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■ The National President of APROCON, Prof. Ekundayo Ocholi (right), presenting an Award to the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Egbewole, at the conference



■ The representative of the Minister, Dr Andrew Ali

At 5th APROCON conference, Adamu tasks Counsellors on best practices

By Mustafa Abubakar

The Minister of Education, Mallam Adamu Adamu, has urged members of the Association of Professional Counsellors in Nigeria (APROCON) to set their operations in line with international best practices to strengthen the body's efforts in the country's schools' system.

Mallam Adamu gave the advice last Tuesday (November 15, 2022) in his message to the 5th Annual International Conference of APROCON, tagged "Kwara 2022", and entitled "Counselling

for National Rebirth, Behavioural Transformation and Attitudinal Change", held at the Main Auditorium of the University of Ilorin.

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WORDS ON MARBLE

As fine feathers make fine birds and great people make great universities, the University of Ilorin can be the best. All that I solicit is your cooperation and prayers.

--Prof. Wahab Egbewole, SAN, VC, UNILORIN

UNILORIN 'll always welcome collaborations -- Egbewole

By Abubakar Imam

The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has restated the University's preparedness to welcome collaborations from members of the public, particularly the people of the institution's host community, towards

ensuring quality service delivery.

Prof. Egbewole stated this penultimate Saturday (November 12, 2022) at the public presentation of a book, "History of Ilorin Emirs", an English translation of "Ta'lif Akbarul Qurun of Sheikh Ahmad Abubakar Omo-Ikokoro which held at the University Auditorium.

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217th Inaugural Lecture: Aweda canvasses closer varsity-industry ties



■ Prof. Aweda

By Abubakar Imam

Professor of Mechanical Engineering at the University of Ilorin, Jacob Olayiwola Aweda, has called for closer collaborations between the nation's universities and industries to ensure a greater economic development.

Prof. Aweda made the call last Thursday (November 17, 2022) while delivering the 217th inaugural lecture of the University, entitled "Engineering Technology and Technology of Manipulation of Process Parameters".

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Play your part, Egbewole urges Unilorites ...as friends, colleagues eulogise VC

By Abubakar Imam

The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has appealed to staff members of the University to support him and his administration by ensuring that they discharge their responsibilities as dutifully and as diligently as possible.

Prof. Egbewole made the call penultimate Sunday (November 13, 2022) in his remarks at a reception organised in his honour by his Department of Jurisprudence and International Law colleagues at the University's Dam Site.

The Vice Chancellor stressed the need for every staff to ensure that they do their best for his administration to succeed as envisaged by the overwhelming members of the University community and its external stakeholders.

He added that "if everyone cleans his own corner in the University nowhere would be dirty".

Prof. Egbewole thanked the leadership and staff of the Department of Jurisprudence and International Law for honouring him with the event, promising that he would not fail them.

Welcoming the Vice Chancellor and other guests to the event, a Senior Advocate of Nigeria (SAN), Prof. Kayode Olatoke, described Prof. Egbewole as a father of all at the Department of Jurisprudence and international Law.

Prof. Olatoke, who is the first Senior Advocate of Nigeria produced by the University of Ilorin, added that the Vice Chancellor is someone who always shows interest in not just the career progression of staff members of the Department but also concerned himself with their welfare and that of their family members.

Also speaking, the Dean of the Faculty of Law, University of Ilorin, Prof. Hakeem Ijaiya, praised Prof. Egbewole for all he has contributed to the growth of the Faculty over the years.

He added that Prof. Egbewole's tenure as the Ag. Dean of the Faculty was quite eventful and that his contributions accounted for the current enviable status of the Faculty.

In his comments, a former Dean,



The Vice Chancellor, Prof. Egbewole (6th left), with members of the Department of Jurisprudence and International Law at the event

Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, University of Ilorin, Prof. Salami, said that the University is lucky to have Prof. Egbewole as its Vice Chancellor at this point in time.

On his part, a former Dean of the Faculty of Arts, University of Ilorin, Prof. AbdulRasheed Abiodun Adeoye, urged staff and students of the University to support the new Vice Chancellor for him to succeed.

Also speaking, an Ilorin-based legal practitioner, Alhaji Adebayo Adedolun, SAN, said that as someone who had worked closely with Prof. Egbewole, he could say that the new Vice Chancellor is an individual who is imbued with every attribute needed to be great in life.

Also in his tribute, Mr Mansur Adeleke Alfaola, a Deputy Registrar and member of the University Governing Council, extolled the virtues of Prof. Egbewole, saying that his paths crossed those of the Vice Chancellor as his student and a colleague in labour activism and on the institution's Governing Council. He said that while he was the Chairman of the University's Chapter of the Senior Staff Association of Nigerian Universities (SSANU), the Vice Chancellor was the Chairman of the Academic Staff Union of Universities (ASUU).

On his part, Prof. Kayode Ibrahim of the Faculty of Law, University of Ilorin, expressed his conviction that the Vice Chancellor would succeed, saying that a man who always put others into consideration

would always excel in whatever he does.

In a chat with UNILORIN BULLETIN on the sideline of the programme, one of the organisers, Prof. Nimah Dupe AbdulRaheem, thanked all those who honoured the Department's invitation to the event. She assured all that the Vice Chancellor has all it takes to succeed and would succeed beyond expectations as she expressed the conviction that the Department would also invite all those who graced the event and others to celebrate an eventful tenure of Prof. Egbewole when he rounds off in five years' time.

The event was graced by dignitaries from far and near including Justice Tunde Garba, Justice Adebayo Yusuf, and the Pro-Chancellor and Chairman, Governing Council, Osun State University, Osogbo, Mallam Yusuf Olaolu Ali, SAN, as well as the spouse of the Vice Chancellor, Mrs Muyibat Egbewole.

Also in attendance were Prof. Ibrahim Imam and Prof. Lukman Ayinla both of the Faculty of Law, University of Ilorin; the Director, Corporate Affairs, University of Ilorin, Mr Kunle Akogun, the Deputy Registrar, Vice Chancellor's Office, Mrs Beatrice Ishola; and the Station Manager, UNILORIN 89.3 FM, Mr Idris Akintola Ibrahim (Alooma), among others.

Buhari delivers 218th Inaugural Lecture

The Vice Chancellor, University of Ilorin, Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, invites members of the University of Ilorin community and the general public to the Two hundred and eighteenth (218th) Inaugural Lecture of the University scheduled as follows:

Lecturer: Professor Mikhail Olayinka Buhari MBBS (Ilorin), FWACP (Lab Med), Cert. Health Plann & Mgt (Ilorin), MBA (Ilorin), MNIM

Department of Pathology, Faculty of Basic Clinical Sciences, University of Ilorin, Ilorin.

