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Unilorin conducts hitch-free post-UTME test

By Tajudeen Babamale, Itunu Olasehinde, and Robiat Gambari

The University of Ilorin has conducted the post-UTME test for admission seekers in the 2021/2022 academic session.

The exercise, which held between Monday, December 13 and Friday, December, 17, 2021, was generally hitch-free.

Of the 28, 048 candidates that scored 180 and above in this year's Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB) examination and made the University of Ilorin their first choice, 18,639 registered to participate in the pre-admission screening exercise, while 18,153 actually sat for the post-UTME test.

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A cross section of candidates filing into the CBT hall

Justify your elevations, Akogun charges Unilorin staff

By Abubakar Imam

An appeal has gone to all the newly promoted staff of the University of Ilorin to justify their promotions by working harder and cooperating fully with the management for the University to continue to excel in all parameters.

This appeal was made penultimate Friday(December 11,2021) by the Director of

Corporate Affairs, University of Ilorin, Mr. Kunle Akogun, while distributing letters of promotion to some staff of the Directorate who were recently promoted following their satisfactory performance on their schedules of duties and attendant evaluations.

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Merry Christmas



to all Unilorites

Saliu makes case for effective use of political communication

By Mustafa Abubakar and Adebukola Adedeji



Prof. Saliu

A former Dean of the old Faculty of Business and Social Sciences, University of Ilorin, and National President, Political Science Association of Nigeria (PSAN), Prof. Hassan A. Saliu, has described effective political communication as an important ingredient of partisan politics and therefore advised against the use of language that would aggravate national problems.

Prof. Saliu made the call last Wednesday(December 15, 2021) while presenting a paper at the public presentation of a book "Lest We Forget: Kwara Political Revolution: A Broadcaster's Account", written by Mrs Aminat Adekunle Salako of Radio Nigeria Harmony 103.5 FM Idofian at African Peoples Hall, Onikanga, GRA, Ilorin.

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Odunola praises huge investment as Unilorin Clinic fetes two retired staff

By Jemilat Mahmud, Itunu Olasehinde, Ismail Abdullah, Agbojo Testimony.

The Director of Unilorin Health Services, Dr. Rasheed Adekanye Odunola, has applauded the management of the institution for its unflinching support to the Unit in order to facilitate health service delivery.

Dr. Odunola made the commendation last Wednesday (December 15, 2021) while speaking at the send-forth ceremony organised in honour of two erstwhile staff of the Unit.

The Director, who is also a Member of the Governing Council of the University, disclosed that as part of management's untiring support to the health services, about N47 million worth of drugs were purchased for the Clinic to meet the health needs of the staff and students of the University.

He added that the university administration was also concerned with workers welfare as he opined that several programmes were put in place recently including the engagement of 10 youth corps members to complement the efforts of the staff of the Unit.

The Director assured the staff of the Unit that their honorarium will be paid as at when due as the management would not



■ **Dr. Odunola**

rest on its oars until every staff received what he or she is entitled to.

Speaking on the recent promotion exercise, Dr. Odunola thanked the management for granting many staff of his Unit promotions. He urged the beneficiaries of the promotion exercise to work harder to justify their elevations.

Commenting on the personalities contributions of the two retired staff members, Mr Felix Oloruntoba and Mr Abraham Okunade, Dr. Odunola described the two men as very amiable and hard working. He noted that they were always ready to render support whenever the need arose. He, therefore, urged those who are still in service to emulate the fascinating virtues of the honorees.

In her remarks, the Assistant

Chief Environmental Health Officer, Mrs Toyin. F. Ogunremi, appreciated the two retirees for their diligence and integrity and prayed God to reward them abundantly.

Also speaking, the Chief Nursing Officer, Mrs Mario Mohammed Jayi and Head Driver of the Unit, Mr Aliu. O. Omuya, congratulated the retirees and wished them sound health and longevity of life.

Responding, the two retirees thanked the Director and the entire staff of the University Health Services for rejoicing with them and prayed for the progress of the clinic and the University at large.

The retired officers recalled their days in the services of the University, saying that they had every cause not only to jubilate but to thank the Almighty God and the authorities of the University for the privileges they were given to contribute their quotas to human development through the institution.

The duo also urged their colleagues who are still in service to always give their best at every given time as they said that working in the University was a privilege that they would not regret.

The event was witnessed by colleagues, friends, associates and relations of the retired duo.



■ **The honourees**

Justify your elevations, Akogun charges Unilorin staff

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Mr. Akogun, who congratulated the beneficiaries for the career progression recorded, said that it was very important for them to work harder right from now and in the years ahead for them to be worthy of more promotions.

While saying that there is no joy in career stagnation, the Director reminded them that promotion is not a right but a privilege that would always come the way of the industrious ones at the right time.

Mr. Akogun, who expressed satisfaction with the positive changes recorded in the last few years in the attitude of staff of the Directorate towards their responsibilities, urged all the staff of the Unit to remain committed to their duties and ensure that they are never found wanting.

He explained that as staff members of the Directorate of Corporate Affairs they are expected to remain exemplary at all times and on all issues and everywhere they may find themselves either within or outside the University of Ilorin because they are the image-makers of the institution who on no account must be found doing anything that would smear the image of the University.

The Director added that those who are entrusted with the image of an

organisation or institution must not be found wanting in their duties and even in their interactions with members of the internal and external stakeholders of the institution.

Mr. Akogun also urged the staff of the Directorate to take advantage of the various staff development programmes of the University to update their knowledge, saying that the University is always willing to sponsor willing staff members on programmes that will equip them with more knowledge and skills to enable them discharge their responsibilities more efficiently and effectively.

While saying that the more intellectually and professionally equipped they are, the more productive they become, Mr. Akogun urged the staff of the Directorate to read more widely, saying that as journalists they are expected to know something about everything.

Also contributing, the Station Manager of **UNILORIN 89.3 FM**, Mr. Idris Akintola Ibrahim (Idris Aloom), thanked the Director for the fatherly and professional manner he has been running the affairs of the Directorate.

He explained that the staff of the Directorate appreciated his

consistent advice and, superlative counsel which are reflecting on the improved service delivery of **UNILORIN BULLETIN** and **UNILORIN 89.3 FM** as well as the polished image of the University all of which contributed in making the University the most subscribed institution of higher learning in Nigeria.

Responding on behalf of the newly promoted staff of the Directorate, the Head, Marketing Unit, **UNILORIN 89.3 FM**, Mrs. Mary O. Kolawole, thanked the authorities of the University for rewarding their efforts with career progression.

She commended the University's Director of Corporate Affairs, Mr. Kunle Akogun; and the Station Manager, **UNILORIN 89.3 FM**, Mr. Idris Akintola Ibrahim, for the great supervisory roles they are playing.

Mrs. Kolawole assured the management of the institution that she and her colleagues would work much harder not only to surpass the expectations of their supervisors but to also justify what she called the much appreciated promotions in order to deserve more and attract more divine blessings to their remunerations.

