a Yoruba programme on **UNILORIN FM 89.3**, expressed the belief that Cancer can be substantially prevented with adequate knowledge and can be treated with the right treatment at the right time.

The medical expert said that this year's World Cancer Day, themed "Close the Care Gap", is to raise awareness about the deadly disease and preventive

measures that people from different sections of society can benefit from.

While noting that no part of the human body is completely spared from the risk of cancer, Dr. Odunola advised staff and students of the University of Ilorin, Kwarans and Nigerians in general against cigarettes smoking and drinking of alcohol.

According to him, while cigarette can cause cancer of the lung, alcohol may result in cancer of the liver, hot food and drinks can lead to intestine cancer, and some common moisturizing creams may enhance the risk of cancer of the skin.

Aside from visiting health care providers for regular medical check-ups, the Director of Unilorin Health Services encouraged the people to avoid risky behaviors, maintain a healthy weight and



■ Dr. Odunola

be physically active, eat healthy food, most especially vegetables, to prevent getting the disease.

Focus on Prof. Ifabiyi, Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences

By Abubakar Imam

The Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences, Prof. Paul Ifatokun Ifabiyi, is a well-known Geographer, distinguished hydrologist, foremost scholar and exemplary administrator.

Born on August 27, 1965, this exemplary don, who is an indigene of Oro-Ago in the Ifelodun Local Government Area of Kwara State, assumed the position of Dean on August 1, 2021.

Prof. Ifabiyi began schooling at the ECWA, L. E. A. Primary School, Oro-Ago, where he trained between 1971 and 1976.

He proceeded to the famous Playfair Memorial College, Oro-Ago, where he was educated from 1976 to 1981. He was subsequently trained at the prestigious Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria, between 1984 and 1987. He graduated from the institution with a Bachelor of Arts (Hons) degree in Geography.

In 1989, Prof. Ifabiyi proceeded to Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife, where he earned his Master of Science degree in Geography in 1991.

This intellectual giant capped his exciting academic qualifications with PhD in Geography, which he bagged from the better by far University of Ilorin in 2004.

He commenced his working career as a Lecturer at the College of Education, Akwanga (formerly Plateau State, but now in Nasarawa State) where he served as an Assistant Lecturer between 1987 and 1988. Prof. Ifabiyi served as a Project Geotechnical Engineer at Kampe Irrigation Project, Ejiba, Kogi State, from 1991 to 1993.

In 1995, Prof. Ifabiyi went back to the academia when he was engaged as an Assistant Lecturer at the University of Ilorin's Department of Geography. From 1997 to 2001, he served as Lecturer II at the same Department. Between 2001 and 2003, he was a Lecturer I. The relentless efforts of this don accounted for his promotion to the rank of Senior Lecturer, which he became in 2005. He was, thereafter, elevated to the status of a Reader, which he held till 2017.

Sequel to his consistency in the discharge of his responsibilities in teaching, research and community services, he was promoted to the exalted rank of Professor by the authorities of



■ **Prof. Ifabiyi**

the University of Ilorin on October 1, 2017.

In the course of his rise through the academic ranks, Prof. Ifabiyi took time to serve as a Team Leader in a Soil Survey Project at the Joseph Dam Sugar Company Farm in 2006 (Consultancy). He was also a Consultant Hydrologist at the Benue Valley Floodplain Project sponsored by the National Centre for Remote Sensing, Jos, Plateau State, between 2007 and 2008. He has also been a Research Fellow at the National Centre for Hydro Power and Development since 2010. The agency is under the supervision of the Federal Ministry of Power.

As a foremost academic, the Dean has handled several courses at the undergraduate and postgraduate levels. He had taught no fewer than 28 courses across the two levels at the University of Ilorin and Usmanu Danfodiyo University, Sokoto, where he had his sabbatical leave in 2010.

Prof. Ifabiyi has also supervised about 70 Master degree theses and eight doctoral dissertations. He is currently supervising five PhD students.

In addition to teaching, research and supervision, Prof. Ifabiyi has also held various administrative positions at the University of Ilorin. He was the Coordinator, Student Industrial Work Experience Scheme (SWIES) at the Department of Geography and Environmental Management between 1996 and 1999. He similarly served as Level Adviser to 300 Level students of the Department from 1998 to 2000. He equally served as the Departmental Admission Officer who assisted the Head of the Department in the screening of eligible

candidates for admission into the University between 2001 and 2002.