Topic: "The Doctors' Doctor: Weighing Clinical and Morphological Evidence to Make Life-

Changing Decisions"

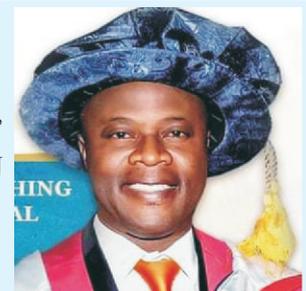
Date: Thursday, 24th November, 2022

Time: 2.00 p.m.

Venue: University Auditorium, Main Campus, University of Ilorin.

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

Signed
Dr Fola M. Olowoleni
Registrar



Prof. Buhari



■ *The Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Egbewole (middle) with some members of staff of the University's Lagos Liaison Office during his visit to Lagos last Tuesday*

At 5th APROCON conference, Adamu tasks Counsellors on best practices (Contd. from front page)

The Minister, who was represented at the event by Dr Apeh Andrew Ali of the Department of School Services, Federal Ministry of Education, described the theme of the conference as apt and urged them to implement the national policy on counselling in order to fill in the gaps in the school system.

Mallam Adamu pointed out that the Conference has come at a better time than now as traits of people are concerned about the breakdown in the moral development of youths and young adult leading to increase in social vices, such as delinquency, violence and substance abuse etc, continued to climb among the adolescents in the country.

The Minister stressed further that his Ministry has intensified efforts by embarking on initiatives and interventions aimed at reducing the high incidences of anti-social behaviours.

Mallam Adamu disclosed that Nigeria is currently experiencing unprecedented challenges that are adversely affecting national development, citing the high rate of insecurity and intervention to lives and property occasioned by youth restiveness as the challenges

According to him, "Nigeria is currently experiencing challenges that are adversely affecting national development. One of these challenges to national development is the high rate of insecurity to lives occasioned by youth restiveness". He added that "the social phenomenon of youth restiveness in the country has been at the front-burner of political and academic discussions since the dawn of this current millennium".

The Minister, however, said that the Ministry of Education has ensured that schools' curricula have robust morals that reflect the needs of society at each point in time.

"We considered the issue of genders, religious and other forms of



■ *The Vice Chancellor (right) presenting Fellowship Certificate to Prof. Idowu at the conference*

discrimination as issues that require intervention through counsellors to instill the right values, principles and disciplines in children from all ages", he stressed.

Earlier in his address to declare the conference open, the Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, disclosed that tertiary institutions do not just issue certificates to students, but with the knowledge that you must be good in learning and in character.

Prof. Egbewole, however, lamented that universities in the country are frequently fighting cultism, sexual harassment, and drug use among others. He, therefore, charged the association to do more in the area of counselling the youth on reformation, adding that recommendation of the association should serve as template to be adopted for the reformation strategy of the country.

In her address, the National President of APROCON, Prof. Ekundayo Ocholi, called for urgent intervention across primary, secondary and tertiary institutions to promote national rebirth in Nigeria.

Prof. Ocholi observed that lack of

counselling in schools can result to systematic breakdown, adding that to avert this, the association will put in more effort to proffer solutions to the challenges in the society.

According to her, professional counsellors in every sector of the country are contributing in no small measure to the development and well being of the individuals and the society at large, particularly to the school system.

In his message, the Director General of the National Orientation Agency (NOA), Dr Garba Abari, expressed optimism that despite numerous challenges, there is still hope for the nation.

Dr Abari, who was represented by the NOA, Kwara State Director, Mr Olusegun Adeyemi, stated that with concerted efforts from all stakeholders especially APROCON, Nigeria will achieve national rebirth.

He observed that Nigeria must improve on efficiency and productivity in the public enterprise sector for economic rejuvenation.

Earlier in her welcome address, the Chairperson of the APROCON, Kwara Chapter, Dr Barakat Ibrahim, commended the University of Ilorin and the Kwara State Government for their hospitality and support in hosting the conference in the state.

Other speakers at the five-day conference included the Skill Trainer, Prof. Mary O. Esere of the University of Ilorin; Prof Maximus Sefotho of the University of Johannesburg, South Africa; Ambassador Dr Nimota N. Akanbi, Chairman NSSEC; Prof. Sotonade O.A.T. of Olabisi Onabanjo University, Ago-Iwoye; and Prof. Olajide A. Adekeye of the Covenant University, Ota, Ogun State, among others.

Highlights of the conference included the presentation of the Association's Fellowship and other awards to deserving members.

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■ **L - R: The representative of the Emir of Ilorin, Dr Abubakar-Jos; the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Egbewole; and the wife of the Kwara State Governor, Mrs Olufolake Abdulrazaq at the event**

The book translation, which was promoted by the Centre for Ilorin Studies, University of Ilorin, was worked on by the duo of Dr N. A. Arikewuyo of Al-Hikmah University, Ilorin; and Mr Idris Alao of the Faculty of Law, Fountain University, Osogbo.

The Vice Chancellor said that the University of Ilorin would always appreciate the support of intellectuals and philanthropists, noting that their support would go a long way in providing a significant support to the social advances the Centre for Ilorin Studies aims to deliver.

Prof. Egbewole added that "the University is available for the philanthropic contributions of all those who are willing to support us", saying that it is becoming clearer that the ambitions of the universities go beyond government's preparedness and capability to fund.

Speaking on the book, which is a translation of the original work authored 110 years ago in the city of Ilorin, the Vice Chancellor thanked all the surviving members of the Ikokoro family for the uncommon support extended to the University in the course of the work.

The Professor of Jurisprudence and International Law described the book as "an embodiment of historical events, which we endeavour to document as a way

of preserving the body of knowledge that makes Ilorin Emirate great in all ramifications".

The Vice Chancellor added that the University decided to embrace the work and organise its presentation to the public because "we saw the need not only to achieve the historical values in Sheikh Abubakar Omo-Ikokoro's literary and classic masterpiece but also make it accessible to a vast majority of people".

Prof. Egbewole assured that the book will "raise the awareness of people in and outside of Ilorin Emirate on its historical antecedents as it will add another feather to our radiant and flowery cap of scholarly endeavors as a University". He added that the presentation of the book could not have come at a better time than now when the entire Ilorin Emirate community is celebrating the 27th coronation anniversary of the Emir of Ilorin, Alhaji (Dr) Ibrahim Sulu-Gambari, CFR.

In his welcome address, the Director, Centre for Ilorin Studies, Prof. Oba Yusuf Abdulhamid, assured stakeholders that the Centre would continue to deepen public understanding of Ilorin Emirate with periodic programmes bothering on the promotion of the intellectual legacies of the University's host community.

Prof. Abdulhamid, who is a former Head of the Department of Business Law,

University of Ilorin, assured the authorities of the University that the Centre would bring in more revenue to the purse of the institution when its Gallery is fully furnished and more materials are collected and collated.

Reviewing the book, the Dean, Postgraduate School, Kwara State University, Malete, Prof. Hamzat Ishola AbdulRaheem, commended the translators for their efforts geared towards expanding the readership of the work of Sheikh Ikokoro, who he described as "a distinguished scholar, historian, poet, preacher and biographer".

