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I will make UNILORIN best varsity in Nigeria, says VC



■ Prof. Egbewole at the parley

By Tajudeen Babamale

The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has reaffirmed his commitment to making the University the best in Nigeria and one of the most prominent in the world.

Prof. Egbewole, who stated this last Monday (April 17, 2023) at the annual Media parley where he hosted newsmen to an Iftar (breaking of the fast), at the Vice-Chancellor's Lodge, also pledged that the institution would retain its position as the most sought-after university in Nigeria.

The Vice Chancellor also reiterated his commitment to the SMART Agenda, which he introduced on assumption of office, pointing out that the scheme had already started yielding fruits as evidenced in the numbers of research grants that some scholars of the University have been able to secure as well as the number of publications by the University's lecturers in highly reputable journals. *(Contd. on page 3)*

Conflicting court rulings can undermine democracy -- Egbewole

By Tajudeen Babamale

The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has said that conflicting rulings in election petition cases pose a severe threat to the credibility of the judiciary and could even undermine Nigeria's democracy.

Prof. Egbewole, who stated this last Tuesday (April 18, 2023) while delivering a lecture to mark the retirement of Justice Ahmad Olarewaju Belgore and

book launch in his honour at the Banquet Hall, Ilorin, also expressed great concern over the persistent controversy and conflicting decisions by courts of coordinate jurisdiction, especially in election matters.

He advocated the introduction of ICT for the filing and recording of cases as well as delivery of judgments by the various courts in the country in order to check the trend. *(Contd. on page 4)*

Federal Character, bane of Nigeria's public enterprises -- Adeoti



■ Prof. Adeoti

By Abubakar Imam

A Professor at the Department of Business Administration, University of Ilorin, Johnson Olabode Adeoti, has described the imposition of the federal character policy on the running and management of public enterprises as the major clog in the wheel of progress of such outfits in Nigeria.

Prof. Adeoti stated this last Thursday (April 20, 2023) while delivering the 232nd Inaugural Lecture of the

University of Ilorin at the institution's Main Auditorium.

In the lecture, entitled "Everything is Business And Business is Everything", Prof. Adeoti said that for public enterprises to succeed as business outfits they must be managed by those who have the intellectual, psychological and managerial capacities as well as perquisite experience to run them and not those who are appointed for political reasons.

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Olowoleni introduces Alfania to Registry Staff

By Olujemisi Olayemi

The Registrar of the University Of Ilorin, Dr Fola Olowoleni has called on all staff of the University to support the Registrar-designate, Mr Mansur Alfania.

Dr Olowoleni made the appeal during an interactive meeting she had with all staff of the Registry penultimate Thursday April 13, 2023.

The Registrar said that the primary aim of the interactive meeting was to formally introduce the incoming Registrar as well as ask for adequate support for him, which she enjoyed during her tenure.

Dr Olowoleni said that the idea of being a true role model cannot be only in words but in action and standpoint. She reminded the staff to be professionals and avoid acrimony in the work place and constantly be a beacon of hope to all.

She said that the work, which is a continuum, cannot be done by a single person and as such, it requires unity and oneness in order to achieve the set goal.

At the meeting, which started with Deputy Registrars, Deputy Bursars, and Deputy Directors, the officers were full of praises and appreciation for the outgoing Registrar, who they referred to as "a very kind" leader who had over the past four years brought her a distinctive personality to bear on the esteemed office.

Mr Abdulsalm, a Deputy Director in the SIWES unit, appreciated the initiative of such a gathering and the input of Dr Olowoleni while pledging full support for the Registrar-designate.

In the same vein, Mrs O. Ogunwale, Deputy Director (Audit), appreciated the efforts put in place for such an important meeting by Dr. Olowoleni and prayed for divine wisdom for the Registrar-designate. She said that the University staff are very hardworking and dedicated to duty, promising that they would continue and not rest on their oars in the incoming era. She also pleaded with

Mr Alfania to avoid mischief makers who go about causing discord.

In his own remarks, another Deputy Director, Dr D. Umade of COMSIT, stressed the need for management to organise training amongst Senior Registry staff, to address such matters as dressing, attitude and general morals expected on the job.

On her part, the Deputy Registrar (DHR, Non-teaching), Mrs Beatrice Ishola, also spoke on the area of compassion to be applied to work due to the current challenges facing the country. She appealed to the Registrar-designate to make welfare of staff his priority.

In his remarks, Mr Abdulganiyu Olaniyan, a Deputy Bursar, thanked the outgoing Registrar and promised the Registrar-designate maximum cooperation.

On his part, a Deputy Director in the Directorate of Corporate Affairs, Mr Idris Ibrahim (Alooma), lamented the evils of fake news and its adverse effect on a community such as the University of Ilorin. He encouraged Mr Alfania to sustain the relationship existing between the Registry and the Directorate of Corporate Affairs, especially with regards to some public enlightenment programmes on **UNILORIN FM** that help to eliminate the incidents of fake news in industrial relations on the University campus.

Mrs Olowo Yusuf, who spoke on the behalf of the junior officers, also praised the outgoing Registrar, for not neglecting their cadre. She said the



The Registrar, Dr Olowoleni (right), presenting the letter of appointment to the Registrar-designate, Mr Alfania, in her office penultimate Wednesday

Registrar will be remembered for her great contribution in the area of conversion and promotion in the University.

In his response, the Registrar-designate, Mr Alfania, poured encomiums on Dr Olowoleni for setting a new record with such interactive session, formally introducing him to the office and soliciting support for him. He said such had never happened since the inception of the University and it's a 'good legacy which is recorded as part of the achievements of the Registrar'.

Mr Alfania said he was convinced that all the great minds, which churned out various words of guidance during the meeting, were indeed ready to give their best to the system. He, therefore, prayed for more unflinching support to move the University forward.

On accessibility, he said, "I am available; I will operate both open door and no door policy to all", stressing that since no human being is a monopoly of knowledge or wisdom, he would be open to genuine and sincere advice.