Prof. Ifabiyi was the Sub-Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Ilorin. He served as the Chairman, Room Usages Committee for the University from 2014 to 2017. His infectious integrity also accounted for his appointment as the Chairman of the Anti-Corruption Committee of the University since 2019.

The don is a valued member of many professional associations. These include the Nigeria Association of Hydrologists, the Nigeria Metrological Society and the Nigeria Association of Hydrogeologists as well as the Association of Nigerian Geographers.

This exemplary teacher and administrator is a well published scholar. He has, either single handedly or jointly, authored no fewer than 84 scholarly articles which had been published in local, national and international peer-reviewed publications.

Prof. Ifabiyi has also attended no fewer than 14 conferences and 8 workshops which has sharpened his intellectual and global views and perspectives.

Beyond the shores of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Ifabiyi has also served as an External Examiner and Assessor to various institutions across the length and breadth of Nigeria. These institutions included the University of Lagos, the Lagos State University Ojo, Adekunle Ajasin University, Akungba-Akoko as well as the Federal University of Technology, Minna, to mention a few.

The impact of Prof. Ifabiyi has not been restricted to ivory towers, research institutions and the industry alone. He has participated actively in the development of the place he lives and the religious body to which he belongs. He has served as a Group Leader at the Mountain of Fire and Miracle Ministries, Airport Branch, Ilorin. He has also served his church as an Assembly Pastor and as the Chairman of the Church Building Committee, among others, between 2005 and 2020. He is also the Financial Secretary of the Hajj Camp Landlords Association, Ilorin, between 2013 and 2016.

Prof. Ifabiyi, who is a well-respected scholar, profound researcher and trusted administrator, is also a good family man.



UNILORIN WEEKLY FINANCIAL DIGEST

FUND SOURCES AND UTILIZATION REPORT FROM 3RD TO 10TH FEBRUARY 2022.

RECEIPTS	AMOUNT
Academic Transcript	731,400.00
Dental Clinic Charges	118,838.75
Income from Diagnostic Centre	95,346.25
Verification	3,000.00
Contractors' Registration	1,000.00
Tender Fees	120,000.00
Utility Income	41,600.00
Rent on University Property	255,932.56
Staff Quarter Rent	537,787.65
Staff I.D. Card	1,000.00
Sundry & other Student Charges	1,425,950.00
Capitation –NHIS	8,250.00
Student Hire of Crowns	2,857,389.91
Admin Charges on Funded Projects	1,000.00
Departmental Income	2,000,000.00
Student I.D. Cards	8,500.00
Undergraduate Convocation Charges	2,257,600.00
Postgraduate School General Payment	148,050.00
Postgraduate School Application form	8,727,350.00
Postgraduate School Add/Drop Payment	1,150.00
Postgraduate School Convocation Charges	214,500.00
Postgraduate School Charges	7,630,400.00
Institute of Education Application Form	101,500.00
Institute of Education Acceptance Charges	15,600.00
Remedial School Charges	5,724,500.00
Remedial Acceptance Payment	257,550.00
Remedial Application Form	333,300.00
Remedial Hostel Accommodation	60,600.00
Ilorin Business School Acceptance	60,300.00
JUPEB Hostel Accommodation	120,600.00
JUPEB School Charges	1,416,950.00
Total of Fund Sources for the period	₦35,276,945.12
FUNDS UTILIZATION:	
PAYMENT TO CONTRACTORS/SUPPLIERS :	
Ever Phoenix Guest House Accommodation and Feeding of University Guest	644,724.00
Goke Adeoye Enterprises Supply of Photocopier Toner	639,087.50
DHL Int'l Nig Ltd Courier Services	285,673.32
Pasekham & Sons Relocation of main Isolator Breaker	60,000.00
Blessing Fumigation & Pest Control Venture Maintenance of COHS Environment.	200,000.00
PGC Cleaners & Merchants Waste Collections	35,000.00
Rasimto Nig Ltd Repair of Roof Leakages and Renovation of Burnt Lecture Theatres.	1,152,619.13
Sityserve Ltd Supply of Water Dispenser and Supply of Visitor Chair.	1,386,300.00
Raib Worldwide Interbiz Ltd Repair of Education Tech Building.	2,303,311.13
Electronic Test Coy Ltd Conduct of Post UTME Examination	5,446,800.00
Solamid Nig Ltd Construction of Access Road at Law & Arts Faculties	12,267,597.04
Daily Trust Advertisement Placement	364,021.88
Alhaji Hussein Taiwo Adeniyi & Sons Supply of Batteries	187,750.00
Halmak Worldwide Interbiz Renovation of Former PG School	720,902.53
Nebular Project Ltd Repair of Vehicle	2,180,100.00
OTHER PAYMENTS:	
Various i.e DTA, Imprest, Refund e.t.c	20,005,985.21
Purchase Advance Various	9,142,081.00
Faculty/Departmental Staff Salary for January 2022	9,944,200.00
Prof Luke Ekundayo Donation to External Bodies	1,000,000.00
Nigeria Legion- Abuja Liaison Office Salary for the month of January 2022.	298,709.68
Unilorin Guest Houses Catering Services	437,800.00
NYSC Allowance for the month of January 2022	2,400,000.00
TEC Products Account Production of Security Uniforms	3,195,163.12
Unilorin Petrol Station Petroleum Products Supplied and Diesel	5,066,011.00
Staff Research Intervention Grant (TETFUND)	90,542,731.25
Tertiary Education Trust Fund Project Account Refund of Unutilized Disbursed Conference Attendance Funds (TETFUND)	17,357,319.00
Nigerian Legion January 2022 Salary.	4,140,000.00
Nigeria University Games Association NUGA Annual Dues	300,000.00
Unilorin Press Invitation Cards and Printing of Carbonized Payment Voucher.	1,190,210.00
Tertiary Education Trust Fund Refund of 2% Endowment Fund Deduction from Various TETFUND Projects	8,897,467.73
Total TSA Charges Charges for Transaction	158,670.00
Total Payments for the period	₦201,950,234.52

