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Make eNaira work outside Nigeria, VC tells CBN

By Tajudeen Babamale

The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has admonished the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) to make the eNaira policy accessible and efficient for Nigerians outside the country to facilitate the settlement of their international transactions.

Prof. Egbewole stated this last Tuesday (April 11, 2023) when he received members of a delegation from the Central Bank of Nigeria and Zenith Bank Plc, who visited him ahead of



■ The Vice Chancellor and other dignitaries and participants at the interactive session on eNaira

their interactive session, tagged “Road partnership with Zenith Bank”, with map to eNaira: An initiative of CBN in the new students of the University.

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■ Prof. Ambali

You are on course, Ambali, ex-VC tells Egbewole

By Abubakar Imam

A former Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. AbdulGaniyu Ambali, OON, has commended the leadership style of the current Vice Chancellor of the University, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, saying that the foremost legal luminary is on course.

Prof. Ambali, who was the 9th Vice Chancellor of the University (2012 – 2017), stated this penultimate Sunday (April 9, 2023) while making his remarks at this year's edition of the annual Ramadan Lecture of the Ilorin Emirate Staff Association (IESA), University of Ilorin, held at the Kwara State College of Education, Ilorin.

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Pregnancy should be fun-filled -- Fawole

By Abubakar Imam

A Professor of Obstetrics and Gynaecology at the University of Ilorin, Adegboyega Adisa Fawole, has said that pregnancy and consequent child birth by women should be fun-filled and not necessarily a painful experience for the expectant mother

and father and the rest of the family provided such periods are properly cared for and monitored,

Prof. Fawole, who stated this last Thursday (April 13, 2023) while delivering the 23rd Inaugural Lecture of the University, pointed out that there is need to raise and sustain deliberate awareness on needless maternal deaths.

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■ Prof. Fawole

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CREDIT commences training on Universal Acceptance for staff, students

By Tajudeen Babamale

In its drive towards the seamless digitisation of the operations of the University of Ilorin, the Centre for Research Development and In-House Training (CREDIT) has commenced training on Universal Acceptance (UA), a scheme that ensures that all staff and students of the University will be able to use email addresses and domain names that strongly match their units, departments, cultures, languages, and scripts to explore and communicate online.

Declaring the training open last Friday (April 14, 2023), the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, said he was elated that the University commenced training for staff and students on the Universal Acceptance less than 24 hours after the Association of African Universities (AAU) launched the initiative.

Prof. Egbewole said that the goal of the University is to go digital where the human element will be involved. He explained that the programme was not just for staff, but also included the students because they are the future of the University.

While hoping that the Universal Acceptance will be a key player in the operational module of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Egbewole admonished CREDIT to cascade the training to their colleagues at their various units, Departments and Faculties to ensure that every member of the University community is involved in the scheme.

The Vice-Chancellor also admonished the Ag. Director of CREDIT, Dr Abdulkareem Oloyede, to design a training module for the critical sectors of the University, adding that if CREDIT goes paperless all other critical units of the institution must follow suit.

The Professor of Jurisprudence and International Law, who congratulated all the carefully selected staff and students for taking part in the training, expressed



■ Prof. Egbewole

the hope that they will take the training seriously, identify with the vision and mission of the University, key into the vision of the Ag. Director of CREDIT and ensure that every Unilorite will have a universal acceptance of digitisation.

The Vice-Chancellor pointed out that to win over the challenges created by artificial intelligence, people must act better than artificial intelligence. He said, "If you listen to the Ag. Director's speech written by artificial intelligence, you will know that we are facing serious challenges as human beings. And it is necessary to beat these challenges, we have to think better than artificial intelligence, we have to act better than artificial intelligence, and we have to be more productive than artificial intelligence. If artificial intelligence can write a better speech in a short time, what that suggests is that, if care is not taken we will lose our base, we will lose our standing, and we will lose our status".

Earlier, in his address, the Ag. Director of CREDIT, Dr. Oloyede, announced that his speech on that occasion was written by artificial intelligence.

He explained that the goal of the training was to equip staff and students of the University with the necessary knowledge and skills to become universal acceptance and ensure it is incorporated



■ Dr Oloyede

into their daily practice. He said that by doing so, they can help to drive economic growth and social information in Nigeria and beyond.

Dr Oloyede, who is an Ambassador of the Internet Cooperation of Assigned Name and Numbers (ICANN), said that Universal Acceptance is meant to ensure that every language is recognised on the Internet, adding that they want to ensure that Yoruba, Igbo and Hausa languages will have domain names and email addresses in those characters.

The Ag. Director explained that Universal Acceptance is a crucial aspect of the digital world particularly for developing economies like Nigeria. He stressed that it is essential to ensure that all domain names and email addresses are treated equally by all applications and systems to enable everyone, regardless of their background, to participate fully in the digital economy.

While appreciating the Universal Acceptance Steering Group (UASG) and Internet Cooperation of Assigned Name and Numbers (ICANN) for their generous sponsorship of the training and for recognising the importance of universal acceptance for an emerging economy like Nigeria, the CREDIT boss applauded the Vice-Chancellor and his management team for their unwavering support for this crucial initiative.

Adeoti delivers 232nd Inaugural Lecture

The Vice Chancellor, University of Ilorin, Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, invites members of the University of Ilorin community and the general public to the Two hundred and thirty-second (232nd) Inaugural Lecture of the University scheduled as follows:

Lecturer: Professor Johnson Olabode Adeoti B.Sc. (Zaria); MBA., M.SC., Ph.D. (Ilorin)

Department of Business Administration, Faculty of Management Sciences, University of Ilorin.

Topic: "Business is Everything and Everything is Business"

Date: Thursday, 20th April, 2023

Time: 5.00 p.m.

Venue: University Auditorium, Main Campus, University of Ilorin

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

Dr Fola M. Olowoleni
Registrar



■ Prof. Adeoti



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The distinguished Professor of Veterinary Medicine explained that he and other stakeholders of the University have been watching, with keen interest, the admirable ways the Vice Chancellor had been discharging his responsibilities since he assumed office last year.