3 UNILORIN students win \$7,500 ISAG travel grant

By Isaac Lewu

Three students of the Department of Animal Production, Faculty of Agriculture, University of Ilorin, have won travel grants worth \$2,500 each from the International Society for Animal Genetics (ISAG) for the 39th International Conference of the Society slated for July 2023 in Cape Town, South Africa.

This was disclosed to **UNILORIN BULLETIN** penultimate Thursday (April 13, 2023) by their

supervisor Dr. Sola-Ojo Foluke Eunice.

Dr Sola-Ojo stated that an aspect of the student project won the award for presentation during conference, adding that the students will be celebrated during the opening ceremony.

Two of the awardees, Yusuf Opeyemi Akinkunmi and Abubakar Ibraheem Atolagbe, are Ph.D students while the third, Owolabi Peter Ayodele, is a newly graduating student.

Akinkunmi's award winning

abstract is entitled 'Genetic Diversity and Relationship between Nigerian Muscovy Duck Populations Using the Mitochondria Cytochrome b gene', while Atolagbe's abstract is entitled 'Genetic Diversity in Nigeria Laughing Dove Population Using the Mitochondria Cytochrome C Oxidase gene'. Ayodele's abstract is entitled, 'Characterization of Chicken Strains in Isin Local Government Area of Kwara State Based on their Phenotypic Parameters, Blood Protein Polymorphism and 18s Mitochondria Genes'.

I will make UNILORIN best varsity in Nigeria, says Egbewole

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We have a cumulative of N100 million from TETFund for four of our colleagues", Prof. Egbewole disclosed, adding, "We have also succeeded in getting close to a billion naira in support from TETFund and we have also been identified as one of the innovation hubs by TETFund in its recent disbursement. All these are just a few of the things we have been able to do".

Explaining how he intends to achieve his SMART mantra, the Professor of Jurisprudence and International Law said that he made a point during the last Matriculation ceremony where he addressed the matriculating student via Zoom to demonstrate to the students that they should be able to relate to their lecturers from any part of the world because his administration is smart agenda-driven.

Since he assumed office on October 17, 2022, Prof. Egbewole said that there is a lot of good news to report to the world, disclosing that "the good news is that we have made tremendous progress between the last time I spoke with the press and now. Among them is the asphalt laid on the University road from the main gate. We are targeting our Senate Building. We stopped at a location where approved money has carried us for now. We have also attempted the construction of a road into the GRA quarters; we have commenced the road to the School of Preliminary Studies, and we have succeeded in ensuring that the academic calendar is progressing smoothly. Recently, we had our matriculation, we did orientation for all newly admitted students, and the continuous assessment test is ongoing".

Speaking on the transportation challenges being faced by staff and students of the University, Prof. Egbewole expressed the hope that the Kwara State government will complete the ongoing Tunde Idiagbon Bridge to complement efforts being made by the University administration to ease the movement of all members of the University of Ilorin community.

The Vice Chancellor said that the University, under his stewardship, is still making efforts to introduce intra rail transportation and an electric bus to convey staff, students, and other guests of the university.

He said, "The effort we are making with regard to the railroad is still very much on. We are also looking into electric transportation. This is going to be homegrown and a few of our colleagues in



■ **The Director of Corporate Affairs, Mr Akogun, making his remarks during the programme last Monday**

the Department of Electrical and Electronics Engineering are already working on that model.

In the interim, he disclosed that management has held series of meetings with people who wanted to bring buses to the campus, adding that the University has created a smooth road to attract more buses to the campus.

On the plan for sport and sporting development in the University that has made a name in sporting activities with the successful hosting of the West Africa University Games (WAUG) in 2012, and consistent hosting of the National Youth Games since 2015, Prof. Egbewole said he would continue to support sports development in all its ramifications.

He announced that the University's contention would be part of the world university community games holding somewhere in Europe this year. He promised to continue to support sports because "we believe the health of our students is important and sport has a way of impacting positively".

While applauding the media professionals for being partners in progress with the University, Prof. Egbewole said, "The press is a critical segment of a society because at the end of the day, whatever it is that we have been able to do, if it is not reported, under reported, or negatively reported, then we won't be able to convey our message appropriately. Therefore, this is just another opportunity for the university to thank you for being a great partner. We

hope that you will continue to sustain that partnership for the betterment of our University and our society".

Earlier, the Director of Corporate Affairs, Mr. Kunle Akogun, appreciated the members of the fourth estate of the realm for their impressive turnout and for always supporting the Unilorin Agenda.

Mr. Akogun, who solicited more cooperation from his colleagues, stated that their professionalism in handling critical stories at critical times always makes his job as the image maker of the University easier.

In his remarks on the occasion, the Chairman of the **UNILORIN BULLETIN** Editorial Board and first Professor of Mass Communication produced by the University, Prof. Lukman Azeez, implored the press to use their power of framing and agenda-setting well.

Prof. Azeez, who is also the Dean of the Faculty of Mass Communication, explained that the media, through the framing of events, can influence public opinion; hence, he enjoined the press to use their power to promote the University of Ilorin to the world.

The Media Iftar/Interactive Session was also attended by the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Management Services), Prof. Sulyman Ambali; the University Librarian, Dr Kamaldeen Tunde Omopupa; and the University Bursar, Mr. Hakeem Sonde.

Conflicting court rulings can undermine democracy -- Egbewole

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In the lecture, titled "Judiciary and Electoral Jurisprudence in Nigeria: Uncertainties of Certainty", the learned Senior Advocate of Nigeria explained that due to the nature of Nigerians and their attitude towards accepting defeat at any contested election, the judiciary has been placed in a very critical and precarious position to settle disputes arising from the outcome of elections. He added that due to the inevitability of disputes arising from pre and post-election processes, the judiciary as the third-party arbiter has been playing a very significant role in the settlement of election disputes.

He observed that despite the fact that the courts are contributing to the stability of the country's democracy, there are still some challenges facing the courts and to the dislike of the citizens, that is the lack of consistency or certainty in their judgments, too much reliance on technicalities as sacrifice for justice or substantial justice. He said this has been the basis for the criticisms leveled against the courts, alleging a lack of fairness in the judgment, by political analysts, academics, and even legal practitioners.

