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## Abdulkareem commissions Al-Burhan MCS ultra-modern secretariat

By Mustafa Abubakar

The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Sulyman Age Abdulkareem, has added a new feather to his cap of numerous achievements as he commissioned the ultra-modern secretariat of Al-Burhan Multipurpose Cooperative Society (MCS) penultimate Friday (September 9, 2022).

The secretariat, which foundation was laid by Prof. Abdulkareem few months after he assumed office in 2017, is located within the premises of the University Central Mosque and it has a main store, supermarket space, executive staff offices, restaurant space, four other shops and a banking office space in addition to toilet facilities in all the offices. *(Contd. on page 3)*



■ The Vice Chancellor, Prof. Abdulkareem, cutting the tape to declare the secretariat open



■ Dr Omotosho

## UNILORIN alumnus wins Adam Smith Prize for PhD excellence

By Felix Afolabi

A Year-2000 graduate of the Department of Economics, University of Ilorin, Dr Babatunde Samson Omotosho, has won the 2021 Adam Smith Business School Prize for PhD Excellence in Economics. The Prize is in memory of Adam Smith, the father of Modern Economics, who lectured at the University of Glasgow and was appointed a Professor in 1751.

Dr Omotosho, who is currently an Assistant Director in the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN), recently completed his PhD studies at the University of Glasgow under CBN sponsorship. His winning thesis is titled "Oil Price Shocks and Macroeconomic Policy in Resource-rich Emerging Economies". He won the prize based on the excellence of his PhD thesis and the significance of its contribution to the field of Economics. *(Contd. from page 3)*

## You are a special breed, Olowoleni tells NAAT members

By Mustafa Abubakar

The Registrar of the University of Ilorin, Dr. Fola M. Olowoleni, has described members of the University's Chapter of the National Association of Academic Technologists (NAAT) as special breeds among other special staff of the University in the area of students' training.

Dr. Olowoleni stated this last

Tuesday (September 13, 2022) during the formal opening of the 4th Technologists-In-House Training for NAAT members of the University of Ilorin.

The programme, organised by the Association, is a three-day comprehensive training for all Technologists on newly acquired equipment and re-training on older ones.

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■ Dr. Olowoleni

## Take UNILORIN to greater heights, Alumni Association tasks VC-designate

By Felix Afolabi

**T**he University of Ilorin Alumni Association has tasked the institution's Vice Chancellor-designate, Prof Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, to take the University to greater heights than where it is today.

In a statement made available to **UNILORIN BULLETIN** penultimate Sunday (September 11, 2022), the Chairman and Coordinator of the Association, Prof Jeleel Ojuade, said that the University of Ilorin has created a niche for itself in the comity of tertiary institutions in Africa, adding that Prof. Egbewole could not have come at a more auspicious time to lift it beyond what it is now.

Prof. Egbewole was named as the 11th Vice Chancellor of the University penultimate Thursday (September 8, 2022) and he will take over the baton from the outgoing Vice Chancellor, Prof. Sulyman Age Abdulkareem on October 15, 2022.

The Association's statement read in part, "We heartily felicitate with Professor Abdulwahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN on his appointment by the Governing Council of the University of Ilorin as the eleventh



■ Prof. Ojuade

substantive Vice Chancellor of the 'Better by Far' University, the University of Ilorin.

"The appointment did not come to us as a surprise judging by your profound scholarly erudition and immense administrative experience".

The Association said that it would like to put it on record that Prof. Egbewole's previous string of successes in his earlier assignments within and outside the

University, especially his immediate professional community, the Nigerian Bar Association, are "a testament as well as an indicator of a successful outing even in this new role".

"The import of your appointment at this challenging time in our educational trajectory is not lost on us", the Association told the Vice Chancellor-designate

The Alumni body said that the onerous task before Prof. Egbewole is how to take the institution from where it is today to a new height, where it would compete favourably with any other institution anywhere in the world.

It said, "UNILORIN Alumni are proud performers wherever they are. Your coming at a time our country's education faces humongous challenges of academic calendar instability, curriculum advancement complexities and general infrastructure inadequacies and decay places on your shoulder a very heavy responsibility.

"However, we are convinced that with Allah on your side, your tenure in office will end in success, no matter how daunting the task is."

## You are a special breed, Olowoleni tells NAAT members

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The Registrar said, "The technologists that you are, you are very special breed of workers in the University and there is no way people will not feel your impact. You are essential to the training of the students. What the lecturers do is to teach the students theories and you introduce them to the practical that will make the more impact in the areas of learning".

Dr Olowoleni also advised the technologists to use their expertise in practical aspect of teaching Nigerian students to impact the nation, asserting that the importance of academic technologists to teaching and learning cannot be over emphasised.

The Registrar observed that the education system and workforce has evolved to become more technology-inclusive and that it is important for students to keep up with modern digital trends.

She added that we live in a technology-inclined world where everything is modernised to include technology, citing Linguistics which utilise voice-over and Home Economics among others.

She therefore noted that with technology becoming more prevalent in modern society, it can be utilised to make money and better the economy.

Dr. Olowoleni pointed out that technology has completely transformed the way we live, work and do business and that it



■ Some guests at the programme

has made us more efficient in our day-to-day tasks.

Earlier in his opening address, the Chairman of the National Association of Academic Technologists (NAAT), UNILORIN Chapter, Dr. Femi Awolola, commended the management of the University for its commitment to the training and retraining of technologists.

Dr. Awolola stated that training and retraining prevents stagnation and missing opportunities of global trends that continue to be dynamic.

The union leader said, "It is a privilege to have this training because it gives us knowledge and help us to produce the best of students and, best of researchers from our profession".

He, therefore, urged all stakeholders in the tertiary education system of the country to listen to the yearning of the technologists

by paying their dues as requested, timely and adequately.

The three days event witnessed presentations from different technologists on topical issues, such as "Zoonosis: the Silent Killer in Research" by Akintola Olatunbosun of the Department of Veterinary Medicine; "Developing Research Skills in Laboratory Technologist and Scientist" and "Professionalism and Self Development in the Career of Academic Technologists" by Dr. M. K. Bello; GC-MS: Technique and its applications by Engineer I. A. Tijani of the Department of Chemical Engineering, and "Spectrophotometry: using atomic absorption spectrophotometer" by Engr. Sanusi Muhammed.

Highlights of the event included practical sessions and presentation of certificates to participants.



