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Egbewole, UNILORIN'S 11th VC, steps in!

By Abubakar Imam

The new Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, will this Monday (October 17, 2022), formally assume his position as the 11th Chief Executive of the nation's most sought-after University.

The appointment of the Professor of Jurisprudence and International Law was announced on September 8, 2022 by the late Pro-Chancellor and Chairman of the Unilorin Governing Council, Mallam Abidu Yazid.

Prof. Egbewole is billed to arrive the University Main Gate by 10.00a.m., from where a welcoming party is expected to usher him into the Main Campus.

He will be received at the Foyer of the Senate Building Glass House by Principal Officers and other members of the management, led by the Registrar and Secretary to Council, Dr. Fola M. Olowoleni.

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Prof. Abdulkareem (right) stressing an issue during the interview while the Director of Corporate Affairs, Mr Akogun looks on

I had a great tenure -- Abdulkareem

By Abubakar Imam

The immediate past Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Sulyman Age Abdulkareem, has reviewed his five years' tenure as the Chief Executive of the nation's most sought-after University, saying that his experiences were great in all

ramifications.

Prof. Abdulkareem stated this last Tuesday (October 11, 2022) while featuring on "Talk To The VC", a special interview programme of the institution's official radio station, UNILORIN 89.3 FM.

The programme, which was

conducted in English and Yoruba languages, was anchored by the trio of the Head of the Station, Mr Idris Akintola Ibrahim (Alooma), Ms Bimbo Durojaiye, and Mr Temitope Olawuyi.

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Abdulkareem ends tenure gloriously - Olowoleni

By Abubakar Imam

Last Friday (October 14, 2022) was a very colourful episode in the glorious annals of the University of Ilorin as dignitaries from all walks of life converged on its Main Auditorium to celebrate the exit of the 10th Vice Chancellor of the institution, Prof. Sulyman Age Abdulkareem; and the colourful entrance of its new Chief Executive, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN.

The Registrar of the University, Dr Folaranmi Modupe Olowoleni, set the ball rolling when she asserted that Prof. Abdulkareem contributed his utmost to the progress of the University in so many ways and ramifications. She expressed her delight in the fact that the former Vice Chancellor bowed out of the office into a blaze of glory, saying that Prof. Abdulkareem did very well and to the satisfaction of most members of the University community and its stakeholders.

In his views, Prof. Bolaji Fatai Sule, who served in the Abdulkareem's administration as the Deputy Vice Chancellor, Management Services, said that the period of four years he and his colleagues served as lieutenants to Prof. Abdulkareem was wonderful. He described the former Vice Chancellor as focused, tenacious and courageous, saying that none of them regretted working with him. He also congratulated the new Vice Chancellor on his appointment as he wished him a very successful tenure of office.

The representative of the University's Governing Council, Prof. AbdulRasheed Adeoye, described the former Vice Chancellor as a very transparent, unassuming and an humanity personified gentleman who deployed all those fascinating qualities to the betterment of the University and humanity.

Speaking on behalf of the Committee of Deans of the University, the Dean, Faculty of Arts, University of Ilorin, Prof. A. S. Abubakar said that "power is poisonous and that is why it is always good for it to be taken in measure". He explained that the former Vice Chancellor was passionate and easily moved by the plight of those in difficult positions. He charged the new Vice Chancellor to always be conscious of the sincere feelings of those around him as they are those through whom



■ Prof. Abdulkareem (middle) and his wife with the new Vice Chancellor, Prof. Egbewole, after the event last Friday

he would get thorough and sincere information for the smooth running of the University.

The Olomu of Omu-Aran, Oba AbdulRaheem Adeoti, who was a senior contemporary of the outgoing Vice Chancellor at the Government Secondary School, Ilorin, explained that he was not surprised with the fine dispositions and awe-making contributions of Prof. Abdulkareem to the growth and development of the University of Ilorin. He added that the former Vice Chancellor had always been a thorough, disciplined, faithful and hardworking person right from his secondary school days.

Prof. Bojuwoye, who was the pioneer elected Provost of the University's College of Health Sciences, added that the people of Oro were very happy that the second Vice Chancellor produced by the community for the University of Ilorin rounded off "in gold and not in garbage".

The highlight of the event was the public presentation of a book commemorating the tenure of the immediate past Chief Executive of the University, which was reviewed by a celebrated journalist and publisher of *Premiumtimes*, Mr Dapo Olorunyomi.

Introducing the book titled 'Prof. Abdulkareem: Footprints of a giant, VC UNILORIN 2017-2022', the author of the book and Director, Corporate Affairs, University of Ilorin, Mr Kunle Akogun, said that the work was the second in the series of the UNILORIN Leadership Series, which he initiated five years ago. He added that the book is an information data bank that will help to preserve the legacies of the former Vice Chancellor as the first did to the tenure of his predecessor, Prof. Abdulganiyu Ambali, OON, who headed the University between 2012 and 2017.

Reviewing the book, Mr. Olorunyomi expressed delight that Prof. Abdulkareem had remained who he had

always been right from his youth. He added that the former Vice Chancellor had been consistent with the strong dispositions he had been known for all the years past despite the exalted offices he held.

He commended Prof. Abdulkareem for being highly principled, adding that all the societies that attained thorough development were constituted by principled people like the former Vice Chancellor.

Mr Olorunyomi believed that the distinguished life of Prof. Abdulkareem, as testified to by all those who spoke on the former Vice Chancellor, was rooted in the proper upbringing he was exposed to right from childhood.

He described the book as a true reflection of the tenure of the former Vice Chancellor, saying that the independent investigations he carried out confirmed most of what the book said about Prof. Abdulkareem.

Mr Olorunyomi, who displayed an intimate knowledge of the personality and trajectory of the life of the former Vice Chancellor, concluded that he was eminently proud of Prof. Abdulkareem for proven to be a man of high and incontrovertible dignity and integrity, which he said that the Yoruba called "Omoluabi".

