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FG awards N184m Unilorin roads rehabilitation contract

By Abubakar Imam

Arrangements have been concluded for the total rehabilitation of the road network on the campuses of the University of Ilorin following the award of a contract to that effect by the Federal Ministry of Works.

News of the award of the contract, worth N184 million, was contained in a letter addressed to the Director of Works, University of Ilorin, Engr. Mudathir Abisoye, and signed by the Federal Controller of Works, Engr. Atitebi Wasiu K.

The letter, which was dated January 11, 2022 and entitled "Award of Contract for the Rehabilitation of Internal Roads at the University of Ilorin", explained that the contract was awarded to Messrs Charnel Engineering Company Limited.

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■ Prof. Sulyman Abdulkareem,
Vice-Chancellor



■ Mr. Raji Fashola,
Minister of Works



■ Prof. Adimula

Why Unilorin is second to none - Adimula

By Abubakar Imam

The immediate past Director of Academic Planning (DAP), University of Ilorin, Prof. Isaac Abiodun Adimula, has said that the University is second to none in Nigeria in terms of quality of teaching, learning and facilities as well as general service delivery, saying that "the University is in the forefront of university education in Nigeria".

Prof. Adimula gave the

assessment last Wednesday (January 12, 2022) while participating 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 trio of Messrs Olatunde Segun Agboola, Temitope Olawuyi and Miss Bimbo Durojaiye.

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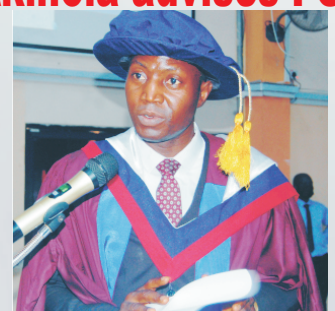
Regulate mining activities to safeguard human health, Akinola advises FG

By Abubakar Imam

Professor at the Department of Anatomy, University of Ilorin, Oluwole Busayo Akinola, has urged the Federal Government to ensure strict regulation of exploration and exploitation of mining resources in the country in order to protect human health.

Prof. Akinola made the call last Thursday (January 13, 2022) while delivering the 213th Inaugural Lecture of the University, entitled "Human Anatomy: Beyond Flesh and Bones" at the institution's Auditorium.

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■ Prof. Akinola

Fayeye seeks more funding, cooperation in genetics research

By Mubarak Oladosu, Mustafa Abubakar,
Abdullahi Ogundipe and
Oyindamola Timothy

A Professor of Animal Breeding and Genetics at the Department of Animal Production, University of Ilorin, Timothy Rotimi Fayeye, has called for more funding towards overcoming the challenges in genetics research in the country.

Prof. Fayeye, who made the call last Wednesday (January 12, 2022) while delivering the 4th Faculty of Agriculture Public Lecture, titled "Theories of Inheritance: Our Journey from guesses to gene", held at the Faculty Lecture Theatre, also called for national and international cooperation to increase the rate of progress in the field.

The don noted that the progress in surmounting the challenges would depend on the level of funding and cooperation among biological scientists around the world, adding that the current challenges in genetics research require the same level of cooperation and funding, which the Human Genome Project required.

Prof. Fayeye added that there is still a lot to learn on genetic disorders and the "details of processes involved in the determination of many functional and production traits produced by genes in man and farm animals" in the 21st century.

The guest lecturer charged Geneticists, both in Nigeria and the whole world, to embark on further research to unravel many unclear issues on trait inheritance using "Omics-based approaches".

Driven by the number of issues



Prof. Fayeye

that are still lying unclear about traits being consequence of the gene, Prof. Fayeye said, "Our train is still moving and we have not reached the terminus", adding that "the 21st century has a lot to unravel on the details of processes involved in the determination of many functional and production traits produced by genes in man and farm animals".

In his remark as the Chairman of the occasion, the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Sulyman Age Abdulkareem, who was represented by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic), Prof. Sylvia Malomo, commended the Faculty of Agriculture for reviving the seminar tradition, which is now holding eight years after the last one was held.

Prof. Malomo, who emphasised the importance of seminars for academic development of

staff and students, added that the seminar topic was apt considering the rising rate of food insecurity in Nigeria and the potentials for agricultural development in genetics research.

In her address, the Dean of the Faculty of Agriculture, Prof. Olayinka R. Karim, noted that the seminar was in fulfillment of her plan to restore academic traditions and rebrand the Faculty for the better.

She added that the seminar last held eight years ago in 2014 by Professor O. A. Adekunle, was part of the Faculty's "technical support, advocacy, information, knowledge, and guidance" needed to improve food quality and people's livelihood.

The Dean added that understanding the role of genes in inheritance is important for the continuous growth and transformation of the livestock sector, which offer substantial opportunities for agricultural development, poverty reduction, food security and national economic development.

A major highlight of the lecture was the conferment of an award on the guest lecturer, Prof. T. R. Fayeye in appreciation of his meritorious services to the Faculty.

Among those that graced the occasion were past Deans, Prof. G. Olaoye, Prof. G. B. Adesiji, Prof. A. A. Adeloje, Prof. J. K. Joseph, Prof. O. A. Omotesho and Prof. J. O. Atteh, as well as many academic and non-teaching staff and students.

Abdulkareem tasks Chemical Engineers on prudent use of materials

By AbdulRahman Abdulbaqi

The Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Sulyman Age Abdulkareem, has urged Chemical Engineers to make judicious use of raw materials in our environment to further develop and enrich our community.

Prof. Abdulkareem made this call at the maiden meeting of the Nigerian Society of Chemical Engineers (NSChE), which held at the University of Ilorin Dam Site last Wednesday (January 12, 2022).

The meeting, which was hosted by the Vice-Chancellor, was held to commemorate the National Conference of

the NSChE, which is scheduled to hold in Ilorin in November this year.

Prof. Abdulkareem, who is also the Chairman, Local Organizing Committee, announced that Ilorin will be hosting the National Conference this year after the Oyo, Osun and Kwara Chapter secured the hosting right.

He also expressed concerns about impacting the immediate community positively through the knowledge of chemical engineering.

The Chapter Chairman, Prof. E.A. Taiwo, who came for the meeting from Ife, enjoined all hands to be on deck for

the successful planning and execution of the National Conference.

Also present at the meeting were the Chapter Vice Chairman, Prof. Omodele Eletta, the immediate past Dean of the Faculty of Engineering and Technology, University of Ilorin, Prof. D. S. Ogunniyi; the Head of the Department of Chemical Engineering, University of Ilorin, Dr. A. G. Adeniyi; the Chairman NSE Ilorin Branch, Dr. T. E. Odetoje, as well as Chemical Engineers from Unilorin, Oyo State and Osun State.

