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## I will give FUTA my best - Oladiji

By Abubakar Imam and Temitope Folorunsho

As she prepares to assume duties this Tuesday (May 24, 2022) as the eighth Vice-Chancellor of the Federal University of Technology, Akure (FUTA), Prof. Temidayo Adenike Oladiji has assured stakeholders of her new institution of her preparedness to give FUTA a taste of the characteristic crave for all-round excellence inculcated in her by and at the University of Ilorin.

Prof. Oladiji stated this last Tuesday (May 17, 2022) while featuring on a special edition of 'Table Talk', a current affairs programme of UNILORIN 89.3 FM, the official radio station of the University of Ilorin.

The programme, which was anchored by Mr. Temitope Olawuyi, saw the outgoing Dean of the Faculty of Life Sciences, University of Ilorin, answering questions on various issues pertaining to her experiences, vision, mission, and expectations in her new assignment.

Prof. Oladiji said that her studentship, teaching and administrative career, spanning over 30 years at the University of Ilorin had prepared her for the numerous responsibilities of the office of the Vice-Chancellor of the Federal University of Technology, Akure.

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■ Prof. Oladiji

## Biochemistry staff rejoice with Oladiji on her appointment as FUTA VC

By Idayat Hassan

Members of staff of the Department of Biochemistry, Faculty of Life Sciences, University of Ilorin visited the home of one of their colleagues, Prof. Adenike Temidayo Oladiji last Wednesday (May 18, 2022) to felicitate with her on her

appointment as Vice-Chancellor of the Federal University of Technology, Akure (FUTA).

The staff, comprising both academic and non-teaching, were led on the visit by the Head of the Department, Prof. J. O. Adebayo.

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## Omotoso, Wahab counsel on hypertension control measures

By Mustafa Abubakar



■ Prof. Wahab

Nigerians have been advised to reduce the negative consequences of hypertension, by checking their blood pressure regularly, daily or at least three non-consecutive days per week.

The advice was given by the President and General-Secretary of the Nigerian Hypertension Society (NHS), Prof. Ayodele B. Omotoso and Prof. Kolawole W. Wahab, respectively, in a press

statement to commemorate this year's World Hypertension Day.

The NHS, in the statement made available to UNILORIN BULLETIN last Tuesday (May 17, 2022), also advised against "excessive salt consumption as it is strongly linked to the development of hypertension and/or poor control of the same"

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■ Prof. Omotoso

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## I will give FUTA my best --Oladiji

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The renowned Professor of Biochemistry explained that she envisaged no unusual challenge in the running of FUTA as academic communities are more or less the same in structures, functions and expectations, noting that the only difference could be in manpower.

Prof. Oladiji, who is also a Fellow of the Nigerian Academy of Sciences, said that FUTA is not new to her as she has some friends among its staff members and has even participated in several conferences at the University over the years.

She explained that the University is a well established one and one of the leading universities in Nigeria in the realms of academic, research and extracurricular activities, a situation, which Prof. Oladiji explained, encouraged her to apply for the job.

The celebrated academic assured that she was prepared not only to maintain the shining reputations of FUTA but also to mobilise human and material resources from within and outside the University to ensure that its positive image soars much higher during her tenure.

While noting that the institution was out for the best, she said that her priority is to ensure that the institution's environment is made attractive to students and learning and in such a way that a permanent relationship would be established between the University and its students so well that after graduation they would be self-motivated to come back and give back to the University voluntarily.

Prof. Oladiji, who hails from Ora-

Igbomina in Osun State but received all her education in Kwara State, explained that she was conscious of the need to ensure that FUTA is well run as she said that she was convinced that an ideal university must be crisis free and be a centre of continuous excellence in research and impact positively on its immediate environment.

She promised that all the policies and programmes that would be executed at the institution would be those that would promote and guarantee peace, harmony and stability among students and staff as well as other stakeholders.

Speaking on her emergence as FUTA's new Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Oladiji said that her appointment came to her as a huge but very pleasant surprise. She said that while she was very convinced of her qualifications and preparation for the processes that eventually led to her emergence, she was not sure that she would be the choice of the institution's Governing Council among 19 distinguished scholars and administrators who participated in the selection interview processes.

