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POULTRY REVIVAL SCHEME:

Egbewole seeks grants, instead of loans, to varsities

By Isaac Lewu

The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has urged the Federal Government and the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) to provide grants instead of loans to the nation's universities to enhance the Tertiary Institutions Poultry Revival Scheme (TIPRES).

Prof. Egbewole made this appeal last Tuesday (March 12, 2024) in his office while fielding questions from newsmen.

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Prof. Egbewole (left) congratulating Prof. Fawole after the inauguration of the D-8 NPRI Summit last Monday

UNILORIN to host 3rd D-8 NPRI Summit ... as Egbewole inaugurates organising committee

By Tajudeen Babamale

The Developing-8 Organisation for Economic Cooperation (D-8) has accepted the offer of the University of Ilorin to host the 3rd D-8 Network of Pioneers for Research and Innovation (D-8 NPRI) meeting. The meeting, which would focus on research and innovation, would be attended by universities from Bangladesh, Egypt, Indonesia, Iran, Malaysia, Nigeria, Pakistan and Turkey.

The approval, which was conveyed through a letter dated March 7, 2024, and addressed to the Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN by the Secretary-General of D-8, Amb. Isiaka Abdulqadir Imam, confirmed the acceptance of University of Ilorin as the host of the proposed summit, scheduled for the second quarter of the year.

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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.

Aremu wants herbal medicine units in major hospitals

By Abubakar Imam

In consonance with the emerging global trends, a Professor of Pharmaceuticals and Industrial Chemistry at the University of Ilorin, Isaac Olusola Aremu, has enjoined the Federal Government to come up with a policy to encourage the establishment of herbal pharmacy section in all health

facilities in the country.

Prof. Aremu gave this advice last Thursday (March 14, 2024) while delivering the 252nd Inaugural Lecture of the University, titled "Drug Formulation as Essential Construct for Safe Delivery" at the institution's Main Auditorium.

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Prof. Aremu

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Egbewole hails IEDPU's support for CILS

By Abubakar Imam

The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has described the Ilorin Emirate Descendants Progressive Union (IEDPU), the umbrella sociocultural organisation of the people of Ilorin Emirate, as a veritable partner in the task of uplifting the University.

Prof. Egbewole stated this in a letter dated Monday, March 11, 2024, which was signed by the Registrar and Secretary to the Governing Council of the University, Mr Mansur Adeleke Alfa and addressed to the National President of the IEDPU, Alhaji Abdulmumini Ayo Abdulmalik.

In the letter, a copy of which was made available to *UNILORIN BULLETIN*, the Vice Chancellor specifically appreciated the Union for responding to the call for support earlier made to it by the management of the institution's Centre for Ilorin



■ **Alhaji Abdulmalik**

Studies (CILS), saying that IEDPU's release of the sum of N300,000 to the Centre for the execution of a project is well appreciated.

He noted that the financial support would go a long way in assisting the Centre to accomplish a project it has embarked on.

Prof. Egbewole, who is also the

Secretary-General of the Association of West African Universities (AWAU), noted, "There is no denial in the fact that the donation would go a long way in augmenting the expenses on the on-going project embarked upon by the Centre".

The Vice Chancellor, who expressed the joy of the management, Senate, staff and students of the University on what he called "this invaluable gesture", expressed the conviction of the nation's most sought-after University that the Union would continue to support the institution to ensure its growth and development.

Recall that *UNILORIN BULLETIN* had on Monday, February 19, 2024 reported the advocacy visit of the CILS management led by its Director, Prof. Issa Olarongbe Sanusi, to the National President and members of the National Executive Council of the IEDPU a few days earlier.

Akogun nominated for National Spokesperson of the Year award

By Abubakar Imam

The consistent and effective deployment of relevant strategic communication tools in the public image management of the University of Ilorin by the institution's Director of Corporate Affairs, Mr Kunle Akogun, has earned him a nomination for the prestigious award of the "National Spokesperson of the Year".

The award, which is organised by the Nigerian Institute of Public Relations (NIPR) in partnership with the Image Merchants Promotion Limited (IMPR), the publishers of *PRNigeria* and *Spokespersons' Digest*, is reserved for outstanding public relations professionals in Nigeria.

Mr Akogun is among the 62 finalists shortlisted from 224 entries for 21 award categories.

In a letter addressed to the communication guru dated Monday, March 11, 2024, which was signed by the Chairman of the Planning Committee of the Awards, Mr Segun Mcmedal, the organisers of the event said that the award ceremony would hold on Wednesday, March 27, 2024 at the International Conference Centre, Abuja.

The Chairman, who



■ **Mr Akogun**

congratulated Mr Akogun for being shortlisted for the prestigious awards, said that the award is the highest honour reserved for the celebration of "outstanding spokespersons in corporate communications, public affairs, politics, media, advocacy and other domains in Nigeria who have demonstrated outstanding eloquence, integrity and effectiveness in the discharge of their communication roles".

Mr Mcmedal explained that Mr

Akogun becomes a potential winner of the award following the national recognition attracted by his consistent qualitative campaign objectives, clarity of strategy, storytelling and framing, engagement with the audience as well as the impact and effectiveness of the strategies deployed in giving the nation's most sought-after University consistent favourable image.

He added that the award ceremony, which would be part of the forthcoming National Spokespersons Summit, would be unveiled by the Minister of Information and National Orientation, Alhaji Mohammed Idris Malagi.

Mr Akogun, who has garnered varied experiences in the field of Journalism and Public Relations before joining the services of the University in 2012, has, through the consistent deployment of strategic communication tools, complemented and projected the unrelenting efforts of successive administrations of the University to ensure that *UNILORIN* was transformed from a previously unranked institution to a foremost University, and indeed the most sought-after citadel of learning in Nigeria today.

Egbewole canvasses grants for poultry revival scheme

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The Vice Chancellor highlighted the University's proactive approach towards the growth and development of the poultry industry in Nigeria's tertiary education system through its Ggmax Poultry Farm initiative.

Prof. Egbewole explained that the grants will better equip the University in providing comprehensive training to staff members and practical experience to the students and ultimately contribute to the overall revival of poultry farming in the country.

The Vice Chancellor assured the government that the University would continue to uphold its culture of responsibility and non-abandonment of projects.

Speaking further on the University's poultry project, Prof. Egbewole expressed the University's determination to ensure the success of the TIPRES scheme.

He explained that the University is the only institution of higher learning that accessed a N600,000,000 loan repayable over a period of five years.

He added that the University has been religiously observing the quarterly payments of between N37,000,000 and N40,000,000, which is usually deducted directly from the source.

Prof. Egbewole pointed out that the cumulative interest and capital will be totalling over a billion Naira at the end of the loan period.

The renowned Senior Advocate of



Nigeria said that the University of Ilorin is like a Guinea pig to the scheme and the poultry, saying that poultry business is facing the challenges of the rising price of poultry feeds, which has eroded a lot of the capital.