Presenting the book, the Dean, Faculty of Communication and Information Sciences, Prof. Lukman Adesina Azeez, said that he was happy that the former Vice Chancellor did his best during the course of his tenure.

He explained that governance and administration were not phenomena that can be accomplished by one man, saying that Prof. Abdulkareem did his best to the University.

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I had a great tenure -- Abdulkareem

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The programme was the valedictory radio interview for the award winning Professor of Chemical Engineering, who completed his tour of duties as the Vice Chancellor of the University last Saturday (October 15, 2022)

The 10th Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, who recalled that he joined the services of the institution in 1996 through a former Vice Chancellor of the Federal University of Technology, Minna, Prof. Musbau Akanji, explained that he was delighted that he was able to achieve most of his dreams for the University.

Prof. Abdulkareem explained that the University recorded a lot of achievements in the use of the institution's expansive land mass, establishment of multi-million naira poultry farm and remarkable improvement in research outputs as well as the establishment of the Centre for Open and Distance Learning, which he said would at long run fetch the University substantial revenue.

He said that the improvement recorded in research was quite outstanding and worthy of celebration as he opined that the

University remains in the leadership position among its peers as far as the possession of patents and networking were concerned.

Describing his career at the University as an experience, Prof. Abdulkareem said that he had no fewer than ten patents as he insisted that the University also has the highest number of patents among Nigerian universities.

On the level of cooperation he recorded from students and staff of the University, the former Vice Chancellor said that he was impressed by the wonderful qualities of students of the University. He added that the students of the University and the leadership of the Students' Union always gave him happiness whenever he recalled the wonderful relationship he shared with them right from his days as the Dean, Student Affairs.

Prof. Abdulkareem said that he was delighted that the students of the University gave him absolute cooperation while noting that he believed that he was only able to secure 70% cooperation from staff members.

According to him, the level of commitments received from staff members varied. While some did very well in

supporting him and his administration to succeed, some others showed remarkable indifference.

He, however, commended all the Deputy Vice Chancellors, Deans and Directors as well as all other categories of staff, including his Personal Assistant, who worked with him throughout his tenure for their love and commitment.

Prof. Abdulkareem pointed out that none of those who worked with him begged him for the appointments, saying that he was actually the one that prevailed on them to join him in taking the University to the next level.

On the challenges he faced in the course of his tenure, the former Vice Chancellor said that "we faced minimum problems because we were judicious with available resources".

He, however, acknowledged that a crisis of understanding from the staff unions, particularly as regards the payment of earned allowances to staff erupted in the early period of his tenure. He added that he was happy that the problem was quickly resolved.

He also recalled that the dread COVID-19 disease and the fact that the students were not on campus for long as a result of strike were two of the challenges his administration also encountered.

Egbewole, UNILORIN'S 11th VC, steps in!

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The new Vice Chancellor, whose tenure formally commenced on Sunday, October 16, 2022, will, thereafter, be conducted into the Main Auditorium for an inaugural meeting with members of the University Community and other stakeholders.

Prof. Egbewole, an eminent scholar and teacher of Jurisprudence and International Law, takes over from Prof. Sulyman Age Abdulkareem, whose tenure ended last Saturday (October 15, 2022).

The new Vice Chancellor was born on December 26, 1961 at Ile-Ife, Osun State. He attended Ife Anglican Grammar School, Ile-Ife, from 1973 to 1978 and the famous Oduduwa College, Ile-Ife, between 1979 and 1981 at the end of which he earned his West African School Certificate (WASC) and the Higher School Certificate (HSC), respectively. He proceeded to the Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife, for his Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Law, which he completed in 1984 and 1989, respectively. This renowned legal luminary crowned his academic laurels with a doctorate degree in International Law from the University of Ilorin in 2009.

Prof. Egbewole, after his first degree, proceeded to the Nigerian Law School, Lagos, where he was eventually called into the Nigerian Bar in 1985. From 1985 to 1995, Prof. Egbewole acquired tremendous practical exposure into legal practice from government and private firms, and in 1995, he

established his own law firm, Wahab Egbewole & Co.

In recognition of his deep intellect, shrewdness and sagacity, Prof. Egbewole was elected by his colleagues as the Chairman of the Nigerian Bar Association (NBA), Ilorin Branch. He had also served as a member of the National Executive Committee of the Association.

The new Vice Chancellor attained the pinnacle of the legal profession in Nigeria as he was conferred with the prestigious rank of the Senior Advocate of Nigeria (SAN) in 2018.

Propelled by the desire to contribute to the deepening and progress of legal education, the erudite scholar joined the services of the University of Ilorin in 1997 as Lecturer II. Not long after joining the University, his vibrance and scholarship became apparent to the authorities of the University who promoted him from one rank to the other until his attainment of the exalted status of Professor on October 1, 2012.

Prof. Egbewole's intellectual and administrative wherewithal accounted for the numerous administrative positions he held in the services of the University. These positions included his services as an Ag. Head of Department, Sub-Dean and as an Ag. Dean of the Faculty of Law, among others. He also served the University in other different capacities. He was the Director, General Studies Division and as a Member of the University Senate as well as the institution's Governing Council.

The new Vice Chancellor is a

member of many respected professional organisations, both nationally and internationally. These bodies include but not limited to the Nigerian Bar Association (NBA), the National Association of Law Teachers (NALT), the American Society of International Law (NASL), the African Bar Association (ABA), the International Bar Association (IBA), and the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (UK).

Prof. Egbewole is also a prolific and consistent researcher. In addition to publishing a book, the new Vice Chancellor has more than 40 journal articles, over 30 book chapters, more than 10 edited books, and a considerable number of completed commissioned projects and technical reports to his credit, all published in reputable local, national and international journal outlets and by respected national and international publishers.

