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## Don't leave Nigeria for politicians alone, UNILORIN VC tells professionals

**T**he Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has implored professionals not to leave Nigeria in the hands of politicians.

Prof. Egbewole gave this advice while delivering a lecture, titled "Town Planners, Sustainable Development and Nation Building", at the 10th Waheed Kadiri Lecture Series held in Abeokuta, the Ogun State capital, penultimate Saturday (March 2, 2024).

The lecture was organised by the Ogun State Chapter of the Nigerian Institute of Town Planners

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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.

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(NITP) in honour of its former President, Mr Waheed Kadiri.

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■ Prof. Egbewole

## AT FAC. OF AGRIC'S FARM PRODUCE MARKET DAY UNILORIN Units tasked on innovative researches

By Isaac Lewu and Latifat Raji

**T**he Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has challenged the 16 different Faculties and other units making up the University to conduct research and organise programmes that would help in

solving challenges facing the nation.

Prof. Egbewole threw the challenge penultimate Wednesday (February 28, 2024) while speaking at the opening ceremony of the Faculty of Agriculture's Farm Produce Market Day.

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## Egbewole greets UNILORIN Muslims on Ramadan



■ Prof. Egbewole

By Abubakar Imam

**A**s the Muslims all over the world commence this year's Ramadan fast today, the Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has felicitated with members of the institution's Muslim community for witnessing another Ramadan fast.

Prof. Egbewole, in a statement signed by the Institution's Director of Corporate Affairs, Mr Kunle Akogun, said that living to witness and participate in another Ramadan fast is a great privilege that should not be taken for granted.

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## AbdulRaheem urges renewed drug war on campuses

By Abubakar Imam

**A** former Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Shuaibu Oba AbdulRaheem, OFR, has advised the Federal Government to establish an outpost of the National Drug Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA) in higher institutions across the country in order to stem the rising waves of drug abuse among the nation's youth population.

Prof. AbdulRaheem, who is also a former Executive Chairman of the Federal Character Commission (FCC), gave this advice while speaking with newsmen in Ilorin recently on the adverse effects of the prevalent drug abuse among Nigerian youth.

The former Vice-Chancellor noted that the fight against drug abuse in higher institutions of learning should not be left to the school management alone but must be fully complemented by the active support of the government.

"I think it is time, not to leave the security, the monitoring of miscreants in the University to the management alone. I would have dared to challenge the government to establish a duty post for NDLEA in every institution so that they monitor and nip in the bud any suspected behaviour, which is likely to snowball into the kind of things we are hearing today", Prof. AbdulRaheem insisted.

The renowned academic, who is also the Talba of Ilorin, added, "It is a bit saddening that our higher institutions have become, regrettably, dens of miscreants, drug addicts and anti-social behaviour. It is not something that started yesterday, It's been long coming, and I think the government must wake up to its responsibility".

While expressing his dismay over the rate of drug abuse, among other social vices in higher institutions of learning, Prof. AbdulRaheem urged the authorities of each of the institutions of higher learning to be "vigilant in selection of students, screening of students for admission, and monitoring that they live decent,



■ **Prof. AbdulRaheem**

disciplined and drug-free lives".

He added that it was hightime that the entire nation rose to save the lives and future of the younger generation of its population. He added that the young people needed to be properly monitored and guided at this time, more than ever before as he said that the nation may be living on a keg of gunpowder if nothing is done.

Prof. AbdulRaheem, who also served as the pioneer Pro-Chancellor and Chairman of the Governing Council of the Kwara State University, Malete, however, noted that the problem transcends the tertiary institutions as it began right from lower level of education as well as from home.

"It looks like things have come to an extreme situation now, beyond what the university administrator, the Vice Chancellor or other people can control, because the character moulding process does not start in the university. There are things that are carried over from the lower rungs of education, the primary school, the secondary school, the home", he said.

The elder statesman added that it is the duty of the parents and guardians to monitor their children and discourage them from engaging in anti-social activities like

drug addiction and fraud as they are dangerous for their future progress.

Addressing the youth, Prof. AbdulRaheem explained that the perilous activities they engaged in always looked alluring to the ignorant young people but they never know that such tendencies are actually dangerous for their future progress.

The former Vice Chancellor also noted that law enforcement agencies should be allowed and empowered to perform their duties and justice should be allowed to take its course in order to prevent others from following the footsteps of the culprits.

Prof. AbdulRaheem said, "I think the law enforcement should be allowed to take its course. If the culprits are found culpable, they should be punished according to the law and be made examples to others who are likely to follow in their footsteps".

The erudite scholar noted that the community leaders also have a role to play in monitoring the upbringing of the children in order to eradicate drug abuse as well as other social vices in the society.

He said, "There must be some community efforts to monitor the growth and the direction of the lifestyle of young people. In the past, it used to be collective and communal that we train our children together, a neighbour can also monitor the child of a neighbour in order to prevent the child from becoming a menace.

Prof. AbdulRaheem noted further, "The community leaders should be concerned about the health of the community, mental, physical, and infrastructure health of the society. They must be attentive at all times to the nuances of life around them and around their environments. So, traditional rulers have a duty as family people to cater for the other family, as much as they would for themselves and their own families".

## BOARD OF SURVEY

### NOTIFICATION ON BOARDING OF SCRAP/UNSERVICEABLE UNIVERSITY ITEMS

**Notice is hereby given to the University Community that some unserviceable University items will be boarded.**

Staff members who are interested in these items are to show interest through the Secretary, Board of Survey at the Registrar's Office from 8:00am to 3:30pm daily from 11th of March, 2024 and will be closing on 15th March, 2024. For further information, please Contact:

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## Don't leave Nigeria for politicians alone, UNILORIN VC tells professionals

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Delivering his lecture, Prof. Egbewole explained that professionals must always make themselves available for nation building and must not leave the task for politicians alone.

The Vice Chancellor stated that there is inherent danger in leaving politicians solely in charge of developing Nigeria, saying, "To a large extent, our decision-makers are planning illiterate".

According to Prof. Egbewole, "It is now more imperative to allow professionals build our nation than succumb to the manipulations of the few and octopus called government.

The Vice Chancellor charged Town Planners "to promote lively and self-sustaining communities, pointing out that "town planning propositions must be ingenious to foster mix of residential, commercial and recreational land uses and enforce zoning restrictions that allow for mixed-use projects, building a feeling of community and reducing commuting lengths, as much as practicable".

Prof. Egbewole, who is also the Secretary-General of the Association of West African Universities (AWAU), said, "Every plan should be people-centered. As a process, planning must follow the dictates of Peoples Leading in Addressing their Needs (PLAN) that allows the targeted

beneficiaries to take leading roles in conception and settings.

He added that "Town Planners must prioritise and plan for efficient and well-maintained infrastructures, including transportation, utilities, and public services that meet future requirements and provide fair access to essential services."

In his remarks, Mr Kadiri who is a former Rector of Moshood Abiola Polytechnic, Abeokuta, called for strict implementation of government policies and plans on urban regeneration to prevent natural disasters.