He added that the Vice Chancellor had left no one in doubt of his preparedness to stop at nothing towards rekindling the glory of the nation's most subscribed University.

Prof. Ambali said that as a one-time holder of the exalted office, he was quite aware of the challenges facing the University and that he was convinced that Prof. Egbewole would overcome those challenges and thereafter excel.

He commended Prof. Egbewole and the Governing Council of the University on the choice of his lieutenants and holders of other key appointments made so far, saying that those appointed are endowed with fascinating qualities that

would advance the cause of the University to once again become the envy of all.

The former Vice Chancellor assured Prof. Egbewole that the people of Ilorin Emirate working at the University would cooperate fully with his administration to ensure that the institution regains its past glory.

Also in his remarks, another former Vice Chancellor of the University, Prof. Shuaibu Oba AbdulRaheem, OFR, recalled the situation at the University on his assumption of duties in 1997 and how he left the institution five years later.

The former Vice Chancellor, who is also the Talba of Ilorin, added that he was delighted that many of those his administration recruited into the services of the University as young lecturers and administrators, including its Registrar-designate, Mr Mansur Adeleke Alfania, are now holding sensitive positions at the citadel of learning.

He also congratulated the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Management Services) of

the University, Prof. Suleiman Funsho Ambali and the University Librarian, Dr Kamaldeen Tunde Omopupa, among others, on their appointments.

In his own remarks, the Vice Chancellor of the University, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, who was represented by the Chairman, Library and Publications Committee, Prof. AbdulRasheed Abiodun Adeoye, thanked the IESA for inviting him to grace the event, which he described as beneficial.

Prof. Egbewole assured members of the Association that the University would remain sensitive to Ilorin Emirate, and other constituent units on campus.

The Vice Chancellor thanked members of the Association for their support towards the success of his administration, assuring that his administration would consider more indigenes of Ilorin Emirate for appointments in the University as situations permit.

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The Vice Chancellor observed that Nigerians who travel abroad find it difficult to spend or use any Nigeria account anywhere in the world, which is not a palatable experience.

The Professor of Jurisprudence and International Law, however, admonished the CBN to see how the eNaira policy will be acceptable and useful outside the shores of Nigeria, saying that this is one of the so many ways to make a statement in the community of nations.

While welcoming the eNaira initiative for accommodating offline transactions for the sake of unbanked Nigerians, Prof. Egbewole lamented that it is sad to see people from less developed countries using their bank cards outside their territory while Nigerians from a better and bigger economy remain stranded.

The interactive session that involved the Principal Officers of the University and the officials of the CBN lasted two days with various officials presenting their data to convince the management of the University of Ilorin to accept and adopt the platform.

In his presentation, the Project Manager of eNaira in the CBN, Mr Fadele Adeolu, said the PricewaterhouseCoopers' (PwC) recently adjudged the CBN's Digital Currency (CBDC) as the best retail project indexes of central banks globally in 2022. He said that this shows the level of work done on the policy by the CBN.

He explained that the eNaira came to strengthen and enhance the existing

payment channels and does not come to replace or disrupt them. He added that nothing is changing in the existing currency except the benefit such as payment efficiency, low cost of transactions, and payment transparency that the new policy brought to life.

While making further clarification on how it will benefit the University system, the eNaira Project Manager explained that the CBN team has been engaging with the Accountant General of the Federation and a committee has been set up to look at the TSA. He said that the committee will soon come up with how government disbursement can be received via the eNaira platform.

Mr Fadele, however, said that the relationship between the University of Ilorin and the CBN is strategic and significant because the University is a research institution and the eNaira idea was a product of research.

Other CBN officials who spoke in the same vein included Mr Izuchukwu Nwama and the acting Branch Controller of CBN in Kwara State, Mr Segun Rotimi Ogbonbolu.

In his contribution, the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic), Prof. Abayomi Omotosho, who represented the Vice Chancellor at the second meeting, said if the eNaira payment platform is going to help the University with payment efficiency, improve financial inclusion and act as a means for students to earn some money, then management will support the policy.

He, however, suggested that the eNaira team should start their engagement with the IPPIS and TSA, saying, once that is sorted out, universities in Nigeria won't have any problem adopting the policy.

Also contributing to the session, the Bursar, Mr Hakeem Sonde, said the Central Bank of Nigeria is an agency of the Federal Government while the eNaira policy is believed to be FG's policy as well. He stated that the University of Ilorin being an institution of the Federal Government will support any policy initiative of the Federal Government.

The Bursar said there are a lot of misconceptions among members of the public that the CBN needs to work on if they want the policy to be accepted by the Nigerian ecosystem. For instance, he said, the CBN team needs to explain in clear terms to the common man on the street whether having the wallet means one is closing down all his bank accounts domiciled in other banks. He added that if all misconceptions are cleared and the safety of the money is guaranteed, Nigerians will be willing to support the policy.

Other University officials at the meeting include the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Management Services), Prof. Sulyman Ambali; the Registrar, Dr. Fola Olowoleni; the University Librarian, Dr. Kamaldeen Omopupa; the Dean of Student Affairs, Prof. M. T. Yakubu, the Principal Assistant Registrar, Office of the Vice Chancellor, Mrs Azeezat Ibrahim, and the Students' Union President, Comrade Tobiloba Faaji, among others.

Pregnancy should be fun-filled -- Fawole

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In the lecture, entitled "Reversing Nigerian Women's Poor Health Indices: Challenges And Prospects", the don explained that with adequate education, healthy lifestyles and proper health care provided by well trained professionals neither the expectant mother nor her family should entertain any fear of mishaps in pregnancy and labour.

He added that though a woman may have unusual experiences and changes in her physiological compositions, body size and reactions to her physical and social environments, such should not lead to any form of discomfort for her and her unborn baby.

The distinguished medical professional explained that only right attitudes to pregnancy and healthy life styles are all that are needed to have and maintain sound health in a nine-month pregnancy and concomitant safe delivery.

