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## 16, 920 admission seekers sit UNILORIN Post-UTME test

By Temitope Omoniyi

**O**ut of the 18,098 admission seekers that registered for the 2023/2024 Post-UTME test of the University of Ilorin, 16, 920 presented themselves for the screening in a rigorous exercise that held between last Monday (February 19, 2024) and last Friday (February 23, 2024).

The screening exercise, which was entirely computer-based, was held on the University Campus between the hours of 8.00 a.m. and 5.00 p.m each day.

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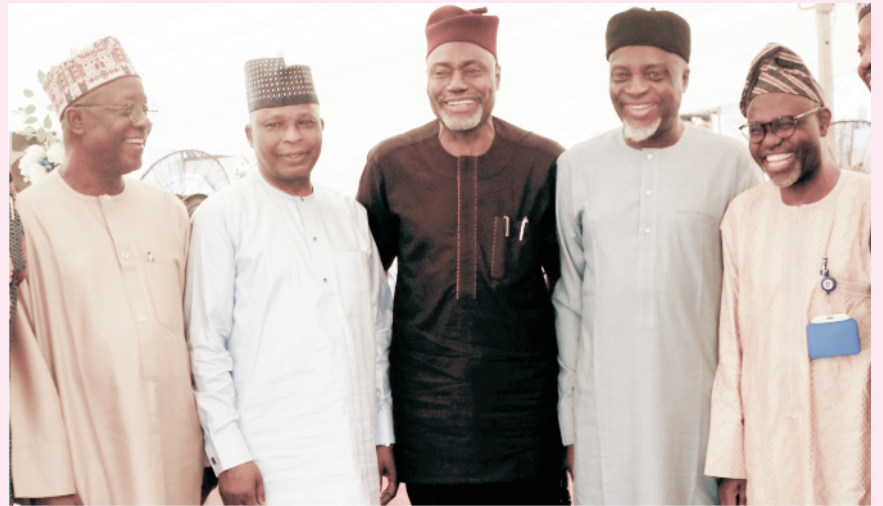
### DISCLAIMER

The management of the University of Ilorin is hereby alerting members of the public to the latest antics of scammers, using fictitious social media accounts created in the name of our Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, with the sole aim of conning them into parting with their hard-earned money.

These rogues use fake social media platforms like Facebook, WhatsApp, LinkedIn, and Messenger to make all sorts of demands from members of the public, ostensibly in the name of the Vice Chancellor.

For the avoidance of doubt, Prof. Egbewole does not operate on any of those social media platforms.

Members of the public should, therefore, be wary of the antics of these unscrupulous elements and be adequately guided not to fall for their pranks.



■ L-R: Prof. AbdulGaniyu Ambali, Chief Lateef Fagbemi, Mallam Yusuf Ali, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede and Prof. Wahab O. Egbewole at the event penultimate Sunday

## Egbewole, Oloyede, others applaud Ali's selection as Professor of Practice

By Tajudeen Babamale

**T**he Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, the Registrar and Chief Executive Officer of the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB), Prof. Is-haq Olanrewaju Oloyede, CON; and the Minister of Justice and Attorney General of the Federation, Chief Lateef Olasunkanmi Fagbemi, SAN; have joined the league of well-meaning Nigerians to celebrate the choice of Mallam Yusuf Olaolu Ali, SAN, by the

Federal University, Oye-Ekiti (FUOYE), Ekiti State, for appointment as a Professor of Practice.

At a reception held for Mallam Ali penultimate Sunday (February 18, 2024) at the Vice Chancellor's Lodge, these great Nigerians and distinguished scholars, in their separate remarks, said that Mallam Ali, having garnered more than 28 years experience as a lecturer, about 50 publications in reputable journals, and having attained the rank of a Senior Advocate of Nigeria, eminently deserved the appointment.

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## Ex-UNILORITE heads Nigeria Immigration Service

By Abubakar Imam

**A**n alumnus of the nation's Most Outstanding University, the University of Ilorin, Mrs Kemi Nandap, has been appointed the new Comptroller-General of the Nigeria Immigration Service (CGNIS).

The appointment of Mrs Nandap, which was approved by President Bola Ahmed Tinubu, was announced in a

statement dated Wednesday, January 22, 2024 and signed by the President's Special Adviser on Media and Publicity, Chief Ajuri Ngelale.

Mrs Nandap, who hails from Ogun State and was born in Zaria, Kaduna State, on June 3, 1966, graduated from the Department of Biochemistry, University of Ilorin.

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■ Mrs Nandap

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# UNILORIN to be fully automated-Egbewole

By Tajudeen Babamale

**T**he Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has expressed the desire of his administration to fully automate all processes at the University by the end of the third quarter of this year.

Speaking at a meeting with a delegation of the Swedish-Nigeria Educational Technology Solution Company, otherwise known as SchoolTry, in his office penultimate Thursday (February 15, 2024), Prof. Egbewole said that the University is doing everything worth doing towards positioning itself as a global player in the field of education with the help of automation.

The Vice Chancellor particularly highlighted the desire to automate the admission processes as he also envisioned a situation where prospective admission seekers won't have any physical interaction with any University official from the point of post-UTME to their eventual commencement of lectures.

Prof. Egbewole, who is a Council Member of the Chartered Institute of Management and Leadership, said, "We want to establish our 'UNILORIN factors,' becoming renowned for our reputation in seamless automated processes".

To achieve this, the Vice Chancellor directed all units of the University to begin to adhere to the new thinking, adding that, the goal is to alleviate pressures on staff members and enhance efficiency in operations, including result generation, processing, and uploading.

The Vice Chancellor also pointed out the need to transform current manual operations within the University, citing an example from the Registrar's office. He envisioned an automated approval process for correspondences, where the Vice Chancellor or any other official of the University can approve or comment on letters before they proceed to the next recipient.

This approach, according to Prof. Egbewole, would ensure information security, prevent misplacement, and allow global accessibility to critical communications.

Commenting on the trust his administration has on the visiting Company, the Vice Chancellor said, "At the preliminary stage, the identity of the three presenters who wanted to partner the University on the development of a new portal was unknown to us. Yet the management was persuaded by SchoolTry's presentation from day one, leading to the establishment of a successful relationship. It became



evident to all that SchoolTry was the right choice, and we are grateful for the decision, as we have not experienced any regret.

Speaking further, Prof. Egbewole said, "Our visit to Sweden proved enlightening, revealing SchoolTry's connections with the Nigerian Embassy, prominent facilities like the Epic Centre (the largest innovating centre), and Karolinska Medical University with around 600 startups. This implies that, beyond our collaboration with SchoolTry, we now have the opportunity to interact with these other organisations".

Speaking earlier, the Chief Executive Officer of SchoolTry, Mr Ismail Eleburuike, expressed his unwavering conviction that his Company would bring pride to the University of Ilorin.