## UNILORIN Units tasked on innovative researches

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Prof. Egbewole, who spoke through the Deputy Vice Chancellor, Research, Technology and Innovation (RTI), Prof. Adeboyega Adisa Fawole, said that providing solutions to national challenges is one of the core reasons why the University was established.

The Vice Chancellor commended the Faculty for organising the FPMD, which, he said, would enable members of the University community to get access to fresh agricultural produce, particularly at this economically challenging period.

Prof. Egbewole said that the event would enhance practical training of its students, saying that students engagement in farm work and marketing would not only stimulate effective teaching and learning but would also help in ensuring increased production of varieties of crops and livestock.

The Vice Chancellor, who is also the Secretary-General of the Association of West African Universities (AWAU), added that the periodic marketing of farm produce by the students would also expose them to the business aspect of farming.

In his remarks at the event, the Registrar of the University, Mr Mansur Adeleke Alfania, appreciated the Faculty for the great achievement, which, he said the event represented.

He pointed out that the event marked the beginning of the University's contributions towards a reduction in the challenge of food security facing the country.

Mr Alfania explained that it was exciting to have such an epochal event happening at this time, emphasising that the University would continue to set the pace and remain the mirror of the society



■ *The representative of the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Fawole (2nd right), Mr Alfania (right) and Prof. Omotesho displaying some of the items penultimate Wednesday*

at all times.

The Registrar described the event as a breakthrough as he pledged the University management's support towards ensuring the success of the subsequent episodes.

Speaking earlier, the Dean of the Faculty, Prof. Oluyemisi Fawole, said that the introduction of the FPMD was aimed at affording members of the University community access to a wide range of freshly harvested green vegetables, broiler chickens, eggs, honey, snails, locust beans, wood artifacts, smoked fish, crayfish, garri, maize, and other processed products from the Faculty.

She added that the programme

would continue to be organised so as to expose students to the agric business as characterised by the selling of the farm produce.

Prof. Fawole expressed her excitement about the event, adding that she looked forward to receiving a bigger and greater population of customers at the next market day.

The Dean stressed that the University has embraced the agric business potential of its students, and promised that the FPMD will continue to provide exciting opportunities for the University community as he called for more support for other endeavours of the Faculty.

## Egbewole greets UNILORIN Muslims on Ramadan

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The Vice Chancellor explained that the Ramadan season, which is usually characterised by devotion, fraternity, sacrifice, compassion, generosity and piety, is a great and extraordinary period in the annual calendar of every Muslim family and community.

Prof. Egbewole, who specifically congratulated the Chairman of the University of Ilorin Muslim community, Prof. Mudathir O. Yusuf, and the Chief Imam of the institution's Central Mosque, Prof. Nasir Abdussalaam, as well as the generality of Muslim staff and students of the University on the occasion of the commencement of the Ramadan fast, enjoined them to take full advantage of the opportunity provided by the "one-

month spiritual exercise" to redirect their lives towards greater services to Allah and humanity.

He urged Muslims, particularly those of the University, to ensure an effective participation in the fast as he urged them to also use the opportunity provided by the sacred season to inculcate and adhere strictly to the dictates of their faith.

The Vice Chancellor, who is also the Secretary-General of the Association of West African Universities (AWAU), enjoined Muslims to use the period to get themselves more acquainted with the Holy Quran and the teachings of the Holy Prophet Muhammad for the nation to witness positive all-round transformation.

The renowned legal luminary implored privileged Muslims to also use the

opportunity of the fasting season to reach out to their less privileged compatriots, saying that doing so, particularly in the month of Ramadan, is extremely rewarding.

He assured the staff and students of the nation's most sought-after University that his administration would continue to do everything within its capacities to ensure that life becomes more abundant for them as he also urged them to continue to discharge their duties as expected for them to earn divine blessings.

Prof. Egbewole wished all Muslims and other members of the University community a very peaceful and rewarding Ramadan.

## Serve yourself well, ex-Unilorin Registrar urges retired staff

By Abdulquadri Abubakar  
and Bashir Dawodu

**A**s 36 staff members of the Works Department, University of Ilorin, bow out from the services of the institution, a former Registrar of the University, Mr Emmanuel Dada Obafemi, has advised the retiring staff to make effective use of their pension fund to take good care of themselves in order to live happy and healthy life after retirement.

Mr Obafemi gave the advice last Wednesday (March 6, 2024) while speaking at the Works Department Annual Get together and Sendforth in appreciation of their contributions. The event took place at the University's Main Auditorium.

The former Registrar said that those who bow out from the services of the University have contributed immensely to the progress of humanity, saying that their retirement would afford them the privilege of serving themselves.

In his presentation titled "Life In Retirement", Mr Obafemi outlined tips on how to live a healthy life after retirement, which he said included moving closer to God by engaging in fervent prayers for sound health, not engaging in long term projects; meeting with old friends; avoiding unnecessary accidents at old age; engaging in exercise; investing more in your health by taking good medication; taking enough rest; eating good balanced diets and watching out for your diets to avoid unnecessary spending after retirement.

Earlier in his opening remarks, the Director of Works, Mr AbdulRahman Kolawole Amao, stated that the event was the second gathering of this type in the history of the Works Department.

He acknowledged the unflinching support of the Vice



■ The former Registrar, Mr Obafemi (1st left), presenting a plaque to one of the retirees, Engr. Abisoye, while Mr Amao and a colleague look on

Chancellor of the University, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, which he said, has been driving the Works Department to greater heights.

He also appreciated the contribution of his predecessor, Engr. Abisoye and promised to continue to sustain the good legacy he left behind.

In his goodwill message, the Director of Corporate Affairs, Mr Kunle Akogun, commended Engr. Abisoye, who he described as 'Mr Fix-it', and other retirees for their contributions to the development of the University.

Mr Akogun urged them to try and live their lives with full excitement and make themselves happy.

Responding on behalf of the other retirees, the former Director of Works, University of Ilorin, Engr. Mudashiru Abisoye, expressed his profound gratitude to Almighty Allah for keeping them alive to witness their retirement celebration.

He appreciated the support of the University management and the contributions of every staff member of the Works Department who considered them worthy of being celebrated.

Mr Abisoye advised leaders not to see any position they occupy as permanent, and imbibe the spirit of fearing Almighty Allah in dealing with their staff.

The occasion was graced by the Vice Chancellor of the University, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole SAN, who was represented by the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic), Prof. Olubunmi Abayomi Omotosho; the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Management Services) Prof. Suleiman Folorunsho Ambali; the Deputy Vice Chancellor, Research Technology and Innovation (RTI), Prof. Adegboyega Adisa Fawole; the Registrar of the University, Mr Mansur Adeleke Alfaanla, among others.