On his part, the Chief Operating Officer of UNILORIN Ggmax Poultry Farm, Mr Gawati Adedayo, recalled that the farm was established in 2022 with 15,000 layer birds and 30,000 broiler with the vision to sell six tonnes every week of broiler meat and at present the layer pen has about 30,000 birds producing between 800 and 850 crates of eggs per day with each pen accommodating 5,000 birds.

Mr Gawati added that the challenges faced in the past five months have led to the folding up of about 50% of poultry farms in the country.

He, however, assured that the Ggmax is working towards ensuring the success of the

project as he assured that the farm would soon start earning the University revenue

Commenting on the significance of the farm project, Mr Gawati explained that the farm has been generating employment, particularly for the people of the host community, saying no fewer than 100 individuals are engaged in various activities in the farm since its establishment.

He added that the positive economic impacts of the farm are also being felt by more than 5000 other individuals.

Mr Gawati said that Ggmax is profit driven and presently worth over a billion naira, adding that the products are sold across the country due to the quality and neatness of the birds.

He applauded the University management for having the courage to embark on the project and making a success of it.

UNILORIN to host 3rd D-8 NPRI Summit

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Ambassador Imam, in the letter, said that the collaboration between the University of Ilorin and D-8 underscores the importance of collective efforts in fostering research and innovation among member countries.

The D-8 is an organisation, which focuses on key areas such as trade, industry, small and medium enterprises, agriculture, food security, transportation, energy, tourism, health, social security, education, and human resources development.

The Secretary General, who is also a multinational diplomat, expressed the hope that the University of Ilorin, which is renowned for academic excellence and commitment to innovation, would play a pivotal role in hosting a successful and impactful D-8 NPRI meeting, adding that the institution's leadership and support are invaluable in advancing the collective mission of promoting research and innovation for sustainable development across the D-8 member countries.

Meanwhile, the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has

inaugurated a committee, under the Chairmanship of the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Research, Technology and Innovation) Prof. Adegboyega Adisa Fawole, to organise the hosting of the Summit.

The Vice Chancellor said the hunger to host the world through the summit is to show the global community that the University of Ilorin is not only committed to academic and research excellence but also reinforces its position as a leading institution dedicated to advancing knowledge and fostering collaboration on a global scale.

Prof. Egbewole expressed confidence in the committee's ability to plan a summit of high standards, noting that the event is expected to bring together experts, leaders, and visionaries from across the globe.

Other members of the committee are the Registrar of the University, Mr Mansur Adeleke Alfaola; the Ag. Bursar, Mr Oba Abdulbarki; the Dean of the Faculty of Engineering and Technology, Prof. Jamu Odusote; the Dean of the Faculty of Law, Prof. Nimah Modupe AbdulRaheem; and the Dean of the Faculty of Life Sciences, Prof. Patricia Omojolaso.

The committee members also include the Dean of Postgraduate School,

Prof. B. V. Owoyele; the Director of Corporate Affairs, Mr Kunle Akogun; the Director of COMSIT, Prof. Rasheed Jimoh; the Director of UNILORIN Consultancy Services; Prof. B. A. Raji; the Ag. Director of the Centre for Research Development and In-House Training (CREDIT), Dr. Abdulkareem Oloyede; the Chairman, UNILORIN Guest Houses, Prof. Modinah AbdulRaheem; and the Director of the Centre for International Education (CIE), Prof. Lateef Onireti Ibraheem. A Deputy Registrar, Mrs Mary B. Olayemi, will serve as the Secretary.

While accepting the responsibility, the Chairman of the Committee, who is also the Chairman, Ceremonials Committee of the University, Prof. Fawole, appreciated the Vice Chancellor for the confidence reposed in him and all the members of the Committee.

Prof. Fawole, who promised not to disappoint the trust the Vice Chancellor has in him and his team, said that with the arrays of accomplished individuals that formed the committee, he was convinced that the Committee would succeed beyond expectations.

Aremu wants herbal medicine units in major hospitals

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The renowned scholar, whose Inaugural Lecture was the second to be delivered by a scholar of Pharmaceutical Sciences at the nation's most sought-after University, advised that the herbal pharmacy section should run alongside orthodox pharmacy to enable the patient make a choice between the two.

Prof. Aremu explained that the policy, which is in practice in all the hospitals operating in China and many other countries of the world, should also be enacted in Nigeria.

The don specifically encouraged the authorities of the University of Ilorin to do the right thing by establishing a herbal pharmacy either at the institution's Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences or at the University's Health Centre. He added that if this is done the University would be joining Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife, which operates a "Village Chemist" where herbal medicines are sold and dispensed to those who desire them.

Prof. Aremu also called for the establishment of pharmaceutical raw materials manufacturing industries where synthetic and herbal raw materials can be processed for sale after being transformed into finished products.

While saying that the importance of the encouragement of his suggestion cannot be overemphasised, Prof. Aremu implored the government to grant such companies tax waiver of at least five years so as to encourage interested investors.

He also advised the government to put a tripartite arrangement in place, whereby government will be willing to purchase the non-sponsored patented products from researchers and invariably collaborate with manufacturing industries for their translation into commercial products.

Prof. Aremu also advised pharmaceutical companies across



■ **Prof. Aremu (left) presenting the Lecture note to the representative of the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Ambali (right) last Thursday**

Nigeria to embrace locally available raw materials. He added that it is also important for such companies to encourage researchers by collaborating with them through the provision of grants as it is done in the developed countries.

In order to generate more competent hands in the field of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Prof. Aremu called for the introduction of the collegiate system in all Faculties of Pharmacy in the country to reflect contemporary realities. He added that such a system would enable the proposed Colleges to run programmes such as B.Sc. Herbal Medicine, B. Pharm, PharmD, among other degree programmes as obtainable in many countries of the world.

The Inaugural Lecturer also suggested the setting up of a Drug Research and Manufacturing Unit(DRMU) at the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences, University of Ilorin. He explained that it can be achieved through Public Private Partnership (PPP) arrangement, saying that it would be a goldmine venture for the University.

Prof. Aremu also encouraged the

Federal Government to place a ban on the importation of raw materials and finished products, particularly products for the treatment of common ailments like Malaria, cough, haemorrhoids and infectious diseases.

The renowned scholar also appealed to parents and guardians to invest in the education of their children and wards, saying that without the generous support of his parents he wouldn't have attained the level he is.

Prof. Aremu also encouraged his colleagues in the academia to develop and sharpen their research skills. He explained that no matter the field of learning a scholar belongs to he needed to conduct continuous research in the interest of academic growth and general human development.