Mr Eleburuike, who is also an alumnus of the University, reaffirmed his Company's commitment to building a seamless and user-friendly portal for UNILORIN staff, students, alumni and other key stakeholders.

Reflecting on his journey, which led to the establishment of SchoolTry, Mr Eleburuike shared his experience of leaving for Sweden in 2008 after completing his NYSC in Lagos.

Having pursued his Masters and worked for Ericsson in Sweden, he disclosed that he was inspired by his exposure to e-learning platforms and virtual classes. He said that exposure culminated in his dream of bringing the transformative ideas to Nigeria, leveraging the lessons learned in Sweden.

He explained that his Company is currently operating in three African countries such as Kenya, South Africa, and Nigeria; with Nigeria being a major market.

Highlighting the vision to digitise and provide access to millions of youths for financial independence and global competitiveness, Mr Eleburuike acknowledged the challenges accompanying changes.

He, however, assured the

management of the University that SchoolTry is committed to addressing and rectifying issues that may arise promptly.

Sharing insights into the scale of the UNILORIN project, the SchoolTry CEO revealed that they encountered massive traffic, with nearly 50,000 requests within one second trying to do four different things. He noted the enormity of migrating records from 2005 to the present, totaling close to ten million records without mistakes.

Despite minor challenges, Mr Eleburuike assured the University of success, emphasising the broader goal of marketing SchoolTry to other African countries.

Also speaking, the Director of Computer Services and Information Technology (COMSIT), University of Ilorin, Prof. Rasheed Gbenga Jimoh, shared significant insights into the SchoolTry team's composition and their commitment to elevating the University.

Prof. Jimoh expressed joy that four out of the ten members of the SchoolTry team are proud alumni of the University of Ilorin. He explained that the Chief Executive Officer, Ismail Eleburuike, graduated from the Department of Electrical and Electronic Engineering; the Chief Technical Officer, Mr. Salami Muyideen, completed his studies at the Department of Physics as Dr Hamzat Aliyu did from the Department of Electrical Engineering while Dr Mashood Adeyanju graduated from the Department of Mathematics.

To ensure a smooth implementation of their plans, Prof. Jimoh said that the SchoolTry team has been actively engaging with various stakeholders across the University such as the Centre for Open and Distance Learning (ODL), Students Industrial Work Experience Scheme (SIWES), UNILORIN Consultancy Centre, the Centre for Culture and Creative Arts, and Ilorin Business School (IBS).

He emphasised that a comprehensive plan has been mapped out to ensure the successful execution of their initiatives.

The meeting was attended by the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic), Prof. Olubunmi Abayomi Omotesho; the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Management Services), Prof. Suleiman Folorunsho Ambali; the Deputy Vice Chancellor Designate (Research, Technology and Innovation), Prof. Adegboyega Adisa Fawole; the Registrar, Mr Mansur Adeleke Alfanla; the Ag. Bursar, Mr. Abdulbark Oba; the Director of Works, Engr. Ramoni Kolawole Amoo; the Ag. Director of Physical Planning Unit, Mr AbdulRahman Toyin Jimoh; and the Director of UNILORIN Consultancy Services, Prof. Basir Raji.





■ L-R: Mallam Ali, Prof. Na'Allah and Mr Fagbemi



■ Some of the Vice Chancellors at the event

## Egbewole, Oloyede, others applaud Ali's selection as Professor of Practice

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Speaking at the event, Prof. Egbewole explained the significance of celebrating the new Professor of Practice, describing him as an enigma, a quintessential gentleman, a lawyer of lawyers, and a reputable academic.

Prof. Egbewole explained that the honoree is a fantastic academic, who has been a teacher since 1998, a passionate Nigerian and lover of education who has contributed to the advancement of education in Nigeria through his philanthropic gesture, and as a legal luminary who has risen to the pinnacle of the legal profession by attaining the rank of Senior Advocate of Nigeria.

In his remarks, the Chairman of the occasion and Vice Chancellor of the University of Abuja, Prof. Abdul-Rasheed Na'Allah, said that it is a longstanding tradition among universities all over the world to bring experienced individuals into their institutions in order to enhance academic excellence.

While explaining that there are exceptionally talented individuals in various industries who can enrich the university system and contribute to elevating students to become national treasures, the pioneer Vice Chancellor of the Kwara State University, Malete, commended the authorities of FUOYE for embracing this tradition of bringing in experts into the academic world.

Speaking on Mallam Ali, Prof. Na'Allah acknowledged the significant contributions of the legal luminary to both the university system and the legal profession. He praised Mallam Ali's commitment to Nigeria's education, citing his impactful role as the Chairman of the Governing Council of the Osun State University.

Also at the event, the Vice Chancellor of the Federal University, Oye-Ekiti, Prof. Abayomi Fasina, highlighted the innovative thinking that led to the appointment of Mallam Ali.

Prof. Fasina stressed the importance of bringing distinguished

professionals into the academia to impart practical knowledge to students. He affirmed the success of this approach, citing his personal observation of Mallam Ali's class and his positive impact on students and the university system.

In his goodwill message, the Minister of Justice and Attorney General of the Federation, Chief Lateef Olasunkanmi Fagbemi, SAN, expressed his delight at the honour granted Mallam Ali.

He expressed his conviction that Mallam Ali would do well as a Professor of Practice as he explained that recognising the expertise of professionals in various professions would not have adverse consequences but positive impact on the products of the university system.

Chief Fagbemi commended FUOYE for having the courage to take this significant step and asserted that Mallam Yusuf Olaolu Ali unquestionably meets the presented criteria, expressing confidence that the senior lawyer would not disappoint in his new appointment.

Adding insight into the concept of a Professor of Practice, the Registrar and Chief Executive Officer of the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB), Prof. Is-haq Olanrewaju Oloyede, CON, said that an investigation conducted by three Vice Chancellors of reputable universities in Nigeria proved that Mallam Ali is the most qualified among the 19 Professors of Practice that are currently available in Africa by any standard.

Prof. Oloyede admonished the National Universities Commission (NUC), to come up with regulations and criteria before Nigerians begin to appoint unqualified persons as Professors of Practice.

The JAMB Registrar said that the essence of appointing Professors of Practice is for such honoured individuals to replicate themselves in the University.

He expressed the conviction that before the end of Mallam Ali's tenure, he must have modeled, mentored and created his replica in that institution so that at the

end of his tenure it will be possible for him to say "I have delivered".

In her remarks, a quintessential University Administrator and first female University Registrar in Nigeria, Chief Moji Ladipo, mni, expressed her expectation that first-generation universities would lead in appointing Professors of Practice.