## Egbewole commends Adepoju on free eye care

By Mubarak Oladosu and Bashirat Omotoso

The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has expressed his appreciation to the Project Manager of the XOVA Cataract Surgical Project, Prof. Feyishayo Grace Adepoju, a Consultant Ophthalmologist at the University of Ilorin Teaching Hospital.

Speaking at the University Auditorium penultimate Tuesday (February 27, 2024) during the flag-off ceremony of the project, Prof. Egbewole said that the University is blessed for having such a wonderful woman who has passion for people in the local communities and has carried out several outreach programmes for people in the rural areas.

The Vice Chancellor posited that "sight is the most important part of the human body and what XOVA has done demonstrates compassion to the people."

He congratulated the Project Manager and advised the team to go back to the drawing board and come up with strategies to make the dream of reaching 1200 people become a reality.

In her opening remarks, Prof.

Adepoju explained that the flag-off of the XOVA Cataract Surgical Project 2024 was held to sensitise members of the public.

She appreciated the Vice Chancellor for his support for the project and anything that has to do with the University.

She explained that majority of health care providers are in the urban areas while more than 70% of those in need are in the rural areas thereby creating a need for community service advocacy.

The renowned Ophthalmologist revealed that she and her team have done many outreach eye surgery programmes in different towns and villages such as Offa, Igosun, Ajase, New Bussa, Erin Ile, and Okeho, among others.

She also revealed that her team has carried out several surgeries and treatment for patients with cataract and glaucoma within and outside the State and disclosed that the Department of Ophthalmology, University of Ilorin Teaching Hospital can now do 50 surgeries within a day.

The don explained that from November 2023 till date, she and her team have worked with the Offa Descendants Union of United Kingdom (ODUKS) and the Offa Descendants Union of North America

(ODUNA) among others.

She pointed out that all this was possible because of the support from all and sundry who contributed to the success of returning lost sights to their owners through community Eye Care.

She also revealed that the XOVA project has started training people in the local communities across the State and majority of them can now practice in their various disciplines.

Prof. Adepoju urged the general public, particularly privileged individuals to contribute to the success of the project through financial or material donations.

In his appreciation message to the event, the Olofa of Offa, Oba Mufutau Gbadamosi Esuwoye II, who was represented by Asoju Oba of Offa, Chief Mooshood Adeniyi, expressed his appreciation to the XOVA team for successfully returning sight to the people.

Dignitaries at the programme included Prof. Ayo Ojuawo of the Department of Pediatrics and Child Health; Prof. M. O. Ajiboye, Prof. O. O. K Ibrahim (MD CAM), several women groups and members of Abundant Life Church, among others.

## CIS students embark on cleanliness campaign

By Abdulquadri Abubakar and Latifat Raji

Students of the Faculty of Communication and Information Science, University of Ilorin penultimate Thursday (February 29, 2024) embarked on an annual cleanliness Campaign dedicated to enhancing and advocating for a cleaner university environment.

The exercise, which was themed "Dump Don't Drop", was conducted within and around the Faculty premises.

The exercise gave the Faculty a new look as the environment was made tidy throughout the day.

The campaign was coordinated by a former Head of the Department of Mass Communication, Dr Lambe Kayode Mustapha, as part of the efforts to fulfill one of the responsibilities of students of International Communication Course.

Earlier in his remarks, the Dean of the Faculty, Prof. Adesina Lukman Azeez, advised students to carry out the exercise with total commitment, noting that "this will also help you to cultivate the habit of cleaning your homes on regular basis".

The don also warned students not to engage themselves in anything that could be disastrous to their health, stressing that "we are conscious about your welfare and safety, your safety matters a lot to us and I wish you all the best and safety".

The Dean noted that this programme was not just an educative one but would also serve as a moral impact for



■ Prof. Azeez (middle) with some staff members of the Faculty at the programme last Thursday

every individual.

The Acting Head of the Department of Mass Communication, Dr K. K. Kadir, who was represented at the event by Dr Patrick Udende, commended the efforts of the organisers of the programme for keeping the annual campaign on cleanliness alive and urged for its continuity.

Also speaking, a former Head of the Department of Telecommunication Sciences, Dr Tihamiyu Osuolale AbdulRahman, said that cleanliness would

always be next to Godliness.

While saying that cleanliness brings people closer to God, he urged students and staff of the University to always keep their environments clean and sanitized.

In his remarks, Dr Ganiya Balogun of the Department of Computer Science advised students to inculcate the culture of cleanliness and make it to be part of them, saying "charity begins at home".

## Amao hails VCs support for Works Department

By Bashirat Omotosho

The Director of Works, University of Ilorin, Mr Abdulrahman Kolawole Amao, has appreciated the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, and the entire management of the University for the efforts put in place towards assisting his Unit to achieve its mandate.

Mr Amao stated this last Tuesday (March 5, 2024) while featuring on *Oro To Nlo*, a popular current affairs programme of *UNILORIN 89.3 FM*, the official radio station of the nation's most sought-after University, the University of Ilorin. The programme was anchored by the Station Manager, Mr Idris Akintola Ibrahiim (Alooma).

The Director explained that the Works Department sees all the members of the University community as its clients.

Mr Amao maintained that the Department is saddled with the responsibility of maintaining and renovating structures and repairs of all equipment and gadgets owned by the University.

He said that it is also the responsibility of the Works Department to ensure that service delivery is made easier for the entire members of the University community.

Mr Amao noted that part of the achievements of the Works Department under the present administration is the asphalt overlays and fixing of all pot holes from the main gate of the University to the University school premises.

Speaking on the installation of solar panels, the Director explained that the Works Department has achieved success in the replacement of electricity



■ Mr Amao

street lights with solar powered light from the hostel area down to the University Motor Park, through the Senate Building to the University Clinic.

He explained that efforts are ongoing to get more solar-powered light for other parts of the University to ensure that the institution is totally illuminated at night.

While speaking on the maintenance of the road leading to the University from different parts of its neighbourhood, particularly Fufu, the Director explained that the road has been graded and that efforts are in place to seek assistance from the government for it to be tarred.

The Director appreciated the previous and present administrations of the University on their efforts to ensure that the dedicated power line was extended to the University, thereby making power supply to the University relatively stable.

He reiterated the fact that the University also ensures prompt payments of electricity bills thereby maintaining good working relationship with the Ibadan Electricity Distributions Company (IEBDC).

On what should be done to halt

building collapse in Nigeria, he explained that proper designs and efficient monitoring are the secrets to good and enduring building structures.

He maintained that insufficient materials, poor preparations and weak workmanship and poor monitoring are the major causes of building collapse.

Speaking on available manpower at his Department, Mr Amao, however, said that his Unit is facing manpower challenge, which is primarily caused by the government.

He maintained that people are retiring without being replaced, thereby making the work a bit tedious for the remaining ones.

On the efforts being made towards reducing damages from the students living in the various hostels, the Director maintained that his Unit is collaborating with other departments and units such as the Fire Service and the Security Unit on enlightenment and monitoring.