The lecture, which was presided-over by the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, who was represented by the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Management Services), Prof. Suleiman Funsho Ambali, was graced by dignitaries from far and near, including the relatives, friends, colleagues and students of Prof. Aremu

New Appointment

NAME	FACULTY /DEPARTMENT	APPOINTMENT	EFFECTIVE DATE
Prof. Aderonke K. Soetan	Education/ Educational Technology	Coordinator, Educational Technology Centre	9 th March, 2024 to 31 st July, 2025

AbdulRaheem advocates collaboration among scientists

By Abubakar Imam

The Head of the Department of Chemistry, University of Ilorin, Prof. Modinah AbdulRaheem, has called for the eradication of every form of segregation among scientists in order to bring about greater scientific and technological productivity.

Prof. AbdulRaheem gave this advice recently while speaking at the Global Women Breakfast (GWB) organised by the Women in Chemistry (WIC), a division of the Chemical Society of Nigeria (CSN), Kwara State chapter.

The event, which was organised in collaboration with the American Chemical Society (ACS), was to celebrate this year's edition of the International Union of Pure and Applied Chemists (IUPAC) Day at the Boardroom of the Department of Chemistry, University of Ilorin.

Speaking on the theme "Catalyzing Diversity in Science", the renowned scholar of Chemistry explained that it is very important for stakeholders to pursue and adopt integration instead of exclusion.

The don, who is also the Chairman of the UNILORIN Guest House Management Board, pointed out that it is important to explore the positive aspects of human complexity and heterogeneity by downplaying them through recognition, respecting, visualisation and honouring diversity rather than allowing such differences to



■ Prof. AbdulRaheem (9th right) and other participants at the event

create gaps among scientists.

Prof. AbdulRaheem noted that scientific progress essentially relies on problem-solving and collaboration among people of diverse experiences and areas of expertise, saying that such cooperation would always stimulate creativity and innovativeness.

She implored stakeholders to always support female scientists towards overcoming barriers, adding that when such is achieved it would lead to a remarkable improvement in research output and increment in revenue generation for national development, among other advantages.

The event, which attracted participants from far and near, was graced by

many dignitaries including the National President of the CSN, Prof. Rufus Sha'Ato, who was represented by the Chairman of the Kwara State Chapter of CSN, Prof. S. O. Oguntoye; the Dean, Faculty of Physical Sciences, University of Ilorin, Prof. Abdullahi Baba Alafara; a former Dean of the Faculty of Physical Sciences, Prof. U. B. Eke; the Head of the Department of Industrial Chemistry, Prof. F. O. Nwosu, and a former Deputy Director, Central Research Laboratories, University of Ilorin, Prof. M. F. Zubair as well as the Coordinator of the Global Women Breakfast, Ilorin Zone, Dr A. Lawal, among several others.

Jawondo counsels students on timely completion of programme

By Mubarak Oladosu

The Director of the Centre for Peace and Strategic Studies (CPSS), University of Ilorin, Prof. Abdulganiyu Ibrahim Jawondo, has enjoined the new students of the Centre to be serious with their studies in order to round off their programmes at the appropriate time.

Prof Jawondo said this while speaking at the 2024 edition of the annual orientation programme organised by the Association of Peace and Strategic Studies (ASPASS), University of Ilorin, penultimate Tuesday (March 4, 2024) with the theme "Navigating Peace Studies: Tips and Guidance".

The Director noted that relevant facilities have been provided by the Centre to aid their acquisition of knowledge.

He also disclosed that the "Better Life Foundation" instituted by the former First Lady of Nigeria, Mrs



■ Prof. Jawondo

Maryam Babangida, has promised a prize for the best graduating Students of Peace Studies.

In his lecture on the topic, "Becoming Familiar with the New Environment", Dr S. Raji congratulated the new students for being lucky among the pools of applicants who sought admission into the Centre. He thereafter lectured them

on what would be expected of them during their postgraduate programme.

A Non Governmental Organisation, the 'UN-POLAC FOUNDATION' which sent a delegation led by Rev. Dr Ibitoye to the event, appreciated the Centre for allowing them to attend the orientation programme and expressed the desire to collaborate with the Centre.

Earlier in his welcome address, the President of the Association, Comrade Oguntade Oluwole Thomas, advised the students to embrace relentless curiosity as he admonished the new students to forge connections with their peers and mentors and to also collaborate, share ideas and cultivate a supporting academic environment.

While delivering her closing remarks, the Vice President of the Association, Comrade Abidemi Iluromi, eulogised the Director for his constant and fatherly support at all times. He also praised the staff members of the Centre for their open door policy and support.

: UNILORIN assures stakeholders of quality service delivery

By Abdulquadri Abubakar

The SERVICOM Focal Officer, University of Ilorin, Mrs Omowumi O. Azeez, has assured both the internal and external stakeholders of the University of quality service delivery.

Mrs Azeez specifically assured both the staff and students of the University of adequate service delivery, saying that no one would be denied of his or her rights within and outside the campus.

The SEVICOM Focal Officer gave this assurance last Wednesday (March 13, 2024) while speaking with *UNILORIN BULLETIN* in her office.

She explained that the SERVICOM Unit is the engine of quality service in the University and therefore called on both staff and students of the institution to always report any poor service delivery and service failure on campus to the Unit for immediate attention.

The Focal Officer emphasised that students are free to make complaints of any nature either formally or informally, without any fear of intimidation as she assured that action would be taken to redress the situation.

She also explained that



■ Mrs Azeez

efforts were ongoing to obtain the approval of the Vice Chancellor of the University, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, to install complaints boxes across the University to enable students lodge their complaints about any form of service failure on campus.

Speaking further on the responsibilities of the SERVICOM Unit to Students, Mrs Azeez outlined some of the services that students can complain about when not given.

Such complaints include when lectures are not delivered as scheduled; when students experience missing scripts/results/grades; when students

academic grades are wrongly calculated and when anyone is not attended to or being treated nastily or unfairly by any staff member.

Other areas that can be complained about are when students are not allowed to access the library, when they do not get the value for their money for anything they purchased on the campus and when students don't enjoy the essential amenities in any hostel accommodation; and when they are not given access to quality health services among others.

Mrs Azeez pointed out that the main activities of SERVICOM include monitoring the quality of service delivery by all service providers in places like Hostels, Library, Academic Support Unit, Security Unit, University Health Services, ICT among others.

She explained that the SERVICOM service providers are staff members of the University in different Faculties, Directorates, Divisions, Departments, Centres and Units of the University, offering a variety of services as part of their obligations to the clients/customers that include staff, tenured, contract, sabbatical, ad-hoc, adjunct, corp members as well as undergraduate and Postgraduate students among others.

UNILORITE shines at All African Games

By Abubakar Imam

A 400 Level student of the Department of Kinect Education, University of Ilorin, Miss Sofiat Arinola Obanishola, has won a bronze medal for Nigeria at the ongoing 13th African Games in Accra, Ghana.

Miss Obanishola, who recorded this glowing feat penultimate Sunday (March 10, 2024), has succeeded in adding to the fortune of Nigeria at the Games, which is attracting the participation of athletes from all over Africa.