Prof. AbdulRaheem, who is a former National Secretary of the Ilorin Emirate Descendants Progressive Union (IEDPU), encouraged others to take a cue from the duo by translating works of Ilorin authors written in Arabic into English Language for more people to be illuminated on the achievements of Ilorin Emirate in the field of scholarship, leadership and in other areas.

He said that the translation of those works would be of great services to interested members of the global community, which is showing more interests in the history and trends of development in Ilorin Emirate since its establishment.

The event, at which over N4 million was realised in pledges and cash donations, was presided over by the Ag. Grand Kadi of Kwara State, Justice Abdulateef Kamaldeen.

It attracted dignitaries from far and near including the Emir of Ilorin, Alhaji (Dr) Ibrahim Sulu-Gambari, CFR, who was represented by the Balogun Alanamu of Ilorin, Dr Uthman Atolagbe Abubakar-Jos; the wife of the Governor of Kwara State, Ambassador Olufolake AbdulRazaq; the Ciroma of Ilorin, Alhaji Abubakar Bature Sulu-Gambari, SAN; the National President, Ilorin Emirate Descendants Progressive Union (IEDPU), Alhaji Aliyu Otta Uthman, fsi; and the Turaki of Ilorin, Mallam Saliu Mustapha, who was represented by the Malami Ubandoma of Ilorin, Dr Abdulkadir Jumuah Salman, among others.

UNILORIN VTH gets new Director

By Tolu Jolayemi

The management of the University of Ilorin has appointed Prof. Ibrahim Adisa Raufu as the new Ag. Director of the institution's Veterinary Teaching Hospital (VTH).

Prof. Raufu who is a renowned veterinary practitioner takes over from Dr Olatunde B. Akanbi, whose tenure expired on November 13, 2022. He is the fourth Director of the VTH since its inception.

During the handing over ceremony Last Monday (November 14, 2022), the Dean of the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, Prof. Moshood Raji, congratulated Prof. Raufu on his appointment.

Prof. Raji described the new Director as a very hardworking individual who always aims for success and is never relentless.

He encouraged him to always continue the good service he has been rendering to the Veterinary profession as well as the University community as a whole.

In his remarks, the outgoing Director, Dr Akanbi thanked the Vice Chancellor for giving him the opportunity to serve the University, saying that the appointment gave him the strength to showcase his abilities.

Meanwhile, a former Vice Chancellor of the University and renowned Veterinary scholar, Prof. AbdulGaniyu

Ambali, has congratulated the new Director, describing his appointment as "well deserved."

The former Vice Chancellor, who pointed out that Prof. Raufu is a "workaholic", also congratulated all the staff of the VTH on the appointment of a new Director.

On his part, a former Dean of the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, Prof. S. F. Ambali, encouraged the new Director to continue to be a good ambassador of the University and to also ensure that all the organs of the VTH continues to function effectively.

In his own remarks, Prof Raufu said that he received the baton with joy while pledging to make his best possible efforts to move the affairs of the hospital forward.

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The renowned academic lamented that "there is little or no information sharing between the universities and industries operating in Nigeria regarding the running, maintenance and application of new technologies in the operations of many industries".

Prof. Aweda contended that for the country to develop as envisaged by all, the nation's industrial establishments must not toy with functional partnership between them and the various research centres and the universities, which are empowered to offer assistance to them in various ways.

He pointed out that it is also very important for the industries to support the running of academic programmes and award of grants to deserving students, saying that what comes to the universities from the industries is too little to help the cause of research and development.

Prof. Aweda bemoaned a situation where so many industries find it difficult to grant academics, researchers and students access to their premises while many others also ignore questions forwarded to them from the academia, which would have helped researchers in their investigations.

The foremost scholar also decried a situation where Nigerian industries depend largely on foreign materials and personnel, particularly

when those factors of production can be locally sourced. He added that the perpetuation of such tendencies would only deepen the nation's economic woes.

Prof. Aweda also enjoined stakeholders, particularly the

Federal Government, to ensure that the drive towards the institutionalisation of technical education right from primary school does not suffer relapse.

He lamented the discontinuation of the 6-3-3-4 system of education, which was initiated in 1983, saying that the policy is the best for a nation like Nigeria to grow and advance technologically.

Prof. Aweda insisted that Nigerian youths deserve to be exposed to a system of education that would encourage them to be self-reliant by inculcating in them better labour market skills and earning potentials instead of those that would depend on white collar jobs.

The Inaugural Lecturer appealed to the Federal Government to ensure that it offers adequate protection to



■ The 217th Inaugural Lecturer, Prof. Aweda (left) Presenting the Lecture notes to the representative of the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Okesina

entrepreneurs, particularly those operating Small Scale Enterprises (SME) against the domination of their products by imported goods and materials as he appealed to the government to also ensure that those entrepreneurs work with research centres and universities for mutual benefits.

Prof. Aweda commended the authorities of the University of Ilorin for establishing a Technical and Entrepreneurial Centre (TEC), saying that the activities and products of the Centre would encourage students towards entrepreneurship.

The lecture was attended by several dignitaries including colleagues, associates and students of the renowned Professor of Mechanical Engineering.

Management congratulates top UNILORIN scientists

By Mubarak Oladosu

The management of the University of Ilorin has congratulated its four scientists who are listed among the top two percent scientists in the world, by the Stanford University Ranking, for the years 2021 and 2022.

The congratulatory messages were conveyed through separate letters, dated November 10, 2022, to the frontline researchers.

Two of the scholars, Prof. K. J. Oyewumi of the Department of Physics, Faculty of Physical Sciences and Prof. M. T. Yakubu of the Department of Biochemistry, Faculty of Life Sciences were on both the 2021 and 2022 list while Dr A. G. Adeniyi and Dr Kazeem Adeyemi made the 2022 list.

The messages signed by the University Registrar, Dr Fola M. Olowoleni, on behalf of the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, described the

international recognition of the UNILORIN dons as a remarkable honour to the researchers and the University, adding that the achievements were "remarkable and rewards for the commitment and diligence of the scholars in their pursuit of the mission and vision of the University".

While speaking with **UNILORIN BULLETIN** on a phone from Abuja where he is attending an academic conference, one of the A list researchers, Dr Adeniyi of the Department of Chemical Engineering commended the Directorate of Corporate Affairs for its earlier reportage on the Stanford recognition and similar reportage on other intellectual feats in the University, noting that the efforts of the Directorate has been latched on by many online media which have often used the output of the Directorate as contents.

According to him, "the reports have not only encouraged us, it has encouraged others to also pursue excellence in Research and Development,

which is the culture of the University."

He also appreciated the University management for its encouragement, which facilitated the achievement of the feat.

