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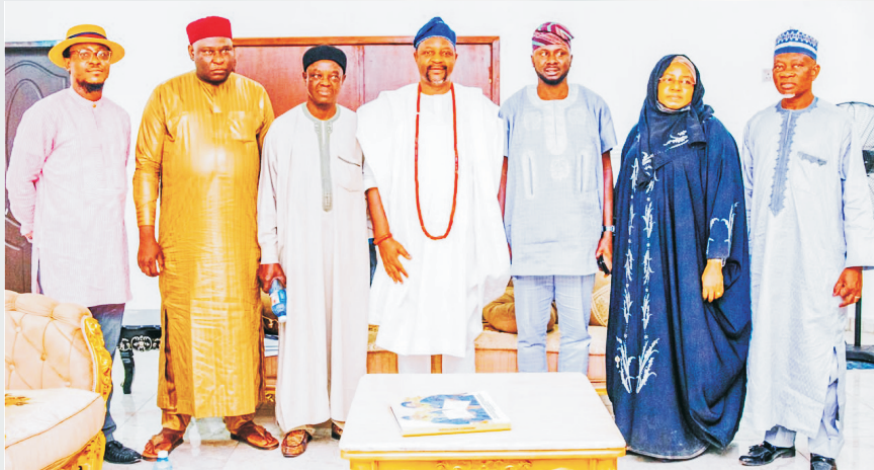
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Soun's death: Abdulkareem leads NYSC Board members on condolence visit to Ogbomosho

By 'Segun Alabi



The Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Sulyman Age Abdulkareem, has described the death of the Soun of Ogbomosho, Oba (Dr.) Jimoh Oladunni Oyewumi, Ajagungbade III, as a huge loss not only to the people of Ogbomosho or the people of Oyo State, but also to the entire mankind.

Prof. Abdulkareem, who is also a member of the Board of the National Youth Service Corps (NYSC), made the statement penultimate Sunday (January 16, 2022) when he led a four-man team of the Board on a condolence visit to the Soun's Palace.

The Professor of Chemical Engineering further described the late Oba Oyewumi as a well-recognized industrialist

■ The Minister of Sport and Youth Development, Chief Sunday Dare (middle), flanked by the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Sulyman Abdulkareem (left), Prince Oyekunle Oyewumi (right), and members of the NYSC team during the condolence visit

Unilorin wins Best Corps employer award

By Oluymisi Olayemi

The University of Ilorin has won the award of 'Outstanding Performance as the Best Corps employer 2021'.

The award, given by the National Youth Service Corps (NYSC), was presented to the Registrar, Dr Fola Olowoleni, last Thursday (January 20, 2022) by the Kwara State Coordinator of NYSC, Mrs. Francisca Olaleye represented by Mr. Orangun Adegboyega, an

Assistant Director with the agency, during a visit to the University.

According to the NYSC State Coordinator, the visit was to appreciate the Vice-Chancellor and his entire team for their consistent support to the agency in Kwara State and for the University's magnanimity towards corps members observing their one year mandatory service in the institution. (Contd. on page 3)

and renowned traditional ruler whose tentacles were spread beyond any political, religious or tribal affiliations before and during his 48 years of reign in Ogbomosoland.

While eulogising the late monarch, Prof. Abdulkareem said with the progressive development of the town, reported, seen and testified to, the Ajagungbade III lived an exemplary life worthy of emulation by all.

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How Nigerian varsities can stand test of time - Akanji

By Abubakar Imam and Idayat Hassan

A retired Professor of Biochemistry at the University of Ilorin, Musbau Adewumi Akanji, has said that for Nigerian universities to stand the test of time and escape institutional suicide, they must be allowed to attract only the best hands to fill vacant positions at all times.

Prof. Akanji, who is also the

immediate past Vice-Chancellor of the Federal University of Technology, Minna, stated this last Thursday (January 20, 2022) while delivering the 4th Valedictory Lecture of the Faculty of Life Sciences of the University of Ilorin, entitled "Suicide is Cheap" at the New Science Lecture Theatre.

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■ Prof. Akanji

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Unilorin students elect Faji new Union President

By *Mustafa Abubakar and Hikmah Oladunjoye*

A 400 Level student of Material and Metallurgical Engineering, Faculty of Engineering and Technology, Mr. Faji, Oluwatobilola Samuel (FAAJI), has emerged the President of the University of Ilorin Students' Union for the 2022 Academic Session.

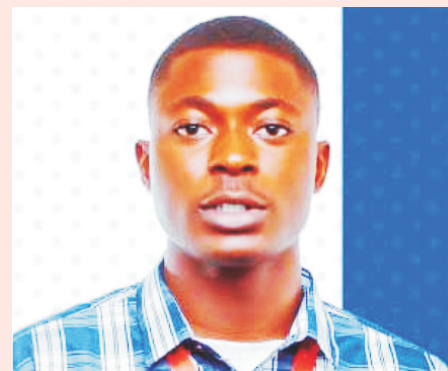
In the election held through electronics means last Thursday (January 20, 2022) Fajji defeated two other aspirants by polling a total votes of 3562.

His closest rival and the only female in the presidential race, Miss Muhammad-Raji, Nanahanatu Abiola

(DOSHIMA) of the Health Promotion and Environmental Health Department, Faculty of Education polled 3220, while Sambo, Bashir (ENERGY) of the Sociology Department polled 1031.

Others elected were Oseni Islamiat Arinola, Vice President (PS); Arungbemi Adeoluwa, Vice President (COHS); Ologundudu Joseph Adesunkanmi, General Secretary; Kolawole Queen Oladoyin, Asst. General Secretary.

Also elected were Aina David Olujuwon, Financial Secretary; Arowolo Ayodeji Emmanuel, Welfare Secretary (PS); Babatunde Emmanuel, Welfare Secretary (COHS); Balogun Abdullahi



■ **Mr. Faji**

Abiodun, Public Relations Officer; Oladimeji Ridwan Babatunde, Social Secretary; and Olayinka Oluwasegun Joseph, Sport Secretary

Staff promotion: SSANU Chairman hails Unilorin management

By *Olusegun Mokuolu*

The Chairman of the Senior Staff Association of Nigerian Universities (SSANU), University of Ilorin branch, Comrade Naheem Olusola Falowo, has commended the management of the University, under the leadership of Prof. Sulyman Age Abdulkareem for moving the institution in the right direction especially in the areas of staff welfare, remuneration and promotion.

The SSANU chairman stated this last Thursday (January 20, 2022), in an interview with **UNILORIN BULLETIN** during which he spoke on the recently concluded promotion exercise that saw 685 senior staff of the University promoted across the academic and non-teaching cadre.