FG awards N184m Unilorin roads rehabilitation contract

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In a separate letter of award of contract addressed to the Contractor, which was dated November 19, 2021 and signed by the Assistant Director, Highways (Planning) on behalf of the Minister of Works, a copy of which was made available to **UNILORIN BULLETIN**, the project is expected to be completed on or before June 23, 2022.

Speaking on the development, the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Sulyman Age Abdulkareem, commended the Federal Ministry of Works for the gesture, saying that the road rehabilitation project would further boost the environmental aesthetics of the University campus.

Prof. Abdulkareem pointed out that when completed, the rehabilitated road networks would also enhance smooth movement of staff and students as well as visitors on the campus.

In his own comment, the Director of Works, University of Ilorin, Engr. Abisoye, also appreciated the Federal Government for its prompt response to the request of the University and prayed that this kind of good rapport would continue.

Engr. Abisoye urged the contractor to do a good job that must meet the Unilorin's better by far standard.

The Director disclosed that the



■ **Engr. Abisoye**

contractor had assured him that work would commence on the road rehabilitation any time from now, adding that "we urge the contractor to keep to the contract terms and complete the work on schedule".

Also welcoming the development, a cross-section of staff and students of the University described the decision of the Federal Government as "a good gesture and a fascinating way of beginning a New Year".

Those who spoke with **UNILORIN BULLETIN** said that the rehabilitation would have tremendous positive effects on transportation within

the campuses of the University as the concerned roads would become more motorable and convenient for motorists.

They also expressed the conviction that the road rehabilitation would prolong the life spans of vehicles of staff, transporters and those of the institution, which have over the years endured the poor state of several portions of the campus roads.

While appreciating the Federal Government for the good gesture and congratulating the institution's management for succeeding in attracting the attention of the government to the University, they, however, appealed to the Contractor, who would handle the project, to do a thorough job as they expressed the conviction that the many portions of the road linking the main campus to the College of Health Sciences and the University of Ilorin Teaching Hospital as well as across the staff quarters, which have failed, are given due considerations.

The respondents also appealed to the University's Works Department to ensure that the rehabilitation and the Contractor handling it are given adequate and close supervision in order to ensure that the right quality and quantity of materials are used for the road to endure usage.

Ex-Unilorin Alumni Scribe delivers maiden Al-Hikmah varsity's Inaugural Lecture

By **Mustafa Abubakar**
and **Hikmat Oladunjoye**

A two-term National Social Secretary of the University of Ilorin Alumni Association, Prof. Abdulateef Oladimeji, made history penultimate Friday (January 7, 2022), as he delivered the maiden Inaugural Lecture of the Al-Hikmah University, Ilorin.

At the well-attended Inaugural Lecture, entitled "Roving Preachers of the Message: Deconstructing Da'wah Across Borders," Prof. Oladimeji, who is an erudite scholar of Islamic Studies, advised political and religious leaders to relentlessly preach peaceful lifestyle in order to build a non-violent and egalitarian society.

Prof. Oladimeji said, "Religious and political leaders are enjoined to preach a peaceful lifestyle



■ **Prof. Oladimeji**

at all times to facilitate the return to a peaceful, egalitarian and non-violent Nigeria".

He also tasked the Nigeria Supreme Council for Islamic Affairs (NSCIA) to establish a body that will regulate the propagation of Islam in the country and see to the training of Islamic scholars.

It is on records that the University of Ilorin has produced four out of the five Vice-Chancellors of Al-Hikmah University since inception which included the present Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. S. A. Abdulkareem of Chemical Engineering, and Prof. S. A. Abubakre of Religions and the pioneer Vice-Chancellor, Prof. M. A. Kanji of Biochemistry Department, as well as the current Vice-Chancellor, Prof. N. Yusuf of Sociology Department.

Why Unilorin is second to none - Adimula

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The don, who completed his tour of duties as the University's DAP on January 8, 2022, said that the University is far ahead most of its peers in Nigeria as it was the first University to introduce virtual method of teaching in the country as a result of the challenges posed by the Coronavirus pandemic.

The renowned Professor of Physics explained that his tenure as the Director of Academic Planning, which lasted three years, was an eventful and challenging one for him and the University, saying that so many remarkable achievements were recorded by the University during his tenure.

He expressed satisfaction that the University recorded 100% accreditation of its courses by the concerned professional bodies, which carried out critical evaluations of the programmes at the University during the course of his tenure.

Prof. Adimula also explained that out of the 42 programmes that were accredited by the National Universities Commission (NUC) in 2019, 34 were given full accreditations while eight secured interim accreditations, which, he said, was the best so far in the history of the University.

The former DAP, who is also a

former Director of COMSIT, Unilorin, expressed the conviction that the result of the 41 programmes that were accredited in 2021 by the NUC would also attract favourable evaluation of the regulatory body by the time the results are released probably before the end of the month.

Prof. Adimula also expressed happiness that his tenure as DAP witnessed the creation of the Faculty of Basic Clinical Sciences at the College of Health Sciences and the Centre for Open Distance Learning at the University, saying that the approval of ODL was a great development in the annals of the University.

The former Director added that his tenure also witnessed the introduction of Medical Laboratory Science (MLS) as a course of study and the adoption of Doctor of Pharmacy as the nomenclature of the degree that would be awarded to students who passed through the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences, saying that the University of Ilorin is one of the nine Nigerian universities that have adopted the changes.

Speaking on funding of University education in Nigeria, Prof. Adimula insisted that funding can never be enough for any University as he explained that the dwindling national economy as a result of the Coronavirus pandemic is having a great

toll on funding of the nation's university education.

While affirming that what is needed is efficient management of resources, Prof. Adimula explained that no matter the magnitude of funds made available to any institution if such is not properly utilised it would amount to nothing.

Prof. Adimula commended the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Sulyman Age Abdulkareem, for ensuring prudent management of resources for the benefit of the University.

He described Prof. Abdulkareem as an outstanding administrator, who is always ready to expend hard earned resources towards deepening academic excellence and service delivery, saying that the Vice-Chancellor was always ready to do what would improve the academic content of the University.

Commenting on his successor, Prof. G. T. Arosanyin, the former Director described him as a versatile academic and a deeply experienced planner and a renowned Professor of Economics, whose experiences over the years had prepared for the job.

Prof. Adimula expressed the conviction that his successor, who has since assumed duties, would do well towards ensuring that the University maintains its reputation.

Regulate mining activities to safeguard human health, Akinola advises FG

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The Inaugural Lecturer, who is also the Dean, Faculty of Basic Medical Sciences, University of Ilorin, explained that illegal mining activities across the country are not only fueling insecurity but are also inimical to public health, particularly among members of the host communities of such mining sites.

He added that high morbidity and mortality rates have been reported in communities where mining activities are haphazardly carried out, saying that the incidences of brain damage and male sub fertility arising from lead toxicity in those areas are common occurrences.

Prof. Akinola also noted that it was high time that government at all levels considered the establishment of forensic DNA databases and forensic laboratories across the length and breadth of the country to check the high rates of crimes and criminality.

