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NCDC pledges support for Unilorin Molecular Lab

By Temitope Omoniyi

The National Centre for Disease Control (NCDC) has assured the Unilorin Molecular Diagnostic and Research Laboratory of its continued support.

The Director-General of the NCDC, Dr. Ifedayo Adetifa, gave the assurance penultimate Saturday (November 20, 2021) during his visit to the Laboratory at the University of Ilorin Teaching Hospital (UITH). He was received by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic), Prof. Sylvia O. Malomo, on behalf of the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Sulyman Age Abdulkareem.

Since it was inaugurated on June 2, 2021 by the Executive Secretary of the Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund), Prof. Sulyman Bogoro, the Unilorin Molecular Diagnostic and Research Laboratory has tested 612 COVID-19 samples from Kwara State. *(Contd. on page 3)*



■ The representative of the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Malomo (left), exchanging views with Dr. Adetifa (2nd right), during the visit while other officials look on

Team Unilorin at 13th WARIMA Conference

L-R: The Deputy Director (Research) CREDIT, Dr. Christiana O. Abikoye; Prof. J.A. Obaleye; the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (RTI), Prof. M.O. Buhari; the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. S.A. Abdulkareem; the Bursar, Mr. O.H. Sonde; the Director, CREDIT, Prof. K.W. Wahab; and the Deputy Director (Training) & HoD, Industrial Chemistry, Dr. H.K. Okoro, at the 13th Annual Workshop and Conference of West African Research and Innovation Management Association (WARIMA) at UCAD, Dakar, Senegal



How to use lakes for poverty eradication in Nigeria -- Mustapha

By Abubakar Imam

A Professor of Zoology at the University of Ilorin, Moshood Keke Mustapha, has drawn the attention of relevant stakeholders to the possibility of the meticulous exploration of dams, otherwise called man-made lakes, towards the reduction of the incidences and tendencies of poverty in Nigeria.

Prof Mustapha made this appeal last Thursday (November 25, 2021) while delivering the University's 210th Inaugural Lecture, entitled "Man-Made Lakes: A Means of Eradicating Man-Made Poverty" at the Main Auditorium. *(Contd. on page 4)*



■ Prof. Mustapha

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VC greets Gambari @ 77

By Abubakar Imam

The Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Sulyman Age Abdulkareem, has joined millions of people across the world to celebrate the Chief of Staff to the President, Prof. Ibrahim Agboola Gambari, CFR, on the occasion of his 77th birthday, which fell due last Wednesday (November 24, 2021).

In a statement signed by the institution's Director of Corporate Affairs, Mr. Kunle Akogun, the Vice-Chancellor described Prof. Gambari as "an accomplished scholar, phenomenal diplomat and exemplary international public servant".

The renowned Professor of Chemical Engineering, who is also the Chairman of the Committee of Vice-Chancellors of Nigerian Universities (CVCNU), said that the University of Ilorin would continue to be proud of the achievements of Prof. Gambari, particularly in the fields of scholarship, diplomacy and leadership.

Prof. Abdulkareem remarked that the Chief of Staff is one of the members of the academia who remarkably succeeded in exporting their knowledge to the rest of the world with a lot of positive impacts to show not just on the nation but also on the international community.

He added that since his



■ *Prof. Gambari,*

appointment as the Chief of Staff to the President, Prof. Gambari has brought his humility, erudition and fascinating world view to bear in the running and management of the Presidency to the amazement of his countrymen and women.

Prof. Abdulkareem noted that the former Minister of Foreign Affairs is not just an important indigene of Kwara State but also a great friend of the University of Ilorin who has honoured the institution with his personal presence at the University's functions on many

occasions.

While recalling that the distinguished elder statesman has participated and even presided over some ceremonies at the University, the award-winning Vice-Chancellor paid glowing tributes to the former United Nations Under-Secretary General for the fascinating special lecture he delivered at the institution's 35th Convocation ceremonies in 2019.

Prof. Abdulkareem appealed to the Chief of Staff to "continue to be a good example of academics in power by continuously playing his roles with his characteristic finesse, exemplary dignity and infectious integrity that would make his tenure and time positively memorable".

While wishing Prof. Gambari many more years of peaceful, healthy and prosperous sojourn on earth, the Vice-Chancellor said, "On behalf of the Chancellor and Pro-Chancellor as well as the generality of the staff and students of the nation's most sought-after University, I assure you of the best wishes and prayers of the Unilorin community towards a more successful tenure of office".

Unilorin Vet student wins NCC Essay contest

By Abubakar Imam

A final year student of the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, University of Ilorin, Miss Esther Oluwabukola Gbeja, has emerged winner of this year's edition of a national essay competition organised by the Nigerian Communication Commission (NCC).

The victory of Miss Gbeja was announced by the Executive Vice-Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the Commission, Prof. Umar Garba Danbatta, last Tuesday (November 23, 2021) at the competition's prize giving ceremony held at the NCC Headquarters in Abuja.

Prof. Danbatta said that the national essay competition was the third in the series organised by the NCC, adding that the Commission received about 2000 entries for the contest.

The NCC boss explained that entries were received from students of about 100 institutions of higher learning across Nigeria who participated in the competition with the topic "5G Technology: Opportunities and Challenges".

Speaking to **UNILORIN BULLETIN** on her win, Miss Gbeja said that it was one of her mentors who forwarded information about the essay to her and that she decided to give the



■ *The NCC boss, Prof. Danbatta (right), presenting the cheque to Miss Gbeja in Abuja last Tuesday*

competition a trial and she eventually won.

Welcoming the development, the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Sulyman Age Abdulkareem, commended Miss Gbeja for making the University proud.

Prof. Abdulkareem, who spoke through the institution's Director of Corporate Affairs, Mr. Kunle Akogun, said that the entire University community was proud of the achievement of the final year student of its Faculty of Veterinary Medicine.

In his reaction, the Dean of the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, University of Ilorin, Prof. Moshood Raji, expressed his happiness and satisfaction with "the emergence of our student as the best in the national essay competition".

For winning the contest, Miss Gbeja was presented with a cash prize of N500, 000; 00 and a laptop as well as a printer and a certificate of participation by the National Communication Commission, which is the regulatory body for the nation's telecommunications industry.

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The Laboratory has contributed to the first 50,000 sequences of SARS-COV-2 generated from Africa on GISAID in collaboration with the NCDC reference laboratory, Abuja.

Dr. Adetifa, an alumnus of the University of Ilorin, said that just like the institution, the NCDC has continued to receive requests from other universities and health institutions.