We 'll support you to do well, Unilorin assures special students

By Adebukola Adedeji

The Director, Centre for Supportive Services for the Deaf, University of Ilorin, Prof. Afusat T. Alabi, has assured students with special needs at the University of the support of the institution's administration to excel in their studies.

Prof. Alabi gave this assurance while addressing the concerned students during an event to mark this year's edition of the annual International Day of Persons with Disabilities, which held on Friday, December 3, 2021.

The Director, in her discourse, which centred on the theme of this year's celebration "Leadership and Participation of Persons with Disabilities: Towards An Inclusive, Accessible and Sustainable Post-COVID-19 World", said that students with one form of disability or the other are as important as those who are normal and must therefore be properly taken care of.

She added that both the government and the university administration are putting in place a conducive atmosphere for all clusters of students with disabilities to excel in their studies and subsequent careers.

The Director, who stressed the efforts of the government in the implementation of the



■ **Prof. Alabi**

disabilities laws on campus, explained that accessible toilets and ramps for some buildings in the Faculty of Education for easy accessibility of the buildings to students with disabilities especially those on wheelchairs, are under construction.

The International Day of Persons with Disabilities was proclaimed in 1992 as 3rd of December every year by the United Nations General Assembly Resolution 47/3. The observance of the day is aimed at promotion and understanding of disability issues and mobilize support for the dignity,

right and well-being of persons with disabilities. It also seeks to increase awareness of gains to be derived from integration of persons with disabilities in every aspect of political, social, economic and cultural life.

The event also witnessed the presentation of a poem by Mr. Abass Isiaka from University of East Anglia UK, which he entitled "I AM".

Responding on behalf of their colleagues, Mr. Danjuma Nehemiah and Mr. Onuche Emmanuel, who spoke for the hearing impaired and visually impaired students, respectively, appreciated the gesture of the Centre and the University of Ilorin for organising such a befitting programme in their honour.

He assured the authorities of the University that they would face their studies squarely for them to succeed and contribute their quotas to national and human development.

Unilorin conducts hitch-free post-UTME test

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The Chairman of the Unilorin Admission Committee, Prof. Umar Gunu, who is also the Dean, Faculty of Management Sciences, University of Ilorin, assured prospective candidates and their parents that admission into the University of Ilorin would be purely based on merit. He, therefore, warned parents and guardians against falling victims to swindlers who may ask them to bring money in order to facilitate admission slots for their children.

A **UNILORIN BULLETIN** staff, who was at the Computer-Based Test (CBT) Centre to observe the conduct of the exercise, observed that this year's pre-admission screening exercise was an improvement on previous ones as candidates did not stay long on the queue before being directed to the exam halls. There were also invigilators at every point as there were enough number of vigilant supervisors at designated points who were checking to ensure that the process was smoothly conducted.

No fewer than 16 computer systems and operators were seen screening candidates simultaneously before they were allowed into the examination hall. The University's Security personnel were also seen at every nook and cranny of the CBT maintaining law and order and medical personnel were also available to attend to emergency situation.

Speaking on the general conduct of the examination, the Chairman of Unilorin Admission Committee said that the exercise was hitch-free. He explained that all the candidates who participated in the exercise received their results on the same day they wrote the examination.

Prof. Gunu explained that candidates must do well in their JAMB, School Certificate and Post-UTME before he/she would be considered for admission. He added that after the pre-admission screening exercise "the next stage is the

compilation stage where we will collate their JAMB, O'Level and the Post-UTME test results". He pointed out that "the JAMB result will gulp 50% of the aggregate; O'Level 20% while the Post-UTME will be 30%, that will give us 100%", adding that "It is the aggregate that we will eventually use to determine merit cut-off marks based on the approved yardsticks".

While warning candidates and their parents to be wary of scammers who would want to extort them, Prof. Gunu said that it is only through the Central Admission Processing System (CAPS), of the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB) that candidates can know their admission status. He explained that if Unilorin offers any candidate admission, he will know through CAPS which is hosted by JAMB to check their admission status. This is because all admission offers have to be approved by JAMB.

Meanwhile, some parents of the candidates who participated in the test have applauded the management of the University of Ilorin for the seamless exercise as they expressed the hope that the dream of their children to be admitted into the University will come through.

Mrs Babalola Rachael, who accompanied her daughter down to Ilorin from Kogi State, said her journey was worth it because it has been the dreams of her daughter to attend the University of Ilorin for her undergraduate programme.

Mr Onadiran Akeem, who is an indigene of Offa, Kwara State, said that he allowed his daughter to pick the University of Ilorin because he believed "the University is delivering excellently". He was quite sure that his daughter would perform well "by the grace of God and will be a student of the school any moment from now".

On his part, Mr Adedoyin Adetuwonbi, who accompanied his son from Lagos to the campus of the University of Ilorin appealed to the authorities of the institution to

resuscitate the Lagos centre where candidates residing in Lagos and its environs used to write their Post-UTME exams. He, however, described the University of Ilorin as one of the best in the country.

Some candidates who spoke to **UNILORIN BULLETIN**, also expressed confident that they would gain admission into the nation's most-sought-after University. Mr. Aliyu Abdulmalik Abiodun, who applied to study Computer Science, said that he was sure that he would be admitted into the University. He also commended the quality of facilities put in place, saying, "all the systems were working well and everyone was comfortable and there were no complaints about the system from any candidates in my hall".

Miss Bakare Deborah Oluwafunke, who applied to read Law, said she knew of the University of Ilorin from information available online, in the news and what people in her neighborhood said about the institution. She added that she was aware that the institution is known for academic excellence and strict morals. While narrating how she gave all her best to the exam, she expressed the hope that she would be among the few candidates that would be considered for admission, saying being a student of the University of Ilorin will be a great honour to her and her family.

However, a parent, who does not want her name in print, lamented the stress she went through before getting to the exam centre with her daughter. She said one of her children missed her examination due to poor traffic flow between the popular Sanrab Filling Station and the University's main gate and therefore called for a special arrangement to take care of the interest of such candidates.

Unilorite emerges African best speaker

By Oluwasegun Alabi

A student of the Department of Computer Engineering, University of Ilorin, Mr Sodi Farhan Ayomide, has emerged as the Best African Speaker for 2021.

Mr. Ayomide's emergence was sequel to his victory at the just-concluded 13th edition of the Pan African Universities Debate Championship 2021, which was organized virtually by the University of Botswana, Republic of Botswana.

The competition, which was characterised by nine rigorous preliminary rounds involving about 70 teams and 150 participants from more than eight countries across the continent,



Mr. Ayomide

saw Mr. Ayomide emerging as the Best

Speaker of the tournament.

One of the UNILORIN Teams also made it to the Quarterfinals and qualified as the 4th Best Team with the Highest Combined Speaker Points.

