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## UNILORIN ANNOUNCES RESUMPTION DATES \*Final Year, PG students resume Oct. 24 \*Others resume Dec. 15

Following the suspension of the prolonged strike by the Academic Staff Union of Universities (ASUU), the University of Ilorin has concluded arrangements for the resumption of academic activities on Monday, October 24, 2022.

This follows the ratification of the amended Academic Calendar by the University Senate at its 291st meeting last Friday (October 21, 2022).

According to the amended

Calendar, Final Year and Postgraduate students are expected back on campus on 24th October, 2022, while other categories of returning students will resume on December 15th when the 2021/2022 academic session commences.

Also, students of the Faculties of Agriculture and Veterinary Medicine, who are yet to complete their Rain Semestre examinations before the Commencement of the strike on February 14, 2022, are expected to resume on October 24th

to conclude such examinations.

Other items on the amended calendar include:

\* 21st - 25th November, 2022 -- Faculty Board of Examiners meeting to consider results;

\* 28th - 30th November, 2022 -- BCOS meeting to consider results;

\* 7th December, 2022 -- Senate meeting to consider results.

\* 15th December, 2022, Commencement of 2021/2022 session.

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## AS 11<sup>TH</sup> VICE CHANCELLOR ASSUMES DUTY:

### Excited crowd ushers Egbewole into office ...New VC unfolds 'SMART' development agenda

By Abubakar Imam,  
Mustafa Abubakar and Oluyemisi Olayemi

An excited crowd of jubilant staff, friends and well-wishers welcomed Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, to the campus last Monday (October 17, 2022), as he formally assumed office as the 11<sup>th</sup> Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin.

The carnival-like "assumption procession" began, in a huge motorcade, from the University's Main Gate at about 8.45 am and passed through the Senior Staff Quarters, the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine to the College of Health Sciences, the Faculty of Law, the University Park and ended at the University Auditorium where the Vice Chancellor was formally received by members of the University management led by the Registrar, Dr. Fola M. Olowoleni and included the Bursar, Mr. H. O. Sonde, the Provost, Deans, Directors, Deputy Registrars and Deputy Bursars...



■ Prof. Egbewole

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Other resolutions of the University Senate include:

\* 31st October, 2022 -- Commencement of the Postgraduate School's Rain Semestre examinations;  
\* 5th November, 2022 -- Qualifying Examinations for 2021/2022 Admissions;  
\* 14th November, 2022 -- End of the 2020/2021 Academic Session;  
\* 2nd January, 2023 -- Commencement of the 2021/2022 Academic Session 2022).

The University management hereby assures our returning students that adequate measures have been put in place to make the environment very conducive for them, while urging them to ensure strict compliance with the rules and regulations of the University.



■ *The Vice Chancellor (2nd right), and other Principal Officers during the meeting of the Congregation last Friday*

## We are ready for students' resumption -- Yakubu

*By Abubakar Imam*

Following the recent suspension of the protracted strike embarked upon by members of the Academic Staff Union of Universities (ASUU) and the anticipated commencement of full academic activities, the authorities of the University of Ilorin have announced the preparedness of the institution towards ensuring that the resumption of students is hitch free.

This assurance was given last Wednesday (October 19, 2022) by the Dean, Student Affairs, University of Ilorin, Prof. Musa Toyin Yakubu, while speaking with **UNILORIN BULLETIN** in his office.

The Dean explained that everything worth doing is being done to ensure that the return of students and consequent resumption of academic activities at the University are eventful and pleasant.

Prof. Yakubu explained that the University is well prepared for the resumption and is also leaving no stone unturned to ensure that every facility that would aid teaching and learning at the University is put in place and in proper conditions for effective service delivery.

He disclosed that he had met with all managers of public and private hostels on the campus to assess the state of their readiness of their facilities for students.

Prof. Yakubu, who previously served as the Director, Central Research



■ *Prof. Yakubu*

Laboratories, University of Ilorin, said that all the hostel managers were fully prepared to receive the students as he added that they were all currently working towards the clearing of bushes and fumigation of the hostel environment to ensure the safety of students.

The distinguished Professor of Biochemistry also assured that his Unit was also working round the clock with the Security Unit of the University to ensure that the security of the campus is effectively tightened in anticipation of the resumption of the students.

He added that he, on behalf of the University's management, equally met with the Nigeria Police and community and opinion leaders within and around Tanke on how the lives and property of students who live off-campus, particularly within the Tanke axis, can be adequately protected for them to have the much-needed peace of mind to enhance effective learning.

While thanking the successive management of the University for ensuring that students now have more opportunities of living on campus as a result of the building of more private hostels, Prof. Yakubu disclosed that his office is also perfecting arrangements with some private investors towards the provision of more buses that would complement the transport situation between the town and the campus.

Apart from efforts at easing mass transit services for the teeming students of the University, the renowned academic added that everything is also being done to ensure that living and learning are made easy for the students in order for them to achieve the essence of their matriculations.

While assuring that the Senate of the University would soon announce the date for the return of students to the campus and the consequent resumption of academic activities, the Dean advised the students to ensure that they are prepared with every material that they would need on campus.



## How I saw a future VC in Egbewole 20 years ago -- Amali

By Abubakar Imam

**A** one-time Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Shamsudeen Amali, OON, has revealed his prediction, about 20 years ago, of the emergence of Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, as Vice Chancellor of the institution.

Prof. Amali unveiled this last Monday (October 17, 2022) while delivering a goodwill message on behalf of the past Vice Chancellors and other former Principal Officers of the University who witnessed the colourful inauguration of Prof. Egbewole as the 11th Vice Chancellor of the institution at the University's Main Auditorium.

Prof. Amali, who headed the University between 2002 and 2007, said that he had discovered in Prof. Egbewole huge leadership potentials about two decades ago and told him in a clear term that if he maintained the dispositions, he would certainly become the institution's Vice Chancellor in no distant time.

The distinguished Professor of Theatre Arts, who also served as the Vice Chancellor of Nasarawa State University,



■ **Prof. Amali**

Keffi, recalled that Prof. Egbewole, as a young lecturer at the Faculty of Law, had led a delegation of Law students of the University to an international competition in Washington, USA, where the UNILORIN Team excelled to the amazement of leaders of other delegations.