Pointing out that the NCDC is committed to give such requests adequate consideration, Dr. Adetifa thanked the Unilorin management for the hospitality accorded him, saying that the University will always be his home having attended the University School and Unilorin Secondary School for his elementary education, and the University of Ilorin for his higher education.

While welcoming the NCDC boss to the University, the Vice-Chancellor's representative told Dr. Adetifa that the Unilorin Molecular Diagnostic and Research Laboratory would support the research endeavours of both undergraduate and postgraduate students.

She expressed her optimism in the ability of Adetifa to bring tremendous growth to the operations of the NCDC, saying that she has so much faith in his ability to deliver.

Earlier, the Director, Unilorin Molecular Diagnostic and Research Laboratory, Prof. Abayomi Fadeyi, had sought the support of the NCDC boss in the upgrading of the Laboratory to a public health laboratory that can handle Ebola and other viral haemorrhagic fever.

Prof. Fadeyi also informed Dr. Adetifa of the urgent need for a sequencer and the landscaping and perimeter fencing of the Laboratory.

Also in his remarks, the Director of the Centre for Research Development and In-house Training (CREDIT), University of Ilorin, Prof. Kolawole Wahab, called on the NCDC boss to help improve on the facilities in the molecular laboratory "to be able to do sequencing so that we can compare with other laboratories outside the country".

Prof. Wahab also solicited the

NCDC's support in the area of capacity building in the areas of staff training and retraining to improve productivity.

The representative of the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Malomo, later presented souvenirs of the University to the visiting NCDC Director-General, who is a 1997 medical graduate of the University.

The representative of the Provost of the College of Health Sciences, who is also the Dean, Faculty of Basic Clinical Sciences, Prof. Aliyu Akanbi II; the Dean, Basic Medical Sciences, Prof. Oluwale Akinola, amongst others, joined the Vice-Chancellor to receive the DG of NCDC.

The Director-General was also led to the Infectious Diseases Control, Research and Training Complex of the University of Ilorin Teaching Hospital by the Chief Medical Director of UITH, Prof. Abdullah Yussuf.

Olowoleni tasks varsity staff on positive attitude to work

By Mustafa Abubakar

The Registrar of the University of Ilorin, Dr. Fola M. Olowoleni, has advised staff of the University, especially those of the Ilorin Business School (IBS) and the Centre for Open and Distance Learning (CODL), to have a change of attitude in the way they work, pointing out that the new system of learning needs the collective efforts of all to succeed.

Dr. Olowoleni stated this penultimate Tuesday (November 16, 2021) while addressing the Staff of the Ilorin Business School (IBS) at the Retreat on Module Development, organised by the School in conjunction with the Unilorin Centre for Open and Distance Learning (CODL), held at the National Centre for Agricultural Mechanisation (NCAM), Ilorin.

The Registrar, who was a guest at the event, organised to train the staff of the School on how to conform with the global best practice in the new norms of e-learning, said that virtual learning is a new concept in the University where you teach without seeing the students through the Computer and making education to be easy and acceptable.

Dr. Olowoleni said, "There must be attitudinal change for this new learning system. Our attitude must change and this is why you must read. This will make us to be unique. It is our collective work as better by far staff. The earlier we know this the better for us".

The Registrar urged the IBS to produce a manual to achieve, adding that "there must be a procedure on each work



■ Dr. Olowoleni

step, efficiency must be higher with a time frame to achieve everything, and there must be minimal qualification of who does what in the two Schools".

In her opening remarks, the Chairperson of the occasion, Prof. Sylvia O. Malomo, commended the University administration, past and present for their focus in putting in place the IBS. She also thanked the Directors, especially the present Director, who continued on the legacies met to move the school forward.

Represented by the Director, CODL, Prof. Bashir Omipidan, Prof. Malomo, who is also the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic) of the University, and Board Chairman of CODL, assured the School of the support of the University administration in all aspects in making sure the school progresses and lives up to the purpose for which it was established.

In his keynote address, the former

Director, Ilorin Business School (IBS), Prof. G.T. Arosanyin, said that module development is at the heart of any successful distance learning model for teaching both academic and professional courses. He disclosed that the retreat signals the entry of the School into the foray of distance learning for professional programmes.

Prof. Arosanyin said that distance learning has removed the barrier to learning and professional skill acquisition, adding that it has also led to increased visibility for both the School and the University, increased enrolment rate across participating programmes.

Earlier in his welcome address, the Director of the School, Prof. G.T. Ijaiya, thanked the University management for agreeing with the School and appreciated the Coordinator of the programmes as they saw in it something that will assist the stakeholders (Students), Staff and the University management.

Prof. Ijaiya said that the COVID-19 experience, relocation from GRA to University Permanent Site and the competitive environment in which the school operates are some of the challenges faced by the school.

He said that IBS is an important section in the revenue generation of the University and with the new system of e-learning there is the need to possibly have a place outside the Campus in order to regain the lost revenue, which has been the hallmark of the school in the early to mid 20s, where the revenue generated formed the leading IGR for the University.

How to use lakes for poverty eradication in Nigeria -- Mustapha

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The Inaugural Lecturer pointed out that dams, which are sources of dependable water, can be effectively used to curb the spread of more pernicious poverty if they are properly managed, saying that available facts and figures have shown that the availability, proximity, quantity and quality of water are closely associated with the incidence of poverty.

Prof. Mustapha opined that water is, no doubt, a very important requirement for the survival of man as it constitutes more than 60% of human body and that it also covers more than 70% of earth surface.

The don, however, explained that despite the huge availability of water only one percent of it is fresh water, which is usually impounded by man in lakes, reservoirs, ponds and other impoundments for his benefits.

Prof. Mustapha, who is a former Head of the Department of Zoology, University of Ilorin, contended that the diverse use and increasing demand for freshwater and its resources as a result of expanding population has put enormous pressure on its supply, quality and quantity, which in turn is making it to become the world's most precious resource.

Despite its significance to human survival, the renowned scholar lamented that water remains the most mistreated and ignored natural resource as he raised the alarm that if care is not taken water may, by the next century, become much more scarce in Nigeria.

Warning of possible water-induced crisis of an unimaginable magnitude and dimension, the Inaugural Lecturer explained that if proper actions are not taken the ensuing conflict surrounding its usage may precipitate an endless war.