He added that if that was done those who engaged in one form of criminality or the other would be easily traced, apprehended and arraigned and speedily prosecuted not only for justice to take its cause but to also bring such negative tendencies to minimal level.

The renowned academic, also reiterated the fact that the perennial blame of infertility ought not to be placed on females alone as it was practised in the time past, particularly among traditional communities without adequate scientific evidences and explanations, saying that such a tendency was an unfair treatment of the female folks.

Prof. Akinola, therefore, advised males to also subject themselves to medical

attention as the females in the event of infertility in the family for the problem to be comprehensively examined and adequately tackled by medical experts.

Speaking on the increasing case of diabetes in the country, Prof. Akinola said that diabetes mellitus, if not addressed adequately on time, could result in several complications

including psychiatric and cognitive problems.

He, therefore, advised diabetic patients against self-medication, saying that it was better for those suffering from the ailment or its symptoms to seek prompt medical attention from qualified experts.

While noting that "congenital anatomical or functional defects" of the brain could arise as a result of exposure to environmental toxins and ingestion of certain food substances during pregnancy, the renowned medical scientist advised pregnant women against consumption of food sourced from the cycad plants in the interest of foetal brain and the general well-being of the unborn child.

On the significance of the study and practice of Anatomy, Prof. Akinola said that the discipline was beyond cutting of dead bodies and studying of bones as well as



■ The Inaugural Lecturer, Prof. Akinola (left), presenting the Lecture notes to the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Abdulkareem, last Thursday

dissection of skeletal muscles and identifying other internal organs that make up the body but an important middle-course between Biology and Medicine.

While describing Anatomy as the backbone of Medicine and Surgery, Prof. Akinola commended the National Universities Commission (NUC) for approving the running of B.Sc. degree in Anatomy in Nigerian universities and its inclusion in the academic programmes of many private universities, saying that that would enhance the production of adequate number of lecturers and scientists for our medical schools and facilities.

He, however, appealed for the establishment of electron and confocal microscopy suites for teaching and research purposes as he said that the absence of such facilities in all the nation's universities was worrisome.

Faculty of Engineering honours Ogunniyi, immediate past Dean

By AbdulRahman Abdulbaqi

The Dean of the Faculty of Engineering and Technology, University of Ilorin, Prof. O. A. Lasode, has described the immediate past predecessor, Prof. D. S. Ogunniyi, as a diligent and hardworking leader he appreciated him for his numerous services to the Faculty, which, he said will not be forgotten!

Prof Lasode made this remark during a send-forth ceremony organised in honor of Prof Ogunniyi and some members of his team, which held at the NLNG building, on Tuesday December 30, 2021.

Other members of the Faculty also spoke glowingly about Prof Ogunniyi, describing him as a problem solver, a humble, God fearing, prudent, caring and calm leader who has mentored and impacted positively in the lives of both staff and students of the Faculty.

Prof. Ogunniyi, in his remarks, thanked God Almighty for His blessings



■ Prof. Ogunniyi and some of the honorees during the send-forth

and sustenance, while also appreciating the Dean and other staff of the Faculty for making his tenure as Dean a successful one and for honouring him with the send-forth.

The former Dean also appealed to all and sundry to cooperate with the current Dean, so as to help him attain success during his tenure and impact positively on

the lives of the students.

Also honoured at the event were Mrs. C.C Okeke, Secretary to the Dean; Mrs. F.N. Okia, Assistant Registrar; Mrs. V.B. Olabanji, Faculty Counsellor; Mr. B.A. Kadejo, Executive Officer; Mrs. B. Uthman, Senior Clerical Officer; and Mrs. A.B. Mustapha, Caretaker.

Yusuf emerges HORTSON's Treasurer

By Abdulquadri Abubakar



■ Dr. Yusuf

Lecturer at the Department of Crop Protection, University of Ilorin, Dr. S. Y. Yusuf, has been elected the new Treasurer of the Horticultural Society of Nigeria (HORTSON).

A statement signed by the Secretary General of the Society, Dr. E. O. Ajayi, a copy of which was made

available to **UNILORIN BULLETIN**, said that Dr. Yusuf was elected during the 39th Annual General Meeting of the Society, which held on November 16, 2021, at the Cocoa Research Institute of Nigeria (CRIN), Ibadan, Oyo State.

The statement added that the Dr. Yusuf's tenure, which began from the date of election, would last for two years.

Unilorin congratulates Aremu on fellowship Award

By Abdulquadri Abubakar

The Management of the University of Ilorin has congratulated a former Ag. Dean of the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Dr. Isaac Olusola Aremu, on his conferment with the

Fellowship of the Pharmaceutical Society of Nigeria (FPSN).

A memo signed by the Registrar, Dr. Folaranmi M. Olowoleni and dated December 31, 2021, a copy of which was made available to **UNILORIN**

BULLETIN, noted that the Fellowship award was a justification of Dr. Aremu's "professionalism, commitment and dedication towards the society".

The statement wished Dr. Aremu more successes in his career.

Ex-Unilorin staff, Maliki, bags chieftaincy title

By Tajudeen Babamale

The Elerin of Adanla Kingdom, Ifelodun Local Government Area of Kwara State, Oba (Dr.) David Oyerinola Adedunmoye, has conferred chieftaincy title on a retired staff of the University of Ilorin, Chief Maliki Adebayo Raufu for his contributions to the development of the Kingdom.

Chief Maliki, who retired as the Chief Medical Laboratory Technician,

Unilorin Health Services, was conferred with the title of Olori Eso Ode of Adanla Kingdom (Head of Security of Adanla Kingdom) during the Adanla Day celebration held recently for his contributions to the security architecture of the community.

This recognition makes it the sixth chieftaincy title he has been decorated with within a limited time.

In a chat with pressmen after

receiving the title, the new Olori Eso Ode of Adanla Kingdom thanked Oba Adedunmoye and the chiefs of Adanla Kingdom for considering him for the honour.

He said having been decorated as the head of the vigilante of the community means he has a lot to do in ensuring the Kingdom is more secure now than it used to be.

There is always room for improvement, Akogun tells DCA staff

By Abubakar Imam

The Director of Corporate Affairs, University of Ilorin, Mr. Kunle Akogun, has urged every staff of the Directorate to continue to carry out their duties diligently in order to stimulate the attainment of the institution's corporate objectives, saying that there is always room for improvement.

Mr. Akogun stated this last Monday (December 10, 2022) at the New Year meeting he held with the Directorate's staff to review its activities in 2021 and map out a strategy for achieving its goals as well as gauge the staff's preparedness for Year 2022.

The renowned media technocrat congratulated the Directorate's staff for recording significant positive developments in their personal lives and for witnessing another year in sound health as he also felicitated with those who were recently promoted particularly to the rank of Deputy Directors.