Prof. Amali described Prof. Egbewole as a dedicated, sincere,

committed and humble academic and professional who deserved to be emulated by the younger generations who are desirous of career progression and brighter future.

The former Vice Chancellor pointed out that he was not surprised that Prof. Egbewole eventually became the Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin about two decades after his prophecy, saying that from what he knew about the learned Senior Advocate of Nigeria, he is convinced that he really deserved the position and would make a success out of it.

Prof. Amali congratulated the renowned Professor of Jurisprudence and International Law for attaining the pinnacle of his careers as a lawyer and as an academic. He added that attaining the apex in a chosen career is not and can never be taken as a joke not to talk of doing so in two different professions in a single lifetime.

The elder statesman advised the new Vice Chancellor to always be prayerful and administer the University with justice for him to succeed, saying that any leader who combines the two would surely excel.

## Ooni rallies support for Egbewole

By Abubakar Imam

**T**he Ooni of Ife and Permanent President, Osun State Council of Obas, Oba Adeyeye Enitan Ogunwusi, CFR, has appealed to the entire University of Ilorin community to support the institution's new Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, who is one of his subjects.

The Ooni made the plea last Monday (October 17, 2022) while speaking on behalf of all the traditional rulers that graced the inauguration of Prof. Egbewole as the 11th Vice Chancellor of the University.

The foremost traditional ruler, who was represented by HRH Oba Adedire Adewole Solomon, the Onifegunwa of Ifegunwa, Ife, said that the renowned Professor of Jurisprudence and International Law could only succeed in the onerous task of administering the human and material resources of the University if every stakeholder joined hands with him in doing so.

While acknowledging the fact that all the candidates that aspired for the position of the University's Chief Executive were eminently qualified for the top job, Oba Ogunwusi, however, noted that the office could only be occupied by only one person at a given time.

He, therefore, appealed to all



■ **Oba Adedire**

those who contested against Prof. Egbewole but who could not make it to join hands with him in taking the University to its next level of development in the interest of the institution and humanity.

Oba Ogunwusi, who expressed the pleasure of the entire people of Ife Kingdom to the authorities of the University of Ilorin for finding Prof. Egbewole worthy of the office of the Vice Chancellor of a prominent University, said that he was convinced that with the support and prayer of all, the Ife-born Senior Advocate of Nigeria would succeed.

The highly revered monarch added that he considered the inauguration and assumption of office by Prof. Egbewole as a personal honour as it coincided with his 48th birthday anniversary, which fell on the same date, a development that prevented him from being physically present at the occasion.

Speaking on the University of Ilorin as an institution, the Ooni saluted the legendary records of accomplishments of the University for consistently emerging as one of the leading citadels of learning in Nigeria.

He remarked that the University is known for high standard and exceptional service delivery as well as exciting mingling of different cultures.

The Ooni said that apart from its stability, the University of Ilorin has also produced outstanding alumni who are polishing the image of the institution. He specifically singled out for commendation a former Vice Chancellor of the University, Prof. Is-haq Olanrewaju Oloyede, for his trail-blazing performances at the University of Ilorin and as the Registrar/Chief Executive of the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB).

Oba Ogunwusi expressed the conviction that the new Vice Chancellor has all it would take to harness resources that would make the University to remain a shining example among its peers.



## We will fully digitise our processes -- Egbewole

By Olusegun Mokuolu

**T**he Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has said that his administration is committed to the digitisation of the entire administrative processes of the institution to eliminate inefficiency and conform to the modern way of doing things.

Prof. Egbewole stated this last Tuesday (October 18, 2022) during a meeting with the Committee of Provost and Deans to deliberate on the University calendar, among other issues, in preparation for the resumption of academic activities.

The Vice Chancellor said that it is critical for the Faculties to support and drive the digitisation process, pointing out that they are important stakeholders for its success.

In the well-attended meeting, Prof. Egbewole noted that the institution is facing a challenging time, charging the Dean to team up with him to confront the challenges frontally.

"We want the departments to be up and running. We are returning to our structured calendar to meet deadlines and do things timely and properly," he said.

The Vice Chancellor added that he is committed to returning the University to the number one position in the country, disclosing that henceforth, an annual research theme would drive interdisciplinary research efforts to make the University a global player.

Prof. Egbewole further disclosed that the Departmental Research Fund, Faculty Research Fund and Senate Research Grants are now available to



stimulate and encourage research works.

Meanwhile, in a meeting later that day with the leaders of the four workers' unions in the University, Prof. Egbewole called for dialogue and continuous engagement between the administration and the unions.

He stated that constructive engagement is the way to resolve conflicts, promising that he will operate an open-door policy and prioritise the welfare of the staff.

## Osodeke, other ASUU leaders hail Abdulkareem

By Mubarak Oladosu  
and Mustafa Abubakar

**M**embers of the Academic Staff Union of Universities (ASUU) led by the Union's National President, Prof. Emmanuel Osodeke, last Wednesday (October 12, 2022) converged on the University of Ilorin to celebrate the immediate past Vice Chancellor of the University, Prof. Sulyman Age Abdulkareem, three days to the expiration of his tenure for what they called his integrity, humility and for bringing the feud between the two ASUU factions, which lasted more than a generation at the University, to an end.

In his welcome address, the Chairman of the University of Ilorin chapter of ASUU, Prof. Moyosore Saliu Ajao, noted that Prof. Abdulkareem was celebrated because he effectively identified with the struggles of the Union.

Speaking at the event, the President of ASUU, Prof. Emmanuel Osodeke, said that ASUU's struggle is a noble one and a resistance of an attempt to destroy public universities. He noted that Prof. Abdulkareem was the second Vice Chancellor that ASUU will celebrate because he was not a typical Chief Executive of a Nigerian University who behaves like a politician.

He noted that the first VC to be celebrated as such was Prof. Ikenna Onyido, who is a Professor of Chemistry and a former Vice Chancellor of Michael Okpara University of Agriculture, Umuahia, Abia State, who came up with the theory of cascading mediocrity in which politicians and public office holders always appoint "yes-men" into various offices.