At the end of the tournament, the UNILORIN team also won prestigious medals such as the Best Speaker in Nigeria, which was also won by Mr. Sodi Farhan Ayomide while the awards of the 2nd Best Speaker in Nigeria and the 3rd Best Speaker in Africa went to Mr. Ibrahim Idris of the Department of Agronomy as Mr Ogundare Taye Tobi of the Department of Aquaculture and Fisheries clinched the awards of the Best New Judge and the 4th Overall Best Judge of the tournament.

Saliu makes case for effective use of political communication

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The former Dean said that political breakthroughs can only be realised by according more recognition to the people who have sovereignty in a democracy, conversing with them appropriately and regularly, and making politicians not to talk to themselves alone and engage more with the citizens.

"There can be no social re-engineering and peaceful conduct of elections unless the governance environment is adjusted to develop more appreciation for effective political communication. The benefits are huge when we appreciate its importance and deemphasise raw or broad communication style", he said.

Prof. Saliu, who described communication as an important aspect of human life especially the practice of democracy, which foundation is communication, stressed that all aspects or stages of democracy are communication-driven.

He said, "For instance, how does one get one's political messages across without communicating with the people? How can one's efforts at governance be appreciated without communication? It is thus important to pay attention to effective political communication to bring about social re-engineering and peaceful electoral process".

"Using 2019 election in the state

as a case study, Prof. Saliu said, "one argues that 50% of what happened in 2019 came about as a result of effective political communication".

He pointed out that the "o toge" mantra resonated with the people as the then government could not respond adequately to the too many issues begging for attention. The almost total control of the media by the APC that seemed to be in different camps now caused sleepless nights for the government of the day.

"One also argues that the use of the social media and radio on the day of the election caused the expected to happen", he said.

Prof. Saliu disclosed that the "O toge" movement met the requirements of context, content, outlet and other factors in effective political communication, describing it as electoral victory that can be explained.

"A peaceful electoral process cannot take place without effective political communication", he said, adding that the failure of INEC to communicate to Nigerians on voting procedures until a few days to the 2019 presidential election is one of the reasons for the number of invalid votes recorded".

Prof. Saliu said that to change the tide, all the critical stakeholders in the Nigerian electoral process should brace up for the 2023 General Elections.

He also urged Nigerians to

embrace the concept of effective political communication to be able to engage in social re-engineering and conduct a peaceful electoral process, more specifically as it can serve as mobilization purposes for a new order, leading to a better understanding of the electoral process and inject more life into politics.

He said that effective political communication can reverse the level of political apathy, make politics more attractive to technocrats and youths, bind the government to the people and lighten up the governance environment.

"For effective political communication to take place", Prof. Saliu insisted that "the context of the communication must be right, contents of the message must be appropriate, the framing of the message needs not to meet the requirements of good grammar alone but must also be political in nature, a good choice must be made among the outlets to use as there must be the feedback process".

The occasion was attended by the Governor of Kwara State, Mallam AbdulRahman AbdulRazaq who was represented by his Senior Special Assistant on Strategy, Alhaji Saadu Salaudeen; the Director, Corporate Affairs, University of Ilorin, Mr. Kunle Akogun, Dr. S. S. Abdulbaqi of the Department of Mass Communication, University of Ilorin, among other dignitaries from far and near.

Be fair in all situations, Akogun counsels journalists

By Abubakar Imam

A renowned media technocrat and Director, Corporate Affairs, University of Ilorin, Mr. Kunle Akogun, has encouraged journalists and media outfits to avoid every form of political partisanship in the discharge of their professional duties.

Mr Akogun made the call last Wednesday (December 15, 2021) while reviewing a book, *"Lest We Forget: Kwara Political Revolution, A Broadcaster's Account"* written by Mrs Aminah Adekunle Salako, at the African Peoples Hall, GRA, Ilorin, the venue of the book presentation.

The foremost journalist said that it was very important for programme presenters and management of media outfits to ensure that they lived above board in their reportage, presentations and supervision.

Mr. Akogun added that the society expected journalists and managers of news outfits to use the positions of trust they hold with neutrality and maturity at all times, saying that they must avoid any situation where their neutrality and professionalism would be called to question.

Mr. Akogun insisted that the onus is on all the media outfits to provide level playing grounds for all registered political parties to reach out to the people particularly during electioneering periods.



■ The Book Reviewer, Mr. Akogun (left), with the Guest Speaker, Prof. Hassan Saliu (right), at the book launch last Wednesday

He added that giving all registered political parties equal opportunities was not only the least expected of a public owned media station but also a basic requirement, which is tantamount to display of justice, equity and fairness.

He added that the accounts of the author of the book, Mrs. Aminah Salako-Adekunle, had inadvertently betrayed the fact that her programme, "APC Gbode" on which the book was written was deliberately created and run to chase the previous political tendency out of the leadership of the State.

Mr. Akogun, who competently

and completely dissected the contents and contexts of the book, said that it was an encouraging intellectual effort.

He added that the book ought to be read by all those who desired to know most of what transpired in the politics of Kwara State before and during the 2019 general elections, which outcomes, he said, remains largely incredible to political analysts.

While commending and congratulating the author for documenting her experience for posterity, Mr Akogun charged other media practitioners to explore the art of book writing in order to preserve their experience for posterity.

TEC fetes retired, former staff

By **Mustafa Abubakar, Tajudeen Babamale and Hikmat Oladuntoye**

The Director, Technical and Entrepreneurship Centre (TEC), University of Ilorin, Prof. Peter Adeoye, has commended the contributions of his predecessors and all those who worked with them for laying a prosperous foundation the centre is enjoying till date.

Prof. Adeoye stated this at the send-forth ceremony held penultimate Thursday (December 9, 2021) for pioneer staff of the Centre such as Alhaja Shifau Akanke Shiru, who retired from active service after serving the University of Ilorin in various capacities; former Deputy Director, Dr. Halimat Adegoke; former Executive Officers, Mr. Kareem Babatunde Kuti and Alhaja Sulyman at the Centre's Meeting room.

The Director, who appreciated the sacrifices and contributions of the celebrants to the advancement of the Entrepreneurship Centre, said that "What TEC has been trying

to do is to appreciate the input of all our staff to the development of the centre. We have made it as a point of policy that anyone who worked with us and transfer to other units or departments of the institution or retire, we try to honour them in a special way".

"Not only for our sake in TEC, we feel that if we could do that it will encourage them to do more wherever they go, to the benefits of the institution as a whole. For those that have retired, we always maintain a link with them. That should not be surprising because at Unilorin we don't say bye-bye, but see you again", he said.

Speaking further, the Director said, "we operate on what we call a team principle. The principle means together everybody achieves more. That is what I continue to emphasize that we maintain the team spirit, to continue to work with

the goal of improving the outcome and output that we have from the centre and will also continue to exist in a friendly atmosphere so that we can assist one another".

Responding on behalf of the honourees, Alhaja Shiru and Mr. Kareem Kuti appreciated the management and staff of TEC for finding them worthy of celebration.

Alhaja Shiru, who could not hide her joy as she shed tears, appreciated the Director, Prof. Adeoye; his Deputy, Dr. Ahmed, and the entire staff of the Centre for the love showered on her and other honourees.