The Director, while saying that the Unit recorded remarkable improvement in service delivery last year, encouraged staff members to ensure that they do much better this year to justify the increasing commendation of the improved outputs of the Directorate.

Mr. Akogun said that the general performance of the Directorate last year was quite superlative as there was no downtime at all throughout notwithstanding the unencouraging dispositions of a few staff



■ Mr. Akogun

members.

While commending the **UNILORIN 89.3 FM** for a very good performance, Mr. Akogun noted that the **UNILORIN BULLETIN** also continued in its non-interruption streak despite the challenges of power that faced the University last year.

Mr. Akogun commended the **UNILORIN BULLETIN** crew for the quality production of the weekly publication, saying that the non-failure of the publication was a mark of the level of professionalism and commitment to duties of all the staff of the Unit.

While noting that stories written by a few unnamed staff members always dominated the pages of the publication on

weekly basis, Mr. Akogun charged other reporters, particularly the Faculty Information Officers (FIOs), to turn a new leaf so as to ensure a more robust weekly publication.

He also commended the Protocol Unit for creating a very effective linkage between the Directorate and the University administration. The Director singled out the Protocol Officer to the Vice-Chancellor, Mr. Segun Alabi, for commendation, pointing out that he had ensured that the link between the Directorate and the University administration remains well-oiled.

Mr. Akogun also thanked Mr. Alabi for always filing reports of activities at the Office of the Vice-Chancellor, particularly whenever designated reporters were not available to cover the assignment.

Responding on behalf of the Heads of the various Units in the Directorate, the Station Manager of **UNILORIN 89.3 FM**, Mr. Idris Akintola Ibrahim (Alooma), thanked the Director for his efficient and humane management of the information arm of the University.

He assured the Director and the management of the University of the resolve of his colleagues to work harder this year to justify their employment as staff of the University and in order to keep the image of the institution continuously polished.

Central Admin honours Bello, ex NASU Chair on retirement

By Mustafa Abubakar and Abdulqadri Abubakar

The Central Administration Unit, University of Ilorin, has hosted the former Senior Lodge Yard Supervisor, Mr. J.J. Bello, who recently retired from the services of the University to a send-forth ceremony.

The event, which was held on Thursday, December 30, 2021, at the old Faculty of Arts Board Room, was attended by an array of Mr. Bello's colleagues, families and friends who could not hide their impressions about the honouree.

In his remarks, the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Sulyman Age Abdulkareem, appreciated the efforts of Mr. Bello for distinguishing himself while in the services of the University as he stressed that it was always good to be good.

The Vice-Chancellor, who was represented by the Dean, Student Affairs, University of Ilorin, Prof. Tajudeen Lanre Ajibade, said that it is the goodness in the honouree that paved way for him till his retirement.

In his goodwill message, the Deputy Registrar in-charge of the School of Preliminary Studies, University of Ilorin, Mr. Olumide Olajugba, commended the honouree for his outstanding contributions during his years in service as he advised him to continue doing good to all manners of people.

Also in his remarks, the former Deputy Registrar (Vice-Chancellor's Office), Mr. Abdulateef Bolaji Sayuti, said that Mr. Bello had played his part. He urged others who are still in the system to keep doing and putting in their maximum best for the sake of posterity.

Earlier in her welcome address, the Deputy Registrar, Central Administration Unit, Mrs. Azumi Adi, recalled the glowing service delivery efforts and achievements of Mr. Bello, saying that the Unit and the entire Registry would miss his selfless services.

Mrs. Adi described Mr. Bello as a very hardworking, diligent and trustworthy staff during his years in service to the Unit. She added that the honouree also distinguished himself as a tireless and courageous person who carried out his duties diligently.

She said, "Comrade Bello deserves our prayers at all time for his selfless services rendered to the University. I pray that God Almighty will continue to see him through his continuous encounters".



■ L-R: Mrs. Adi, Mrs. Bello, Mr. Bello and Prof. Ajibade during the Send-forth

Responding, the honouree, Mr. Bello, who was full of praises to God for allowing him to end well, acknowledged the efforts of past and present management of the University on him while in service, praying that God will honour them too.

Mr. Bello, who is also a former Unilorin Branch Chairman of the Non-Academic Staff Union (NASU), specifically thanked Mrs. Adi, for mobilising men and resources towards organising the colourful send-forth for him. He said that Mrs. Adi was more than a boss but a mentor who contributed in no little way in making him become everything he became in the University.

A major highlight of the event was the presentation of gifts to the honouree.

Akinola praises UNILORIN BULLETIN on regular health advisory column

By Abubakar Imam

The **UNILORIN BULLETIN**, the weekly news publication of the University of Ilorin, has, again, been commended for its exciting quality service delivery and particularly for always drawing the attention of members of the University community towards the need to have routine medical checkups.

The Dean, Faculty of Basic Medical Sciences, University of Ilorin, Prof. Oluwale Busayo Akinola, made this commendation last Tuesday (January 11, 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 Station's Studio Manager, Mr. Olatunde Segun Agboola.

Prof. Akinola, who delivered the University's 213th Inaugural Lecture last week, said that the "health advice" consistently repeated on the weekly publication has reminded staff members of the need to always give their wellbeing priority over mundane things particularly on their birthdays.

While urging **UNILORIN BULLETIN** to maintain the worthy tradition, Prof. Akinola encouraged staff and students of the University and members of the general public to always visit the hospital or contact qualified medical personnel to check their health status periodically as he



Prof. Akinola

added that most of the ailments that often claim lives could have been detected in the formative stages and subsequently addressed.

Speaking on the choice of career among members of the younger generations, Prof. Akinola advised students undergoing courses that they did not initially chose in their applications for admission to do everything worth doing to make success of them.

Citing his personal experience as an example, the renowned Professor of Anatomy said that it was not in every instance that one would get what he desired, saying that those who are opportune to be admitted should seize the opportunity by

giving those courses total determination and commitment.

He added that he did not intend to pursue Anatomy as a course and a profession initially but that when he was admitted into the Department of Anatomy of the University as a member of the pioneer set of students he took it as a challenge and made sure that he did well.

While saying that he never regretted studying the course, Prof. Akinola explained that his resolve to approach the programme with all his energy eventuated in who he had become.

He, therefore, encouraged students to develop interest in their courses of study for them to excel, adding that the more time and energy deployed to a programme the greater the quality of success that students could made out of it.

Prof. Akinola insisted that no course of study is superior to the other and that what matters is to ensure that one does well on the programme he has been offered to study.

The renowned scholar gave examples of foremost academics in the services of the University of Ilorin and elsewhere who did well in the courses they were given and later came back to read their preferred courses at higher level as he added that no knowledge could ever be a waste.