Comrade Falowo said, "The major benefit that is general for civil servants is their promotion. There is nothing more demoralising for my Union members than denial of promotion. I, therefore, want to



■ **Comrade Falowo**

commend the management of the University of Ilorin for promoting the deserving staff, and I urge them to do more so that those who were not promoted last year should be promoted

this year."

The Union leader counselled those who were not promoted last time to be strong and not give room for despair, noting philosophically that no condition is permanent as he encouraged them to be hopeful that this year's promotion exercise would favour them.

He called on SSANU members to have confidence in their leadership, assuring them that the union's leadership would not shy away from pursuing their rights, welfare, and every legitimate thing that is important to them in the system.

Comrade Falowo charged those who were promoted to justify their upliftment by doubling their efforts in their various posts so that the University could achieve its mission and vision while calling on the generality of staff to continue to give their best to the institution in their various departments and units.

Ajao delivers 214th Inaugural Lecture

The Vice-Chancellor, University of Ilorin, Prof. S. A. Abdulkareem, invites members of the University of Ilorin community and the general public to the Two hundred and fourteenth (214th) Inaugural Lecture of the University scheduled as follows:

Lecturer: Professor Moyosore Salihu Ajao MB;BS. (Zaria); M.Sc. (Lagos); Ph.D. (Wits.)

Department of Anatomy Faculty of Basic Medical Sciences, College of Health Sciences, University of Ilorin, Ilorin.

Topic: "The Belly, the Brain, and

Environmental Toxins: Conflict Between Cost and Necessity"

Date: Thursday, 27th January, 2022

Time: 2.00 p.m.

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

Chairman: Professor S. A. Abdulkareem, Vice-Chancellor, University of Ilorin

Dr. Fola M. Olowoleni
Registrar



■ **Prof. Ajao**

Soun's death: Abdulkareem leads NYSC Board members on condolence visit to Ogbomoso

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He condoled with the entire people of Oyo State, especially indigenes of Ogbomoso over the demise of the King as well as the recent loss of their illustrious daughter and sons- the eldest daughter of the late Soun, who was also a former staff of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Taibat Danmole; a former governor of Oyo State, Chief Christopher Adebayo Alao-Akala and Prof. Alex Gboyega of the Political Science Department, University of Ibadan.

Prof. Abdulkareem prayed for the peaceful repose of the souls of the departed, and the fortitude to bear the irreparable loss for the families, and the entire Ogbomoso people.

While responding on behalf of

the royal family, the surviving eldest Prince, and a Member of the National Board of NYSC, Prince Oyekunle Kabir Oyewumi, thanked the team for commiserating with the royal family and indeed the entire people of Ogbomoso land over the passage of the King, saying that they take solace in the fact that the Crown lived well.

The team was received by Prince Oyekunle Kabir Oyewumi, Princess Adebunmi Sakirat Oyewumi; the Queen to the late Monarch, Aya'baOlaronkeOyewumi, and other Chiefs and prominent sons and daughters of the city.

In another development, the team also paid a visit to the Minister of Sports and Youth Development, Chief Sunday Dare, who is also a prominent

son of Ogbomoso, under whose Ministry is NYSC.

While welcoming the team, the Minister, who is also the Agbaakin of Ogbomosoland, thanked them for their thoughtfulness by identifying with Ogbomoso land during the dark time of mourning, saying it is best known to God.

Other members of the team were Mrs. Binta Mu'Azu, Mr. Umar Yusuf Nalado, Arc. Sani Aliyu Muhammad and Barr. George Ernest-Ikoli.

The late Soun of Ogbomoso, Alaiyeluwa Oba (Dr.) Jimoh Oladunni Oyewumi, Ajagungbade III, joined his ancestor son December 12, 2021 at the age of 95. He reigned between October 24., 1973 and December 12, 2021. He was the 20th King of the land.

Unilorin wins Best Corps employer award

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Mr. Adegboyega harped on the numerous contributions of the Vice-Chancellor, some of which included the priority given to corp members in Kwara State.

He said, "Apart from providing welfare, they also made available incentives which surpass any core employer in the state, and they equally empower our youths. To go down memory lane, some of the corp members were retained and given permanent employment after their service year; they also empower them to become employers of labour.

The NYSC official also implored the University not to relent on its effort in supporting corp members sent to the State for the compulsory one year service.

Mr. Adegboyega said that the Vice-Chancellor, who also serves as a member of the governing board of the scheme, and indeed the entire university is well deserving of the award.

He also appreciated the Registrar, Dr Fola Olowoleni on the countless strives she has personally accorded the scheme, by being a resource person during programmes organized by the National Youth Service Corp in Kwara State in 2021.

In her response on behalf of the Vice-Chancellor and the entire University community, the Registrar, Dr. Olowoleni, thanked the NYSC for singling out the University for such a Prestigious



■ **Mr. Adegboyega (middle) presenting the award to the Registrar, Dr. Olowoleni (2nd right), while others look on**

Award as the 'Best Corp Employer of the Year'.

The Registrar, who said there are about 133 Corp members currently serving in the University at various Departments and Units, remarked that the award is a true representation of one of the core functions of the institution which sees to the training and making corp members better and employable even after their one year service with the university.

On the issue of retaining more corp members, Dr. Olowoleni said that the embargo placed on employment by

the Federal Government currently hinders the University. The Registrar, who described the relationship between the NYSC and University as 'mutually beneficial', said she looked forward to a better working relationship in future.

Among those that witnessed the presentation of the award were Mrs. Mary Olayemi, Principal Assistant Registrar; Mr. Gbenga Akinwunmi, Public Relations Officer, NYSC, Kwara State; Funmilayo Babatunde, Assistant Director, Corps Welfare and Health Services; and Seyi Adamolekun, Personal Assistant to the State Coordinator.

How Nigerian varsities can stand test of time - Akanji

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Prof. Akanji said that one of the easiest ways of reducing the potency of the university system is to fill its positions with those who are neither qualified nor competent for such, saying that the quickest way to destroy a nation is by first destroying its educational system.

The former Vice-Chancellor, who is a Fellow of the Nigerian Academy of Science, explained that while the World Health Organisation (WHO) recognises suicide as a public health priority, "Nigeria is yet to appreciate the fact that the cost of the suicidal inclination of its universities is immeasurable".

The renowned scientist bemoaned the increasing disregard for quality and competence in the choice of holders of leadership positions at the nation's universities for mundane factors like tribal and geographical considerations.

Prof. Akanji expressed his disgust at the appointment of inexperienced and sometimes illiterates as members of Governing Councils of universities who only attend meetings just for the sitting allowances that will accrue to them.