He added that people needed to change their attitudes to their lives and lifestyles and take full responsibility for their health and environment rather than waiting or blaming the government at all times for inadequacies brought about by the negligence of their duties to themselves.

The Inaugural Lecturer advised that women should be encouraged to increase their use of obstetric services manned by well-trained professional health care workers, saying that most of the maternal mortality recorded, particularly in the rural areas, was as a result of poor handling by quacks who often presented themselves to unsuspecting expectant mothers and their families as professionals.

Prof. Fawole encouraged pregnant women to ensure that they protect themselves against malaria infections, saying that the pernicious effects of malaria parasites on pregnancy and the foetus are grave.

He also advised that obesity in women should be deliberately discouraged because, if left uncontrolled, it could pose consequential negative effects on an unborn child.

In view of the effects of violence on the physiological and psychological well-being of pregnant women, the distinguished academic advised against domestic violence towards pregnant women. He advised women to always speak out quickly and eloquently to protect their safety and that of their unborn children.

Prof. Fawole debunked the erroneous cultural belief that an



■ **The Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahjab Egbewole (right), congratulating the Inaugural Lecturer, Prof. Fawole, after the lecture last Thursday**

uncircumcised woman would be naturally promiscuous, explaining that researches had convincingly shown that there is no relationship whatsoever between female circumcision and sexual libido in female.

He also canvassed the need to rekindle the national programme in the fight against cervical cancer, saying that the suggestion, if adopted, would enhance maternal health care in the interest of the nation.

The foremost medical expert also appealed to the government to continue its trajectory in the Health Insurance Scheme and implement the proposed coverage of the National Health Insurance Scheme (NHIS) to cover more population.

He also called for more government support to strengthen the nation's health systems facilities as a matter of urgency. He added that provision of the state-of-the-art facilities for the health sector would enhance health care delivery and reduce medical tourism to other parts of the world undertaken by the elite.

The renowned gynaecologist specifically appealed to the authorities of the University of Ilorin Teaching Hospital, Ilorin to provide a radiotherapy centre at the Hospital in order to enable complete cancer care.

He also enjoined the government

to introduce more incentives for the people working in all sectors of the economy, particularly health, within the country in order to encourage them to stay behind to salvage the pathetic situations of the country.

Prof. Fawole said that since it is the girl child that would eventually transform to become women who will get pregnant more support should be given to girl child education for the women that would come out of them to be empowered for the future ahead of them.

The Inaugural Lecturer paid glowing tributes to the memory of Agnocide who he recalled pioneered female medical practice, which encourages the study and practice of Obstetrics and Gynaecology as he equally recalled that it was his desire to join in the efforts at stemming needless deaths that encouraged him to pursue his dreams of being a medical professional, which eventuated in his becoming a Professor in a branch of medical science.

The Inaugural Lecture, which was presided-over by the Vice Chancellor of the University, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, was attended by several dignitaries, including the Oluwo of Iwo, Oba AbdulRasheed Adewale Akanbi Telu; and the JAMB Registrar, Prof. Is'haq Oloyede, among others.

Emir of Ilorin organises prayers for Alfanla, others

By Abubakar Imam

The Emir of Ilorin and Chairman, Kwara State Council of Chiefs, Alhaji (Dr) Ibrahim Sulu-Gambari, CFR, penultimate Sunday (April 9, 2023) organised a special prayer for the Registrar-designate of the University of Ilorin, Mr Mansur Adeleke Alfanla, and his colleague at the Federal University of Health Sciences, Ila-Orangun, Osun State, Mr Kassim Kayode Babamale; as well as the Provost, College of Medicine of the Federal University of Health Sciences, Ila-Orangun, Prof. Aishatu Ahmed Gobir.

The event, which held at the palace of the foremost traditional ruler, was attended by the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Management Services), University of Ilorin, Prof. Suleiman Funsho Ambali; the Pro-Chancellor and Chairman, Governing Council, Nnamdi Azikiwe University, Awka, Prof. Sulyman Alege Kurunga; and a former Dean of the Postgraduate School, University of Ilorin, Prof. Badmas Olanrewaju Yusuf, as well as an Assistant Inspector-General of Police, Mr Ishola Babatunde Babaita, among other dignitaries.

The Emir, who is also the Chancellor of the Federal University of Agriculture, Makurdi, expressed pleasure and satisfaction with the career progression of the three individuals and some others honoured along with them as he described each of them as outstanding individual who deserved to be supported with prayers in order for them to succeed in their new offices.

Alhaji Sulu-Gambari urged the honourees to always be conscious of who they are and where they are coming from, saying that being indigenes of Ilorin imposes a lot of responsibilities on them in view of the expectations of other people who recognised Ilorin, as a fountain of Islamic faith.

The Chief Imam of Ilorin, Shaykh Muhammad Bashir Saliu, OON, who led the prayer session, and ably assisted by the Imam Imale of Ilorin, Shaykh Abdullahi Abdulhamid and the Imam Gambari of Ilorin, Shaykh AbdulAzeez Suleiman, urged the Registrar-designate and his colleagues to work tirelessly towards



■ Mr Alfanla (left) with the Emir during the prayer session

ensuring that their respective institutions are properly managed in order for them to achieve their corporate objectives.

The Chief Imam prayed Allah to grant them sound health and wisdom needed to discharge their responsibilities as expected and in a way that the good image of their ancestral community, Ilorin Emirate, would be polished and protected.

In a related development, the Ilorin Branch of the Ansarul Islam Society of Nigeria penultimate Saturday (April 8, 2023) organised another special prayer to ask for good health and divine guidance for the Registrar-designate of the University of Ilorin, Mr Mansur Adeleke Alfanla.

Speaking at the event, which held at the Ansarul Islam Primary School, Okekere, Ilorin, the Chief Missioner of the Society, Shaykh Abdulmumini Hanafi Ayara, described the Registrar-designate as someone who was born into the Society.

