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Another award in the kitty, as Egbewole bags NIPR Fellowship



■ Prof. Egbewole

By Abubakar Imam

The Council of the Nigerian Institute of Public Relations (NIPR) has approved the conferment of an Honorary Fellowship on the Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN. This is coming barely three months after the *New Telegraph's* "Outstanding" University of the year Award.

This development, according to the President/Chairman of Council of the NIPR, Dr Ike Neliaku, fnipr, is in recognition of Prof. Egbewole's immense contributions to the advancement of Public Relations practice through his various engagements even before becoming the Vice

Chancellor of the Better by far University. (Contd. on page 4)

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.

UNILORIN grooms students for independence – VC

By Tajudeen Babamale

The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has said that students of the University are being groomed for independence from government jobs. He also said that the management of the institution has embarked on substantial investments in various initiatives to ensure that students get the best of services.

Prof. Egbewole made these remarks last Tuesday (April 16, 2024) while receiving a team from the National Universities Commission (NUC) that visited the University to evaluate its enterprise development centres. The centres visited were the Technical and Entrepreneurship Centre (TEC), the Advancement Centre, and the Students' Industrial Work Experience Scheme (SIWES).

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Alabi bemoans ineffective communication among the elite

By Abubakar Imam

A former Director of the General Studies Division, University of Ilorin, and Professor at the Department of English, University of Ilorin, Victoria Adunola Alabi, has expressed her dissatisfaction with the growing ineffective communication in

English among Nigerians, including members of the educated class, saying that the development is informed by the poor understanding of the concepts and usage of *semiotics* and *stylistics* in written communications.

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■ Prof. Alabi

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Egbewole congratulates Emir of Ilorin on 84th birthday

By Abubakar Imam

The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has congratulated the Emir of Ilorin and Chairman, Kwara State Council of Chiefs, Alhaji (Dr) Ibrahim Sulu-Gambari, CFR, on the occasion of his 84th birthday anniversary, which coincides with today, Monday (April 22, 2024).

Prof. Egbewole, in a statement issued by the Director of Corporate Affairs, Mr Kunle Akogun, said that the revered monarch deserves to be celebrated in view of his continuous contributions to the stability, peace and prosperity of the nation right from his days as a judicial officer.

The Professor of Jurisprudence and International Law described the First Class Traditional Ruler, who is also the Chancellor of Bayero University, Kano, as a distinguished jurist and an eminent statesman who has deployed the privileges of his exalted throne towards the promotion of national integration.

He added that the birth and career of Alhaji Sulu-Gambari have been of tremendous blessings to the people of Ilorin Emirate, Kwara State and Nigeria at large.

The Vice Chancellor, who is also the Secretary-General of the Association of West African Universities (AWAU), said that the Emir has been a



Prof. Egbewole

remarkable father-figure to the University of Ilorin, saying that the University has benefited tremendously from his interventions.

Prof. Egbewole specifically thanked the Emir for encouraging peace and understanding among the people and residents of Ilorin Emirate, which, he said, extended to the University, making it one of the most peaceful institutions of higher learning in Nigeria.

The Vice Chancellor pointed out that the reign of the Emir, who is also the Chancellor of the Muhammad Kamalud-Deen University, Ilorin, would continue to be acknowledged and celebrated as a golden era in the annals of Ilorin Emirate and Kwara State considering so many positive transformations that have been recorded in every realm of human endeavour by his subjects and in his domain.



Alhaji Sulu-Gambari

Prof. Egbewole equally thanked the monarch for considering and appointing deserving members of the University community for either hereditary and honorary traditional titles of his Emirate as he recalled that the trend has been positive and on the increase since his coronation as the 11th Emir of Ilorin in 1995.

The Vice Chancellor, who said that the Centre for Ilorin Studies was specifically established to encourage scholarly interactions between the University and the people of Ilorin Emirate, assured Alhaji Sulu-Gambari that the University would continue to promote gown and town relationships through more purposive programmes and interventions.

Prof. Egbewole wished the Emir long life, sound health, more fruitful reign and a rewarding birthday.

NUC team visits UNILORIN



The representative of the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Suleiman Ambali (sitting middle), flanked by officials of the National Universities Commission, with officials of the University (standing behind) during the NUC team's visit last Tuesday

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The Vice Chancellor, who spoke through the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Management Services), Prof. Suleiman Folorunsho Ambali, said that the current administration is embarking on a series of transformative initiatives in a bid to foster innovation and entrepreneurship among the students. He explained that the investments in equipping the University's Entrepreneurship Centre are aimed at empowering students for self-sufficiency beyond traditional employment avenues.

While recognising the need for a strategic overhaul, the Vice Chancellor explained that a management committee, chaired by the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Research, Technology and Innovation) and comprising key stakeholders such as the Registrar and the Bursar of the University, had been commissioned to revamp the centre's operations for enhanced functionality.

He said, "We are pursuing this initiative because we believe the centre should function as an entrepreneurship hub, generating revenue for the University while also aiding students in achieving self-sufficiency. Our plan is to structure it in a manner where the products they create will fit into what we envision as TEC ventures. Here, they will focus solely on production, while marketing and other operational aspects will be managed by an independent entity for commercialisation purposes".