The former Vice-Chancellor also expressed his displeasure with the jettisoning of the primary mandate of generating knowledge by Universities because appointments into Faculties are no longer designed to attract the best candidates.

Citing several instances in history, the don suggested that the nation's universities "should go back to the process of advertising vacant positions and processing such through vigorous interview pathways".

Prof. Akanji, who expressed joy



■ Prof. Akanji (middle) with some dignitaries on the occasion

at his ability in touching so many lives including 22 different individuals whose doctorate theses he supervised, enjoined people to accept the fact that whatever they pursued but could not realise is destined not to be theirs.

Drawing inspiration from his experience when he aspired and eventually got appointed as the Vice-Chancellor of the Federal University of Technology, Minna, Prof. Akanji canvassed the possible disqualification of applicants from states where such institutions of higher learning are sited from applying for the position of Chief Executives of those institutions for the would be Vice-Chancellor/Rector/Provost to have free hand to operate without undue pressure from the people of the host communities.

He added that the institutionalisation of non appointment of Chief Executives of such institutions from host communities would go a long way in addressing some of the identified challenges as people would become used to the idea of non-locals heading institutions as it was in the past.

Speaking earlier, the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof.

Sulyman Age Abdulkareem, commended Prof. Akanji for his outstanding contributions towards the development of the University and the nation throughout his 35 years sojourn as a staff of the University.

Prof. Abdulkareem, who was represented by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic), Prof. Sylvia O. Malomo, described Prof. Akanji as an outstanding scholar and exciting administrator, adding that the magnitude and calibre of guests who came from far and near attested to his contributions everywhere he served.

In her welcome address, the Dean of the Faculty of Life Sciences, University of Ilorin, Prof. Adenike Oladiji, described Prof. Akanji as a living legend and one of those who contributed to the building of the prevailing fascinating and rich culture of service and knowledge peculiar to the Department of Biochemistry, the Faculty and the entire University.

Prof. Oladiji, who said that she was experiencing mixed feelings with the retirement of the celebrated academic, said that the services and fraternity of Prof. Akanji would be greatly missed, considering his immense contributions.

Unilorin Library honours 12 retired staff

By Mustafa Abubakar, Abdullahi Ogundipe and Hikmat Oladuntoye

It was encomiums galore as the management of the University of Ilorin Library honoured twelve retired staff of the Unit for their impressive contributions to the growth and development of the University.

The event, which held on Wednesday, December 22, 2021, at the E-Library of the University, recorded the presence of relations, friends and colleagues of the honourees who came from far and near.

Those honoured on the occasion were Mr. Banjo Amoo Ogundare, Mr. Lawrence Idowu Fatoyinbo, Mrs. Janet Titilayo Oludipe, Mrs. Mary Adedoyin Omisola, Mrs. Bosede Alimat Salami, Baba Ayinla, Mr. John Balogun, Mr. Amos



The University Librarian, Prof. Issa (4th left), the honourees and other Library staff after the event

Tekobo, Mr. Saka Joseph Enesi, Mr. Sadiku Sheidu, Mr. Peter Adebawale Ilesanmi, and Mrs. Adunni Juliana Ajiboye.

In his address on the occasion, the University Librarian, who was also the

Chairman of the event, Prof. Abdulwahab Olanrewaju Issa, congratulated the retirees on the milestone achieved in the earthly existence.

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Unilorin FRSC Special Marshals to enforce road safety laws on campus

By Tajudeen Babamale

The University of Ilorin Special Marshal of the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC) has warned staff, students, and guests of the University that violators of road safety laws on the institution campuses will be punished in accordance with the established laws of the country and the University of Ilorin.

The Coordinator of Unit 22 of the Unilorin Command of the FRSC, Mr. Isharinade Julius Ola-Olu, gave the warning last Wednesday (January 19, 2022) when he led a joint team of the Special Marshal, the Nigeria Legion, and the Unilorin Security Unit to the Directorate of Corporate Affairs on a sensitisation visit on the planned programme.

The Unit Coordinator said that the planned action became imperative to reduce the prevalence of avoidable road accidents on the campuses of the University of Ilorin.

Mr. Isharinade said that there is punishment for any form of offense, including parking in wrong places such as the Senate Building Roundabout, the



■ The Special Marshals with officials of the Corporate Affairs Directorate during the sensitisation visit

Stadium, and in front of the Faculty of Education, among other places. He warned that the penalty for dangerous driving is #50,000; driving under the influence of alcohol or drug, N5,000; unauthorized removal of or tampering with road signs, N5000; driving without seat belt, N2000; use of phone while driving, N4000, among others.

Reacting to the complaint that there are many speed-breakers on the

University campus roads, the Unit Coordinator said that the persistent abuse of the road by road users necessitated the introduction of the speed breakers to reduce the prevalence of accident on the road.

While pointing out that more speed breakers are better than losing lives, Mr. Isharinade said that the rate of accident on the University roads has reduced since the day the speed-breakers were introduced in strategic locations.

Malomo tasks students on better writing culture

By Oyindamola Ajayi and
Adebukola Adedeji

The Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic), University of Ilorin, Prof. Sylvia Malomo, has urged students of the better by far institution to cultivate a healthy writing culture, saying it is a vital life skill that will be beneficial in all spheres of life.

Prof. Malomo made this remark last Wednesday (January 19, 2022) while declaring open the grand finale of the writers' workshop organized by the University's Student Union themed "The Unveiling of THE ANTHOLOGY".

In his address, the Student Union General Secretary, Adeleye Isaac Adewale, stated that the workshop was

aimed at developing the skills of budding writers and encouraging innovation among students, adding that at the first stage of the workshop, students were taught various writing techniques especially on proposal writing, content creation, research writing, copywriting, CV drafting, and LinkedIn optimization.

While highlighting some of the prospects and challenges of being a writer, one of the guest speakers, Mr. Kingsley Chukwuma, said, "The need for a voracious reading culture for every aspiring writer and a consistent writing habit in order to overcome the various challenges that comes with writing".

Also in his brief address, entitled "Getting Published as a Writer", the

second guest speaker, Mr. Seyi Babalola, enlightened the students on strategies for getting their writing across to a wider audience.

Highlights of the events were the presentation of cash prizes to students who emerged tops in the writing competition organized as part of the workshop, panel discussion, and presentation of certificates to participants.

Also present at the event were the University Bursar, Mr. H. A. Sonde, represented by Mr. M. K. B. Yusuf, and former Dean, Faculty of Law, Prof. Wahab Egbewole (SAN), represented by Dr. Azubike Onuora.