He enjoined Mr Alfanla to seize the privileges of his new position to demonstrate the qualities inculcated in members of the Society by its late founder and first Grand Mufti of Ilorin, Shaykh Muhammad Kamaldeen Al-Adabi, as he was also reminded of the need to remain humble, pious and accessible.

The cleric also enjoined the Registrar-designate to always be consultative and never be arrogant, adding that those who engage in extensive consultations before taking any action would never regret such actions.

The event was graced by the spiritual leader of the society, Shaykh Abdulkadir Kamaldeen; the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Management Services), Prof. Suleiman Funsho Ambali and several other staff of the University of Ilorin and dignitaries from far and near.

Erratum

In the story titled “UNILORIN promotes 715 staff members” carried in the April 10, 2023 edition of **UNILORIN BULLETIN**, the name of one of newly promoted Deputy

Registrars, **OSAGBEMI Ebunoluwa Omotayo**, was wrongly captured as **Elizabeth Oshagbemi**. The error is regretted.
Editor

Yakubu tasks foreign students on good conduct

By Mubarak Oladosu

The Dean of Student Affairs, University of Ilorin, Prof. M.T. Yakubu, has advised foreign students in the University to get themselves familiar with the codes of conduct contained in the Students Handbook and make it their moral and ethical compass.

Prof. Yakubu gave the advice last Wednesday (April 5, 2023) while addressing the foreign students at the 2023 edition of the annual orientation programme organised for them by the institution's Centre for International Education (CIE).

The renown researcher cautioned the International Students against belonging to unregistered societies, obscene and deviant behaviors, falsification of records, fighting, hosting guests beyond hostel common-rooms, travelling without permission, absence from orientation programmes and examination, and violating the University's dress code, among other misdemeanors all of which he noted have prescribed penalties.



Prof. Yakubu

Also addressing the students, the Director of the University's Health Services, Dr. R. A. Odunola, noted that health, which he defined as physical, mental and social well-being and not just the absence of disease, facilitates educational and economic progress. He, therefore, urged the new foreign students to preserve their health through good nutrition, adequate sleep and regular exercise while avoiding smoking and

stimulants which he said depresses the brain.

In his own presentation, which focused on immigration matters, the Special Adviser on Immigration Matters at the Centre, Prof. I. O. O. Amali, recalled the history of the Centre, of which he said he had been a part since it was established during the vice chancellorship tenure of Prof. Is-haq Oloyede to make the University a centre of standard international education.

He further noted that Nigeria became less strict with her foreign residents because of COVID which was a global emergency and the stay of many international students in Nigeria is currently irregular. He consequently urged the students concerned to approach the Centre to regularise their stay.

The event was attended by the Director of the Centre, Prof. R. A. Olaoeye, who appreciated the resource persons, Principal Assistant Registrar in charge of Immigration matters at the Centre, Mrs. Zainab Salahudeen, the President of the Student Union Mr Faaji and a host of International Students.

At TMS 2023 San Diego Conference, Alafara elected JOM Advisor & Editor

By Felix Dare Afolabi

A former Head of the Department of Industrial Chemistry, University of Ilorin, Prof. Alafara Baba has been elected the *Advisor & Editor of the Journal of Metallurgy (JOM), Hydro- & Electrometallurgy section of the journal.*

The election, which is for two-year tenure, was one of the major highlights of the 152nd Annual Meeting and Exhibition of Pan American Materials Congress (TMS 2023) in San Diego, California, USA, between 19th and 23rd March 2023.

At the one-week event, themed "The World Comes Here", Prof. Alafara who is the National President, Materials Science and Technology Society of Nigeria, presented the research paper entitled "Purification of an Indigenous Barite Mineral for Sustainability of Operation in the Nigerian Oil & Gas Industries" and "High-Grade Li_2SO_4 from a Local Montebrazite Ore as Industrial Raw Material for Managing Bipolar Disorder" in the Light Metal Technology category.

The TMS 2023 Congress, which was well attended by more than 4,000 scholars from the globe, witnessed many technical presentations, committee meetings, and exhibitions on materials science and engineering for economic sustainability and development.

The JOM Journal (Impact Factor of 2.973) is published by Springer in



collaboration with TMS. It is a technical, peer-reviewed journal devoted to exploring many aspects of materials science and engineering within the broad topical areas of light metals, structural materials, functional materials, extraction and processing, materials processing, and manufacturing. *JOM* strives to balance the interests of the laboratory and the marketplace by reporting academic, industrial, and government-sponsored work from around the world.

Prof. Alafara, who is the current EPD Council (Education Representative) of the TMS, USA, is also the Co-organizer of the "Rare Metal Technology 2024" and *Energy Technology & Carbon-dioxide*

Management 2024 Symposia for the forthcoming TMS 2024 in Orlando, Florida, USA.

In a chat with **UNILORIN BULLETIN**, Prof. Alafara expressed his profound appreciation to the management of the National Agency for Science & Engineering Infrastructure (NASeni), and the management of the University of Ilorin for their support for him to attend the TMS 2023 in the USA.

He promised to share the knowledge gained with his students and colleagues to improve the quality of teaching and research activities in the Department, Faculty and University as a whole.