Signed
O. H. Sonde FCA
Bursar

New Appointments

NAME	FACULTY /DEPARTMENT	APPOINTMENT	EFFECTIVE DATE
A. O. Ipadeola	Environmental Sciences/Surveying and Geoinformatics	Coordinator, Department of Surveying and Geoinformatics	18 th March, 2022
W. A. Durosini	Environmental Sciences/Estate Management	Coordinator, Department of Estate Management	1 st March, 2022
Dr. S. A. Olarongbe	Communication and Information Sciences/Library and Information Science	Sub-Dean, Faculty of Communication and Information Sciences	1 st August, 2021
Dr. R. J. Adebimpe	Law/Public Law	Sub-Dean, Faculty of Law	17 th January, 2022
Dr. A. K. Olawuyi	Physical Sciences/Geophysics	Acting Head, Department of Geophysics	28 th January, 2022



Happy Birthday

S/N	Name	Department	Birthday
1	Oba Yusuf Bature	Works: Works/Maintenance Office	Feb 13
2	Adeniyi Adewale George	Chemical Engineering	Feb 13
3	Giwa Biliskisu Idowu	Academic Planning Unit	Feb 13
4	Onibede Mathew Aina	Security Division	Feb 13
5	Nallah Ali Toyin	Security Division	Feb 13
6	Oke Emmanuel Babatunde	Security Division	Feb 13
7	Bello Abdullahi Lawal	Works: Works/Maintenance Office	Feb 13
8	Shittu Tajudeen	Registry	Feb 13
9	Gunu Umaru	Business Administration	Feb 13
10	Aremu Ishaq Na'llah	Materials & Metallurgical Engineering	Feb 13
11	Imam Abubakar Ayinla	Nursing Science	Feb 13
12	Oyerinde Afusat Laide	Centre For Stem Cell Research	Feb 13
13	Apo Garba Salman	Apiary Unit	Feb 13
14	Akinsipe Elizabeth Funke	Registry	Feb 13
15	Jimoh Suleiman Bamidele	Works: Works/Maintenance Office	Feb 13
16	Abdulrazaq Khadijat Oluwashola	Medicinal & Pharm. Chemistry	Feb 13
17	Amoo Afusat Idowu	Works: Works/Maintenance Office	Feb 13
18	Oloniruha Dare Joseph	Registry	Feb 14
19	Afolabi Akindele Segun	Electrical & Electronics Engineering	Feb 14
20	Musa Fausat Tolulope	Central Admin: Port.Lodge	Feb 14
21	Salau Rahman Kayode	Directorate Of Corporate Affairs	Feb 14
22	Lamija Modupe Esther	Registry	Feb 14
23	Musa Khadijat Motunrayo	Veterinary Microbiology	Feb 14
24	Agbaje Opeyemi Deborah	Registry	Feb 14
25	Amali-Jimoh Hadiza Enekole	Home Economics & Food Science	Feb 15
26	Fawibe Ademola Emmanuel	Medicine	Feb 15
27	Dunmade Adekunle David	Otorhinolaryngology	Feb 15
28	Olabanji Orobola Stephen	Microbiology	Feb 15
29	Muhammad Bilikisu Olawumi	Bursary	Feb 15
30	Azebeokhai Eric Otaru	Vice-Chancellor's Lodge	Feb 15
31	Oyekanmi Dare Ayodele	Registry	Feb 15
32	Olowolaiyemo Simon Ojo	Works: Works/Maintenance Office	Feb 15