Unilorin Library honours 12 retired staff

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He urged the retired officials to always appreciate God for seeing them through their careers as he encouraged them to remain prayerful for them to secure more divine blessings.

Prof. Issa, who also thanked the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Sulyman Age Abdulkareem for what he has done to the University Library, described the renowned Professor of Chemical Engineering as a

good friend of the Library "who never takes Library issues with levity"

"Anything connected to the Library is not played down by the Vice-Chancellor", saying that the swiftness with which the Prof. Abdulkareem granted all what we needed for this occasion epitomises his regard for the Library Unit and its staff", Prof. Issa added.

Responding on behalf of the honorees, Mr. Lawrence Idowu Fatoyinbo,

encouraged all to invest more on their children for them to live a comfortable before and after retirement.

He advised his colleagues not to be afraid of the outside world, assuring that it is not as bad as they think.

Mr. Fatoyinbo also appreciated the University Librarian for all he did for them as he congratulated his fellow retirees for attaining retirement gloriously.

Walk for Life, Malomo charges Faculties on keep-fit exercise ...Lauds Agric for pace setting

By **Mustafa Abubakar and
Hikmah Oladunjoye**

The Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic) of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Sylvia Malomo, has charged Faculties in the University to emulate the Faculty of Agriculture's "Walk for Life" endurance trek to keep fit for the task ahead of them.

Prof. Malomo, who stated this penultimate Saturday (January 15, 2022) at the maiden edition of the Faculty of Agriculture 5 kilometers "Walk for Life" endurance trek, also encouraged the Faculty of Agriculture to do more. The trek commenced at the University Gate and terminated at the Dam site.

The Deputy Vice-Chancellor acknowledged that though the walkout seemed strenuous at the outset, it later became interesting along the way and enjoyable.

In her remarks, the Dean of the Faculty, Prof. Ramota O. Karim, who also participated in the exercise, said, "We need this kind of activity. We need to exercise our body. We need to make the soul very active and that is why we are having this programme and we have done it. We give praises to Almighty God."

Prof. Karim, on behalf of the staff and students of the Faculty, specially commended the organising committee Chairperson, Dr. Oluwakemi Omotesho, for making the beautiful outing a successful one.

"I want to thank everyone for attending. And I know that by the grace of God when we are called again to have this kind of activity all of us will be delighted to join", she said.

The Dean appreciated the Principal Officers for the support and encouragement, including their involvement in the walk, adding that the programme should be held



■ Cross section of the participants after the walk

regularly at least once in a month.

She encouraged those that could not participate in the first edition of the programme to try to ensure that they are present in the next edition of the exercise.

Prof. Karim noted that this programme would foster a healthy lifestyle among staff and also help them to bond together as they all come out for the exercise, which also comes with award to deserving participants.

Also speaking, the Chairperson, Faculty of Agriculture Welfare Committee, Dr. Oluwakemi Omotesho, said that the walkout was organised to foster the lifestyle of exercise among staff and to strengthen the bond among them.

She also appreciated staff and members of the committee for the beautiful outing, stating that the Faculty planned to make it a regular activity.

In his own remarks, the University Stadium Manager and Instructor, Mr. Sodiq Suleiman, disclosed that the programme is highly encouraging, saying, "I want to advise that the programme is done weekly or monthly. The most surprising are the

Professors among them who participated. They started the journey and finished it with joy. If they can continue like this, it will be better."

Highlights of the walk included Award to the Department of Home Economics and Food Science with the highest participants of 12. Other Departments with reasonable number are Agricultural Extension, four participants; Agriculture Economics and Farm Management six, while Agronomy had four participants.

Others were: Crop Production, one participant; Animal Production, five participants; Faculty Technologists Units, four participants; and Aquaculture and Fisheries, four participants.

The Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic), Prof. Silvia Malomo, won the Best Performing Female Participant's Award, while the Best Performing Male Participant's Award went to the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (RTI), Prof. Mikhail Buhari as Prof. OlubukunToye got the Most Active Participant's Award.

Govt urged to make Yoruba studies compulsory in Nigerian schools

By **Tajudeen Babamale and
Itunu Olasehinde**

Scholars of Linguistics and Nigeria Languages at the University of Ilorin have appealed to the government at all levels to make Yoruba a compulsory course in Nigerian public schools to ensure that Yoruba children learn, understand and appreciate their dialect.

An Associate Professor in the Department of Linguistics and Nigeria Languages at the University, Dr Layo Ogunlola, and another lecturer of the Department, Mrs. Olabimpe Adeyemi, made the appeal last Tuesday (January 18, 2022) when they featured on 'Oro to nlo', a **UNILORIN 89.3 FM** current affairs programme.

Dr. Ogunlola, who observed that

graduates of Yoruba studies are not inferior to those of other courses, said that students who studied Yoruba in any higher institution can practice as Broadcaster, Interpreters at embassies of foreign nations and at courts of Law. They added that they could also be engaged as lecturers, and in financial institutions, among others.

While clarifying the insinuation that those who study Yoruba are being trained as herbalists, the renowned scholar said those saying such are ignorant of the strength of the course. He explained that there are about 13 universities in the United States of America where Yoruba is being studied.

On her part, another lecturer at the Department, Mrs. Adeyemi, who is a wife

to the Alaafin of Oyo, Oba Lamidi Adeyemi, lamented that schools in Nigeria especially the private owned ones now regard the beautiful Yoruba language as vernacular.

While appealing to parents to allow their children to speak the language at home, Mrs. Adeyemi explained that children who understand their dialect would find it easy to understand other languages better and do well in their studies.

Supporting his colleague, Dr Ogunlola appealed to parents of Yoruba heritage not to discourage their children and wards from studying Yoruba as a course in the higher institutions.

COVID-19 now disease of unvaccinated – Odunola

By Tajudeen Babamale

The Director of Unilorin Health Services, Dr Rasheed Odunola, has encouraged Nigerians to get vaccinated because COVID-19 has become a disease of the unvaccinated people.

Dr. Odunola gave the advice penultimate Thursday (January 13, 2022) when he featured as a guest on 'Bo se nlo', on **UNILORIN FM 89.3**. The programme was anchored by Mr. Olusegun Olukayode.

While saying that Nigerians and Africans are indeed lucky not to have witnessed surge in COVID cases as seen in the developed countries, the Director appealed to Nigerians, most especially members of the University Community, not to be too complacent.

He explained that research has shown that the anti-COVID-19 vaccine is



■ Dr. Odunola

effective in lowering risk of contracting and spreading the virus, adding that majority of the victims of the pandemic in recent times

are the unvaccinated people.