In his appreciation of the congratulatory messages from the University management, Prof. Oyewumi, who is also the Dean of the Faculty of Physical Sciences, said, "It is my pleasure to profoundly appreciate the VC and the entire management for the due recognition of our little contribution to the scientific world. Our being recognized as part of top 2% global scientists by Stanford University is quite encouraging, motivating and elating for us".

Prof. Oyewumi added that "such recognition of scholastic output will be a strong motivation to all young and upcoming researchers in the system. Certainly, it will also impact positively on the ranking of our University".

.DSS to train UNILORIN security personnel

By Olusegun Mokuolu

The Department of State Services (DSS) will train the security personnel of the University of Ilorin to provide efficient security services.

The Director of the Kwara State Command of DSS, Mr Bashir Abubakar, stated this last Monday (November 14, 2022) when he received in his office, the University Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN and his management team when they visited him in his office.

Mr Abubakar, who was responding to an appeal by the Vice-Chancellor, noted that the security of the University campus is critical as it provides a conducive environment for the students to learn.

The DSS Director said, "Thanks for your hands of fellowship. The synergy between the two institutions is very important as the country cannot afford unrest or defectiveness in the education system at such a critical time in the nation's life."

Mr Abubakar pointed out that intelligence gathering towards a peaceful campus is essential, noting that the collaboration between the two institutions provides the DSS with strength and promised that essential intelligence needed for peaceful coexistence on the university's campuses would be provided.

He said, "We will be glad to train your security team. It will assist us in maintaining our presence in your institution without direct involvement. Please write to us to let us know the nature of intelligence you

need."

Earlier in his remarks, the Vice Chancellor stressed the importance of intelligence gathering and commended the DSS for the role it is playing in the security

architecture of the nation.

Prof. Egbewole also called for greater collaboration between the security outfit and the University.

In a related development, the Vice Chancell



Alafara elected MSTSN National President

By Idayat Hassan

A former Head of the Department of Industrial Chemistry, University of Ilorin, Prof. Baba Abdullahi Alafara, has been elected the National President of the Materials Science and Technology Society of Nigeria.

The election of Prof. Alafara was the highlight of the 21st Annual International Conference of the Society, which took place in Abuja last Thursday (November 17, 2022).

Aside Prof. Alafara, two other UNILORIN dons, Dr Adewale Adeniyi of the Department of Chemical Engineering; and an Associate Professor at the Department of Metallurgical Engineering, Dr Yusuf Shuaib-Babata, were also elected as Secretary General and Auditor, respectively.

Meanwhile, the Dean of the Faculty of Physical Sciences, Prof. Kayode Oyewumi, has congratulated the newly elected officials.

.Nigerian Army rates UNILORIN very high -- NAISSET Commandant

By Olusegun Mokuolu

The Commandant of the Nigerian Army Institute of Science, Education and Technology (NAISSET) Sobi Cantonment, Ilorin, Major General B. A. Tsoho, has said that the University of Ilorin is playing an important role in the capacity development of the Nigerian Army.

Major General Tsoho stated this last Tuesday (November 15, 2022) while receiving the Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, and the university's management team that visited him in his Sobi office.

The NAISSET boss noted that the

University of Ilorin provides the Nigerian Army with the needed educational requirements outside the regular Army training, adding that the University's Centre for Peace and Strategic Studies (CPSS) is a centre that makes the force proud.

Major General Tsoho, who holds a Ph.D from the University of Ilorin, reassured the Vice Chancellor of the Army's support and collaboration, saying that the defence institution welcomes collaborative requests from the University.

He congratulated the Vice Chancellor on his appointment, saying that God has helped Prof. Egbewole to reach the peak of all his chosen careers as a lawyer and an academic.

Earlier in his remarks, the Vice Chancellor thanked the NAISSET Commandant for receiving him and the University's management team.

Prof. Egbewole, who also congratulated several of the senior Army officers with Ph.D, called for the nurturing of the relationship between the two institutions.

He called on the Army to help train the University's cadets and other paramilitary groups on the campus.



■ Major General Tsoho presenting a souvenir to Prof. Egbewole during the visit

Be guided by your marital vows, VC charges couples

By *Abubakar Imam*

Couples, particularly young ones, have been reminded of the need to always be guided by their commitment to remain with one another as often vowed during courtship and wedding ceremonies for the society to remain stable and progressive.

This advice was given by the Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, penultimate Saturday (November 12, 2022) while speaking at the wedding reception of Zulaykha Omopupa Adedoyin and Hanifata Adedoyin, who are daughters of the University Librarian, Dr Kamal Tunde Omopupa.

Prof. Egbewole, who was the Chairman of the occasion held at the Multipurpose Hall, University of Ilorin, said that it was very important for the newly wedded couples to remember the love they professed for each other as he said that challenges are bound to occur but they must be surmounted with courage, faith and mutual respect for them to remain husbands and wives.

The Vice Chancellor urged the couples to always remember and put into practice the exhortations of the officiating Imams, saying that for as long as they internalise and put into practice the provisions of the Holy Quran and the practise of the Holy Prophet Muhammad (SAW) guiding the marriage institution, their unions would endure.

Prof. Egbewole also urged the new couples to be honest, transparent and faithful to their partners, saying that no marriage can endure without mutual understanding between the partners.



■ **The Vice Chancellor, Prof. Egbewole (right), with the brides' father, Dr Omopupa, at the wedding reception**

The Vice Chancellor congratulated the University Librarian and his relations for witnessing the marriage of their children, saying that the occasion is one of the most solemn and anticipated in the lives of dutiful parents.

In a chat with **UNILORIN BULLETIN** on the sidelines of the ceremony, the University Librarian, Dr Omopupa thanked Allah for the success of the event. He also thanked the Vice Chancellor and the entire staff of the University for honouring his invitation to the event.

Dr Omopupa, who was visibly delighted with the large turnout of guests from far and near, prayed Allah to grant all the well wishers the privilege of witnessing many gracious days of their children in sound

health. The event, which was preceded by the traditional Walimat Quran ceremony held at the ancestral home of the Omopupas in Ilorin, attracted friends and associates of the couples, their parents as well as dignitaries including a member of the Governing Council of the University of Ilorin, Mr Mansur Adeleke Alfanla; the University Bursar, Mr Hakeem Sonde; a former Dean, Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, University of Ilorin, Prof. Suleiman Funsho Ambali; a former Head, Department of Mass Communication, University of Ilorin, Dr. Kayode Mustapha Lambe; and the Deputy Director, Works, who doubles as the University's Estate Officer, Mr Sahid B. Baba, among others.

UNILORIN NAAT re-elects Awolola, 6 others for another term

By *Mustafa Abubakar*

The University of Ilorin Branch of the National Association of Academic Technologists (NAAT) has re-elected Dr Awolola Olufemi Paul of the Department of Anatomy as the Chairman of the Association for another term of four years.

Dr Awolola was re-elected alongside six other branch executive members last Tuesday (November 15, 2022) after unanimous votes by all members present at the epoch making event.