33	Ola Rachael Hussena	Registry	Feb 15
34	Ibitoye Sharon Tosin	Registry	Feb 15
35	Ajadi Memunat Tunrayo	Human Kinetics & Health Edu.	Feb 15
36	Adediji David Owolabi	Pharmacognosy & Drug Development	Feb 15
37	Kamaldeen Sferifat Ajbola	Pharm. Microbiology & Biotechnology	Feb 15
38	Balogun Obasanjo Solomon	Criminology & Security Studies	Feb 15
39	Ibironke Sanya Ebenezer	Educational Technology	Feb 16
40	Tunji-Akindipe Modupe Mary	Registry	Feb 16
41	Mark Olu John	Registry	Feb 16
42	Adeyemi Idris Adebawale	Bursary	Feb 16
43	Akande Tanimola Makanjuola	Epidemiology & Com. Health	Feb 16
44	Shuaib Shadiat Olabisi Olapeju	Performing Arts	Feb 16
45	Atomode Esther Mopinre	Registry	Feb 16
46	Haruna A. Ahmed	Security Division	Feb 16
47	Shola Kehinde Owolabi	Security Division	Feb 16
48	Ajidagba Jimoh	Security Division	Feb 16
49	Fagbemi Sikiratu	Registry	Feb 16
50	Abiodun Adebisi Rotimi	Security Division	Feb 16
51	Oba Afusa Titilope	Registry	Feb 16
52	Ogbuka Oluwatoyin Lydia	Registry	Feb 17
53	Balogun Mutiat Adebanye	Home Economics & Food Science	Feb 17
54	Okunade Abraham Adebisi	Works: Works/Maintenance Office	Feb 17
55	Musa Salu	Security Division	Feb 17
56	Adeyemi Bola	Registry	Feb 17
57	Olawuyi Olufemi Olasunkanmi	Civil Engineering	Feb 17
58	Saka Aishat Oluwatoyin	Paediatrics & Child Health	Feb 17
59	Kolawole Olabisi Olajide	Mechanical Engineering	Feb 18
60	Kayode-Boluwatife Helen Olufunke K.	Registry	Feb 18
61	Oseni Abdullahi	Works: Works/Maintenance Office	Feb 18
62	Saka Ismaila Aremu	Registry	Feb 18
63	Ayinde Eytayo Opeyemi	Agric Econs & Farm Mgt	Feb 18
64	Raji Hadijat Olaide	Obstetrics & Gynaecology	Feb 18
65	Akanmu Alex Morenikeji	Science Education	Feb 18
66	Murtala Ganiyu Abdul	Jurisprud. & Interna. Law	Feb 18
67	Salman Mariam Kafeel	Registry	Feb 18
68	Saka Nimat Olodo	Plant Biology	Feb 18
69	Ado Mohammed Isiaka	Registry	Feb 18
70	Yahaya Ramat Oyinlola	Registry	Feb 18
71	Jimoh Adams Lukman	Industrial Relations & Personnel Management	Feb 19
72	Opakunle Abdullateef Bisiriyu	Unilorin Staff School	Feb 19
73	Afuye Toluwalope Adefemi	Technical & Entrepreneurship Centre	Feb 19
74	Aliu Olanrewaju Atanda	Accounting	Feb 19
75	Attah Orinya	Security Division	Feb 19
76	Bamidele Olusola Andrew	Central Admin: Office	Feb 19
77	Aduloju Shade Veronica	Registry	Feb 19
78	Morakinyo Joseph Leke	Telecommunication Science	Feb 19
79	Ahmodu Azeezat Mojisola	Centre For Supportive Services For The Deaf	Feb 19
80	Aremu Tajudeen Alaba	Registry	Feb 19