He emphasised that his mobile numbers and those of his Deputy Directors are readily available to members of the University community for either emergencies or regular calls.

While advising the youths on how to live a meaningful life, Mr Amao said that the first thing is for them to know their jobs very well.

He explained that when someone is good at his job, he would surely be successful. He therefore charged youths to take knowledge acquisition and their attitudes seriously for them to have very successful careers.

The Director also urged the youths to be faithful to God, hard-working, humble and be law abiding.

## Amolegbe gets IEA's award

By Abubakar Imam

Senior Lecturer at the Department of Economics, University of Ilorin, Dr Khadijat Busola Amolegbe, has been recognised by the International Economics Association as the "Featured Economist" for March 2024.

The renowned academic, who also earned his doctorate degree in Agricultural Economics from the University of Ilorin, is also a Principal Investigator on a USAID-funded project under the Feed the Future MRR Innovation Lab's Advancing Local Leadership, Innovation and Networks (ALL-IN) programme at the University of California,



■ Dr Amolegbe

Davis.

Dr Amolegbe is also an economist with the World Bank African Gender

Innovation and a scholar who has conducted field experiment and mixed method research projects leading to institutional publications.

The research interest of Dr Amolegbe is at the intersection of agriculture and development economics covering topics on food security, poverty, women's empowerment, climate change and digital economy.

In addition to the above, Dr Amolegbe was also a visiting researcher at the Cornell University, the Oxford University and the International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA), Ibadan as well the Nordic Africa Institute (NAI).



## Egbewole canvasses responsible unionism

By Tajudeen Babamale

The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has reiterated the call for responsible unionism among staff members of the University, saying that there is no reason for the management and unions to see one another as rivals.

Prof. Egbewole stated this penultimate Friday (March 1, 2024) while receiving the institution's branch of the newly established Nigerian Association of Medical and Dental Academics (NAMDA).

While acknowledging the historical roles played by the unions towards the stability, growth and development of the nation's University system, particularly the University of Ilorin, the Senior Advocate of Nigeria said that his primary goal as Vice Chancellor is to maintain a seamless and stable academic calendar in the University.

The UNILORIN Chief Executive urged NAMDA to establish a constructive working relationship with other unions on campus, noting that there must be a shared objective of advancing the University.

Speaking on the importance of unity, the Vice Chancellor stated that collective efforts benefit the University and the unions as well as their respective members.

Recognising the intrinsic nature of unionism as driven by individual interests, Prof. Egbewole expressed his support for NAMDA in advocating the rights and privileges of its members.

He, however, stressed the need for all the unions to prioritise the interests of their members while working together for the greater good of the University.

In view of occasional divergence within the Joint Action Committee (JAC) on significant matters, Prof. Egbewole called for caution and a constant awareness of their responsibilities as

members of the University of Ilorin community.

Expressing gratitude for the N A M D A 's alignment with his vision 1:10:500, which is aimed at positioning the University as the best in Nigeria and among the first 10 in Africa and one of the leading 500 universities at global level, the Vice Chancellor commended the union's adaptability and responsibility in the dynamic educational landscape of the country.

He pointed out that working collectively toward this ambitious goal reflects the union's commitment to the university's success.

Speaking earlier, the Chairman of NAMDA, Prof. Muhammed Abdulkadir, said that the new Union, which was registered in January 2023, comprises qualified medical teachers in the universities, University Teaching Hospitals and various associated research centers.

Presenting a copy of the Union's constitution to the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Abdulkadir disclosed that NAMDA boasts 131 registered members from both the University of Ilorin and University of Ilorin Teaching Hospital, adding that similar chapters of the Association have been established in several other universities and medical centers across the country.

Addressing the controversy surrounding NAMDA's establishment during the last ASUU strike, Prof. Abdulkadir clarified that the Association's



■ Prof. Egbewole (left) receiving a copy of the NAMDA constitution from Prof. Abdulkadir penultimate Friday

inception process began in the 2018/19 academic session and the primary aim for initiating it was to recognise the unique needs and challenges faced by medical practitioners within the University, which were not adequately addressed by the existing unions.

He clarified that, "We did not see our registration as a means to divide ASUU but as a means of providing a voice to who we represent."

The NAMDA Chairman reiterated the Association's commitment to advancing ideas within the University and expressed full support for the administration's visions.

He reassured that NAMDA is ready to collaborate in every possible way to contribute to the realisation of the University's goals.

Other members of the delegation were the Ag. Provost College of Health Sciences, Prof. L. O. Abdur-Rahman; the MDCAN Chairman, Prof. O. O. Ibrahim; Prof. E. A. O. Afolayan, Prof. A. A. Akanbi II; and NAMDA Auditor, Prof. O. A. Afolabi, among others.

## Aremu delivers 252<sup>nd</sup> Inaugural Lecture

The Vice Chancellor, University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, invites members of the University community and the general public to the Two hundred and fifty-second (252nd) Inaugural Lecture of the University scheduled as follows:

**Lecturer:** Professor Isaac Olusola Aremu. **B. Pharm (Ife); M.Sc (Ib.); Ph.D (OOU); MAW, FPSN**

Department of Pharmaceutics and Industrial Pharmacy, Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences, University of

Ilorin

**Topic:** "Drug Formulation as Essential Construct for Safe Delivery"

**Date:** Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> March, 2024

**Time:** 5.00 p.m.

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

**Chairman:** Professor Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, Vice Chancellor, University of Ilorin.

**Mr Mansur Adeleke Alfaanla**  
Registrar



■ Prof. Aremu.

## BATNF announces empowerment initiatives for UNILORIN Agric graduates

By Tajudeen Babamale

In a significant move towards promoting sustainable agricultural development and fostering agricpreneurship, the British American Tobacco Nigeria Foundation (BATNF) has announced its commitment to empowering four graduates from the Faculty of Agriculture, University of Ilorin.

Each of the selected graduates, according to the Foundation, will receive a grant of N1.5 million to kickstart their ventures in the agricultural sector.

The General Manager of the BATNF Foundation, Mr Oludare Odusanya, announced this decision penultimate Thursday (February 29, 2024) at a meeting with the Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, in his office.

Mr Odusanya said BATNF established an independent foundation, focusing on initiatives that enhance the livelihoods of smallholder farmers as part of an agreement with the Federal Government upon establishing their manufacturing presence in Nigeria. He added that the organisation has been supporting smallholder farmers and contributing to the socio-economic development of Nigeria.

He pointed out that over the past two decades, BATNF has initiated various projects across the 36 states of Nigeria.

Mr Odusanya added that the latest endeavour is targeted at empowering young individuals, particularly in the field of agriculture to excel.

He explained that the foundation chose the University of Ilorin as the location for this project from the North Central Geopolitical zone of Nigeria courtesy of the institution's commendable track records and success in service delivery.

He explained that the Graduate Agricpreneur Project, which was conceptualised five years ago, seeks to inspire young Nigerians to recognise the vast potentials and profitability of agriculture, adding that the project is targeted at challenging misconceptions and show that farming is a lucrative and respectable career choice comparable to Medicine or Law.