Chief Ladipo, who served as the Registrar and the Secretary to the Governing Council of the University of Ibadan, commended the admirable initiative of FUOYE, in embracing the challenge of appointing a Professor of Practice.

According to her, there used to be Fellows in Residence and Scholars in Residence where individuals who have demonstrated scholarship, professionalism, and erudition were invited to contribute as distinguished fellows, in order to aid research endeavours that benefit society.

Responding, the honoree thanked all those who attended the event for the honour done to him with their presence as he also thanked Prof. Egbewole for organising the event.

He also expressed gratitude to the Vice Chancellor and the Senate of FUOYE for finding him worthy of the prestigious appointment.

The event was attended by dignitaries from far and near including the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic), Prof. Olubunmi Abayomi Omotesho; the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Management Services), Prof. Suleiman Folorunsho Ambali; the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Research, Technology and Innovation), Prof. Adegboyega Adisa Fawole; the Registrar, Mr Mansur Adeleke Alfanla; the Ag. Bursar, Mr Abdulbarko Oba; the Director of COMSIT, Prof. Rasheed Jimoh; and Vice Chancellors of KU8 Universities.

The event was also attended by the Director of Corporate Affairs, Mr Kunle Akogun; and the Director of Works, Engr Ramoni Kolawole Amao, among several others from far and near.

## 16, 920 admission seekers sit UNILORIN Post-UTME test

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■ **Prof. Rauf**

Speaking on the exercise, the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic), Prof. Abayomi Olubunmi Omotesho, commended all the candidates for abiding by the examination rules throughout the exercise.

Prof. Omotesho noted that there were no recorded incidents of examination malpractice or impersonation.

The Deputy Vice Chancellor explained that the test was officially completed last Thursday (February 22, 2024) while Friday, February 23, 2024 was for mop-up, to accommodate candidates who were unavoidably unable to sit the test within the previously scheduled dates.

When asked about the prompt daily release of results to candidates, Prof. Omotesho attributed it to the vision of the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, to ensure that the University continues to conform with global best practices.



■ **Prof. Omotesho**

On when candidates could start checking their admission status, Prof. Omotesho assured them that the University would begin posting information on the Central Admissions Processing System (CAPS) once the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB) opens CAPS for the process. He emphasised that any admission conducted outside CAPS remains illegal.

Prof. Omotesho warned candidates to beware of scammers and advised them to only use the University's official platforms for information and communication.

Also speaking, the Director of the Computer-Based Test (CBT) Centre, University of Ilorin, Prof. Kamilu Rauf, expressed his satisfaction on the fact that no technical issue was recorded throughout the examination period.

Prof. Rauf thanked the University management under the leadership of the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, for the



■ **Some of the candidates heading into the CBT examination hall**

support offered towards a successful conduct of the examination.

The Director, who is a renowned Professor of Mathematics, also commended the management of the University for ensuring strict compliance with examination guidelines at the CBT Centre by staff and students of the University.

He added that the Centre is also ready to conduct examinations for students of the School of Preliminary Studies from Thursday (February 29, 2024) to Friday (March 1, 2024), while examinations for the undergraduate students would begin on Monday (March 4, 2024) at the Centre.

Prof. Rauf assured that the Centre is also adequately prepared for the 2024 Unified Tertiary Matriculation Examinations to be conducted by the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB).

## Ex-UNILORITE appointed Head, Nigeria Immigration Service

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The distinguished UNILORITE, who is the third woman to head the nation's Immigration Service, replaces Mrs Caroline Wura-Ola Adepoju, whose term in office expires on February 29, 2024.

Prior to her appointment, Mrs Nandap was the Deputy Comptroller-General in charge of the Migration Directorate of the Service.

Meanwhile, the Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has felicitated with the new Head of the Nigeria Immigration Service on her well-deserved elevation to the pinnacle of her career.

The Vice Chancellor, in a

statement signed by the Director of Corporate Affairs, University of Ilorin, Mr Kunle Akogun, said that the management, staff and students of the University welcomed the appointment of Mrs Nandap.

Prof. Egbewole said that the entire members of the University community are delighted and proud that an alumnus of the institution has been found worthy of heading such a sensitive paramilitary agency at this particular point in the nation's history.

The Vice Chancellor, who is also the Secretary-General of the Association of West African Universities (AWAU), however, said that he was not surprised with Mrs Nandap's elevation as the Better By Far University has always prepared its alumni for efficient service delivery anywhere they find themselves.

Prof. Egbewole, therefore, expressed optimism that Mrs Nandap would exhibit the needed resilience, outright probity and profound patriotism that have been imbued in her, particularly since her days as a student of the University.

While thanking President Tinubu for appointing Mrs Nandap, the award-winning legal luminary expressed the conviction that the new Immigration Chief would not only discharge her duties effectively but would also excel beyond expectations.

The Vice Chancellor wished the new Comptroller-General a very peaceful, productive and rewarding tenure of office.



## Be good UNILORIN ambassadors, Egbewole urges SIWES trainees

By Abdulquadri Abubakar

As some students of the University of Ilorin are being dispatched to various industries and other places for participation in the mandatory Students Industrial Work Experience Scheme (SIWES), the Vice Chancellor of the University, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has admonished the concerned students to be good ambassadors of the University.

Prof. Egbewole, who spoke through the Deputy Vice Chancellor, (Management Services), Prof. Suleiman Folorunsho Ambali, gave this advice last Wednesday (February 21, 2024) at the 2023 SIWES Pre-Placement Orientation Programme held at the University Main Auditorium.

The Vice Chancellor, who reiterated the importance of SIWES programme, encouraged the students to take the training seriously, adding that the initiative was in line with his Vision 1:10:500.

The Vice Chancellor said, "As you are going for the Students Industrial Work Experience Scheme (SIWES) in various places across the country, you are expected to acquire additional knowledge and skills in addition to what you have acquired in the classroom. You will have a lot of practical experience, which is capable of adding value to you and your chosen career. If you maximize your potential during the SIWES exercise, you will not regret your actions".

Prof. Egbewole therefore urged them to sow very good seeds today, so that they can have a proper harvest in the future.

He assured the students that his administration will not relent in its efforts at providing necessary solutions to some of the challenges raised by the Director of SIWES, stressing that the SIWES Unit is an integral part of vision 1:10:500 of the present administration.

In his remarks, the Director of SIWES, University of Ilorin, Prof. Rowland Monday Kayode, disclosed that about 4000 students of the University cutting across twelve Faculties will undergo training in different parts of the country, and of this year. He admonished the concerned students to be punctual, hardworking, humble, respectful and responsible at their places of industrial training.

The Director stressed that SIWES Unit is working hard towards evolving new strategies to source industrial training placement for



■ Prof. Ambali

University of Ilorin students in top and relevant industries in Nigeria and abroad, adding that the work experience and contact students made during the programme will better place them for job placement after graduation.