Open Ph-D Thesis Defence

S/N	NAME	FACULTY/DEPARTMENT	TITLE	DATE&TIME	VENUE
1	BAMIGBADE, Dayo	Management Sciences/Accounting	International Financial Reporting Standards Adoption; Auditor Switches and the Audit Market in Nigeria.	14 th February, 2022/10:00am	Faculty of Management Sciences Board Room



Adebayo elected into NSE EXCO

By Oyindamola Ajayi

The Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Sulymann Age Abdulkareem, has congratulated Engr. J.S. Adebayo of the Department of Works, University of Ilorin, on his election as a member of the National Executive Committee of the Nigerian Society of Engineers (NSE).

A statement signed by the University Registrar, a copy of which was made available to **UNILORIN BULLETIN**, stated that Engr. Adebayo will be representing the North Central geopolitical zone and his success at the keenly contested election is a testament of his wide acceptance and recognition among the members of the NSE.

Oyedepo joins NPMC Senate

By Oyindamola Ajayi

The Acting Head of the Department of Anaesthesia, University of Ilorin, Dr. O. O. Oyedepo, has been elected as the 3rd Senate Member of the Faculty of Anaesthesia, National Postgraduate Medical College (NPMC) of Nigeria.

In a memo dated February 3, 2022, a copy of which was made available to **UNILORIN BULLETIN**, the

University Management expressed its pride at the great feat achieved by the Dr. Oyedepo and wished him successful tenure filled with remarkable achievements.

Dr. Oyedepo's tenure which began January 2022, would last for two years.

Alabi bags NPMC Doctor of Medicine degree

By Oyindamola Ajayi

The Head of the Department of Otorhinolaryngology, University of Ilorin, Prof. B. S. Alabi, has bagged a Doctor of Medicine (MD) Degree from the Faculty of Otorhinolaryngology, Head and Neck Surgery, of the National Postgraduate Medical College of Nigeria.

A statement signed by the awardee, a copy of which was made available to **UNILORIN BULLETIN**, disclosed that the prestigious degree was conferred on him since December 2020.

Unilorin student shines in NSPP poetry competition

By Oyindamola Ajayi

A student of the 'Better by Far' University, Olowo Qudus Opeyemi, has made the top list of poets who participated in the Nigerian Students Poetry Prize (NSPP) competition with his entry entitled "Beyond the Polls".

The NSPP is an initiative of Poets in Nigeria (PIN) and is aimed at stimulating literary creativity and encouraging critical thinking among Nigerian undergraduates.

A statement signed by the PIN President, Eriata Oribhabor, and Executive Secretary, Kolawole Freedom, a copy which was made available to **UNILORIN BULLETIN**, the University was commended for its laudable performance at previous editions of the poetry competition, adding that the student's poem has been published in the yearly NSPP Poetry Anthology of Top Entries.

Unilorin don bags Oke-Opin chieftaincy title

By Idayat Hassan

The Oba of Oke -Opin in Ekiti Local Government Area of Kwara State, HRH Ezekiel Ajibola, has conferred the chieftaincy title of Babaselu of Oke-Opin on Dr. Taiye Benjamin Ajibola of the Department of Physics, University of Ilorin.

The Chieftaincy conferment on the don took place on December 30, 2021 during the 70th anniversary of Oke-Opin.

The event, which attracted people from all walks of life, was held at the Anglican Comprehensive High School, Oke-Opin.

FACULTY OF AGRICULTURE

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ADVERTISEMENT FOR ADMISSION INTO THE SASAKAWA B.Sc.

(AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT) FOR 2021/2022 ACADEMIC SESSION

Applications are hereby invited from suitably qualified candidates for admissions into Sasakawa B.Sc. (Agricultural Extension and Community Development) Degree programme for 2021/2022 Academic Session.