Commenting on the life expectancy of average Nigerians, the medical doctor lamented that while people in the USA, UK, Hong Kong and most developed countries enjoy life expectancy of above 70 years that of Nigeria is reducing.

Using the 2021 data released by the World Health Organization (WHO), Dr Odunola said Nigerian women are expected to live longer than their male counterparts at 55 years against 53 years for men.

The Director blamed the reason for the short life expectancy prediction on the attitude of Nigerians to their health, food and environment, urging the people to imbibe a healthy life style in order to live longer.

2nd Registry Seminar holds Jan. 26

The 2nd Registry Seminar Colloquium will hold this Wednesday (January 26, 2022) at the Main Auditorium.

A statement by the Secretary of the Registry Seminar Committee, Mr. M. O. Adewuyi, indicated that the programme will begin at 11.00 a.m.

All Registry staff and other interested members of the University community are cordially invited.

Ejalonibu bags chieftaincy title

The Alaje of Ajegunle Oke Oro in Oro Ago District of Ifelodun Local Government Area of Kwara State, Oba Yusuf Olorunnishola Sanni, has conferred the chieftaincy title of Ajiroba of Ajegunle land on a Deputy Bursar at the University of Ilorin, Mr. Shuaibu Ejalonibu Aliu.

The conferment ceremony, which took place at Ajegunle on December 26, 2021, was part of the activities marking the

2021 Ajegunle Day and launching of N100 Million Fund for the construction of Oba's Palace.

Also honoured with chieftaincy titles alongside Mr. Aliu were Hon. Lateeph Leto Lawal, Otunba of Ajegunle land; Senator Suleiman Mankanjuola Ajadi, Aare Bashorun of Ajegunle land; and Hon. Garba Fatai Adeniyi, Akinrogun of Ajegunle land.



■ Chief Ejalonibu

Students honour 'dedicated' Unilorin don

By Abdulquadri Abubakar

The 400 level students of the Department of Telecommunications Science, University of Ilorin, have honoured one of their lecturers, Mrs. Temitayo Caroline Adeniran, on her birthday in appreciation of her contributions to their intellectual progress.

The celebration, took place penultimate Wednesday (January 12, 2022) at the Faculty of Communication and Information Sciences (CIS), University of Ilorin.

The President of the Telecommunications Science Students

Association, University of Ilorin, Mr. Ibrahim Akeyewale, explained that the reason behind the celebration was to appreciate Mrs. Adeniran for her impact on their lives.

Mr. Akeyewale described Mrs. Adeniran as a very hardworking, committed and dedicated lecturer, adding that she doesn't condone any act of indiscipline from students, and always guide them against any form of distraction.

Earlier in his remarks, the Ag. Head of the Department of

Telecommunication Science, University of Ilorin, Mr. S.O. Onidare, also testified to the academic performance of the celebrant, saying that Mrs. Adeniran always goes the extra mile in discharging her duties to the Department and the Faculty in general.

While responding, Mrs. Adeniran said, "I am dazed, confused and dumfounded. I never knew that I was that loved and cherished by the students like that. I just do my best with the fear of God and a clear conscience".

Focus on Prof. Gunu, Dean, Faculty of Management Sciences

By Abubakar Imam

The Dean of the Faculty of Management Sciences, University of Ilorin Prof. Umar Gunu, a renowned scholar, thoroughbred academic and outstanding administrator, was born on February 13, 1972. He hails from Okuta Town in the Baruten Local Government of Kwara State.

He assumed the office on August 1, 2021.

This distinguished academic began his educational pursuit as a pupil of Baptist LSMB School, Okuta in the Baruten Local Government Area of Kwara State, between 1978 and 1984. He was also educated at the famous Baptist Grammar School, Okuta, from 1984 to 1988 and Borgu Secondary School, New Bussa in the present-day Borgu Local Government Area of Niger State from 1988 to 1990.

In January 1993, Prof. Gunu proceeded to Usmanu Danfodiyo University, Sokoto, where he graduated with a Bachelor of Science (Second Class Upper Division) degree in Management Studies in 1997. The Dean was also trained at the University of Ilorin between 2000 and 2002 for his Master's degree in Management Sciences.

This celebrated don capped his alluring academic credentials with a doctorate degree in Business Administration from the University of Ilorin in 2008. He successfully ran and completed the programme between 2003 and 2007. He also bagged a Certificate in DPMIS from the University of Ilorin from April to July 2010.

Prof. Gunu commenced his exciting working career as an Auxiliary Teacher at his alma mater, Baptist Grammar School, Okuta, in 1992. He also did his mandatory NYSC programme at Modern Commercial School, Amagunze, Enugu State, where he served as the School Principal in 1998.

After earning his first degree in flying colours, Prof. Gunu joined the services of the University of Ilorin in June, 1999 as a Graduate Assistant at the institution's Department of Business Administration. From October, 2002 to September, 2005, he was an Assistant Lecturer.

Prof. Gunu was deservedly promoted to the rank of Lecturer II in



Prof. Gunu

October 2005. He was also elevated to the status of Lecturer I at the University between October 2008 and September 2011.

Having distinguished himself in the realms of teaching, research and community service, the authorities of the University of Ilorin deservedly elevated him to the apex of his career. He consequently became a Professor at the institution's Department of Business Administration in October, 2017.

As a lecturer at the University of Ilorin, Prof. Gunu has taught no fewer than 18 different courses at undergraduate level. He similarly handled the same number of courses at postgraduate level in the course of which he contributed to the growth and development of several distinguished Nigerians who are today leaders in various sectors of life.

In addition to teaching and supervision, Prof. Gunu has offered several administrative duties at Departmental, Faculty and University Levels. He started as an Assistant Departmental Examination Officer of the Department of Business Administration from 1999 to 2002. Between 2012 and 2014, he was the Postgraduate Coordinator of his Department.

Prof. Gunu was the Deputy Director (Training), Centre for Research,

Development and In-House Training (CREDIT), University of Ilorin between 2013 and 2014. He also served as the Director, Technical and Entrepreneurship Centre, (TEC) University of Ilorin from 2014 to 2017. He was also the Ag. Head of the Department of Business Administration from 2016 to 2018 and a Member of the Committee overseeing Internally Generated Revenue Units of the University since 2019 and Senate Representative on the University Communication Centre from November 2019 to January 2022. He has been the Chairman of the University Admission Committee since March 23, 2020.

Beyond the University of Ilorin, Prof. Gunu had served as an External Examiner and Assessor to various universities. These institutions include Al-Hikmah University, Ilorin; Joseph Ayo Babalola University, Ikeji Arakeji, Ondo State; Kwara State University, Malete; and Usmanu Danfodiyo University, Sokoto, among others.

