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## UNILORIN don, Oladiji inaugurated as FUTA's eighth VC

By Abubakar Imam and Idayat Hassan

**P**rof. Temidayo Adenike Oladiji of the University of Ilorin, was last Tuesday (May 24, 2022) inaugurated as the new Vice-Chancellor of the Federal University of Technology, Akure, (FUTA).

In her inaugural speech, the erudite Professor of Biochemistry, who became FUTA's eighth Vice-Chancellor and the first female to hold that position in the university, assured stakeholders that she would ensure that the existing gains of FUTA were not only sustained but also greatly improved upon during the course of her administration.

Prof. Oladiji, who was welcomed by enthusiastic members of FUTA community, thanked the Governing Council of the institution for ensuring free and fair selection processes and the huge confidence reposed in her, which eventuated in her appointment.

While saying that she was at FUTA to serve humanity, the Vice-Chancellor promised not to let the Governing Council and the entire institution's community down as she assured that she would be a friend to all.

Prof. Oladiji stressed that though the University was not doing badly in all ramifications compared with her sister institutions, she assured that "I will network with others to bring much (positive) changes to the University". *(Cont. on page 3)*



■ Prof. Oladiji



## '88 set Agric alumni donate N25m indoor fish hatchery to Faculty



■ Prof. Karim, Dean, Faculty of Agriculture

By Mustafa Abubakar, Deborah Olaleye, Abdullahi Ogundipe and Itunu Olasehinde

**M**embers of the 1988 graduating set of the Faculty of Agriculture, University of Ilorin, have donated an Indoor Fish Hatchery Complex and associated components worth over N25 million to the Department of Aquaculture and Fisheries of the Faculty, to ensure that top-notch students are produced from the Faculty.

The building was commissioned

penultimate Saturday (May 21, 2022) and witnessed by members of the set, their friends, associates, and well-wishers from all walks of life.

It should be recalled that in 2018 the Alumni donated N2 million worth of equipment to each Department of the Faculty, and in December last year, they also donated 12 solar street lights for the convenience of students in the Faculty at night. *(Cont. on page 3)*

## Technology 'll boost tax, grow revenue - Adimula

By Mustafa Abubakar

A senior lecturer at the Centre for Peace and Strategic Studies (CPSS), University of Ilorin and the Chairperson of the Society of Women in Taxation (SWIT), Dr. Abiola R. Adimula, has called for the use of technology to drive the collection of tax and grow revenue in the country.

Dr. Adimula made the call penultimate Tuesday (May 17, 2022) at the SWIT Annual Conference, themed: "Taxation and Digitalisation: Effect on Women-Owned Businesses", held at the International Conference Center, Abuja.

Speaking on the theme, the legal luminary noted that digitisation will assist women to grow their businesses and pay their taxes without stress.

Dr. Adimula also disclosed several activities that SWIT has been engaged in between May 2021 and 2022, which included the maiden International Professional Women Conference in Cotonou, publication of SWIT Action Plan to draw the attention of organisations and Agencies for collaboration and partnership.

She noted that SWIT has also



■ Dr. Adimula

started engaging other colleagues in some West African countries toward making SWIT an international organisation.

In his message, the President of the Chartered Institute of Taxation in Nigeria (CITN), Mr. Adedayo Adesina, extolled the role of women in shaping the growth of the industry.

Mr. Adesina emphasised that SWIT's scope was limitless compared with other professional women organisations whose scope is limited to their areas of specialisation.

He, however, admonished SWIT to expand its scope beyond Nigeria and be the pacesetter among women's professional organisations.

Also, speaking on Tax Digitisation and Challenges of getting the Informal Sector into the Tax Net, a Former Chairman, Federal Inland Revenue Service (FIRS), Dr Ifueko Omoigui-Okauru, said that the government should build systems that would develop the tax base.

Dr Omoigui-Okauru also said that there was a need for governments to use technology to drive all their activities from car park collections to MDAs.

"Government must help businesses develop through the provision of infrastructures that will enhance and transform businesses. Provision of power is very essential for digitalisation. Technology is no longer a thing for just the IT people but everyone. Government must build the trust, credibility and confidence in the tax system to encourage compliance with tax payment", she said.