NAME	DEPARTMENT	CONFERENCE	VENUE / DATE
Dr R.I. Adeoye	Biochemistry	20 th Annual Scientific Conference and General meeting of the society for Experimental Biology of Nigeria (NISEB)	University of Ilorin , Kwara State / 8 th - 11 th Aug 2021
Dr Adedoyin Igunnu	Biochemistry	20 th Annual Scientific Conference and General meeting of the society for Experimental Biology of Nigeria (NISEB)	University of Ilorin , Kwara State / 8 th - 11 th Aug 2021
Dr L.A. Quadri	Biochemistry	20 th Annual Scientific Conference and General meeting of the society for Experimental Biology of Nigeria (NISEB)	University of Ilorin , Kwara State / 8 th - 11 th Aug 2021
Prof. Elizabeth A. Balogun	Biochemistry	20 th Annual Scientific Conference and General meeting of the society for Experimental Biology of Nigeria (NISEB)	University of Ilorin , Kwara State / 8 th - 11 th Aug 2021
Dr A.F. Sulaiman	Biochemistry	20 th Annual Scientific Conference and General meeting of the society for Experimental Biology of Nigeria (NISEB)	University of Ilorin , Kwara State / 8 th - 11 th Aug 2021
Prof. M. T. Yakubu	Biochemistry	20 th Annual Scientific Conference and General meeting of the society for Experimental Biology of Nigeria (NISEB)	University of Ilorin , Kwara State / 8 th - 11 th Aug 2021
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Dr I.O. Sule	Microbiology	20 th Annual Scientific Conference and General meeting of the society for Experimental Biology of Nigeria (NISEB)	University of Ilorin , Kwara State / 8 th - 11 th Aug 2021
Dr Risikat N. Ahmed	Microbiology	20 th Annual Scientific Conference and General meeting of the society for Experimental Biology of Nigeria (NISEB)	University of Ilorin , Kwara State / 8 th - 11 th Aug 2021
Dr Khadijat A. Abdulkareem	Plant Biology	20 th Annual Scientific Conference and General meeting of the society for Experimental Biology of Nigeria (NISEB)	University of Ilorin , Kwara State / 8 th - 11 th Aug 2021
Dr T. Garuba	Plant Biology	20 th Annual Scientific Conference and General meeting of the society for Experimental Biology of Nigeria (NISEB)	University of Ilorin , Kwara State / 8 th - 11 th Aug 2021
Sikemi A. Omar	Biochemistry	20 th Annual Scientific Conference and General meeting of the society for Experimental Biology of Nigeria (NISEB)	University of Ilorin , Kwara State / 8 th - 11 th Aug 2021
Prof. C.G.Nzeh	Zoology	20 th Annual Scientific Conference and General meeting of the society for Experimental Biology of Nigeria (NISEB)	University of Ilorin , Kwara State / 8 th - 11 th Aug 2021
Dr E.C. Amaechi	Zoology	45 th Parasitology and Public Health Society of Nigeria (PPSN) Conference	Women Developmnt Centre, Abuja / 4 th – 8 th Oct. 2021
Prof. U.S. Ugbomoiko	Zoology	45 th Parasitology and Public Health Society of Nigeria (PPSN) Conference	Women Developmnt Centre, Abuja / 4 th – 8 th Oct. 2021
Dr B.U. Olayinka	Plant Biology	28 th Annual Conference of Botanical Society of Nigeria (BOSON)	Federal University OF Kashere, Gombe State / 12 th – 16 th Sept 2021
Prof. O.T. Mustapha	Plant Biology	28 th Annual Conference of Botanical Society of Nigeria (BOSON)	Federal University OF Kashere, Gombe State / 12 th – 16 th Sept 2021
Dr E. Iyenmoana	Optometry & Vision Science	44 th Nigerian Optometric Association Conference	Balmoral Convention Centre, Federal Palace Hotel, Lagos / 23 rd – 26 th June 2021
Dr M.O. Ojo	Optometry & Vision Science	44 th Nigerian Optometric Association Conference	Balmoral Convention Centre, Federal Palace Hotel, Lagos/ 23 rd – 26 th June

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UNILORIN hands over Item7(go) eatery building to developer

By Mustafa Abubakar

The Physical Planning Unit of the University of Ilorin has handed over a multi-million naira edifice built by a fast food outlet, Item7(go) to its developer, Mr Ibigbemi Oloruntobi, an alumnus of the University.

Mr. Oloruntobi is a 2011 graduate of Physics.

In his remarks during the handing over of the project, the Acting Director of the Physical Planning Unit (PPU), QS A. T. Jimoh, disclosed that the project was developed by under the Built-Operate and Transfer (BOT) arrangement.

QS Jimoh said that the concern of the Vice Chancellor of the University, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN administration on projects is to have an edifice that will stand the test of time in terms of structure and esthetics, stressing that the 'Item7(go)' building is a pride to the University.

In his remarks, the Chief Security Officer, ADS Wasiu Oyewo, who congratulated the CEO of "item7(go)" and his management team for bringing such a magnificent edifice to the University, urged them to create synergy between the University Security Unit and their security personnel to avert unwarranted clashes of interest.

He said that the University Security office regulates all security personnel operating on campus, urging them to key into the arrangement by bringing them to the unit for familiarization.

The Deputy Director of Works (Estate Management), Mr B. S. Baba, also appreciated the investment, stating that it will go a long way to adding value to the image of the University.

The Director of Works represented by the Deputy Director of Works (Electrical), Engr Adebayo, who also appreciated and congratulated the



developer and the University Community, affirmed that the developer has done a very good job, stating that the edifice will be the first on the campus that has passed the integrity test of a quality finishing without any blemish.

The Head of the Fire Service Unit urged them to always position their fire extinguishers well and to also regularly, check to identify expired ones or leakages, and to quickly make replacement where necessary.

The representative of the Director of Corporate Affairs, University of Ilorin at the event, Mr M. M. Abubakar, who acknowledged the relationship between 'Item7(go)' and the Directorate, appreciated the support of 'Item7(Go)' on **UNILORIN FM** programmes and urged

the eatery to sustain the relationship by making sure that more sponsorship and gifts are donated to the teaming listeners of the campus radio station.

In his remarks, Mr Oloruntobi appreciated the University's management and other staff for the opportunity given to him, pointing out that his presence at the University is a social responsibility.

He said that as a graduate of the University, he is aware of the usual complaint over the years that UNILORIN is usually dull as there is no place for relaxation after classes, adding that "we've been having that issue even while I was an undergraduate, so I saw a very big problem there which I have in my mind that one day I'm going to solve".

Yahaya becomes Ilorin's SWAN Chairperson

By Abubakar Imam

Arrangements have been concluded for the investiture of a former Ag. Head of the Department of Accounting, University of Ilorin, Dr Khadijat Adenola Yahaya, FCA, as the Chairperson of the Ilorin Chapter of the Society of Women Accountants of Nigeria (SWAN).