He, therefore, suggested that effective measures must be put in place to ensure that certain percentages are allocated to various uses of the lake. Prof. Mustapha proposed that water for drinking and industrial supplies could be allocated 50 and 20 percent respectively while irrigation, fishing, recreation and other uses could be allotted the remaining percentage of the daily water budget and lake usage for peace and tranquility to prevail.

The foremost academic also proposed what he called "regulated water withdrawal" and establishment of



The Inaugural Lecturer, Prof. Mustapha (left), presenting the Lecture notes to the representative of the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Sylvia O. Malomo, last Thursday

minimum flow levels in the lakes especially when used for irrigation in the dry season. He added that the use of integrated Water Resource Management could also be an appropriate water management tool for use and delivery of water resources to users.

Prof. Mustapha canvassed water conservation procedure, saying that water resources must be managed by stakeholders including end users. He, therefore, encouraged relevant authorities to ensure that potable water is supplied to homes, streets and public spaces to ensure the availability of water for all and avoid the development and spread of waterborne diseases and their attendant negative impact on the nation's socioeconomic life.

He also suggested that every effort must be made to ensure optimal utilisation and performance of man-made lakes through the prevention of any occurrence that could erode their functions. To do that, the Inaugural Lecturer recommended that farms and houses should not be sited far away from the lake watershed.

Prof. Mustapha also suggested that culture fisheries should be strengthened in the lakes through high-level management, fish stocking and cage aquaculture. He said that if properly done, it could prevent the continuation of record of up to 2.4 million tons of yearly

fish deficit in Nigeria. He added that if that is done, the country would be saved of about \$1.8 billion of foreign exchange used in fish importation.

In order to facilitate the economic progress of the country, the Inaugural Lecturer canvassed the superimposition of guided recreational activities such as sport fishing, angling, swimming, diving, boating, bird watching, sightseeing, picnicking and camping on and around the lakes. He explained that if that is done, the process will generate countless employment opportunities, greater income, more revenue and fascinating tourism.

Prof. Mustapha also suggested collaborative researches involving all water-related sciences, social sciences and engineering across the nation's universities and research institutes for sustainable exploitation and management of man-made lakes water and their resources. He opined that the collaboration would bring about cross fertilisation of knowledge on how water resources and its adjoining businesses can be improved upon for the benefit of all.

The lecture was attended by dignitaries from all walks of life including colleagues, students, associates and relations of Prof. Mustapha from far and near.

Open Ph.D Thesis Defence

S/N	NAME	FACULTY/DEPARTMENT	TITLE	DATE & TIME	VENUE
1	Aiao, Busayo Oluwabukola	Education/Educational Management	Leaders' Operational Policy, Lecturers' Commitment and Productivity in Private Universities, South-west, Nigeria.	Tuesday, 30 th November, 2021 & 10:00am	Faculty Board Room

Ijaiya seeks relocation of IBS for improved revenue generation

By Temitope Folorunsho

The Director of the Ilorin Business School (IBS), University of Ilorin, Prof. Gafar Ijaiya, has called for the relocation of the School to its former site at the GRA area of Ilorin in order to improve its revenue generation effort.

Prof. Ijaiya made the call last Tuesday (November 23, 2021) while participating on 'Table Talk', a personality interview programme on UNILORIN 89.3 FM.

The erudite Professor of Economics explained that Ilorin Business School had been in existence since the past 30 years with competent lecturers and non-teaching support staff.

According to him, in all these years, the School had maintained the record of being the second best revenue generating unit in the University after the Institute of Education.

Prof. Ijaiya said that in 2016/2017 session alone, the School generated up to N250 million, pointing out, however, that "unfortunately, the reverse is the case presently as it hardly makes half of the amount". He said that the reason is that "enrollment of students had dropped drastically because of the location of the School in the Permanent Site of the University having moved from its former site at GRA area".

The Director explained that when he took over from his predecessor, Prof. Arosanyin, in his hand-over note, he emphasised the need to relocate. Based on this, Prof. Ijaiya said he, along with the various coordinators and Secretary of the Business School, developed an action plan where the need for relocation was indicated and several suggestions were made concerning it.

Prof. Ijaiya recalled that the Ilorin Business School was formerly managed by the Faculty of Business and Social Sciences, which initiated some



Prof. Ijaiya

professional courses that cut across basically three Departments. They are Masters in Business Administration (MBA), which was housed by the Department of Business Administration; Masters in Industrial & Labour Relations (MILR) housed by the Department of Sociology and Masters in Public Administration (MPA) housed by the Department of Political Science. These courses, according to the IBS Director, are professional programmes only meant for working class people. However in the year 1999 -- 2000, the University decided to harmonise all these professional programmes thus created the University Revenue Generating Unit, thereby taking over the management of the programmes.

Prof. Ijaiya explained further that it was not until around the year 2012 that the then Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin felt the need to transform the professional programmes from the usual Faculty programmes to a Business School, which prompted its relocation to the Permanent Site.

The don commended the

University management for making the programmes at the Business School very flexible and affordable. He also commended the University for adopting the virtual method of learning during the pandemic, which he said would make programmes more flexible at the School when they eventually key into it.

Prof. Ijaiya noted that the University was already in tandem with the Centre for Open and Distance Learning (ODL), and he had in turn interacted with its Director, Prof. Bashir Omipidan, who recently organised a workshop for the School on e-learning.

The IBS Director said that when the School finally adopts the e-learning method, it would make lectures more flexible and easy.

Asides flexibility, the Director said the programmes are also very affordable going by the rate at which people from all walks of life and from far and near, apply for the programmes.

On the challenges facing the School, Prof. Ijaiya categorised them into three: Challenges in respect to human resources, challenges in respect to material resources and finance.

According to him, the human and material resources do not pose much problem as the School has capable hands and equipment on ground. He, however, pointed out that finance is a major problem because enrolment level had dropped drastically since the School moved to the Permanent Site, making its record low revenues.

Prof. Ijaiya, therefore, expressed the hope that in no distant time, the University management would make the School's relocation to the GRA area feasible so that its finances would greatly improve.

Owoyele delivers 211th Inaugural Lecture

The Vice-Chancellor, University of Ilorin, Ilorin, Prof. S. A. Abdulkareem, invites members of the University of Ilorin community and the general public to the Two hundred and eleventh (211th) Inaugural Lecture of the University scheduled as follows:

Lecturer: Professor B. V. Owoyele
B.Sc. (Ilorin); M. Sc. (Ibadan); Ph.D. (Ilorin)
Department of Physiology
Faculty of Basic Medical Sciences,
College of Health Sciences,
University of Ilorin, Ilorin.