She specifically appreciated the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Sulyman Age Abdulkareem, whom she described as a good brother; the Registrar, Dr. Fola M. Olowoloni, whom she described as her mentor when she was at the Central Administration for making her experience at the University of Ilorin a memorable one.

Let's appreciate God's benevolence -Rev. Nwosu

By **Adebukola Adedeji**

The Chaplain of St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church, University of Ilorin, Rev. Rowland Nwosu, has reminded Christians and other Nigerians to honestly appreciate God's benevolence in their lives and careers.

Rev. Nwosu made this remark penultimate Sunday (December 12, 2021) while delivering his sermon at the joint Christmas Carol and service held at the University Auditorium.

The Cleric explained that it was important for Christians to always count

their blessings in every situation in order to thank God for all He has done for them and their loved ones.

The Chaplain described the birth of Jesus Christ as the greatest miracle in history and urged the Christian community and others to emulate the exemplary attitude of Jesus Christ whose experience he said led to the institutionalisation of Christmas as an annual festival.

Speaking at the event, the Vice Chancellor Of the University of Ilorin Prof. Sulyman Age Abdulkareem, congratulated the Christians on the Christmas season,

saying that they have every cause to thank God for witnessing the season in sound health.

The Vice Chancellor, who was represented by a member of the University's Governing Council, Prof. A. B. O. Omotosho, read the first lesson while the second lesson was read by the Director, COMSIT, University of Ilorin, Prof. Dupe Ademola-Popoola.

The event was attended by several staff, students as well as members of the general public.

Switch off electric appliances when not in use-Ibrahim

By **Itunu Olasehinde and Rabiati Gambari**

The Head of the Fire Service Unit of the University of Ilorin, Mr. AbdulRazak Ibrahim, has advised members of the University community and the general public to ensure that they always switch off all electric appliances in their offices and homes when not in use so as to prevent avoidable fire accidents.

Mr. Ibrahim gave the advice penultimate Wednesday (December 7, 2021) while featuring on "Bo Se Kan Mi", a Yoruba current affairs programme on **UNILORIN FM 89.3**, the official radio station of the University.

The firefighter, who explained that caution needed to always be applied as we enter the harmattan season, specifically urged the people to cut the



■ **Mr. Ibrahim**

grasses in their surroundings to prevent outbreak of fire.

Commenting on the rising usage of cooking gas in various homes, Mr. Ibrahim said, though cooking gas is the fastest means of preparing food for family members, it

equally has the highest risk.

He, therefore, advised that people who do not have a good sense of smell to look for an alternative to cooking gas because undetected gas leakage could render incalculable danger to lives and property.

Nevertheless, Mr. Ibrahim advised people to always wait for, at least, three minutes after opening their windows before switching on their gas cylinders to avoid explosion.

The Head of Unilorin Fire Service Unit, however, appreciated the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin for his effort at improving on the quality and quantity of equipment in the the University's Fire Service Department as he called for more support to ensure better service delivery.

Emulate Fakuade, Abubakar urges academics

By *Jemilat Mahmud*

The Dean, Faculty of Arts, University of Ilorin, Prof. A. S. Abubakar, has applauded the academic excellence of Prof. Olugbenga Fakuade of the Department of Linguistics, University of Ilorin, for his exceptional contributions to the growth of learning as he urged younger ones to emulate his exemplary dignity and integrity.

Prof. Abubakar, gave this advice penultimate Thursday (December 9, 2021), in his remarks at the public presentation of a book titled *"Language Use and Preservation"* in honour of Prof. Fakuade held at the Faculty of Arts Theatre Hall.

The Dean, who was represented at the event by Prof. Lere Adeyemi, opined that the honouree was not just a leader with vast ideas but someone who had demonstrated his potentials in the academic arena for more than two decades.

Prof. Abubakar described the honouree as a distinguished scholar, who used his mentorship skills to impact positively on students both within and beyond the University.

In his remarks, the Chairman of



Prof. Fakuade

the occasion, Prof. S. T. Babatunde, described the honouree as a mentor whose scope and depth are reflections of his true dedication to the service of humanity.

Prof. Babatunde stressed that he knew Prof. Fakuade as a thorough bred academic and administrator who has impacted positively on students, adding that he is very passionate in the discharge of his responsibilities.

On her part, an alumnus of the University of Ilorin, who is currently the Commissioner for Environment, Kwara

State, Honourable Remilekun Oluwatobi Bamigbe, expressed her joy for witnessing the colourful event organised in honour of one of her highly diligent lecturers.

She recalled that Prof. Fakuade always gave her words of advice, which propelled her to apply and excel during her PhD programme at the University.

Responding, the honouree, Prof. Fakuade, expressed his profound gratitude to God for giving him the privilege to be honoured by the Faculty.

He explained that he was overwhelmed by the positive comments and testimonies rendered by his colleagues, contemporaries and students.

Dignitaries who attended the occasion included the Head, Department of Religions, University of Ilorin, Prof. Abubakar Aliagan, Prof. Williams Omotoye, Prof. Ahmad Shehu Abdussalam, Prof. O.M Owolabi, the Dean Faculty of Arts, Ekiti State University; and the Director of Unilorin Health Services, Dr. Rasheed Odunola, among others.

Unilorin lecturer wins 2021 Ogun State Outstanding Young Woman of the Year Award

Idayat Hassan

Senior lecturer at the Department of Mass Communication, University of Ilorin, Dr. Kehinde Kadiri, has clinched the Outstanding Young Woman of the Year Award organised by the Ogun State chapter of the National Youth Council of Nigeria(NYCN).

Dr. Kadiri, who owns and heads an increasingly popular non-governmental Organisation named -The Grassroots Aid Initiative, has spearheaded series of rural development projects across the South Western and North Central regions of Nigeria.

Some of the projects include the

provision of borehole facilities for rural communities in five states, facilitation of scholarships and educational books and new shoes for indigent students as well as relief materials for deserving people with a record of over 30000 beneficiaries.

Dr. Kadiri, who bagged her doctoral degree from Universiti Utara in Malaysia, emerged the winner of the contest, which attracted the participation of several outstanding social workers including Mrs. Joke Akionsi and Mrs Sola Arobieke both of whom have equally contributed positively to the development of their respective communities.



Dr. Kadiri

Open Ph.D Thesis Defence .

S/NO	NAME	FACULTY /DEPARTMENT	TITLE	DATE & TIME	VENUE
1	AMIGUN, Azeezah Taiwo	Physical Science/Industrial Chemistry	Preparation and Characterization of Nitrogen-Sodium-iron-doped Titanium Oxide Nanop articles for the Photocatalytic Degradation of Organic Dyes in Aqueous Solution .	21 st December, 2021. 10:00 am	Faculty of Physical Science Board Room
2	OLASINDE, Fausat Temilola	Physical Sciences/Industrial Chemistry	Comparative Studies of the Purification of Some Nigerian Barite Ores Using Leaching and Flotation Processes	21 st December, 2021.1:30pm	Faculty of Physical Sciences Board Room

Focus on Dr. Bako, Ag. Dean, Faculty of Environmental Sciences

By Abubakar Imam

The Ag. Dean, Faculty of Environmental Sciences, University of Ilorin, Dr. Abdulateef Iyanda Bako, a renowned town planner, outstanding academic and exemplary administrator, was born in Ilorin, the headquarters of the present-day Ilorin West Local Government Area of Kwara State on January 13, 1965.