The investiture will hold on Saturday, April 29, 2023 at the

UNILORIN Water View, Dam Site, beginning at 10.00am.

The event, which would also witness the inauguration of other members of the Executive Committee of the Chapter, is expected to be graced by dignitaries from far and near including the National President of the body, Mrs Nwawara Nnaji, FCA.

Members of the University community are invited to grace the ceremony.



Dr Yahaya



UNILORIN WEEKLY FINANCIAL DIGEST

FUND SOURCES AND UTILIZATION REPORT FROM 6TH TO 13TH APRIL 2023

RECEIPTS:	AMOUNT
Academic Transcript	475,000.00
Sundry & Other Student Charges	153,300.00
Income from Verification/Screening	10,000.00
Sunday Other Income	2,219,241.90
Income from Dental Clinic	109,438.75
Income from Diagnostic Centre	85,151.25
Rent on University Property	129,600.00
Departmental Income	223,964.25
Refund (Salary)	1,000,000.00
Capitation NHIS	6,000.00
Utility Income	41,600.00
Staff I.D. Cards	4,250.00
Student I.D. Cards	23,000.00
Convocation Souvenir	291,200.00
Contractors' Registration fees	4,000.00
Undergraduate School Charges	527,600.00
Undergraduate Add/Drop Payment	372,450.00
Undergraduate Convocation Charges	1,257,000.00
Postgraduate School Convocation Charges	64,350.00
Postgraduate School Add/Drop Payment	4,600.00
Postgraduate School Charges	9,767,410.00
Postgraduate School General Payment	278,050.00
Remedial School Application Form	75,750.00
Remedial School Charges	118,150.00
Total Receipt for the Period	₦17,241,106.15
PAYMENTS	
PAYMENT TO CONTRACTORS/SUPPLIERS :	Nil
OTHER PAYMENTS:	
Various Various i.e. DTA, IMPREST, REFUND etc	3,528,934.65
Purchase Advance Various	818,000.00
Unilorin Press Printing of Letter Head Paper	46,060.00
Unilorin Students WACO Scholarship Awards	2,397,546.00
Unilorin Staff Training Staff Development Award (CBNTETFUND)	7,895,040.00
Unilorin Staff Researchers (NRF) National Research Grant (CBNTETFUND)	14,850,000.00
Total TSA Charges	18,601.00
Total payment for the period	₦29,554,181.65

*Signed***O.H. Sonde FCA***Bursar*

Staff Development

RECIPIENT	PROGRAMME	DEPARTMENT	INSTITUTION WHERE TENABLE
O. M. Oyewo	Master	COMSIT	University of Ilorin
A. D. Hussain	Ph. D	Peace and Strategic Studies	Afe Babalola University, Ado -Ekiti

New Appointments

NAME	FACULTY /DEPARTMENT	APPOINTMENT	EFFECTIVE DATE
Dr A. Raji	Social Sciences/Sociology	Acting Head, Department of Sociology	24 th February, 2023
Dr A. R. Bakare	Social Sciences/Political Science	Acting Head, Department of Political Science	27 th February, 2023



S/N	Name	Department	Birthday
1	Abdulsalami Yinka Moshood	Unilorin Staff School	Apr 16
2	Sa'adu Hafsat Iyabo	Business Law	Apr 16
3	Ojo Emmanuel Olugbade	Political Science	Apr 16
4	Chimezie Victoria	Crop Protection	Apr 16
5	Arokoyo Bolanle Elizabeth	Linguistics & Nigeria Languages	Apr 16
6	Oloruntoba Esther Olufunmike	Registry	Apr 16
7	Ismail Abubakar Bolaji	Security Division	Apr 16
8	Olawole Esther Toyin	Computer Engineering	Apr 16
9	Abdulquadri Aminat Abisola	Chemistry	Apr 16
10	Akeredolu Christana Oluyomi	Registry	Apr 16
11	Ajayi Adebimpe Ruth	Computer Engineering	Apr 16
12	Hanafi Abdulrasheed	Registry	Apr 16
13	Kazeem Sherifat	Registry	Apr 17
14	Babatunde Samuel Olusegun	Security Division	Apr 17
15	Jatto Muibat Shola	Registry	Apr 17
16	Bajeh Amos Orenyi	Computer Science	Apr 17
17	Owope Dare Bamidele	Registry	Apr 17
18	Mohammed Olatunji Obalowu	Electrical & Electronics Engineering	Apr 17
19	Lawal Rasheed Ayinde	Registry	Apr 17
20	Haruna Aishat Ayedun	Security Division	Apr 17
21	Kolawole Ayodele James	Network Operating Centre	Apr 17
22	Daniels Toyin Edith	Health Services	Apr 17
23	Oseni Bashiru Alabi	Admission Office	Apr 18
24	Ojuade Jeleel Olasunkanmi	Performing Arts	Apr 18
25	Mustapha Afusat Bolanle	Registry	Apr 18
26	Afolabi Olayemi Adunni	Registry	Apr 18
27	Ayinmode Sunday Timosun	Central Workshop:Engineering	Apr 18
28	Awolade Florence Iyabode	Registry	Apr 18
29	Faruk Nasir	Telecommunication Science	Apr 18
30	Oloyede Abdulkarim Ayopo	Telecommunication Science	Apr 18
31	Adeyemi Ayobola Bamidele	Veterinary Theriogenology & Production	Apr 18
32	Ademola Adenike Grace	Registry	Apr 18
33	Olaosebikan Oluwayemisi Omotola	Registry	Apr 18
34	Abdullahi Olaide Asiawu	Registry	Apr 18
35	Olutoye Abdulquadri Funmbi	Unilorin Sugar Research Institute	Apr 18
36	Omekam Ifeyinwa Vivian	Statistics	Apr 19
37	Olayemi Mary Bosede	Registry	Apr 19
38	Ibraheem Rasheedat Mobolaji	Paediatrics & Child Health	Apr 19
39	Olowoleni Folaranmi Modupe	Registry	Apr 19
40	Fashola Olatunde Micheal	Registry	Apr 19
41	Abdulkareem Saratu Iyabode	Zoology	Apr 19
42	Adeola-Adolphus Funke Toyin	Registry	Apr 19
43	Eleja Rofiat Temitope	Pharmacology & Toxicology	Apr 19
44	Michael Henry Ayodele	Registry	Apr 20
45	Alabi Muhammed Toyin	Internal Audit Unit	Apr 20
46	Oba Taiye	Works: Works/Maintenance Office	Apr 20
47	Olarewaju Oseni	Human Kinetics & Health Education	Apr 20
48	Garuba Iyanda	Security Division	Apr 20
49	Olorundare Adeleye	Security Division	Apr 20
50	Adewole Saratu	Registry	Apr 20
51	Kareem Isiaka	Agronomy	Apr 20
52	Affinnih Kehinde Olayemi	Agronomy	Apr 20
53	Adedimeji Jelilat Busayo	Directorate of Corporate Affairs	Apr 20
54	Oloyede Abdul Waheed	Works: Works/Maintenance Office	Apr 20
55	Raufu Sherifat Titilayo	Health Services	Apr 20
56	Aboyaji John Oluwaseyi	Security Division	Apr 20
57	Hussain Karimat	Veterinary Parasitology & Entomology	Apr 20
58	Babalola Seyi Adekunle	Biochemistry	Apr 21
59	Adebayo Emmanuel Sunday	Plant Biology	Apr 21
60	Bamiteko Olufemiloye Matthew	Central Administration: Porters' Lodge	Apr 21
61	Popoola Ademola Alabi	Surgery	Apr 21
62	Abidoje Omotayo Adekunle	Statistics	Apr 21
63	Adewoyin Kabir Aderemi	Registry	Apr 21
64	Aiyedun John Osieka	Registry	Apr 21
65	Ismael Ridwan Olanrewaju	Chemistry	Apr 21
66	Saadu Fatimoh Biodun	Biochemistry	Apr 21
67	Giwa Ahmed Kehinde	Registry	Apr 22
68	Olanrewaju Tunde	Training Research & Development	Apr 22
69	Salimon Taiwo Tunji	Security Division	Apr 22
70	Ojo-Idowu Olakunle Olalekan	Registry	Apr 22
71	Adetitun David Olugbenga	Microbiology	Apr 22
72	Rabiu Nafisa	Library & Information Science	Apr 22
73	Mohammed Ridwan Enuwa	Science Education	Apr 22
74	Usamot Idayat Foluke	Mathematics	Apr 22