Topic: "Balm in Your Backyard: Use it for Your Health Benefit"

Date: Thursday, 2nd December, 2021

Time: 5.00 p.m.

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

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

Dr. Fola M. Olowoleni
Registrar



Prof. Owoyele

Unilorin Chief Imam tasks students on responsible behaviour

By Abubakar Imam

Following the recent assault of a lecturer of the University of Ilorin by one of her students, the Chief Imam of the University's Central Mosque, Prof. Nasir AbdusSalam, has appealed to students of the institution, especially the Muslims among them, to always conduct themselves in responsible manner.

Prof. AbdusSalam gave the admonition penultimate Friday (November 19, 2021) while delivering the Jumaat sermon at the University Central Mosque.

The distinguished Professor of Chemistry reminded the Muslim that the attitude of everyone to his fellow human beings would determine his altitude in life, saying that anyone who wants to attain enviable height in his career and life must be of good and impeccable character.

Prof. AbdusSalam, who is also the Director, Central Research Laboratories, University of Ilorin, particularly warned students against every form of misconduct, which may damage the names of their families and the alluring image of the University.

He added that such attitudes which have proved to be destructive to individuals



■ Prof. AbdusSalam

perpetrating them may also destroy their future if left unchanged and can even earn them painful and regrettable life in eternity.

Speaking on the recent assault on a lecturer of the University by a student, the cleric-don condemned the development as he said that the incident was not only an abnormality but a clear display of arrogance and disregard for constituted authorities.

While thanking the authorities of the University for the prompt steps taken to address and redress the awkward occurrence, the Chief Imam sympathised with the victim as he reminded students that they were not just being trained to become whatever they desire to become but are also being nurtured to grow up as responsible and civilised citizens.

The Chief Imam recalled that during his days as an undergraduate no student had the temerity to visit a lecturer in his or her office without being invited, adding that even those invited were always very conscious of their attitudes before their lecturers who they always held in high esteem.

Prof. AbdusSalam, while urging the perpetrator of the assault to seek the forgiveness of the victim and the Almighty Allah as a prerequisite to salvation, urged others who may have the intention of showing any form of disrespect to their lecturers to have a change of heart and be of good behaviour not only to their lecturers but also to all elders for them to deserve and earn the respect and honour of those they may find themselves superintending over in the future.

We keep eagle eyes on our students, says CoHS Provost

By Mustafa Abubakar

The Provost of the College of Health Sciences, University of Ilorin, Prof. T. O. Adedoyin, has attributed the smooth running of academic activities at the College and especially the unbroken academic calendar despite the Coronavirus pandemic to the commitment of staff and keeping close tab on students as well as ensuring that those among them that took ill get prompt medical treatment.

Prof. Adedoyin, who stated this in a chat with **UNILORIN BULLETIN**, said that the approach was among the measures put in place to ensure that any student who may develop COVID-19 and any other illness is promptly diagnosed and treated accordingly.

"In the College, we keep an eagle eye on all students and ensure that those who take ill get prompt treatment from either UITH or the University Health



■ Prof. Adedoyin

Service. The UITH sends the bill incurred by our students to the University management regularly and it is paid promptly; such that today, the University

does not owe the hospital.

The Provost said that though there were challenges, which included lack of transportation to move students to the health facility, large number of students in the classroom and laboratories; and ensuring compliance of students with the COVID-19 management protocol during the pandemic, but the College was able to address it with the support of the University management.

"The College has made request to management for the establishment of additional sick bay and plan for its take off is gradually taking shape", Prof. Adedoyin said, adding that "to mitigate the challenge of large number of students in the classroom, the College has keyed into the hybrid mode of lecture delivery policy of the University".

Unilorin NASU to commission Secretariat Complex December 6

By Abdulquadri Abubakar

The Non-Academic Staff Union of Educational and Associated Institutions (NASU), University of Ilorin Branch, will on December 6, 2021 commission its new Secretariat Complex.

A statement issued by the Branch Secretary, Comrade Josephine A. A. Flourish, a copy of which made available to **UNILORIN BULLETIN**, explained that the epoch making event will commence by

10:00 am.

The statement added that as part of the commissioning ceremony, a Public Lecture on matters relating to Pension Contributory scheme and an award ceremony will also be held on the occasion.

UNILORIN constitutes Board of Institute of Medical Research and Training

By Oluwasegun Alabi

To break into the sphere of contemporary biomedical research and contribute meaningfully to global discourse on the origin and determinants of diseases or conditions affecting human health, the University of Ilorin has constituted the Board of the Institute of Medical Research and Training (IMRAT).

Inaugurating the Board members last Monday (November 15, 2021), the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Sulyman Age Abdulkareem, noted that the University has come a long way in its contributions to healthcare delivery in the country.

Prof. Abdulkareem pointed out that given the inadequacies of high-end facilities for research in the medical discipline in the country and the quality of health professionals in the University's College of Health Sciences, there is the need for the University to have more contributions by having a world-class central research facility equipped for conducting high quality, technology-driven and innovative studies.

He, therefore, promised that the University's management will not hesitate to do whatever that will make the Institute what it is supposed to be.

The Vice-Chancellor who hailed the sterling qualities of the Provost, College of Health Sciences, Prof.

Olanrewaju Timothy Adedoyin, for his efforts in the actualisation of the idea behind the Institute, also expressed his confidence in the crop of professionals whom he described as carefully selected to be members of the Board.

In his response after the inauguration, the Chairman of the Board, Prof. A. B. O. Omotoso, congratulated and commended the Vice-Chancellor "for delivering a baby conceived for over 12 years".

Prof. Omotoso, who is a former Provost, College of Health Sciences, University of Ilorin, described the idea of the Institute as an international practice, which "only can add value to the integrity and prestige of the University". He also thanked the Vice-Chancellor for his commitment to developing the Institute to fruition.

The Board of the Institute shall from time to time set appropriate priorities of issues to be researched. These shall be done in a timely fashion to address medical conditions of public health importance or contribute to the discovery of devices/procedures, the applications of which will have high impact in disease management or prevention.

The Institute research priorities will focus on the elucidation of solutions that would advance the frontiers of knowledge in relation to common

communicable and non-communicable diseases, inherited disorders and other disorders that are of major public health importance in Nigeria from time to time.

Members of the Board are the Director, IMRAT, Department of Medicines, CoHS, Prof. S. K. Ernest; Chairperson, College Ethical Committee, Department of Behavioural Science, Prof. Mosunmola Tunde-Ayinmode; Prof. O. A. Mokuolu, representing Research Committee, Department of Pediatrics & Child Health; Prof. B. A. Issa, representing University Research Committee, Department of Behavioural Science; and Prof. S. F. Ambali, External Member, Faculty of Veterinary Medicine.