Prof. Kayode also explained that the process of creating SIWES sub-domain on the portal for students online registration activities and other SIWES operations is ongoing. He said, "We have contacted and are working with the Director of COMSIT on how to get it done within the shortest possible period, pointing out that this process will add great value to our University as he appealed to the University management to support it to achieve this feat.

The Director appreciated the Vice Chancellor for his usual support towards the SIWES Unit as he also applauded the support and cooperation of the Industrial Training Fund (ITF).

Prof. Kayode, however, pleaded with the Federal Government and the ITF to ensure the prompt release of SIWES supervisory allowances and all outstanding

students allowances to ensure the success of this laudable programme.

On his part, the Area Manager of the Industrial Training Fund (ITF), Ilorin, Mrs Quadri Temitayo, who was represented at the event by Alhaji Rauf Sule, the Head of Training at the Area Office, counselled students to pay adequate attention to the training given to them in the course of the industrial attachment.

She also urged them to ensure total commitment and dedication as well as obeying the laid-down rules and regulations of employers they are attached to.

The Area Manager also reminded the students that the era of seeking jobs is becoming old-fashioned. Hence, students on their parts must think outside the box and prepare themselves very well for life after graduation. "Our nation, Nigeria, is looking for jobs creators not job seekers", he concluded.

In his goodwill message, the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic), Prof. Olubunmi Abayomi Omotesho, advised students to utilise all opportunities grabbed during the SIWES training to add value to themselves and be law abiding.

Also speaking, the Registrar of the University of Ilorin, Mr Mansur Adeleke Alfa, advised students to remain good ambassadors of the University and carry out their SIWES training diligently.

The Director of COMSIT, Prof. Rasheed Gbenga Jimoh, encouraged concerned students to be innovative thinkers and be capable of using their potentials to create good ideas that would be of benefit to themselves and humanity at large.



■ Cross section of the Students at the orientation programme



## Owoyele joins eLife Editorial Board

By Temitope Omoniye

**A** Professor of Physiology and Dean, Postgraduate School, University of Ilorin, Bamidele Victor Owoyele, has been chosen as one of the 17 distinguished researchers in Africa selected to join the editorial board of eLife.

The appointment, which marked a significant landmark in the career of the renowned academic and administrator, was recently announced on the official website of eLife as sighted by *UNILORIN BULLETIN*.

As a member of the eLife Editorial Board, Prof. Owoyele will collaborate with senior editors and other newly appointed editors from various African countries, including Cameroon, Egypt, Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya, Morocco, Nigeria, South Africa, and



■ **Prof. Owoyele**

Uganda, towards implementing a new publishing model that would combine the immediacy and openness of preprints with the meticulous scrutiny of rigorous

reviews by experts.

Apart from his role as the Dean of the *UNILORIN* Postgraduate School, Prof. Owoyele is also the President of the Neuroscience Society of Nigeria, which showcases his leadership and influence in the academic community.

Additionally, Prof. Owoyele's international recognition extends to being a Fellow of the Physiological Society of the United Kingdom. His expertise in Physiology, as a Professor at the Faculty of Basic Medical Sciences, University of Ilorin also reflects his profound commitment to advancing knowledge in the field.

The renowned academic also holds the Fellowships of the Society for Environmental Biology of Nigeria (NISEB) and the Neuroscience Society of Nigeria (NSN).

## UNILORIN commends Kwara Governor for subsidised transportation initiative

By Temitope Omoniye

**T**he University of Ilorin has commended the Kwara State Governor, Mallam AbdulRahman AbdulRazaq, CON, for the approval and release of three Mass Transit buses to aid the transportation of members of the institution's community and with a 50% fare reduction for a period of four-week beginning from Monday, March 19, 2024.

In a letter dated February 19, 2024 and signed by the Registrar of the University, Mr Mansur Adeleke Alfaanla, which was addressed to the Special Assistant to the Governor on Students' Affairs, Honourable Salami Wasiu Onibugbe, the University thanked the



■ **Mr Alfaanla**

Governor for the programme, which he said would reduce the transportation challenges facing many staff and students of the University, particularly

those who live off-campus.

The Registrar also conveyed the approval of the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Egbewole, SAN, for the use of the University's Bus Terminus at Tipper Garage as one of the Soludoro bus stops, saying that the approval was in response to the Kwara State Government's request to use the University's Bus Terminus for such.

He added that the University is particularly grateful to Governor AbdulRazaq for his invaluable support and dedication to the University's growth and development.

The letter said, "It is no gainsaying the fact that this transportation intervention by His Excellency, Governor AbdulRahman AbdulRazaq, would go a long way in ameliorating the transportation problems being faced by both students and staff of the University."

The 50% fare reduction on these three buses will be available for four weeks beginning Monday, March 19, 2024.

This development may not be unconnected to the reaction of the Kwara State Government to a report published on the January 22, 2024 edition of *UNILORIN BULLETIN* where various members of the University community appealed to the Kwara State Government to reinstate mass transit services to the University route.



■ **Students boarding one of the Soludero buses at the Unilorin Bus Terminus, Tanke**





*L-R; Former Vice Chancellor, Prof. AbdulGaniyu Ambali; JAMB Registrar, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede; a guest, former Registrar, University of Ibadan, Chief Moji Ladipo; and Professor of Practice, Mallam Ola-Olu Ali, at the reception held for Ali at the University of Ilorin recently*

## 2 UNILORITES win pre-doctoral fellowship

By Mubarak Oladosu

**T**wo students of the Department of Agricultural Economics and Farm Management, University of Ilorin, Innocent Enahoro Ojiri and Sunmibola Oyetola Olaniyi, have been awarded the coveted Fellowship of the Centre for Effective Global Action (CEGA) in the United States of America after emerging successful among several applicants from Africa.

Mr Ojiri will undertake his training at Northwest University while Olaniyi is due to undergo her programme at the University of California.

According to a covering document signed by the Supervisor of the two awardees at the University of Ilorin, Dr Khadijat Amolegbe, the predoctoral programme will include training seminars, coursework, conferences and curriculum design in socio-economic development.

The duo will also have the



■ **Mr Ojiri**

opportunity to participate in cutting edge research, which will enhance their knowledge of rural development.

Similarly, a letter of appointment addressed to Olaniyi, which was signed by Chelsea Downe on behalf of CEGA and the University of Berkeley, stated that "the



■ **Mrs Olaniyi**

purpose of the fellowship is to equip scientists from Africa with skills and research networks needed to carry out impact evaluation curricula" while the letter of appointment of Ojiri signed by Katie Dallia details the perks that come with his fellowship award.