Mr Odusanya, who was accompanied to the meeting by the Project Manager, Mr Adetola Oniyelu, also explained that the initiative targets graduates of the Faculty of Agriculture at the University of Ilorin, regardless of whether they are fresh graduates, master's degree holders, or those pursuing their Ph.D.

The BATNF General Manager



■ **Prof. Egbewole (3rd right) with some Principal Officers of the University and BATNF delegation after the meeting last Thursday**

also revealed that his organisation planned to invest over N2 billion in various projects over the next five years.

He, however, hinted that the number of beneficiaries from the University of Ilorin could be scaled up to ten in subsequent phases depending on the success recorded by the first four beneficiaries.

Speaking on the disbursement process, the General Manager of the BATNF Foundation clarified that funds would not be directly transferred to the beneficiaries. Instead, he said the University of Ilorin will oversee the disbursement to ensure transparency and accountability.

Furthermore, he mentioned that the selected agricpreneurs must have a dedicated business account to receive funds, to foster financial responsibility and position themselves towards accessing additional funding when needed.

In his remarks, the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Egbewole, expressed his appreciation to the BATNF for selecting the University for participation in the agricultural entrepreneurship project.

The Vice Chancellor assured the Foundation of the University's commitment to the project's success, saying, "Whatever propelled you to consider us for this project, we will do our best to surpass the expectations. The Faculty of Agriculture has all it takes to make this initiative a success and even more deserving."

Reflecting on his personal connection to agriculture, Prof. Egbewole shared, "I sincerely wanted to be an agricultural economist, but somehow, I ended up in law. Therefore, I will ensure this project succeeds."

While highlighting the University's support for the project, the Vice Chancellor assured that the University will support the project in every possible way because, at the end of the day, when the agricpreneurs succeed, they become part of the success stories of the University.

Underlining the University's broader commitment to the employability of its graduates, Prof. Egbewole opined that "For us as a University, our hope is to ensure that our graduates are employable. So, if you have provided an opportunity for them to be engaged through this initiative, as a responsible University, we should endeavor to help the beneficiaries to succeed because their success would inspire a lot of young minds and fly the flag of UNILORIN as agricpreneurs".

Speaking earlier, the Dean of the Faculty of Agriculture, Prof. Oluyemisi Fawole, said that the initiative will specifically benefit graduates from the fields of Agronomy, Animal Production, and Aquaculture and Fisheries.

She pointed out that these targeted departments play a crucial role in the agricultural landscape and will serve as focal points for the project.

The Dean said that the primary objective of the collaboration between the University of Ilorin and the British American Tobacco Nigeria Foundation is to inspire and promote agricultural business among students.

She said, "The idea is to encourage our students by showcasing fresh graduates who are actively engaged in agricultural business and making profits. We believe that witnessing these success stories will stimulate interest and passion for agriculture among our students."

Present at the meeting were the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic), Prof. Olubunmi Abayomi Omotesho; the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Management Services), Prof. Suleiman Funsho Ambali, the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Research, Technology and Innovation), Prof. Adegboyega Adisa Fawole; the Registrar, Mr Mansur Adeleke Alfanla; and the Ag. Bursar, Mr. Abdulbarki Oba; among others.





■ The Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Egbewole (right), with the Director General, National Biotechnology Development Agency (NABDA), Abuja, Prof. Abdullahi Mustapha, during Prof. Egbewole's visit to the Agency last Tuesday



■ The NABDA Director General, Prof. Mustapha (left), presenting a souvenir to the Vice Chancellor, University of Ilorin, Prof. Egbewole (right), during his visit to the Agency last Tuesday



■ The Vice Chancellor, University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Egbewole (left), with the new Comptroller General of the Nigeria Immigration Service (NIS), Mrs Kemi Nandap, an alumna of the University (right), during Prof. Egbewole's congratulatory visit to the CG at the NIS Headquarters in Abuja last Tuesday



■ The Comptroller General of the Nigeria Immigration Service (NIS), Mrs Kemi Nandap (right), presenting a souvenir to the Vice Chancellor, University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Egbewole (left), during the latter's visit to the NIS headquarters in Abuja last Tuesday

## LAUTECH don commends Ph.D. student for research on herbicides

By Mubarak Oladosu and Bashir Daodu

**A** Professor of Plant Biology at the Ladoke Akintola University of Technology (LAUTECH), Ogbomosho, Prof. Suleiman Adewuyi Azeez, has commended Mr Wasiu Olanrewaju Opadokun for the dedication devoted to carrying out his Ph.D. research titled, "Effects of S. Metolachlor and Nicosulfuron Herbicides and Residue Accumulation in Soil, Shoot and Grains of Zea Mays" submitted to the Department of Plant Biology, University of Ilorin.

Prof Azeez made this remark last Tuesday, (March 5, 2024) while speaking as an External Examiner at the doctoral thesis defence.

In a chat with *UNILORIN BULLETIN*, Mr Opadokun gave glory to the Almighty God and appreciated his supervisor, family and colleagues for strengthening him with words of encouragement in his trying moments.

He noted that his father was a defacto Research Assistant who was often at the farm with him early in the morning to

apply chemicals and observe plants as part of his study.

He also called on the government to support research for national development through grants, saying that most students are helpless

Distinguished scholars at the defence included Prof. P.O. Fatola, Prof. Mustapha who is the Head of the Department of Plant Biology; and Prof. Adekola of the Faculty of Agriculture, University of Ilorin, who was the Internal Examiner.



## NIPR Spokesperson Summit: We must learn to communicate - Egbewole

By Tajudeen Babamale

The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has applauded the commendable initiative taken by the President and Council Members of the Nigerian Institute of Public Relations (NIPR) towards organising a spokespersons summit dedicated to addressing the imperative for strategic communication in Nigeria.

While congratulating the NIPR for introducing the concept of the spokespersons summit, the Vice Chancellor said that we can never over-engage ourselves, especially in this period of our nationhood, adding that, "The more we talk to ourselves, the more we communicate with ourselves, the better for us as a people".

Prof. Egbewole shared this belief last Thursday (March 7, 2024) while receiving an advocacy team from the NIPR, which visited the University to brief him about the upcoming summit.

The Vice Chancellor, however, affirmed UNILORIN's commitment to active engagement and understanding of pertinent issues.

In support of the NIPR's initiative, Prof. Egbewole pledged the University's sponsorship of relevant staff for participation in the summit.

He encouraged all the staff members that would be sponsored by the University to step-down the acquired knowledge through a "train the trainers" approach to others who would not be participating.

While expressing gratitude to the NIPR, particularly the President and a Council Member, Dr Saudat Salah Abdulbaqi, for the consistent engagement with the University, the Vice Chancellor hoped that the love for the institution would be enduring.

The renowned Professor of

Jurisprudence and International Law assured that UNILORIN would continue to nurture its relationship with the NIPR.