Reacting to the development, the Director of Sports, University of Ilorin, Prof. Tajudeen Olanrewaju Ibraheem, congratulated the

UNILORITE for distinguishing herself at the Games.

He explained that Miss Obanishola is one of the several others produced by the University who are succeeding in combining academic work with positive extracurricular activities, particularly sports.

Prof. Ibraheem thanked the Vice Chancellor of the University, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, for the support the University administration extends to sports and athletes among the students and staff members of the University.

The Director, while calling for more support, assured stakeholders that students of the University would continue to do the University proud in



■ Miss Obanishola

local, national and international sports fiesta.

UNILORIN, Lancaster varsity to train 680 STEM staff, students for ASPP

By Bashirat Omotosho

The University of Ilorin, in collaboration with Lancaster University, United Kingdom, will be training 80 staff members and 600 STEM-based students as part of the African Strategic Partnership programme (ASPP).

Speaking with **UNILORIN BULLETIN** last Tuesday (March 12, 2024), the Director of the African Strategic Partnership, Lancaster University, Dr Akanimo Odom, who disclosed that the programme is fixed for April 1, 2024, explained that the project is a specific briefing for staff and students of the University on back up of sustainable career and entrepreneurship for Nigerian universities.

Dr Odom explained that both programmes are for STEM-based staff and students with a small gap for Non-STEM participants who proved worthy of the programme. He said that the project is funded by the Foreign Common Wealth Development in the United Kingdom through rolling out a pilot across Nigerian universities where staff and students are nominated and appointed within two months and exposed to the fundamental principles of practical preparation.

Dr Odom, who was in the University to perfect the arrangement, noted that the programme is not entrepreneurship on the students' portfolio but helping them develop an entrepreneurship mindset.

He maintained that because the programme is a pilot one, the impact is determined through the use of parameters thereby running concurrently with the theme for staff as "Stimulating Sustainable Entrepreneurial Thinking in Scientific Sets", at the same time, that of the students is "International Career Coaching Program (ICCP)".

Speaking on the figures to be

onboarded for the programme, Dr Odom noted that the onboarding phase has started in the last two months on different platforms through briefing, engaging and interacting with participants about the programme.

On the gains, he noted that there is a massive gap between academia, research and industry and this cuts across all universities either federal, state or privately owned.

Dr Odom disclosed that one of the benefits of the programme is to practicalise the sizes and learning based on a robust framework, thereby impacting staff on capacity for them to be entrepreneurial in their mindset, allowing them to communicate beyond their research papers to industries, among others.

He said that the students will expose the beneficiaries to career dimensions and routes, understanding their strengths and weaknesses and how they can improve on their mindsets thereby aligning their knowledge to market demands and how to solve problems in their immediate environment.

He noted that the programme is designed to be learning by doing things and at the end of the two months, participants will be amazed at their growth and achievements.

Speaking on the programme, the Director of the Technical and Entrepreneurship Centre (TEC), Prof. Raheem Adebimpe Usman, applauded the initiative and commended the rare



■ Prof. Usman (middle) with Dr Odom (right) and a colleague last Tuesday

opportunity given to the University as representative of the North Central zone for the programme.

Prof. Usman noted that a critical gap exists between academia and social marketing, stating that letting people know what you are doing is the beginning of success.

"The programme will let people know what we do in the University, which will also increase the income generated by the University", he said.

He noted that the programme will also allow the University to leverage the student population including the undergraduates and postgraduates on how they can learn not only research but how to market themselves.

The Director, however, appreciated the University management for accepting the invitation to be a part of the programme and pleaded for continued support to make the programme a successful one.

IESA holds 2024 Ramadan Lecture

By Abubakar Imam

The Ilorin Emirate Staff Association (IESA), University of Ilorin, would next Sunday (March 24, 2024) hold this year's edition of its annual Ramadan Lecture at the Kwara State College of Education, Ilorin, beginning at 10:00a.m

A statement signed by the Chairman of the IESA Ramadan Committee, Dr Muhammad-Kamaldeen Tamim, explained that the lecture, which would be delivered by the duo of Mallam Nasir Abdulqadir and Mallam Shola Gegele, would centre around the exploration of local challenges and prospects for the economic emancipation of the people of Ilorin Emirate.

Dr Tamim, who is an Associate Professor at the Department of Islamic Law, University of Ilorin, added that the event would be jointly presided-over by



■ Dr Tamim

the Managing Director of Lower Niger River Basin Development Authority, Ilorin, who is also an Associate Professor at the Department of Water Resources

Engineering, Dr Adeniyi Saheed Aremu, and the Deputy Chief Whip of the Kwara State House of Assembly, Hajia Maryam Yusuf Aladi; while the Governor of Kwara State, Mallam AbdulRahman AbdulRazaq, CON, would be the Special Guest of Honour.

The statement also explained that the Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, would be the Chief Host while two former Chief Executives of the University, Prof. Shuaib Oba AbdulRaheem, OFR and Prof. AbdulGaniyu Ambali, OON as well as the National President of Ilorin Emirate Descendants Progressive Union (IEDPU), Alhaji Abdulmumini Ayo Abdulmalik; the Balogun Alanamu of Ilorin, Dr Usman Abubakar Akanbi-Jos; and the Registrar of the University, Mr Mansur Adeleke Alfanla; are among several dignitaries from far and near expected to grace the event.

CBT Centre plans big for special-needs students

By Idris Aloomo

The Director, Directorate of Computer-Based Test, University of Ilorin, Prof. Kamilu Rauf, has said that the Centre is planning to have a special building for the students and people with special needs.

Prof. Rauf stated this last Wednesday (March 13, 2024) while featuring on a special interview programme on *UNILORIN 89.3 FM*, the official radio station of the University of Ilorin.

The Director said that this is part of the many plans that the Vice Chancellor of the University, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has towards ensuring the progress and development of the University as a whole.

He added that about ten internal and external examinations that were organised and conducted at the Centre were successful.

Prof. Rauf stated that the examinations included Post UTME, Police recruitment examination, National Teachers' Institute Examination, JAMB Mock, and Remedial Examination, to mention a few.



■ Prof. Rauf

The renowned Professor of Mathematics said that the CBT Centre has six halls with 250 students carrying capacities each at a time, saying that the halls can simultaneously take no fewer than 1500 students conveniently.

He said that the UNILORIN CBT Centre is a model to all institutions not only in Nigeria but in the whole of Africa.

The don opined that the mandate of

the Centre revolves round the Vision 1:10 :500 of the University administration.

Prof. Rauf explained that the Centre would always conduct its examinations with transparency, objectivity, professionalism and in a way that would be devoid of malpractices.

He expressed satisfaction that both the lecturers and students involved in various examinations conducted at the Centre have been cooperating with the management and staff of the Centre.

Prof. Rauf stressed further that all the results of the examinations conducted at the Centre are always released within twelve hours after the examinations. He said all the candidates that sat for the last post-UTME screening have seen their results.