Prof. Egbewole, however, advocated that to prevent conflicting decisions, there is a need to ensure that all divisions of courts or tribunals with coordinate power have access to the sources of information on cases as they are filed and judgments as soon as delivered.

The Vice-Chancellor also stressed the need for the establishment of a uniform and single mode of filing cases or petitions to avoid or prevent forum-shopping, particularly in pre-election matters, pointing out that there must be a working model for tracking court decisions with a view to ensuring that conflicting court decisions are exterminated.

While advocating that the Court of Appeal should set up a very strong unit for research to coordinate decisions of the Court with a view to coordinating them to stem conflicts, Prof. Egbewole said that there should be a special spotlight on election related cases to track decisions for the purpose of sharing such decisions amongst the Justices of the various jurisdictions and calling attention to the reasons for the judgment.

The Vice Chancellor said it is desirable for courts of coordinate jurisdiction in election petitions (pre and post-election disputes) to always strive to



achieve a substantial level of unanimity in deciding cases, except where departure is expedient and the court feels so strongly about an issue that compels them to depart from existing judgment of similar court.

He stated that unanimity and consistency is achievable by such courts if there is proper coordination and means of exchanging information timeously about existing decisions of the courts, stressing that judges and justices concerned should ensure synergy to meet the demands of the society objectively as well as prevent unwarranted assault on the courts due to conflicting decisions.

Prof. Egbewole lamented that the increase in disconcerting conflicting judgments from courts (Court of Appeal or Election Tribunals) exposes the judiciary to unwarranted public criticism and abuse, to the extent of alleging that the court judgments are now given on a cash-and-carry basis.

The Vice Chancellor also noted that the conflicting or contradictory court judgments/orders are damagingly affecting the consistency, neutrality, and public perception, of the judiciary. According to him, "Conflicting judgments affect the sustainability of precedent, confuse counsel and even the courts. Equally, it also leads to uncertainty with regards to a court decision. Furthermore, conflicting judgments impact negatively on the

public perception of our ability to guarantee unequivocal justice".

He said, "Our position is not that courts of coordinate jurisdiction should blatantly follow a precedent as a way of preventing conflicting decisions. However, in determining whether or not such court should follow a precedent, it is equally essential that the *raison decidendi*, (reason for the decision) of a case must be considered as to the following factors: the reason or reasons for the decision as stated by the Judge; the ground or grounds or the principle or principles of law stated or implied by the judge as that on which the decision on the case or an issue in the case was based, and the actual decision in relation to the material facts".

In his review of the book, titled "*Selected Judgments*", another UNILORIN scholar, Prof. Kayode Adam of the Department of Business Law, said that the layout, presentation and language of the book are friendly, which makes it accessible for both experienced legal practitioners and curious minds yearning to learn more about the law.

Prof. Adams said that the richness of the decisions published in the *Selected Judgments* collection proves the honoree's wealth of knowledge and years of experience on the bench, adding that he entertained no doubt that the book would be a valuable resource for the bench, legal practitioners, academics and law students alike.

JAMB REGISTRAR, PROF. OLOYEDE, VISITS UNILORIN CBT CENTRE



■ *The Registrar/Chief Executive Officer of the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB), Prof. Is'haq Oloyede (left); with the Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Egbewole; the Bursar, Mr Hakeem Sonde; and other officials during the JAMB Registrar's visit to the University of Ilorin to assess the state of readiness of the University's CBT Centre for the Unified Tertiary Matriculation Examination (UTME) holding throughout the country this week*

Federal Character, bane of Nigeria's public enterprises -- Adeoti

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Prof. Adeoti said that public enterprises would do better in achieving their corporate objectives when those who are saddled with the responsibilities of managing them are carefully selected based on competence and qualifications and not on the basis of where they come from.

Drawing lessons from his personal engagement in public and private businesses, the renowned Professor of Business Administration insisted that the concept of game theory must be employed in every business undertaking such that each competitor is seen as competing for customers and wanting to outsmart each other.

He reminded operators of businesses to always be mindful of everything they do as he said that every action and inaction posted by them would be seen as being tailored towards their businesses.

The Inaugural Lecturer also encouraged business owners to always prioritise record keeping, saying that it is only by so doing that business assessment, profit and forecast can be made in a scientific manner.

Prof. Adeoti also expressed his conviction in the fact that total quality management should be a philosophy that should be adopted by all organisations, whether private or public, so that the value chain will not be broken at any point in time by employees.

He also advocated the promotion of good interpersonal relationships between producers of goods and their customers, adding that such interactions must be robust and good enough to sustain the relationships and retain them for a longer period.

The former Head of the Department of Business Administration also encouraged entrepreneurs to have

strategic plans that will cater for shocks arising from the business cycle as he said that the environment of a business is critical to its success.

Prof. Adeoti also advised business owners to always work towards customer satisfaction, saying that customer satisfaction must be the goal of producers of

services in order to earn more profit and patronage.

The Inaugural Lecturer also warned business owners on the need to limit the credit facilities to be made available to their customers so that the survival of the business will not be jeopardised by too much credit.

He encouraged business organisations to always update their facilities in term of technological acquisition to reduce the cost of doing business and increase customer satisfaction. He added that businesses must be sensitive to changes occurring in their physical and social environments for them to succeed.

Prof. Adeoti advised government



■ *The Vice Chancellor, Prof. Egbewole (right), congratulating the Inaugural Lecturer, Prof. Adeoti after the lecture last Thursday*

against policy somersaults, which make the business environment difficult for entrepreneurs. He cited the untold negative effects the recent Naira redesign policy visited on businesses and their owners, saying that the imposition of such untimely policies discourages the establishment and growth of public enterprises.

The Inaugural Lecture, which was chaired by the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, attracted dignitaries from far and near including the Olomu of Omu-Aran, Oba AbdulRaheem Adeoti as well as students, relations, friends and colleagues of Prof. Adeoti from far and near.