While saying that the primary objective of the University is to equip students with the skills to be self-reliant and become employers of labour, the Chief Executive Officer of the University of Ilorin noted that the citadel of learning places a strong emphasis on this aspect of education.

He said, "The Technical and Entrepreneurship Centre (TEC) stands out significantly, not only due to its exceptional facilities but also its effective utilisation for the benefit of students.

Prof. Egbewole added that the University has forged partnerships with local and international organisations to ensure that its students are prepared to

compete on a global scale".

Commenting on the administration's efforts to revamp the Advancement Centre, the Vice Chancellor remarked that the administration had taken significant strides in bolstering the Advancement Centre. "We recognise the immense potential of the Centre and its pivotal role in positioning our University as a global player," he said.

He added, "The current University leadership places great emphasis on partnerships, and efforts are underway to strengthen the centre. We have one of the most skilled individuals in the country managing the Advancement Centre, as we believe his influence and connections will attract beneficial partnerships to the University. The centre is undergoing a strengthening process, and I believe that in the next couple of months, it will become a success story."

While acknowledging the visit of the NUC team to perform the oversight function, the Vice Chancellor shared the University's perspective on the evaluation exercise as a highly significant task. "We commend the NUC for its oversight function, as it keeps universities accountable and striving for excellence. As a University, we remain vigilant in fulfilling our mandate, understanding that your visit serves as encouragement for us to do more. We assure you that we will continue to value this oversight function and maintain a strong relationship with the regulatory body."

He, however, assured the NUC team that the University management will take all suggestions into consideration, and take necessary actions to make all programmes in the University of global standard.

Speaking earlier, the leader of the NUC team on the Evaluation of Entrepreneurship Development Centre (EDC) in Nigerian Universities, Mrs O.H. Ilemona, commended the University of Ilorin for the functionality of its offices and the activities being carried out at the Technical and Entrepreneurship Centre (TEC), the Advancement Centre, and the Students' Industrial Work Experience Scheme (SIWES).

Mrs Ilemona said that her team had ascertained that these offices are not only existing at the University but are also functional and carrying out the activities expected of them and within the capacity they have been given by the regulatory body.

Using the NUC template as a guideline, Mrs Ilemona said that her team found that the Advancement Centre is effectively partnering and linking up with appropriate institutions, adding that the centre's operations align closely with NUC expectations for an advancement centre.

In assessing the entrepreneurship initiatives, Mrs Ilemona explained the importance of igniting students' minds beyond vocational studies or technical education. She lauded TEC for housing various viable units such as garment making, photography, studio, printing, and shoe making, stressing that entrepreneurship should be the cornerstone of the University's internally generated revenue (IGR).

The NUC team leader also expressed satisfaction with the submission of the University of Ilorin for the Student's Industrial Work Experience Scheme (SIWES), noting that it was in line with NUC requirements.

The team, however, highlighted areas that needed improvement and urged the University management to take its advice seriously.

Joining the Vice Chancellor to receive the NUC team were the Registrar and Secretary to the Council, Mr Mansur Adeleke Alfa; the University Librarian, Dr Kamaldeen Tunde Omopupa; the Director of Academic Planning, Prof. Godwin Tunde Arosanyin; the Director of Advancement Centre, Prof. Olukunmi Lanre Olaitan; the Director of the Technical and Entrepreneurship Centre (TEC), Prof. Usman Adebimpe Raheem; and the Director of the Students' Industrial Work Experience Scheme (SIWES), Prof. Kayode Rowland.

UNILORIN holds annual inter-faculty quiz, debate competitions

By *Mustafa Abubakar*

This year's edition of the University of Ilorin Inter-Faculty Quiz and Debate Competitions will hold between May 8 and 15, 2024.

This is contained in a statement signed by the Chairman of the Organising Committee, Dr A. O. Iyiola, a copy of which was made available to **UNILORIN BULLETIN**.

Dr Iyiola explained that the

event is an annual competition among students of various Faculties, which is intended to provide them opportunities to demonstrate their knowledge, engage in healthy rivalry and foster cross-disciplinary collaborations.

The statement added that the competition, which would begin on May 5, 2024 at the University Auditorium, would be rounded-off on May 15, 2024 at the same venue where a new champion would emerge.

He added that the competition would evaluate participants' knowledge in Sciences, Arts, History, and Technology, among other fields of knowledge.

Students are, therefore, enjoined to participate in what promises to be an enlightening and engaging competition as Faculty members were encouraged to promote and mentor students towards participation.

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A letter conveying the award message to the Vice Chancellor, dated April 15, 2024 and jointly signed by Dr Neliaku and the Registrar/Secretary of the NIPR Council, Chief Uzoma Onyegbadue, fnipr, stated that Prof. Egbewole would be formally conferred with the NIPR Fellowship in Abeokuta, Ogun State, this Thursday (April 24, 2024, during the Institute's 61st Annual General Meeting.

The Award letter, a copy of which was sighted by **UNILORIN BULLETIN**, explained that "the Honorary Fellowship is the highest honour bestowed on individuals who have made significant contributions to the advancement of the Public Relations profession and the development of the Federal Republic of Nigeria".