The Director appreciated the Vice Chancellor of the University, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, for always supporting and assisting the Centre.

He also appreciated the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic), Prof. Olubunmi Abayomi Omotosho, and other Principal Officers of the University and relevant stakeholders for their consistent and generous support.

KWASIP set up to tackle poverty - Tejidini

By Bashirat Omotosho

Lecturer at the Department of Sociology, University of Ilorin, who is also the General Manager of the Kwara State Social Investment Programme (KWASIP), Dr Abdulwasii Olayinka Tejidini, has stated that KWASIP was established in the year 2019 by the state government to alleviate poverty among the youths, solve unemployment problems and bring relief to the aged in Kwara State.

Dr Tejidini stated this last Tuesday (March 12, 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 (Aloomo).

He noted that KWASIP was established to bring relief to the people out of the benevolence of the state Governor, Mallam AbdulRahman AbdulRazaq.

The don maintained that since the removal of subsidy, several



■ Dr Tejidini

programmes and projects had been put in place to bring succour to the people of Kwara State. This includes the Social Safety Net with the sum of N10,000 given to 60,000 people across the State, Widow support with the sum of N20,000 for 120 widows.

Dr Tejidini pointed out that other programmes include public welfare, petty traders funds, conditional family support, skilled and unskilled grants of 50,000,

public welfare of 25,000 for 8,000 people, employment of youths to maintain cleanliness and avoid littering of the State among others.

Speaking on the Kwarapreneurs 4.0, the KWASIP boss explained that the loan is for qualified youths with the amount ranging from N200,000 to N2,000,000 for which the services of Professors from the University were sought to be panelists.

Speaking on the issue of retrievals of the loans given to the beneficiaries, Dr Tejidini explained that an agreement has been signed with the banks for disbursement and retrieval through GSI activations so long as the beneficiary has a Bank Verification Number.

While explaining the KWASIP relationship with the students, Dr Tejidini noted that there are students representatives among the staff who would make sure palliatives are distributed for students in different parts of the State.

He noted that the palliatives might not be enough though but efforts are put in place to bring about balanced distributions.

**ELECTION AS SENATE REPRESENTATIVE ON VARIOUS GOVERNING BOARDS**

NAME	FACULTY /DEPARTMENT	APPOINTMENT	EFFECTIVE DATE
Prof. K. J. Oyewumi	Physical Sciences / Physics	Senate Rep. on the Governing Board of the Institute of Education (IOE)	12 th February, 2024 to 31 st July, 2026.
Prof. S. T. Babatunde	Arts / English	Senate Rep. on the Governing Board of the Institute of Education (IOE)	12 th February, 2024 to 31 st July, 2026.
Prof. O. A. Oladipo	Physical Sciences / Physics	Senate Rep. on the Management Board of University School	12 th February, 2024 to 31 st July, 2026.
Prof. O. A. Falaiye	Physical Sciences / Physics	Senate Rep. on Library and Publications Committee	12 th February, 2024 to 31 st July, 2026.
Prof. Oyinkan C. Medubi	Arts / English	Senate Rep. on the Management Board of Unilorin Sugar Research Institute	12 th February, 2024 to 31 st July, 2026.
Prof. T. R. Fayeye	Agriculture /Animal Production	Senate Rep. on Academic Planning and Curriculum Committee	12 th February, 2024 to 31 st July, 2026.
Prof. R. O. Arise	Life Sciences / Biochemistry	Senate Rep. on Academic Planning and Curriculum Committee	12 th February 2024 to 31 st July, 2026.
Prof. S. A. Aderibigbe	Clinical Sciences / Epidemiology & Community Health	Senate Rep. on the Board of Postgraduate School	12 th February 2024 to 31 st July, 2026.
Prof. M. S. Ajao	Basic Medical Sciences / Anatomy	Senate Rep. on Postgraduate School	12 th February, 2024 to 31 st July, 2026.
Prof. I. P. Ifabiyi	Social Sciences / Geography and Environmental Management Sciences	Senate Rep. on Library and Publications Committee	12 th February, 2024 to 31 st July, 2026.
Prof. I. Ogunlade	Agriculture /Agricultural Extension & Rural Development	Senate Rep. on Library and Publications Committee	12 th February, 2024 to 31 st July, 2026.
Prof. K. S. Olorunmaiye	Life Sciences / Plant Biology	Senate Rep. on Academic and Professional Board of the Institute of Education	12 th February, 2024 to 31 st July, 2026.
Prof. Taibat T. Adebisi	Agriculture / Home Economics & Food Sciences	Senate Rep. on Academic and Professional Board of the Institute of Education	12 th February, 2024 to 31 st July, 2026.
Prof. Nazmat T. Surajudeen-Bakinde	Engineering & Technology / Electrical & Electronics	Senate Rep. on Senate Research Grants Committee	12 th February, 2024 to 31 st July, 2026.
Prof. K. T. Braimoh	Clinical Sciences / Radiology	Senate Rep. on Campus Security Committee	12 th February, 2024 to 31 st July, 2026.
Prof. Mulkah A. Ahmed	Education / Science Education	Senate Rep. on Communications Committee	12 th February, 2024 to 31 st July, 2026.
Prof. A. B. Makanjuola	Clinical Sciences / Behavioural Sciences	Senate Rep. on the Board of Health Committee	12 th February, 2024 to 31 st July, 2026.
Prof. A. Fadeyi	Basic Medical Sciences / Medical Microbiology & Parasitology	Senate Rep. on the Board of Health Committee	12 th February, 2024 to 31 st July, 2026.
Prof. M. A. N. Adeboye	Clinical Sciences / Paediatrics & Child Health	Senate Rep. on the Board of Health Committee	12 th February ,2024, to 31th July ,2026.
Prof. A. A. Abdussalam	Arts / Arabic	Senate Rep. on the Governing Board of the Unilorin Secondary School	12 th February 2024, to 31st July, 2026
Prof. L. A. Olatunji	Basic Medical Sciences / Physiology	Senate Rep. on the Governing Board of the Unilorin Secondary School	12 th February, 2024 to 31 st July, 2026.
Prof. Rhoda M. Olanrewaju	Social Sciences / Geography and Environmental Management Sciences	Senate Rep. on the Management Board of University School	12 th February, 2024 to 31 st July, 2026.
Prof. K. I. Kolawole	Clinical Sciences / Anaesthesia	Senate Rep. on the Unilorin Property Management Board	12 th February, 2024 to 31 st July, 2026.
Prof. Aishat O. Bolakale	Clinical Sciences / Paediatrics and Child Health	Senate Rep. on Physical Planning and Capital Works Committee	12 th February, 2024 to 31 st July, 2026.
Prof. L. T. Ajibade	Social Sciences / Geography and Environmental Management Sciences	Senate Rep. on Ceremonials Committee	12 th February, 2024 to 31 st July, 2026.
Prof. Omodele A. A. Eletta	Engineering & Technology / Chemical Engineering	Senate Rep. on Ceremonials Committee	12 th February, 2024 to 31 st July, 2026.
Prof. F. O. Nwosu	Physical Sciences /Industrial Chemistry	Senate Rep. on Ceremonials Committee	12 th February, 2024 to 31 st July, 2026.
Prof. Ayokunle Olawepo	Basic Medical Sciences / Anatomy	Senate Rep. on the Technical and Entrepreneurial Board	12 th February, 2024 to 31 st July, 2026.
Prof. I. K. Adegun	Engineering and Technology / Mechanical Engineering	Senate Rep. on the Technical and Entrepreneurial Board	12 th February, 2024 to 31 st July, 2026.
Prof. A. A. Akande	Basic Medical Sciences / Chemical	Election as Senate Rep. on the Board of	12 th February, 2024 to