The election, which was supervised by the President of NAAT, Comrade Ibeji Nwokomma, represented by the National Treasurer of the Association, Mrs Rachael Hassan- Olajokun also have Comrade Dr Aboyeji Blessing Oyefunke of the Central Workshop as the Vice Chairman; Comrade Ndagi Mustapha of the Department of Mechanical Engineering as the Branch Secretary; Comrade Ayanlere Rukayat Tololope of the Department of Geology as the Assistant General Secretary; Comrade Adegboye A. Afolabi of the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine as the Financial



■ **Comrade Awolola (right) being congratulated by Mrs Hassan-Olujokun after his re-election**

Secretary; Comrade Mustapha Usman Kola of the Department of Mechanical engineering as the Treasury and Comrade Olaoye Reuben Olawale of the Department of Geology as Public Relations Officer (PRO).

Earlier in her remarks before the election, the representative of the NAAT President, who is also Deputy Technologist at

the Department of Medical Microbiology, Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife, appreciated the branch, stressing that it was amazing meeting this type of structure on ground.

In his acceptance speech, Comrade Awolola, who thanked all members for the support given him and his executive for the past four years, promised to do more.

He appreciated them for the confidence they have in him and his executive members by returning them unopposed for another four years, promising not to let them down.

Comrade Awolola said, "To the University management and fellow University Union, your show of brotherhood throughout the past four years is highly noticed and acknowledged. I hope that the relationship will continue. To the national body of NAAT, other branches in the state and outside the state, my members most especially, I say thank you, thank you and thank you".

Jawando seeks constitutional roles for traditional rulers

By *Mustafa Abubakar*
and *Tajudeen Babamale*

The former Head of the Department of History and International Studies, Faculty of Arts, University of Ilorin, Prof. Ibrahim AbdulGaniyu Jawondo, has called for constitutional roles for traditional rulers rather than the fire-fighting and adhoc engagements currently being given to them.

Prof. Jawondo, who made the call penultimate Thursday (November 10, 2022) at the Colloquium organised by the Nigeria Union of Journalists (NUJ), Kwara State Council in collaboration with the Ilorin Emirate Council, to mark the 27th Anniversary of the turbaning of the Emir of Ilorin, Alhaji Dr Ibrahim Sulu Gambari, CFR, said that if accepted, it would go a long way in solving some teething problems in the country.

The don, who is a former Director of the Centre for Ilorin Studies (CILS), University of Ilorin, said, "Experiences have shown that involvement of the traditional rulers meaningfully in the act of governance will go a long way in solving some teething problems in Nigeria. Thus, it will be better if constitutional roles are fashioned out for traditional rulers rather than the fire-fighting and adhoc engagements given to them".

Speaking on the topic, "27 years of the reign of Dr Ibrahim Sulu-Gambari, CFR as the Emir of Ilorin: The Gains, Challenges and Prospects", Prof. Jawondo said, the Fellow of American Council of Learned Societies urged the honorary titleholders to seek the deeper meaning of the responsibilities of the titles conferred on them and act most appropriately, stating that, "This will help the traditional rulers the more in the administration of their domains".

Prof. Jawondo, who appreciated the Emir who ruled that traditional title holders must stay at their various posts, also advised that greed resulting in injustice should be shunned to regain their lost glories.

He said, "The hereditary rulers need to do more in their supervisory roles at their territories to curb social vices, which continue to be on the increase on daily basis".

The professor of History and International Studies said "It is no longer



■ *Prof. Jawondo*

news that successive governments in Nigeria continue to build on the foundations laid down by the colonialists under which traditional rulers are harassed, removed and replaced at will as a result of no constitutional roles for the traditional rulers till date".

Prof. Jawondo described the Emir as "a typical and shining example of a Fulani father figure/leader who is a paragon of

intelligence, keen on obtaining information, fast in processing the information, diligent in cross-checking the information, patient in allowing other people's contributions, receptive to superior opinion, firm in taking a decision, resolute in the implementation of his decisions and a peace builder".

"No wonder that the residents of Ilorin Emirate; indigenes and non-indigenes, old and young, men and women, private and public workers, Muslims and non-Muslims, scholars and opinion leaders flock to him as in the days of Sheikh Alimi for guidance and support", the don said, adding that "the personality of the Emir is a consequence of a super interaction among complementary forces; native intelligence gotten from the traditional home training in and outside the palace, spiritual intelligence gotten from his Quranic education and developmental intelligence is obtained from the western schools.

The Emir was represented at the event by the most senior high chief in the Ilorin Emirate, the Balogun Gambari of Ilorin, Alh Aliyu Adebayo.

True practice of journalism, half way to paradise, says Aloomaa

By *Abdulquadri Abubakar*

The Station Manager of **UNILORIN 89.3 FM**, Mr Ibrahim Akintola Idris Aloomaa, has said that true practice of journalism is half way to paradise, if it is professionally practised in line with the virtues of the Holy Quran and the Bible

Mr Aloomaa made assertion last Thursday (November 17, 2022) while speaking with pupils of T-field Islamic School, Apata Yakuba, Ilorin during an excursion visit to the **UNILORIN FM** station.

The Station Manager described radio as electromagnetic object that people can hear from far distance and get to know what is happening around the globe.

Mr Aloomaa told the pupils that "if you want to become a true journalist, you must be factual, courageous and very

intelligent", noting that journalists are nation builders, who must never tell lies and must always be objective in their reportage".

The Station Manager also expressed his satisfaction over the excellent performance of the UNILORIN FM station, pointing out that the campus radio station is competing favourably among the 20 radio stations in Kwara State in terms of information, education and entertainment programmes.

In her remarks, the Proprietress of T-field Islamic School, Mrs Tawakalitu Abdulkareem, who led the pupils on the excursion, thanked the **UNILORIN 89.3 FM**, for hosting them at short notice and for the enlightening interaction the pupils had with officials of the radio station.

Akogun congratulates Garba on re-election as Correspondents' Chapel Chairman

By *Mustafa Abubakar*

The Director, of Corporate Affairs, University of Ilorin, Mr Kunle Akogun, has congratulated Mr Abdulhakeem Garba of the Channels Television on his re-election as Chairman of the Correspondents' Chapel of the Kwara State Council of Nigeria Union of Journalists (NUJ).

In a personal message he sent to the re-elected Chairman, Mr Akogun said that his re-election was a reward for the good work he had done in the last three years of his administration, and urged him to see the victory as a collective effort of all members.

Mr Akogun, however, advised Mr. Garba to run an inclusive administration devoid of witch-hunting of perceived opponents, saying that he should see "his victory as a collective effort of all members of the Correspondents Chapel".

The Director said, "Elections like this one are bound to pitch brothers against brothers while they last. But once the race is won and lost, it is normal to calm frayed nerves with genuine reconciliation", adding that "your first assignment should be to set in motion a genuine effort at reconciliation because we journalists cannot afford a divided house".