Dr. Bako assumed the office of the Dean of the Faculty of Environmental Sciences in June, 2020.

This veteran environmental technocrat began his elementary education at Barakat Primary School, Ilorin, from 1970 to 1976. He proceeded to the famous Mount Carmel College, Ilorin, where he was trained between 1976 and 1981 at the end of which he earned his West African School Certificate.

For his higher education, Dr. Bako attended the Kwara State College of Technology (now Kwara State Polytechnic), Ilorin, between 1982 and 1984 and from 1985 to 1987 from where he earned his Ordinary National Diploma and the Higher National Diploma in Town Planning, respectively.

He equally attended the famous Yaba College of Technology, Lagos, in 1993 at the end of which he earned Postgraduate Professional Diploma in Town and Regional Planning.

As an unrelenting professional, Dr. Bako studied for and received his Master's degree in Urban and Regional Planning (M.U.R.P) from the University of Ibadan in 2000. He also earned his Master of Business Administration (Executive) from the Ladoke Akintola University of Technology, Ogbomosho, in 2002.

Following his determination to attain the pinnacle in his callings as a town planner and academic, Dr. Bako did not rest on his oars. He weathered the storm and eventually crowned his academic laurels with a doctorate degree, which he earned in Urban and Regional Planning from the Federal University of Technology, Akure, in 2012.

In order to have the basic first degree, Dr. Bako proceeded to the National Open University of Nigeria (NOUN) from where he received his Bachelor's degree in Environmental Science and Resource Management in 2016.

This exciting academic had earlier commenced his exciting working career as an NYSC Planning Officer in the Estate Department of the 82nd Division of the Nigerian Army, Enugu. He offered his mandatory youth service programme at the renowned military



■ Dr. Bako

formation between 1988 and 1989.

He, thereafter joined the services of the Federal Housing Authority (FHA), Lagos, where he worked as a Town Planning Officer between 1989 and 1992. He also worked as a Project Manager with Diel Yusuf Associates from 1995 to 2000. He as well served as a Principal Partner at ALIB Group between 1998 and 2013.

As a brilliant professional, Dr. Bako joined the services of the Lagos State Polytechnic, Surulere as a Lecturer III at its Department of Urban and Regional Planning where he served between 2001 and 2004. He was also an Associate Lecturer at the Department of Urban and Regional Planning, Federal University of Technology, Akure, from 2010 to 2013.

In 2013, Dr. Bako joined the services of the University of Ilorin as a Lecturer I at the institution's Department of Urban and Regional Planning. He was promoted to the rank of Senior Lecturer in 2016.

Following his exemplary diligence and infectious integrity, which he displayed in the discharge of his core duties of teaching, research and community services, Dr. Bako was deservedly elevated to the rank of an Associate Professor by the authorities of the University of Ilorin in October 2019.

Aside teaching and research, Dr. Bako has equally served the University of Ilorin in various administrative capacities. He was a Level Adviser to undergraduate students between 2013 and 2016. He also served as the Chairman, Committee on Examination Misconduct, Faculty of Environmental Sciences from 2013 to 2016.

Dr. Bako also served as a Member of the University Ethics Committee from 2014 to 2016 and the representative of the Faculty of Environmental Sciences on the Business Committee of the Senate, Postgraduate School, Board of Preliminary

Studies and the Faculty of Arts Board of Examiners, to mention a few.

He was also the Faculty of Environmental Sciences representative on the University's Committee on Examination, Scholarship and Prize as well as the Coordinator, Faculty of Environmental Sciences Seminar Series both between 2014 and 2016.

He was the Sub-Dean, Faculty of Environmental Sciences from 2014 to 2016 and a Member of the Faculty Journal Committee in 2016. He equally served as the Ag. Head, Department of Urban and Regional Planning from 2016 to 2018.

Dr. Bako is a well-published academic. He has no fewer than 30 scientific articles singlehandedly or jointly authored published in respected local, national and international journals. He has also attended several conferences, workshops and seminars which broadened his academic, administrative and professional exposures.

As a respected scholar and professional, Dr. Bako belongs to several professional organisations. These include Town Planners Registration Council of Nigeria and the Nigerian Institute of Town Planners, to mention a few.

Dr. Bako, who teaches 18 different undergraduate and postgraduate courses at his Department as well as at the Department of Architecture, has also supervised innumerable projects and theses at undergraduate and postgraduate levels. He has equally served as an External Examiner to several institutions of higher learning within Nigeria as he has consulted for not a few private and public organisations.

Despite his tight official schedules, Dr. Bako is quite religious. He is also a football enthusiast who still finds time to play the game of soccer to keep fit. He is also a Member of many sociocultural organisations such as Ilorin Emirate Descendants Progressive Union (IEDPU), Ilorin Emirate Staff Association, University of Ilorin (IESA), Pakata Area Development Association (PADA) and the "Pakata Patriots", Ilorin (PPI). It is through these organisations and several others that he offered his contributions to the development of his community and humanity. He is, in fact, the Chairman of the PADA Police Building Project Committee, which is currently working on the construction of a Divisional Police Headquarters that would cover the Ubandawaki Ward of Ilorin West Local Government Area when completed.

This great don, who is very humble, hardworking, generous and fraternal, is married and blessed with promising children.