He added that tax authorities must also develop skills and capacity building amongst their staff by engaging in both tax education, awareness and modelling of taxpayers' right behaviours.

## 12 UNILORIN students get Gbajabiamila education grants

Twelve students of the University of Ilorin have benefitted from the Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila Education Grants.

The grants totalling N543, 500, are sponsored by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila for university students across the country from his Surulere 1 Federal Constituency, Lagos State.

The beneficiaries are Okene

Amos Bamituni, Omikunle James Oladapo, Adeniran Oluwapelumi Oyindamola, Afolabi Zainab Omotola, Bello Blessing Adeola, and Saka Sukubat Opeyemi.

The others are Kolawole Ebunoluwa Feyisola, Odueyongbo Adeleke Simeon, Adetunji Rilwan Adeoti, Sodiq Memunat Alaba, Usman Yeseer Amoo, and Aransiola Imisioluwa Cecilia.



■ Hon. Gbajabiamila



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The new Vice-Chancellor said that she would mobilise resources towards improving revenue generation for the University and work for huge and remarkable improvement in the welfare of staff and students of the institution.

While acknowledging the spirit of sportsmanship displayed by her co-contestants since her appointment was made public, she asked for more of their supports and those of the generality of the university community for her to succeed in the new task.

She said, "the Federal University of Technology, Akure, is doing well, but there is always room for improvement.

"As a university of technology, we must be prepared to deal with emerging questions to be answered. The COVID-19 experience showed there is a lot of ground yet uncovered".

Prof. Oladiji further noted that "most of the big issues facing humanity, captured succinctly in the sustainable development goals, require that we network across country borders and academic disciplines", adding that "no single institution, country or discipline can exclusively provide solutions and so we will network and be the hub for the much-desired changes in the higher education sector"

Speaking on revenue generation, Prof. Oladiji said that her administration "will

focus on improved internally generated revenue (IGR), staff and student's welfare, capacity building, research, infrastructural development and positive impacts on host communities, amongst others".

Earlier, the immediate past Vice-Chancellor of the University, Prof. Joseph Fuwape, said that he was able to accomplish all his agenda as the Chief Executive of the institution.

While remarking that FUTA was ranked as the best university of Technology in Nigeria and the second-best university in the country during his tenure, he implored members of the University community to extend their hands of fellowship to the new Vice-Chancellor for the institution to record higher successes.

In his address at the event, the Pro-Chancellor and Chairman of the Governing Council of the University, Dr. Godknows Igali, described the new Vice-Chancellor as a studious researcher who is blessed with a convincing academic prowess and deserving of the position.

Dr. Igali explained that her emergence was democratic and transparent, saying that she emerged among the three best applicants for the position.

He added that her appointment was well deserved because the selection committee was enamoured by her outstanding performance.

Dr Igali, therefore, urged Prof. Oladiji to maintain the existing peace in the University and treat all as members of one and the same

family, irrespective of individual differences.

The Council Chairman also urged the new Vice-Chancellor to prioritise the welfare of staff and students of the University and also work for the improvement in revenue generation as he assured her of the cooperation of the institution's Governing Council.

In her remarks, the Coordinator of the Ondo State National Council of Women Societies, Dr Jumoike Aborode, advised Prof. Oladiji to be humble in a bid to take the university to greater heights.

In a great show of solidarity with one of their own, the University of Ilorin community was well represented at the event. Amongst those in attendance were the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Sulyman Age Abdulkareem, who was represented by the Dean, Student Affairs, Prof. M. T. Yakubu; the pioneer Vice Chancellor of Al-Hikmah University and former Vice-Chancellor, Federal University of Technology, Minna, Prof. Musbau A. Akanji; the pioneer Vice-Chancellor of Fountain University, Osogbo and pioneer Vice-Chancellor, Summit University, Offa, Prof. Hussein O. B. Oloyede; the Dean, Faculty of Physical Science, Prof. K. J. Oyewumi; the former Dean, Faculty of Science, Prof. B. L. Adeleke; the immediate past Dean, Student Affairs, Prof. L. T. Ajibade; the immediate past Director of Academic Planning, Prof. I. A. Adimula; and the Deputy Registrar, Vice-Chancellor's Office, Mrs. Funmilayo Ishola, as well as several members of the Omo Ibile Igbomina, UNILORIN Branch, among others.