He prayed Almighty Allah to continue to endow the re-elected Chairman with "the wisdom and temperament to continue to provide quality leadership for the doyen of journalism practice in Kwara State".

Other elected officials of the Chapel are Biola Azeez of the *Nigerian Tribune*, Vice Chairman; Kayode Abdulazeem of the *Nigerian Pilot*, Secretary; Bushrah Yusuf-Badmus of the *News Agency of Nigeria (NAN)*, Treasurer; Sikirat Shehu of *Business News*, Financial Secretary; Taiye Joseph of *The Graphics*, Assistant Secretary; and Mosunmola Ayobami of the *Western Post Newspapers*, Auditor.



FUND SOURCES AND UTILIZATION REPORT FROM 10TH TO 17TH NOVEMBER 2022

RECEIPTS:	AMOUNT
Academic Transcript	770,000.00
Sundry & Other Fees Student Charges	1,159,100.00
Sundry Other Income	659,700.00
Capitation-NHIS	37,500.00
Income from Dental Clinic	42,638.75
Late Registration Surcharges	3,000.00
Convocation Souvenir	202,700.00
Contractor's Registration fees	12,000.00
Income from Diagnostic Centre	62,111.50
Game Fee	2,400.00
Clinic Registration (Staff)	4,000.00
Departmental Income	3,108,237.50
Income from Verification/Screening	8,000.00
Staff I.D. Cards	4,000.00
Student fee - Academic Programme	2,150.00
Undergraduate Registration Fees	2,000.00
Undergraduate Transfer Charges	30,300.00
Undergraduate Convocation Charges	83,800.00
Undergraduate Post UTME Registration	13,727,212.50
Postgraduate School Add/Drop Payment	3,450.00
Postgraduate School General Payment	313,650.00
JUPEB Application form	251,500.00
JUPEB Acceptance Payment	141,050.00
JUPEB General Payment	90,450.00
JUPEB Hostel Accommodation	241,200.00
JUPEB School Charges	1,812,100.00
Remedial Application Form	287,850.00
Remedial Hostel Accommodation	90,900.00
Remedial School Charges	1,284,650.00
Remedial Acceptance payment	90,900.00
Total Receipt for the Period	₦24,528,550.25
PAYMENTS	
PAYMENT TO CONTRACTORS/SUPPLIERS :	
Newdrims Global Conception Ltd Repair Works	859,502.81
Noab Global Concept Ltd Servicing of Generator sets at Various Centres	1,261,512.50
OTHER PAYMENTS:	
Various Various i.e DTA, IMPREST, REFUND e.t.c	6,531,550.00
Purchase Advance Various	2,647,750.00
Unilorin Water Enterprises Refilling of Water Dispensers	114,200.00
Nigeria Legion of Ex Servicemen Salary for October 2022	4,140,000.00
Nigeria Legion Salary for October 2022	240,000.00
Technical and Entrepreneurship Centre Production of Security Uniform	2,616,946.88
Unilorin Petrol Station Supply of Petrol and Diesel to various Centre.	3,249,145.00
Unilorin Researchers Lodge Accommodation of Guests	225,000.00
Unilorin Guest House Accommodation of Guests	73,500.00
Unilorin 8.93 FM Advertisement of JUPEB Programme	128,000.00
TSA Charges Various	15,265.00
Total payment for the period	₦22,102,372.19

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Probitas Co-op Society shifts exco election date

The University of Ilorin Probitas Multipurpose Cooperative Society has announced the extension of the deadline for the purchase and submission of forms for its forthcoming election to

December 5, 2022.

According to a notice of extension received by **UNILORIN BULLETIN** last Thursday (November 17, 2022), the Secretary to the Society's

Electoral Committee, stated that the extension is to give room for equity, justice and fair play for interested members.

Open Ph.D Thesis Defence

S/N	NAME	FACULTY/DEPARTMENT	TITLE	DATE&TIME	VENUE
1	MOHAMMED, Aishat Omowumi	Life Sciences/Microbiology	Mechanisms of Antibacterial Activity and Phytochemical Constituents of Ethanolic Extracts of <i>Tithonia diversifolia</i> Leaf against <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i>	Thursday, 24 th November, 2022/9:00am	Faculty of Life Sciences Board Room (Near Optometry Department)