It added that Prof. Egbewole was specifically found worthy of the honour due to his immense institutional support for the NIPR and its members in the services of the University of Ilorin.

The letter pointed out that the Institute is delighted with the Vice Chancellor's contribution to the advancement of professionalism in Public Relations by making the University of Ilorin a hub where excellence in Public Relations is the practice.

Welcoming the award, Prof. Egbewole thanked the council of the NIPR for recognising his contributions to the advancement of the ideals of the Institute, adding that the Fellowship would spur him to do more for humanity in general.

In his reaction to the development, the University's Director

of Corporate Affairs, Mr Kunle Akogun, expressed delight over the recognition of Prof. Egbewole "by a very reputable professional organisation like the NIPR".

Mr Akogun recounted some of the Vice Chancellor's activities that accounted for the recognition. These, according to him, include "providing a robust enabling environment for members of the NIPR in the service of the University; empowering the University's Corporate Affairs staff with ultra-modern state-of-the-art working tools; facilitating regular training and retraining for the University's Corporate Affairs staff through expedited approvals and regular funding of workshops/conference/seminar attendance; organising regular retreats on current trends in Public Relations practice for top PR management staff of the University; official recognition of the NIPR certificates and other official documents for the purpose of staff recruitment and promotion exercise; as well as his accessibility and open-door policies and cheerful disposition that promote positive engagements with both internal and external publics of the University".

The Director pointed out that Prof. Egbewole's "administrative trajectories have rekindled trust in university administration, while his Vision 1:10:500 is sustaining the reputation of the University of Ilorin as the most sought-after university in Nigeria", adding that the Vice Chancellor's leadership has earned the university several awards, the most recent of which is that of the Most Outstanding University in Nigeria awarded by the *New Telegraph* newspaper on February 2nd, 2024.

Mr Akogun said that Prof. Egbewole leads a team that espouses the

principle of "management with human face, effective communication, and inclusivity". These, according to him, "are largely responsible for the relative calm and harmony that reign on the University campus. They have been one of the reasons that we hardly hear about disruptive student unrests that have become regular occurrences in some other institutions of higher learning in the country".

The Director explained further that "Prof. Egbewole's administration actively promotes the principle of inclusivity by which all segments and stakeholders of the University, no matter their social status, are carried along in every decision making. One of the practical manifestations of these principles was the process that led to the recently reviewed school charges payable by new and returning students of the University. He made sure that the decision to raise the charges was not unilaterally taken by the management alone. It was taken after due consultation and constructive engagement with the students' union leadership. This is the hallmark of peace building and crisis prevention communication".

Mr Akogun stated further that "apart from these, the Vice Chancellor has also exemplified ethical conduct and integrity in the management of human and material resources. He has demonstrated an uncanny commitment to service excellence with his single-minded commitment to the achievement of set goals, an attribute that is in synch with the NIPR's overall goal of excellence in service delivery".

Olawuyi delivers 255th 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-fifth (255th) Inaugural Lecture of the University scheduled as follows:

Lecturer: Professor Bolanle O. Olawuyi **B.Ed, M.Ed (Special Education) Unibadan; Ph.D. (Educational Psychology) Unilorin**
Department of Social Sciences Education, Faculty of Education, University of Ilorin

Topic: "People with Disabilities and the Celebration of Life Beyond Limits"

Date: Thursday, 25th April, 2024

Time: 5.00 p.m.

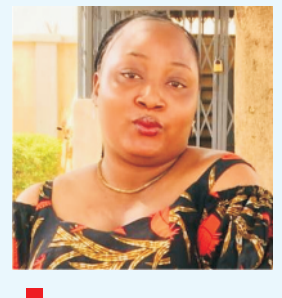
Venue: University Auditorium, Main Campus, University of Ilorin

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

Mr Mansur Adeleke Alfanla
Registrar



■ Prof. Olawuyi



8 UNILORITES win UK Firm's remote work internship

By Mustafa Abubakar

Eight students of the University of Ilorin have been offered internship opportunities by the Lassod Inc. UK. The opportunity is an initiative of the African Support Bureau for Entrepreneurship Speaker (ASBE).

This is contained in a statement signed by the Director of the Technical and Entrepreneurship Centre (TEC), Prof. Usman Adebimpe Raheem, a copy of which was made available to UNILORIN BULLETIN.

Prof. Raheem who is also a former Chairman of the UNILORIN Branch of the Academic Staff Union of Universities (ASUU), stated that the selection of the beneficiaries was sequel to a rigorous screening exercise they went through as designed by the company.

According to the statement, the successful students are Nzurike Chinyere Chinwedu, Department of Home Economics and Food Science; Araromi Bolanle Oluwadarasimi, Department of Physiotherapy; Dosunmu Elizabeth Morenikeji, Department of Marketing; Adewumi Temilade Oluwakemi, Department of Linguistics and Nigerian Languages; and Yunus Jamiu Mohammed, Department of Primary Education Studies. Others are Ohiofufu Faith Efe, Department of Agriculture; Obi Daniel Nelson, Department of Geology and Mineral Sciences; and Salahudeen Azezat Oluwanifemi, Department of Home Economics and Food Science.