Egbewole lauds Mass Comm Dept on practical courses initiative

By Tajudeen Babamale and
Abdulquadri Abubakar

The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has admonished the institution's Department of Mass Communication to sustain all practical courses and programmes designed to ensure that students have experience of life-after-graduation while they are still in school.

Prof. Egbewole stated this last Monday (April 17, 2023) while receiving a team of professional photographers led by the Ag. Head of the Department of Mass Communication, Dr. Khadijat K. Kadiri, who visited him in his office ahead of the Department's annual Fotoclique photography exhibition.

The Vice Chancellor, who lauded the Department for the initiative, expressed the belief that bringing professionals to interact with students will serve as a morale booster and will be an opportunity for the students to try what they have learned in class and also to position themselves for the world after school.

The don explained that in a world where skills now supersede certificates, educational institutions must begin to think outside the box to ensure that their students meet the demands of the 21st century, saying that this is exactly what the Department of Mass Communication is doing with its students.

Prof. Egbewole expressed the hope that the initiative would be sustained for as long as the Department exists and must be improved upon as events unfold.



The Vice Chancellor also applauded the Head of the Department of Mass Communication, Dr. Kadiri, describing her as an active and proud staff member of the University and that it is not surprising that the Department is becoming stronger under her leadership.

The Head of Department was joined on the courtesy call by a Lecturer in the Department, Dr. Fatima Abubakre, as well as professional photographers, Ms. Taiwo Aina, Mr. Clement Adedeji, Toyin Adedokun, and Adebayo Abayomi.

Meanwhile, the Head of Department, Dr. K. K. Kadiri, said photo journalism has gone beyond what can be learned within the confines of the classroom and is now an academic endeavor that is more practical than theoretical. Hence, practical education is key to today's learning.

Dr. Kadiri stated this in her welcome address delivered at the annual 'Fotoclique photography exhibition' held last Monday (April 17, 2023) at the University Auditorium Basement.

While explaining that it is important to bridge this gap and encourage learners to practice what they are taught while they are in school, Dr. Kadiri said that the Fotoclique photography exhibition is one of those platforms provided to students of photojournalism to help them become more prepared and motivated photo-journalists.

Dr. Kadiri, however, stated that four professional photographers were invited for this year's experience of *fotoclique* which was in accordance with the tradition of the Department to bridge the town with the gown.

Eid-el-Fitri: Egbewole tasks Muslims on post-Ramadan conducts

By Abubakar Imam

Muslims have been urged to ensure the continuous reflection of the multifarious lessons imbibed in the course of their participation in the one-month Ramadan fast, saying that their fidelity to the essence of Ramadan would be determined by their conducts thereafter.

This admonition was made by the Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, in his congratulatory message to Muslims, particularly those of the University of Ilorin on the occasion of this year's Eid-el-Fitri, which marked the end of Ramadan.

In a statement signed on his behalf by the institution's Director of Corporate Affairs, Mr Kunle Akogun, the Vice Chancellor congratulated the Chairman of the University of Ilorin Muslim community and the entire members of the community on the successful conclusion of this year's Ramadan fast.

While urging them to consider their meaningful participation in the fast as a great privilege, which many did not enjoy, the distinguished Professor of Jurisprudence and International Law explained that it was important for Muslims not only to internalise but also put into practise the virtues of patience, generosity, good neighbourliness, discipline, perseverance, sacrifice and endurance inculcated in them during the fasting season.

Prof. Egbewole added that the sacrifices made during the one month-long fast would amount to a waste of efforts, time and resources if all the negative tendencies abandoned during the period of the spiritual rejuvenation were brought back thereafter, saying that it is always good to let go of bad habits.

The Vice Chancellor commended the quality of interfaith relationships among adherents of the two major faiths on the University campus, saying that the

fraternity between Muslims and Christians in the University is worthy of emulation.

Prof. Egbewole specifically commended members of staff of the University for their resilience, industry and relentlessness in their services to the University, saying that the University administration is not unmindful of the qualitative support of staff since it took over.

He added that the commitment and cooperation of staff members and students of the University are consistently needed for the University to maintain its status of being an institution of first choice for candidates and their parents from all over Nigeria and beyond.

He assured members of the University community that the management of the institution would continue to prioritise their welfare not only to ensure their cooperation but also because it is always the best thing to do.

Egbewole greets Emir of Ilorin @ 83

By Abubakar Imam

The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has felicitated with the Emir of Ilorin and Chairman, Kwara State Council of Chiefs, Alhaji (Dr) Ibrahim Sulu-Gambari, CFR, on his 83rd birthday, saying that the prominent royal father deserves to be celebrated for remaining an icon and role-model even among statesmen of his class.

The Emir's birthday, which fell due last Saturday (April 22, 2023), coincided with this year's Eid-el Fitri festival, marking the end of the 30-days Ramadan fasting.

Prof. Egbewole, in a statement signed by the University's Director of Corporate Affairs, Mr Kunle Akogun, said that the Emir, who has left no one in doubt that he is a leader of all and of all times, is a detribalised and remarkable jurist who made his domain very attractive to all without any form of discrimination.

Pointing out that the contributions of the elder statesman to national development through many spheres cannot



■ *Alhaji Sulu-Gambari*

be glossed over, the Vice Chancellor commended Alhaji Sulu-Gambari, who is also the Chancellor of the Federal University of Agriculture, Makurdi, for vigorously exerting positive influences on the people before and since he ascended the throne of his illustrious forebears about three decades ago.

Prof. Egbewole added that the

good leadership of the Emir has seen Ilorin Emirate evolving positively on all fronts, saying that his reign would continue to be remembered for all the good things recorded by the people and residents of Ilorin Emirate as well as by institutions hosted by it.

The Vice Chancellor said that the egalitarian dispositions of the Emir is as commendable as his peaceful approach to issues, saying that the prevailing peace and harmony of Ilorin Emirate and Kwara State cannot be divorced from the fascinating personality of the first class monarch.

Prof. Egbewole specifically thanked the Emir for his good leadership qualities, consistent fatherly counsel and prayers that are impacting on the University and its constituents, saying that the University has benefitted immensely from the wisdom and advice of the monarch.