UNILORIN QUIZ AND DEBATE COMMITTEE 2020/2021 Inter-Faculty Quiz and Debate Competitions

The Unilorin Quiz and Debate Committee is organizing Quiz and Debate competitions for the 2020/2021 academic session scheduled to hold at the University Auditorium as follows:

Monday: 17th January, 2022

Wednesday: 19th January, 2022

Friday: 21st January, 2022

DAY/DATE/TIME	FACULTY/ ROUND	VENUE
17/January/2022 Monday 3.00p.m.	A Agriculture vs Veterinary Medicine vs Engineering & Technology vs Law vs Physical Sciences	University Auditorium
	B Social Sciences vs Pharmaceutical Sciences vs Management Sciences vs Clinical Sciences vs Basic Medical Sciences	
19/January/2022 Wednesday 3.00p.m.	C Arts vs Education Life Sciences vs Environmental Sciences vs Communication and Information Sciences	University Auditorium
	Quarter-Finals 1 st position A vs 2 nd Position B 1 st position B vs 2 nd Position C 1 st position C vs 2 nd Position A	
21/January/2022 Friday 3.00p.m.	Final Quiz Competition Winner 1 Vs. Winner 2 vs Winner 3 Final Inter-Faculty Debate	University Auditorium

Signed:
Dr. A. A. Owode
Chairman

Focus on Prof. Oladiji, Dean, Faculty of Life Sciences

By Abubakar Imam

The Dean of the Faculty of Life Sciences, University of Ilorin, Prof. Temidayo Adenike Oladiji, is an outstanding academic, celebrated administrator and distinguished Fellow of the Nigerian Academy of Science. Born in Osogbo, the capital of the present-day Osun State, on April 27, 1968, she was elected Dean on August 8, 2021.

On completion of her primary and secondary school education, Prof. Oladiji proceeded to the University of Ilorin, where she received her Bachelor of Science, Master of Science and Doctorate degrees in Biochemistry in 1988, 1991 and 1997, respectively.

Prof. Oladiji also attended the International Post Graduate Course in Nutrition at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel in 2011.

On the completion of her first degree programme, this renowned academic started her career as a Member of the National Youth Service Corps (NYSC). She was an Analyst at the Nigerian Breweries Limited, Kaduna, between September, 1988 and August, 1989 throughout her mandatory youth service programme.

She, thereafter, joined the services of the defunct Kwara Breweries Limited, Ijagbo; as a Research and Development Officer, a position she held from August 1991 to June 1992.

As someone who is always interested in acquiring and imparting knowledge, this renowned scientist subsequently joined the services of her alma mater, the University of Ilorin, as an Assistant Lecturer in 1992 at the institution's Department of Biochemistry.

Premised on her industrious dispositions, she was promoted to the rank of Lecturer II in 1995. In 1997, she was elevated to the rank of Lecturer I and subsequently became a Senior Lecturer in 1999.

Her consistent quality teaching, exciting research and meaningful community services as well as administrative dexterity earned her promotion to the pinnacle of her career as a Professor at the Department of Biochemistry, University of Ilorin, in 2011.

Prior to her current position, Prof. Oladiji has served the University of Ilorin in different spheres and capacities. She started as the Academic Adviser to the 100 Level students of her Department between 1992 and 1996. She also served as Examination Officer to the same Department from 1996 to 2004.

This amazing academic Amazon was also the Postgraduate Coordinator of



■ Prof. Oladiji

her Department between 2005 and 2007. She equally served as the Chairman, Departmental Welfare Committee and Departmental Research Fair Committee between 2015 and 2020 and from 2010 to 2021, respectively.

Prof. Oladiji was also a Member, Faculty Fund Raising Committee from April, 2005 and 2007. She equally served as the Chairperson, Faculty Workshop Organising Committee and the Faculty of Science Dress Code Committee both between 2010 and 2014.

This celebrated scholar of Biochemistry was also the Chairman, Faculty of Life Sciences Research Committee as well as the Chairman, Faculty of Life Sciences Mock Accreditation Committee for Optometry and Vision Science Programme and was also the Deputy Director, Center for International Education (CIE), Director, Center for Research Development and In-House Training (CREDIT) and Director, Central Research Laboratories of the University of Ilorin.

Beyond the shores of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Oladiji has always been a gold fish who has been found useful as her contributions have always been coveted. She served as the Dean, School of Basic Medical Sciences, Kwara State University, Malete, where she had her sabbatical between 2018 and 2019. She has also been a Member of the Governing Council, Crown Hill University, Ilorin; and Federal Polytechnic, Nassarawa since 2019 and 2021, respectively. She also served as a Member of the TETFund Standing Committee on Research and Development and JAMB Committee on Internationalisation of tertiary education in Nigeria and as a Monitor of the Board's Unified Tertiary Matriculation Examination (UMTE) over the years.

Prof. Oladiji was also a Member of the Accreditation Team of the National Universities Commission (NUC) to some universities in Nigeria since 2012 and a Member of the Board of the Technical Advisory Committee, Technology Incubation Centre, Ilorin, from 2012 to 2015.

Apart from the 102nd Inaugural Lecture of the University of Ilorin, entitled "The Little Giants in Foods", which she delivered on March 22, 2012, Prof. Oladiji has either singlehandedly or jointly authored no fewer than 122 articles, which were published in respected local, national and international intellectual outlets.

Prof. Oladiji, whose areas of interest are Nutrition, Phytonutrients and Phytomedicine, has also presented no fewer than 11 keynote/lead papers at different scientific fora held within and outside Nigeria. She has also participated in about 30 training programmes and workshops as she as well took part in more than 20 major conferences held across the world.

In addition to other assignments, Prof. Oladiji has supervised more than 30 postgraduate dissertations all of which are attracting scholarly attention. She has also been serving as a role-model to generations of staff and students of the University of Ilorin and other institutions, particularly the females, where she taught and served in one capacity or the other.

This great don has also served as an External Examiner and Assessor to various universities. These institutions include those within and outside Nigeria where she left lasting impressions in the minds of those whose paths crossed hers.

Apart from being a Fellow of the Nigerian Academy of Science, Prof. Oladiji is also a Member of the Science Association of Nigeria, the Nigeria Society of Biochemistry and the Molecular Biology and the Nigerian Society for Experimental Biology. She is also a Member of the West African Research and Innovation Management, the American Society of Nutrition as well as the Organisation for Women in Science for Developing Countries.

This outstanding Unilorite is also a recipient of several honours and awards in appreciation of her brilliance, dignity and integrity. These awards include the Federal Government of Nigeria Scholarship, the University of Ilorin Staff Development Award and Turning Africa Phase II, which was jointly funded by the African Union and the European Union, to mention just a few.

Prof. Oladiji, a cheerful teacher, exemplary administrator and a motherly figure, is happily married and blessed with children who are doing well.

**UNILORIN WEEKLY FINANCIAL DIGEST**

FUND SOURCES AND UTILIZATION REPORT FROM 6TH TO 13TH JANUARY 2022.