## '88 set Agric alumni donate N25m indoor fish hatchery to Faculty

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Speaking at the commissioning, the Vice-Chancellor of the University, Prof. Sulyman Age Abdulkareem, said, "I can boldly claim that the hatchery we are gathering here to commission today is the best of its kind in any university around us".

Prof Abdulkareem appreciated all illustrious alumni of the Faculty who, through their unity of purpose, were able to build the facility for the use of students coming behind them, in particular, and for the use of humanity in general.

He disclosed that they have demonstrated the real essence of coming together as alumni.

The Vice-Chancellor said, "The importance of Alumni association and bodies in the growth of any university cannot be over-emphasised. Their importance is particularly indisputable in this age of stiff competition among universities, and in the contemporary times when there is dire paucity of funds to achieve university's goals.

"In developed countries, as I know, alumni contribute immensely to the institutional reputation of their universities. I have always believed that, in this fast-changing higher education landscape in the world, alumni may provide meaningful support to actualize different aspects of the university enterprise.

"This strong belief emboldened me, immediately I became the Vice-Chancellor of this University, to strengthen the mechanisms for

fostering life-long relationship with our alumni through which we can effectively engage with them and motivate their supports for effective management and operation of the University.

"It has, therefore, always been my desire to facilitate and motivate our alumni supports for maximum mutual benefits. It has always been my wish that our alumni undertake projects and activities that seek to enhance the University's image and profile. It has always been my aspiration that our alumni volunteer themselves for revenue mobilization to supplement Government's insufficient funding.

"Of course, these are the expectations from any alumni body. They are expected to continuously engage with their institutions by visiting and interacting with faculty and students. They are expected to give back to their alma maters in terms of financial donations, provision of facilities, equipment and endowments that might be out of reach or prohibitive as a result of financial paucity. They are also expected to establish Chairs, Fellowships, Scholarships, and Awards to promote research, scholarship and academic excellence. They are expected to serve as role models, inspiration and career mentors to the students who are still studying at their respective universities".

The Vice-Chancellor, however, expressed the belief that with the hatchery commissioned, members of the '88 set of our Faculty of Agriculture have proven themselves to be the ideal alumni body of a prestigious

university like ours.

Prof Abdulkareem said that the '88 Agriculture graduates have walked the talk; they have shown a good model", adding that "they are, therefore, quintessential alumni body driven by unity of purpose and commitment to the continuous growth of their Faculty in particular and their alma mater in general".

According to him, "this is an exemplary character that I want every other alumni body of our great University to emulate for the benefit of our University".

Speaking with the **UNILORIN BULLETIN**, the President of the Association, Dr. Augustina Opeewe Ojo, who expressed her joy for the successful execution of the project, said, "My joy knows no bounds. I held my tears when I was told to speak. I never knew today will come to reality...it's mind-blowing; so, I'm simply grateful."

Dr. Ojo pointed out that they have come up with the project to help humanity and assist the government in providing facilities needed by students to obtain adequate and up-to-scratch education.

Also speaking on the occasion, the Dean of the Faculty of Agriculture, Prof. Ramat Olayinka Karim, appreciated the 1988 Alumni set on their donation to the Department.

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## OFFICE OF THE VICE-CHANCELLOR UNIVERSITY OF ILORIN



Dear ES,

On behalf of the Governing Council, Management, Staff and Students of the University of Ilorin, I am pleased to send my warmest congratulations on your appointment as the Executive Secretary, TETFund.

I wish you much success in your new post as I also look forward to the pleasure of working with you to strengthen our Institution.

Please, accept my warmest and heartiest congratulations!



**ARC. SONNY S.T. ECHONO, FNIA**

**Prof. Sulyman Age AbdulKareem**  
VC, University of Ilorin





■ *The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Sulyman Abdulkareem (middle), cutting the tape to declare the Hatchery open while other dignitaries watch*

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Prof. Karim, who is the 14th and first female Dean of the Faculty, said she was very delighted with the 1988 set donation of the indoor fish hatchery which she said is not just a building but equipped with the required

materials needed to be functional and will help not just aquaculture students but all students in the Faculty and the community at large.