The Vice Chancellor, while wishing the Emir many more years of peaceful and prosperous reign, assured Alhaji Sulu-Gambari of the cooperation and loyalty of the staff and students of the University.

Women Friendly Initiative engages UNILORIN stakeholders

By Ebenezer Anukam

The Women's Friendly Initiative (WFI) last Wednesday (April 19, 2023) engaged members of the University of Ilorin community ahead of the flag-off of its Collaborative Action for Mental Health Promotion Utilizing Students (CAMPUS) programme in the University.

The engagement meeting, which took place at the Board Room of Faculty of Education, featured an expansive exposition on the subject of mental health concerns that arise among students and solutions to such issues.

The programme, tagged CAMPUS, which is an 18-month pilot project, is focused on improving mental health and well-being of University students using various integrated systems to provide timely non-medical mental health services to the students of the University.

Speaking on the pilot project, the Chief Executive Officer, WFI, Dr Francis Eremutha, stressed the need for collaboration with the University management and all stakeholders at all levels to achieve the goals of providing a mentally-stable educational climate for all students of the University.

Dr Eremutha stated that the urgency of the project stemmed from the need to curtail the increasing rate of suicide and mental health issues being recorded across educational institutions in the country.

Acknowledging the relevance of the Better by Far University, the WFI boss

pointed out that the project is the first-of-its-kind and the University of Ilorin is the first university to herald the launch of the 'CAMPUS' programme.

Also in his remarks, the Lead Investigator for the 'CAMPUS' project, WFI, Dr. Salem Iyorwuese, stated that the age group targeted for the programme are students within the age-bracket of 15-24 years.

Dr Iyorwuese added that the WFI would establish a Mind and Body Clinic, which would be the office of the initiative for handling all mental health issues related to students. The project would also handle

trainings for individuals involved in its "peer-to-peer" systems.

In the course of the programme, 480 clients would have access to its peer-to-peer systems, with over 450 new mental e-course Users certified and recorded. Also, the WFI expressed its readiness to roll out toll-free lines with an average of at least 80 callers being attended to per interval.

The programme is set to run for 18 months, after which its full operations would be handed over to the Students' Union on November 1, 2024.



■ *Staff members of the Registrar's Office during a surprise birthday bash for the outgoing Registrar, Dr Fola Olowoleni (middle), last Wednesday*

Alfanla, a good product -- Egbewole

By Abubakar Imam

The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has described the institution's Registrar-designate, Mr Mansur Adeleke Alfanla, as "a good product that needs little or no advertisement".

Prof. Egbewole made the remark last Wednesday (April 19, 2023) while receiving a delegation of the National Executive Council of the Ilorin Emirate Descendants Progressive Union (IEDPU) that visited him in his office. The delegation was led on the visit by the Union's National President, Alhaji Aliyu Otta Uthman, fsi.

The Vice Chancellor said that Mr Alfanla had paid his dues in the services of the University, hence his appointment as the 7th Registrar and Secretary to the institution's Governing Council despite the fact that some other equally qualified and competent administrators competed for the position with him.

He added that with the presence of Mr Alfanla and the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Management Services), Prof. Suleiman Funsho Ambali, among others, in the leadership configuration of the University, the people of Ilorin Emirate should rest assured that the progress and prosperity of the institution would not elude them.

Prof. Egbewole urged staff members of the University, particularly from Ilorin Emirate, to emulate the industry and versatility of the incoming Registrar in the discharge of their duties for them to also enjoy career progression, saying that they should always be ready to distinguish themselves in every position of responsibility assigned to them.

The Vice Chancellor recalled that

Mr Alfanla has acquired tremendous experiences from all the facets of the University Registry, a situation, which, he explained, had adequately prepared him for the position he would be assumed towards the end of the month.

Responding, Mr Alfanla thanked the Vice Chancellor for his nondiscriminatory leadership and personality, which he said indigenes of Ilorin Emirate working at the University have benefitted from. He said that the contribution of the foremost legal luminary to the career progression of many indigenes of Ilorin Emirate at the Faculty of Law of the University were worthy of being celebrated.

The Registrar-designate assured the leadership of the IEDPU that the University would continue to work with

the Union and other stakeholders towards the sustenance of mutual benefits.

Speaking earlier, the IEDPU President, Alhaji Uthman thanked the Vice Chancellor for believing in the people of Ilorin Emirate extraction working with him as he said that the information available to the Union showed that Prof. Egbewole has been doing very well.

Alhaji Uthman canvassed for more supports to enable more indigenes of the University's host community to work and study at the institution in reciprocation of the role the Union and the entire Ilorin Emirate community played in the establishment of the University about 50 years ago and the sustenance of its progress and prosperity over the years.



■ The Vice Chancellor, Prof. Egbewole (middle); the Deputy Vice Chancellor, Prof. Sulyman Ambali (1st right); the Registrar-designate, Mr Alfanla (2nd right); the IEDPU President, Alhaji Uthman (2nd left); the IEDPU Secretary, Mr Abubakar Imam (1st left); and other members of the IEDPU delegation during the visit

UNILORIN SECONDARY SCHOOL University Of Ilorin, Ilorin

ENTRANCE EXAMINATION TO JSS 1 (UBE 7) 2023/2024 ACADEMIC SESSION

DATE: Saturday 20th May, 2023

TIME: 8:00am prompt

CENTRE: Unilorin Secondary School, University of Ilorin, Mini Campus, Adewole, Ilorin

SUBJECTS: English Language, Mathematics And General Paper

FORM: Application forms in addition to a year past question papers are obtainable at Unilorin Secondary School, University of Ilorin, Mini Campus at the rate of N5,000.00 per form.

The N5,000.00 is payable to First Bank, Ilorin. **ACCOUNT NO. 2003938315.**

The teller should be brought to the School in duplicate to obtain the form.

CLOSING DATE: All completed application forms must reach the office of the Principal on or before Friday 28th April, 2023.