## Oyenuga tasks government on sincerity in combating crime

By Mubarak Oladosu

**A** visiting scholar at the Department of Criminology and Security Studies, University of Ilorin, Dr Adedeji Saheed Oyenuga, has urged the Nigerian government to walk the talk of combating crimes and criminality by making use of the human and abundant material resources in the country.

Dr Oyenuga, who is an Associate Professor at the Lagos State University, Ojo, said this last Monday (February 19, 2024) while interacting with *UNILORIN BULLETIN* in his office.

The don observed that the government has the data of citizens and residents of Nigeria housed in different governmental institutions, but oftentimes, such data are not made available to law enforcement agencies that need them to resolve crimes swiftly.

Dr Oyenuga, who is a



■ **Dr Oyenuga**

distinguished Fellow of Criminology and Strategic Studies, noted that swift resolution of crimes has a lot of positive multiplier effects on a nation because it boosts investor confidence, attracts Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) and catalyse the country towards economic

growth, which ultimately reduces criminal tendencies among the populace.

He added that giving each crime its deserved attention will accelerate the transition of Nigeria from a developing country to a developed one.

Dr Oyenuga, who is also the founder of 'DigOut Consult', a registered Private Investigation Firm, noted that crime prevention is cheaper than resolving crime.

He also noted that every community has its social deviants as he observed further that young people needed to be engaged always so that they do not tend towards crimes and criminality.

Dr Oyenuga urged parents to win the confidence of their children in order to be able to positively influence them. He also counseled adolescents on life after high school and in institutions of higher learning so that they would turn out to be responsible citizens as they desire.

# UNILORIN EXPELLED STUDENTS

(Contd. from last week)

The following students have been expelled from the University.

The Vice Chancellor's approval of their expulsion was sequel to the recommendations of the Students' Disciplinary Committee at its 219th meeting held on Wednesday and Thursday, January 10 and 11, 2024 respectively.



**Abolaji Sheriff**  
*Fac./Dept.: Life Sciences/Biochemistry*  
*Matric No: 20/55EH006*  
*Level: 400*  
*Misconduct: Examination Malpractice*  
*Decision: Expulsion*



**Oladele Adesola Sunday**  
*Fac./Dept.: Social Sciences / Criminology*  
*Matric No: 20/77JB037*  
*Level: 200*  
*Misconduct: Examination Malpractice*  
*Decision: Expulsion*



**Ogundijo Abdulmalik Akinkunmi**  
*Fac. /Dept: CIS/Library and Information Science*  
*Matric No: 20/52HJ070*  
*Level: 100*  
*Misconduct: Examination Malpractice*  
*Decision: Expulsion*



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*Fac./Dept: Life Science/Bio CHEMISTRY*  
*Matric No: 21/55EH242*  
*Level: 200*  
*Misconduct: Examination Malpractice*  
*Decision: Expulsion*



**Ganiyu Adebunmi Sukurat**  
*Fac./Dept.: Life Sciences/Biochemistry*  
*Matric No: 20/55EH006*  
*Level: 400*  
*Misconduct: Examination Malpractice*  
*Decision: Expulsion*



**Yinusa Muiz Temitope**  
*Fac./Dept.: Social Sciences / Criminology*  
*Matric No: 20/77JH062*  
*Level: 200*  
*Misconduct: Examination Malpractice*  
*Decision: Expulsion*



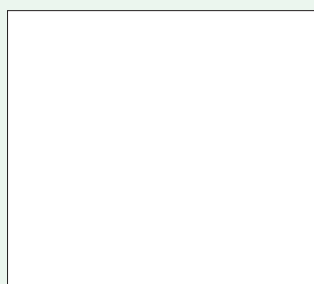
**Hassan Habeeb Olalekan**  
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*Matric No: 16/52HP050*  
*Level: 400*  
*Misconduct: Examination Malpractice*  
*Decision: Expulsion*



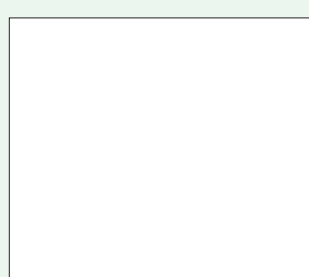
**Hope Humphrey Imuetinyan**  
*Fac./Dept.: CIS/ Telecommunication Science*  
*Matric No: 20/52HP037*  
*Level: 400*  
*Misconduct: Examination Malpractice*  
*Decision: Expulsion*



**Abdulkadir Ridwan Damilola**  
*Fac./Dept.: CIS/ Telecommunication Science*  
*Matric No: 20/52HP002*  
*Level: 400*  
*Misconduct: Examination Malpractice*



**James David Imo**  
*Fac./Dept.: Law / Common Law*  
*Matric No: 20/77JH062*  
*Level: 200*  
*Misconduct: Examination Malpractice*  
*Decision: Expulsion*



**John Blessing Ehigocho**  
*Fac./Dept.: Social Sciences / Sociology*  
*Matric No: 20/77JD165*  
*Level: 200*  
*Misconduct: Certificate Scandals*  
*Decision: Expulsion*

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## Top Authors by Scholarly Output

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409.		Opadiji, Jayeola Femi	4	2022
410.		Aderibigbe, Sunday Adedeji	4	2023
411.		Falaye, Oluwasesan A.	4	2021
412.		Owalude, S. O.	4	2023
413.		Awolola, G. V.	4	2023
414.		Ahmed, Risikat Nike	4	2021
415.		Ologe, Foluwasayo Emmanuel	4	2023
416.		Oyinloye, Olalekan Ibukun	4	2023
417.		Ajape, Abdulwahab Akanbi	4	2023
418.		Adeboye, Muhammed Akanbi Nurudeen	4	2023
419.		Abdullahi, Ali Arazeem	4	2023
420.		Salawu, Kayode Muritala	4	2023
421.		Issa, Abdulwahab Olanrewaju	4	2023
422.		Salawu, Musa Oyewole	4	2023
423.		Abdulrahman, Abdulrahman Yusuf	4	2023
424.		Ezeoke, Grace Gwabachi	4	2023
425.		Fagbola, Olaronke Oyintola	4	2023
426.		Bashorun, Musediq Tunji	4	2023
427.		Katibi, Oludolapo Sherifat	4	2022
428.		Olaifa, Folashade Helen	4	2022
429.		Adeleke, Oluwafemi Oyetunde	4	2023
430.		Ojulari, Lekan Sheriff	4	2023
431.		Alimi, Sodiq Abiodun	4	2023
432.		Kadir, Risikat Eniola	4	2022
433.		Ogunsanya, Adeyinka Solomon	4	2023
434.		Abayomi, Fadeyi D.	4	2022
435.		Alabi, Biodun Sulyman	4	2023
436.		Muritala, Hamdalat Folake	4	2023
437.		Ibitoye, Morufu Olusola	4	2023
438.		Dada, Moses Sunday	4	2021
439.		Adewumi, Matthew Olaniyi	4	2023
440.		Abdulmajeed, Wahab Imam	4	2023
441.		Adebisi, Olusoji Olusegun	4	2023
442.		Olasehinde, Olalekan O.	4	2021
443.		Etudaiye-Muhtar, Oyebola Fatima	4	2023