The new Vice Chancellor has continued to keep himself abreast of developments in his chosen discipline through continuous attendance of several training programmes, workshops and conferences. He has also kept himself busy with dissemination and inculcation of knowledge by attending local and international conferences where he shares the outcomes of his research works. He has equally mentored quite a number of younger academics, legal practitioners and students as he has won several national and international grants, which he has deployed to further researches of practical benefits to the society.

Prof. Egbewole, SAN, is happily married and blessed with children who are also doing well in their chosen fields.

No one'll suffer under my watch --- Egbewole

By Abubakar Imam

The new Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has given assurances that no member of staff or student of the University would suffer under his watch.

Prof. Egbewole gave this assurance penultimate Saturday (October 8, 2022) while playing host to the leadership of the Ilorin Emirate Staff Association (IESA), University of Ilorin, which paid him a congratulatory visit at his Law firm in Ilorin.

The 11th Vice Chancellor said that he would ensure that every staff and student of the University have a fair deal from his administration and throughout his tenure.

Prof. Egbewole added that he had no reason whatsoever to deprive any member of the University community, particularly those from the institution's host community, his or her rights and privileges.

While acknowledging that more needed to be done for the University to remain the nation's most sought-after, Prof. Egbewole assured his visitors that every effort would be made to ensure that the welfare of staff and student of the institution is enhanced to facilitate better productivity.

The Professor of Jurisprudence and International Law commended the Association and its members for the high quality understanding, fraternity and civility they had displayed since his emergence, saying that his administration would see the IESA as a friend and partner in progress.

The new Vice Chancellor expressed his delight that the Association was one of the first set of individuals and organisations who congratulated him after



■ Prof. Egbewole (right) receiving the congratulatory letter from Prof. Ambali penultimate Saturday

his appointment was made public despite the fact that some members of the Association also contested for the same position along with him.

Prof. Egbewole pointed out that the dispositions of the Association and that of the general Ilorin Emirate community have convinced him of the fraternity of the community to him and his incoming administration.

Earlier in his remarks, the Chairman of the Association, Prof. Suleiman Funsho Ambali, congratulated the new Vice Chancellor on his emergence as the 11th Chief Executive of the University.

Prof. Ambali, who is a former Dean, Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, University of Ilorin, acknowledged the fraternal relationship of the new Vice Chancellor with members of the Association, saying that he had over the years proven to be someone that could be trusted.

The IESA Chairman, therefore, assured the new Vice Chancellor of the

readiness of members of the Association to cooperate fully with him for his administration to succeed in the interest of the University.

Prof. Ambali, thereafter, presented a congratulatory letter on behalf of the Association to the new Vice Chancellor.

Also speaking, the immediate past Chairman of the Association, Prof. Sulyman Alege Kuranga, congratulated the new Vice Chancellor on his appointment.

The renowned Professor of Surgery charged the new Vice Chancellor to maintain his characteristic fraternity, honesty, open mindedness and professionalism as he expressed the hope that those who would work with him subsequently would be those who share his fraternal dispositions and fascinating vision for the University.

Prof. Kuranga, who is also the Pro-Chancellor and Chairman of the Governing Council of the Nnamdi Azikiwe University, Awka, urged the Vice Chancellor to administer the University with the fear of God and sense of fairness and objectivity.

The duo prayed Allah to grant the Vice Chancellor every wherewithal he would need to record a fruitful, peaceful and rewarding tenure.

On the entourage of the IESA Chairman were the Vice Chairman I of the IESA, Prof. B. S. Alabi; the Vice Chairman II, Mr. Sahid Baba; the Secretary-General, Mr. Abubakar Imam and his immediate past predecessor, Dr. Mubarak O. Amin. Others were the Assistant Secretary-General, Dr. Taofeeq Lawal; the Financial Secretary, Dr. Maymunat Orire-AbdulRaheem; the Treasurer, Mr Usman Mustapha; the Public Relations Officer, Mr Moshood Bolaji and his Deputy, Kabir Mustapha, among others.

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Responding, the former Vice Chancellor thanked the entire members of the University community and the institution's stakeholders who stood by him in the last five years.

The former Vice Chancellor thanked those who supported him as he said that he his sojourn in the office was a fantastic experience, saying that he learnt how to take direction, blames and complements.

Prof. Abdulkareem, who described all the principal officers who worked with him as supportive and wonderful men and women, thanked the founding fathers of the university and members of the Governing Councils he worked with and his predecessors for laying a very strong foundation for the University.

While describing his successor as an highly gifted person, he enjoined the new

Vice Chancellor to deploy resources towards supporting quality researches for the University to remain on top of the nation's varsity charts.

The event, which also witnessed gift presentations from well wishers of Prof. Abdulkareem, was witnessed by the new Vice Chancellor of the University, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN; the Bursar, Mr Hakeem Sonde; the new University Librarian, Dr Kamal Tunde Omopupa; the immediate past Deputy Vice Chancellor, Academic, Prof. Silvia Malomo and her counterpart in charge of Research, Technology and Innovation, Prof. Mikhail O. Buhari; the immediate past University Librarian, Prof. Abdulwahab Issa, the Asiwaju of Igbomina land and founder of the Al-Hikmah University, Ilorin, Alhaji AbdulRaheem Oladimeji, OFR; the Olupo of Ajase Ipo, Oba Ismail Atoteloye; the Olupako of Share, Oba

Haruna Olawale Adegbite and the Oba of Agbeku, Alhaji AbdulAzeem Agboola; as well as the Chief Imam of Oro Kingdom, Alhaji Mikhail Jimoh.