Prof. Oladiji, who recalled that she left Akure for Abuja immediately after the interviews for another, said that she was speechless when the Chairman of the Governing Council of the University called to inform her of her appointment.

"I never put my mind in it because I realised that doing so may bring disappointment if it does not come out as envisaged", Prof. Oladiji disclosed.

On how she felt as being the first female Vice-Chancellor of the University

obviously dominated by males, Prof. Oladiji pointed out that being a female does not and would not constitute any hindrance to the discharge of her duties as he said that the issue of gender is a misnomer in the academia.

Prof. Oladiji insisted that the quality of products of the nation's ivory towers is not on decline as being brandished in some quarters. She explained that considering the phenomenal waves graduates of Nigerian universities are making they are not only employable but also outstanding in all fields despite infrastructural deficiencies of the producing institutions as she called for more funding of the nation's institutions of learning, particularly universities.

She said that no institution can provide services beyond the available infrastructural facilities, saying that the only difference between the nation's universities and foreign ones are funding and infrastructures.

Prof. Oladiji described herself as a total product of the nation's most sought-after University, the University of Ilorin, as all her academic credentials were bagged at the University while she also acquired most of the experiences that earned her the new job from the same University.

She assured that she would not only continue to see the University of Ilorin as a home but would also remain close to the University in the course of her services at FUTA and would eventually return to the University after her tenure.

## Biochemistry staff rejoice with Oladiji on her appointment as FUTA VC

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Speaking at the event, Prof. Adebayo congratulated Prof. Oladiji on her new appointment and advised her to remember where God is bringing her from so that she can remain humble and to also seek to know where she could have been so that she would not relent in giving her best service.

On his part, another member of the delegation, Prof. H.O.B. Oloyede, former Vice-Chancellor of both the Fountain University, Osogbo and Summit University Offa, expressed his delight over Prof. Oladiji's appointment, having been privileged to mentor her over the years as her B.Sc., M.Sc. and Ph.D. supervisor.

While challenging all the staff present to learn from the good virtues and attitudes of Prof. Oladiji that contributed to her emergence as the FUTA VC, Prof. Oloyede pointed out that her humility and readiness to be guided played major roles in her current attainment.

In their separate remarks, Prof. M. T. Yakubu, the Dean of Students Affairs and Prof. R. O. Arise, the Director of Time-table and Room Usage Committee, gave some background stories surrounding the appointment of Prof. Oladiji and her track



record of excellence. They both assured her that the Department is solidly behind her and every member of the Department will be willing to render any assistance when the need arises.

Others who also spoke glowingly about Prof. Oladiji included Mr. J. O. Adunbarin, who retired from the Department of Biochemistry in 2020, and Dr. Faoziyat A. Sulaiman.

While Mr. Adunbarin said that her appointment was well deserved because of her hard work and track record of excellence, Dr. Sulaiman expressed the belief that the appointment has paved way for other women who may desire to occupy that position in the future.

In her response, Prof. Oladiji

appreciated the staff of the Department for the show of love and support at all times.

While acknowledging God for making her new appointment as FUTA VC a reality, she appreciated Prof. H.O.B. Oloyede, Prof. M. A. Akanji, former Vice Chancellor of both Al-Hikmah University Ilorin and Federal University of Technology, Minna; and Prof. K. L. Ayorinde, former Vice Chancellor of Kola Daisi University, Ibadan and current Vice-Chancellor of Thomas Adewumi University, Oko, Kwara State, for their guidance and tutelage throughout the selection process.

On his own part, Dr. Femi Oladiji, the husband of Prof. Oladiji, appreciated the Department for the visit and wished all the members well in their endeavours.