**UNILORIN WEEKLY FINANCIAL DIGEST****FUND SOURCES AND UTILIZATION REPORT FROM 9TH TO 16TH DECEMBER 2021.**

RECEIPTS	AMOUNT
Academic Transcript	319,000.00
Sundry other Income	41,605,650.00
Dental Clinic Charges	81,938.75
Income from Diagnostic Centre	70,702.50
Fitness Centre	2,000.00
Clinic Registration	500.00
Refund	155,000.00
Student I.D. Card	3,000.00
Staff I.D. Card	1,000.00
Sundry & other Student Charges	9,950,500.00
Tender Fees	5,000.00
Income from Verification/Screening	30,000.00
Capitation –NHIS	13,500.00
Rent on University Property	10,000.00
Utility Income	20,800.00
Undergraduate Post UTME Registration	1,778,695.00
Undergraduate Convocation Charges	232,850.00
Undergraduate Transfer Charges	15,150.00
Undergraduate School Charges	34,450.00
Undergraduate Add & Drop Payment	825,700.00
Postgraduate School Charges	200,600.00
Postgraduate School Add/Drop Payment	118,450.00
Postgraduate School General Payment	395,600.00
Postgraduate School Convocation Charges	64,350.00
Ilorin Business School Acceptance fee	141,050.00
Ilorin Business School Charges	4,850,750.00
Ilorin Business School Application Form	25,150.00
Ilorin Business School Add/Drop Payment	5,750.00
Institute of Education Acceptance Fee	401,700.00
Remedial Application	1,318,050.00
JUPEB Application Form	729,350.00
JUPEB Acceptance	322,400.00
JUPEB General Payment	30,150.00
JUPEB Hostel Accommodation	512,550.00
JUPEB School Charges	2,757,850.00
Total of Fund Sources for the Period	₦67,029,186.25
FUNDS UTILIZATION:	
PAYMENT TO CONTRACTORS/SUPPLIERS :	
Hollyola Facility Service Supply of Branded Towel	4,259,687.50
2 Dove Global Services Ltd Renovation of Central Research Laboratory	1,338,315.73
Nwayim Ltd Construction of Toilet	1,700,029.20
Edgehood Nig Ltd Renovation of Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences	1,915,255.20
Blessing Fumigation and Pest Control Ventures Maintenance of College Environment	200,000.00
PGC Cleaners and Merchants Waste Collections	35,000.00
Qboysb Global Resources Ltd Refurbishing and Upgrading of Green House.	4,983,749.99
Luke Gbenle Jolayemi Nig Ltd Replacement of Faculty 6 RMUS	240,187.50
G Pinacle Suites Ltd Accommodation and Feeding of University Guests.	266,020.00
Ever Phoenix Guest House Accommodation and Feeding of University Guests.	213,263.00
JOE Exclusive Image Centre Supply of Improved Illumination	1,883,400.00
Mudpha International Coy Ltd Supply of Water Treatment Chemical	9,990,000.00
Omega Superglobal Trading Services Supply of Chemical and Items for Chemistry Practicals.	751,033.00
Electronic Test Coy Ltd Conduct of First Semester Examination	7,067,400.00
Monartech Computer Technology Supply of Lumens Projector	249,500.00
Rahama Civil Works Nig Ltd Construction of call box culvert	4,661,904.12
Goke Adeoye Enterprises Supply of Stationery	188,000.00
DHL International Nig Ltd Courier Services	17,124.75
Afribased Projects Ltd Construction of Exhibition hall for Ilorin Studies CBN TETFUND	28,315,146.86
Tugan Kaswa Nig Ltd Renovation of Faculty of Social Sciences Classroom CBN TETFUND.	3,559,522.80
Rasimtooh Nig Ltd Re-Roofing of Performing Art Theatre CBN TETFUND	4,358,844.92
Maskon and Brothers Nig Ltd Supply of Ox Fans	460,000.00
Ayosco-Jasper Enterprises Supply of Air Conditioners	2,042,500.00
Bamikole Jacob Oyekanmi Construction of Blochwall Drainage	359,485.91
OTHER PAYMENTS:	
Various i.e DTA, Imprest, Refund e.t.c	30,288,007.74
Purchase Advance Various	13,475,950.00
Research Lodge Accommodation and Feeding	2,080,000.00
Training Programme Learned Conference	1,602,664.95
Unilorin Press Bulletin and Invitation Cards Printing	1,777,280.00
Unilorin Water Refilling of Dispenser Water	15,600.00
Unilorin Guest House Accommodation and Feeding	1,200,210.00
Unilorin Petrol Station Supply of Diesel and PMS	1,604,275.00
Research Lodge Accommodation and Feeding	720,500.00
Zakariyya Olayinka Sikiru CBN TETFUND Staff Development Awards	1,500,000.00
Students Union Disbursement for Production of Branded Mufflers	13,455,400.00
Non Teaching Staff Earned Allowance	217,848,095.50
ASUU Academic Earned Allowance	507,131,760.40
Nigerian Legion Salary November 2021	210,000.00
Unilorin Convocation Convocation Expenses	4,169,000.00
Total TSA Charges Charges for Transaction	357,292.50
Total Payments for the Period	₦876,491,406.57