## Abdulkareem commissions Al-Burhan MCS ultra-modern secretariat

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Speaking before the commissioning of the edifice and unveiling of the Society's new logo, Prof. Abdulkareem recalled that at the time he was coming in as the Vice-Chancellor "there was the need to show the community our true character as Muslims", recalling that he said then that "you must be honest and not to misuse your power".

Expressing gladness that the Society has surpassed his expectation, the Vice Chancellor said, "I rejoice with you as you are now challenged to do more. It is now that we know that we don't need to go on strike, that we can use another method. Now we are coming back to that. We can lobby and we can make people persuade those who have power to do the right thing for us. But if we believe to go on strike is the only means at a time we lose that value. But I'm glad that this will be over very soon. I'm rejoicing with you and challenging you to do more as everybody wants to be like us as good Muslims".

Also, in his remarks, the Vice-Chancellor-designate, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, praised Allah for the edifice and the opportunity to commission the building on the day set aside by the committee. He commended the committee members for the efforts, which means a testimony that as Muslims, when saddled with responsibility, we have the duty to deliver.

Prof. Egbewole said, "It is my prayer that the edifice will be used for the purposes of service to humanity and Islam, and will be evidence for and not against us on the Day of Judgment".

The Chairman of UNILORIN Muslim Community, Prof. Ibraheem Katibi, congratulated the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Abdulkareem, for having such project coming up during his time and at a time when he is bidding the University bye as the Vice-Chancellor.

Prof. Katibi said, "Certainly this is



■ The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Abdulkareem, unveiling the marble mark during the commissioning

one of the achievements of your office, and certainly it is also one of the beauties to the Central Masjid (Mosque) of the University of Ilorin. It is an embodiment of the fact that your tenure has indeed been successful from the beginning up to the end. We pray that Allah should continue to grant you good health and successes wherever you find yourself after leaving office".

The Muslim Community Chairman also applauded the Cooperative Society for an unprecedented achievement of completing the edifice within the set time frame, affirming that no other cooperative society in the University can boast of this magnitude of secretariat.

He said, "I'm also very happy for "Al-Burhan" because you have distinguished yourself and that is what is expected in Islam whether we find ourselves as leaders or societies or regulators. So far we are Muslims we should be wary of what we do so that people can say, this is coming from someone with Islamic background. This building compares to any building on campus and

I'm very proud and delighted that this is what you have done".

Earlier in his welcome address, the President of Al-Burhan Multipurpose Cooperative Society, Prof. Yusuf Ibrahim Arowosaiye, disclosed that "the edifice was laid a few months after the current Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Abdulkareem assumed office and today, the Vice-Chancellor also has the divine opportunity to commission it a few months before he exits office.

Prof. Arowosaiye, who was represented by the Vice President of the Society, Dr. Modinah AbdulRaheem, said that the event marked another milestone in the annals of the Co-operative Society as it is set to reposition itself for the next stage of development.

According to the Society's President, "The provision of this decent infrastructure is to support the administrative and business activities of the Society and is a clear trajectory of development dynamics of contemporary corporate operations".

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Some of his findings have been published in high-ranking journals, including the *Journal of Economic Dynamics and Control* published by Elsevier, *Macroeconomics and Finance in Emerging Market Economies* published by Taylor and Francis, *West African Journal of Monetary and Economic Integration*, and the *CBN Journal of Applied Statistics*.

The University of Glasgow is ranked among the top 100 universities in the world by Times Higher Education

(THE). In 2021, it ranked 92<sup>nd</sup> in the world and 11<sup>th</sup> in the United Kingdom.

Dr Omotosho graduated from the Department of Economics, University of Ilorin in 2000 with a Bachelor's degree in Economics and was the best graduating student in his class. He was awarded the following prizes: Departmental Prizes 1998/99 Session, Madam Oluwafunmi Kolawole Memorial Prize in Economics – 1998/1999 Session, and Victor Odozi Prize in Economics – 1998/1999 Session. He later obtained a Master's degree in

Economics in 2008 from the University of Benin and completed a second Master's degree in Applied Statistics and Datamining from the University of St Andrews, United Kingdom in 2011.

In his correspondence to the Vice Chancellor, Dr. Omotosho thanked the University of Ilorin for "giving him a solid foundation in Economics and being part of his success story" and expressed the hope that "the award will encourage undergraduate students of the Department of Economics to imbibe the University's values of excellence and hard work".



■ Prof. Ali-Agan



■ Prof. Ijaiya



■ Prof. Olademo



■ Prof. Alabi

## VC-designate: Stakeholders set agenda for Egbewole

By Jemilat Mahmud

With the announcement of the appointment of Prof. Wahab Egbewole, SAN, penultimate Thursday (September 8, 2022) as the 11<sup>th</sup> Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, several stakeholders of the institution have started to set agenda for the Vice Chancellor-designate.

Some of the stakeholders who spoke in separate interviews with **UNILORIN BULLETIN** last Tuesday, (September 13, 2022), admonished the new Vice Chancellor to put God first and be just to all staff be it academic or non-teaching as well as the students, saying that this would ensure that he completes his tenure on a bright note.

A Professor of Islamic Studies, Faculty of Arts, University of Ilorin, Abubakar Ali-Agan, advised the Vice Chancellor-designate to be up and doing in the discharge of his duties as he also encouraged him to emulate the virtues exhibited by his predecessors.

The erudite cleric-don specifically appealed to Prof. Egbewole to prioritise putting the university on the



■ Prof. Egbewole

global map by championing policies and programmes that could aid the development of the University and education system in general.

On his part, the Dean of the Faculty of Law, University of Ilorin, Prof. Ijaiya, said that judging from the performance of Prof. Egbewole in the previous positions he had held, which made people to name him "Mr Efficiency",

he has no doubt that he would make a very good Vice Chancellor.

Prof. Ijaiya described the Vice Chancellor-designate as a very efficient, effective, motivated and enterprising scholar, adding that he has been performing excellently well before, hence he should keep the good work going.

On her part, a Professor from the Faculty of Arts, Prof. Oyeronke Olademo, congratulated the Vice Chancellor-designate on his appointment and advised him to be hard working and focused.

She also admonished Prof. Egbewole to be prayerful and focused and live above board in the discharge of his duties.

While conveying her congratulatory message, the Director of the General Studies Unit (GNS), Prof. Victoria Alabi, wished the Vice Chancellor-designate well, adding that the University has reached a certain level in terms of academic, manpower and infrastructure. She therefore prayed God to lead him well to move the institution to higher level in all ramifications.