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**ELECTION AS SENATE REPRESENTATIVE ON VARIOUS GOVERNING BOARDS***(Contd. from page 9)*

Prof. M. O. Kolawole	Life Sciences / Microbiology	Senate Rep. on the Board of Centre for Open and Distance Learning	12 th February, 2024 to 31 st July, 2026.
Prof. U. A. Raheem	Social Sciences / Geography and Environmental Management	Senate Rep. on Council	12 th February, 2024 to 31 st July, 2028.
Prof. S. A. Bolu	Agriculture / Animal Production	Senate Rep. on Appointments & Promotions Committee (Senior Staff)	12 th February, 2024 to 31 st July, 2026.
Prof. K. W. Wahab	Clinical Sciences / Medicine	Senate Rep. on Appointments & Promotions Committee (Senior Staff)	12 th February, 2024 to 31 st July, 2026.
Prof. A. A. Toye	Agriculture / Home Economics & Food Science	Senate Rep. on Appointments & Promotions Committee (Senior Staff)	12 th February, 2024 to 31 st July, 2026.
Prof. Mosunmola F. Tunde-Ayinmode	Clinical Sciences / Behavioural Sciences	Senate Rep. on Development Committee	12 th February, 2024 to 31 st July, 2026.
Prof. I. S. Abdulraheem	Clinical Sciences / Epidemiology & Community Health	Senate Rep. on Development Committee	12 th February, 2024 to 31 st July, 2026.
Prof. O. L. Olaitan	Education / Health Promotion Education & Environmental Health Education	Senate Rep. on Development Committee	12 th February, 2024 to 31 st July, 2026.
Prof. M. B. Abdulkadri	Clinical Sciences / Paediatrics & Child Health	Senate Rep. on Appointments and Promotions Committee (Junior Staff)	12 th February, 2024 to 31 st July, 2026.
Prof. Dupe Ademola-Popoola	Clinical Sciences / Ophthalmology	Senate Rep. on Appointments and Promotions Committee (Junior Staff)	12 th February, 2024 to 31 st July, 2026.
Prof. A. A. Adewara	Physical Sciences / Statistics	Senate Rep. on Staff Disciplinary and Appeals Committee	12 th February, 2024 to 31 st July, 2026.
Prof. A. A. Abiodun	Physical Sciences / Statistics	Senate Rep. on Staff Disciplinary and Appeals Committee	12 th February, 2024 to 31 st July, 2026.
Prof. G. B. Adesiji	Agricultural / Agricultural Extension	Senate Rep. on Budget Monitoring Committee	12 th February, 2024 to 31 st July, 2026.
Prof. O. O. Obielodan	Education / Educational Technology	Senate Rep. on University Admissions Committee	12 th February, 2024 to 31 st July, 2026.
Prof. S. A. Olatoke	Clinical Sciences / Surgery	Senate Rep. on University Admissions Committee	12 th February, 2024 to 31 st July, 2026.
Prof. N. Yusuf	Social Sciences / Sociology	Senate Rep. on Honorary Degree and Monuments Committee	12 th February, 2024 to 31 st July, 2026.
Prof. G. K. Osagbemi	Clinical Sciences / Epidemiology & Community Health	Senate Rep. on Capital Projects Implementation Monitoring Committee	12 th February, 2024 to 31 st July, 2026.
Prof. S. B. Isiaka	Management Sciences / Business Administration	Senate Rep. on Students' Disciplinary Committee	12 th February, 2024 to 31 st July, 2026.
Prof. A. S. Idowu	Physical Sciences / Mathematics	Senate Rep. on Students' Disciplinary Committee	12 th February, 2024 to 31 st July, 2026.
Prof. R. A. Bello	Social Sciences / Economics	Senate Rep. on Council	12 th February 2024 to 31 st July, 2028.

Staff Development Award

RECIPIENT	PROGRAMME	DEPARTMENT	INSTITUTION WHERE TENABLE
Fasilat Y. Aderi bigbe	Ph.D	Mathematics	University of Ilorin, Ilorin
A. Yusuf	Ph.D	Surveying and Geoinformatics	University of Ilorin, Ilorin
B. Bamidele	H.N.D	Zoology	Federal College of Wildlife Management, New-Bussa, Niger State



FUND SOURCES AND UTILIZATION REPORT FROM 7TH TO 14TH MARCH 2024

RECEIPTS:	AMOUNT
Academic Transcript	612,000.00
Sundry & Other Fees Student Charges	2,096,000.00
Sundry Other Income	3,822,125.00
Convocation Souvenir	605,800.00
Capitation NHIS	13,500.00
Boarded Property	100,000.00
Clinic Registration (Staff)	25,000.00
CODL-Undergraduate Charges	90,600.00
Refund (Staff)	175,000.00
Students Fee- Academic Programme	49,400.00
Student I.D. Card	2,000.00
Income from Verification/Screening	55,000.00
Utility Income	153,300.00
Rent on University Property	149,400.00
Undergraduate Hostel Accommodation	40,000.00
Undergraduate Convocation Charges	38,500.00
Postgraduate School Charges	10,619,400.00
Postgraduate School Transcript Payment	135,500.00
Postgraduate School Add/Drop Payment	2,300.00
Postgraduate School General Payment	1,209,900.00
Postgraduate Convocation Charges	294,200.00
Ilorin Business School Acceptance Payment	20,150.00
Institute of Education Re-RUN Application Form	82,400.00
Institute of Education Re-RUN Registration Fees	672,550.00
Remedial Application Form	30,300.00
Remedial Hostel Accommodation	30,300.00
Remedial School Charges	339,450.00
JUPEB School Charges	760,900.00
Total Receipt for the Period	₦22,224,975.00
PAYMENTS	
PAYMENT TO CONTRACTORS/SUPPLIERS :	
Cowriz Integrated Services Ltd Maintenance of office Furniture and Equipment.	7,022,545.00
Sinclar Hospitality Ltd Hospitality	99,000.00
Musrafaz Nig Ltd Renovation of VC Lodge	11,784,058.89
Zendox Intl Ltd Supply of Labtop	7,965,750.00
Ayeloja Engineering Ltd Renovation of Aquaculture Dept	12,435,233.19
Tesbaq Electrical Replacement of Broken Transformer	1,335,150.00
Deen Aleem General Merchant Nig Ltd Rehabilitation of Chemistry Block CBNTETFUND	5,156,772.31
Lush Tech Engineering Co Ltd Rehabilitation of Chemistry Block CBNTETFUND	12,789,077.78
JKK Oneware Ltd Renumeration of Technical Staff	5,075,400.00
OTHER PAYMENTS:	
Various Various i.e DTA, IMPREST, REFUND e.t.c	37,642,739.13
Purchase Advance Various	10,696,375.00
Nigeria Institute of Engineers Advertisement	50,000.00
Unilorin Petrol Station Fuel Supply	4,181,161.00
Consolidated Revenue Fund Remittance of Revenue Collections	10,000,000.00
Med Rehabilitation Therapists Pre Visit Accreditation Exercise Expenses	709,253.37
Council of Nigerian Mining Accreditation Programme Fees	1,350,000.00
Society of Nigerian Archivists Annual Registration fees	25,000.00
Unilorin Guest Houses Catering Services	1,161,045.20
Unilorin Staff Researchers Staff Research Grants	8,462,322.00
TEC Payment for the Running of GSE 301	23,633,356.00
TSA Charges Various	85,139.50
Total payment for the period	₦161,659,378.37