Interested candidates should log in to Sasakawa Portal on www.unilorin.edu.ng for online application.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS (QUALIFICATIONS):

I. Entry into 300 Level

- At least five (5) 'O' Level credit passes at not more than two sittings in WAEC, SSCE, GCE, NABTEB in the following subjects: English Language, Mathematics and any other three (3) from Biology or Agriculture, Chemistry, Physics, Geography, Economics, Food and Nutrition and Home Management.
- A Higher National Diploma (HND or equivalent) in Agriculture or related fields of study e.g. Animal Husbandry, Agricultural Extension and Rural Sociology, Agricultural Economics and Farm Management, Food Science, Home Economics, Fishery, Forestry and Wildlife, etc. with minimum of lower credit from a recognized institution.

II. Entry into 200 Level

- At least five (5) 'O' Level credit passes at not more than two sittings in WAEC, SSCE, GCE,

NABTEB in the following subjects: English Language, Mathematics, and any other three (3) from Biology or Agriculture, Chemistry, Physics, Geography, Economics, Food and Nutrition and Home Management.

- National Diploma (ND) or equivalent in Agriculture or related fields of study in e.g. Animal Husbandry, Agricultural Extension and Rural Sociology, Agricultural Economics and Farm Management, Food Science, Home Economics, Fishery, Forestry and Wildlife etc. with minimum of lower credit from a recognized institution.

- Applicants must provide evidence of not less than one year working experience in a relevant field of Agriculture.

NOTE:

All candidates must obtain the Joint Admission Matriculation Board (JAMB) Direct Entry form as part of the admission requirements.

The closing date for application is 27th March,

2022.

SIGNED

Dr. Fola M. Olowoleni
Registrar

Be patient, Gunu tells Unilorin admission seekers

By Abubakar Imam and Tolulope Jolayemi

The Chairman, Admission Committee, University of Ilorin, Prof. Umaru Gunu, has appealed to candidates that applied for admission into the University for the forthcoming 2021/2022 academic session to exercise patience with the admission processes.

Prof. Gunu stated this last Monday (February 7, 2021) while featuring on "Table Talk", a current affairs programme of **UNILORIN 89.3 FM**, the official radio station of the University of Ilorin. The programme was anchored by the duo of Ms. Bimbo Durojaiye and Mr. Temitoye Omoniyi.

The Chairman explained that the University has been very meticulous in the selection of successful candidates as he assured that his Committee was rigorously and religiously following the procedure as laid down by the authorities of the University and as approved by the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB).

Prof. Gunu, who is also the Dean of the Faculty of Management Sciences, assured that once a candidate is told that his admission is in progress in the JAMB CAPS, he should exercise patient as he would eventually be admitted.

The Professor of Business Administration explained that JAMB does not reject the candidates forwarded to it by the University because extraordinary measures were always taken towards ensuring strict adherence to the procedure.

Prof. Gunu, who said that the admission processes are very tedious, disclosed that the processes were yet to be concluded.



■ Prof Gunu

He also encouraged those who have been offered admissions by the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board to be patient as they would all be uploaded into the University of Ilorin portal.

Prof. Gunu explained that the University would admit close to 13,000 candidates into various programmes and Departments this year as he said that 90 per cent of those to be admitted would come in through UTME while the remaining 10 per cent would be selected from among candidates who applied through Direct Entry.

The Admission Committee Chairman pointed out that three criteria are used for the admission exercise. These, according to him are Merit, Catchment Area and

Educational Less Disadvantaged States (ELDS).

He explained further that the Merit Category has 45 per cent slot of the whole admission, Catchment Area, 35 per cent and ELDS, 20 per cent.

Prof. Gunu added that the catchment area of the University remains all the States in the North Central geopolitical zone and the Federal Capital Territory as he assured that candidates who excelled from places beyond the catchment area would also be admitted for the courses of their choice.

He also stated that the management of the

University uses three academic records -- the Unified Tertiary Matriculation Examination (50%), O'Level results (20%) and Post-UTME results (30%) -- to rate each candidate. He added that the admission quota allocated the University for the 2021/22 admission exercise is 11,671, pointing out, however, that the University is allowed to admit additional 1.167 candidates, which is 10 per cent of the allotted quota.

The renowned academic assured that the University management is doing everything within its capacity to ensure that the next academic session and upon which the admissions are being processed, commences next month.