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444.		Lawal, Tasfeeq Olanrewaju	4	2023	8	4
445.		Ogunro, Olalekan B.	4	2023	10	5
446.		Adam, Mohammed	4	2022	4	2
447.		Obajolowo, Tokunbo S.	4	2023	11	3
448.		Omotoye, Rotimi Williams	4	2022	0	1
449.		Onidare, Samuel O.	4	2023	1	2
450.		Ojumoola, Olusegun A.	4	2023	3	2
451.		Alli-Chuwafuyi, Abdulmusawwir A.	4	2021	18	5
452.		Shittu, Olakere	4	2023	3	2
453.		Babamale, Olanrewaju Abdulkareem	4	2021	8	4
454.		Abdulrauf, Lukman Adebisi	4	2023	16	4
455.		Babamale, Abdulkareem Olanrewaju	4	2023	24	3
456.		Asogwa, Nnaemeka Tobechukwu	4	2021	25	9
457.		Boku-Steve, Foluke Nike	4	2021	13	2
458.		Bankole, Folusho A.	4	2023	1	2
459.		Upahi, Johnson Ereno	4	2023	20	4
460.		Amolegbe, Khadijat Busola	4	2022	38	3
461.		Dauda, Adegbola Oladele	4	2022	8	4
462.		Popoola, Olusogo Joshua	4	2022	5	1
463.		Adejumo, Adebawale Olusola	4	2022	9	11
464.		Opeyemi, Olufunke Adenike	4	2021	7	2
465.		Omokanye, Khadijat Olaitan	4	2023	10	1
466.		Lawal, Misitura	4	2022	36	4
467.		Ambali, Hauwa Motunrayo	4	2023	4	3
468.		Omorinoye, Omolayo Ajoke	4	2023	6	2
469.		Adeniji, Saidat Morenike	4	2023	5	2
470.		Sanda, Idiat Modupe	4	2023	17	4
471.		Abdullahi, Sa'ad Toyin	4	2023	3	2
472.		Muritala, Kabir B.	4	2023	24	3
473.		Bello, Oluwatoyin Eunice	4	2021	3	3
474.		Akingbade, Grace Termitope	4	2023	10	6
475.		Adeyemi, Christianah O.	4	2022	7	2
476.		Adubisi, C. E.	4	2023	2	1
477.		Abdussalam, Tahir Ahmad	4	2020	46	4
478.		Ogunmodede, Adebisola Jane	4	2023	2	2

*(To be continued)*





## FUND SOURCES AND UTILIZATION REPORT FROM 15<sup>TH</sup> TO 22<sup>ND</sup> FEBRUARY 2024

RECEIPTS:	AMOUNT
Academic Transcript	668,000.00
Sundry & Other Fees Student Charges	2,514,550.00
Sundry Other Income	1,235,993.75
Convocation Souvenir	565,200.00
Contractors' Registration Fees	12,000.00
Staff I.D. Cards	6,000.00
Income from Dental Clinic	37,438.75
Staff Quarters Electricity Charges	5,500.00
Student I.D. Card	1,000.00
Refund (Non Salary)	147,000.00
Income from Verification/Screening	35,000.00
Utility Income	109,300.00
Income from Diagnostic Centre	20,038.75
Departmental Income	27,650,000.00
Rent on University Property	260,400.00
Capitation- NHIS	5,250.00
CODL- Undergraduate Charges	200.00
Undergraduate School Charges	1,600,000.00
Undergraduate Hostel Accommodation	616,200.00
Undergraduate Convocation Charges	116,100.00
Undergraduate Post UTME Registration	8,400.00
Postgraduate School Charges	4,597,450.00
Postgraduate School Transcript Payment	110,000.00
Postgraduate School Add/Drop Payment	1,150.00
Postgraduate School General Payment	78,360.00
Postgraduate School Application Form	50,300.00
Postgraduate School Registration fees	286,250.00
Postgraduate Convocation Charges	246,900.00
Ilorin Business School Acceptance Payment	20,150.00
Ilorin Business School Charges	233,500.00
Remedial Hostel Accommodation	60,600.00
Remedial Acceptance payment	242,400.00
Remedial School Charges	2,086,700.00
JUPEB School Charges	100,150.00
<b>Total Receipt for the Period</b>	<b>₦43,727,481.25</b>
<b>PAYMENTS</b>	
<b>PAYMENT TO CONTRACTORS/SUPPLIERS :</b>	
Topmark System Consultant Ltd      Renewal of Structural pay manager	532,125.00
Rockfield Petroleum Products Ltd      Supply of Fuel	883,500.00
Shaba Yissa and Sons Nig Ltd      Cleaning of Grass	882,250.00
Abu Sabak Global Biz Nig Ltd      Maintenance of Teak and Palm Tree	3,864,840.00
Trans Jone Global Integrated Nig Ltd      Replacement of Chairs	1,300,750.00
Best Performances Golden Ltd      Supply of HP Laptop	9,605,125.00
Ever Phonenix Guest Houses      Catering Services	5,526,201.25
Noab Global Ltd      Servicing of Generator set at various centres	400,437.50
Hoog Entsol Ltd      Supply and Installation of Computer	1,271,725.00
Olympic Sport Store      Supply of Sporting Materials	19,361,019.83
Vintage Press Ltd      Advert placement	561,379.72
<b>OTHER PAYMENTS:</b>	
Various      Various i.e DTA, IMPREST, REFUND e.t.c	17,493,062.92
Purchase Advance      Various	6,712,550.00
Unilorin Guest Houses      Feeding and Accommodation	177,870.00
Unilorin Researchers Lodge      Accommodation	1,548,400.00
Unilorin Press      Production of Answers Booklets	940,000.00
Unilorin Petrol Station      Supply of Fuel	7,761,255.00
Unilorin Sandwich Programme      Honorarium for Participating in Sandwich Programme	49,844,650.00
TSA Charges      Various	97,287.50
<b>Total payment for the period</b>	<b>₦128,764,428.72</b>