■ Prof. Osodeke

He also commended the striking lecturers for their steadfastness in sustaining the strike, saying no work no pay policy has never worked with ASUU and it will never work.

He added that the recently suspended ASUU's struggle was not just a fight against government but also against moneybags who run private universities and pledged that the Union will cooperate with the new Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole.

While delivering his lecture, the guest speaker at the event, who is also a former ASUU President, Prof. Biodun Ogunyemi, described Prof. Abdulkareem as a man of history and an unabashed critic of strikes who succeeded in bringing Unilorin ASUU back into the mainstream of the Union.

He noted that out of his five years

tenure as ASUU President, the Union went on strike four times over a period of four years because government does not yield to any other instrument of negotiation.

While discussing the lecture, the Dean of the Faculty of Arts, University of Ilorin, Prof. A.S. Abubakar, posited that neither of the two parties in a dispute is absolutely right or absolutely wrong.

In their respective contributions to the discussion, Prof. J.F. Olorunfemi recalled his efforts at mediation, saying that each of the two parties misunderstood him as a supporter of its opponent while the former Branch Chairman of ASUU at the University of Ilorin, Dr. Taiwo Oloruntoba-Oju, said that May 30, 2019, was a memorable day because the Union decided to visit the University after a radio program outside the University gate and to their surprise, while they expected hostility, nobody harassed them and they walked unhindered into the Vice Chancellor's Office and discussions on reconciliation followed.

Another former Branch Chairman of University's ASUU, Prof. Rasheed Adeoye who represented the new Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin also expressed delight that members of ASUU of the University are now members of the same family.

Responding, the immediate past Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Sulyman Age Abdulkareem, appreciated the organisers of the event, noting that since the management and Unions want the University to progress, they are on the same side. He added that it is sad that the Nigerian government pays students on TETFUND scholarship abroad better than they pay Professors in the public universities.



## Encomiums galore, as Igbomina descendants honour Abdulkareem

By Temitope Omoniyi

**E**motions flowed freely and encomiums poured in torrents penultimate Saturday (October 15, 2022) when the Igbomina Descendants, Unilorin Chapter, honoured the immediate past Vice Chancellor, Prof. Sulyman Age Abdulkareem, following the completion of his five-year tenure as the Chief Executive of the University of Ilorin.

The send-forth ceremony, which held at Circular Hotel, was witnessed by the National President, Omo Ibile Igbomina, Elder Y.G. Jimoh; the Vice Chairman, Omo Ibile Igbomina, Unilorin Branch, Prof. Afusat Alabi; the first Senior Advocate of Nigeria in Igbominaland, Elder P.A.O. Olorunnisola, SAN; the former Vice Chancellor, Thomas Adewumi University, Prof. Kolade Luke Ayorinde; and the immediate past Deputy Vice Chancellor (Research, Technology and Innovation), Prof. Mikhail Buhari; the immediate past Provost, College of Health Sciences, Prof. Olanrewaju Adedoyin; the Deputy Registrar (Human Resources), University of Ilorin, Mr. Toyin Bamigboye; Deputy Bursars, Mr. Gbadeyan and Mr. Iyanda.

Others include the Director, Centre for Open and Distance Learning (CODL), Prof. Bashir Omipidan; the representative of the Vice Chancellor, Al-Hikmah University, representatives of Igbomina Youth Assembly and the representatives of Igbomina Students' Union, among others.

In his tribute, the National President, Omo Ibile Igbomina, Elder Y.G. Jimoh, commended Prof. Abdulkareem for his impressive contributions to the University of Ilorin, noting that the former Vice Chancellor would be remembered as a leader who was honest and transparent.

Also, in her own remarks, the Vice Chairman, Omo Ibile Igbomina, Unilorin Branch, Prof. Afusat Alabi, observed that despite the challenges, the former Vice Chancellor faced in office, he never compromised on giving only the best to the University. She described Prof. Abdulkareem as a wonderful person.

Prof. Alabi, who represented the



Chairman on the occasion, said that Prof. Abdulkareem is a diligent man, who always looks at things objectively, adding that he is a leader who is very passionate about his work.

She urged everyone to read on the achievements of the honouree in the book titled '*Prof. Abdulkareem: Footprints of a giant, VC UNILORIN 2017-2022*', unveiled on Friday, October 14, 2022 at the University Auditorium. The book was the second in the series of the *UNILORIN Leadership Series*, initiated five years ago by the Director of Corporate Affairs, University of Ilorin, Mr. Kunle Akogun.

Also speaking, Elder Olorunnisola, SAN, was full of praises for Prof. Abdulkareem's leadership style of receiving and accepting wise counsel.

In his own remarks, the former Deputy Vice Chancellor (Research, Technology and Innovation), Prof. Mikhail Buhari, explained that the honouree operated an open-door policy and described him as a very honest man who would not do anything associated with corrupt practices. While wishing him well in his future endeavours, Prof. Buhari further described Prof. Abdulkareem as a straight-forward man, serious minded person, hardworking, and goal getting leader who has done very well.

The immediate past Provost, College of Health Sciences, Prof. Adedoyin, in his own tribute, described Prof. Abdulkareem as a God-fearing man who did his work with complete humility.

While praising him for his hard work and commitment to duty at all times, Prof. Adedoyin commended the former Vice Chancellor for the huge support his administration gave to the College of Health Sciences.

Also eulogising the honouree, the Director of the Centre for Open and Distance Learning (CODL), Prof. Omipidan, pointed out that Prof. Abdulkareem is very dedicated to his duty and relate with everybody with every sense of humility without minding their status.

In her own remarks, the Deputy Registrar, Vice-Chancellor's office, Mrs. Beatrice Ishola, said that the honouree has been a wonderful leader who takes punctuality seriously, and a committed public servant who is always happy to serve the university.

In his response, the honouree, Prof. Abdulkareem, thanked God, the Principal Officers that worked with him and the entire University community, including invited guests for the show of love for him. He noted that he ensured that he was guided by rules and regulations in the discharge of his duties as Vice Chancellor.

Prof. Abdulkareem observed that during his tenure, the University could not recruit more hands to join the services of the institution due to the federal government's embargo on employment.

A major highlight of the event was the presentation of gifts to the former Vice Chancellor who would be observing his sabbatical leave at Al-Hikmah University, Ilorin.