Signed:
Principal



UNILORIN WEEKLY FINANCIAL DIGEST

FUND SOURCES AND UTILIZATION REPORT FROM 13TH TO 20TH APRIL 2023

RECEIPTS:	AMOUNT
Academic Transcript	458,540.00
Sundry & Other Student Charges	228,050.00
Income from Verification/Screening	5,000.00
Sunday Other Income	1,516,511.50
Income from Dental Clinic	120,438.75
Income from Diagnostic Centre	117,747.50
House Rent from Staff	49,634.00
Disciplinary Fines	5,000.00
Clinic Registration (Staff)	10,000.00
Departmental Income	7,100,000.00
General Donation to Unilorin	276,600.00
Capitation NHIS	12,750.00
Staff I.D. Cards	10,000.00
Student I.D. Cards	9,000.00
Convocation Souvenir	333,300.00
Contractors' Registration fees	40,000.00
Undergraduate School Charges	1,925,000.00
Undergraduate Add/Drop Payment	43,000.00
Undergraduate Convocation Charges	943,200.00
Postgraduate School Convocation Charges	42,900.00
Postgraduate School Add/Drop Payment	18,550.00
Postgraduate Transcript Payment	110,000.00
Postgraduate School General Payment	205,750.00
Institute of Education School Charges	33,284,450.00
JUPEB School Charges	230,300.00
Ilorin Business School Application Form	50,150.00
Remedial School Application Form	45,600.00
Remedial School Charges	580,750.00
Remedial School Hostel Accommodation	15,300.00
Total Receipt for the Period	₦47,787,521.75
PAYMENTS	
PAYMENT TO CONTRACTORS/SUPPLIERS :	
PGC Cleaners & Merchants Waste Collections payment	40,000.00
Solamid Nig Ltd Construction of Road Network	3,429,131.62
SKYE Diagnostic & Healthcare Ltd Supply of Medical Consumables	2,336,600.00
Biomamo Ltd Supply and Installation of Equipment	3,156,450.00
Commade Nig Ltd Construction of Asphalt Overlay of Road.	3,493,750.00
Archers Innovatives Multi Services Ltd Supply and Installation of Boards	535,511.25
Usalis Nigeria Ltd Rehabilitation of Vice Chancellors Lodge Toilets	2,108,258.14
The Book Coy Ltd Supply of Assorted Books and Journals (CBNTETFUND)	6,623,737.89
OTHER PAYMENTS:	
Various Various i.e. DTA, IMPREST, REFUND etc	18,905,929.00
Purchase Advance Various	4,847,210.00
Body of Senior Advocates of Nigeria Annual Subscriptions	100,000.00
Staff Researchers Research Grant Fund (CBNTETFUND)	1,659,040.00
Staff Training Programme PHD Staff Development Awards (CBNTETFUND)	37,400,662.00
Unilorin Guest Houses Catering Services	729,374.80
Unilorin Press Printing of Booklet	3,750,950.00
Unilorin Petrol Station Refund	3,091,115.00
Total TSA Charges	40,827.00
Total payment for the period	₦92,248,546.70

*Signed***O.H. Sonde FCA***Bursar*

- A former Director of the Centre for Peace and Strategies Studies, (CPSS), University of Ilorin, who is now the Vice Chancellor of Ahman Pategi University (APU), Prof. Mahfouz Adedimeji, has listed three Rs that are expected of a Muslim after Ramadan.
("Sustain lessons of Ramadan as Eid-el - Fitri Beckons, Muslims urged", *The Guardian*, Sunday, April 16, 2023, p.19)
- In his column, the former Director, Centre for Peace and Strategies Studies (CPSS), University of Ilorin, who is now the Vice Chancellor of Ahman Pategi University (APU), Prof. Mahfouz Adedimeji, has observed that fasting is about righteousness and it is important for everyone who has gone through the training to retain the lessons of kindness, compassion, generosity, self denial, discipline, devotion, piety and commitment.
("Fast facts on Fasting", *New Telegraph*, Tuesday, April 18, 2023, P.16)
- A doctoral student of Industrial Chemistry at the University of Ilorin, Mr Abdullahi Musa Rabi, has announced the discovery of some agriculture-based materials and chemicals as anti- toxins.
("UNILORIN doctoral student develops anti- toxins for industries", <https://punching.com>; See also, "Unilorin Doctoral student Discovers Chemical for Removing Toxic Deposit in Rivers" *THISDAY*, Tuesday, April 18, 2023, p.11)
- The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Egbewole, SAN, has said that the University would introduce electric bus services and intra train to ease transportation challenge of its students and staff.
("Unilorin To Introduce Electric Bus Services Intra Train To Ease Transportation Challenges ", <https://dailyinfolinkse24.WordPress.com> , "Unilorin VC , Egbewole speaks on homegrown electrical buses, preparation for contingent to World University games", <https://accuratenewsng.com>, "UNILORIN To Introduce Electric Buses , ...Intra Train Services To Ease Transportation -- VC", https://choice_reporters.com , "TETFUND Has Designated Unilorin as innovation Hub - Prof. Egbewole ", <https://Sobicm.com> , "Unilorin working

on electric bus to tackle transport problems -VC " , <https://solarenews.wordpress.com>, "Unilorin Sets To Introduce Electric Transportation-VC " , <https://germanereporters.com> , "Unilorin To Introduce Electric Transport -VC " , <https://heritagenewsng.com>, "Unilorin, TETFUND's New Innovation Hub, invest in Electric Bus Intra Train Services", <https://leadership.ng>, "University of Ilorin introduces electric bus services to tackle transportation challenges " , <https://apexnewsexclusive.com> , " Unilorin to introduce electric bus services to tackle transport problem, says, Professor Egbewole", <https://www.nigerantrend.com>