Prof. Raheem explained that 30 students of the University from various Faculties made it to the final stage out of which only eight were successful.

The Director commended the Chief Executive Officer of Lassod Inc. UK, and

Founder of Oyoyo Apps Events, Mr Lanre Sanni, for the privilege granted the students.

He also congratulated all the successful students on the heights they had attained in their academic careers, adding that the internship is a way of giving back to them.

Prof. Raheem assured that TEC would continue to provide the necessary support for them to make the University proud.

It would be recalled that during the last TEC-ASBE Summit held at the University between January 17 and 24, 2024, 190 students applied for internship opportunity with Lassod Inc. UK with the objective of enabling them to pass through international training remotely after which outstanding ones would be offered international job opportunities.

Oseni makes CBN's Committee, Egbewole welcomes appointment

By Abubakar Imam

An alumnus of the University of Ilorin, Dr Umar A. Oseni, has been appointed by the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) as a member of its Financial Regulation Advisory Council of Experts.

Dr Oseni, who graduated from the Faculty of Law, was appointed by the apex bank to assist in strengthening the CBN's regulatory framework, particularly in the aspect of Islamic finance.

With the appointment, the University of Ilorin now has two of its own on the Committee as a former Head of the Department of Islamic Law, Prof. AbdulRazzaq Abdulmajeed Alaro, mni,

has been a member of the same Committee for more than a decade.

Meanwhile, the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has welcomed the appointment of Dr Oseni.

Prof. Egbewole, in a statement signed by the Director of Corporate Affairs, Mr Kunle Akogun, explained that the appointment is not only well deserved but also an honour to the University.

He urged Dr Oseni to take the appointment with all seriousness and ensure that his impact is felt in the financial landscape of Nigeria.

Prof. Egbewole wished Dr Oseni a very impactful tenure.



Dr Oseni

Alabi bemoans ineffective communication among the elite

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The don, who joined the services of the University of Ilorin about three decades ago, said that the challenge is also noticeable in media reports and official communications in government and other public places.

To address this journalistic inadequacy, Prof. Alabi encouraged media professionals, particularly those who work in the print media, to always broaden their knowledge of *semiotics* and *stylistics* in order to be able to communicate effectively with readers.

The renowned scholar bemoaned the impunity with which some online news reporters consistently abuse the use of English in their reportage.

She said that it is very important for the various universities, particularly their Departments of English and Mass Communication, to organise short-term programmes in *stylistics* for the reporters and editors of the various media houses to broaden their communicative capacities.

Prof. Alabi, whose lecture was the first to be delivered by a female Professor at the Department of English, explained that similar programmes should be encouraged for other workers who write or edit letters, memos and reports in English for effective communication. She said that it is very important for native and educated second language or foreign language users of English to acquire proficiency of the concepts of *semiotics* and *stylistics*.

The Inaugural Lecturer described *semiotics* as the study of signs

and interpretations, saying that it explains how meaning is created through words, objects, images, pictures and processes, among others, while *stylistics* is all about the study of the style of non-verbal and verbal discourses used in literary and non-literary texts.

Prof. Alabi also said that adequate attention must be paid to imparting the knowledge and understanding of *stylistics* in students in

all the Departments in the Faculty of Arts right from 100 level.

The don urged users of English to differentiate the informal style adopted on GSM from conventional standard usage in order not to create confusion among innocent learners.

She, however, noted that the emergent and distinctive genre of writing among members of the younger generations is reinforcing information, producing emotional effects, creating emphasis or melody and generating dramatic means of persuasion or surprise.

Prof. Alabi also pointed out that the teaching of *stylistics* must be made compulsory in creative writing classes.

She added that since the world is suffused with many signs in culture, literature, ethnography, biology, zoo, law, mathematics and dreaming, among others,



■ The representative of the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Suleiman Ambali (right), receiving the lecture notes from Prof. Alabi last Thursday

attention should always be paid to the heterogeneity embedded in the use of those signs.

The Inaugural Lecturer encouraged people to always take note of different signs wherever they find themselves in order to explore and savour the rich underlying meanings of discourse.

Prof. Alabi also encouraged educational planners and other stakeholders in the nation's education sector to ensure that more students and teachers venture into the fields of *semiotics* and *stylistics*.

The well-attended Inaugural Lecture attracted dignitaries from far and near, including Principal Officers of the University, relations, friends, colleagues, students and mentees of Prof. Alabi from far and near.

UNILORIN GLOCALISE initiative organises capacity building workshop for teachers

By Mubarak Oladosu

A University of Ilorin-based education initiative, GLOCALISE, will on Wednesday, April 24th, 2024, organise the first Gown, Town and Crown (GTC) Education Workshop for primary and secondary school teachers in Ajase-Ipo, Irepodun Local Government Area of Kwara State.

The workshop, which is being organised in partnership with the United Nations Education Scientific and Cultural Organisation, (UNESCO), is the brainchild of the Convener of UNILORIN GLOCALISE Initiative, Prof. Nafisat Afolake Adedokun-Shittu of the Department of Educational Technology, Faculty of Education, University of Ilorin.