Prof. Gunu has either singlehandedly or jointly authored no fewer than 86 intellectually stimulating articles which have been published in local, national and international journals and books. He has also attended 15 different training programmes and workshops within and outside Nigeria.

Aside teaching and serving as an exemplary role model to generations of students and younger professional colleagues at the University, this scholar of Business Administration has also had over 30 candidates who had their theses supervised under his watchful eyes.

This great academic, whose research interests cut across general management, entrepreneurship and human resource management, has received so many honours and awards in recognition of his brilliance. He earned the Best Student Award at the end of his WASC programme in 1988. He was also the Best Student in Physics, Biology and Economics at the Borgu Secondary School, New Bussa in 1990 and the Best Final Year student of the Faculty of Social Sciences and Administration, Usmanu Danfodiyo University, Sokoto in 1997.

Prof. Gunu, an amiable scholar and unassuming administrator, is married and blessed with children.

KWAVIS holds road worthiness, sensitisation workshop for Unilorin Community

The Kwara State Automated Vehicle Inspection Service (KWAVIS), a creation of the Kwara State Government, will this Tuesday (January 25, 2022) organise a sensitisation programme on computerized vehicle

inspection for members of the University community.

A statement by the Deputy Registrar, Directorate of Human Resources, Mr. T. A. Bamigboye, said that the sensitisation programme would hold at the

University Main Auditorium by 11:00am.

Members of the University community are implored to attend the programme promptly.



UNILORIN WEEKLY FINANCIAL DIGEST

FUND SOURCES AND UTILIZATION REPORT FROM 13TH TO 20TH JANUARY 2022.

RECEIPTS	AMOUNT
Academic Transcript	786,000.00
Sundry other Income	694,901.92
Dental Clinic Charges	74,377.50
Income from Diagnostic Centre	81,320.00
Verification	45,000.00
Contractors' Registration	1,000.00
Clinic Registration	1,000.00
Student Restitution fees	1,000.00
Disposal of Asset Income	7,500.00
Staff I.D. Card	3,000.00
Sundry & other Student Charges	1,786,550.00
Unilorin T-Shirt	3,750.00
Capitation –NHIS	2,045,250.00
Rent on University Property	185,460.00
Student I.D. Cards	5,000.00
Undergraduate Convocation Charges	1,381,600.00
Undergraduate Add & Drop Payment	313,650.00
Postgraduate School Charges	3,126,450.00
Postgraduate School Application form	3,621,600.00
Postgraduate School Add/Drop Payment	3,450.00
Postgraduate School General Payment	270,600.00
Postgraduate School Convocation Charges	85,800.00
Ilorin Business School Add/Drop Payment	1,150.00
Ilorin Business School Charges	462,000.00
Institute of Education Acceptance Fee	25,750.00
Institute of Education Application Form	187,100.00
Remedial School Charges	4,449,700.00
Remedial Acceptance Payment	409,050.00
Remedial Application Form	606,161.25
Remedial Hostel Accommodation	196,950.00
Late Registration Surcharges	3,000.00
JUPEB Application Form	276,650.00
JUPEB Acceptance	221,650.00
JUPEB Hostel Accommodation	391,950.00
JUPEB General Payment	30,150.00
JUPEB School Charges	2,278,000.00
Total of Fund Sources for the period	₦24,063,520.67
FUNDS UTILIZATION:	
PAYMENT TO CONTRACTORS/SUPPLIERS :	
Joe Exclusive Image Centre Supply and Installation of Office Furniture	2,436,218.75
Solamid Nig Ltd Construction of Road Network	4,979,030.65
Noab Global Concept Ltd Servicing of Generator	169,205.00
Anal-Chem Service Nig Ltd Renovation of Public Building	129,046.71
Yaksmally Global Enterprises Renovation of Public Building	153,295.00
Habraib Global Resources Ltd Repair of Suspended Ceiling at Auditorium.	335,668.75
Noktel Resorts Ltd Accommodation and Feeding of University Guests	42,400.00
Achhibat Nig Ltd Construction of Capentry Workshop and Paint Factory.	1,202,274.63
Arnal International Nig Ltd Overhauling of Gen Set	130,478.13
Ever Phoenix Guest House Feeding and Accommodation	1,151,797.00
G Pinnacle Suites Ltd Feeding and Accommodation	1,631,605.00
Rovamek Nig Ltd Renovation of Public Building	155,524.61
Network Construction Coy Nig Ltd Renovation of Public Building	2,719,073.12
DHL Intl Nig Ltd Courier Services	117,548.92
Bliss Centre Catering Services	125,022.00
Princess Luxury Hotels Ltd Feeding and Accommodation	1,102,996.00
Sultronhallmark Guards Nig Ltd Repair of Split and Package Air Conditioner.	493,433.06
The Guardian Newspaper Ltd Advert Placement	520,838.20
OTHER PAYMENTS:	
Various i.e DTA, Imprest, Refund e.t.c	20,329,502.25
Purchase Advance Various	5,149,613.00
Unilorin Petrol Station Fuel Supply at Various Centres	3,378,945.00
TEC Product Product of Branded University Paper	266,500.00
Unilorin Guest House Catering Services	4,816,653.60
ASUU Academic Earned Allowance	5,722,856.11
KWIRS PAYE Tax	38,391.98
FBN/Kwara State IGR Collecting Advertisement Permit Fee	300,000.00
Staff Training Programme Learned Conference	788,407.60
University of Ilorin Teaching Hospital Medical Bills	1,609,724.50
Unilorin Water Enterprises Refilling of Dispenser Bottles	60,900.00
Total TSA Charges Charges for Transaction	55,700.00
Total Payments for the period	₦60,112,649.57

Signed

O. H. Sonde FCA

Bursar

New Appointment

NAME	FACULTY /DEPARTMENT	APPOINTMENT	EFFECTIVE DATE
Professor .J.O .Aweda	Mechanical Engineering /Engineering and Technology	Director ,Unilorin Renewable Energy Centre (UREC) .	29 TH December ,2021 .
Dr. H. B. Giwa	Pharmaceutical Sciences/Clinical Pharmacy and Pharmacy Practice	Coordinator, Department of Clinical Pharmacy and Pharmacy Practice	13 th January, 2022
Dr. A. Z. Lawal	Health Sciences/Medical Biochemistry	Coordinator, Department of Medical Biochemistry	28 th January, 2022