➤ While delivering the 231st Inaugural Lecture of the University of Ilorin, entitled "Reserving Nigerian women Poor Health indices : Challenges and Prospects, Prof. Adegboyega Fawole of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, has advised that women should be encouraged to increase the use of obstetrics services manned by professional health care workers.
("Cervical Cancers Don advises Women on Obstetric Services", <https://Solarenews.wordpress.com>, "Varsity don urges govt continue trajectory on health insurance", <https://dailypost.ng> , "28 Nigerian women die from cervical cancer daily - Gynaecologist, <https://gazettengr.com> , "28 Nigerian women die from cervical cancer daily - Expert", <https://theeagleonline.com.ng>, "28 Nigerian women die from cervical cancer daily - Prof. Adegboyega", <https://dailynigeria.com>, " 28 Nigerian women die from cervical cancer daily -Don" , <https://cityvoice.ng>, "How 28 women die daily from cervical cancer in Nigeria -Gynaecologist " , <https://thenewsguru.com>, "28 Nigerian women die from cervical cancer daily -Gynaecologist, <https://www.nationalaccordnewspaper.com>, " Unilorin Gynaecologist cervical cancer kills 28 Nigerian women daily " , <https://www.thestar.ng>, "28 Nigerian women die from cervical cancer daily -Gynaecologist" , <https://newsverge.com>, "28 Nigerian women Die of Cervical Cancer Daily -Expert " , <https://platformtimes.com>, "28 Nigerian women die from Cervical Cancer Daily -Gynaecologist" , <https://www.martinefirstnewspaper.com>)

Baba's father buried in Ilorin

By Abubakar Imam

A Deputy Director at the Works Department and Head of Estate Unit, University of Ilorin, Mr Sahid Baba, last Wednesday (April 19, 2023) played host to dignitaries from all walks of life who joined him at the fidau for his late father, Alhaji Abdulgafar Baba Mahamood Pakata.

Alhaji Pakata, who was the Alangua(traditional head) of Ubandawaki Ward in the Ilorin West Local Government Area of Kwara State, died on Saturday, April 15,2023 after a brief illness at the age of 86,

The eighth day fidau prayer, which took place at the deceased's ancestral home, Ubandawaki Compound, Pakata, Ilorin, was led by the Grand Mukadam of Ilorin, Shaykh Suleiman Abubakar Dan-Borno.

The renowned cleric described the deceased as a great leader and elder statesman who was always conscious of the feelings, aspirations and desires of his



■ **Late Alhaji Pakata**

people throughout his 13 years reign.

Speaking on the sideline of the programme, Mr Baba described his late father as the best any child can pray for. While recalling several roles the deceased played in his life and those of his siblings,

Mr Baba said he, his siblings and the entire Ubandawaki chieftaincy family would sorely miss the departed Alangua .

Mr Baba, who is also the Vice Chairman II of the Ilorin Emirate Staff Association (IESA), University of Ilorin, thanked all those who identified with his family on the passage of their late dad as he prayed Allah to reward them all most generously.

Among dignitaries who attended the event were a former Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Shuaibu Oba AbdulRaheem, OFR; the Registrar-designate, University of Ilorin, Mr Mansur Adeleke Alfania; a former Dean, Faculty of Education, University of Ilorin, Prof. Medinat Folorunso Salman; a former Chairman, University of Ilorin Chapter of the Academic Staff Union of Universities, Prof. Usman Adebimpe Raheem; a former Dean, Faculty of Environmental Sciences, University of Ilorin, Dr Abdulateef Bako and a former Chairman, Admission Committee, University of Ilorin, Prof. O. T. Mustapha.



S/N	Name	Department	Birthday
1	Giwa Ahmed Kehinde	Registry	Apr 22
2	Olanrewaju Tunde	Training Research & Development	Apr 22
3	Salimon Taiwo Tunji	Security Division	Apr 22
4	Ojo-Idowu Olakunle Olalekan	Registry	Apr 22
5	Adetitun David Olugbenga	Microbiology	Apr 22
6	Rabiu Nafisa	Library & Information Science	Apr 22
7	Mohammed Ridwan Enuwa	Science Education	Apr 22
8	Usamot Idayat Foluke	Mathematics	Apr 22
9	Ibitoye Olusegun Michael	Bursary	Apr 23
10	Adegboyega Lateef Omotosho	Counsellor Education	Apr 23
11	Ibrahim Akeem	Bursary	Apr 23
12	Babaita Hadizat Sheu	Bursary	Apr 24
13	Ndagi Mustapha	Mechanical Engineering	Apr 24
14	Akande Femi Albert	Bursary	Apr 24
15	Adegboyega Kolawole Lukman	Registry	Apr 24
16	Okunlola Funmilayo Vitoria	Registry	Apr 24
17	Joshua Jimmy Johnson	Security Division	Apr 24
18	Bodunde Charles Agboola	English	Apr 24
19	Bolarinwa Oladimeji Akeem	Epidemiology & Com. Health	Apr 24
20	Uthman Hameedat Olayinka	Veterinary Teaching Hospital	Apr 24
21	Hassan Issa Toshio	Civil Engineering	Apr 24
22	Issa Musa Kallam	Registry	Apr 24
23	Owope Solomon Oluwatoyin	Library	Apr 24
24	Abdulsalam Ayodele Aliyu	Social Science Education	Apr 24
25	Yahaya Isola Abdulganiy	Library	Apr 24
26	Abdulsalam Ahmed Adebayo	Security Division	Apr 24
27	Babaita Tawakalitu Oywdamola	Educational Technology	Apr 25
28	Onele Omeh Christopher	Registry	Apr 25
29	Adeyemi Akin Debo	Human Kinetics & Health Edu.	Apr 25
30	Musa Medinat Iyabo	Registry	Apr 25
31	Obadun Esther Adunni	Health Services	Apr 25
32	Nwogba Innocent Nweke	Registry	Apr 25
33	Owolabi Abdulhakeem Adepoju	Legal Services Unit	Apr 25
34	Aboyaji Patricia Adeola	Registry	Apr 25
35	Famiroju Michael Olorunfemi	Bursary	Apr 25
36	Abdulsalam Shakirat	Medicinal & Pharm. Chemistry	Apr 25
37	Abegunde Tope Tuesday	Works: Works/Maintenance Office	Apr 26
38	Ayinla Ganiyu Abolaji	Health Services	Apr 26
39	Ayeloja Ahmed Ayodeji	Aquaculture & Fisheries	Apr 26
40	Abidoye Florence Omosholape	Science Education	Apr 26
41	Oyeyiola Ganiyu Pacy	Microbiology	Apr 26
42	Adelowo Suleman Bola	Security Division	Apr 26
43	Oladele Olumuyiwa Ayotunde	Jurisprud. & International. Law	Apr 26
44	Adeniyi Olajumoke Abesede	Registry	Apr 26
45	Panu Abosede Sewedo	Registry	Apr 26
46	Okunade Elizabeth Oluwatoyin	Registry	Apr 26
47	Musa Salamat Ayinke	Veterinary Parasitology & Entomology	Apr 26
48	Komolafe Semiu Kayode	Works: Mechanical	Apr 27
49	Yahya Waheed Babatunde	Statistics	Apr 27
50	Bello Mufutau Opeyemi	Economics	Apr 27
51	Oladiji Adenike Temidayo	Biochemistry	Apr 27
52	Garuba Lateef Ayedun	Educational Technology	Apr 27
53	Abdul Fazlil Ajoke	Business Administration	Apr 27
54	Sa'adu Ganiyu Eleja	Physical Planning Unit	Apr 27
55	Eweama Chioma Corlet	Ling. & Nig. Languages	Apr 27
56	Abdulrasaq Lukman	Works: Works/Maintenance Office	Apr 28
57	Ibiyeye Adeyemi Esther	Water Resources & Environmental Engineering	Apr 28
58	Yusuf Muibat Olusheyi	Health Services	Apr 28
59	Suleiman Mariam Kehinde	Medical Microbiology & Parasitology	Apr 28
60	Adewole Kayode Sakariyah	Computer Science	Apr 28
61	Ajeigbe Mariam Mohammed	Registry	Apr 28
62	Raimi Sekinat Olabimpe	Registry	Apr 28
63	Oyeniyi Michael Oluwasegun	Bursary	Apr 29
64	Ibitoye Morufu Olusola	Biomedical Engineering	Apr 29
65	Abdullahi Kadir Ayinse	English	Apr 29
66	Mustapha Mulikat Ladi	Counsellor Education	Apr 29
67	Olukotun Janet Febisola	Library	Apr 29