Signed
O. H. Sonde FCA
Bursar



Happy Birthday

S/N	Name	Department	Birthday
1	Adewara, Mary Lola	Unilorin Staff School	Dec 19
2	Ibitoye, Olufemi Simeon	Security Division	Dec 19
3	Ogunkolo, Akinyele Solomon	Unilorin Zoo	Dec 19
4	Adejumo, Adebawale Olushola	Statistics	Dec 19
5	Aliyu, Abdulwahid Adebisi	Arabic	Dec 19
6	Abdulasaq, Oazeem Onaolapo	Health Promotion & Environmental Health Edu	Dec 19
7	Abdulaziz, Isiaka	Social Science Education	Dec 19
8	Samuel, Sunday	Works: Works/Maintenance Office	Dec 20
9	Anifowose, Kuburat Ayo	Registry	Dec 20
10	Ige, Olusegun Omoniyi	Geology & Mineral Sciences	Dec 20
11	Bamidele, Titilope Rotimi	Registry	Dec 20
12	Olota, Oluwayomi Omotayo	Business Administration	Dec 20
13	Jatto, Abdulmajeeed Adewale	Marketing	Dec 20
14	Jimoh, Ganiyu	Works: Works/ Maintenance Office	Dec 20
15	Sidiq, Ahmed Rufai	Registry	Dec 20
16	Kayode, Sadiq Toyin	Adult & Primary Education	Dec 20
17	Adekeye, Joseph Dele	Registry	Dec 20
18	Falase, Mose Damilola	Health Services	Dec 20
19	Busari, Bola Yemisi	Zoology	Dec 20
20	Oseni, Muinat Bola	Registry	Dec 20
21	Rahaman, Oluwatoyin	Arabic	Dec 20
22	Omosewo, Esther Ore	Science Education	Dec 21
23	Kamaldeen, Sidikat Arinola	Library	Dec 21
24	Olorunyomi, Ibikunle James	Bursary	Dec 21
25	Olorunshola, Isaac Dayo	Veterinary Microbiology	Dec 21
26	Imam, Ibrahim	Public Law	Dec 22
27	Abdulkadir, Bolaji Abdulkadir	Public Law	Dec 22
28	Saliu, Hassan Ajisafe	Political Science	Dec 22
29	Alabi, Sulymon Abiodun	Oto-Rhino-Laryngology	Dec 22
30	Eletta, Omolede Abiodun	Chemical Engineering	Dec 22
31	Yusuf, Dauda Gambari	Religions	Dec 22
32	Daramola, Dorcas Sola	Social Science Education	Dec 22
33	Sanni, Abdulkareem Kunle	Registry	Dec 22
34	Adegoke, Mary Chisom	Registry	Dec 22
35	Issa, Salami Bolanle	Surveying & Geo-Informatics	Dec 22
36	Opawoye, Florence Olufemi	Bursary	Dec 22
37	Yusuf, Mohammed kabir Babatunde	Bursary	Dec 23
38	Mustapha, Muinat Omolade	Registry	Dec 23
39	Aderibigbe, Adebisi Bunmi	Surgery	Dec 23
40	Amusa, Tajudeen Okeunle	Forest Resources Management	Dec 23
41	Oyige, Masud Ibrahim	Arts Education	Dec 23
42	Sidiq, Kabir	Technical & Entrepreneurship Centre	Dec 23
43	Akaje, Ameen Asmau	Registry	Dec 23
44	Odetokun, Ismail Ayode	Veterinary Public Health & Preventive Medicine	Dec 23
45	Ojuolape, Adebayo Mohammed	Economics	Dec 23
46	Salihu, Nafisat Titilayo	Library	Dec 23
47	Awotungase, Patience Ileekupe	Registry	Dec 23
48	Gbadeyan, Jacob Abiodun	Mathematics	Dec 24
49	Bamisaieye, Samuel Sunday	Security Division	Dec 24
50	Akinola, Oluwakemi Agnes	Registry	Dec 24
51	Olaleye, Olubunmi Abiodun	Registry	Dec 24
52	Onizorabi, Funnmilayo Christiana	Health Services	Dec 24
53	Okunloye, Rotimi William	Social Science Education	Dec 24
54	Akpata, Bilikisu Aina	Registry	Dec 24
55	Akanbi, Khairat Oluwakemi	Business Law	Dec 24
56	Abdulrahman, Musbau Dogo	Information & Communication Science	Dec 24
57	Tanimu, Hassan Adalkhali	Architecture	Dec 24
58	Aliyu, Abdulmalik	Pharm. Microbiology	Dec 24
60	Abdulraheem, Kuburat Nike	Registry	Dec 24
61	Ameen, Abdullateef	Public Administration	Dec 24
62	Ogbonna, Lovina	Registry	Dec 24
63	Folorunsho, Rose Adesola	Registry	Dec 24
64	Ajetunmbi, Tajudeen	Registry	Dec 24
65	Etudaiye, Muhtar Adeiza	Jurisprud. & Interna. Law	Dec 24
66	Babatunde, Yusuf Olawale	Civil Engineering	Dec 24
67	Ogunlare, Funmi Alice	Unilorin Zoo	Dec 25
68	Oluyide, Victoria Oloranti	Registry	Dec 25
69	Sadiku, Hammed Akani	Unilorin Zoo	Dec 25
70	Adedoyin, Theophilus	Works: Parks & Gardens	Dec 25
71	Alabi, Sunday	Works: Parks & Gardens	Dec 25
72	Omowonuola, Agnes	Works: Parks & Gardens	Dec 25
73	Oyeyiola, Mary	Works: Parks & Gardens	Dec 25
74	Williams, Sanusi	Works: Parks & Gardens	Dec 25
75	Amao, Julius Abiodun	Works: Mechanical	Dec 25
76	Ayeni, Timothy	Works: Works/ Maintenance Office	Dec 25
77	Ibrahim, Lamidi	Security Division	Dec 25
78	Saidu, Adelodun	Security Division	Dec 25
79	Adoga, Michael	Security Division	Dec 25
80	Ogunlade, Funmi Alice	Security Division	Dec 25
81	Amuda, Yisa	Security Division	Dec 25
82	Audu, Saka	Security Division	Dec 25
83	Jaiyeola, Sunday	Security Division	Dec 25
84	Lukman, Umar	Security Division	Dec 25
85	Musa, Saliu	Security Division	Dec 25
86	Mustapha, Saidat Ajoke	Security Division	Dec 25
87	Raheem, Toyin	Security Division	Dec 25
88	Suleiman, Ishola	Security Division	Dec 25
89	Usman, Yisa	Security Division	Dec 25
90	Williams, Friday Ige	Security Division	Dec 25
91	Zubair, Hussein Taiwo	Registry	Dec 25
92	Amao, Samuel	Security Division	Dec 25
93	Jimoh, Fatimoh Salah	Security Division	Dec 25
94	Raheem, Salimon	Security Division	Dec 25
95	Balogun, Ismaila	Security Division	Dec 25
96	Waheed, Azeez	Security Division	Dec 25
97	Sa'adu, Bilikisu Akanke	Registry	Dec 25
98	Oloruntoba, Felix	Works: Works/ Maintenance Office	Dec 25
99	Durosaro, Irene Abiodun	Counsellor Education	Dec 25
100	Komolafe, Deji	Religions	Dec 25
101	Oniyide, Oladimeji	Electrical & Electronics Engineering	Dec 25
102	Agboola, Eunice Omolara	Registry	Dec 25
103	Adisa, Salau	Security Division	Dec 25
104	Abdullahi, Onimisi Ekuh	Social Science Education	Dec 25
105	Yusuf, Ozohura Ayisat	Registry	Dec 25
106	Akanbi, Memudu D.	Security Division	Dec 25
107	Afolayan, Abiodun Enoch olakojo	Pathology	Dec 25
108	Gideon, Rufus Rotimi	Security Division	Dec 25
109	Onolere, Oduwayo Josephine	Veterinary Teaching Hospital	Dec 25
110	Olanrewaju, Ganiyu Toyin	Behavioural Sciences	Dec 25
111	Arowosaiye, Tajudeen Yusuf	Works: Works/ Maintenance Office	Dec 25
112	Wahab, Kazeem	Registry	Dec 25
113	Ogunbayo, Olubisi Odunola	Registry	Dec 25
114	Olaniyi, Abiodun Jubril	Arts Education	Dec 25
115	James, Oduwayo Abigail	Registry	Dec 25
116	Onigesha, Ojo Joseph	Works: Mechanical	Dec 25
117	Olateju, Mukaila Ademola	Central Admin: Office	Dec 25
118	Eseyin, Idowu	Security Division	Dec 25
119	Ali, Raufu Ademola y.	Security Division	Dec 25
120	Akerele, Benjamin B.	Security Division	Dec 25
121	Apeh, Samuel	Security Division	Dec 25
122	Arosanyin, T.	Security Division	Dec 25
123	Ojo, Rhoda Bimbola	Registry	Dec 25
124	Balogun, Tunde	Central Admin: Office	Dec 25
125	Felix, Attah	Registry	Dec 25