Happy Birthday

S/N	Name	Department	Birthday
1	Owope Elizabeth	Registry	Jan 23
2	Babayehu Adeshola Ajoke	Home Economics & Food Science	Jan 23
3	Salami Rukayat Folake	Portal Services	Jan 23
4	Abdulraheem Zainab Kehinde	University Lodges Unit	Jan 23
5	Ekundayo Omolara Motunrayo	Registry	Jan 23
6	Igunnu Adedoyin	Biochemistry	Jan 24
7	Adebisi Olusoji Olusegun	Microbiology	Jan 24
8	Opaleke Deborah Oluyemisi	Home Economics & Food Science	Jan 24
9	Akanbi Muhammed Mustpha	Business Law	Jan 24
10	Adi Azumi Hajarar	Registry	Jan 24
11	Awojobi Omotayo Sunday	Materials & Metallurgical Engineering	Jan 24
12	Durosinmi Wasiu Ayobami	Estate Management	Jan 24
13	Garuba Mohammed Tayo	Fire Services Unit	Jan 24
14	Olosasa Aminat Aduke	Bursary	Jan 24
15	Suleiman Abdul-Rahman Adebayo	History & International Studies	Jan 24
16	Oladele Oluwabusinmi Titilope	Information & Communication Science	Jan 24
17	Adu Dorcas Dupe	Registry	Jan 25
18	Joseph Isaiah Edogbo	Registry	Jan 25
19	Olaoye Victoria Iyabo	Registry	Jan 25
20	Issa Yakubu	Security Division	Jan 25
21	Ibrahim Fatimat Folawiyo	Central Admin: Office	Jan 25
22	Oni Israel Ola-Oluwa	Registry	Jan 25
23	Bajomo Eunice Tayo	Registry	Jan 25
24	Oyekunle Timothy Lanre	Mathematics	Jan 25
25	Issa Abdulhakeem	Centre For Open & Distance Learning	Jan 25
26	Owojaiye Luke Monday	Library	Jan 25
27	Oni Marion Olabisi	Unilorin Staff School (Upper Basic School)	Jan 26
28	Abiola Oluwaseun Samuel	Civil Engineering	Jan 26
29	Yunusa Abdulkareem	Security Division	Jan 26
30	Abiodun Olufunmilla Adunni	Home Economics & Food Science	Jan 26
31	Adekunle Oluwasegun Adetokunbo	Agric Extension & Rural Dev	Jan 26
32	Agbojologun Muritala Shehu	Security Division	Jan 26
33	Ogunjumiua Mosunmola Abeke	Registry	Jan 26
34	Abdurraheem Abdulhafiz Olanrewaju	Registry	Jan 26
35	Suleiman Mulikat Arinola	Security Division	Jan 26
36	Adeyinka-Ajiboye Olabamibo Victoria	Agricultural & Biosystem Engineering	Jan 26
37	Babamale Suraj Mohammed	Registry	Jan 26
38	Yayi Timothy Opeyemi	Social Science Education	Jan 26
39	Olarinoye John Kola	Medicine	Jan 27
40	Ojuluri Lekan Sheriff	Physiology	Jan 27
41	Otonekwu Florence Onyeisi	Library	Jan 27
42	Abdulbaki Oba	Bursary	Jan 27
43	Jibril Umar Nda	Nursing Science	Jan 27
44	Belewu Kafayat Yemisi	Agric Econs & Farm Mgt	Jan 27
45	Adebisi Adebayo	Security Division	Jan 27
46	Atiku Monsurat Alateji	Registry	Jan 27
47	Jimoh-Abdulghaffar Hidaayan Oluwamayowa	Physiology	Jan 27
48	Ayinla Sulyma	Security Division	Jan 28
49	Isyaku Ibrahim Bichi	Security Division	Jan 28
50	Ariyo Olufemi Adewumi	Registry	Jan 28
51	Ogunlela Olayide Olajumoke	Health Services	Jan 28
52	Jimba Abdulhameed Ishola	Registry	Jan 28
53	Salman Tawakalitu Kemi	Registry	Jan 29
54	Amuda Abiola Yahaya	Works: Works/Maintenance Office	Jan 29
55	Issa Abdulkadir	Security Division	Jan 29
56	Abdulrahman Abdulfatah Idris	Registry	Jan 30
57	Saka Luqman	Political Science	Jan 30
58	Ishola Beatrice Oluwafunmilayo	Registry	Jan 30
59	Asaju Musa	Works: Works/Maintenance Office	Jan 30
60	Egbewole Muibat Adeola	Registry	Jan 30
61	Olumo Bolanle Adama	Bursary	Jan 30
62	Okoro Tawakalitu Aderonke	Registry	Jan 30
63	Usman-Hamza Fatima Enehezei	Computer Science	Jan 30

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

Staff Development Award

RECIPIENT	PROGRAMME	DEPARTMENT	INSTITUTION WHERE TENABLE
M.E. Ismail	Ph.D	Chemical Engineering	Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife.
O. F. Adesina	Ph.D	Library and Information Science	Babcock Univesity, Ilishan-Remo, Ogun State

Open Ph-D Thesis Defence

1	Atolagbe Emmanuel Olugbenga	Faculty of Social Sciences/Sociology	26 th Jan. 2022	Faculty of Social Sciences Board Room
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The Honouree, Prof. Esere (centre), and other dignitaries after the event

Student counsellors honour Esere with public lecture

*By Isaac Lewu, Abdullahi Ogundipe,
Oyindamola Ibidunni*

The Association of Student Counsellors in Nigeria (ASCN), University of Ilorin Chapter, has organised a public lecture in honour of the immediate past Head of the Department of Counsellor Education, Prof. Mary O. Esere, for her giant stride and great achievements in the Department and the University at large.

The event, which held last Wednesday (January 19, 2022) at the Faculty of Education Lecture Theatre, was attended by staff and students of the various Departments of the Faculty of Education and other Faculties in the University.

In his speech, a former Dean of the Faculty, Prof. Alfred Adegoke, advised staff members of the Faculty and the University at large, to always put in their best in the discharge of their duties.

Prof. Adegoke described the award as well deserved, and congratulated

the honoree for her immense efforts in the Department and also for being a worthy Ambassador of the University.

In her opening remarks, the Head of the Department of Counsellor Education, Prof. Mary Fajonyomi, appreciated God and the students of the Department for setting aside a day to recognise lecturers and staff members of the Faculty.

Prof. Fajonyomi added that the selected topic for the Lecture was appropriate and timely.

She advised students to study hard as exams draw nearer and ensure that they follow all examinations rules.

Presenting her Lecture, Dr. Falilat Okeshina of the Counsellor Education Department noted that when someone smiles that person is considered happy, adding that due to the current challenges in the country, the smile therapy will activate

positive sensations, which is also known as a behavioral therapy that could shift humans from negativity to the positive side of Life.

Dr. Okeshina added that there are still a lot to learn on mental health and its disorder.