## KWASU hails Egbewole's appointment

The Vice Chancellor of the Kwara State University (KWASU), Malete, Prof. Muhammed Akanbi, SAN, has congratulated Prof. Wahab Egbewole, SAN, on his appointment as the 11th Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin.

In a statement issued on his behalf by the Acting Director, University Relations, KWASU, Dr Saeedat Aliyu, last Monday (September 12, 2022), Prof. Akanbi said, "Prof. Egbewole, a Professor of Jurisprudence and International Law and Senior Advocate of Nigeria, has served in many

offices and contributed in many cardinal areas of University administration".

The KWASU Vice Chancellor said that Prof. Egbewole's "erudition and service, known nationally and internationally, makes him excellently placed to lead the administration of the institution".

Describing Prof. Egbewole as "an Administrator", Prof. Akanbi said, "We hope that his administration will further cement the cordial and mutually beneficial relationship between our two institutions".



■ Prof. Akanbi



## Igbomina Youth Assembly congratulates Egbewole

By Abubakar Imam

A prominent socio-cultural group in Kwara State, the Igbomina Youth Assembly (IYA), has joined the league of individuals and organisations felicitating with the Vice Chancellor-designate of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, on his recent appointment.

In a statement signed by its President, Engr Jimoh Abdurashheed Temitope, a copy of which was made available to **UNILORIN BULLETIN** last Tuesday (September 13, 2022), the group said that IYA and the entire people of Igbominaland were delighted with the appointment of Prof. Egbewole as the 11th substantive Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin.

The IYA's President added that the appointment is an opportunity for the Professor of Jurisprudence and International Law to utilise his past experiences in order to make his tenure very successful.

Engr Jimoh said, "We are confident that with your leadership, the University will



■ Engr Jimoh

continue to produce great men and women that will bring about a better Nigeria and also

improve the world at large".

The socio-cultural body thanked the University Governing Council under the chairmanship of Mallam Abidu Rafindadi Yazid, OON, for making the selection process "transparent and worthwhile".

The IYA also acknowledged the maturity and spirit of sportsmanship displayed by the erstwhile contestants for the position from Igbomina land, saying that "we are very proud of their intellectualism as we charge them to give their unalloyed support to the newly appointed Vice Chancellor".

The body equally acknowledged the achievements of the outgoing Vice Chancellor, Prof. Sulyman Age Abdulkareem, and wished him well in all his future endeavours.

Engr Jimoh implored Prof. Egbewole to extend his hands of fellowship to other contenders as he assured him of the prayers and supports of the Igbomina Youth Assembly.

## IWF congratulates, sets agenda for Egbewole

By Abubakar Imam

The Islamic Welfare Foundation (IWF), an association of distinguished Muslim academics and professionals, has reiterated the position of several others that the appointment of Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, as the Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin was a great and assuring development.

The organisation, in a statement jointly signed by its Chairman and National Publicity Secretary, Dr Kalejaiye Hassan and Mubarak Akintola, respectively, described the appointment of Prof. Egbewole, who is a former National Secretary of the body, as an acknowledgement of his cumulative outstanding services and a confirmation of the huge trust reposed in him by the authorities of the University.

The Association said that the

appointment has renewed its faith in the Nigerian nation as it was that of a round peg in a round hole and therefore expressed the confidence that the Vice Chancellor-designate would leave indelible marks in the course of his tenure just like the University's 8th Vice Chancellor, Prof. Is'haq Olanrewaju Oloyede, OFR, who is also a member of the IWF.

The IWF said that it has, with pleasure, observed the outpouring of excitement from friends and well wishers over Prof. Egbewole's appointment, pointing out that his selection from the list of 13 distinguished academics shortlisted for the position showed that Prof. Egbewole has "paid his dues and has done his grind".

The Association noted that the appointment of the new Vice Chancellor did not come to them as a surprise as he has done

quite well in the academic world, the legal profession and in the area of community services across the country.

The statement added that Prof. Egbewole is a man endowed with wisdom and expressed the hope that by the time he finishes his tenure in 2027 the University would be better off.

The Association also expressed its conviction that the University would strive better towards greater heights and achievements on all fronts in a way that would lead the University to the achievement of its corporate vision and mission.

The statement, while congratulating the entire members of the University of Ilorin community on the appointment of the foremost academic giant and legal luminary, wished Prof. Egbewole all he would need to have a fruitful tenure of office.

## International Democracy Day: Oladele hails UNILORIN FM's professionalism, quality programming

By Tajudeen Babamale

As Nigeria joined the rest of the world to celebrate the 2022 International Democracy Day, a former Commissioner for Information and Orientation in Oyo State, Hon. Bosun Oladele, has commended the UNILORIN 89.3FM, the official radio station of the University of Ilorin, for entrenching democracy through its professionalism and quality programming.

Hon. Oladele made the commendation last Thursday (September 15, 2022) while featuring on a special edition of "Kò tán síbò", a current affairs programme on UNILORIN FM.

The programme, anchored by the head of the station Mr Idris Alooma, was specifically dedicated to the commemoration

of the 2022 International Democracy Day.

The theme of this year's event is "The Importance of Media Freedom to Democracy, Peace, and Development on the Sustainable Development Goals".

Hon. Oladele, who admonished journalists and media houses in Nigeria to embrace investigative journalism to entrench democracy, opined that "the UNILORIN FM, being a community radio station has been adjudged by its listeners to be democratic because it provides easy and equal access to all citizens".

The former Commissioner explained that if Nigerian journalists truly want to practice developmental journalism, they must imbibe investigative journalism through calling the powerful to account and exposing corruption in the country.

Hon. Oladele, who was also a

member of House of Representative representing Irepo/Orelope/Olorunsogo Federal Constituency of Oyo State in the 8th National Assembly, said, "Though freedom of expression is an essential part of a thriving democracy, it must not be used to threaten another man's existence and safety".

The former lawmaker advocated the regulation of social media in Nigeria, as done in developed democracies like the United Kingdom (UK), the United States of America (USA), the United Arab Emirates (UAE), and many other advanced countries.

Hon. Oladele, however, encouraged Nigerians to develop trust and always appreciate government's policies, adding that lack of trust in government makes citizens to disregard government policies whether good or bad.

## Again, UNILORIN to host 7th National Youth Games ... as VC appeals to Sports Minister on swimming pool pledge

By Olusegun Mokuolu and  
Temitope Omoniyi

For the sixth consecutive time, the University of Ilorin will again play hosts to athletes and sports officials from across the country for the 7th National Youth Games. UNILORIN had previously hosted the 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th editions of the games at its ultra-modern Stadium Complex in 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2021 respectively.