Signed

Oba Abdulbarki, FCA

Ag. Bursar



S/N	Name	Department	Birthday
1	Abiola, Christiana Olu	Registry	Feb 25
2	Akande, Elizabeth Funmilola	Registry	Feb 25
3	Laaro, Oba Abdulkadir	Mass Communication	Feb 25
4	Babalola, Ayo	Surveying & Geo-Informatics	Feb 25
5	Shodeinde, Omobolade Olalekan Y.	Bursary	Feb 25
6	Sholagberu, Abdulsalam Oladimeji	Adult & Primary Education	Feb 25
7	Aderogba, Esther Ore-Ofe	Crop Protection	Feb 25
8	Sulaiman, Olayinka	Security Division	Feb 25
9	Ibikunle, Taofik Olarewaju	Works: Electrical/Telecom	Feb 25
10	Alli, Oluwatoyin Khadijat	Geology & Mineral Sciences	Feb 25
11	Obadero, Andrew	Works: Parks & Gardens	Feb 26
12	Abdul, Abdulrahman	Security Division	Feb 26
13	Obalowu, Abdulrauf Mohammed	Veterinary Teaching Hospital	Feb 26
14	Balogun, Adamo	Registry	Feb 26
15	Toye, Ayokunle Afolabi	Home Economics & Food Science	Feb 26
16	Fayeye, Timothy Rotimi	Animal Production	Feb 26
17	Ijaiya, Tahir Adeniyi	Registry	Feb 26
18	Nsima, Nsikak Udoh	Registry	Feb 26
19	Babamale, Abdulkareem Olarewaju	Zoology	Feb 26
20	Shehu, Nimota	Registry	Feb 26
21	Balogun, Bayode Aase	Registry	Feb 27
22	Damisa, Oseni	Unilorin Zoo	Feb 27
23	Olahan, Ganiyu Shittu	Plant Biology	Feb 27
24	Raji, Barakat Adebisi	Jurisprud. & International Law	Feb 27
25	Afolabi, Samuel Adesoye	Works: Works/Maintenance Office	Feb 27
26	Ajayi, Oluyemisi Veronica	Bursary	Feb 27
27	Towoju, Deborah Bamiyo	Registry	Feb 27
28	Nwokeji, Sabina Ngozika	Ling. & Nigerian Languages	Feb 27
29	Awesu, Eyitomilayo Tolulope	Registry	Feb 27
30	Nurudeen, Sikirullahi	Registry	Feb 27
31	Sulaiman, Abdulsamad Aoeludere	Library	Feb 27
32	Adejumo, Deborah Olusola	Registry	Feb 28
33	Meseru, Rufus	Works: Mechanical	Feb 28
34	Salawu, Rachael Omowumi	Registry	Feb 28
35	Sallee, Kikelomo Wasilah	Registry	Feb 28
36	Olumoh, Funmilayo Khadijat	Health Services	Feb 28
37	Bello, Rukayat Aduke	Registry	Feb 28
38	Salaudeen, Adekunle Ganiyu	Epidemiology & Com. Health	Feb 28
39	Al-Athan, Muhammed Sharafdeen	Registry	Feb 28
40	Abiodun, Victoria Oluwayomi	Security Division	Feb 28
41	Alade, Azeez Kola	Surveying & Geo-Informatics	Feb 28
42	Bello-Olowo, Balqees Omowumi	Registry	Feb 28
43	Shehu, Mutalib Adegayo	Library	Feb 28
44	Audu, Mariam Fadeke	Chemistry	Feb 28
45	Jiyah, Madu Gomina	Health Services	Mar 01
46	Badiru, Amuda	Security Division	Mar 01
47	Omipidan, Bashiru Adeniyi	Private & Property Law	Mar 01
48	Ayanniyi, Rashidat Oluwafunke	Pharmacology & Toxicology	Mar 01
49	Ariyo, Bashiru Olalekan	Electrical & Electronics Engineering	Mar 01
50	Salawu, Mufutau Abiodun	Physics	Mar 01
51	Mohammed, Hauwa Azumi	Registry	Mar 01
52	Otitodun, Samuel Sunday	Registry	Mar 01
53	Anafi, Bashirat Bamikole	Library	Mar 01
54	Ogunlaye, Abigeal Oluwaseyi	Library	Mar 01
55	Balogun, Elizabeth Abidemi	Biochemistry	Mar 02
56	Sijuade, Folake Kunbi	Registry	Mar 02
57	Adekola, Folahan Amoo	Industrial Chemistry	Mar 02
58	Gbadeyan, Rotimi Ayodele	Marketing	Mar 02
59	Adam, Woli Sijuola Ayinde	Security Division	Mar 02
60	Olagunju-Ibrahim, Ridwan Olawale	Islamic Law	Mar 02
61	Ameen, Hafsat Abolore	Epidemiology & Com. Health	Mar 02
62	Iyekolo, Alexander Olushola	Social Science Education	Mar 02
63	Adeyemi, Adesoji Akinwumi	Forest Resources Management	Mar 02
64	Aliyu, Mahmud	Library	Mar 02
65	Muhammed, Yinusa Abiodun	Works: Works/Maintenance Office	Mar 02
66	Sulyman, Yahaya Shaban	Biochemistry	Mar 02

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





- Mr Joshua Ayanlade, a graduate of the Department of Mechanical Engineering, University of Ilorin, who emerged as the overall best graduating student of the institution for the 2021/2022 academic session provided information on what contributed to the feat he achieved.  
("I've been an A student since secondary school but graduating with 4.93 CGPA wasn't easy -Joshua Ayanlade, UNILORIN's best -graduating student", Saturday Tribune, February 17, 2024, P.18)
- The management of the University of Ilorin has expelled 14 students of the institution some of who were in 500 level for various examination offences.  
("Unilorin expelled 14 students, not mine, for exam malpractice Photo", <https://the.eagleonline.com.ng>, "Exam Malpractice UNILORIN Expels 4 Final Year Students, 5 Others", <https://www.Kwarareporters.com>, "Why UNILORIN Expelled 14 Students", <https://rulersworld.com>, "UNILORIN EXPELS 14 STUDENTS", <https://dailyinfokink24.wordpress.com>, "UNILORIN expels six final students", <https://thenicheng.com>, "UNILORIN expels 500 level students, Others over exam malpractices", <https://newsreedaily.com>, "Exam malpractice Unilorin expels 4 final year students, 5 others", <https://newsexpressngr.com>, "UNILORIN expel 14 students over examination malpractices", <https://blueprint.ng>, "UNILORIN expels nine students over examination malpractice", <https://theeagleonline.com.ng>, "UNILORIN expels 14 students for examination malpractices", <https://thereflection.cok.ng>, "UNILORIN EXPELS 14 STUDENTS", <https://dailyinfolink24.wordpress.com>, "UNILORIN Expels 14 students For Exam malpractice", <https://www.factualnaija.com>, "UNILORIN expels 14 students for examination",