The Dean further stated that the Faculty has set up a management committee to manage and utilize the facility and to also

ensure it's security.

The occasion was witnessed by representatives of the Emir of Ilorin, and past and present stakeholders of the faculty among others.

## 2 Engineering students shine at ACEN FLF design competition

By Mustafa Abubakar

**T**wo University of Ilorin Engineering Students, Adebola Sanni and Bamidele Rapheal, came tops at the Association for Consulting Engineering in Nigeria (ACEN) FLF Design Proposal Competition.

In the competition, which was keenly contested by students from various tertiary institutions across the country, Adebola Sanni won the overall Mechanical Engineering category while Bamidele Raphael clinched the first runner-up position in the Electrical Engineering category.

This was disclosed In a statement made available to UNILORIN BULLETIN jointly signed by the President and Public Relations Officer of the University of Ilorin Students Union, Comrade Waliu Opeyemi Taofik (OMOLUABI) and Stephen Opeyemi Olabode (O' SMART) respectively, last Tuesday (May 24, 2022).



■ *Adebola Sanni*

Participants were required to develop a Computer-Aided Design Proposal for an architectural drawing based on their respective fields of Structural/Civil, Mechanical and Electrical Engineering.

The UNILORIN duo and other winners were awarded and celebrated at the 2022 FIDIC AFRICA FUTURE LEADERS' CONGRESS SYMPOSIUM held at the Eko Hotels



■ *Bamidele Rapheal*

and Suites on Sunday, May 15, 2022.

The Students' Union leadership commended the duo for their remarkable performance, which upholds the Better-By-Far status of the University.

"We also charge Unilorites to always strive for outstanding excellence in their various quests", the statement stressed.

## Belewu canvasses establishment of bee pens in schools

By **Mustafa Abubakar**

**A** professor of Animal Production at the University of Ilorin, Moshood Belewu, has called for the establishment of bee pens in schools and villages across the country to tap into various benefits of bees.

Prof. Belewu gave the advice penultimate Friday (May 20, 2022) while speaking with **UNILORIN BULLETIN** on the 2022 World Bees Day.

Speaking on this year's theme, "Bee Engaged: Celebrating the diversity of bees and beekeeping systems", Prof. Belewu cautioned against using fire to harvest honey from bees.

He emphasized that using fire to harvest honey from bees would not produce credible honey, and called for the usage of



■ Prof. Belewu  
honey harvest kits.

Prof. Belewu, however, described a bee pen, also known as "an apiary" that could be constructed within the backyard with necessary facilities such as a water

trough and flowers to prevent bees from travelling far away before producing honey.

The animal scientist stressed that bees serve as pollinators to help farmers increase yield, as well as produce honey that serves as condiments for home and industrial use.

He also pointed out that natural medicine known as "apitherapy", is the practice of using bee products such as honey, pollen, propolis, royal jelly, and bee venom for disease prevention or treatment purposes.

It could be recalled that, in 2017, the United Nations General Assembly proclaimed May 20, every year as World Bee Day, for its role in the production of an abundance of fruits, nuts and seeds, as well as contributing to the food security and neutron edition.

## Yahaya , 3 other Unilorites bag ICAN Fellowship

By **Abubakar Imam**

**A**n Associate Professor at the Department of Accounting, University of Ilorin, Khadijat Adenola Yahaya, and three other distinguished staff members of the University have bagged the Fellowship of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Nigeria (FCA).

The conferment of the Fellowship was the highlight of the well-attended 20th Fellowship award ceremony of the Institute, which held in Lagos on Wednesday, April 20, 2022.

The other Unilorites are Mr. Murtala Mohammed Ibrahim and Mrs. Omeiza Omolola Bello of the Bursary Department as well as Dr. Temitope Olamide Famigbele of the Department of Accounting.

Dr. Yahaya, who is a former Head, Department of Accounting, University of Ilorin, and her three colleagues were among the 1496 professional accountants from all over Nigeria who were conferred with the prestigious awards, having passed prescribed examinations and other forms of professional evaluations.