The Director of Grassroots Sports Development in the Federal Ministry of Youth and Sports Development, Mr. Patrick Okeke, disclosed this last Tuesday (September 13, 2022) when he visited the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Sulyman Age Abdulkareem, in his office.

While presenting a letter from the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry, Ismaila Abubakar, to the Vice Chancellor, Mr. Okeke noted that over the years, "the University of Ilorin has been a consistent partner of the Ministry in the development of our youth-based sports competition - the Nationals Youth Games. The partnership culminated in the signing of a five-year Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) in 2017, which is expected to elapse in 2022".

Mr. Okeke noted that "due to some misinterpretations of the relevant sections of the MoU, certain decisions were made for which the Ministry highly regrets its outcome on the institution. Having been properly guided, I wish to state that the Ministry is committed to this MoU and is desirous of adhering to its terms by organising the 2022

edition of the Games at the University of Ilorin".

It will be recalled that on October 11, 2017, the University of Ilorin and the Federal Ministry of Youth and Sport Development signed an MoU to stage the games in the University for five years following the successes recorded in the previous editions hosted by the institution.

Speaking further, Mr. Okeke announced the Ministry's plan to host this year's edition of the games between December 7 and

December 17 considering the lost time and to give the institution ample time to prepare. He told the Vice Chancellor that the Ministry will be looking forward to the confirmation of the date by the University.

The Grassroots Sports Director commended the University of Ilorin for being an amazing host, having hosted the last five editions of the games impressively.

Responding, the Vice Chancellor, who was represented by the University Librarian, Prof. Abdulwahab Issa, appealed to the Minister of Youths and Sports Development, Mr. Sunday Dare, to redeem the Ministry's pledge to construct an Olympic-size swimming pool for the University.

Prof. Abdulkareem told the Director



■ Mr. Okeke (right) presenting the letter to the representative of the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Issa

of Grassroots Sports Development that the University is in a transition period, and assured that the incoming Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Egbewole, SAN, would support the games.

The Vice Chancellor was joined during the visit by the Chairman of UNILORIN Sport Council, Prof. Omodele Eletta; the Acting Director of Sport, Dr. Tajudeen Ibraheem; the immediate past Chairman of UNILORIN Sport Council, Prof. Gafar Ijaiya; and the Senior Assistant Registrar, Sport Unit, Mr. Hafiz Abdulraheem; while Mr. Emmanuel Okere, who is the Secretary of the Youth Games accompanied the Director of Grassroots Sports Development.

## Adimula, COSFAN President mourns Queen of England

By Isaac Lewu

Senior Lecturer at the Centre for Peace and Strategic Studies (CPSS), University of Ilorin, who doubles as the President, Commonwealth Scholars and Fellows Alumni Association, Nigeria (COSFAN), Dr. Abiola R. Adimula, has condoled with the people and government of the United Kingdom over the death of Queen Elizabeth II, who, until her death, was also the Head of the Commonwealth.

In a condolence letter she jointly signed with the Chairman, COSFAN Board of Trustees, Prof. Olugbemiro Jegede, a copy of which was made available to **UNILORIN BULLETIN**, the Commonwealth Scholars and Fellowship Alumni eulogised "the extraordinary service of the late Queen Elizabeth II to humanity", adding that it was during her reign that they all "enjoyed the Commonwealth fellowships and consistent support of the Commonwealth Scholarships Commission, United Kingdom, through the British Council in Nigeria, for career enhancement of our members and community development of the Nigerian society".



■ Dr. Abiola R. Adimula

The condolence message pointed out that "the extraordinary service of the late Queen Elizabeth II to humanity as shown through her humility, Patience, Kindness and Love will continue to be the hallmark of COSFAN's activities of giving back to the Society".

COSFAN, however, expressed happiness



■ Late Queen Elizabeth II

over "the smooth transition of the crown within the monarchy" and pledged its loyalty and support to the new King Charles III.

"May the reign of the king bring Peace, Love and Prosperity to all as well as more recognition to COSFAN", it added.



## UNILORIN Emirate alumni, Al-Burhan, MSSN congratulate VC-designate

By Mustafa Abubakar

**M**ore congratulatory messages have poured in for the Vice Chancellor-designate of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN.

Among the latest messages were those from the University of Ilorin Emirates Alumni Association, AlBurhan Multipurpose Cooperative Society, various branches of the Muslim Students Society of Nigeria (MSSN) across the country as well as classmates and friends and loved ones of the incoming Vice Chancellor.

In its congratulatory message, the University of Ilorin Emirate Alumni Association, rejoiced with the University and Prof. Egbewole on the appointment.

The UNILORIN Emirate Alumni's message jointly signed by its President and Publicity Secretary, Sheikh Yahya Lukman Akewushola and Comrade Abdullahi Isiaq Toyin (Ojibara), respectively stated, "Indeed, almighty Allah gives power and leadership to whom He wills, adding, "We congratulate Professor Abdulwahab Olasupo Egbewole on his appointment as the 11th Vice Chancellor of the better by far varsity, which we believe is God's will".

Charging Prof. Egbewole to steer the University's ship to greater heights and extend his hands of fellowship to other contenders in the race, the Association appealed "to all concerned stakeholders to remain calm and maintain peace in the overall interest of all and rally around the new Vice Chancellor to ensure his office's success". It specifically urged "all concerned stakeholders in the Emirate to work together and speak with one voice subsequently".

The Association also "applauded the sportsmanship displayed by all the eminent professors of the Ilorin Emirate who were equally in the race for the number 1 position", adding that "we are extremely proud of you and urge you to support the newly appointed Vice Chancellor for the sake of the University.

While urging the incoming Vice Chancellor well in his new position, the UNILORIN Emirate Alumni prayed God to continue to protect and guide him in the performance of his administrative duties.

Also, in a congratulatory message



■ Prof. Arowosaiye

made available to **UNILORIN BULLETIN**, the President of Al-Burhan Multipurpose Cooperative Society, Prof. Yusuf Ibrahim Arowosaiye said, "To our Vice Chancellor-designate, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, congratulations on your well-deserved appointment as the 11th Vice-Chancellor of our great Better by far University. I do not doubt your great leadership qualities, and being a team player, the University of Ilorin will strive to much greater heights and achievements, Inshaa Allah, Amin.

Prof. Arowosaiye pledged the full support of Al-Burhan MCS to the Vice Chancellor-designate, adding that "we look forward to a good working relationship with your administration".