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

- The Society of Young Nigerian Writers (SYNW), has extended heartfelt congratulations to a retired Professor of English, Faculty of Arts, University of Ilorin, Olu Obafemi, on the occasion of his 73rd birthday. (SYNW congratulates Prof. Olu Obafemi on 73rd birthday", *The Herald*, Friday, April 7, 2023, P.15)
- The University of Ilorin has completed the first phase of the Federal Government-sponsored asphalt overlay project on its main road worth #120million. ("Unilorin completes 1st phase #120m asphalt road", *The Herald*, Friday, April 7, 2023, P.2)
The University of Ilorin and the University of Degli Studi Di Torino (UniTo), Italy, have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to promote academic cooperation and facilitate student mobility between the two Institutions. ("UNILORIN, Italian Varsity sign MoU on academic ties", *Nigerian NewsDirect*, Tuesday, April, 11, 2023, P.10; See also, "Unilorin signs MoU with Italian Varsity", *The Herald*, Wednesday, April 12, 2023, P.10)
- The authority of the University of Ilorin has promoted 40 officers to the ranks of Deputy Registrars and Deputy Directors. ("UNILORIN FM General Manager, Idris Alooma 39 others become DDs, DRs", <https://royallnews.com.ng>, "UNILORIN promotes 40 staff to DR,DD", <https://highprofile.com.ng>, "UNILORIN: Justify Your Promotion, Olowoleni Advises New Deputy Directors, Deputy Registrars", <https://choice reporters.com>)

The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Egbewole (SAN), has congratulated the Governor of Kwara State, Mallam AbdulRahman AbdulRazaq on his re-election for a second term. ("UNILORIN VC Congratulates Gov. AbdulRazaq on second term election",

<https://rulersworld.com>; See also, "Unilorin VC Congratulates Gov. AbdulRazaq on re-election", *The Graphic*, Wednesday, April 5, 2023, P.6)

- The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has joined millions of people across the nation in mourning the passing of a former Attorney General of the Federation and Justice Minister, Prince Abduljabar Bola Ajibola, SAN. ("UNILORIN VC Mourns Ex-Justice Minister Prince Ajibola", <https://high profile.com.ng>, "UNILORIN VC Mourns Prince Ajibola", <https://theshieldonline.com>, "Former AGF, Bayo Ojo, Unilorin VC pay Tributes to Bola Ajibola", <https://www.thisdaylive.com/index.php>; "UNILORIN VC Mourns Prince Ajibola", <https://choice reporters.com>)

The University of Ilorin, Medical Screening Centre (UMSC), has commenced operation to assist in the health maintenance needs of members of the University community and the general public.

("Unilorin Medical Screening Centre Commences Operation", <https://www.theidealnews.com.ng>)

Ph.D student discovers chemicals for removing toxic deposits in rivers

By Idayat Hassan

A Ph.D student of Industrial Chemistry at the University of Ilorin, Mr Abdullahi Musa Rabi, has discovered some agriculture-based materials and chemicals that are capable of removing toxins deposited in rivers by industrial companies.

Mr Rabi, who is a lecturer at the Bayero University, Kano, disclosed this penultimate Monday, (April 3, 2023) at the Faculty Board Room while defending his Ph.D. thesis titled "Preparation and Characterization of Mixed Iron Oxides Nanocomposites for Removal of Mordant Dye, Cr(VI) and Pb(II) from Aqueous Solution"

He added that some of the effects

of the toxins on humans are skin problems, respiratory problems, cancer, and killing aqua life.