Others are Dr. G. O. Omotoso, representing Research Committee, Faculty of Basic Medical Sciences, Department of Anatomy; Dr. S. A. Biliaminu, representing Research Committee, Faculty of Basic Clinical Sciences, Department of Chemical Pathology; Dr. Rashidat O. Ayanniyi, External Member, Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences; Heads of Research Units of the Institute; Mr. Amos Funsho Agbana, representing CMD, UITH, Ilorin; Dr. Ismaila A. Obalolu, representing CMD, General Hospital, Ilorin; Heads of Departments Hosting Academic Programmes in the Institute, and Mr. G. A. Bakare, Administrative Secretary of the Institute.

Olademo canvasses youths' involvement in mediation process

By Mustafa Abubakar and Tajudeen Babamale

The Director of the Centre for Peace and Strategic Studies (CPSS), University of Ilorin, Prof. Oyeronke Olademo, has called for the involvement of youths in mediation process to provide innovative solutions to the challenges facing the country, particularly as it relates to peaceful coexistence.

Prof. Olademo, who stated this in her address at a two-day Capacity Building Workshop on Community Peace and National Integration for members of the Kwara State National Youth Service Corps (NYSC), held at their Yikpata Camp in Edu Local Government Area of the State, stressed that this is important as Nigeria continues to be ravaged by incessant communal clashes.

The Director expressed the hope that with the corps members learning the skills of mediation, it will mould them into becoming servant leaders and transform their minds by giving them relevant knowledge that will enable them become peace ambassadors.

She said, "According to the USAID, persistent violence in Nigeria has resulted in thousands of deaths in recent years and costs the Nigerian economy around \$13 billion each year".

According to Prof. Olademo, "when actual or perceived incompatibility



■ CPSS officials and participants at the Workshop

leads to hostile violent actions, conflict is bound to occur. What distinguishes a conflict from a political struggle or a peaceful competition is the possibility of destructive violence. The danger of violence is positively connected to the parties' readiness to employ violent measures to achieve their unilateral and seemingly irreconcilable aims".

The Director told the corps members that learning from the expertise of the various facilitators who are all chartered mediators, would give them the opportunity to become transformed persons, ready to transform the world. She added that the training they have received will no doubt prepare them to be the change that the world definitely needs.

mediators.

She appreciated the collective efforts of the management of the University of Ilorin, Faculty members of the Centre for Peace and Strategic Studies, donors and friends of the Suleiman Bogoro Mediation Room (SUBMED) for supporting the initiative, saying that the journey leading to the actualization of the advocacy training manual and programme is unprecedented and made possible through the Centre's robust partnership with FaCE-PaM, an NGO and the National Youth Service Corps.

Prof. Olademo, who opined that mediation is likely to be one of the most personally demanding and exciting talents the corps members will ever be called upon to perform, said with the focus of the training programme, which include the strategies and techniques required to understand conflict, how to understand and manage the process without limiting party involvement, the participant would turn out to become outstanding

Focus on Prof. Akinola, Dean, Faculty of Basic Medical Sciences

By Abubakar Imam

The Dean of the Faculty of Basic Medical Sciences, University of Ilorin, Prof. Oluwale Busayo Akinola, a renowned scholar and enterprising administrator, was born at Okeso in the Asa Local Government Area of Kwara State on March 8, 1974.

Prof. Akinola assumed the office of the Dean, Faculty of Basic Medical Sciences on August 1, 2021.

This distinguished academic started his pursuit of learning in 1978 when he was enrolled at St. Anthony Primary School, Okeso. He graduated from the school with the First School Leaving Certificate (FSLC) in 1984.

Prof. Akinola proceeded to Government Secondary School, Afon, where he was trained between 1985 and 1991. He left the school with a fascinating West African School Certificate (WASC).

In 1992, this great scholar was admitted into the University of Ilorin for Bachelor of Science degree in Anatomy. He successfully completed the programme in 1997. From 1999 to 2001, Prof. Akinola was trained at the University of Lagos for his M.Sc. degree in Anatomy. Prof. Akinola enrolled for his Ph.D at the University of Ilorin in 2007 and completed the programme in 2011.

As a tireless scholar, this great Unilorite was also trained at the University of Salento, Lecce, Italy, from 2007 to 2008. He was equally trained for his Postdoctoral Fellowship in Neuroscience at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences, Bethesda, United States of America between 2012 and 2013.

Prof. Akinola had earlier received a Certificate in Data Processing and Management Information System from the University of Ilorin in 2007. He also earned a Certificate in Neuroscience Pedagogy from the International Brain Research Organisation, France. He similarly bagged a Certificate in the Theory, Practice and Future Development in Higher Education jointly organised by the National Universities Commission (NUC) and the Virtual Institute for Capacity Building in Higher Education (VICBHE) in 2021.

The Dean started his exciting



Prof Akinola

career as a Demonstrator at the Department of Anatomy, University of Ilorin in 1998. He underwent his national youth service programme as a Biology Tutor at Ujor Memorial College, Otukpo, Benue State, from 1998 to 1999.

At the completion of the NYSC programme, Prof. Akinola joined the services of the University of Ilorin as a Graduate Assistant in 1999. He deservedly rose through the ranks and eventually attained the pinnacle of his pedagogical career in 2017 when he was promoted to the status of Professor by the authorities of the University of Ilorin.

Prior to his emergence as Dean, this brilliant academic had served the University of Ilorin in several capacities. He was the Level Adviser to 300 MB/BS students of the University. He was also the B.Sc. programme Coordinator from 2000 to 2002. He served as the Ag. Head of the Department of Anatomy between 2015 and 2017.

Prof. Akinola also served as the Examination Coordinator of the Department in December, 2009. He was also the Chairman, Faculty Committee on Scholarship for Indigent Students and has been a Member of the Senate of the University of Ilorin since 2015.

Beyond the shores of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Akinola taught at Adeleke University, Ede; and the Redeemer's University also in Ede between 2018 and 2019; and from 2020 to 2021, respectively. He, in fact, served as the Ag. Head of the Department of Anatomy during his sojourn at the former where he had his sabbatical leave.

Prof. Akinola was also an External Examiner to several universities

like Babcock University, Ilisan-Remo; Afe Babalola University, Ado-Ekiti and the Osun State University, Osogbo. Other universities, which benefited from Prof. Akinola's erudition are Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria; Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife; and Kogi State University, Ayangba; among others.