RECEIPTS	AMOUNT
Academic Transcript	669,150.00
Sundry other Income	2,859,019.41
Dental Clinic Charges	87,938.75
Income from Diagnostic Centre	64,692.50
Verification/Screening	10,000.00
Refund	3,000.00
Contractors' Registration	10,000.00
Staff I.D. Card	6,000.00
Sundry & other Student Charges	1,096,200.00
Disciplinary Fines	2,000.00
House Rent from Staff	28,500.80
Convocation Souvenir	209,400.00
Capitation –NHIS	2,250.00
Rent on University Property	149,378.86
Student I.D. Cards	10,000.00
Undergraduate Convocation Charges	62,850.00
Undergraduate School Charges	121,350.00
Undergraduate Add & Drop Payment	542,350.00
Postgraduate School Charges	3,015,300.00
Postgraduate School Application form	4,124,600.00
Postgraduate School Add/Drop Payment	1,150.00
Postgraduate School General Payment	657,650.00
Postgraduate School Convocation Charges	85,800.00
Ilorin Business School Add/Drop Payment	2,300.00
Institute of Education Acceptance Fee	51,500.00
Institute of Education Application Form	45,450.00
Remedial School Charges	6,453,250.00
Remedial Acceptance Payment	1,408,950.00
Remedial Application Form	1,424,261.25
Remedial Hostel Accommodation	121,200.00
JUPEB Application Form	326,950.00
JUPEB Acceptance	342,550.00
JUPEB Hostel Accommodation	633,150.00
JUPEB General Payment	15,150.00
JUPEB School Charges	4,315,250.00
Total of Fund Sources for the period	₦28,958,541.57
FUNDS UTILIZATION:	
PAYMENT TO CONTRACTORS/SUPPLIERS :	
PGC Cleaners and Merchants Waste Collections	35,000.00
Halmax Firms and Records Relocation of Containers	385,000.00
Integrated Exodus Nig Ltd Conversion of Laboratory Building	246,670.44
Greenville Pharm Nig Ltd Supply of Drugs	4,507,750.00
May and Baker Nig PLC Supply of Drugs	1,580,000.00
Shalina Healthcare Nig Ltd Supply of Drugs	1,790,050.00
Clarion Medical Ltd Supply of Drugs	5,752,000.00
OTHER PAYMENTS:	
Various i.e DTA, Imprest, Refund e.t.c	15,266,219.13
Purchase Advance Various	9,863,730.00
Unilorin Petrol Station Supply of Fuel	4,830,825.00
Staff Training Programme Learned Conference	871,135.36
Non Teaching Staff Earned Allowance	163,728.72
Unilorin Press Production of Minutes Books	73,500.00
Total TSA Charges Charges for Transaction	44,397.50
Total Payments for the period	₦45,410,006.15

Signed

O. H. Sonde FCA

Bursar

UNILORIN LAGOS GUEST HOUSE

Notice of Closure for Renovation Work

We are pleased to inform you that renovation work is about to commence on the Unilorin Guest House building at Palmgrove Estate, Lagos by Wednesday 19th January, 2021. This renovation work would involve detaching and reconstruction

of the roof, painting, landscaping and some plumbing activities.

Sequel to this, there would be no form of lodging of guests during the period of renovation, which would last for three weeks (19th January to 9th February 2022).

Kindly bear with us.

Signed
Mr. Phillips Bamidele
Lagos Liaison Officer.

New Appointment

NAME	FACULTY /DEPARTMENT	APPOINTMENT	EFFECTIVE DATE
Prof. I. O. Ohijeagbon	Engineering and Technology/Mechanical Engineering	Director, Laboratory-To-Product Centre (LABTOP)	7 th January, 2022



Happy Birthday

S/N	Name	Department	Birthday
1	Sulaiman Musa Mohammed	Science Education	Jan 16
2	Galadima Folashade Amudat	Unilorin Staff School	Jan 16
3	Olanrewaju Yinus Alade	Works: Civil/Building	Jan 16
4	Salman Toyin Abdulazeez	Web Support Services	Jan 16
5	Egbanubi Oluwatosin Eunice	Chemical Engineering	Jan 16
6	Oluwadare Oluwasegun Akinola	Agric Econs & Farm Mgt	Jan 16
7	Atunwa Soliu Abiola	Pharmacology & Toxicology	Jan 16
8	Lawal Fatai Mobolaji	Veterinary Surgery & Radiology	Jan 16
9	Salami Mumini	Works: Electrical/Telecom	Jan 17
10	Lawal Kamal Kunle	Works: Works/Maintenance Office	Jan 17
11	Omoloso Aisha Imam	Mass Communication	Jan 17
12	Ibiyeye Sulaiman	Works: Works/Maintenance Office	Jan 17
13	Hamid Abdulmunieed Amao	Chemistry	Jan 17
14	Uthman Teslim Olayiwola	Chemistry	Jan 17
15	Aderoju Musiliu Adekola	Educational Technology	Jan 17
16	Saka Kazeem Olaleye	Works: Works/Maintenance Office	Jan 18
17	Ahmed Zainab Jumoke	Security Division	Jan 18
18	Nzeh Donald Amasike	Radiology	Jan 18
19	Abdulbaqi Saudat Salah	Mass Communication	Jan 18
20	Lamidi Kehinde	Works: Works/Maintenance Office	Jan 18
21	Adeyina Adebisi Oluwatoba	Animal Production	Jan 18
22	Asaju-Gbolagade Yisat Wuraola	Computer Science	Jan 18
23	Raji Mashood Abiola	Veterinary Microbiology	Jan 18
24	Obadoyin Sola Joseph	Educational Technology	Jan 19
25	Babamale Hakeem	Unilorin Staff School	Jan 19
26	Bamigbade Dayo	Accounting	Jan 19
27	Sanni-Mciver Ahmed Toyin	Medical Microbiology & Parasitology	Jan 19
28	Daramola Olufunmilayo Lydia	Unilorin Zoo	Jan 19
29	Kuranga Abdulkadir Olayinka	Registry	Jan 19
30	Adetayo Janet Bosede	Registry	Jan 19
31	Ibraheem Tajudeen Olanrewaju	Human Kinetics & Health Edu.	Jan 19
32	Owolabi Henry Olumuyiwa	Adult & Primary Education	Jan 19
33	Adeola Taiye Shola	Performing Arts	Jan 19
34	Arosanyin Janet Omolola	Registry	Jan 19
35	Oguke Gerald Iheanyichukwu	French	Jan 19
36	Adebisi Ranti Taibat	Quantity Surveying	Jan 19
37	Oludairo Oladapo Oyedeji	Veterinary Public Health & Preventive Medicine	Jan 19
38	Ajiboye Bukola Veronica	Registry	Jan 19
39	Jimoh Sherif Olanrewaju	Academic Planning Unit	Jan 19
40	Sekoni Ramat Ronke	Registry	Jan 19
41	Eniibukun Samuel Oluwasegun	Agronomy	Jan 20
42	Bamigbola Olabode Matthias	Mathematics	Jan 20
43	Opayemi Sunday Emmanuel	Security Division	Jan 20
44	Oni Florence Okunlola	Pharmacology & Therapeutics	Jan 20
45	Ajao Adelodun Mohammed	Registry	Jan 20
46	Ajagbe Abosede	Registry	Jan 20
47	Ogunlade Oyeronke Olufunmilola	Educational Technology	Jan 20
48	Adeniyi Ademola Jacob	Educational Technology	Jan 20
49	Dauda Rafat Bukola	Unilorin Staff School	Jan 21
50	Hanzah Dawood Adesola	Business Law	Jan 21
51	Isah Abdulmumin	Library & Information Science	Jan 21
52	Yusuf Abdulganiyu Kayode	Civil Engineering	Jan 21
53	Ishola James Olatayo	Educational Technology	Jan 21
54	Abdulkareem Sulyman Age	Chemical Engineering	Jan 21
55	Abdulsalam Nasiru	Chemistry	Jan 21
56	Adio Abdulfatai	Security Division	Jan 21
57	Oloruntoba Samson Olorunsoga	Security Division	Jan 21
58	Ogunlade Fadejinmi Carclius	Registry	Jan 21
59	Adejumo Rachael Omatayo	Registry	Jan 21
60	Olorunsaiye Esther Fehintola	Computer Base Test	Jan 21
61	Adebayo Joseph Sunday	Works: Electrical/Telecom	Jan 21
62	Usman Balqees Funnmilayo	Centre For Open & Distance Learning	Jan 21
63	Isiaka Monsurat	Criminology & Security Studies	Jan 21
64	Ibraheem Musa Oluwatoyin	Human Kinetics & Health Edu.	Jan 21
65	Abdulwahab Rasheedat Arikewuyo	Computer Engineering	Jan 21
66	Dabul Ezekiel Sunday	Works: Works/Maintenance Office	Jan 22
67	Olawepo Kehinde Gabriel	Plant Biology	Jan 22
68	Adeleke Mariam Olaide	Statistics	Jan 22
69	Olubiyi Adeola Taiye	Registry	Jan 22
70	Adeyemi Kayode	Registry	Jan 22
71	Omotoso Ayodele Babatunde	Medicine	Jan 22
72	Bakare Akeem Adekunle	Registry	Jan 22
73	Issa Baba Awoye	Behavioural Science	Jan 22
74	Fakuade Abel Gbenga	Ling. & Nig. Languages	Jan 22
75	Ibrahim Sulaiman Toyin	Registry	Jan 22
76	Emmanuel Aduke Rachael	Registry	Jan 22
77	Salami Bintu Bola	Library	Jan 22