Happy Birthday

S/N	Name	Department	Birthday
1	Mogaji Obalowu	Security Division	Nov 20
2	Odeleye Amos Agboola	Epidemiology & Com. Health	Nov 20
3	Adedeji Abdullah Adeola	Civil Engineering	Nov 20
4	Edungbola Olayinka John	Security Division	Nov 20
5	Toyin Taibat	Health Services	Nov 20
6	Alaro Abdulrazzaq Abdulmajeed	Islamic Law	Nov 20
7	Garuba Taofeeq	Plant Biology	Nov 20
8	Ayinla Luqman	Central Research Laboratories	Nov 20
9	Ambali Abdus-Salam Babatunde	Arabic	Nov 20
10	Ogunrinu Oluwaseyi Gideon	Educational Technology	Nov 20
11	Alepa Vincent Cephas	Geology & Mineral Sciences	Nov 20
12	Baker Mariam Temitope	Chemistry	Nov 20
13	Afolabi Abdulrasaq Olarewaju	Works: Works/Maintenance Office	Nov 20
14	Ajao Babatunde Hadiyatullah	Animal Production	Nov 20
15	Awopeju Oladele S	Security Division	Nov 21
16	Siyambola Salihu Olayinola	Registry	Nov 21
17	Pimor Tarebi	Bursary	Nov 21
18	Dunmade Olufemi Ibukun	English	Nov 21
19	Idowu Aolat Adeola	Registry	Nov 22
20	Odebode Timothy Olugbenga	Surgery	Nov 22
21	Adeyele Samuel	Security Division	Nov 22
22	Yusuf Bashiru	Security Division	Nov 22
23	Olaosebikan Lawrence Ajibola	Registry	Nov 22
24	Olatoke Samuel Adegboyega	Surgery	Nov 22
25	Saliman Rasheed Sahban	Security Division	Nov 22
26	Ahmed Olatunji	Electrical & Electronics Engineering	Nov 22
27	Sanni Jubril Olayinka	Network Operating Centre	Nov 22
28	Faruk Aishatu	Central Research Laboratories	Nov 22
29	Omojola Bosede Grace	Registry	Nov 23
30	Abdulkareem Sulyman Age	Information & Communication Science	Nov 23
31	Kolawole Folashade Caroline	Health Services	Nov 23
32	Olagunju Abadat Olanike	Registry	Nov 23
33	Abdulkadir Hasanat Bosede	Registry	Nov 23
34	Raheem Toyin Mohammed	Electrical & Electronics Engineering	Nov 23
35	Dosumu Omotayo Olutola	Industrial Chemistry	Nov 23
36	Odusote Jamiu Kolawole	Materials & Metallurgical Engineering	Nov 23
37	Afolayan Razaq Bayo	Statistics	Nov 23
38	Fakuade Iyabode Abeke	Health Services	Nov 23
39	Abdulraheem Mulikat	Marketing	Nov 23
40	Abdulrazzaq Bukola Fatimoh	Registry	Nov 23
41	Akorede Ganiu Jimoh	Veterinary Pharmacology & Toxicology	Nov 23
42	Ashaolu Modupe Oluremi	Registry	Nov 23
43	Okunola Rasidi Akanji	Criminology & Security Studies	Nov 24
44	Sidiq Ramat Bobookiri	Veterinary Anatomy	Nov 24
45	Oyinloye Olalekan Ibukun	Radiology	Nov 24
46	Ogunade Raymond Olutoyin	Religions	Nov 24
47	Odunola Rasheed Adekeye	Health Services	Nov 24
48	Abdul Mohammed Najiyu	Registry	Nov 24
49	Adeoye Taiye Olushola	Geophysics	Nov 24
50	Haroon-Sulyman Shakirat Oluwatosin	Information & Communication Science	Nov 24
51	Ahmed Bayo Musa	Mathematics	Nov 24
52	Sulaiman Ismail Olarewaju	Registry	Nov 24
53	Famakinde Oluwaseun Sherifat	Registry	Nov 24
54	Olarewaju Samuel Adebisi	Materials & Metallurgical Engineering	Nov 24
55	Abdulsalam Sekinat Bukola	Veterinary Physiology & Biochemistry	Nov 24
56	Agbabiaka Toyin Olayemi	Microbiology	Nov 25
57	Aremu Idowu Omodele	Security Division	Nov 25
58	Joseph John Olugbenga	Security Division	Nov 25
59	Ojeneye Bamidele	Security Division	Nov 25
60	Oyedepo Titilayo Adenike	Registry	Nov 25
61	Jenyo Fausat Olanike	Registry	Nov 25
62	Musa Amuda Kadir	Registry	Nov 25
63	Abdulhamid Moshood Abdulsalam	Procurement & Maintenance Support	Nov 25
64	Uyenne Elizabeth Obiageli	Social Science Education	Nov 25
65	Abdulfatai Aishat Omotayo	Security Division	Nov 25
66	Adeniyi Olakiitan Ibukun	Statistics	Nov 25
67	Akerele Elizabeth	Registry	Nov 25
68	Momodou Ibrahim Gentle	Registry	Nov 25
69	Orisaji Elizabeth Abike	Registry	Nov 25
70	Adekunle Adebayo Surajudeen	Mechanical Engineering	Nov 26
71	Adekeye Hanah Oluwatoyin	Works: Electrical/Telecom	Nov 26
72	Afolabi Kayode Ojo	Science Education	Nov 26
73	Omokanye Habeeb Kayodele	Otorhinolaryngology	Nov 26
74	Oyeyemi Omotayo Isaac	Registry	Nov 26
75	Sanni Jemeel Adedotun	Economics	Nov 26
76	Elelu Shehu-Alimi	Chemistry	Nov 26
77	Abdullahi Rasaan Maito	Library	Nov 26

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

Your promotion is in your hands – Faculty of Arts tells lecturers

By Mubarak Oladosu

The immediate past Dean of the Faculty of Arts, University of Ilorin, Prof. AbdulRasheed Abiodun Adeoye, has advised academic staff that are due for promotion to study the chapters on promotion in the Conditions of Service and the latest criteria for promotion for their application to sail through.

Prof. Adeoye said this penultimate Thursday (November 10, 2021) while presenting a special workshop for Faculty members in Arts which he entitled "Space Spacelessness in the Promotion of Academic Staff at the University of Ilorin".

The don urged applicants to update their curriculum vitae regularly and show it to their colleagues for correction and advice, noting that the CV is not something to hide as a simple error on the CV could jeopardise a lecturer's chances of earning promotion.

Prof. Adeoye, who is a member of the University Governing Council, added that promotion is a form of examination in which scholars are examined on their productivity every three years and he counselled that it is better to publish for posterity rather than for promotion only. He also emphasised that lecturing and marking are for the employers, while publishing is for the self as it gives a sense of satisfaction and a change in status.

The renowned Performing Arts scholar called on Departmental heads to regularly educate their staff on changes in



■ **Cross section of participants at the Faculty of Arts Workshop on promotion exercise**

promotion call circulars because it will always keep evolving and all scholars must keep abreast of the latest trends.

He warned authors against predatory, stand alone, hijacked, cloned and fraudulent journals, noting that for every new rule, the system would have observed certain infractions and urged researchers to be familiar with the uniform resource locator of their papers.

Prof. Adeoye further urged lecturers to choose a mentor and do so carefully and asserted that promotion exercise begins and ends with emotion, pointing out that some scholars would rather not apply for promotion when they doubt the suitability of their credentials for the desired post.

While speaking earlier, the Dean of the Faculty of Arts, Prof. A.S. Abubakar, posited that promotion is never by sentiments

in the University and the Appointment and Promotions Committee will have no choice but to sign the promotion of an applicant even if the Committee is headed by an enemy once the application meets the criteria for promotion. He revealed that when he presented the concerns of lecturers

after the last promotion exercises to the Committee Chair, his explanation was in consonance with the conditions of service.

In his own comments, Prof. Taofiq Alabi of the Department of English advised lecturers to take advantage of the fact that the Faculty is well represented at every level of the University's management to be guided while Prof. I. O. Sanusi of the Department of Linguistics and Nigerian Languages noted that the University has to be clearer on the criteria for accelerated promotion.

Prof. Lere Adeyemi also of the Department of Linguistics and Nigerian Languages lauded the fact that no qualified lecturer can be stagnated again in the University because pyramid structure, which accounted for stagnation of lecturers like him who spent about nine years on the same position has now been consigned to history.

Physical Sciences organises workshop on staff promotion exercise

By Idayat Hassan

In preparation for the 2022 promotional exercise for its academic staff, the Faculty of Physical Sciences has organised a training workshop for the concerned members of staff.

The training, which took place last Wednesday (November 16, 2022), was facilitated by a Technical Team chaired by the immediate Past Dean of the Faculty, Prof. Folahan Amao Adekola.

Addressing the participants, Prof. Adekola charged them to go through the promotional exercise guidelines carefully and ensure that they meet the deadlines.

Prof. Adekola discussed in detail what is expected of the trainees in the promotion exercises as he emphasised on

the trainees writing catchy CVs and the marking guidelines.

The immediate past Dean highlighted and discussed extensively some areas the trainee needed to consider for the promotion exercise which are staff appointment status, residency, publication, spread of publication, lead authorship, research focus, publication score and total score.

The Chairman of the technical committee stated that international outlet publications promote the University and urged them to do more in that area as he urged them to take to the advice of their senior colleagues.