On its part, the Muslim Students' Society of Nigeria (MSSN), Kwara State Area Unit, rejoiced with Prof. Egbewole on his appointment as the 11th Vice-Chancellor of the University.

In a statement signed by its Amir/Chairman, Mallam Abdulmumin Abdulrahman, the Society said, "The Muslim Students' Society of Nigeria, Kwara State Area Unit wishes to express our heartfelt congratulations on the well-deserved appointment of Professor Wahab Olasupo Egbewole as the 11th Vice Chancellor of the prestigious University of Ilorin.

"His elevation is a testimony of a carefully built career spanning many years, hallmarked by hard work, integrity, dedication and worthy contribution to the development of his chosen field of education and the academic community in



■ Prof. Wahab

Nigeria and beyond. We do not doubt that the academic community and the Muslim Ummah, in general, would continue to benefit tremendously from his distinguished scholarship, and dedicated service to humanity, especially in this glorious capacity".

Also, the Obafemi Awolowo University Branch of the Muslim Students' Society of Nigeria expressed happiness over Prof. Egbewole's appointment.

In a statement made available to **UNILORIN BULLETIN**, the group said, "It smoothens our hearts to hear that one of our fathers, Prof. Wahab O. Egbewole, who is also an alumnus of Obafemi Awolowo University, has been appointed the new Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin. We are so excited to receive the news of his emergence and in fact for being yet another eminent ambassador of the greatest citadel of learning in Africa, the great Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife, and a role model to us all.

"We, therefore, congratulate you, sir, for the well-deserved attainment of the giant stride in your career. This is but one of the greatest lifetime blessings from Allah. May He continue to guide your paths and assist you towards a continued fulfilment of His dictates. May your reign be known for progress and the greatest developments so far in the history of the institution. May you succeed in taking the school to greater heights that she has never reached before. May the Almighty grant you His guidance and success. Congratulations, sir! Baaraka Llahu fihi".

## Suberu's daughter weds

**M**iss Lateefah Ibraheem, the daughter of a Senior Security Officer at the University of Ilorin and Chairman of the institution's Chapter of the Non-Academic Staff Union (NASU), Comrade Suberu Haruna Ibrahim, will this Saturday (September 24, 2022) tie the

nuptial knots with her heartthrob, Sulayman Abdulwahab.

According to a wedding notice made available to **UNILORIN BULLETIN**, the Aqdu Nikkah will take place at the Unilorin Juma'at Mosque at 10:00 a.m. prompt while the Walimah

follows immediately afterwards at the Unilorin Multipurpose Hall.

Members of the University community and the general public are cordially invited.



## Renewal of Appointment

NAME	FACULTY /DEPARTMENT	APPOINTMENT	EFFECTIVE DATE
K. I. Akogun	Directorate of Corporate Affairs	Director, Corporate Affairs	29 <sup>th</sup> June, 2022
A. Aliyu	Pharmaceutical Sciences/ Pharmaceutical Microbiology and Biotechnology	Coordinator, Department of Pharmaceutical Microbiology and Biotechnology	1 <sup>st</sup> August, 2022

## New Appointments

NAME	FACULTY /DEPARTMENT	APPOINTMENT	EFFECTIVE DATE
Prof. R. O. Oladele	Communication and Information Sciences/Computer Science	As Head, Department of Computer Science	1 <sup>st</sup> August, 2022
Dr. E. K. Eifediyi	Agriculture/Agronomy	Acting Head, Department of Agronomy	1 <sup>st</sup> August, 2022
Dr. A. O. Adeyina	Agriculture/Animal Production	Acting Head, Department of Animal Production	1 <sup>st</sup> August, 2022
Dr. N. S. Njinga	Pharmaceutical Sciences/ Pharmaceutical and Medicinal Chemistry	Acting Head, Department of Pharmaceutical and Medicinal Chemistry	1 <sup>st</sup> August, 2022
Dr. F. A. U. Attah	Pharmaceutical Sciences/Pharmacognosy and Drug Development	Acting Head, Department of Pharmacognosy and Drug Development	1 <sup>st</sup> August, 2022
Dr. T. H. Aliyu	Agriculture/Crop Protection	Acting Head, Department of Crop Protection	1 <sup>st</sup> August, 2022
Dr. A. A. Adeyemi	Agriculture/Forest Resources Management	Acting Head, Department of Forest Resources Management	1 <sup>st</sup> August, 2022
Dr. R. A. Odunola	University Health Services	Acting Director, University Health Services	29 <sup>th</sup> June, 2022
Prof. R. O. Arise	Life Sciences/Biochemistry	Chairman, Unilorin Press Management Board	5 <sup>th</sup> August, 2022
Dr. S. T. Abdullahi	Pharmaceutical Sciences/ Pharmaceutical and Medicinal Chemistry	Acting Dean, Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences	29 <sup>th</sup> August, 2022
Dr. A. M. Abidoye	Works Department	Acting Director, Works Department	5 <sup>th</sup> July, 2022
Prof. A. B. Okesina	Basic Medical Sciences/Chemical Pathology and Immunology	Acting Provost, College Health Sciences	1 <sup>st</sup> August, 2022
Dr. J. O. Friday-Otun	Arts/Linguistics and Nigerian Languages	Acting Head, Department of Linguistics and Nigerian Languages	1 <sup>st</sup> August, 2022
Dr. A. T. Kola - Mustapha	Pharmaceutical Sciences/ Pharmaceutics and Industrial Pharmacy	Acting Head, Department of Pharmaceutics and Industrial Pharmacy	1 <sup>st</sup> August, 2022
Prof. T. A. Alabi	Arts/English	Head, Department of English	1 <sup>st</sup> August, 2022
Dr. O. M. Aiyelero	Pharmaceutical Sciences/Pharmacology and Toxicology	Coordinator, Department of Pharmacology and Toxicology	1 <sup>st</sup> August, 2022
Dr. M. A. Balogun	Agriculture/Home Economics and Food Science	Acting Head, Department of Home Economics and Food Science	1 <sup>st</sup> August, 2022
Dr. A. Falola	Agriculture/Agricultural Economics and Farm Management	Acting Head, Department of Agricultural Economics and Farm Management	1 <sup>st</sup> August, 2022
Dr. H. B. Giwa	Pharmaceutical Sciences/Clinical Pharmacy and Pharmacy Practice	Coordinator, Department of Clinical Pharmacy and Pharmacy Practice	1 <sup>st</sup> August, 2022
Dr. W. A. Jimoh	Agriculture/Aquaculture and Fisheries	Acting Head, Department of Aquaculture and Fisheries	1 <sup>st</sup> August, 2022
Dr. Y. O. Tijani	Arts/French	Acting Head, Department of French	1 <sup>st</sup> August, 2022