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

- The Vice-Chancellor of the Kwara State University (Kwasu), Malete, Prof. Mohammed Mustapha Akanbi, SAN, has said that the current Registrar and Chief Executive of JAMB, Prof. Ishaq Olarewaju Oloyede, OFR, started Post-UTME Test at the University of Ilorin when it was discovered that JAMB result was not effective enough in determining the eligibility of candidates for admission into the institution, adding that JAMB has, however, improved considerably since he took over its leadership. ("NUC should make it mandatory for students to reside on campus -Kwasu VC) , *Daily Trust*, Saturday, December 11,2021,p.28)
- The management of the University of Ilorin has banned some categories of vehicles on the campus of the institution with effect from Monday, December 13, 2021, ("UNILORIN bans tinted , unregistered vehicles,learner drivers on campus, <https://dailypost.ng>, "See also , "Unilorin bans unregistered vehicles on campus", *The Herald*, Wednesday, December 15,2021,p.9,"UNILORIN bans unregistered vehicles from campuses" , *Blueprint*, Wednesday, December 15,2021,p.13)
- While delivering the 112th in the series of the University of Ilorin's inaugural lecture, a Professor of Morbid Anatomy and Histopathology at the University, Enoch Olakajo Afolayan, has confirmed that a cancer victim may not necessarily be on the death throes if experts advice are strictly followed.
("UNILORIN Don Raises Hope on Cancer Patients Survival",<https://midiandpost.ng>)
- An alumnus of the University of Ilorin and Executive Director of Brain Builders Youth Development Initiative (BBYDI), Olasunpo Abideen, has been honoured at the fifth Gani Fawehinmi Impact and Integrity award.
("Unilorin Alumnus receives Gani Fawehinmi integrity award" , *The Herald*, Wednesday, December 15,2021,p.18)
- A freelance journalist, who wrote from the University of Ilorin, Jimoh Abdullahi, has opined that the only meaningful way through which youths can be attracted into agriculture is by mechanisation and adoption of technological appliances, as practised in the advanced world.
("Towards agribusiness fortune" , *Blueprint*, Tuesday, December 15 ,2021,p 11)
- The Kwara State Governor, Mallam AbdulRahman AbdulRazaq ,has commended a former Deputy Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Luke Ekundayo Edungbola, for his pioneering works in the eradication of guinea worm disease in Nigeria.
(" We don't forget any part of Kwara in dev't agenda : Abdulrazaq ***Hails Emeritus Prof Edungbola pioneering works ,<http://the.reflection.com.ng>)

Geography honours two retired dons, celebrates two others

By Adebukola Adedeji

Penultimate Wednesday(December 8,2021) was a great day in the recent annals of the Department of

Geography and Environmental Management,University of Ilorin, as it rolled out the drums in celebration of the contributions of four of its staff two of whom retired from the services of the

University.

Those honoured at the event,which held at the Boardroom of the Faculty of Social Sciences, were Prof. Adebisi Funsho Adedayo, Prof. H. I.Jimoh, Dr. Comfort Ogunleye Adetona, and Dr. G. P. Afolayan.

In her welcome address, the Ag. Head of the Department, Dr. Afolabi M. Tunde, acknowledged the investments made by Prof. Adedayo and Dr. Afolayan who retired after attaining the mandatory age of retirement as well as Prof. Jimoh and Dr. Adetona who are still in active service.

Dr. Tunde recalled that over the years,particularly during her undergraduate days, he witnessed the passion the scholars put into teaching and research,which impact on their students.

The Head of the Department said the honourees have raised, supervised, shaped and taken delivery of many destinies that are today making waves across all the strata of human endeavors around the world and the joy that comes from hearing from the erstwhile students who are now all over the world must be very satisfying to them.

She added that their contributions were also felt beyond the University as their works were often cited by numerous researchers across the world,stressing that they have simply etched their footprints in the sand of time.

The highlight of the event was the presentation of a book in honor of Prof. Adebisi Funsho Adedayo titled "Perspectives In Regional Development in Nigeria"

The ceremony was graced by colleagues, friends and students of the honourees who also poured encomiums on them.



GLORIOUS HOME CALL
29TH MAY 1956 - 9TH DEC 2021

With gratitude to God for a life well spent, we the entire family of Owolabi and Buremoh announce the passing unto glory of our dearly beloved Wife, Mother, Aunty, Sister and Grandmother.

DR. ELIZABETH FOLAKE OWOLABI (NEE BUREMOKH)

BURIAL ARRANGEMENTS
CHRISTIAN WAKE
TUES 21ST, DEC 2021 | 4:30PM
At her residence
Kilanko Road, Ero Omo, Offa Garage, Ilorin.

BURIAL & THANKSGIVING
WEDS 22ND, DEC 2021 | 10AM
Antioch Baptist Church, Kilanko Road, Ero Omo, Offa Garage, Ilorin.

INTERMENT At her residence

MAY HER GENTLE SOUL REST IN PERFECT PEACE

AGED 65 Years

The BIG STORY

Abdulkareem sends Christmas greetings, urges peace, love

By Abubakar Imam

As the global community prepares for this year's Christmas festivities, the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Sulyman Age Abdulkareem, has urged Nigerians, particularly Christians, to emulate the exemplary dispositions of Jesus Christ in their daily life as he urged all to work towards ensuring that love, peace and justice prevail at all times.

Prof. Abdulkareem gave this advice in a congratulatory message sent to members of the University's Christian community and the nation at large on the occasion of this year's Christmas celebration.

In a statement signed on his behalf by the institution's Director of Corporate Affairs, Mr. Kunle Akogun, the Vice-Chancellor described Christmas as a moment of greatness and a time for deep reflections considering the birth, life and position of Jesus Christ, which the ceremony symbolises.

The Vice-Chancellor said that it was very important for Nigerians, not minding their religious, social, political and economic inclinations, to emulate the sterling virtues of honesty, integrity, devotion, sacrifice and civility epitomised by Jesus Christ, which turned him into an object of veneration among billions of people across cultures over the last two thousands years.

He added that the life of Jesus had shown that it was not the number of years spent on a mission that mattered but the quality of time, energy and devotion applied to it, saying that the earthly greatness of Jesus was demonstrated beyond debate in a period slightly above



■ *The representative of the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Omotosho (right), conducting Christmas songs at the University 2021 Christmas Carol held at the Main Auditorium*

three decades.

Prof. Abdulkareem noted that if Nigerians exhibit the attitude of Jesus in our daily lives most of, if not all, the problems currently facing the country would become a thing of the past.

He called on Nigerians to eschew bitterness but should rather see one another as brothers and sisters and not as enemies who must be on perpetual vengeance mission against one another.

The award-winning Professor of Chemical Engineering called on those who are perpetuating varied acts of criminality across the country to have a change of heart, saying that since there is no form of medal for trouble-makers it was high time they joined hands with well-meaning Nigerians towards building a virile nation worthy of being bequeathed to the incoming generations.

The Vice-Chancellor urged Nigerians not to be disillusioned with the contemporary situations but be courageous, work harder and prayerful so that the nation would regain its lost glory.

Prof. Abdulkareem, who is also the Chairman of the Committee of Vice-Chancellors of Nigerian Universities (CVNU), said that his administration remained committed to the promotion of the well-being and welfare of not just the staff but also students of the University in order to achieve its corporate objectives.

The Vice-Chancellor also assured stakeholders, particularly parents and guardians that the institution would remain a shining example among its peers within and outside Nigeria. He promised that as we approached the New Year, everything worth doing shall be done to ensure that the University does not only discharge its duties effectively but would also strive to remain the most sought-after in Nigeria.

“On behalf of the Chancellor, Pro-Chancellor, the University's Governing Council and Senate, I sincerely wish members of the University community and humanity at large merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year in advance”, Prof. Abdulkareem concluded.