Speaking earlier, the leader of the advocacy team and Commissioner for Communications, Kwara State, Mrs Bola Olukoju, who spoke through a Council Member of the Nigerian Institute of Public Relations, Dr Saudat Salah Abdulbaqi, said that the advocacy visit was to intimate the Vice Chancellor about the forthcoming spokespersons summit.

The summit with the theme "Change Narrative, Change Society", the NIPR advocacy team explained that the summit is aimed at expanding the horizons of communication in the country and promoting positive societal transformation.

She explained that the essence of the summit is to address the critical need for strategic communication to foster development and peace in Nigeria as it was born out of rigorous research that was conducted across the nooks and crannies of the country.

She added, "As a response, the council is hosting the inaugural spokesperson's summit in Abuja from March 25 to 28. This gathering will bring together spokespersons from various sectors - private, public, and non-governmental organisations - to deliberate on moving the nation forward and addressing insecurity through effective



■ Prof. Egbewole (right) receiving a letter from Dr Abdulbaqi during the visit last Thursday

Mrs Olukoju, therefore, solicited support from the Vice Chancellor to send staff from the University's communication unit as participants, saying, they would come back better.

Joining the Vice Chancellor to receive the NIPR Spokespersons Summit Advocacy Team included the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic), Prof. Olubunmi Abayomi Omotosho; 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 Abdulkari Oba; the Director of Corporate Affairs, Mr Kunle Akogun; and the Station Manager of **UNILORIN 89.3 FM**, Mr Idris Akintola Ibrahim (Alooma), among others.

## Abdulbaqi tasks journalists on aggressive reporting of climate change

An Associate Professor of Mass Communication at the University of Ilorin, Dr Saudat Abdulbaqi, has urged journalists to aggressively report climate change and climate actions to mitigate its effects on the people.

Dr Abdulbaqi, who gave the charge last Thursday (March 7, 2024) at a Climate Change Journalism Workshop in Ilorin, said journalists should drive the issue of climate change in their daily reporting from different beats.

The Workshop was organised by Brain Builders Youth Development Initiative in conjunction with the Sobi FM Chapel of the Nigeria Union of Journalist (NUJ).

Dr Abdulbaqi said journalists were the last hope of the common man regarding creating awareness on how human activities caused climate change, especially in rural areas where they had little or no knowledge about it.

The Communication scholar said, "Climate change is not new, but we are shy away from taking decisive steps to



■ Dr Abdulbaqi

mitigate it.

Dr Abdulbaqi, who is a Council Member of the Nigeria Institute of Public Relations (NIPR), said it was high time journalists learnt more about climate change; conduct research for the purpose of replication and dig deeper to know if the consequences of climate change could be prevented.

She added that journalists should pay more attention to stories and reports about climate change as it affects our way of life and existence.

On his part, one of the organisers of the Workshop, Mr Dare Akogun, who spoke on "Fact Checking and Debunking Myths on Climate Change", tasked the government on engaging experts while coming up with policies on climate change.

Mr Akogun, who is the News Editor, *Sobi FM*, Ilorin, said that journalists should be able to hold leaders and government accountable through their climate reports.

The expert on Climate Change reporting said journalists should, through their reports, open the eyes of the policy makers to what could be done to mitigate the effects of climate change in the society.

The well-attended Workshop drew participants from a cross section of journalists from print, electronics, and online media as well as government information outlets and non-governmental climate change activists.





## FUND SOURCES AND UTILIZATION REPORT FROM 29<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY TO 7<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2024

| RECEIPTS:   | AMOUNT                 |
|---|------------------------|
| Academic Transcript   | 262,500.00             |
| Sundry & Other Fees Student Charges   | 1,011,775.00           |
| Sundry Other Income   | 333,925.00             |
| Convocation Souvenir  | 196,100.00             |
| Capitation NHIS   | 11,250.00              |
| Boarded Property  | 128,500.00             |
| Staff I.D. Cards  | 3,000.00               |
| CCSCA Application Fees  | 25,200.00              |
| Rent on Staff Accommodation   | 143,089.00             |
| Sale of Government Assets   | 402,000.00             |
| Student I.D. Card   | 3,000.00               |
| Income from Verification/Screening  | 5,000.00               |
| Utility Income  | 35,400.00              |
| Rent on University Property   | 40,000.00              |
| Undergraduate School Charges  | 119,940.00             |
| Undergraduate Hostel Accommodation  | 80,400.00              |
| Undergraduate Convocation Charges   | 38,700.00              |
| Postgraduate School Charges   | 2,833,150.00           |
| Postgraduate School Transcript Payment  | 20,000.00              |
| Postgraduate School Registration Fees   | 165,250.00             |
| Postgraduate School Add/Drop Payment  | 1,150.00               |
| Postgraduate School General Payment   | 78,210.00              |
| Postgraduate School Acceptance Payment  | 40,150.00              |
| Postgraduate Convocation Charges  | 123,450.00             |
| Ilorin Business School Acceptance Payment   | 20,150.00              |
| Ilorin Business Application Form  | 15,150.00              |
| Institute of Education School Charges   | 43,337.50              |
| Remedial Acceptance payment   | 30,300.00              |
| Remedial School Charges   | 1,141,500.00           |
| JUPEB School Charges  | 200,300.00             |
| <b>Total Receipt for the Period</b>   | <b>₦7,551,876.50</b>   |
| <b>PAYMENTS</b>   |                        |
| <b>PAYMENT TO CONTRACTORS/SUPPLIERS :</b>   |                        |
| Istabaraqim Nig Ltd Supply of HTH Chlorine  | 20,225,000.00          |
| Jiyoda International Ltd Supply of Office Furniture and Equipment                                     | 6,669,945.00           |
| Farsan Furniture Construction and Installation of Reception table and Swives stools.                  | 349,025.63             |
| Ganilax Investment and Services Construction of Private Toilet system and Collapsed Septic/soak away. | 2,090,467.86           |
| <b>OTHER PAYMENTS:</b>  |                        |
| Various Various i.e DTA, IMPREST, REFUND e.t.c  | 20,950,225.16          |
| Purchase Advance Various  | 8,997,709.00           |
| Unilorin Petrol Station Fuel Supplied   | 1,886,221.00           |
| Ilorin Business School Salary for February 2024   | 294,970.35             |
| Vigilante Group of Nigeria Salary for February 2024   | 3,540,000.00           |
| Faculty and Department Staff Salary for February 2024   | 10,319,500.00          |
| Open Distance and E-Learning Association of Nig Validation of ODELAN Membership                       | 60,000.00              |
| Nigeria Legion Salary for February 2024   | 4,510,000.00           |
| Staff Research Grant  | 109,588,174.20         |
| Environmental Staff Salary for February 2024  | 1,305,000.00           |
| NYSC Allowance for February 2024  | 2,005,000.00           |
| TSA Charges Various   | 139,212.50             |
| <b>Total payment for the period</b>   | <b>₦192,930,450.70</b> |