## Staff Development

RECIPIENT	PROGRAMME	DEPARTMENT	INSTITUTION WHERE TENABLE
T. A. Ahmed	Ph. D. degree	Adult and Primary Education	Carolina University, USA
A. O. Ajagbe	Ph. D. degree	Telecommunication Sciences	University of Chester, United Kingdom
O. J. Fajonyomi	Ph. D. degree	University Library	University of Nairobi, Kenya
W. O. Oloyede	Ph. D. degree	Agricultural Economics and Farm Management	University of Pretoria, South Africa





## FUND SOURCES AND UTILIZATION REPORT FROM 7<sup>TH</sup> TO 15<sup>TH</sup> SEPT. 2022

RECEIPTS:	AMOUNT
Academic Transcript	175,000.00
Sundry & Other Student Charges	100,000.00
Sunday Other Income	2,046,500.00
Capitation-NHIS	18,000.00
Income from Dental Clinic	86,138.75
Income from Diagnostic Centre	66,692.50
Convocation Souvenir	21,300.00
Undergraduate Clearance Charges	150.00
JUPEB Application form	25,150.00
Remedial Application	45,450.00
<b>Total Receipt for the Period</b>	<b>₦2,584,381.25</b>
<b>PAYMENTS</b>	
<b>PAYMENT TO CONTRACTORS/SUPPLIERS:</b>	
Poka Global Resources Ltd Extension of Student Affair Building (TETFUND)	8,894,223.52
BlackStone Heritage Ltd Supply and Installation of Equipment (TETFUND)	85,000,000.00
Habraib Global Resources Ltd Construction of Student Work Centre.	1,663,258.81
Cyteck Engineering Construction and Tech Ltd Construction of Faculty of Basic Clinical Sciences Building (TETFUND)	11,316,769.15
JKK Oneware Ltd Computer Based Services	3,519,200.00
O.M. Fasman Nig Ent. Drainage Construction at Recreation Garden and Preventure of Security Breach	2,666,240.80
Habmark Worldwide Interbiz Upgrading Students Public Toilets at Faculty of Management Sciences.	3,858,157.26
Henry George Hotels Feeding and Lodging of JUPEB External Supervisors.	320,500.00
NOAB Global Concept Ltd Services and Supply of Battery at GRA Staff Quarters.	338,252.50
Bliss Centre Catering Services	435,375.00
Gibat Geosearch Nig Ltd Drilling and Installation of Industrial Borehole.	1,905,750.00
Tejusco Multbiz Ventures Repair of Roof and Ceiling	620,801.75
Palmanet Pavilion Ltd Supply and Installation of Equipment (TETFUND).	85,000,000.00
Crescent Gold Crown Hospital Medical Expenses	151,000.00
Ever Phoneix Guest House Accommodation and Feeding	967,379.00
Yakssmally Global Ent. Payment for Erosion Control	452,754.53
<b>OTHER PAYMENTS:</b>	
Various i.e. DTA, IMPREST, REFUND etc	9,452,450.00
Staff Training Programme Staff Development Awards	1,500,000.00
Association of University Librarians of Nigeria Universities Annual Due	150,000.00
Unilorin Press Production of Complimentary Cards	118,200.00
Unilorin Petrol Station Supply of Petrol	4,289,468.00
Association of West African Universities Annual Subscription	600,000.00
Commonwealth Scholars and Fellows Alumni Association Nigeria. Unilorin Contribution to book Project	3,000,000.00
TEC Product Supply of Emulsion Paints	203,500.00
Correspondent Chapel NUJ Kwara State Council Financial Assistance	25,000.00
TSA Charges Various	36,432.50
<b>Total payment for the period</b>	<b>₦226,484,712.82</b>

Signed

O.H. Sonde FCA

Bursar

## Abdulkareem commissions Al-Burhan MCS ultra-modern secretariat

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Prof. Arowosaiye pointed out that “with the commissioning of this infrastructure, Al-Burhan MCS is turning a new page in the history of Non-interest MCS and is a proud pioneer of Non-interest based MCS in the Better by Far University, University of Ilorin”.

In his goodwill message, the pioneer Vice-Chancellor of Ahmad Pategi University, Prof. Mahfouz Adedimeji, who is also a former Secretary of the University of Ilorin Muslim Community, congratulated Al-Burhan MCS and the Vice Chancellor for the momentum project put

in place during Prof. Abdulkareem's administration, adding that it is surely additional success recorded, added to his numerous achievements.

Prof. Mahfouz said, "Honestly it is one of the great things happening on the campus. I'm one of the happiest today because Al-Burhan is the baby of the Muslim Community and right in the eyes of the Muslim community the baby has now grown up to the extent that the Muslim community can now say you are now a grown up child and you can come and handle this responsibility. So this tells you the extent the Muslim community has gone.

Among the dignitaries that

witnessed the event were the University Librarian, Prof. Abdulwahab O. Issa; the Director, Health Services, Dr. Rasheed Odunola; the Chief Imam, University of Ilorin Central Mosque, Prof. Nasir AbdusSalam; Directors; Heads of Departments, Unilorin Micro-Finance Bank, President and members of IMAN Trust Cooperative Society; members of LOTUS and JAIZ Banks; executives and members of the Al-Burhan Multipurpose Cooperative Society, members of the UNILORIN Muslim Community, friends and well wishes of Al-Burhan.