Speaking at the event, the National President of the Institute, Mrs. Comfort Olu Eytayo, reminded all the awardees of the need to always ensure transparency, accountability and integrity in everything they do, particularly at their various places of work.

The ICAN President also urged them to always abide by the ethics of the



■ **L-R: Mr. Ibrahim Murtala Mohammed, Dr. Yahaya, Khadijat Adenola, and Mrs. Omeiza, Omolola Keriyeu Bello after the investiture**

accounting profession as she expressed her conviction that the award would serve as a motivation for better performances in their individual endeavours.

Speaking with **UNILORIN BULLETIN** shortly after the award, Dr. Yahaya expressed gratitude to the authorities of the University for the opportunity provided her and her colleagues to engage in professional development programmes, which eventuated in the conferment of the

prestigious award.

The renowned academic assured that they would continue to use their new status towards the deepening of the greatness of the University of Ilorin through more qualitative service delivery in their various spheres of responsibilities and serving as role models to others, particularly staff and students of the University.





# Happy Birthday

S/N	Name	Department	Birthday
1	Fagbola Olaronke Oyinola	Library & Information Science	May 29
2	Famulegun Elizabeth Oluwatoyin	Registry	May 29
3	Abdus-Salam Funmilola Nusrat	Siwes Unit	May 29
4	Badamas Omoshalewa Lasbat	Social Science Education	May 29
5	Musa Elijah Tsado	Central Research Laboratories	May 29
6	Akinola Olugbenga	Pharmacology & Therapeutics	May 29
7	Afolayan Kayode Niyi	English	May 30
8	Olokooba Saka Muhammed	Business Law	May 30
9	Aderinoye-Abdulwahab Sidiqat Adeyemi	Agric Extension & Rural Dev	May 30
10	Ayo Modupe	Unilorin Zoo	May 30
11	Ademola Abosede Anuoluwapo	Registry	May 30
12	Izuogu Nkechi Betsy	Crop Protection	May 30
13	Mohammed Musa Baba	Registry	May 30
14	Aremu Dayo Reuben	Computer Science	May 31
15	Raji Monsur Tokunboh	Portal Services	May 31
16	Babamale Halimah Funmilayo	Industrial Chemistry	May 31
17	Muhammed Shuaib Abolakale	Counsellor Education	May 31
18	Garba Mohammed Kabir	Statistics	May 31
19	Olatunde Gbemisola	Surveying & Geo-Informatics	May 31
20	Adegboye Majed Babajide	Anaesthesia	May 31
21	Ojo Oludare David	Arts Education	May 31
22	Ibrahim Alamamu Abdullahi	Plant Biology	May 31
23	Ayinla Ibrahim Kuranga	Industrial Chemistry	May 31
24	Ajide Folorunsho Monsuru	Economics	Jun 01
25	Babalola Olalekan Opeyemi	Computer Base Test	Jun 01
26	Atanda Ibrahim B.	Central Admin: Office	Jun 01
27	Arise Rotimi Olusanya	Biochemistry	Jun 01
28	Adefolaju Gbenga Anthony	Anatomy	Jun 01
29	Abdulrauf-Salau Aishat Adebisi	Mass Communication	Jun 01
30	Adetola Oluwakemi Roseline	Registry	Jun 01
31	Ibrahim Issa	Unilorin Zoo	Jun 01
32	Olawuyi Ayodele Kehinde	Geology & Mineral Sciences	Jun 02
33	Sulaiman Moshud Ayanda	Library	Jun 02
34	Otene Janet Christiana	Registry	Jun 02
35	Shehu Fatai	Security Division	Jun 02
36	Ogunleye Samuel Adebisi	Security Division	Jun 02
37	Okeola Olayinka Gafar	Water Resources & Environmental Engineering	Jun 02
38	Saliman Abdulrahman Kallah	Library	Jun 02
39	Obaloluwa Alabi Magaji	Registry	Jun 02
40	Zakariyya Maymunat Bake	Registry	Jun 02
41	Niyi-Gafar Oluwabunmi Lucy	Jurisprud. & Interna. Law	Jun 02
42	Adegboye Adiru Afolabi	Veterinary Medicine	Jun 02
43	Abdulraheem Adijat Mojisola	Health Promotion & Environmental Health Edu	Jun 02