Others include, the wife of the former Vice Chancellor, Mrs Iyabo Abdulkareem; members of the University's Governing Council, the former Vice Chancellor of Thomas Adewumi University, Oko, Prof. Luke Ayorinde; the Vice Chancellor of Al-Hikmah University, Prof. Noah Yusuf; the Vice Chancellor, Ahman Pategi University, Pategi, Prof. Mahofuz Adedimeji and the Chief Medical Director, University of Ilorin Teaching Hospital, Ilorin, Prof. Abdullahi Da-Silva Yusuf as well as Ag. Provost, College of Health Sciences, Prof Adegkunle Bashiru Okesina; Deans, Directors and Heads of Departments as well as other categories of staff and students of the University.

You 'll have my support, Ambali assures Egbewole

By Abubakar Imam

A former Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Abdulganiyu Ambali, OON, has assured the new Chief Executive of the University, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, of his prayers and supports at all times.

Prof. Ambali, who was the 9th Vice Chancellor of the University, made this declaration penultimate Friday (October 7, 2022) when the new Vice Chancellor paid him a courtesy visit at his Federal Low Cost Housing Estate, Oloje residence in Ilorin.

The distinguished Professor of Veterinary Medicine described the choice of Prof. Egbewole as good considering his qualifications, competence and integrity as well as vast experience.

Prof. Ambali, who served as the Chairman of the Association of West African Universities (AWAU) during his tenure, appreciated the new Vice Chancellor for his steadfastness, loyalty and fraternity as he assured him of his support.

The former Vice Chancellor explained that Prof. Egbewole deserved his support not just because it was his responsibility to do so as a former holder of the exalted position but also because the new Vice Chancellor also supported him



■ Prof Egbewole

when he served as the Chief Executive of the University between 2012 and 2017. He said, "You gave me all the needed support while I was VC, it is incumbent on me to reciprocate the gesture".

Prof. Ambali, who recalled his days as the Vice Chancellor, urged Prof. Egbewole to be careful of those he described as "professional personal assistants", who may want to occupy space not meant for them. He also advised the new Vice Chancellor to always engage in deep analysis of issues, facts and figures before taking decisions.

While urging Prof. Egbewole to be fair and considerate, Prof. Ambali enjoined the new Vice Chancellor to note the fact that no matter what he does, he can't make everybody happy.

Prof. Ambali counselled him to be mindful of requests that would come to him from far and near, saying, "In all you do, don't forget your real friends and be mindful of 'office friends'.

Earlier in his remarks, the new Vice Chancellor praised Prof. Ambali for his outstanding and enduring contributions to the deepening of the greatness of the institution when he held sway as the head of the University.

Prof. Egbewole told his host that he was at his home to thank him for his fatherly services to the University as he canvassed for his support, advice and prayers for him to also have a very successful tenure of office.

On the entourage of the Vice Chancellor were the former Dean, Faculty of Arts, Prof. Abdulrasheed Adeoye; the former Dean, Faculty of Communication and Information Sciences, Prof. Rasheed Jimoh; the former Chairman of the Academic Staff Union of Universities (ASUU), Prof. Usman Adebimpe Raheem; and the immediate past Sub-Dean, Student Affairs, Dr Alex Akanmu.

Unilorin begins construction of one billion naira 3000-seater amphitheatre

By Olusegun Mokuolu

The Abdulsamad Rabiou Africa Initiative has made good its promise to construct a One Billion Naira 3000-seater amphitheatre for the University of Ilorin as it performed the groundbreaking ceremony last Thursday (October 13, 2022) attended by the project contractor, consultant and members of the University community.

The Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of ASR Africa Initiative, Dr Ubon Udoh, speaking during the groundbreaking ceremony, noted that the project has reached the point of initiating physical progress.

Dr Udoh explained that the annual ASR Africa Fund for social development and renewal is an intervention initiative of the Abdul Samad Rabiou Initiative for Africa targeted at impactful and sustainable interventions in social development, health and education in Africa.

He added that the grant is part of the efforts of the Chairman of the BUA Group, Alhaji Abdul Samad Rabiou, to give back to the African Continent and make a lasting impact on education and social development towards uplifting and restoring the dignity and lives of Africans.

He assured that the project would be world-class and completed within six months, adding that their commitment to

excellence informed their decision to use an experienced contractor.

The immediate past Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Sulyman Age Abdulkareem, in his address, disclosed that the choice of the location of the amphitheatre

was to allow the immediate community to benefit from the utilisation of the amazing edifice without disturbing ivory tower activities.

"The structure, when completed, will allow our freshers in their large number to use the site for GNS courses and several other courses without the usual congestion headache. The structure will be constructed by Abdul Samad Rabiou Initiative - Africa Award appointed contractors", Prof. Abdulkareem stated.



■ The Vice Chancellor, Prof. Egbewole laying the foundation of the project while his predecessor (third from left) looks with admiration last Thursday

The project consultant's principal partner, Arc. David Ayo-Bello, in his remarks, explained that the main auditorium would have 3,000 capacity, a large podium with four offices, three multipurpose rooms in the basement and large storage facilities.

Arc. Ayo-Bello added that the amphitheatre would have adequate staircases for easy ingress and egress of the users and well-landscaped parking lots.

At the exit programme of the 10th VC, Prof. Abdulkareem



Issa hands over to new University Librarian, Omopupa

By Abubakar Imam

The immediate past University Librarian, University of Ilorin, Prof. Abdulwahab Olanrewaju Issa, has appealed to staff members of the University Library to work harmoniously with his successor in order to achieve greater service delivery.

He stated this last Wednesday (October 12, 2022) while handing over the headship of the Library to his successor, Dr. Kamaldeen Omopupa, at the University's Main Library.

The former University Librarian called on his successor to ensure the continuation of featuring on a specialised radio programme on *UNILORIN 89.3 FM* as a platform for user education and encouragement of good library manners towards deepening service delivery capacities of the Library Division.