Signed

Oba Abdulbarki, FCA

Ag. Bursar

New Appointments

NAME	FACULTY /DEPARTMENT	APPOINTMENT	EFFECTIVE DATE
Prof. A. A. Fawole	Clinical Sciences/Obstetrics and Gyneacology	Deputy Vice Chancellor (Research, Technology and Innovation)	24 th February, 2024
Dr. Kemi F. Omotesho	Agriculture / Agricultural Extension & Rural Development	Appointment as Acting Head, Department of Agricultural Extension & Rural Development	12 th February, 2024 to 31 st July, 2026.



S/N	Name	Department	Birthday
1	Etejere, Patricia Agnes Ovigueraye	Educational Management	Mar 17
2	Olajide, Stephen Billy	Arts Education	Mar 17
3	Opoola, Mary Yemisi	Registry	Mar 17
4	Nwosu, Patrick Uchenna	Religions	Mar 17
5	Ambali, Zainab Olanihun	Library	Mar 17
6	Bello, Saeed Abioye	Physics	Mar 17
7	Olapade, Akeem Ishola	Pharmacology & Toxicology	Mar 17
8	Jimoh, Ayodele	Economics	Mar 18
9	Mustapha, Yusuf Ismaila	Marketing	Mar 18
10	Owoetoni, Ibukun Justina	Registry	Mar 18
11	Rufai-Ahmad, Kazeem	Performing Arts	Mar 18
12	Abdulmajeed, Isiaku	Veterinary Medicine	Mar 18
13	Jimoh, Ahmed Oladipupo	Internal Audit Unit	Mar 18
14	Oniye, Olayinka Ibrahim	Religions	Mar 18
15	Friday-Otun, Joseph Omoniyi	Ling. & Nig. Languages	Mar 19
16	Adegboye, Surajudeen Olayiwola	Social Science Education	Mar 19
17	Akindele, Adedoyin Iyabode	Training Research & Development	Mar 19
18	Abegunde, Florence Bukola	Registry	Mar 19
19	Rasheed, Mukaila Biola	Registry	Mar 19
20	Aloga, Sunday Omale	Works: Electrical/Telecom	Mar 19
21	Emmanuel, Oludare Samson	Health Services	Mar 19
22	Alabi, Moshood Kolawole	Economics	Mar 19
23	Laro, Kazeem Omotayo	Geography & Environmental Management	Mar 19
24	Ojuawo, Ayodele Isaac	Paediatrics & Child Health	Mar 20
25	Akolade, Olushola Raphael	Central Admin: Office	Mar 20
26	Ambali, Ibrahim Owolabi	Materials & Metallurgical Engineering	Mar 20
27	Abdulraheem, Mohammed Awwal	Security Division	Mar 20
28	Owolabi, Risikat Ronke	Registry	Mar 21
29	Adeyeye, Benedict Tejumola	Bursary	Mar 21
30	Jimoh, Sikiru Adekunle	Anatomy	Mar 21
31	Animashaun, Jubril Olayinka	Agric Econs & Farm Mgt	Mar 21
32	Ugowe, Anthonia Omosefe	Business Law	Mar 21
33	Adeyemo, Adejoke Abisola	Registry	Mar 22
34	Habeeb, Aliu	Coll Of Health Sci - Works Unit	Mar 22
35	Aina, Elizabeth Monisola	Registry	Mar 22
36	Moses, Samuel Ayodele	Security Division	Mar 23
37	Ugowe, Innova Tamunogelemaba	Registry	Mar 23
38	Abdulraheem, Ibraheem Shola	Epidemiology & Com. Health	Mar 23
39	Hamzat, Saudat Adebisi Olayide	Ling. & Nig. Languages	Mar 23
40	Oyeyemi, Dupe	Registry	Mar 23
41	Akinsipe, Felix Akintunde	Performing Arts	Mar 23
42	Bolajoko, Zulkarnan Babatunde	Works: Civil/Building	Mar 23
43	Aremu, Fatai Ayinde	Political Science	Mar 23
44	Ogunniyi, Ibidun Kehinde	Registry	Mar 23
45	Tiamiyu, Lukuman Rotimi	Crop Protection	Mar 23
46	Balogun, Abdulrasaq Olatunji	Social Science Education	Mar 23
47	Garba, Khadijah Wuraola	Registry	Mar 23
48	Sulaimon, Waliyat Bolanle	Registry	Mar 23
49	Gwadabe, Sadiya Musa	Anatomy	Mar 23
50	Olatunji, Aishat Omobolanle	Veterinary Pharmacology & Toxicology	Mar 23