# Happy Birthday

S/N	Name	Department	Birthday
1	Abdulganiyu Jelili Ayobami	Centre For Supportive Services For The Deaf	Sep 18
2	Ibitoye Biola	Registry	Sep 18
3	Raheem Mariam Ayantola	Centre For Counselling & Human Dev	Sep 18
4	Ayinla Rafiu Abidemi	Bursary	Sep 18
5	Abdulkabi Abimbola Maryam	Health Services	Sep 18
6	Olawepo Tejumola Ademola	Security Division	Sep 18
7	Fabiyi Oluwatoyin Adenike	Crop Protection	Sep 18
8	Sulyman Abdullahi Olanerwaju	Works: Works/Maintenance Office	Sep 18
9	Yusuf Abdur -Rashid Gambari	Nursing Science	Sep 18
10	Musa Ibraheem Omotosho	Epidemiology & Com. Health	Sep 19
11	Babamale Kassim Kayode	Registry	Sep 19
12	Ndom Lucy Ome	Registry	Sep 19
13	Woranade Christiana Adebawale	Registry	Sep 19
14	Abdulraheem Taofeeq Abolaji	Islamic Law	Sep 19
15	Raji Bashiru Ademola	Agronomy	Sep 19
16	Borode Tosin Oluseun	Health Services	Sep 19
17	Ikoba Nehemiah Argoesere	Statistics	Sep 20
18	Opadere Felicia Titilayo	Registry	Sep 20
19	Sanni Surajudeen Abiodun	Information & Communication Science	Sep 20
20	Balogun Rashidat Bolanle	Veterinary Teaching Hospital	Sep 20
21	Abdulummini Tawakalitu Iyabo	Library	Sep 20
22	Ibrahim Awawu Tope	Registry	Sep 20
23	Abdulganiyu Ismail	Pharmacognosy & Drug Development	Sep 20
24	Oguntayo Rotimi	Psychology	Sep 20
25	Zubair Sinatu Olanike	Unilorin Staff School	Sep 21
26	Simon Victoria	Unilorin Staff School	Sep 21
27	Adebayo Micheal Olatunji	Library	Sep 21
28	Olarewaju Mary Oluwaremilkun	Registry	Sep 21
29	Ojo Janet Bosede	Training Research & Development	Sep 21
30	Olutoye Haolat Adeyemi	Registry	Sep 21
31	Irimiya Salomi Solomon	Registry	Sep 21
32	Omoniyi Lukman Temitope	Directorate Of Corporate Affairs	Sep 21
33	Ibrahim Zainab Kakaiye	Registry	Sep 21
34	Adunbarin Oladeji Omolade	Geology & Mineral Sciences	Sep 22
35	Bolarinwa Christopher Olabode	Zoology	Sep 22
36	Olaniyan John Olajide	Agronomy	Sep 22
37	Adedimeji Mahfouz Adebola	English	Sep 22
38	Raji Abdullateef	Sociology	Sep 22
39	Salawu Kayode Muritala	Pharmacognosy & Drug Development	Sep 22
40	Amin Abdulbasit	Physiology	Sep 22
41	James Joke Felicia	Health Promotion & Environmental Health Edu	Sep 22
42	Adegbule Adenike Lizzy	Registry	Sep 22
43	Ibrahim Latifat Ahuoiza	Information & Communication Science	Sep 23
44	Kolawole Alaba Paulina	Centre For Supportive Services For The Deaf	Sep 23
45	Oyedepo Rapheal Omoniyi	Security Division	Sep 23
46	Iyanda Rasag	Security Division	Sep 23
47	Mabayoje Modinat Abolore	Computer Science	Sep 23
48	Atanda Abubakar	Bursary	Sep 23
49	Fawole Oluyemisi Bolajoko	Agronomy	Sep 24
50	Onasanya Samuel Adenubi	Educational Technology	Sep 24
51	Babalola Kunle Oladeji	Mathematics	Sep 24
52	Akin-Obiremi Esther Olukemi	Registry	Sep 24
53	Akingbade Afusat Shola	Registry	Sep 24
54	Omeiza Isaac Ozovehe Avazi	Electrical & Electronics Engineering	Sep 24
55	Okafor Ifeoma Priscilla-Lilian	Social Science Education	Sep 24
56	Adeshina Ibrahim	Aquaculture & Fisheries	Sep 24
57	Ajayi Janet Funmilayo	Registry	Sep 24
58	Adebayo Adefunke Kehinde	Ling. & Nig. Languages	Sep 24

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





- The Vice Chancellor-designate of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Egbewole, SAN, has promised that his administration will be fair and just to all throughout his tenure. ("New UNILORIN VC Promises fairness", *The Punch*, Monday, September 12, 2022, P.8; See also, "Unilorin VC-designate, Egbewole Promises fairness", *Daily Trust*, Monday, September 12, 2022, P.38; "I'll be Fair to All, Unilorin VC-designate Pledges", *Thisday*, Monday, September 12, 2022, P.54, "I'll be fair to all, says Unilorin VC", *New Telegraph*, Monday, September 12, 2022, P.30; "New Unilorin VC, Egbewole Pledges Fairness To All", *Aljazeera*, Monday, September 12, 2022, P.11, "I'll Be Fair To All, says UNILORIN VC-designate", *Leadership*, Tuesday, September 13, 2022, P.18 "I'll be fair to all -- Egbewole", *The Herald*, Wednesday, September 14, 2022, P.9; "I'll be fair to all -- Unilorin VC-designate", <https://www.blueprint.ng>; "Unilorin VC-designate Professor Egbewole Promises to Be Fair to All" - <https://sobifm.com>; "New UNILORIN VC promises fairness", <https://punching.com>, "Unilorin VC-designate pledges fairness in discharge of duty", <https://realnewsmagazine.net>; "Unilorin VC-designate, Prof. Egbewole Pledges to be fair to all", <https://afripost.ng>; "I'll Be Fair To All, Unilorin VC-designate, Professor Egbewole", <https://accurate.newsng.com>; "I'll be fair to all, Unilorin VC-designate pledges", <https://dailylinks.ng>; "I'll be fair to all -- Newly appointed Unilorin VC, Professor Egbewole Pledges", <https://dailypost.ng>; "I'll be fair to all, Unilorin VC-designate pledges", <https://royalnews.com.ng>; "I'll be fair to all, Unilorin VC-designate pledges", <https://thenigeriapost.com.ng>; "I'll be fair to all, UNILORIN VC-designate pledges", <https://nationaltrailonline.com.ng>; "I will be fair to all, Unilorin VC-designate pledges", <https://solarnews.wordpress.com>; "Unilorin incoming VC pledges fairness to all", <https://mediapost/index.php/features-and-interview/86-top-news/8796>; "I'll be fair to all -- Newly appointed Unilorin VC, Professor Egbewole", <https://dailypost.ng>; "I'll be fair to all-Newly appointed Unilorin VC, Professor Egbewole Pledges", <https://dailypost.ng>; "Unilorin VC designate, Prof. Egbewole pledges to be fair to all", <https://afripost.ng>; "Unilorin appointed Egbewole as 12th VC", <https://westernpost.ng>)
- The University of Ilorin Alumni Association, has charged the newly appointed Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Egbewole to take the institution to greater height. ("Take UNILORIN to greater height, alumni task new VC", *The Guardian*, Monday, September 12, 2022, P.5)
- The Ilorin Emirate Descendants Progressive Union (IEDPU), the umbrella union of Ilorin indigenes both at home and abroad have urged indigenes of the town to cooperate with the incoming Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Egbewole, SAN in order to sustain and improve upon the giant strides recorded in the University. ("Ilorin Emirate, ASUU, NASU, Others Laud Appointment of New Unilorin VC", *Thisday*, Tuesday, September 13, 2022, P.33)
- A socio-cultural group, the Igbomina Youth Assembly, has congratulated Professor Wahab Egbewole, SAN over his appointment as the new Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin. ("Unilorin: Igbomina Youth Assembly congratulates Prof. Wahab Egbewole over appointment", *The Herald*, Wednesday, September 14, 2022, P.3)