# Happy Birthday

S/N	Name	Department	Birthday
1	Olaniyi Janet Mosunmola	Registry	May 22
2	Olaleye Ajarat Ayobola	Registry	May 22
3	Afuye Olarinde Moses	Registry	May 22
4	Abdullateef Ayodele Isqeel	Electrical & Electronics Engineering	May 22
5	Babatunde Christian Taiwo	Ling. & Nig. Languages	May 22
6	Ogbus Olubunmi Adewale	Home Economics & Food Science	May 22
7	Bello Kingsley Temitope	Bursary	May 22
8	Bamidele Oluwatoyin Zaccheaus	Teaching & Research Farm	May 23
9	Eseyin Olorundare Samuel	Library	May 23
10	Mejabi Omenogo Veronica	Information & Communication Science	May 23
11	Osagbemi Gordon Kayode	Epidemiology & Com. Health	May 23
12	Sulaiman Aishat Titilayo	Security Division	May 23
13	Ojulari Olabimpe Wasilat	Health Services	May 23
14	Adewuyi Oluwasegun Olanrewaju	Registry	May 23
15	Abdullahi Salamat Onimisi	Registry	May 23
16	Ojadiran Oludolapo	Performing Arts	May 23
17	Mamudu-Obalowu Adijat Ajoke	Security Division	May 23
18	Oluwole Olaleye Johnson	Registry	May 24
19	Yusuff Ridwan Olabisi	Sociology	May 24
20	Akerele Benjamin B.	Security Division	May 24
21	Bako Olanike Yemisi	Registry	May 24
22	Samson Ademola	Registry	May 24
23	Akande Lydia Bosede	Religions	May 24
24	Eruotor Ovie Esvsvapo	Water Resources & Environmental Engineering	May 25
25	Osoye Emmanuel	Registry	May 25
26	Paul Lohlum Zitta	Performing Arts	May 25
27	Kadejo Benard Abayomi	Registry	May 25
28	Oladebo Rufus Olumide	Registry	May 25
29	Issa Nimota	Registry	May 25
30	Abdulwahab Bilikisu Adewumi	Registry	May 25
31	Abdullahi Babatunde Salau	Centre For Counselling & Human Dev.	May 25
32	Obalola Victor Ibidayo	Registry	May 25
33	Adeogun Adekunle Sunday	Estate Management	May 25
34	Bakare Ganiyu Adebayo	Registry	May 25
35	Adegbite Ajoke Habibbat	Registry	May 25
36	Abdullahi Musa Siddiq	Arts Education	May 25
37	Kazeem Aishat Ebunlomo	Security Division	May 25
38	Abdul-Azeez Abdul-Lateef Olatunji	Security Division	May 25
39	Adedeji Olajumoke Rashidat	Computer Science	May 25
40	Adebayo Adisa Musa	Works: Works/ Maintenance Office	May 25
41	Aliyu Abdllrasaq	Works: Works/ Maintenance Office	May 26
42	Abdulkareem Yusuf	Security Division	May 26
43	Oniyangi Shuaib Olanrewaju	Health Promotion & Environmental Health Edu	May 26
44	Kalu Christiana Okoro	Registry	May 26
45	Esere Mary Ogechi	Counsellor Education	May 26
46	Olawuyi Bolanle Olabisi	Social Science Education	May 26
47	Hussain Abdullateef Dasola	Centre For Peace & Strategic Studies	May 26
48	Nnaji Elizabeth Obianuju	Registry	May 26
49	Ojibara Hameenat Bukola	Private & Property Law	May 26
50	Abdulbaqi Abdulrahman	Directorate Of Corporate Affairs	May 26
51	Abdulazeez Musbau Ishola	Chem. Path. & Immunology	May 26
52	Anate Jamiu Adeiza	Registry	May 26
53	Raji Lukman Oladimeji	Veterinary Theriogenology & Production	May 26
54	Ibraheem Rabiya Bola	Registry	May 26
55	Adesina Abimbola Adebawale M.F.	Registry	May 26
56	Ehinlafa Emmanuel Olusegun	Physics	May 27
57	Ajijola Sidikat Oriyomi	Internal Audit Unit	May 27
58	Saka Fatimoh Jumoke	Registry	May 27
59	Sadiq Suleiman	Registry	May 27
60	Abdulraheem Yinusa Owolabi	Human Kinetics & Health Edu.	May 27
61	Amusa Lateef Babatunde	Statistics	May 27
62	Adeleke Mary Olubunmi	Registry	May 27
63	Abdulmajeed Fatimah Fehintola	Medicinal & Pharm. Chemistry	May 27
64	Akanbi Kamaldeen Adebayo	Bursary	May 27
65	Thomas Agnes Toyin	Registry	May 27
66	Bukoye Bashir	Unilorin Sugar Research Institute	May 28
67	Agboola Adekunle	Human Kinetics & Health Edu.	May 28
68	Barnabas Oluwalambe David	Security Division	May 28
69	Mustapha Lambe Kayode	Mass Communication	May 28
70	Omotesho Olubunmi Abayomi	Agric Econs & Farm Mgt.	May 28
71	Okesina Falilat Anike	Counsellor Education	May 28
72	Koledafe Olawale Sunday	Centre For Open & Distance Learning	May 28
73	Shittu Halimah Iyabo Boa	Nursing Science	May 28
74	Abdulrahman Rukayat Ololade	Mass Communication	May 28
75	Akintayo Olaide Akinwunmi	Home Economics & Food Science	May 28