## NUJ Press Week: Idris Alooma bags award of excellence

**T**he General Manager of *UNILORIN 89.3FM*, Mr. Ibrahim Idris (Alooma) has been bestowed with an Award of Excellence by the Kwara State Council of the Nigeria Union of Journalist (NUJ) in recognition of his contribution to the development of media practice in the State.

Also honoured at the ceremony that climaxed the 2022 Press Week of the NUJ was the Kwara State governor, Mallam AbdulRahman AbdulRazaq, who received the award of "Most Gender Friendly

Governor in Nigeria".

The award ceremony and grand finale of the annual NUJ Press Week took place at the Kwara State Banquet Hall, opposite Government House, Ilorin on Friday, October 7, 2022.

In his reaction after receiving the award, Mr Alooma, popularly called 'Elewi kilokilo', expressed delight to the body of professional journalists in the state for considering him worthy of the honour.

He explained that the

accomplishment is a significant milestone in his life and in his place of work.

Mr Alooma, however, dedicated the award to the management of the University of Ilorin, his immediate boss and the Director of Corporate Affairs, Mr Kunle Akogun, as well as the entire hardworking staff of UNILORIN FM and the Directorate of Corporate Affairs for all the supports they gave him that made him to be honoured by the pen pushers in the state.



## Egbewole, new UNILORIN VC sets 'SMART' agenda

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Prof. Egbewole was, thereafter, conducted to the Auditorium where a grand reception was held in his honour, attended by a huge crowd of staff and other stakeholders from within and outside the University.

Addressing the huge audience, Prof. Egbewole expressed his preparedness to ensure that the University of Ilorin is placed among the galaxy of stars during his five-year term, saying that while the University is endowed with all that would make it become greater than it has ever been, he was also prepared to take the University to higher horizons.

The new Vice Chancellor, whose address was entitled "The Sun Rises Again", said that the University "is specially blessed" and that he was highly optimistic "that the University shall become first among equals once again because of the abundant talents it is endowed with".

The Professor of Jurisprudence and International Law assured the University community that his critical analysis of the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats characterising or confronting the University led him into the preparation of an agenda that would lead to its emergence as not only the best in Nigeria but also one of the ten foremost universities in Africa and among the leading 500 of such institutions at global level.

To achieve the lofty dream, Prof. Egbewole said that his administration would work on a mantra that would gear it towards sustainable development, monumental achievements, adaptive capacity and team building, which he called the 'SMART' mantra.

He assured that his administration would also work on a new strategic plan for the University, which would target shuttling to the space as he said that the University actually deserved to be placed among the galaxy of stars.

Prof. Egbewole, who is the first lawyer to head the University, also promised that his administration would work on the "principles of inclusive governance, no-door policy, thinking outside the box, strengthening of the committee system and reviving the academic culture" for the University to attain its full potential.

The Vice Chancellor assured that as a Professor of Law, he would



hit the ground running as there were "a lot to be done, to get the running with students resuming".

The Registrar also expressed the conviction that the University would be administered with fairness and justice as she pleaded with all the staff to always play their parts towards assisting the new Vice Chancellor to succeed.

In a lecture titled "Challenges facing appointment of Vice Chancellors in Contemporary Nigerian University Setting", a former Vice Chancellor of the Federal University of Technology, Minna, Prof. Musibau Akanji, urged Prof. Egbewole to ensure that he worked with fairness and absolute objectivity.

Prof. Akanji, who is also the pioneer Vice Chancellor of the Al-Hikmah University, Ilorin, urged Prof. Egbewole to think globally but act locally in the interests of the progress of the University. He also enjoined him to embrace empathy and inclusiveness in decision making as he advised him to always demonstrate absolute integrity and have it at the back of his mind that he would give account of whatever he does on the day of judgment, concluding that doing all he enumerated will ensure that his exit from the top job would be colourful.

The solemn event was attended by several dignitaries from far and near including a representative of the Ooni of Ife, Oba Babatunde Ogunwusi, CFR; the Emir of Ilorin, Alhaji (Dr) Ibrahim Sulu Gambari, CFR; who was represented by the Balogun Alanamu of Ilorin, Dr. Uthman Abubakar Jos, and two former Vice Chancellors of the University, Prof. Shamsudeen Amali, OON and Prof. AbdulGaniyu Ambali, OON; two former Registrars of the University, Mrs Olufolake Oyeyemi and Mr Emmanuel Obafemi; as well as the immediate past Chairman of the University's Governing Council, Dr Abdullahi Jibril Oyekan, MFR, and a former Grand Kadi of Kwara State, Justice Idris Haroon, OFR; and Mallam Olaolu Ali, SAN.

Also in attendance were the Olupo of Ajase-Ipo, Oba Ismail Atoloye; the Elese of Igbaja, Oba Ahmadu Awuni Arepo; the Olupako of Share, Oba Haruna Olawale Adegbite; and the Oba of Agbeku, Alhaji AbdulAzeez Agboola.

The event also witnessed the presence of several Vice Chancellors, Registrars, Judges and leading legal luminaries from far and near.

always strive to be loyal to the rules and regulations governing the University because he knew the implications of subverting laid-down procedure and due process as he assured that he would always be just, fair and humane in decision making.

Prof. Egbewole also promised members of the University community that he would lead by example, adding that everything would equally be done to inspire the students of the University to greatness.

While thanking his immediate predecessor, Prof. Sulyman Age

Abdulkareem, for his services to the University, Prof. Egbewole also acknowledged the contributions of all his predecessors particularly Prof. Shuaibu Oba AbdulRaheem, OFR; Prof. Shamsudeen Amali, OON; Prof. Is-haq Olanrewaju Oloyede, OFR, CON and Prof. AbdulGaniyu Ambali, OON. He disclosed that he would tap from the individual and collective resourcefulness of each of them, saying that with their combined wisdom and his, the University, under his leadership, would rise again.

Prof. Egbewole, who also

acknowledged the spirit of sportsmanship displayed by those he contested against, appealed to them to work with him towards deepening the greatness of the University.

The new Vice Chancellor also paid glowing tributes to the memory of the late Pro-Chancellor and Chairman of the Governing Council of the University, Mallam Abidu Ranfidandi Yazid, OON.