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

Adeleke's son weds January 22

Dr. Ahmed Adeleke, son of the former Dean of the Faculty of Physical Sciences, Prof. Lateef Adeleke, will this Saturday, January 22, 2022, tie the nuptial knots with his heartthrob, Dr. Khadijah Gera, at

Peace Hotel, along University Road, Ilorin by 12.00 noon.

A statement made available to **UNILORIN BULLETIN** indicated that the Nikkah will be preceded by Traditional Wedding at

9.00 a.m same day at the same venue, adding that Reception follows immediately after the Nikkah.

Members of the University Community are cordially invited.



- The Management of the University of Ilorin has approved the promotion of 685 senior staff members of the University cutting across the academic and non-teaching cadres. ("UNILORIN promotes 685 senior staff", <https://the-reflection.com>, "UNILORIN Promotes 685 senior staff", <https://tribuneonline.ng>, "Unilorin Promotes over 600 Senior Staff", <https://www.9japarrotline.com.ng>, "UNILORIN promotes 675 senior staff", <https://www.pointng.com>, "University of Ilorin promotes 685 senior staff", <https://daily.links.ng>, "Unilorin Promotes 685 senior staff", <https://kogiflame.com>, "PROMOTIONS: Unilorin Approves Elevation of 685 Senior Staff", <https://incnew247.com>, "UNILORIN Promotes 685 Academic, Non-academic Staff", <https://reporters.com>, "Unilorin announces promotion of 685 senior staff", <https://midanpist.ng>, "Unilorin Promotes 685 senior staff", <https://democracynewsine.com>, See also, National Pilot, Monday, January 10, t-Wednesday 12,2022,p.22, "Unilorin promotes 685 senior staff", *The Herald*, Wednesday, January 12,2022,p.9)
- The federal government has approved the appointment of Prof. Baba Awoye Issa, the former Head of the Department of Behavioural Sciences, University of Ilorin, as the Ag. Medical Director of the Federal Neuropsychiatric Hospital (FNPH), Budo-Egba, Kwara State ("Neuropsychiatric hospital picks acting CMD", *New Telegraph*, Monday, January 10, 2022,p.22).
- The Editorial Board of Next Money, Nigeria's authoritative financial magazine, has selected the former Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Is'haq Olarewaju Oloyede, who is also the current Registrar Chief Executive Officer of the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB) as its Person of the Year 2021. ("JAMB's Oloyede named Next Money person of the year", *New Telegraph*, Monday, January 10, 2022,p.25) see also, "Oloyede To Receive Next Money Award" *Leadership*, Monday, January 10,2022, p.10, "JAMB's Is'haq Oloyede is Next money person of the year" *Nigeria Tribune*, Monday, January 10, 2022,p.29, JAMB's Oloyede, Next Money person of the year "Vanguard, Monday, January 10,2022, p.13, "JAMB's Is'haq Oloyede is Next Money person of the year", *National Pilot* Monday 10th -wednesday 12th January, 2022,p.8 "Next Money names JAMB Registrar Oloyede person of the year", *The Nation*, Monday, January 10, 2022,p.17)
- A former Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Shuaibu Oba AbdulRaheem, OFR, has called on members of Alumni Associations of institutions of higher learning in Nigeria to rescue their alma mata from collapse. ("Former VC charges Alumni Association to rescue alma matters", *The Herald*, Wednesday, January 12,2022,p.9)
- An Alumnus of the University of Ilorin, Barrister Balogun Oloyede Mujahid, has shared his experience in the field of legal practice with the *National pilot* Newspaper publication. ("Kwara Lawyer sent out of Court Room for making noise, fined #10", *National pilot*, Thursday 13th -Sunda 16th,2022,p.18)
- An Alumnus of the University of Ilorin, Barrister Olasunkanmi Olorunnisola, has observed that "I think it is enough punishment, we don't want to be herculean in our dispensation of punishment, it is more than just a slap on the wrist, the punishment is meant to warn them and deter others. ("Judiciary autonomy, only way to perfect judges-Olorunnisola", *National pilot*, Thursday 13th-Sunday 16th,2022,p.19)
- A Judge of an Ilorin High Court, Adebayo Yusuf, has fixed January 26, for the continuation of the trial of the eight suspect who allegedly raped and murdered Blessing Olajide Omowumi, a 300 level student of the University. ("Unilorin murder: Kwara AG seeks to call additional witnesses", *Daily Trust*, Friday 14, 022, p.36)
- The Management of the University of Ilorin has warned members of the general public against scammers utilising various social media platforms to swindle unsuspecting admission seekers. ("Unilorin warns admission seekers against social media scammers", <https://gazattengr.com>, "UNILORIN warns admission - seekers against scammers", <https://www.pulse.ng> news.com, "Beware of scammers"- UNILORIN warns admission seekers", <https://www.nationalaccotdnewspaper.com>.