Signed

Oba Abdulbarki, FCA

Ag. Bursar

## Open Ph.D. Thesis Defence

| S/N | NAME                      | FACULTY/DEPARTMENT                                     | TITLE  | DATE&TIME                                       | VENUE   |
|-----|---------------------------|--|--|---|---|
| 1.  | ADENIRAN, Adewole Solomon | Life Sciences/Plant Biology                            | Assessment of Biocontrol Agent (Aflasafe) Application on Aflatoxin-producing <i>Aspergillus</i> Species and Morpho-Physiological Traits in Groundnut ( <i>Arachis hypogaea</i> L.) | Tuesday, 12 <sup>th</sup> March, 2024/10:00am   | Old Faculty of Science Boardroom (Block 6 Up) |
| 2.  | AJEWOLE, Tolulope Olumide | Life Sciences/Plant Biology                            | Morphological, Biochemical and Molecular Characterisation of Water-Stressed <i>Basella alba</i> Linn. And <i>Basella rubra</i> Roxb.   | Wednesday, 13 <sup>th</sup> March, 2024/10:00am | Old Faculty of Science Boardroom (Block 6 Up) |
| 3.  | OYENIYI, Solomon Taiwo    | Social Sciences/Geography and Environmental Management | An Assessment of Cowpea Production Using Soil Hydroponics Media in South-Western Nigeria   | Tuesday, 12 <sup>th</sup> March, 2024/10:00am   | Postgraduate School Virtual Board Room        |



| S/N | Name                            | Department                                  | Birthday |
|-----|---------------------------------|---|----------|
| 1   | Olowu, Suru Oladimeji           | Works: Works/Maint. Office                  | Mar 10   |
| 2   | Sulaiman, Oba                   | Works: Works/Maint. Office                  | Mar 10   |
| 3   | Oni, Felicia Bosede             | Registry                                    | Mar 10   |
| 4   | Mohammed, Safi                  | Registry                                    | Mar 10   |
| 5   | Adedayo, Bimpe Sidiqat          | Bursary                                     | Mar 10   |
| 6   | Omosidi, Abdulrahman Suyuti     | Educational Management                      | Mar 10   |
| 7   | Abajo, Grace Omotola            | Unilorin Staff School                       | Mar 10   |
| 8   | Akanbi, Bashir Omotosho         | Health Services                             | Mar 10   |
| 9   | Lawal, Abiodun                  | Bursary                                     | Mar 10   |
| 10  | Adekeye, Olabisi Adeleye        | Geology & Mineral Sciences                  | Mar 10   |
| 11  | Joseph, Oluwatoyin Mary         | Registry                                    | Mar 10   |
| 12  | Oyedepo, Risikat Olufunke       | Registry                                    | Mar 10   |
| 13  | Babamale, Tajudeen Olanrewaju   | Registry                                    | Mar 10   |
| 14  | Tiamiyu, Bashir Bolaji          | Plant Biology                               | Mar 10   |
| 15  | Giwa, Abdul-Hakeem              | Registry                                    | Mar 10   |
| 16  | Ganiyu, Alao Busari             | Security Division                           | Mar 11   |
| 17  | Salami, Anthony Dauda           | Security Division                           | Mar 11   |
| 18  | Isarinade, Julius Olaolu        | Centre For Supportive Services For The Deaf | Mar 11   |
| 19  | Ojo, Ayodele Augustine          | Registry                                    | Mar 11   |
| 20  | Usman, Hamzat                   | Health Services                             | Mar 11   |
| 21  | Olokoba, Abdulfatai Bamidele    | Medicine                                    | Mar 11   |
| 22  | Adegunju, Kabiru Adewale        | Counsellor Education                        | Mar 11   |
| 23  | Johnson, Lukman Mobolaji        | Geology & Mineral Sciences                  | Mar 11   |
| 24  | Fatiku, Kehinde                 | Registry                                    | Mar 12   |
| 25  | Akande, Adeyinka Abdulrasaq     | Chem. Path. & Immunology                    | Mar 12   |
| 26  | Ajao, Garuba Olaiya             | Works: Mechanical                           | Mar 12   |
| 27  | Karim, Olayinka Ramota          | Home Economics & Food Science               | Mar 12   |
| 28  | Adebayo, Abdulrauf              | Works: Works/Maint. Office                  | Mar 12   |
| 29  | Animasaun, Adedayo David        | Plant Biology                               | Mar 12   |
| 30  | Adedeji, Fatai Ademola          | Registry                                    | Mar 13   |
| 31  | Majasan, Samuel Ikubanni        | Agronomy                                    | Mar 13   |
| 32  | Oyelabi, Olusegun Adeleke       | French                                      | Mar 13   |
| 33  | Asajeun, Yakubu Okanlawon       | Works: Works/Maint. Office                  | Mar 13   |
| 34  | Ogedengbe, Racheal Yetunde      | Registry                                    | Mar 13   |
| 35  | Kadir, Eniola Risikat           | Anatomy                                     | Mar 13   |
| 36  | Olaoye, Akeem Kehinde           | Centre For Archives & Documentation         | Mar 13   |
| 37  | Adeyemi, Kazeem Dauda           | Animal Production                           | Mar 13   |
| 38  | Oderinwale, Olugbenga Ayodele   | Registry                                    | Mar 13   |
| 39  | Buhari, Mikhaila Olayinka       | Pathology                                   | Mar 14   |
| 40  | Onasoga, Olayinka Abolore       | Nursing Science                             | Mar 14   |
| 41  | Salaty, Abubakar Abdullahi      | Arabic                                      | Mar 14   |
| 42  | Mohammed, Aminat Aderonke       | Industrial Chemistry                        | Mar 14   |
| 43  | Saliu, Mariam Bolanle           | Security Division                           | Mar 14   |
| 44  | Uche, Issac                     | Security Division                           | Mar 15   |
| 45  | Okoro, Bola Jane                | Unilorin Staff School                       | Mar 15   |
| 46  | Mohammed, Tajudeen              | Security Division                           | Mar 15   |
| 47  | Adebayo, Ishola                 | Unilorin Zoo                                | Mar 15   |
| 48  | Salami, Alakija Kareem          | Medicine                                    | Mar 15   |
| 49  | Omotosho, Joseph Kehinde        | Bursary                                     | Mar 15   |
| 50  | Sanni, Raliat                   | Registry                                    | Mar 15   |
| 51  | Jamiu, Muslim Olakunle          | Clinical Pharmacy & Pharmacy Practice       | Mar 15   |
| 52  | Audu, Olasibi Bashirat          | Registry                                    | Mar 15   |
| 53  | Odeigah, Theresa Nfam           | History & International Studies             | Mar 15   |
| 54  | Ishola, Bola Idayat             | Security Division                           | Mar 15   |
| 55  | Petinrin, Esther Olayemi        | Registry                                    | Mar 15   |
| 56  | Adebayo, Ezekiel Bidemi         | Registry                                    | Mar 15   |
| 57  | Ayuba, Saheed Iyanda            | Registry                                    | Mar 15   |
| 58  | Fagbamila, Olumide David        | Sociology                                   | Mar 15   |
| 59  | Sanusi, Fatima                  | Veterinary Physiology & Biochemistry        | Mar 15   |
| 60  | Ogunkolo, Oluwaseun Bridget     | Library                                     | Mar 15   |
| 61  | Joseph, John Kolade             | Home Economics & Food Science               | Mar 16   |
| 62  | Adeniran, Kamoru Akanni         | Agricultural & Biosystem Engineering        | Mar 16   |
| 63  | Omomeji, Issa Atere             | Registry                                    | Mar 16   |
| 64  | Omotosho, Fatima Titilayo       | Health Services                             | Mar 16   |
| 65  | Omitoogun, Wakeel Olawuyi       | Centre For Peace & Strategic Studies        | Mar 16   |
| 66  | Abdussalam, Abdulganiy Abimbola | Arabic                                      | Mar 16   |
| 67  | Akande, Halimat Jumai           | Radiology                                   | Mar 16   |
| 68  | Oba, Kadri Abdulraheem          | Works: Works/Maint. Office                  | Mar 16   |
| 69  | Alabi, Jimoh Adeniyi            | Arts Education                              | Mar 16   |
| 70  | Jinadu, Saidat Temitope         | Health Services                             | Mar 16   |
| 71  | Aluko, Khadijah Oyinlola        | Geophysics                                  | Mar 16   |
| 72  | Issa, Abdulroffhi Idowu         | Registry                                    | Mar 16   |
| 73  | Amaechi, Mary Chimaobi          | Ling. & Nig. Languages                      | Mar 16   |
| 74  | Adekola, Racheal Titilayo       | Registry                                    | Mar 16   |