The Ph.D student stated that the benefit of his research is to eradicate the toxins from coming in contact with humans in order to avoid problems associated with it.

He said that his research came to light as a result of a protest from Challawa, a community in Kano.

Mr Rabi recommended that proper treatments of industrial effluents before their disposal in the environments should be employed as he proposed that the present studies should be extended to a pilot scale for industrial application.

The researcher advised that the absorptions capacities of different absorbents should be investigated for the

removal of other pollutants in both aqueous and real tannery effluents.

In a related development, Mr Lakunle Olarewaju, who is also a Ph.D student at the Department of Industrial Chemistry has recommended that there should be more interactions between the town and the gown, stating that the "town creates the problem and the gown provides solutions for the town.

Mr Olarewaju also implored the government to create a Ministry that would be charged with the responsibilities of connecting the town with the gown.

He specifically advised the Ministries of Environment at state and federal levels to always be on their toes by discharging their duties as at when due and to the fullest.

SSANU raises technical committee on proposed Estate

By Abubakar Imam

The University of Ilorin Chapter of the Senior Staff Association of Nigerian Universities (SSANU) has constituted a nine-member technical committee to work towards the realisation of its proposed estate.

A copy of the letter of appointment of the Chairman and members of the Committee dated April 12, 2023 and signed by the Association's Secretary, Mr. T. M. Saeed which was sighted by *UNILORIN BULLETIN* showed that a Deputy

Registrar at the Faculty of Physical Sciences, Mr O. A. Dopamu, would be the Committee's Chairman.

Members of the Committee, according to the letter, are Mr S. S. Sabonkudi of the Sports Unit, Mr M. T. Alabi of the Audit Unit and the Deputy Editor, *UNILORIN BULLETIN*, Mr Abubakar Imam.

Other members of the Committee are Mr Z. D. Bolajoko of Civil Unit, Works Department, Mrs Salawu Zainab Hassan of the Centre for International Education

(CIE), Mr A. O. Bakare of the University Library, Mr M. M. Ibrahim of the Bursary Unit and Mr M. I. Akeyede of the University Staff School.

The Committee, which is expected to seal a deal with one of the developers that had shown interest in partnering with the Association towards the realisation of the project, will also liaise with the selected service provider on suitable location for the proposed estate as well as ensure that the cost and terms of repayment are not only staff friendly but also well spelt out.

The **BIG** STORY

AT ORIENTATION PROGRAMME, VC, OTHER OFFICIALS TELL NEW STUDENTS: UNILORIN has zero tolerance for cultism, other vices

By Tajudeen Babamale
and Abdulquadri Abubakar

The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has reaffirmed that the University has zero tolerance for cultism, examination malpractice, drug abuse and all other social vices.

Prof. Egbewole sounded the warning last Tuesday (April 11, 2023) during the orientation programme for the newly admitted students of the 2021/2022 academic session held at the Main Auditorium of the University.

The Vice-Chancellor also implored the new students to be truthful in all circumstances, saying that life is absolutely nothing if they are not truthful. He said, "In all circumstances, as part of what we want you to pick up in the course of your training in our university is that you must be truthful at all times and in all circumstances. We hope that by the time you conclude your programme here, you will be well-rounded students".

Prof. Egbewole particularly appealed to the new students to steer clear of drug abuse because, according to him, "it may lead to confusion, increased blood pressure, may cause heart failure and heart attack, could affect one's family and social life and families and most importantly, could pose a danger to one's academic pursuits".

The Vice-Chancellor stated that he and his entire management team, as well as the University's Governing Council and staff of the University want all the students, whether new or returning, to excel in their academic endeavours. Hence, he admonished the students to protect their future by shunning drug abuse and being proud ambassadors of the University and their parents.

While noting that education will be meaningless if the students are not truly and properly educated, the Professor of Jurisprudence and International Law explained that the students can only be truly and properly educated if they engage in positive virtues, volunteerism and laudable projects that will enhance their capacity as individuals and that will bring glory to the University.

Earlier in his speech, the Dean of Student Affairs, Prof. M. T. Yakubu, challenged the students to realise now that they came to the University of Ilorin primarily for academic pursuits and become successful.

The Dean said that by the end of the orientation programme, they were expected to know where to go for help, understand the concept of diversity, inclusion and have mutual respect for all staff and students.

Prof. Yakubu also admonished the new students to



■ A cross section of the new students during the orientation programme

understand the impact of drug use, how to stay safe on and off-campus, know the rules especially as it relates to their successful stay on campus and not to belong to any unregistered association.

While congratulating the students on their acceptance to the University, the Dean said he and his team at the Student Affairs office cannot wait to start attending to their affairs on the campus of the University.

Prof. Yakubu, however, advised the students to read through the Student Handbook and digest the content in order to avoid going contrary to the provisions of the University rules and regulations.

Speaking on the Dress Code of the University, the Dean of Student Affairs warned that the institution has zero tolerance for indecent dressing by male and female students. He also cautioned against involvement in examination malpractices and all other vices as contained in the Student Handbook.

He, however, assured them that as long as they are students, the Student Affairs Office will become their home, saying that everyone at the unit will become their parents and they will be willing to attend to their challenges, 20 hours every day.

In his remarks on the occasion, the Director, University Health Services, Dr Rasheed Odunola, who spoke on the significance of living a healthy life and how it will impact the students' ability to actualise their dreams, warned that on no account should the newly admitted students engage in drug abuse and addiction.

Dr Odunola advised them to always visit the University Health Centre for medical assistance and implored them to stay healthy because health is wealth. He added that students must do away with anything that can create an unhealthy situation for them, desist from taking illicit drugs and take at least 3 liters of water per day, to improve their health status.

Other University officials that spoke to the students during the orientation programme included the University Librarian, Dr K. T. Omopupa; the Director, Guardian and Counseling Unit of the University, Prof. Mary Ogechi Esere; the Chief Imam of the University Central Mosque, Prof. Nasir AbdusSalam; and the Chaplain of UNILORIN Chapel of the Light, Rev. (Dr) C.O. Ogunkunle.