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



- The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has disclosed that the manipulation of a few misguided public officials are responsible for the level of underdevelopment currently being experienced in the country. ("Manipulation by misguided public officials stunting Nigeria's progress, development-Don", *Saturday Tribune*, March 2, 2024, P.8; "Don't leave Nigeria in the hands of Politicians-Unilorin VC", <https://dailytrust.com>; Unilorin VC urges Professionals to support in Building Nigeria", TVC News; Varsity Don urges Urban Planners to prioritise city sustainability," *Platform Times*, Friday, March 1, 2024, P.1)
- A Professor of Public Health at the University of Ilorin, Tanimola Akande, has spoken on high temperature currently being witnessed in Nigeria. ("Heat waves can trigger premature delivery-public Prof." *Saturday Punch*, March 2, 2024, P.2)
- Commenting on the 1st year in office of the Vice Chancellor of the Fountain University, Osogbo, Prof. Olayinka Ramota Karim, the former Director Centre for Peace and Strategic Studies (CPSS), Prof. Adedimeji A. Mahfouz, has said that good leadership is about getting people to a higher level. ("Servant leadership in Fountain University", *New Telegraph*, Tuesday, March 5, 2024, P.16)
- The Director, Technical and Entrepreneurship Centre (TEC), University of Ilorin, Prof. Usman Adebimpe Raheem, has disclosed that the Centre has trained over 140,000 students in technical skills since its establishment in 2011. ("UNILORIN trains 140,000 students in technical skills", <https://blueprint.ng>)
- The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has paid a visit to the new Comptroller General of the Nigeria Immigration Service, Mrs Kemi Nandap, who is an alumna of the University, to congratulate her on her appointment. ("EGBEWOLE LAUDS PROMOTION OF AN ALUMNA OF UNILORIN AS THE COMPTROLLER GENERAL OF IMMIGRATION", <https://globalcrownnews.com.ng>)
- A former Head of the Department of Mass Communication, University of Ilorin, Dr. Saudat Abdulbaqi, has called on media practitioners to intensify their coverage of climate change reporting. ("Media urged to amplify climate change reporting to combat environmental crisis", <https://theinformant247.com>, : "YOU ARE THE LAST HOPE OF THE PLANET", CLIMATE ADVOCATE CHARGE MEDIA PRACTITIONERS", <https://globalcrownnews.com>)
- The management of the University of Ilorin, under the leadership of the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has commended Governor AbdulRahman AbdulRazaq, for the approval and release of three mass transit buses to aid the transportation of members of the university community, with a 50% fare reduction for four weeks beginning from Monday, March 18, 2024). ("Unilorin commends Kwara Gov for subsidised transportation initiative", <https://tribuneonlineng.com>)
- 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. ("Drug war: Establish NDLEA Offices in Universities -Former Unilorin VC", <https://medium.com>, "FG urged to take war against drug abuse to campuses", <https://royalnews.com>)
- The Chief Press Secretary to the Kwara State Governor, Mallam Rafiu Ajakaye, the Director of Corporate Affairs, University of Ilorin, Mr. Kunle Akogun, and Hon. Mukhtar Shagaya's media aide, Lukman Bashir have been nominated for the forthcoming National Spokespersons Award (NS Award) 2024. ("Ajakaiye, Akogun, Bashir Among Nominees for NPR's National Spokespersons' Award 2024", <https://www.thesatcommedia.com>, : "Ajakaiye, Akogun Among Nominees For NPR'S National Spokespersons' Award 2024", <https://afrikaeyes.com>)

UNILORIN receives upgraded Central Power Station

By Abdulquadri Abubakar and
Bashirat Omotosho.

The University of Ilorin has taken possession of its newly upgraded Central Power Station.

The facility was handed over to the University last Wednesday (March 13, 2024) by the contractor, Mr Maruf Adekilekun, at the project site.

In his remarks, the Ag. Director of the Physical Planning Unit,

University of Ilorin, Mr AbdulRahman Jimoh, urged the officials in-charge of the facility to maintain and protect it in the interest of the University.

Also speaking, the Deputy Director and Head of the Department of Electrical Unit, Works Department, University of Ilorin, Mr Adebayo Joseph, described the project as one of the most significant facilities on the University campus.

Mr Joseph congratulated the Vice

Chancellor of the University, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, for ensuring its completion as he also thanked the contractor for a good job.

While handing over the project to the University, the Contractor expressed his profound gratitude to the University for the opportunity given to his firm to execute the job as he called for more synergy between his firm and the University of Ilorin.



Alaro canvasses "balanced education" for proper development

By Abubakar Imam

A former Head of the Department of Islamic Law, University of Ilorin, Prof. AbdulRazzaq AbdulMajeed Alaro, mni, has urged parents and guardians to prioritise the spiritual well-being of their children and wards as the younger ones are stimulated towards the pursuit of preferred professional training.

Prof. Alaro gave this advice penultimate Sunday (March 3, 2024) while speaking at the graduation ceremony of Al-Hudah Islamiyyah School, Ilorin. The school is owned by a distinguished educationist and former Deputy Vice Chancellor (Management Services), University of Ilorin, Prof. Adedayo Yusuf Abdulkareem.

The renowned specialist in Islamic financial

services explained that unveiling situations across the world have shown that members of the younger generations needed to be exposed to what he called "balanced education" for them to live a very useful life and contribute meaningfully to human development.

Prof. Alaro, who is a member of the Central Bank of Nigeria's Financial Regulation Advisory Council of Experts, opined that for proper growth and development every human being needed to nurture his body and soul. He explained that while professional training would provide food for the body, the diet needed by the soul is solely obtainable from religious and moral teachings.

He added that the absence of either of the two may not only retard the desired development but may also lead to outright destruction of both the body and the soul.

While he explained that it is good for parents to devote substantial resources and efforts towards their children becoming great in life through Western formal education, he added that such training must be mingled with the inculcation of the right values, which religious education has in abundance, for such individuals to become useful to themselves and the society at large.

The renowned cleric-don warned that any form of education that is devoid of religious education would only lead to perversion.

Prof. Alaro, who is also a member of the Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria-based National Fatwa

Committee, said that when young children are exposed to religious and moral teachings right from infancy they would grow to become responsible citizens.

To buttress his position, Prof. Alaro recalled the case of a French-born Professor of Economics and ex-President of the International Monetary Fund (IMF), Dominique Strauss-Kahn, who did not only lose his highly-coveted position ignobly but also consequently failed in his bid to become the President of his country simply because he couldn't act rightly with a member of the opposite sex.

The award-winning legal luminary explained that if the ex-IMF Chief had gone through proper religious and moral instructions while growing up he would not

have experienced what he went through as a result of his attempt to have forceful carnal knowledge of an innocent woman.

Prof. Alaro commended the former Deputy Vice Chancellor for establishing and nurturing the school, which he said would continue to produce remarkable future gentlemen and ladies like its proprietor.

He urged other serving and retired academics and public officers as well as privileged individuals to find a way of giving back to the society as exemplified in the establishment of the School by Prof. Abdulkareem, who is also a former Provost, Kwara State College of Education, Ilorin.

The event attracted dignitaries from far and near

including the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Management Services), University of Ilorin, Prof. Suleiman Funsho Ambali; the Director, Centre for Peace and Strategic Studies, University of Ilorin, Prof. Abdilganiyu Ibrahiim Jawondo; a former Dean of the Faculty of Law, University of Ilorin, Prof. Abdulqadir Ibrahiim Abikan; the Director, Central Research Laboratories and Chief Imam, University of Ilorin Central Mosque, Prof. Nasir Abdussalaam and the Chairman, Education Committee, Ilorin Emirate Descendants Progressive Union, Mallam Shehu Ahmad Aliyu, who represented the Union's National President, Alhaji Abdulmumini Ayo Abdulmalik, among several others.



■ Prof. Alaro