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■ *Members of The Women in Chemistry (WIC) of Chemical Society of Nigeria (CSN), Kwara Chapter during the International Union of Pure and Applied Chemists (IUPAC) /Global Women Breakfast (GWB) held at the University of Ilorin recently*

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Day 3: **2nd Faculty Lecture/Technical Session/Familiarization Tour**  
Day 4: Technical Session/Dinner  
Day 5: Departure

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- a) Environmental Sustainability
- b) Role of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in Education
- c) Mineral Exploration and Exploitation for National Development
- d) Environmental Health
- e) Indigenous Technologies in Environmental Management
- f) Emerging Trends for Efficient Fuel Production/Battery Technologies
- g) Trends in Water Exploration, Exploitation and Quality Assessment
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|---------------------------------|----------------------|---------|
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| Non-Faculty Members/Researchers | N25,000              | N30,000 |
| Students: Undergraduate         | N5,000               | N7,500  |
| Postgraduate                    | N10,000              | N15,000 |
| International                   | \$100                | \$150   |

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## INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY Egbewole pledges continuous gender inclusivity

By Abubakar Imam

**T**he Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has assured stakeholders that the University would continue to embrace gender inclusivity and diversity, saying that the institution would never discriminate against anyone or group but would continue to celebrate excellence and not gender.

Prof. Egbewole stated this last Friday (March 8, 2024) while participating on a special interview programme on UNILORIN 89.3 FM as part of the celebration of this year's edition of the International Women's Day. The programme was anchored by the trio of the Head of the Station, Mr Idris Akintola Ibrahim (Alooma), Ms Bimbo Durojaiye and Mr Temitope Olawuyi.

The Vice Chancellor explained that the University decided to celebrate the International Women's Day as a way of showing the importance it attaches to women interest as he stated that the University would henceforth be involved in the annual celebration of the Day.

He added that his administration would continue to change the narratives by celebrating anyone who deserves to be celebrated not minding the gender of the person involved.

Prof. Egbewole, who is also the Secretary-General of the Association of West African Universities (AWAU), explained that the University would continue to pay more attention to the interests of girls, ladies and mothers as he also explained that the participation of the University in the International Women's Day is also to appreciate the female members of the University community towards the progress of the institution and the women at large.

He expressed the conviction that the University would be able to achieve and sustain its corporate objectives and particularly his vision 1:10:500 if women as well as men are encouraged to embrace them.

Speaking further, the Vice Chancellor explained that the University has not been discriminating against any gender, considering the fact that five of the 16 Faculties at the University are headed by females, which, he said, represents 30% of the number of Deans of Faculties. He also noted that 9 out of 16 Deputy Registrars of the University are female.

Prof. Egbewole went further to say that the Head of the University's Legal Unit and the institution's Director of Audit are both females among several others who are feholding key offices in the non-teaching cadres of the University.

The Vice Chancellor expressed delight that all the women occupying high positions at the University became what they are

through personal capacities and not because they are specially favoured to get to the positions.

He added that it was the appreciation of the University for the capacities of the female members of staff that accounted for the encouragement a few of them were granted by the University to secure appointments as Chief Executives of sister universities. He cited the cases of the Vice Chancellors of the Federal University of Technology, Akure, Prof. Temidayo Oladiji; and the Fountain University, Osogbo, Prof. Ramota Olabisi Karim, who prior to their present positions were Deans of the Faculties of Life Sciences and Agriculture of the University of Ilorin, respectively. He added that the same conviction encouraged the University to support the bid of Dr Saudat Salah-Abdulbaqi to become a Council Member of the Nigerian Institute of Public Relations (NIPR) last year.

Prof. Egbewole also expressed delight with the rising profiles of the female alumni of the University including the Minister of Youth Affairs, Dr Jamilah Bio Ibrahim and Mrs Kemi Nandap, who was recently appointed as the Comptroller-General of the Nigeria Immigration Service.

The Vice Chancellor explained that in order to make life easier for female students and to produce more women who would make the University proud upon their graduation, the University allocate 70% of its hostels to female students so as to ensure that they are less vulnerable.

He added that the University would continue to relate with all its graduates not minding their gender so as to encourage them to give back to their alma mater.

Also speaking, Prof. Oluyemisi Fawole, Prof. Mistura Azeez, Prof. Adedoyin Omede, Prof. Patricia Omojasola and Prof. Nimah Modupe AbdulRaheem, who are Deans of Agriculture, Veterinary Medicine, Social Sciences, Life Sciences and Law, respectively, appreciated the Vice Chancellor of the University for his support.

They thanked the Vice Chancellor for leading members of the University management to celebrate the women folks, pointing out that they are assured that the female members of the University community would continue to work and act in a way that the University would always have reasons to celebrate them.

The special interview session was graced by the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic), Prof. Olubunmi Abayomi Omotesho; the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Management Services), Prof. Suleiman Funsho Ambali; the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Research, Technology and Innovation), Prof. Adegboyega Adisa Fawole; the Registrar, Mr Mansur Adeleke Alfaanla and the Director of Corporate Affairs, University of Ilorin, Mr Kunle Akogun, among others.