Prof. Issa also appealed for the entrenchment of the Library Seminar Series. He explained that the institutionalisation of the series would enhance the intellectual and professional wherewithal of the staff of the Library for efficient service delivery.

The former University Librarian, therefore, appealed to the authorities of the institution to ensure the immediate conversion of all the casual staff of the University to full staff status in order to reward their previous services and encourage more productivity.

Speaking on the achievements recorded during his tenure, Prof. Issa said that he was delighted that the University Library witnessed tremendous expansion including the building and furnishing of its extension.

He also explained that his tenure equally witnessed the completion of the New Library Complex at the College of Health Sciences, University of Ilorin.

Prof. Issa also pointed out the resuscitation of the Library Bindery Unit as well as the weeding of obsolete and irrelevant materials from the Library, the establishment of the *UNILORIN 89.3 FM* Library and donations of huge volumes of books to the University Library as some of the additional high points of his tenure.

Prof. Issa described his successor as a foremost scholar, tested professional and experienced teacher of Library and Information Science with whom he had worked for many years. He urged staff members of the University Library to support him for him to also record stimulating successes at the end of his tenure.

In his remarks, the new University



■ Dr Omopupa (left) receiving handover note from Prof. Issa last Wednesday

Librarian, Dr Omopupa, thanked his predecessor for a job well done to the University Library in the last five years.

While enjoying staff members to extend the quality of cooperation enjoyed by his predecessor to him, Dr Omopupa assured Prof. Issa that his efforts at repositioning the University Library system would not be in vain as he would work towards raising the bar higher.

The event was witnessed by staff, colleagues and well wishers of the new University Librarian and his predecessor.

Use your positions judiciously-UNILORIN'S Chief Imam

By Abubakar Imam

The Chief Imam of the University of Ilorin Central Mosque, Prof. Nasir Abdussalam, has enjoined those in positions of authorities to ensure that they use the privileges endowed in them judiciously as such opportunities are nothing but transient.

The Chief Imam gave this admonition last Friday (October 14, 2022) at the University's Main Mosque while delivering a Jumaat sermon as part of the activities designed to mark the transition of authorities from the former Vice Chancellor of the University, Prof. Sulyman Age Abdulkareem to his successor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewelo, SAN.

While advising occupants of offices not to be despaired whenever they are leaving their offices as it would always give them opportunities for better things, Prof. Abdussalam reminded Muslims of the need to be conscious of the fact that no one would remain perpetually in a position and that every episode in the life of a human being is.

He opined that any phenomenon that has a beginning would certainly have end as only Allah and His majesty would remain forever.

Prof. Abdussalam described the transition from one administration to the other at the University as symbolic of what would always happen in the life of every human beings as he explained that no one is



■ Prof. Egbewelo (middle) with Prof. Abdulkareem at the Mosque last Friday

created to enjoy endlessly just as no one exists to suffer perpetually.

He also likened the transition to what would happen in the hereafter as he said that while life itself is a test that everyone would be put to test based on his record of performance.

The renowned Professor of Chemistry said that the University of Ilorin is lucky to have a great scholar, proven administrator and pious Muslim in the mould of Prof. Egbewelo appointed to replace a man who epitomised dogged academic and a person endowed with exemplary characters.

He added that the calibre of those who came from far and near to witness the formal exit programme of the former Vice Chancellor confirmed the fact that he was a man of many parts.

While he prayed Allah to reward the former Vice Chancellor for all he had done, he also prayed Allah to guide and guard his successor and blessed him with good lieutenants as well as peaceful and rewarding tenure of office.

The event was graced by the former Vice Chancellor, Prof. Sulyman Age Abdulkareem; his successor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewelo, SAN, the Dean, Faculty of Clinical Sciences, Prof. Ibraheem Adeola Katibi; a former Dean, Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, Prof. Suleiman Funsho Ambali; the Deputy Director, Work who doubles as the University's Estate Officer, Mr. S.B. Baba and the Station Manager, UNILORIN 89.3 FM, Mr. Idris Akintola Ibrahim (Alooma), among several others.

FUND SOURCES AND UTILIZATION REPORT FROM 6TH TO 13TH OCTOBER 2022

RECEIPTS:	AMOUNT
Academic Transcript	77,000.00
Sundry & Other Student Charges	300,000.00
Sunday Other Income	47,300.00
Capitation-NHIS	6,000.00
Income from Dental Clinic	54,677.50
Departmental Income	25,125.00
Income from Verification/Screening	3,000.00
Refund (Non Salary)	3,000.00
Income from Diagnostic Centre	64,982.50
Convocation Souvenir	20,800.00
Undergraduate Clearance Charges	25,150.00
Undergraduate Convocation Charges	20,950.00
JUPEB Application form	50,300.00
Remedial Application	30,300.00
Total Receipt for the Period	₦728,585.00
PAYMENTS	
PAYMENT TO CONTRACTORS/SUPPLIERS:	
Goldlarem Nig Ltd Replacement of Vandalised Cable	512,044.00
OTHER PAYMENTS:	
Various Various i.e. DTA, IMPREST, REFUND etc	6,067,364.67
Purchase Advance Various	5,190,561.25
Staff ReseachProgramme Research Grant (CBNTETRG)	7,000,000.00
Unilorin Petrol Station Supply of Fuel	352,690.00
TSA Charges Various	13,017.50
Total payment for the period	₦19,135,677.42

Signed
O. Sonde FCA
 Bursar

Emir of Ilorin approves CILS book presentation on past Emirs

By Mustafa Abubakar

The Emir of Ilorin, His Royal Highness, Alhaji (Dr) Ibrahim Sulu-Gambari, CFR, has approved the public presentation of the book, "History of the Emirs of Ilorin (from Inception to 1912) by the Centre for Ilorin Studies (CILS), University of Ilorin. The programme is slated for November 12, 2022,

The book, "An English Translation of Ta'lif Akbarul Quran of Sheikh Abubakar Ahmad Ikokoro (d. 1936), was written to showcase the place of the past Emirs of Ilorin by Dr Arikewuyo of Al-Hikmah University, Ilorin, and Mall. Idris Alao of the Faculty of Law, Fountain University, Osogbo.