Unilorin Hult Prize invites 1,500 students, 20 competing teams

By Mustafa Abubakar

The University of Ilorin Hult Prize has invited over 1,500 students and 20 competing teams to the 2021 On-Campus pitch event.

A statement signed by the Deputy Campus Director of the Hult Prize, University of Ilorin, Mr. Testimony Adebiyi, a copy of which was made available to **UNILORIN BULLETIN**, said that this year's edition, tagged, "Getting the World Back to Work- Creating Two Thousand Jobs By 2024 By Thinking Global and Acting

Local" will hold on Saturday, March 5, 2022 at the University Main Auditorium.

The statement explained that "this year's Hult Prize expected students to come up with innovative ideas and what to do to get them properly executed. The global economy is coming back and we may never find a better time than now to create a high impact job creating enterprise that brings our own community back to life".

Introduced to Unilorin in 2016,

the University has been an active participant in the On- Campus programme since then, and reaching regional level of the keenly contested competition.

In his remarks, the Director, Technical and Entrepreneurship Centre (TEC), University of Ilorin, Prof. Adeoye, who solicited for assistance from all, disclosed that the programme is recognised and asupported by the University.

Unilorin Press Manager loses dad

The death has been announced of Pastor Michael Ojo-Ariyo Ogunyinka, an Apostle in the body of Christ, an astute and erudite educationist and patriarch of the Ogunyinka family of Ikoro Ekiti, Ekiti State.

Pastor Ogunyinka, who was the father of Mr. Festus Ogunyinka, the Manager of Unilorin Press, died penultimate Thursday (January 6, 2022) at the age 89 years.

The late Pa Ogunyinka acquired virtually all available teaching certificates of his time. Starting from the Teachers Grades III, II, I (Ass.Dip. Educ., UI) and crowned them with a B.Ed. (Hons) Guidance and Counselling from the University of Cardiff, Wales in the United

Kingdom.

A retired Inspector of Education in the defunct Western Region and former Ondo State, he also served as a pastor in The Apostolic Church, Nigeria, 1988-2012, when he retired at the age of 80, having served as Gbongan Area Superintendent and pioneer Superintendent of Ikorodu Area.

The late Pastor Ogunyinka is survived by his wife of 64 years, siblings (among who is Chief (Lady) Folake Olutola, a retired PAR in Unilorin), children (including Festus Ogunyinka, Manager, Unilorin Press) and grandchildren.

May his soul rest in peace.



■ Late Pastor Ogunyinka

AS UNILORIN HOLDS ORIENTATION PROGRAMME FOR FRESHERS

EFCC boss charges students to be anti-graft warriors

By Abdulquadri Abubakar

The Chairman of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC), Mr. Abdulrasheed Bawa, has called on students of the University of Ilorin to shun Cybercrime and be foot soldiers in the fight against corruption.

Mr. Bawa, who made the call last Thursday (January 13, 2022) while addressing fresh students of the University during the 2020/2021 Orientation Programme organised for them by the University management, also admonished the students to be disciplined and strive for academic excellence.

The admonition was contained in a keynote address entitled “The EFCC And The Role of The Youths In Curbing Cybercrime”, delivered on behalf of the EFCC boss by the Head of the Public Affairs Department, Ilorin Zonal Command of the EFCC, Mr. Ayodele Babatunde.

Pointing out that the woes bedeviling the country today could be tied to corruption, Mr. Bawa said, “In discussions among scholars and ordinary people, there is overwhelming convergence of opinion that corruption is at the intersection of the nation's development. This is the reason our country is still touted as a potentially great nation despite its rich natural and human resources endowment”.

He decried the youth's involvement in Cybercrime, saying, “One critical group of stakeholders is the youths. Apart from the fact that they are considered as the leaders of tomorrow, most economic crimes, especially Cybercrimes are committed by young people.”

While calling on youths to avoid the temptation of being lured into cybercrime or any other form of corruption, the EFCC boss said, “Young people must not be mere spectators in the anti-graft campaign. Rather, they should actually be the foot soldiers leading the mass rout of corruption and economic crimes out of our land”.

He added that “it is no use lamenting



■ The representative of the EFCC Chairman, Mr. Ayodele Babatunde (left), and the representative of the Dean, Student Affairs, Dr. Alex Akanmu, at the Orientation Programme last Thursday.

that things are not right with our country. We are inviting you to lend a hand in helping us build a society where there is respect for law and order and where impunity is a thing of the past. We urge you, when you see something, to say something; and don't stop there, please do something.”

Earlier in his address, the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Sulyman Age Abdulkareem, represented by the Dean, Student Affairs, Prof. Lanre Ajibade, enjoined the students to be disciplined at all times and be dedicated to their studies, adding that “the University has zero tolerance for anything anti-social”.

While promising his support for the EFCC in the fight against corruption, Prof. Abdulkareem commended the Commission for its giant strides towards having a country that is free of corruption.

Also speaking at the Orientation Programme, the University Librarian, Prof. Abdulwahab

Olanrewaju Issa, advised the newly admitted students of the University to be focused on their studies and make effective use of the University Library to acquire more knowledge in order to become successful in life.

The University Librarian, who spoke through Mrs. Grace Olabisi Babafemi, said that the purpose of the Library is to learn, re-learn and make research to acquire more knowledge, explaining that “you can develop yourself intellectually with the help of library resources, your learning can be better if you visit the library often for studies.”

Prof. Issa also assured the new students that the University of Ilorin Library is well equipped, stressing that they need to visit the place often for their assignments and research work as they can have access to both physical and electronic resources.

In his remarks, the Chief Imam of the University of Ilorin Central Mosque, Prof. Nasiru AbdusSalam, who was represented at the event by Dr. M. S. Abdullahi of the Department of Arts Education, University of Ilorin, described both western and Arabic education as the transferring of knowledge, values and norms from one generation to another, adding that only proper education can be used to promote peace in the society.

The Chief Imam, however, advised the students to sustain the peace and harmony on the campus and also enhance mutual relationship among themselves, desist from dubious attitudes as Muslims in order to make their prayers acceptable by Almighty Allah. He also emphasised the need for them to tolerate one another in order in order to live peacefully together.



■ A cross section of students at the event