He appealed to all the staff and students of the University to be open-minded, positive and active as he urged them to shun rumours and gossips so that the University can shine in glory.

Speaking earlier, the Registrar

of the University, Dr Fola M. Olowoleni, congratulated Prof. Egbewole on his appointment as the Head of the nation's most sought-after University. She also, on behalf of members of the University's community, welcomed the new Vice Chancellor to the office as the 11th occupant of the position.

Dr Olowoleni described the Vice Chancellor's assumption as a sacred duty, which she noted coincided with the suspension of the protracted industrial strike embarked upon by members of the Academic Staff Union of Universities (ASUU). She enjoined Prof. Egbewole to





## The Sun Rises Again

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However, one thing is certain. There will be challenges, which are natural by the way. But we shall soar above them like an eagle and with determination cum unity of purpose, we shall get there. The operational blueprint of overcoming challenges shall be anchored on the principles of inclusive governance, no-door policy, thinking without the box (not just outside the box), strengthening of the committee system and reviving the academic culture, both its diverse attitudinal and professional components. For example, some of the attitudinal components include critical thinking, objectivity, evidence-based conclusions, depth, frugality (avoiding wastages), effective deployment of human and material resources, self-respect, collaboration, integrity, fairness and uprightness while aspects of the professional dimension concern mentorship (guided freedom), academic freedom, effective teaching, innovative research and institutional autonomy all in conformity with the extant laws.

As a Senior Advocate of Nigeria, I shall be loyal to the law, rules and regulations because I know the implications of subverting laid-down procedure and due process. Yet, as a professor of jurisprudence, I shall be just, fair and humane in the decision making process. As a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Administrators, I am committed to doing right things in the interest of this great institution and its entire membership, the students and staff. For all of us, the sun shall rise again and it shall be a new beginning.

Think Green, Be Green

Distinguished ladies and

gentlemen, we shall be concerned about the environmental policy regarding clean and conducive environment. When we save the environment and think green, we save ourselves and become green. We shall prioritise research and development as drivers of progress. We shall activate a code of conduct based on ethics, professionalism, punctuality, promptness, feedback and attitudinal change. Definitely, we cannot achieve all these without putting staff welfare at the front burner. There is no limit to human ability if there is motivation and in this regard, mechanisms of promoting welfare will be put in place while training and retraining opportunities shall be created to boost productivity and effectiveness. This is our university and it is ours to build together.

The tripartite mandate of the University begins with teaching which entails that the interest of students should be a top priority without compromising staff welfare. Therefore, we shall make our students our pride by constantly engaging them and making them potential ambassadors of the ideals and values of the University enshrined in the motto, *probitas doctrina* or character and learning. There is no doubt that if we lead by example, our students will be inspired. When our students are inspired, the society is better.

Good, Better, Best

I want to appreciate my predecessor, Prof. S. A. Abdulkareem, for his efforts in institutional building. The University is like a building and everyone of us can only add a few bricks here and there. I want to extend my hands of fellowship to all stakeholders in the University. I especially acknowledge the goodwill and the spirit of sportsmanship of my esteemed colleagues who are as passionate as I am about taking the

university to a new height. They are all eminently qualified as I am and I can assure them that we are all in it together as a single finger cannot lift a load. In other words, no one can do it alone and with you all, I believe that we shall advance the interest of the university and humanity and we shall set a new bar of institutional excellence. With you all, the sun rises again and it shall bring a new light and a new height to all of us.

As we all know, the University is better by far. It is my plan to make better best. As the old nursery rhyme says, and I crave your indulgence to say it along with me: Good, better, best.

Never let it rest.

Until your good is better

And your better is best.

Finally, as today is not a day for long speeches, I want to admonish you to let us remain together as a university in the interest of our shared humanity and posterity. I appeal to you to be open-minded, positive and active. I want to urge you all to shun rumours and gossip so that we can all shine in glory. The human mind is a garden and our thoughts are the seeds. We can grow flowers or weeds. Let's grow flowers in the University of Ilorin, let's cut the weeds and be the best we can be because my belief is that we can truly be the best, Can't we?

Yes, we can!

Thank you very much for your attention.

## UNILORIN FM listeners task Egbewole on varsity's academic stability

By Abubakar Imam

A cross section of **UNILORIN 89.3 FM** listeners have advised the new Vice Chancellor of the University, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, to ensure that the reputation of the institution as a peaceful and harmonious citadel of learning is sustained throughout his tenure.

This advice was given last Tuesday (October 18, 2022) by the listeners, who called in from various locations while commenting on the Vice Chancellor's assumption of office on "Tati Were", a current affairs programme of the official radio station of the University.

While congratulating Prof. Egbewole for emerging as the 11th Vice Chancellor of the nation's most sought-

after University, the callers urged him to do everything within his capacity to ensure that industrial harmony prevailed on campus so that the academic calendar of the University would not be interrupted again.

The radio listeners stated that the only condition that hitherto differentiated the University from its peers across the country was its academic stability for over two decades, which drew students and stakeholders from all over the country and beyond to it.

While acknowledging the fact that staff of the University like their counterparts in other institutions across the nation deserve better conditions of service, the listeners explained that no sacrifice should be spared at ensuring that the University regains its lost glory by reclaiming its reputation as the institution which brooks no form of

distraction.

Speaking on the assumption of duties of the new Vice Chancellor, which held the previous day (Monday, October 17, 2022), the callers said that the magnitude and calibre of dignitaries who came from far and near to witness the event as reported by all the media outlets confirmed that Prof. Egbewole is a man of the people.

They also expressed the conviction that the new UNILORIN's helmsman is someone who is imbued with all that would be required to excel as its Chief Executive.

The listeners wished the new Vice Chancellor a very fruitful and rewarding tenure of office.