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

Prof. Abiodun's mum for burial April 28

The remains of Deaconess Folusho Esther Abiodun, the late mother of Prof Olatunji Alao Abiodun of the Department of Behavioural Sciences, Faculty of Clinical Sciences, will be committed to mother earth this Friday, April 28, 2023 at RCCG Memorial Garden, RCCG Camp, Mowe, Lagos – Ibadan

Expressway.

A funeral notice made available to **UNILORIN BULLETIN** indicated that the burial will be preceded by wake keep on Thursday, April 27, 2023 at RCCG, House of Favour Parish, RCCG Camp, Mowe, between 4.00p.m and 6.00p.m.

Burial Service will hold on

Friday, April 28, 2023 at RCCG, House of Favour Parish, RCCG Camp, Mowe beginning from 11.00a.m while Reception will follow at Youth Centre, RCCG Camp, Mowe.

Members of the University Community are cordially invited.

The BIG STORY

Egbewole inaugurates UNILORIN Alumni Unity Convention Planning Committee

By Tajudeen Babamale

The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has inaugurated the University of Ilorin Alumni National Unity Convention Planning Committee to plan and organize a national unity convention by July/August this year.

This is sequel to the resolution of the lingering differences between the three contending factions of the Alumni Association at a stakeholders' meeting convened at the instance of the Vice-Chancellor, on Friday, March 31, 2023.

The intervention of the Vice-Chancellor was informed by the admonition of the court handling the case, which called on the Vice-Chancellor to resolve the lingering crisis in the Alumni.

Inaugurating the Convention Planning Committee last Wednesday (April 19, 2023), Prof. Egbewole said that its mandate is to put in place a brand new alumni association that would be partners in progress with the University management.

Members of the Unity Convention Planning Committee include Mr. Oyediran Oloyede and Mutiu Olaleke Agboke from the Engr. Iswat Lawal Group; Dr. Wale Fasakin and Nesta Taiwo Oluwatoba, representing the Dr. Wale Fasakin Group; Mrs. Feyikemi Ayoola Egbeyemi and Mr. Emma Ola Ehinmoro, representing Prof. Jeleel Ojuade Interim Management, and the University of Ilorin will be represented on the committee by Prof. M. J. Saka and Dr. O. K. Bello.

Prof. Egbewole charged the committee to come up with strategies and ensure that a well-coordinated unity convention, where all members of the Alumni Association would be carried along, is held.

It is expected that at the Convention, a new

leadership for the University of Ilorin Alumni Association would emerge.

The Vice Chancellor said since all the three legs and the University management were represented on the Committee, he expected that the committee would determine and appoint leaders that would be generally accepted to all members of the Association and will compete favourably with any global alumni body.

While lamenting that the Association has been in the news for the wrong reasons for too long, Prof. Egbewole, who is a Fellow of the Society for Peace Studies and Practice (SPSP), said this has to stop.

The Vice Chancellor pointed out that his understanding of an alumni association is that it is a partner to the University and does not represent it, nor can it take over the running of the University.

With the calibre of people that make up the convention planning committee, the Vice Chancellor expressed the hope that the stakeholders will get it right.

Prof. Egbewole appreciated the sacrifices made by all the stakeholders, especially that all the three contending forces agreed to the unity convention.

In his opening remarks at the March 31st meeting, the pioneer National President of the Association, Prof. David Durosaro, thanked the Vice Chancellor for providing an avenue for the three legs to sit and rub minds, turn new leaf, and move forward.

Prof. Durosaro said that no one was happy with the state of the Alumni Association, stressing that the Association belongs to all and no single individual can be stronger or greater than the Association.

He said that Alumni Associations should be partners in progress with the University and for the three gactions to be present at the meeting, it showed that they were all committed to the progress of the University.



■ The Vice Chancellor, Prof. Egbewole, with some members of the National Unity Convention Planning Committee after the inauguration last Wednesday