A statement issued by Prof. Adedokun-Shittu explained that the programme provides "a platform for stakeholders to collaborate to explore local context to teach global content, then create global content and resources for novel and outcome-based learner-centered teaching strategy."



■ Prof. Adedokun-Shittu

It added that GLOCALISE Igbomina is the Pilot Phase of the project, and it will be flagged off by the Olupo of Ajase Ipo, Oba Ismail Bolaji Atoloye, on April 24, 2024, at Ajase Ipo Comprehensive High School, at 10:00 am.

"In the Pilot Phase I of the project, 100 selected teachers from 25 schools in Igbomina land are to attend a one-day capacity building workshop," the statement

added, pointing out that "subsequently, the Pilot phases II, III, IV, and V of GLOCALISE Igbomina will hold at Share, Oke Ode, Oke Onigbin, and Omu Aran, later this year".

Glocalise-UNESCO global network for the Associated Schools (Aspnet) is supported by numerous bodies including the Igbomina Community at home and in the diaspora, the Omo Ibile Igbomina, the Igbomina Professionals Association, the Igbomina Descendants Association, UK, and the Igbomina Community North America.

The numerous support is in reflection of the UN Sustainable Development Goal 17, which emphasises partnership for the Sustainable Development Goals through Grassroot Community and Stakeholders.

According to the Press Release, GTC instrumentalises Goal 17 of the SDGS towards the attainment of Quality Education, which is SDG4, through capacity building and human capital development for teachers and educators.



■ Prof. Gambari



■ Prof. Zulum



■ Yusuf Ali



■ Hajia Shuaibu

UNILORIN CPSS honours Gambari, Ali, Zulum, others April 24

By Abubakar Imam

All is set for the conferment of Awards on selected distinguished Nigerians by the Centre for Peace and Strategic Studies, University of Ilorin, in recognition of their contributions to the promotion and sustenance of peace across Nigeria.

A statement made available to **UNILORIN BULLETIN** by the Director of the Centre, Prof. Abdulganiyu Ibrahim Jawondo, explained that the event is scheduled for Wednesday, April 24, 2024 at the University Main Auditorium beginning from 10:00 a.m.

Prof. Jawondo, who is a former Head of the Department of History and International Studies, said that the event would be presided over by a former Vice Chancellor of the Federal University of Technology, Minna, Prof. Sulyman Olatunji Adeyemi, with the Governor of Kwara State and Chairman, Nigeria



■ Engr Kawu

Governors Forum (NGF), Mallam AbdulRahman AbdulRazaq, CON, as the Special Guest of Honour. He added that the Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, would be the

Chief Host.

The Director added that the Wambai of Ilorin and former Chief of Staff, Presidency, Prof. Ibrahim Agboola Gambari, CFR; the Governor of Borno State, Prof. Babaganna Zulum and a prominent legal practitioner, Prof. Yusuf Olaolu Ali, SAN, are among those to be conferred with the awards.

Also listed among the awardees are a former First Lady of Nigeria, late Dr Maryam Babangida; the Dan Iyan of Ilorin, Engr Suleiman Bolakale Kawu, FNSE; and the Matron of the Western Zone of Ilorin Emirate Descendants Progressive Union (IEDPU), Hajiya Fatimah Toyin Shuaibu.

Prof. Jawondo, who is also a former Director, Centre for Ilorin Studies, urged guests to be seated at the venue by 9:30a.m.

Abiri passes on, Egbewole mourns

By Abubakar Imam

The death has been announced of the foundation Dean, Faculty of Education, University of Ilorin, Prof. John Abiri. He died last Wednesday (April 17, 2024) at the age of 87.

Prof. Abiri, who was trained at home and abroad, had a very rewarding career at the University of Ilorin as one of its foundation staff members, having joined the system as a Professor at its Department of Educational Psychology in 1976. He served as the Head of the Department, which he combined as Dean, Faculty of Education from 1976 to 1980. He was also the Head,

Department of Educational Foundations between 1980 and 1987.

Outside the University, Prof. Abiri served as Electoral Commissioner in charge of Oyo State from 1987 to 1989. He also held the same position in the old Gongola State in 1989.

Prof. Abiri, who belonged to several professional bodies, including the Nigerian Academy of Education, also edited many academic journals such as the *West African Journal of Education*, and the *Nigerian Journal of Psychology*, among others.

Reacting to the death of the renowned scholar, the Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, described Prof.

Abiri as a reputable academic giant and outstanding statesman who died when his counsels were greatly needed more than ever before.

Prof. Egbewole, in a statement issued by the Director of Corporate Affairs, Mr Kunle Akogun, said that Prof. Abiri was one of those who built the institution from scratch, noting that his contributions would continue to be cherished.

The Vice Chancellor sympathised with the family, friends, colleagues, and students of Prof. Abiri, urging them to take solace in the fact that he lived a long life, which was also worthy of emulation.



Egbewole tasks students on proper documentation

By Isaac Lewu

Students of the University of Ilorin have been enjoined to cultivate the habit of proper documentation of their experiences in order to enhance knowledge acquisition and prepare them for enviable professionalism.