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



### Abdulkareem mourns Adavi, UNILORIN Anthem composer

By Abubakar Imam

The Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Sulyman Age Abdulkareem, has described the death of the composer of the UNILORIN Anthem, Elder Abraham Tolorunju Adavi, as a rude shock.

Elder Adavi died in Lokoja last Tuesday (May 17, 2022). The deceased obtained his first degree; BA (Hons); Performing Arts, MA performing Arts and another masters degree in Industrial and Labour Relations, all from the University of Ilorin.

He was a member of many professional bodies, including the National Association of Nigerian Arts, Practitioners (NANTAP), Movie Practitioners of Nigeria and Artistic Director, Kogi State Arts and Culture before being appointed as permanent secretary in the Kogi State Civil Service.

In a condolence message signed by the University's Director of Corporate Affairs, Mr. Kunle Akogun, the Vice-Chancellor said that the late Mr. Adavi was an exceptional alumnus of the University whose contributions to the greatness of the institution would continue to be appreciated. Prof. Abdulkareem said that the University was at pain that the composer of the highly stimulating and exciting UNILORIN Anthem was a dutiful professional who used his talents positively for the glory of the University.

He added that the quality of the captivating UNILORIN Anthem was reflective of the personality, professionalism and patriotism of the great alumnus, pointing out that generations of staff, students and other stakeholders of the University would



■ Late Elder Adavi

continue to benefit from his soul-inspiring composition.

Prof. Abdulkareem, who commiserated with the family, friends, and colleagues of the late Unilorite, said that the late thespian was a great professional who impacted greatly on humanity during his lifetime.

The Vice-Chancellor also condoled with members of the University of Ilorin

Alumni Association on the death of one of its committed members, urging others to emulate his outstanding contributions.

Prof. Abdulkareem prayed the Almighty God to forgive the shortcomings of the late alumnus and grant his soul eternal rest, as he also wished his friends relations and colleagues the fortitude to bear his loss resulting from his demise

### Omotoso, Wahab counsel on hypertension control measures

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The statement stated further, "Every year, the 17th of May is set aside as World Hypertension Day (WHD) by the countries to prevent and control this silent killer".

The theme of this year's event is "Measure Your Blood Pressure Accurately, Control It, Live Longer".

The statement disclosed that the purpose of the Day is also to increase the awareness of hypertension around the world with the ultimate goal to encourage citizens of all pressure, to detect and control hypertension to prevent premature death.

The statement added that the proportion of Nigerians with hypertension is high, while awareness, treatment, and control rates are low despite the availability of potent drugs.

It said, "In a screening in one-third of the population with only half of these aware of being hypertensive, conducted by the Nigerian Hypertension Society in 2018, hypertension was present while only 18% of all hypertensives had their blood pressure controlled".

The statement, however, advised members of the public to "engage in physical exercises for a minimum duration of 30

minutes on a heart failure, heart attack and kidney failure which can shorten lifespan.

"If you are hypertensive, please take your medications regularly to achieve good blood pressure control and thus prevent complications like stroke, and those with hypertension should consult their medical practitioners for proper advice.

"Eat a healthy diet with daily consumption of fruits and vegetables.

"Reduce your weight if you are overweight or obese. Avoid unhealthy lifestyles like smoking and alcohol consumption, and measure and control your BP; and Live Longer", the statement added.