## FUND SOURCES AND UTILIZATION REPORT FROM 13<sup>TH</sup> TO 20<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2022

RECEIPTS:	AMOUNT
Academic Transcript	462,011.87
Sundry & Other Student Charges	42,500.00
Sundry Other Income	1,094,600.00
Capitation-NHIS	2,041,500.00
Income from Dental Clinic	10,338.75
Rent on Staff Accommodation	19,177.10
Staff I.D. Cards	1,000.00
Student I.D. Cards	1,000.00
Income from Verification/Screening	26,000.00
Unilorin T-Shirt	5,250.00
Utility Income	41,600.00
Income from Diagnostic Centre	38,317.50
Undergraduate Clearance Charges	1,383,250.00
Undergraduate Convocation Charges	41,900.00
JUPEB Application form	176,050.00
JUPEB Acceptance Payment	302,250.00
JUPEB General Payment	60,300.00
JUPEB Hostel Accommodation	452,250.00
JUPEB School Charges	6,057,650.00
Remedial Application Form	242,400.00
<b>Total Receipt for the Period</b>	<b>₦12,499,345.22</b>
<b>PAYMENTS</b>	
<b>PAYMENT TO CONTRACTORS/SUPPLIERS:</b>	
Habeeb Graphcon Communication & Technology    Repairs and Fixing of Led Screen and Computer	582,551.03
Folingo Engineering Nigeria Ltd    Construction of Advanced Centre Building (TETFUND).	5,168,701.62
Cyteck Engineering Construction Ltd    Construction of Basic Clinical Science Building (TETFUND)	4,599,681.95
F&B Tasty Flavours Catering services    Catering Services	2,358,750.00
Adetos Ent Ltd    Supply and Installation of Extractor for Sugar Research Institute	756,000.00
Sunilar Nig Ltd    Construction of External Works at Community Centre	12,872,041.44
Apex Printmedia    Printing Work done	378,507.00
G. Pinnacle Suites Ltd    Feeding and Accommodation for Guests	478,871.25
<b>OTHER PAYMENTS:</b>	
Various    Various i.e. DTA, IMPREST, REFUND etc	10,686,734.00
Purchase Advance    Various	1,145,650.00
Unilorin Press    Printing Jobs (TETFUND)	9,740,000.00
NYSC    Monthly Allowance for September 2022	2,515,000.00
TSA Charges    Various	25,692.50
<b>Total payment for the period</b>	<b>₦51,308,180.79</b>

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

## New Appointments

NAME	FACULTY /DEPARTMENT	APPOINTMENT	EFFECTIVE DATE
Prof. A. A. Njan	Basic Clinical Sciences/Pharmacology and Therapeutics	Head, Department of Pharmacology and Therapeutics	1 <sup>st</sup> August, 2022
Prof. O. I. Oyinloye	Clinical Sciences /Radiology	Head, Department of Radiology	1 <sup>st</sup> August, 2022
Prof. A. Popoola	Clinical Sciences/Surgery	Head, Department of Surgery	1 <sup>st</sup> April, 2022
Prof. I. S. Abdulraheem	Clinical Sciences/ Epidemiology And Community Health	Head, Department of Epidemiology and Community Health	1 <sup>st</sup> August, 2022
Prof. A. B. Olokoba	Clinical Sciences/Medicine	Head, Department of Medicine	1 <sup>st</sup> August, 2022
Dr. O.O.K. Ibrahim	Clinical Sciences/Pathology	Acting Head, Department of Pathology	1 <sup>st</sup> August, 2022
Dr. A. S. Babatunde	Clinical Sciences /Heamatology and Blood Transfusion	Acting Head, Department of Heamatology and Blood Transfusion	1 <sup>st</sup> August, 2022
Dr. Monisola. A. Tunde	Social Sciences/Geography and Environmental Management	Deputy Director, Unilorin Consultancy Services	7 <sup>th</sup> October, 2022





# Happy Birthday

S/N	Name	Department	Birthday
1	Sayi Olorundare Moshood	Civil Engineering	Oct 23
2	Igben Lucky Francis	Security Division	Oct 23
3	Ogunremi Toyin Funke	Health Services	Oct 23
4	Adamariko Clement Anowe	Electrical & Electronics Engineering	Oct 23
5	Asiyanbola Caleb	Educational Technology	Oct 23
6	Balogun Naeem Atanda	Information & Communication Science	Oct 23
7	Yusuf Qudirat Amura	Registry	Oct 23
8	Sanni Siaka Ojivo	Registry	Oct 24
9	Moneke Theresa Oluchi	University Lodges Unit	Oct 24
10	Faruq Marim Abiodun	Security Division	Oct 24
11	Aderinoye Ganiyat Olaide	Mass Communication	Oct 24
12	Solomon Victoria Dupe	Registry	Oct 24
13	Ajiboye Kunle Rotimi	University Lodges Unit	Oct 24
14	Mohammed Nuhu Ola	Registry	Oct 24
15	Ahmed Ganiyu Abiodun	Marketing	Oct 24
16	Suleiman Yusuf Kolawole	Veterinary Physiology & Biochemistry	Oct 25
17	Olatunji Ajape Jimoh	Security Division	Oct 25
18	Andero Aina Joseph	Security Division	Oct 25
19	Lawal Abdullahi Adabara	Security Division	Oct 25
20	Ibrahim Azeezat Quadri	Registry	Oct 25
21	Oniyide Oladimeji	Electrical & Electronics Engineering	Oct 25
22	Anifowoshe Toba Abass	Zoology	Oct 25
23	Salihu Shakirat Aderonke	Computer Science	Oct 25
24	Ayuba Ummi	Library	Oct 25
25	Salma-Oke Ismail Opeyemi	Registry	Oct 25
26	Jilantikiri Lydia John	Biomedical Engineering	Oct 25
27	Tiamiyu Lateef Oloyede	Aquaculture & Fisheries	Oct 25
28	Bojuwoye Matthew Olumuyiwa	Medicine	Oct 26
29	Aremu Mariam	Health Services	Oct 26
30	Mahmoud Rilwan Funsho	Public Law	Oct 26
31	Abdullahi Adam	Aquaculture & Fisheries	Oct 26
32	Abidakun Oreoluwa Moyosore	Central Research Laboratories	Oct 26
33	Ayinla Maryam Tayo	Physiology	Oct 27
34	Usman Idiat Bola	Registry	Oct 27
35	Abdullateef Atiku Abiodun	Social Work	Oct 27
36	Salah Aliyu Muritala	Central Admin: Office	Oct 27
37	Olaschinde Samuel Gbenga	Centre For Archives & Documentation	Oct 27
38	Alwajud-Adewusi Mariam Bukola	Counsellor Education	Oct 27
39	Ologbonsaiye Victor Taiye	Mechanical Engineering	Oct 27
40	Abolarin Abosede Toluwase	Biochemistry	Oct 27
41	Fadipe-Joseph Olubunmi Abidemi	Mathematics	Oct 28
42	Afodun Abdulkadir O.	Security Division	Oct 28
43	Obaro Subairu Ibrahim	Security Division	Oct 28
44	Popoola Femi Joshua	Registry	Oct 28
45	Salami Segun Ojo	Registry	Oct 28
46	Fajemilehin Temitope Oluwayemisi	Electrical & Electronics Engineering	Oct 28
47	Obadare Ifedolapo Gbolasere	Geophysics	Oct 28
48	Ayanlere Tolulope Rukayat	Geology & Mineral Sciences	Oct 29
49	Ayinde Shakirat	Registry	Oct 29
50	Ore Aminat Joke	Registry	Oct 29