## Crown Hill varsity appoints Raji as Pro-Chancellor, Ag Council Chairman

By Mustafa Abubakar

The immediate past Chairman of the University of Ilorin Computer Based Test (CBT), Prof. Bashiru Ademola Raji, has been appointed the Pro-Chancellor and Acting Chairman of the Governing Council of Crown Hill University, Ilorin.

Prof. Raji, a Soil Scientist of repute, is of the Department of Agronomy, Faculty of Agriculture, and the immediate past President of the Soil Science Society of Nigeria and former Vice Chancellor, Fountain University, Osogbo.

Announcing the appointment on behalf of the Proprietor and the Board of Trustees, the Secretary to the university's Council, Deacon Abiodun Bada, said that the appointment was approved at the meeting of the Board of Trustees (BOT) held on 13<sup>th</sup> September 2022, taking into consideration his selfless and enviable



■ Prof. Raji

contribution to education and human development in Nigeria.

The appointment letter partly

read, "Given your track record of integrity and excellence in whatever sphere you have found yourself, most especially your performance as a member of the Governing Council of the Crown-Hill University, it is our sincere belief that your appointment as the Acting Chairman of the Governing Council of Crown-Hill University will bring unparalleled positive development that will place the young but promising institution among the best private universities in Nigeria".

Responding to the appointment, the new Pro-Chancellor pledged to reposition the University to take its rightful place among the committee of universities and assured the Board of Trustees that he would work with all stakeholders to ensure that the institution attains academic excellence and impactful research in our immediate community.



### Quintessential Personage (2)

*By Prof. Adesina Lukman Azeez*

*A Review of the book, 'The Meteoric Rise of a Dynamic Academic', published in honour of Prof. Mahfouz Adedimeji*

**H**afiz Akinde in the 15<sup>th</sup> article lends credence to how the awesome man with a handsome stature in a regularly well-trimmed beard has made many people better individuals. This is supported in the 27<sup>th</sup> article in the book when Mubarak Oladosu declares that he has helped a lot of people meet their full potentials. In the same vein, Olanrewaju AbdGafar Remilekun affirms Professor Mahfouz's propensity for guiding people from nothing to something. I am a living witness to this inclination. To Hafiz, Professor Mahfouz has a very likeable and magnetic personality, which always reflects in his writing.

It is fascinating that Idowu Folayemi, someone with a different religious belief, declares that Professor Mahfouz is not a religious bigot. According to her, Professor Mahfouz respects boundary. This I can testify to because he respects my religious views as a *Sufi* which he is not. In all our interactions, which are very regular, he has never tried to condemn what I believe in or to win me over to what he believes in. He guides but never pokes, condemns or debates ideas to offend. This is why Ikemefuna Mbain his article concludes that Professor Mahfouz has incredibly left a lasting impression on him. To him, he is pragmatic because he is versed in pragmatism. Professor Mahfouz, to Ilesanmi Olumide Brillow, in the 23<sup>rd</sup> article, has a calm mien. He is not used to blowing his trumpet. He leaves that for people who identify his inimitable personality and talents to do that for him.

Youthful in appearance, Professor Mahfouz is cerebral in perspectives. No wonder he has the emotional intelligence to know how not to offend the sensitivity of his friends and students. Very level-headed, as one of his PhD students, Dr Mohammed Sokoto, states in the 26<sup>th</sup> article in this book. Again, Mohammed Sokoto affirms that Professor Mahfouz values relationship without personal prejudices. According to Olarenwaju Remilekun, in the 29<sup>th</sup> article, Professor Mahfouz is an inimitable mentor. To Olaolu Ismail in his homage to 'a dynamic teacher', Professor Mahfouz has an inimitable strength of character that enables him resist the misuse of power for potential and material benefit. To buttress this assertion, Olatayo Ishola presents Professor Mahfouz as having a great moral rectitude, with noble mien, easy-going nature and oratorical power.

The foregoing enthralling descriptions of Professor Mahfouz are the recurring decimals that run through all the 42 articles in this book. As all the articles have the same highest common denominators, I might not need to recap all of them. Meanwhile, Barrister Ilias Babatunde does a very good job in his foreword by giving an overview of how all the authors of the article in this book summarily describe the quintessential personage in Professor Mahfouz. According to the writer, Professor Mahfouz is an intellectual colossus, a moral compass with an impeccable character, a living legend, a man of several parts, a man of many virtues, a gifted being, an unassuming personality, a dazzling spectacle to behold, a personality that has great passion for service.

One of the great virtues that resonate loudly in all the articles in this book is Professor Mahfouz's humility. The humblest individual exerts some influence. No doubt, Professor Mahfouz, as testified to by all the articles in this book, has influenced many people for good. He has indeed achieved greatness at his very youthful age. If a man's greatness can be measured by his enemies, as Don Platt said, then Professor Mahfouz will definitely have many enemies. We can only pray and hope that God Almighty will not forsake him because he has never forsaken his Creator. If charitable acts are the stepping stone to Heaven, and if the voice of the people is the voice of God, in spite of certain human frailty or imperfection he might have since he is not a caricature or an angel, but which should not have a place in this book of celebration, then, Professor Mahfouz should be celebrating that he will be God's favorite in Heaven.

Lo! Those who believe and do good works along with their demonstration of their belief in Allah, theirs are the Gardens of paradise for welcome (Q18: 107).

This book, in its enthralling style, will definitely make every reader wish they could be like Professor Mahfouz in piety, strength of character and talents. This is what the book has done for me while reading it in preparation for this review. So, I must commend the editors for assembling 42 contributors, who, by any standard, are themselves literarily dexterous. The way each of them presents their relational experiences with Professor Mahfouz gives me goose pimples so to say with the excitement that almost all of them are alumni of the University of Ilorin.

*To be continued*

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