Speaking at the Emir's palace penultimate Wednesday (September 28, 2022), when he led some officials of the Centre on a courtesy visit to the Emir, the Director of CILS, Prof. Y. O. Abdul-Hamid, said that the essence of the visit was to appreciate the Emir's support always and most importantly, on the last event, held at his instance on the public presentation of the book of readings, and to also seek the Emir's approval for another public presentation of the book written by two Ilorin Scholars.



■ **Alhaji Sulu-Gambari**

According to him, the book presentation, slated for November 12, 2022, is unique because it will be coming on the second day after the 33rd anniversary celebration of His Royal Highness' ascension to the throne.

Prof. Abdul-Hamid said, "This is based on the mandate of the Centre for Ilorin Studies to showcase all things about Ilorin. By doing this, people will know the

essence of the Ilorin Emir's palace and Ilorin in general. The date set aside for the launching is November 12, 2022, at the University of Ilorin's main Auditorium by 10 am when the students resume".

The Director said that the visit was also to thank the Emir of Ilorin for his support in the hosting of the last book of readings and Award ceremony hosted by the Centre on July 7, 2022, at the Government House Banquet Hall, Ilorin. He said that the occasion was a blessing to the Royal Highness with the presence of important personalities in the state and beyond including the Balogun Alanamu of Ilorin, who stood in for the Royal Highness.

In his response, the Emir, Alhaji (Dr) Sulu-Gambari, OON, while giving go ahead for the event, prayed for the continuous elevation of the Centre and the University in all aspects.

The Emir also acknowledged all the works of the Centre and prayed that the staff behind the successes recorded by the Centre will continue to know peace and tranquility and increase in knowledge and understanding.

Highlights of the visit were the presentation of the book of Readings and the programme of proceedings.



Happy Birthday

S/N	Name	Department	Birthday
1	Ajide David Adebola	Registry	Oct 16
2	Mahamood Rasheedat Modupe	Mechanical Engineering	Oct 16
3	Ejieji Chukwuemeka Joachim	Agricultural & Biosystem Engineering	Oct 16
4	Iwalaiye Docas Folashade	Registry	Oct 16
5	Adeyemi Samuel	Security Division	Oct 16
6	Dauda Ramota	Security Division	Oct 16
7	Oyedepo Olumayowa Joseph	Registry	Oct 16
8	Mahmud Abdullahi	Centre For Counselling & Human Dev	Oct 16
9	Moshood Ibrahim	Works: Works/Maintenance Office	Oct 16
10	Haruna Sikirat Shitta	Registry	Oct 16
11	Basambo Zainab Ajibade	Centre For Counselling & Human Dev	Oct 17
12	Adebayo Sijuwade Adebukola	Agric Extension & Rural Dev	Oct 17
13	Obafemi Oluwatosin Adekunle	Works: Electrical/Telecom	Oct 17
14	Otitoju Johnson Idowu	Works: Mechanical	Oct 17
15	Olaoye Joshua Olanrewaju	Food & Bioprocess Engineering	Oct 17
16	Jaji Zubair	Veterinary Anatomy	Oct 17
17	Laba Sunday Ademola	Microbiology	Oct 17
18	Suleiman Anifat Oyebola	Registry	Oct 17
19	Oloyede Lateefah Abiodun	Anaesthesia	Oct 17
20	Zubair Hajarat Oyinlola	Urban & Regional Planning	Oct 17
21	Mohammed Fatima Alaba	Central Research Laboratories	Oct 17
22	Damilare Fausat Shade	Urban & Regional Planning	Oct 18
23	Aliyu Asiata Joke	Chemistry	Oct 18
24	Osunbiyide Omolade Grace	Registry	Oct 18
25	Emelogu Chukwuemeka Chima	Bursary	Oct 18
26	Ogunlola Omolayo Durotade	Ling. & Nig. Languages	Oct 18
27	Bamidele Funke Idowu	Registry	Oct 18
28	Aina Olawumi Lydia	Registry	Oct 18
29	Akanbi Gbenle Margaret	Registry	Oct 18
30	Azobu Lucky Ewere	Works: Electrical/Telecom	Oct 18
31	Olodo Yinusa Abdulhakeem	Security Division	Oct 18
32	Ayinla Waheed Adisa	Registry	Oct 18
33	Adeniji Saidat Morenike	Science Education	Oct 18
34	Abdulwahab Hafsat Motunrayo	Registry	Oct 18
35	Atteh Femi Yinka	Performing Arts	Oct 18
36	Ameen Muhammed Murtala	Registry	Oct 18
37	Abdulkadir Muhammad Kabir	Medical Radiography	Oct 19
38	Ajape Abdullwahab Akanbi	Surgery	Oct 19
39	Gobir Aishatu Ahmed	Paediatrics & Child Health	Oct 19
40	Ayorinde Atinuke Mubo	Registry	Oct 19
41	Ilugbaro Mujidat Ajoke Abio	Procurement & Maintenance Support	Oct 19
42	Falaye Oluwasesan Adeniran	Physics	Oct 19
43	Olowo Falilat Mukthar	Registry	Oct 19
44	Ojo Fatimoh Omeneke	Registry	Oct 19
45	Bello Hafiz Olakekan	Physics	Oct 19
46	Olatunji Samson Olusola	Centre For Linguistics & Immersion	Oct 19
47	Shuaib Avosshi Khadajat	Registry	Oct 19
48	Iji Juliana	Water Resources & Environmental Engineering	Oct 20
49	Owolabi Olufemi David	Zoology	Oct 20
50	Abodunrin Fatai Tunde	Bursary	Oct 20
51	Ibrahim Abdulkadir	Security Division	Oct 20
52	Olabintan Isiaka Gbenga	Security Division	Oct 20
53	Ibrahim Aminat Bola	Registry	Oct 20
54	Lawal Bashiru Babatunde	Bursary	Oct 20
55	Aiyedona Femi Simeon	Works: Works/Maintenance Office	Oct 20
56	Oyedeki Stephen	Plant Biology	Oct 20
57	Bakare Naimat Gatta	Mathematics	Oct 20
58	Fashola David Adeyemi	Library	Oct 20
59	Usman Abduljemil Bio	Registry	Oct 20
60	Saheed Kamardeen	Siwes Unit	Oct 20
61	Adeyanju Oluwashola Roseline	Registry	Oct 20
62	Eniowoyan Segun Samuel	Registry	Oct 20
63	Saliu Rabi	Registry	Oct 20
64	Adebayo Mudashiru Badmus	Works: Mechanical	Oct 21
65	Bamidele Phillips Kayode	Registry	Oct 21
66	Sodiq Aminat Aduke	Registry	Oct 21
67	Ehinmidun Samuel Olaniyo	Registry	Oct 21
68	Ajayi Edward Boluwade	Plant Biology	Oct 21
69	Salah Muritala	Academic Planning Unit	Oct 21
70	Gatta Nusirat Funmilayo	Statistics	Oct 21
71	Ojo Abosede Francisca	Library	Oct 21
72	Sa'ad Mahmud Bayo	Registry	Oct 21
73	Alade Oluwatoyin Sunday	Bursary	Oct 22
74	Alayande Kehinde Adenike	Registry	Oct 22
75	Idris Abdulrasaq Olawale	Security Division	Oct 22
76	Ayoku Taibat Tayo	Registry	Oct 22
77	Oyedepo Olukemi Damilola Mary	Registry	Oct 22
78	Hammed Abdullahi Henry	Works: Works/Maintenance Office	Oct 22
79	Abdulrasaq Munirudeen	Registry	Oct 22
80	Ojo Oluwasola Michael	Optometry & Vision Science	Oct 22
81	Yusuf Iyabo Roseline	Registry	Oct 22
82	Lawal Kafayat Tinuola	Security Division	Oct 22