This advice was given by the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, while speaking at a programme organised recently for students of the Department of Home Economics and Food Science.

Prof. Egbewole, who spoke through the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic), Prof. Olubunmi Abayomi Omotesho, emphasised the importance of practical experiences in shaping the education of students.

He praised the department for going beyond the traditional classroom teaching and learning activities by providing students with an opportunity to

witness real-world scenarios.

The legal luminary also expressed his belief that the event would equip students with the necessary skills and knowledge needed to excel in their future careers.

Also speaking, the Dean of the Faculty of Agriculture, Prof. Olujemisi Fawole, lauded the efforts of the Department of Home Economics and Food Science in organising the programme.

She highlighted the significance of practical exposure in the field of agriculture and how it contributes to the overall development of students.

Prof. Fawole stated that the event would provide a platform for students to interact with professionals in the field and gain insights into the practical aspects of their chosen careers.

She also emphasised the commitment of the Faculty to promoting practical learning opportunities for students.

In her address, the Head of the Department, Dr Oluwafunmilola A. Abiodun, expressed her satisfaction with the turn-out for the event, saying that the development was a confirmation of the meticulous planning and coordination that went into organising it.

Dr Abiodun acknowledged the support of the Faculty, the University administration, and industry professionals whose collective contributions culminated in the success of the event.

She also commended the dedication and enthusiasm of the students, who actively participated in the field experiences and demonstrated their commitment to their chosen field.

The event was attended by the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Management Services) Prof Suleiman Funsho Ambali; the Deputy Vice Chancellor, (Research, Technology & Innovation), Prof. Adegboyega Adisa Fawole; and the Registrar, Mr Mansur Adeleke Alfanla, among others.

Ojuade appreciates UNILORIN's support for Ojaja Varsity

By Abdulquadri Abubakar

The Vice Chancellor, Ojaja University, Ilorin, Prof. Jeleel Olasunkanmi Ojuade, has appreciated the support of the management of the University of Ilorin to his University since his assumption of duties as the Chief Executive of the privately-owned institution of higher learning.

Prof. Ojuade gave this commendation last Tuesday (April 15, 2024) while featuring on *Oro To Nlo*, a popular Yoruba current affairs programme of *UNILORIN 89.3 FM*, the official radio station of the University of Ilorin. The programme was anchored by the Head of the Station, Mr Idris Akintola Ibrahim (Alooma).

The Vice Chancellor, who prior to his current appointment was a Lecturer at the Department of the Performing Arts, University of Ilorin, described the Better By University as a centre of academic excellence where both staff and students are always equipped with up-to-date knowledge and information.

Prof. Ojuade explained that the contributions and support of the



Prof. Ojuade

University of Ilorin paved way for his appointment as the Vice Chancellor of the private University.

The Vice Chancellor explained that the University, which was previously known as Crown-Hill University, had been acquired by the Ooni of Ife, who is also the President of the Osun State Council of Chiefs, Oba Enitan Babatunde Ogunwusi, CFR. He added that new proprietor as well as the management and staff of the University are determined to take the institution beyond the next level.

Speaking on some of his achievements, Prof. Ojuade explained that arrangements are almost completed for the establishment of a radio station by his University.

He added that the station would soon come on board as its approval is only awaiting the endorsement of the Federal Government following the satisfactory assessment of the National Broadcasting Commission (NBC).

He explained that the University, which currently operates the Faculty of Sciences and Faculty of Arts, would now have the Faculties of Law, Medicine, Engineering, Agriculture, Education and Cultural Heritage and Creative Industries in addition to the existing two.

The don assured his audience that the proposed Faculty of Cultural Heritage and Creative Industries will serve as an entrepreneurship hub that would ensure that its products create job opportunities for the Nigerian youth.

He then appealed to the youth to join hands with their elders to raise the cultural heritage of the country to greater heights.

We will continue to invest in human capital development - Egbewole

By Dawodu Bashir

The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has reaffirmed the determination of his administration to invest in human capital development, which will, in turn, help in actualising its Vision 1:10:500.

Prof. Egbewole stated this last Monday (April 15, 2024) while delivering his welcome address at the Workshop organised by the Chartered Institute of Management and Leadership (CIML) at the Auditorium Basement.

The Vice Chancellor, who was represented by the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Management Services), Prof. Suleiman Folounsho Ambali, said the administration is doing a lot to ensure that staff of the University participate effectively in different training programmes, workshops and conferences nationally and internationally.

He also assured the staff that the management of the University would continue to support and encourage them to join appropriate professional organisations so that they would be able to compete with their counterparts all over the world.

Prof. Egbewole appreciated the Institute's managerial and leadership training being inculcated in the members of staff of the University.

The Vice Chancellor, who was grateful to God and the leadership of the Institute for making the University the first institution in the North Central Nigeria to host the event, also applauded the Registrar, Mr Mansur Adeleke Alfanla, for being a transformational leader.

In his speech, the Guest Lecturer at the event, Dr Salam Abdussobur of the Federal University of Technology Abeokuta (FUNAAB), spoke on some societal challenges, which include poor

managerial and leadership issues, that have affected the country till this moment.