Aside teaching and research and other forms of community service, Prof. Akinola has also served as a model to several students and lecturers of the University of Ilorin and other institutions to which he exported his learning and leadership skills. In the course of his over two decades career, this great academic supervised 20 PhD theses and the same number of M. Sc. theses that have provided answers to several questions and challenges facing humanity.

In addition to the above, Prof. Akinola has, to his credit, no fewer than 91 scientific articles published in respected local, national and international journals. He has similarly attended more than 20 major conferences as he also participated in over 20 training programmes within and outside Nigeria.

This highly respected scholar, who has won more than 15 prizes and grants from local and international sponsors, has also edited and reviewed several national and international journals in basic medical sciences.

Prof. Akinola is a member of several professional bodies. He is a Fellow, Strategic Institute for National Resources and Human Development. Other bodies to which he belongs are the Neuroscience Society of Nigeria; Anatomical Society of Nigeria and the Ilorin Neuroscience Group. He is also a Member of the Endocrine Society, Society for Neuroscience, United States of America; the Anatomical Society, United Kingdom and, of course, Society of Neuroscientists of Africa (SONA).

Despite his tight schedule, Prof. Akinola has always found time for the progress and development of his ancestral community, Okeso and his Christian faith. He has also held executive positions in the Heritage Estate Development Association, Tanke, Oke-Odo, Ilorin, where he lives.

This exciting medical scientist and administrator of proven integrity is married and blessed with promising children.



UNILORIN WEEKLY FINANCIAL DIGEST

FUND SOURCES AND UTILIZATION REPORT FROM 18TH TO 25TH NOVEMBER 2021.

RECEIPTS	AMOUNT
Academic Transcript	357,500.00
Sundry other Income	5,167,750.00
Dental Clinic Charges	146,777.50
Rent on University Property	250,000.00
Income from Diagnostic Centre	101,790.00
Capitation-NHIS	6,750.00
Utility Income	20,800.00
Student I.D. Card	1,000.00
Contractor's Registration Verification	1,000.00
Sundry & other Student Charges	175,000.00
Undergraduate Post UTME Registration	1,708,250.00
Undergraduate Convocation Charges	15,517,141.25
Undergraduate School Charges	915,200.00
Undergraduate Transfer Charges	30,472.50
Postgraduate School General Payment	106,050.00
Postgraduate School Charges	145,950.00
Postgraduate School Add/Drop Payment	1,984,350.00
Ilorin Business School Acceptance fee	3,450.00
Ilorin Business School Charges	100,750.00
Ilorin Business School Add/Drop Payment	1,980,000.00
Remedial Application	1,150.00
JUPEB Application Form	1,651,350.00
JUPEB Acceptance	729,350.00
JUPEB Hostel Accommodation	463,450.00
JUPEB School Charges	422,100.00
Total of Fund Sources for the Period	3,243,450.00
FUNDS UTILIZATION:	₦35,230,831.25
PAYMENT TO CONTRACTORS/SUPPLIERS :	
Pasekham and Sons Repair of Pump at booster station, water Treatment Plant	60,000.00
Fasman Nig Ent External Repair Works at Senate Building	613,072.50
Maskon Nigeria Ltd Supply of Computer	2,267,730.00
Kay Beez African Kitchen Catering Services	301,000.00
G Pinnacle Suites Ltd Feeding and Accommodation of University Guests	52,875.00
Ever Phoenix Guest House Feeding and Accommodation of University Guests	1,076,930.50
Monarchs Luxury Palace Hotels Feeding and Accommodation of University Guests	539,010.00
Garuba Ayinde Nigeria Ent. Repainting and Redecoration of University Kerbs	322,145.25
Fasman Nig Ent. Repair and Servicing of Air Conditioners	1,450,584.84
Inward Source Global Concept Ltd Construction of Perimeter Fence	5,661,381.07
F&F Catering Service Catering Service	723,475.00
Yemsek Sweet Savour Catering Service	258,000.00
Food City Catering Service	321,425.00
JORHEB Catering Services Catering Services	317,125.00
Bliss Centre Catering Services	2,857,610.00
Princeton & Associates Publishing Co Ltd Supply of Books	178,000.00
Somerest Ventures Production of Certificate Holders	6,534,000.00
Motiwayo Nig Ltd Production of Certificate Holders	9,966,000.00
Ayodeji Iyunade & Co Production of Certificate Holders	9,900,000.00
Charlymen Enterprises and Resources Ltd Supply of ABC Fire Extinguishers	775,000.00
Opti Edge Nigeria Ltd Supply of CCTV Camera	263,563.13
PGC Cleaners and Merchants Waste Collection	35,000.00
New Balance Corporate Services Ltd Supply & Installation of Teaching & Research Equipment for dept of Optometry & Vision (TETFUND)	49,921,966.00
Lanreal Global Ltd Supply & Installation of Teaching & Research Equipment for Dept of Optometry & Vision (TETFUND)	5,064,996.00
African Newspapers Nig PLC Publication	141,900.00
Jamec West Africa Ltd Supply & Installation of Teaching & Research Equipment (TETFUND)	11,780,000.00
Luke Gbenle Jolayemi Nig Ltd Maintenance of Electricity	2,848,750.00
Media Trust Ltd Publication	165,632.97
Fasman Nig Ent Convocation Expenses	580,760.29
Ayosco Jasper Enterprises Supply of Essential Tools for parks and Garden unit.	195,750.00
Teejay Elevator Ltd Supply of Lifts Spare Parts	769,700.00
Maleku Company Nig Ltd Construction of Cadaver Storage Tank in the Anatomy Laboratory.	880,000.00
Ibadan Electricity Distribution Coy Electricity Supply Bill	53,743,341.79
OTHER PAYMENT S:	
Various i.e DTA, Imprest, Refund e.t.c	75,362,981.70
Purchase Advance Various	36,495,650.00
Unilorin Guest House Catering Services	2,578,810.00
Nigeria Most Respected Award University Representation	1,200,000.00
Various Academic Learned Conference	11,678,400.00
Staff Academic Learned Conference	1,586,250.00
Students Associations Disbursement of 2020/2021 Undergraduate Student Charges.	53,300,000.00
Ilorin Business School Honorarium	15,740,000.00
Office of the Accountant-General of the Federation Training fee	50,000.00
Optometrists & Dispensing Optician Registration Board of Nig Due for Professional Accreditation.	2,000,000.00
Staff Training Research Grants (TETFUND)	11,734,327.50
GNS Honorarium for the distribution of GNS Textbook	15,761,899.99
Unilorin Press Printing of Unilorin Bulletin, File Jack and Invitation cards	2,491,000.00
Total TSA Charges Charges for Transaction	195,651.50
Total Payments for the Period	₦398,473,965.03