## Renewal of Appointment

NAME	FACULTY /DEPARTMENT	APPOINTMENT	EFFECTIVE DATE
Prof. K. A. Oluseye	Clinical Sciences /Physiotherapy	Acting Head, Department of Physiotherapy	1 <sup>st</sup> August, 2022
Prof. P. O. Ajiboye	Clinical Sciences /Behavioural Science	Head, Department of Behavioural Science	1 <sup>st</sup> August, 2022
Dr. O. O. Oyedepo	Clinical Sciences/Anaesthesia	Acting Head, Department of Anaesthesia	1 <sup>st</sup> August, 2022
Dr. J. O. Aluko	Clinical Sciences /Nursing	Acting Head, Department of Nursing	1 <sup>st</sup> August, 2022
Dr. Omotayo O. Adesiyun	Clinical Sciences /Paediatrics and Child Health	Acting Head, Department of Paediatrics and Child Health	1 <sup>st</sup> August, 2022
Dr. A. O. Olawepo	Physical Sciences/ Physics	Acting Head, Department of Physics	1 <sup>st</sup> August, 2022
Dr. G. O. Adunmo	Clinical Sciences /Medical Laboratory Science	Acting Head, Department of Medical Laboratory Science	1 <sup>st</sup> August, 2022
Dr. Anthonia N. Alabi	Clinical Sciences /Family Medicine	Coordinator, Department of Family Medicine	1 <sup>st</sup> August, 2022
Dr. A. Nyamngee	Clinical Sciences /Radiography	Acting Head, Department of Radiography	1 <sup>st</sup> August, 2022



- The new Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Egbewole, SAN, has assumed duty, just as the 10th Vice-Chancellor of the University, Prof. Sulyman Age Abdulkareem, completed his five-year tenure of office. ("Egbewole resumes as UNILORIN VC, Abdulkareem bows out", <https://punching.com>, "Unilorin VC receives accolades as he completes his tenure" <https://solaremnews.wordpress.com>)
- The immediate past Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Sulyman Age Abdulkareem, has said that he is going back to an Ilorin faith-based Islam private institution, Al-Hikmah University to teach. ("Ex-UNILORIN VC returns to classroom in private Varsity", <https://www.tracknews.gcdn.ampproject.org/c/s/>; "Ex-UNILORIN VC Abdulkareem returns to classroom in private varsity", <https://newscrescent.com>. See also, "Ex-UNILORIN VC returns to classroom in private varsity", *The Nation*, Sunday, October 16, 2022, P.9)
- A group photograph of the staff members of the University of Ilorin with the immediate past Vice Chancellor of the institution, Prof. Sulyman Age Abdulkareem and the new Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Egbewole, SAN, has been published. ("Photo News", *National Pilot*, Monday, 17<sup>th</sup> - Sunday, 23rd October, 2022)
- An opinion article written by the Deputy Editor of the **UNILORIN BULLETIN**, who is also the National Secretary, Ilorin Emirate Descendants Progressive Union (IEDPU), has been published. ("Justice Haroon, OFR: A worthy honour to a worthy jurist", *National Pilot*, Monday 17th-Sunday 23rd October, 2022, P.22)
- A congratulatory message to the new Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, on his assumption of office as the 11th Vice Chancellor of the institution has been published. ("Obafemi Awolowo University, Muslim Graduates' Association UNIFEMGA", *The Punch*, Monday, October 17, 2022, P.20)
- The Chairman of the Academic Staff Union of Universities (ASUU), University of Ilorin, Chapter, Prof. Moyosore Ajao, has said that members of his Union are fully prepared to resume lectures. ("Varsities set to come alive as ASUU ends eight-month strike", *The Nation*, Saturday, October 15, 2022, P.7)
- The new Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Egbewole, SAN, has said that his vision is to make the University attain global reckoning and as the best university in Africa. ("New VC unveils vision for UNILORIN", <https://leadership.ng>; "New VC Unveils Vision For UNILORIN", <https://naijagist.io>; "Egbewole Unveils Vision For UNILORIN", <https://infodig.com>, "11th Vice Chancellor of University of Ilorin, Egbewole unveils vision", <https://promptnewsonline.com>, "11th Unilorin VC Resumes Duty Unveils Smart Agenda", <https://youtu.be/rWFTavshgYO>. See also, "New VC unveils vision for UNILORIN", leadership, Tuesday, October 18, 2022, P.10)
- The newly inaugurated Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Egbewole, has promised to take the university to a new height and ensure institutional excellence. ("Unilorin VC promises Institutional Excellence", <https://tribuneonlineng.com>, "UNILORIN STANDARD To CHANGE - NEW VC", <https://dailyinfolink24wordpress.com>, "University of Ilorin To prioritize Excellence - VC", <https://www.radionigerikaduna.gov.ng>, "I will take Unilorin to new height -VC, Egbewole", <https://daily.post.ng>, New Unilorin VC resumes, promises continuation of institutional excellence", <https://western.post.ng>, "Unilorin New VC pledges institutional Excellence", <https://rulersworld.com>. See also, "New Unilorin VC assumes office... Unfold developmental plans", *The Herald*, Wednesday, October 19, 2022, P.9)
- The management of the University of Ilorin has presented a book in honour of the former Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Sulyman Age Abdulkareem. ("UNILORIN presents book in honour of outgoing VC", *Blueprint*, Thursday, October 13, 2022, P.8)
- A group photograph of the new Vice Chancellor of the University, Prof. Wahab Egbewole, during his formal assumption of office with his wife Hajia Muibat Egbewole and the Registrar of the University, Dr. Fola M. Olowoleni, has been published. ("Photo", *The Herald*, Wednesday October 19, 2022, P.7)
- The Director of Corporate Affairs, University of Ilorin, Mr. Kunle Akogun, has disclosed that the institution would come up with circular on the institution's resumption soon. ("Varsities resume across Nigeria", *The Herald*, Wednesday October 19, 2022