Dr Abdussobur said that Nigeria is blessed with abundant resources needed to facilitate development, adding, however, that poor management has frustrated the progress of the country.

In her remarks, the Director, Centre for

Management and Leadership, University of Ilorin, Prof. Moji Bakare-Odunola, who is also the pioneer Chairman of the Chartered Institute of Management and Leadership, emphasised the quality of leadership and overall governance in a country, which directly affects the level of political stability and development that a country can enjoy.

Prof. Bakare-Odunola said for Nigeria to develop, we will need leaders that will see leadership as sacrifice not a means of getting money into their pockets.

On his part, Prof. Ibrahim Kayode Adam spoke on expectations from leaders and managers.

He said a good leader and manager must have good communication skills to inspire his team.

In his remarks, the Registrar, Mr Alfanla, who is also the Vice Chairman of the Institute, appreciated the management of the University for pioneering this unique programme.

He emphasised the importance of training as an integral part of administration and highlighted the need to equip staff with the skills necessary to enhance service delivery.

Mr Alfanla saluted the courage of UNILORIN staff members as he



Prof. Ambli receiving a plaque from Prof. Adam last Monday

expressed hope that the presentations by the guest speaker would change many members' lives for the development of the institute and the country at large.

Speaking earlier, the Country Director of the Institute, Mr Samuel Ojo, pointed out that the workshop was meant to raise competent managers and leaders.

In his remarks, the National President, Senior Staff Association of Nigerian Universities (SSANU), Mr Ibrahim Haruna Mohammad, appreciated the management of the University for building and training good leaders who will move the institution and Nigeria forward.

Mr Mohammad said that if the nation gets management and leadership right, Nigeria will be better.

Highlights of the event included the presentation of an award of excellence to the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Egbewole, SAN; the National President, SSANU, Mr Mohammed; the Director of Finance, FCDA, Abuja; Mrs Hawaii Asabe Mohammed; the Kwara State Polytechnic Rector, Dr Abdul Jimoh Mohammed; and the Managing Director of the Lower Niger River Basin Development Authority, Dr Adeniyi Saheed Aremu.

IJEP goes continental, eyes SCOPUS endorsement

By Mubarak Oladosu

The Ilorin Journal of Economic Policy (IJEP), an open access journal published by the Department of Economics, University of Ilorin, has joined the class of elite academic journals on the African continent.

IJEP, which is a collection of scholarly perspectives on different

aspects of contemporary economic policy issues encountered mainly in developing countries, is now indexed on the African Journal Online (AJOL).

The Journal is published twice a year (June and December) and usually has quality papers that provide pragmatic policy directions for government and policy makers in the public and private sectors.

The contributions employ

qualitative, quantitative or mixed research methodology and present conceptual or theoretical framework, which are applicable to real-world development.

The Department of Economics is currently working towards getting IJEP indexed on SCOPUS.

Yahaya charges UNILORITES on total devotion to studies

By Abubakar Imam

As students of the nation's most sought-after University, the University of Ilorin, return to the various campuses of the institution to begin the second semester of the 2022/2023 academic session, an appeal has gone to them to face their studies squarely.

This appeal was made last Monday (April 15, 2024) by the Dean of the Faculty of Education, Prof. Lasiele Alabi Yahaya, while speaking with UNILORIN BULLETIN in his office.

Prof. Yahaya said that it is important for the students to prioritise learning over any other matter, pointing out that the main purpose of leaving their various homes and loved ones is knowledge and skills acquisition that would equip them against the challenges of the future.

The Dean, who is a former Director of the Institute of Education, said that students need to always make their parents and other relations proud by ensuring that they graduate from the University with enviable class of degree.

Prof. Yahaya said that unlike many years back when the labour market was not saturated, going to school and bagging just a degree is no longer enough but rounding off such degree programmes with good grades or classes of degree.

The Professor of Educational



Prof. Yahaya

Guidance and Counselling insisted that, notwithstanding the situation of the labour market, those who finish with outstanding academic qualifications and backed by fascinating practical skills would surely have their way either at local or international level.

He charged the students to ensure that their parents and guardians' consistent financial and emotional investments in them right from their infancy is not wasted through poor performance or engagement in unlawful activities that usually lead to unceremonious termination of their studentship.

Prof. Yahaya, who is also a former Director of the UNILORIN Counselling and Human Development Centre (UCHDC), advised students to distance themselves from every form of antisocial

behaviour.

He explained that the University has a very good reputation among its peers and that it is incumbent on every member of the University community to protect and build upon the reputation.

Realising that all cannot be continuously glittering, Prof. Yahaya encouraged students who may be faced with one emotional challenge or the other to take advantage of the services of the UNILORIN Counselling and Human Development Centre (UCHDC), which, he said, is manned by well trained and experienced professionals for solutions, noting that "a problem shared is almost resolved".

While appreciating the significance of recreation among students, Prof. Yahaya said that students can also take advantage of various sporting facilities on campus to unwind.

He added that what is important is for them to always organise their daily or weekly engagements in such a way that adequate and meaningful learning activities are prioritised.