Also speaking, the Dean, Faculty

of Physical Sciences, Prof. Kayode Oyewumi, stated that the purpose of the training was to get the trainees acquainted with all that are expected of them for the promotion exercise so that the exercise would be error-free.

Prof. Oyewumi charged them to always do the needful because the technical team would always spot errors as he hinted that the "the more you have good papers the more the University is progressing".

As a way of encouraging younger ones to grow, Prof. Oyewumi appealed to Professors in the Faculty to assist all the academic staff due for promotion.

Fadesire's son weds Nov 24

The son of Mr Sunday Fadesire of the Directorate of Corporate Affairs, Oluwaseyi Aduragbemi, will tie the nuptial knots with his heartthrob, Atolani Jesunitemi Omiyale this Thursday (November 24, 2022).

A wedding notice made available

to **UNILORIN BULLETIN** indicated that the marriage solemnisation will hold at The Apostolic Faith Church, Agbo-Oba, Ilorin, beginning from 10.00a.m. Reception follows immediately after the solemnisation at Adimula Multipurpose Hall, Behind L.G.A. Primary School, Oko-Erin, Ilorin.

The wedding will be preceded on

Wednesday, November 23, 2022 at Gbagede Street, Behind Gestemane Church, Amoyo, Kwara State.

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



FOR THE RECORD

Together Everyone Achieves More (2)

Address Delivered by the Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab O. Egbewole, SAN, at the Meeting of the Congregation at the University Auditorium on Friday, October 21, 2022

Sustainable Development

What is sustainable development? It is all about environmental, economic and social well-being for today and tomorrow. Its most frequent definition is the one contained in Our Common Future, also known as the Brundtland Report: sustainable development is the development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs. We all know that Sustainable Development, as a global agenda, has 17 goals some of which are beyond our reach as an institution but that we shall still strive to domesticate, the three core elements of SD that will guide us are economic growth, social inclusion and environmental protection. In this regard, all of us are important towards creating wealth for the university, ensuring inclusiveness at our various levels and protecting our environment so that we shall have a green and clean university.

Monumental Achievements

The University of Ilorin in this dispensation is keen on regaining its previous status as the number one university in Nigeria. Currently, this is not the case but with a commitment on our part to achieve the best achievable in our various departments and units, we shall get there. It is in this regard that I want to urge you to double your efforts so that we shall achieve monumental achievements in teaching, research and community service.

The University shall be a partner-in-progress with you in this regard and we shall do the best we can in creating an environment that would allow you to excel at what you do. This is with regard to the provision of facilities and equipment that would engender excellent results.

Adaptive Capacity

Though as far back as the 17th Century, John Donne had written that no man is an island and it is a common saying that no one is an island unto himself, the saying holds special significance to everyone in our today's age of globalisation and increased interconnectivity. In this regard, what happens somewhere is crucial to the survival of people elsewhere and no one can afford to be insular. Rather, we should be able to connect with one another and adapt best practices within our own system. The capacity to adapt is more important than adopting what others are doing without considering the contextual variables.

Therefore, as you encounter or experience developments and innovations elsewhere, I encourage you to share what you know with us so that we can adapt it. There are landmarks in the University of Ilorin today (and I do not have to mention them) that are products of adaptation of what is done elsewhere. In essence, the University is keen on instituting best practices and is committed to making good better and making better best with ideas that are transformational.

Rapid Response to Change

My dear brothers and sisters, the only thing permanent in life is change and in order to embrace change, we must leave our comfort zones. Change allows us to move forward and experience new and exciting things. It brings more opportunities to improve the quality of our life, the way we do things, the way we live life, the way we work, the way we learn and the way we earn. What often happens is that some people ignore change rather than respond to it. Change is normal and natural as, without change, there is stagnation or regression. While change is desirable, responding to it rapidly is even more crucial.

From attitude to assignments to the treatment of memos, from the grading of students' scripts to all aspects of official work, rapid response is required as we reposition ourselves for more institutional excellence. The University under my stewardship shall be receptive to ideas that ignite change and we shall be responding to suggestions and advice brought up after weighing their pros and cons. Even if a suggestion is not implemented, it would not be because it has not been considered. Everyone certainly has something to offer.

Team Building

This Administration will be anchored on team building because I understand that the actual meaning of TEAM is Together Everyone Achieves More. In achieving effective team building, every one of us has to embrace its seven C's which are Clarity, Capability, Collaboration, Commitment, Continuous Improvement and Creativity. We need to be clear about our purposes and assignments, be capable to execute them, be confident enough to collaborate with others, commit ourselves to the task at hand till we succeed, and continue to improve ourselves in skills and capacity as we remain creative in deploying strategies and applying solutions.

Every one of us is a leader and every one of us is accountable as team leaders. Principal Officers, Provost, Deans, Directors, Heads of Departments and Units, Coordinators, Level Advisers, Representatives, Chairmen and Committee Members, Secretaries and officers at any level, virtually every one of us here falls into one category or another. HODs should carry staff along, Deans should be accountable to the Faculty. Every one of us should build a strong team where we find ourselves and strengthen the committee system. The result will be effectiveness and efficiency.

Technology and Trends

It is evident from the foregoing that we must leverage technology to achieve our desired vision. All members of this Congregation will be expected to have smartphones and hightech devices to be connected. The University will create an avenue for ease of acquisition. The era of treating memos through the paper and pen method will soon be over.

Memos will be electronically processed and digitally archived. Where hard copies are used, they will just serve as backups. The Senate has already been paperless for some time already. Transcripts will not require physical presence and the application process will be more automated. Our Internet infrastructure will be bolstered for increased efficiency while efforts will be made to make it accessible to every office, staff and student. It will be expected that official work is done through this IT so that it will not serve as a distraction. We need our COMSIT to brace up for the optimal achievement of this goal.

Welfare

As a former Chairman of the Academic Staff Union of Universities (ASUU), University of Ilorin Chapter, I know from experience that the main purpose of trade unions is to promote the welfare of their members. It is axiomatic that unionism would not have been necessary if leaders were responsible for discharging their duties and responsive to the needs of their followers. The interest of Administration and unions intersect at the point of welfarism. We cannot succeed beyond the limits of our human capacity and the staff constitute a dynamic force that makes change happens.

In light of the foregoing, our Administration will champion the welfare of staff and put their advancement and satisfaction as our top priority. When competing obligations and unexpected constraints limit our capacity, we shall be transparent enough to explain the rationale behind actions or situations that require elaboration. One thing is certain: Egbewole will not deny anyone his due and everyone will be treated with fairness and truth.

On Our Marks

Now that the strike is over, I urge us all to be on our mark, be set and then go. The journey starts now and we should begin work in the interest of our students, the system and humanity. We shall be addressing the lingering issues and I am already setting up a committee to draw mechanisms that would make us happy and motivated. I look forward to harvesting more ideas from you because ideas rule the world.

Thank you very much for your attention