## Unilorin Secondary School celebrates 40th anniversary

The University of Ilorin Secondary School (USS) established in 1982 to cater for the secondary school education of children of University staff and the larger community has announced its 40th Founder's Day anniversary programmes scheduled to commence today, Monday October 24, 2022 with a

visit to the Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Egbewole.

Other scheduled activities today are inter-school and inter generational sporting activities.

According to the programme of events co-signed by the School Principal, Mr T.N. Durojaiye and the Chairperson of the

organising committee, Mrs I. Babayemisi, lecture and award ceremony will hold at the school premises along with cultural display on Tuesday, October 25, 2022, while the anniversary activities will be rounded off with a Get-Together on Wednesday, October 26, 2022.

All activities begin at [9.am](#). daily.

## Pa Kolawole for burial, Oct. 28

By **Mustafa Abubakar**

The family of Mrs Mary O. Kolawole of the Directorate of Corporate Affairs, University of Ilorin has announced the burial arrangement for their beloved husband, father, grandfather, brother and uncle, late Pa Prince Samuel Adebisi Kolawole, and the 28 years remembrance of their beloved mother, grandmother, sister and aunt, late Mrs Comfort Iebavilola

Kolawole.

A statement by the Kolawole Family of Eleg's Compound Ipee, a copy of which was made available to UNILORIN BULLETIN, disclosed that wake keep/ lying in state will hold at the late Pa Kolawole's residence, No. 5, Eleg's compounds Ipee, Kwara State on Friday (October 28, 2022 at 5:00 pm followed by Funeral/Thanksgiving

Service at the First Baptist Church, Ipee, on Saturday (October 29, 2022) at 10:00 a.m.

The statement added that the entertainment of guests will follow immediately at the venue.

The general public and the University community are cordially invited.





# FOR THE RECORD

## The Sun Rises Again

*Text of the Address of the 11th Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN,  
Delivered on the Occasion of his Formal Assumption of Office at the University Auditorium, University of  
Of Ilorin, on Monday, October 17, 2022*

Since we are nothing without the Almighty Allah, the Determiner of All Affairs, it is auspicious to begin in Allah's name and on a note of gratitude to Him for making today a reality in the annals of our better by far University. We propose, He disposes and He has been positively disposed to me as a person and the university as a whole. I share the belief that ours is a specially blessed University and I am hopeful that the University of Ilorin shall become primus inter pares (first among equals) once again because of the abundant talents the University is endowed with. I thank the Almighty God for the grace of life and for the privilege to stand before you this morning as the 11th substantive Vice Chancellor of this citadel of intellectualism and Centre of Excellence. Kindly join me in saying Alhamdu lillahi rabbil 'aalamin.

I express my profound appreciation to the Governing Council of the University of Ilorin for the amazing job they did in steering the University to this shore. This is one of the most harmonious transitions we have ever experienced in recent times and I credit the Governing Council. A special mention must be made of the late Chairman of Council, Mallam Abidu Rafindadi Yazid, OON, under whose leadership I was also privileged to serve, for the excellent service rendered to the University. While I still use this medium to commiserate with his family, the Governing Council and the entire University community, I fervently pray that Allah forgive his shortcomings and grant him Aljanna Firdaos.

I am equally grateful to you all, eminent stakeholders in the University of Ilorin project, for all the goodwill and support you have lavishly showered on me since my unveiling as the 11th Vice-Chancellor of this great University. I do not take them for granted. My hope is not to disappoint you regarding the laws governing the mandate entrusted to me. Being privileged to have five former Vice-Chancellors of this University who are still alive and available (i.e. Prof. S. O. Abdulraheem, Prof. S. O. Amali, Prof. I. O. Oloyede, Prof. A. G. Ambali and Prof. S. A. Abdulkareem), I am optimistic that with their combined wisdom and mine, the University of Ilorin under my leadership shall rise again to global reckoning. The sun rises everyday and the sun rises again for the University of Ilorin with the resumption that coincides with today's occasion.

### The SMART Agenda

Distinguished ladies and gentlemen, I have been part and parcel of this University for some two and a half decades and I am infinitely aware of its nature and texture. I have taken time to study the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats (SWOT) that characterise or confront the University and I am prepared to address them for institutional excellence and our collective interest. My vision for the University of Ilorin is all about attaining global reckoning as a 21st Century university and the best in Africa. This is not a tall dream as I believe strongly in the human capital of this University. Together, we can take the university to the topmost league in Africa if we are SMART.

The SMART University mantra entails that my Administration, with your support, will be purposively geared towards achieving:  
Sustainable development,  
Monumental achievements,  
Adaptive capacity,  
Rapid response to change and  
Team building.

While there shall be opportunity to expound these five cardinal foci, it is apposite to emphasise that the smart mantra for a smart university that I envision will be geared towards achieving the vision of the University "to be an international center of excellence in learning, research, probity and service to humanity".

### Shuttling to the Space

Being Africa's numero uno (number one) University definitely requires efforts and sacrifices on our part as stakeholders. This is why, "Beyond the Frontiers" (2019-2023), as the current Strategic Plan of the University is tagged, we shall be "Shuttling to the Space" as from next year to propel the University to where it should be, right among the galaxy of stars. The specific strategies of how this shall be achieved shall be highlighted before the relevant organs of the University in due course. As fine feathers make fine birds and great people make great universities, the University can be the best. All that I solicit is your cooperation and prayers.

*(Contd. on page 8)*