UNILORIN reconstitutes Board of Survey

By Abubakar Imam

The University of Ilorin Board of Survey has been reconstituted.

A memo signed by the University's Registrar, Dr Fola M. Olowoleni, explained that the Board, which has seven members, would be chaired by Dr Taibat Adebisi of the Department of Quantity Surveying while Mr

T. A. Ijaiya of the Registrar's Office would serve as its Secretary.

Other members of the Board, according to the Memo dated October 6, 2022, are a Deputy Director, Works who doubles as the University's Estate Officer, Mr B. S. Baba; Mr S. D. Gbadeyan of the Bursary Unit; Mr. C. O. Popoola, a staff of

the Audit Unit, Mr A. Bello of the Procurement Unit and a Store Officer, Mr M. O. Tiamiyu.

The Board, according to the Registrar, is saddled with the responsibility of disposing of unserviceable vehicles and materials, which the University may from time to time, determine to board among its properties.



UNILORIN, a pride to all-Arowona

By Abubakar Imam

A prominent journalist and Shettima of Okuta in the Baruten Local Government Area of Kwara State, Mr AbdulAzeez Olalekan Arowona, has commended the University of Ilorin for the several roles it is playing in the promotion of human capital development since its establishment, saying that there is no where across the world that the products of the University are not found doing well.

Mr Arowona gave this commendation last Tuesday (October 11, 2022) while featuring on 'Oro to Nlo', a current affairs programme of UNILORIN 89.3 FM, the official radio station of the University of Ilorin. The programme was anchored by the Head of the Station, Mr Idris Akintola Ibrahim (Alooma)

The renowned journalist, who was the Chairman of the Organising Committee for the 2022 Press Week of the Kwara State Chapter of the Nigerian Union of Journalists (NUJ), said that the University is, no doubt, one of the most outstanding in Nigeria.

He added that the University is a great institution offering several academic courses and with students and lecturers and other categories of staff from different cultures and backgrounds, a situation he said is affording products of the University multidimensional exposures.



Mr Arowona

Mr Arowona also commended the University for the establishment of the UNILORIN 89.3 FM, which he said had not only been bridging communication gaps between the government and the governed as well as between the University and its relevant publics but also providing adequate support for the training of journalists and other media professionals.

He commended the high quality of personnel managing the information processes of the University. He was particularly full of praises for the institution's Director of Corporate Affairs, Mr Kunle Akogun and the

Station Manager of its radio outfit, Mr Idris Akintola Ibrahim (Alooma) for always proving their professional dexterity towards polishing the good image of the University.

Mr Arowona, who is also the Press Secretary to the Emir of Ilorin, Alhaji (Dr) Ibrahim Sulu-Gambari, CFR, was full of praises for a former Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Is-haq Olanrewaju Oloyede, OFR, CON, for always doing the institution proud every where he served, which eventuated in the award of the national honour of the Commander of the Order of the Niger (CON) on him by President Muhammadu Buhari.

He urged other institutions of higher learning in the country to emulate the wonderful dispositions of the University of Ilorin for them to also live up to expectations in term of service delivery and to also produce achievers like Prof. Oloyede.

Speaking on the International Day for Girl Child, which fell on the same date, Mr Arowona urged stakeholders to give greater consideration to the education of girls in order to ensure greater global human capital development.