44	Isiaq Abdulwaheed Atanda	Political Science	Jun 02
45	Oloyede Isiaka	Statistics	Jun 02
46	Oyeyiola Abdulhamid Kolawole	Electrical & Electronics Engineering	Jun 02
47	Ifelaja Grace Adebimpe	Registry	Jun 02
48	Lamidi Oluwatoyin Helen	Registry	Jun 02
49	Ahmed Tijani Ayinla	Adult & Primary Education	Jun 02
50	Abdulwahab Tajudeen Babamale	Directorate Of Corporate Affairs	Jun 03
51	Kayode Ajoke Oluwatoyin	Agric Extension & Rural Dev	Jun 03
52	Adejoh Mathew	Unilorin Sugar Research Institute	Jun 03
53	Yahaya Yusuf	Security Division	Jun 03
54	Olaoluwa Monday	Security Division	Jun 03
55	Mustapha Muinat Omolade	Registry	Jun 03
56	Onifade Olasunkanmi Adeoye	Human Kinetics & Health Edu.	Jun 03
57	Ahmed El-Imam Amina	Microbiology	Jun 03
58	Lawal Abdulmumin Abubakar	Educational Management	Jun 03
59	Ajiboye Samuel Kolawole	Counsellor Education	Jun 03
60	Lawal Falilat Onundi	Geography & Environmental Management	Jun 03
61	Ayinla Samuel Ayodele	Registry	Jun 03
62	Orimolade Benjamin Olawale	Industrial Chemistry	Jun 03
63	Adebowale Quadri Ramon	Telecommunication Science	Jun 03
64	Busari Yusuf Olanrewaju	Materials & Metallurgical Engineering	Jun 03
65	Famuyiwa Shola Temitope	Library	Jun 03
66	Kayode Rebecca Omotayo	Registry	Jun 03
67	Abdul-Kabir Asmau Imam	Centre For Ilorin Studies	Jun 03
68	Abdullahi Yaqub Alhaji	Arabic	Jun 03
69	Ajide-Bamigboye Nimat Toyosi	Microbiology	Jun 04
70	Imam Abubakar Sidiq	Directorate Of Corporate Affairs	Jun 04
71	Mohammed Raji	Security Division	Jun 04
72	Iroye Kayode Ademola	Geography & Environmental Management	Jun 04
73	Lawal Ismail Adigun	Surgery	Jun 04
74	Akoh Enukorah Peter	Security Division	Jun 04
75	Daramola Mojisola Bosede	Religions	Jun 04
76	Adeniyi Enekele Esther	Geography & Environmental Management	Jun 04
77	Adekunle Samuel Babatunde	Biomedical Engineering	Jun 04
78	Yusuf Abdulhameed Badmas	Religions	Jun 04
79	Isa Babatunde Folorunsho	Registry	Jun 04
80	Badru Surajudeen Adewale	Arts Education	Jun 04
81	Yahaya Ganiyat Taiwo	Registry	Jun 04
82	Ohunise Stephen Mayomi	Registry	Jun 04
83	Akangbe Job Seun	Registry	Jun 04
84	Badmus Eedris Kolawole	Civil Engineering	Jun 04

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

## TOWN & GOWN

by Kunle Akogun



### Oladiji, UNILORIN's latest export to the world

**P**rof. Adenike Temidayo Oladiji's appointment as the new Vice-Chancellor of the Federal University of Technology, Akure (FUTA), is significant in many respects.

First, the University of Ilorin don would be the first female to hold that position at FUTA at a period when audacious women are making waves in all spheres of human endeavour, especially in fields that were hitherto thought to be the exclusive preserves of the menfolk.

Secondly, the appointment has been widely applauded as being strictly based on merit, as her sterling performance at the selection interview, rather than any extraneous consideration, was said to have clearly commended her to the panel of interviewers.

Thirdly, she is the sixth Professor from the stable of the University of Ilorin to be appointed to head other Universities in the country in the past four years. Before her, there were Prof. Noah Yusuf, Al-Hikmah University, Ilorin; Prof. Muhammed Mustafa Akanbi, Kwara State University, Malete; Prof. Luke Ayorinde, Thomas Adewumi University, Oko; Prof. R. Lawal, University of Offa; and Prof. Mahfouz Adedimeji, Ahman Pategi University, Patigi.