The Lecturer charged the general public to always put up a smile at all times, as it aids a positive paradigm shift towards how we think, feel and behave.

In his speech, the President of the Association of Students Counsellors in Nigeria (ASCN), University of Ilorin Branch, Dada Oluwapelumi Oluwasegun, expressed gratitude to his Lecturers and non-academic staff for their tireless and relentless effort in making students of the Faculty better persons and also instilling the needed values, morals and etiquettes to excel beyond the walls of the University.

Unilorin alumnus emerges Nigerian Poet of the Year

By Mubarak Oladosu

An alumnus of the University of Ilorin, Dr. Kehinde Reuben Akano, has been honoured by the Kwara State Chapter of the Association of Nigerian Authors (ANA), following his emergence as the winner of the 2021 ANA national prize for poetry with his collection, "Emirate Blues and Home Resistance".

The award was conferred on Dr. Akano at a ceremony held in Abuja last November.

Dr. Akano, who holds a Masters and PhD degree in Literature in English, from the University of Ilorin, also emerged as the runner-up in the drama category at the annual awards held at Mamman Vatsa Writers Village, Abuja, with his title, "Fajepolobi".

The awardee won the Poetry Prize 12 years after another Unilorin alumnus, Dr.

Usman Akanbi of the Faculty of Agriculture, University of Ilorin, had won the runner-up poetry prize with his collection entitled, Verdant Verses at the 2009 edition of the awards held at Minna, Niger State.

Speaking at a reception held in honour of Dr. Akano at the Knowledge Platform Hall of the Mustapha Akanbi Library, Ilorin, penultimate Sunday (January 9, 2022), the Chairman of the Kwara State Chapter of ANA, Mr. Opeyemi Babayemi, described the award as a great honour to the family of the poet laureate, his place of work, his state and his alma mater.

On his part, the Chairman of the Kwara State Chapter of the Nigerian Union of Journalists (NUJ), Mr.

Abdulateef Lanre Ahmed, saluted the poet for his many very brilliant works, which he said he had followed over the years.

While delivering their respective lectures on 'The Importance of Writers to Nation Building', the guest lecturers at the event, Dr. Damilare Atolagbe, an alumnus of the Centre for Peace and Strategic Studies of the University of Ilorin and Dr. Betty Ige who holds multiple degrees from the same University, agree that writers in different specialisations are crucial to nation building and that the works of Dr. Akano distinguish him as a scholar and practitioner who is dedicated to nation building.

The BIG STORY

Unilorin TEC ready to go global, says Director *As product gets NAFDAC's nod

By Mubarak Oladosu

The University of Ilorin Technical and Entrepreneurship Centre (TEC) will soon commence the commercial production of Instant Hand Sanitisers following the grant of official registration licence to the product by the National Food and Drug Administration and Control (NAFDAC).

The Director of TEC, Prof. P. O. Adeoye, who disclosed this last Wednesday (January 19, 2022), said that the NAFDAC Registration License Number 03-8176 has authorised the Centre to introduce the product to the global market and it can now be legitimately marketed anywhere.

Speaking with **UNILORIN BULLETIN** on the sidelines of the 2022 edition of the Annual TEC Entrepreneurship Exhibition, themed 'Adapting to Challenges as an Entrepreneur', the Cardio-Thoracic Surgeon noted that the licensed Instant Hand Sanitiser is in four packages namely the 100 ml., 250 ml., 500 ml., and 1 litre and are produced from batches of 30,000 litres storage facility at the moment. According to him, the product has hitherto been supplied within the University community and on-demand to other consumers.

Prof. Adeoye also disclosed that being the Director of TEC has challenged him to be more versatile in his services to the University and his students at the College of Health Sciences are benefitting from his experiences at TEC as they are being challenged to broaden their horizon beyond their medical training.

Earlier in his welcome address at the entrepreneurship exhibition, the Director disclosed that the Centre produces uniforms for the University's security personnel, academic gowns, and paints which are used on the buildings on the University campus. He added that the success story of the Centre is a testimonial to the realisation of the vision of the University Senate, which established TEC in 2008.

Prof. Adeoye added that by equipping students with entrepreneurial mindset, the University of Ilorin helps them to be self-employed, provides them with the potentials to be employers of labour, and facilitates their engagement in positive and economically viable activities.

Also speaking at the event, the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic), Prof. Sylvia O. Malomo, noted that the University of Ilorin had nudged her focus towards expanding the horizon of students beyond their primary discipline.



Cross section of officials and participants at the workshop



Prof. Adeoye, Director, Unilorin TEC

Prof. Malomo said that the enhancement of the focus of the University with entrepreneurship was in response to the global shift towards diversity in skill sets and the local challenge of unemployment in Nigeria. She, therefore, urged the students to imbibe the can-do spirit, overcome timidity, and learn marketable skills outside their area of academic pursuit.

In his lecture, the Guest Speaker, who is the C.E.O. of T J Feeds and Fishery Ltd, Mr. T. N. Akanni, charged student-entrepreneurs on the need to understand the business they are going into, as lack of understanding is the beginning of problems.

Mr. Akanni noted that entrepreneurship is a challenge by its very nature and added that entrepreneurs need to overcome challenges for their businesses to succeed and continue to grow as they try to prove to potential investors that what they are doing is right.

He urged the student-entrepreneurs to collaborate with other people who believe in their dream, do things right, develop the right attitude towards solving problems, and be up-to-date with trends in the business, and also choose a mentor.

In his address, the Kwara State Coordinator of NAFDAC, Kwara State, Mr. Kenneth Azikiwe, stated that the power to market products which the NAFDAC license grants, manufacturers and entrepreneurs in the Nigerian food and drug industry are prepared to compete in the international market. He encouraged student entrepreneurs to visit NAFDAC because the agency also helps in mentoring businesses with a room factory to become big corporations.

The event, which featured the presentation of the Best Customer of the Year award to the Faculty of Physical Sciences, also had the representative of the State Coordinator, SMEDAN, Mr. Adebayo Lawal; representative of the Corporate Affairs Commission, Mrs. Bashar; representative of the State Controller of Labour, Federal Ministry of Labour and Employment, Mrs. R. Adeoye; and the representative of the State Coordinator, Raw Materials Research and Development Council, Mr. Ogunsola Oladipo as speakers.

Other dignitaries at the event included the Dean, Clinical Sciences, Prof. I. A. Katibi; the representative of the Dean, Student Affairs, Dr. Alex Akanmu; representative of the University Librarian, Mrs. Abdulsalam and the representative of the Director, Entrepreneurship Centre, Kwara State Polytechnic, Mr. Abdulbaqi.