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



Happy Birthday

S/N	Name	Department	Birthday
1	Balogun, Olusegun Samuel	Crop Protection	Nov 28
2	Popoola, Abiola Oluwagbemiga	Psychology	Nov 28
3	Ojubanire, Abdulfatai Funso	Directorate of Corporate Affairs	Nov 28
4	Adeyemi, Oluwatoyin Funke	Registry	Nov 28
5	Babalola, Mariam Oladunni	Registry	Nov 28
6	Popoola, Temitope Falilat	French	Nov 28
7	Adedjoja, Ruth Owoade	Registry	Nov 28
8	Dada, Emmanuel Olatunde	Works: Electrical/Telecom	Nov 28
9	Yusuf, Abdulrahman Olalekan	Computer Engineering	Nov 28
10	Balogun, Saadudeen	Works: Mechanical	Nov 28
11	Sofoluwe, Abayomi Olumade	Educational Management	Nov 28
12	Faruk, Idiat Folake	Registry	Nov 29
13	Obielodan, Omotayo Olabo	Educational Technology	Nov 29
14	Ambali, Abdulganiyu	Veterinary Medicine	Nov 29
15	Eze, Solomon Chika	Biomedical Engineering	Nov 29
16	Oluwalola, Felicia Kikelomo	Educational Management	Nov 30
17	Abisoye, Adesoji Mudashiru	Works: Works/Maintenance Office	Nov 30
18	Ayo, Sunday Adebunji	Registry	Nov 30
19	Durojaiye, Eunice Seliat	Registry	Nov 30
20	Atteh, Job Olutimehin	Animal Production	Nov 30
21	Otuoze, Abdulrahman Okin	Electrical & Electronics Engineering	Nov 30
22	Raheem, Wakeel Adeyemi	Urban & Regional Planning	Nov 30
23	Raji, Maryam Nike	Registry	Nov 30
24	Sheriff, Falilat Funmilayo	Legal Services Unit	Nov 30
25	Abidoye, Abdulmujeib Abiola	Technical & Entrepreneurship Centre	Nov 30
26	Ahmed, Adijat	Registry	Nov 30
27	Oyewunmi, Fausat Ayobami	Library	Nov 30
28	Osasona, Kehinde Kikelomo	Agric Econs & Farm Mgt	Dec 1
29	Oladimeji, Adejoke Susan	Registry	Dec 1
30	Sunmonu, Musliu Olushola	Food & Bioprocess Engineering	Dec 1
31	Ayanda, Samuel Olatunde	Bursary	Dec 1
32	Ajayi, Micheal Adebayo	Finance	Dec 1
33	Babatunde, Sidiq Abubakar	Security Division	Dec 1
34	Popoola, Jumoke	Statistics	Dec 1
35	Olubiyo, Simeon Kayode	Nursing Science	Dec 1
36	Aremu-Adeshina, Salmat Bolanle	Health Services	Dec 1
37	Yusuf, Habibab Abubakar	Educational Management	Dec 1
38	Paul, Esther	Registry	Dec 1
39	Abdul, Fausat	Unilorin Staff School	Dec 2
40	Magaji, Khadujat	Centre For Counselling & Human Development	Dec 2
41	Yusuf, Mariam Ajibola	Registry	Dec 2
42	Oloruntoba-Oju, Taiwo	English	Dec 2
43	Hussaini, Ibrahim Musa	Registry	Dec 2
44	Iroye, Mojisola Victoria	Registry	Dec 2
45	Bello, Kamaldeen Olayinola	Biochemistry	Dec 2
46	Adebayo, Bunmi Omotayo	Registry	Dec 3
47	Ahmed, Saka	Security Division	Dec 3
48	Azeez, Adesina Lukuman	Mass Communication	Dec 3
49	Akanbi, Shehu-Usman Oladipo	Agric Econs & Farm Mgt	Dec 3
50	Olayemi, Adeyemi David	Security Division	Dec 3
51	Ibrahim, Temilade Kehinde	Unilorin Staff School	Dec 4
52	Adetoro, Abdulrasaq I	Works: Works/Maintenance Office	Dec 4
53	Oluwagbemi, Julius Ogunjobi	Surgery	Dec 4
54	Sheidu, Salihu	Security Division	Dec 4
55	Taiwo, Julianah Olayonu	Registry	Dec 4
56	Salami, Maryam Abiola	University Lodges Unit	Dec 4
57	Chidi-Egboka, Ngozi Charity	Optometry & Vision Science	Dec 4
58	Olatunji, Femi	Security Division	Dec 4

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

- An advert of the University of Ilorin on the 2021/ 202 Session Post -UTME Screening Registration has been published. ("University of Ilorin, 2021/2022 Session Post-UTME Screening Registration", *Daily Trust*, Monday, November 15, 2021, p.8; See also, *Nigerian Tribune*, Monday, November 15, 2021,p.25; *The Herald*, Wednesday, November17, 2021, p.4)
- While delivering the 209th Inaugural Lecture of the University of Ilorin, a lecturer at the Department of Human Kinetics Education, University of Ilorin, Prof. Olufunmilola Leah Dominic, has identified technological advantage that leads to a low level of movement as one of the factors responsible for the increase in musculoskeletal pain in Nigeria. ("University Don identifies technology as factor responsible for musculoskeletal pains", [http:// daily links.ng](http://dailylinks.ng); "UNILORIN don harps on regular physical activities as antidote for fitness" , <http://therefellection.com.ng> , "Exercise is vaccine, prevent ailment-Don" , [https://business day.ng](https://businessday.ng), "Fitness/Wellness: Unilorin Don urges Nigerians to be active in prayer postures" , <https://www.vanguardngr.com>)
- A lecturer at the Department of Microbiology, University of Ilorin, Mrs. Rahmat Zakariya, who was attacked by her student has narrated that it was the assailant's third attempt at trying to kill her that is captured in the video that has gone viral. ("I survived death thrice during my attack -Unilorin lecturer" , *Daily Trust*, Saturday, November 20, 2021,p.10; See also, "Unilorin female lecturer's chilling account of death escape from student attack", *National Pilot*, Thursday 25th -Sunday 28th November, 2021, p.9)
- Twenty-two years old Mathematician, Adeola Joseph, has emerged the overall graduating student of the University of Ilorin. ("My 196 UTME score still remains a mystery to me - Adeola Joseph, UNILORIN best overall graduating student", *Saturday Tribune*, November 20, 2021, p.18)
- In an editorial column, the *Nigerian Tribune* said that there was no justification for Mr. Saludeen Waliyullahi Aanuoluwa to beat his lecturer as it said that the authorities of the University of Ilorin was right in expelling the student from the University following his arraignment before the Student Disciplinary Committee and his subsequent hand-over to the police for prosecution. ("Unilorin pugilist", *Nigerian Tribune*, Tuesday, November 23, 2021, p.9)