Mr Arowona explained that it was extremely important for the female folks to be thoroughly educated because of the significance of women towards the stability and progress of our society.

Surgery Dept hosts 4th Research Day

By Isaac Lewu

The Department of Surgery, Faculty of Clinical Sciences, University of Ilorin, has hosted the 4th edition of the Research Day 2022, with an admonition to its management to ensure the sustenance of the intellectual programme.

Addressing guests at the event, which held at the Senior Consultant Conference Room, University of Ilorin Teaching Hospital (UITH), Ilorin, penultimate Friday, the Dean of Basic Clinical Sciences, Prof. A.A. Akanbi II, who represented the Vice Chancellor, described the Research Day as a welcome development that has come to stay due to its positive impacts on students, doctors the hospital generally and the patients.

The Vice Chancellor pointed out

that learning is a continuous process, adding that the discussion of today is necessary together to learn from past experiences and also to look into the futuristic problems and possible solutions.

He advised the guest speakers at the event to give quality and ample time to participants to deliberate and also ask questions to have a better understanding of the topics of discourse.

In his remarks, the Head of the Department of Surgery, Prof. Ademola Popoola disclosed that the presentation of this year has an increasing number of trainers, making it a good omen of positive outcome in the coming years.

Prof. Popoola appreciated the staff members of the Department for working tirelessly to uplift the standard of the training

despite the challenges arising from the economic challenges in the country.

The Chairman of the Local Organising Committee, Dr. A. A. Nasir, in his welcome address said that this year's Research Day will build on a successful experience since 2019 with an increase in abstracts submission from about 38 in 2019 to more than 60 abstracts from more than five institutions this year.

Dr. Nasir said that the events were designed to stimulate research culture among the trainees with the objective of describing new research findings of relevance to Surgery and related sub-specialties and also, recognize clinical research conducted by the trainees in the Department of Surgery.

University School loses staff

The death has been announced of Mrs Olorunfemi Eunice Fehintola, a teacher at the University School.

A statement from the Head Teacher of the School, Mr. M. I. Salihu, said that Mrs Olorunfemi died on Tuesday 11th of October, 2022.

She joined the University

Service on the 1st December, 1994. Until her death, she was an Assistant Head Teacher in the University School.

Her remains will be laid to rest on Friday, October 21, 2022 at her residence, MFM Road, Tanke Road, Ilorin. This will be preceded by Christian Wake Keep on Thursday, October 20, 2022 by 4.00p.m.



Late Mrs Fehintola



From Egbewole with love and bag of goodies

As the 11th Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, formally mounts the saddle this Monday, October 17, 2022, no fewer than two incidents have presented compelling evidences that better days are indeed ahead for the Better-by-far University!

Apparently by providence, Prof. Egbewole's formal assumption of office coincides with the much-awaited suspension of the eight-month long strike embarked upon by the Academic Staff Union of Universities (ASUU). The strike that commenced on February 14, 2022, led to the shut-down of all federal and some state universities in the country.

Secondly, the deluge of congratulatory messages that greeted his appointment by the University's Governing Council on September 8, 2022 signified the massive popularity of the choice and his general acceptability across all divides.

This is not surprising, as the distinguished legal luminary is known to have adequately prepared for the job with clearly spelt out vision and methodically marshalled plans on how to bring the vision into reality.

As exclusively obtained by *Town & Gown*, the new Vice Chancellor's vision, which is to make UNILORIN the best in Africa, "will be anchored on the mantra of a SMART CAMPUS, driven by technology".

Unilorites should expect more goodies from the Prof. Egbewole's Vice Chancellorship, especially the much expected restoration of the University's stable academic calendar. To be sure, this is the cutting edge magic that draws admission seekers to UNILORIN like bees to the honey comb. And with his antecedent as a former ASUU Chairman in the University, this is an achievable dream which ultimate goal is to regain the University's status as a strike-free institution and restore its Numero Uno position on the ranking table of Nigerian universities.

Instead, Prof. Egbewole is well positioned and adequately prepared to really take the University to lofty heights. Highly cerebral and hardworking, the non-presumptuous don has contributed immensely to intellectualism and legal development in the country. He was once the Dean of the Faculty of Law and also held other prominent academic and administrative positions in the University, including the Director of the General

Studies Division (GNS) and membership of the University Governing Council. He had once headed the vibrant and progressive UNILORIN Chapter of the Academic Staff Union of Universities (ASUU) during the heady days of intensive antagonism between the local chapter and the national executive body of the Union.

It is expected that with his career and community service trajectory, the new Vice Chancellor should have no problem flowing very seamlessly with all shades of staff members of the University, especially the various staff unions. Instructively, therefore, there should ordinarily be a guaranteed industrial harmony under the Egbewole administration. And this should, by extension, encourage staff productivity and optimum performance and quality service delivery, all indices necessary to take the Better-by-far citadel to greater heights.

Born on December 26, 1961 in Ile-Ife, Osun State, the new Vice Chancellor is an erudite Professor of Jurisprudence and International Law and a Senior Advocate of Nigeria (SAN).

Prof. Egbewole is a prominent member of several reputable academic, professional and learned societies, including ASUU, the Nigerian Bar Association (NBA), the National Association of Law Teachers (NALT), the American Society of International Law, the African Bar Association, the International Bar Association, and the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (UK). He is very versatile in both the theoretical impartation of legal knowledge as well as the practical aspect of legal practice.

A member of the Board of Studies of the Council of Legal Education, Prof. Egbewole is a prolific and consistent researcher. He has more than 40 journal articles, over 30 book chapters, more than 10 edited books, and a considerable number of completed commissioned projects and technical reports to his name.

The new Vice Chancellor has won several national and international grants, most of which he has deployed to further researches of practical benefits to the society.

As a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, *Town & Gown* has no doubt that he is capable of leading UNILORIN to breathtaking heights.