<https://nationaltrailonline.com.ng>, "Unilorin expels 14 Students for examination malpractices", <https://dailypost.ng>, "UNILORIN Expels 14 Students For Exam Malpractice", <https://www.dailytopic.com>, "Unilorin expels 14 students over exam malpractices", <https://leadership.ng>, "Unilorin Expels 14 Students For Exam Malpractice", <https://www.radiokafuna.gov.ng/blog>, "Examination Malpractice: UNILORIN Expels 14 Undergraduates, 5 among them are 500 level students", <https://Tribune online.ng.com>, See also, "Unilorin expels 500 levels Students, Others", *The Herald*, Wednesday, February, 2024, P.9, "Unilorin expels 14 students for examination malpractice", *The Nation*, Thursday, 2024, P.27, "Unilorin expels 9 over exam malpractice")

- The Senate of the University of Ilorin and the Congregation of the institution have elected two representatives and one representative, respectively, into the University Governing Council.  
"UNILORIN appoints 3 new Governing Council members", <https://royal.com.ng>)
- In his weekly column, the former Director, Centre for Peace and Strategic Studies (CPSS), University of Ilorin, who is also the pioneer Vice Chancellor of Ahman Pategi University (APU), Prof. Mahfouz Adebola Adedimeji, has observed that the unfolding economic situations have necessitated the need to save education in Nigeria through an urgent review of the reward system and affirmative action to prevent lecturers from 'hustling' towards making ends meet, stating that the reality of the day is that teacher's salaries can no longer take care of their basic needs and they are becoming more vulnerable to distraction from their important duty.  
("Save teachers, rescue Nigeria", *New Telegraph*, Tuesday, February 20, 2024, P.16)

## UNILORIN sets up 13-man Committee on Artisans training, workshop

By Mustafa Abubakar

The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has approved the constitution of a 13-man committee that would ensure the provision of adequate training for interested Artisans in Kwara State.

This was disclosed in a memo dated Thursday (February 15, 2024) and signed by the Registrar of the University, Mr Mansur Adeleke Alfanla, a copy of which was made available to *UNILORIN BULLETIN*, the Director of the Institute of Education, University of Ilorin, Prof. AbdulRaheem Yusuf, was appointed the Committee's Chairman while a Deputy Registrar, Mr O. A. Dopamu was named

the Secretary.

Other members of the Committee, according to the memo are Dr M. K. Jimoh of the Institute of Education/Department of Educational Technology; Dr K.O. Abdulrahman of the Department of Mechanical Engineering; Dr Taofeeq Lawal, the Deputy Director, Consultancy Unit and Engr S. O. Aloga of the Works Unit.

Other members of the Committee are Mr Ayodele Olorunfemi of the UNILORIN Microfinance Bank; Mr Micheal Ibitoye of the Bursary Unit and Mr Akeem Tiamiyu who would represent the Technical and Entrepreneurship Centre (TEC).

The Committee also include; Alhaji Jimah Ayinla Adeshina, Mr Adeleke

Adedayo Samuel, Alhaji Usman Issa Opeyemi, and Mr Olaide Shobowale, all from the Congress of Artisans.

The terms of reference of the Committee, as stated in the memo, include developing the workshop curriculum and training modules; identifying and securing resource persons and facilitators; coordinating logistics, venue arrangements, and participants registration; overseeing publicity and outreach efforts to ensure maximum participation; and evaluating the outcomes and impact of the workshop for future improvement, as well as any other relevant recommendation that can assist the University.

The Registrar, who congratulated members of the committee, wished them a very successful assignment.





### Publish or Perish?

## Nigerian-born UK don canvasses more emphasis on quality publications

By Abubakar Imam

**A** Professor of African Studies at the King's College, London, United Kingdom, Abiodun Alao, has urged the authorities of the various universities in Nigeria and the society at large to lay more emphasis on the quality and positive impacts of publications pushed out by academics rather than the sheer number of such intellectual interventions.

Prof. Alao made the appeal penultimate Sunday (February 18, 2024) while presenting a paper titled "The Professors of Practice" at a reception in honour of a former Pro-Chancellor and Chairman of the Governing Council of the Osun State University, Osogbo, Mallam Yusuf Olu Ali, SAN, at the Vice Chancellor's Lodge, University of Ilorin.

The renowned scholar explained that what matters in scholarship and the general academic arena is quality and not quantity as he urged stakeholders to discontinue the practice of saying "Publish or Perish" and rather adopt and imbibe the idea of "Publish but of quality".

Prof. Alao said that he has known highly distinguished scholars who made their names from just one single article such as Francis Fukuyama, who authored "The end of History"; Samuel Huntington, who published "The Clash of Civilisation"; Richard Kaplan, who wrote "The Coming Anarchy" and Nigeria's Peter Ekeh, who earned global fame for his article on "The Two Publics" that was published in 1976.

He added that "the amount of intellectual rigour that went into the production of these single pieces is more than the hundred articles that some people are parading in the preposterous cycle of infantile scholarship".

Prof. Alao said that the too much emphasis placed on the number of publications pushed out by academics has pushed university academics to the harmful practice of publishing articles that are incapable of providing solutions to contemporary and future challenges.

He, therefore, urged academics to devote their intellect, energies and times to pursuing quality in terms of scholarly articles and not just publish to make numbers.

Speaking on the significance of the title of Professors of Practice, Prof. Alao said that it will introduce further quality into the academic profession, saying that those who would and should be given the appointments are those who have excelled not only in learning and

character but also in the day-to-day practice of their various professions.

The foremost Professor of African Studies urged Nigerian universities to consider worthy professionals in different fields for appointment as Professors of Practice in such fields in order to promote quality learning and inculcation of know-how.

Prof. Alao said that for a person to be eligible for the position of Professor of Practice, he must be of an impeccable character and should not have a past that can bring the University's reputation into disrepute.

He added that the appointee must have distinguished himself and must have made remarkable contributions towards the advancement of his profession.

Prof. Alao also added that the would-be appointee must possess a formal academic qualification in a specific

field of learning and on which the appointment would be based.

Speaking on what is expected of Professors of Practice, Prof. Alao said that they are expected to help in the development and designing of courses and curriculum, introduction of new courses and deliver lectures based on institutional policies.

Professors of Practice, according to Prof. Alao, are also expected to encourage students in innovation and entrepreneurship projects and provide necessary mentorship for those activities as they are also expected to focus their attention towards enhancing

industry-academia collaborations.

He added that they are also expected to conduct jointly in collaboration with regular Faculty members of the institution, workshops, seminars, deliver special lectures and training programmes and also conduct joint research projects or consultancy services.

Prof. Alao opined that industries can sponsor the positions of Professors of Practice in universities to perform periodic obligations including but not limited to presentation of annual lectures.

To ensure efficiency, Prof. Alao said that the maximum duration to be given to an holder of the position of Professor of Practice should not be more than three years, which can, however, be extended by a year in very exceptional circumstances. He urged that the total number of years of engagement should not be more than four years under any circumstance.



■ Prof. Alao