Geophysics trains staff on state-of-the-art equipment

By Mubarak Oladosu

The Department of Geophysics, University of Ilorin, has organised an in-house training for lecturers and technologists of the Department on the use of two newly acquired equipment to enhance their capacity in teaching, research, and community service.

The training, which was held last Tuesday (November 23, 2021), focused on the use of the recently acquired LS2 ABEM Terrameter and Proton Magnetometer in various geophysical surveys.

Speaking to **UNILORIN BULLETIN** at the field training session, the Head of the Department of Geophysics, Dr. Wasiu Raji, noted that the in-house training would enable members of staff of the Department to learn how to utilise the two cutting-edge equipment without travelling to Sweden where LS2 ABEM Terrameter was made.

While speaking on the importance of the LS2 ABEM Terrameter, Dr. Raji disclosed that the equipment uses electrical resistivity, can be used to detect water, crude oil, mineral resources, environmental pollution, displacements, and fractures in the ground, adding that the equipment can also be used for forensic purposes to detect buried weapons and



■ Dr. Raji explaining a point on the new equipment

explosives in the fight against insurgency.

The don also appreciated the University management for acquiring the equipment for the Department, and advised that the University management looks into insuring such invaluable equipment which it has acquired.

Dr. Raji also emphasised the need for well-to-do individuals, philanthropists, firms, multi-national corporations, and other organisations to support the advancement of education in Nigeria as practiced in the developed world.

He added that the government should in turn introduce tax relief initiative to encourage companies in Nigeria to support education in the country as done in other countries.

While also speaking with

UNILORIN BULLETIN, another lecturer in the Department, Prof. L. A. Sunmonu, said that the equipment would go a long way in improving teaching, research, and community service in the Department.

Prof. Sunmonu commended the University management for the acquisition of the equipment.

On her part, a Senior Technologist in the Department, Mrs. K. Aluko-Kolade, who commended the training programme, described the LS2 ABEM Terrameter as "the only one-of-its-kind" in Nigerian Universities at the moment.

Other staff members of the Department of Geophysics at the training included Dr. Olatunji, Dr. Abubakar, Dr. Folorunsho, Mr. Adeoye and Mrs. Obadare who is a technologist.

Unilorin to get NACHRED's 5KW mini hydropower station

By *Mustafa Abubakar, Abdullah Ogundele and Testimony Agbaje*

The National Centre for Hydropower Research and Development (NACHRED), University of Ilorin has concluded arrangements for the construction of a mini hydropower station for the generation of 5KW of electricity for demonstration and the use of the University community.

The Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Sulyman Age Abdulkareem, disclosed this last Tuesday (November 23, 2021) at a workshop and exhibition on "Small Hydropower Development for off-Grid Electrification: An Indigenisation Approach" organized by the NACHRED in conjunction with RHOCOM Technology Ltd., held at the University's Main Auditorium.

Prof. Abdulkareem, who was represented at the event by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic), Prof. Sylvia O. Malomo, said that the design, and the bill of quantities of the mini hydropower station, using cross flow turbine is ready and the approval for the commencement of its construction has been granted as part of the on-going 2021 capital projects".

The Vice-Chancellor noted that NACHRED has made significant impact in the environment of hydropower operations of major dams, climate change on stream flow of Kainji, Jebba and Shiroro reservoir inflow, as well as sustainable sediment management of upper watershed of Jebba dam to improve power generation, among others.

Prof. Abdulkareem pointed out that "the achievement of NACHRED in the field of small hydropower (SHP) research and development has been particularly remarkable", adding that "with a history of a little above 14 years, the Centre is committed to identifying, assessing, and documenting selected streams, rivers and falls with potential studies to provide up to 10 MW of electricity".

"I am also aware that the feasibility studies on small hydropower locations in Kwara, Kogi, Ondo, and Nassarawa states have been completed", he disclosed.



■ L - R: The representative of the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Malomo; the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Management Services), Prof. B. F. Sule; and the Director of NACHRED, Prof. Salami, at the Workshop last Tuesday

The Vice-Chancellor implored the Director General/CEO of Energy Commission of Nigeria to commit more fund towards the construction of the NACHRED's office building complex, on the University's main campus for speedy completion.

In his opening remarks, the Director General/ CEO, Energy Commission of Nigeria, Prof. Eli Jidere Bala, disclosed that electricity remains a key tool of the government and in achieving this, the Federal Government established NACHRED as a university-based energy research centre under the Energy Commission of Nigeria. He said it is located at the University of Ilorin in order to harness the hydropower potentials of small and major rivers in the country.

Prof. Bala said that the commission is aware of the slow pace of the on-going construction of the Centre's building complex at the University of Ilorin, adding that all hands will be on deck to ensure that enough funds is committed to speedy completion of the project.

He expressed gratitude to the management of the University of Ilorin for hosting the centre", adding, "We will definitely facilitate and ensure that the Centre attains and maintains first class

leadership in small hydropower (SHP) research development and training in Africa".

Earlier in his address, the Director of the NACHRED, Prof. W. Salami, said that the Workshop was organised to sensitize people on how to amass and judiciously leap at the opportunities offered by the hydropower system.

Prof. Salami said that NACHRED has come up with the mind-blowing invention to solve and enable Nigerian communities especially the deprived rural areas to bypass the challenges of power supply in the country.

In assuring the University community of engendering efforts to be the most excellent of all, Prof. Salami said that the body has already proposed to the University a Masters degree programme where people will be trained on how to make efficient use of the hydropower system for better and sustainable power supply, which according to him, the programme will commence as soon as the University approved the proposal.

In his remarks, the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Management Services), and the pioneer Director of the Center, Prof. B. F. Sule, appreciated the effort of the staff of the Centre, who he said have successfully added values to what he left.