The renowned Professor of Biochemistry, who is also the first Female Fellow of the Nigerian Academy of Sciences, has always demonstrated great intellectual erudition and administrative acumen in all the academic assignments and administrative positions she had held in her career sojourn in the academia that spans over three decades.

One of the most hardworking dons of the University of Ilorin, whose immense intellectual works have contributed to the lofty heights the better by far citadel has attained, Prof. Oladiji had held various positions and served on almost all University Committees as Chairman and Member.

She had also served in various capacities, including Head of Department; Sub Dean of Faculty; Deputy Director, Centre for International Education; Director, Centre for Research Development and In-House Training (CREDIT); Director, Central Research Laboratory; Dean, School Of Basic Medical Sciences (Kwara State University); Dean, School of Life Sciences and Member, Governing Council, Federal Polytechnic, Nasarawa and Crown Hill University, Eiyenkorin, Ilorin.

The new FUTA Vice-Chancellor,

who is a prolific researcher with over 100 publications, has won many distinctions and awards, which include University's Merit Award, Certificate of Merit and scholarships, among others.

She is a Fellow of the Nigerian Academy of Sciences, in fact the very first female Fellow of that Academy, as well as Fellow, Nigerian Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology.

In the course of her exciting academic career, Prof. Oladiji had served as Member of various Scientific Committees at the National Universities Commission (NUC), the Tertiary Education Fund (TETFund), as well as the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB). She has also been an external examiner in over 20 universities in Nigeria and outside the country.

She is a Member of several Professional Bodies such as the West Africa Research and Innovation Management (WARIMA), the American Society of Nutrition, the Organization for Women in Science for Developing World (OSWD), the Science Association of Nigeria and the Nigerian Society for Experimental Biology.

It is, therefore, surprising that despite her intimidating curriculum vitae and undeniable competence, some people could still fault Prof. Oladiji's appointment as the eighth FUTA Vice-Chancellor, insinuating that the selection process was "fraught with fraud", whatever that means! These insignificant and therefore negligible few, purporting to speak for FUTA's academic stakeholders have, however, been cut to size by the authentic spokespersons of the Academic Staff Union of Universities (ASUU), FUTA Branch.

In a swift reaction to the ill-advised outburst of the disgruntled duo, the leadership of ASUU, FUTA dissociated the Union from the report making the rounds in some sections of the media that the union is against Prof. Oladiji's appointment.

In a press statement signed by its Chairman, Prof. O.O. Awopetu and Secretary, Dr. O. E. Rasaki, the Union dismissed the said publication that claimed that the appointment of the new Vice-Chancellor was fraught with fraud and lacked transparency.

The statement urged all the Union members and the general public to disregard the purported publication in its entirety as it is not the position of ASUU-FUTA. It said the publication in circulation was signed by two professors who are not members of the Executive Committee of ASUU-FUTA,

pointing out that "the two have no rights, neither were they authorised and are in no capacity to speak for and on behalf of ASUU-FUTA".

Also, the non-teaching staff of FUTA have also given Prof. Oladiji's appointment a stamp of approval.

In their joint congratulatory message, the Senior Staff Association of Nigerian Universities (SSANU) and the Non-Academic Staff Union of Universities (NASU) expressed satisfaction with the processes that led to Prof. Oladiji's appointment.

The workers, under the aegis of Joint Action Committee (JAC), said that from available records, Prof. Oladiji is the most qualified and came top in the selection process. Meanwhile, Prof. Oladiji has promised to hit the ground running as she mounts the saddle at FUTA.

In her very first post-appointment media interview with the UNILORIN 89.3 FM, she promised to give the institution her best, assuring that she was prepared not only to maintain the shining reputations of FUTA but also to mobilise human and material resources from within and outside the University to ensure that its positive image soars much higher during her tenure.

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

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

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

Congratulations, Prof., on this well-deserved appointment. We believe you will make us proud as you discharge your duties diligently to the glory of God and service to humanity!