The former Head of the Department of Counsellor Education also appealed to staff members of the University, both academic and non-teaching, to see students as their biological children who should be assisted and encouraged to succeed.

He urged staff members of the University to perform their duties to the best of their ability so that the students would not only enjoy the best of services but also preserve worthy memories of their encounters with concerned staff members, which could be very useful for the future.

He added that since they are employed to train the students, staff members should make no attempt to take advantage of the vulnerability of students in any way, saying that whatever one does comes back to him or her one way or the other.

Prof. Yahaya thanked the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, for reviving "the Work and Study Programme (WSP)" for students of the University and for ensuring prompt promotion of both academic and non-teaching staff.

He explained that whenever WSP is fully implemented, it would provide students from humble backgrounds the opportunity of earning money to support themselves through school.

University of Ilorin Registry

Cordially Invites you to the

4th Annual Registry Lecture

Theme: **Building an Excellent & Sustainable University Administration in the midst of Global Dynamism**

Scheduled to hold as follows:

Date: Tuesday, 30th April, 2024
 Venue: University of Ilorin Auditorium
 Time: 10:00a.m.

Guest Lecturers

Dr. Bola Adekola
Former Registrar, Federal University of Agriculture, Abeokuta

Dr. Rebecca A. Okojie
Registrar, Federal University, Lokoja

Host:
M.A. Alfaña, FCIML
Registrar, University of Ilorin

Chief Host:
Professor W.O. Egbewole, SAN, FCIML
Vice-Chancellor



UNILORIN WEEKLY FINANCIAL DIGEST

FUND SOURCES AND UTILIZATION REPORT FROM 11TH TO 18TH APRIL 2024

RECEIPTS:	AMOUNT
Academic Transcript	718,661.25
Sundry & Other Fees Student Charges	2,793,800.00
Sundry Other Income	7,286,639.00
Convocation Souvenir	1,348,500.00
Boarded Property	75,000.00
Clinic Registration (Staff)	16,000.00
Contractor's Registration Fees	25,000.00
Tender Fees	5,000.00
Rent on University Property	128,000.00
Publication	127,600.00
House Rent From Staff	7,837.56
Income from Dental Clinic	133,477.50
Income from Diagnostic Centre	8,538.75
Income from Verification/Screening	55,000.00
Utility Income	603,600.00
Undergraduate Hostel Accommodation	55,200.00
Undergraduate Convocation Charges	77,200.00
Postgraduate School Charges	9,636,450.00
Postgraduate School Registration Fees	5,500.00
Postgraduate School Transcript Payment	125,000.00
Postgraduate School Acceptance Payment	282,100.00
Postgraduate School Application Form	6,740,200.00
Postgraduate School Add/Drop Payment	6,900.00
Postgraduate School General Payment	1,598,770.00
Postgraduate Convocation Charges	246,900.00
Institute of Education Application Form	30,900.00
Institute of Education General Payment	291,350.00
JUPEB General Payment	30,150.00
JUPEB School Charges	100,150.00
Total Receipt for the Period	₦32,559,424.06
PAYMENTS	
PAYMENT TO CONTRACTORS/SUPPLIERS:	
Deen Aleem General Merchant Nig Ltd Construction of Home Economics and Food (CBNTETFUND)	84,241,035.82
Stone Bridge Engineer Ltd Extension of University of Clinic Building (NEEDS)	13,488,636.68
Trendsuile Media Printing of Files	149,769.00
S and A Store Repair of BillBoard	890,000.00
Owoniboy's Engineering Services Ltd Replacement of Engine of Toyota	5,409,023.75
Blessing Funnigation and Pest Control Ventures Maintenance of College Environment	200,000.00
OTHER PAYMENTS:	
Various Various i.e DTA, IMPREST, REFUND e.t.c	17,835,176.27
Purchase Advance Various	7,585,050.00
Unilorin Petrol Station Fuel Supply	3,174,506.00
Unilorin Guest Houses Catering Services	646,800.00
Unilorin Press Production of Files and Booklet	2,069,172.00
TSA Charges Various	47,407.50
Total payment for the period	₦135,736,577.02

Signed
ObaAbdulkarki, FCA
Ag. Bursar



S/N	Name	Department	Birthday
1	Saadu, Fatimoh Biodun	Biochemistry	Apr 21
2	Adewoyin, Kabir Aderemi	Registry	Apr 21
3	Adebayo, Emmanuel Sunday	Plant Biology	Apr 21
4	Popoola, Ademola Alabi	Surgery	Apr 21
5	Abidoeye, Omotayo Adekunle	Statistics	Apr 21
6	Aiyedun, John Osieka	Registry	Apr 21
7	Babalola, Seyi Adekunle	Biochemistry	Apr 21
8	Ismaeel, Ridwan Olanrewaju	Chemistry	Apr 21
9	Ojo-Idowu, Olakunle Olalekan	Registry	Apr 22
10	Giwa, Ahmed Kehinde	Registry	Apr 22
11	Salimon, Taiwo Tunji	Security Division	Apr 22
12	Olanrewaju, Tunde	Training Research & Development	Apr 22
13	Mohammed, Ridwan Enuwa	Science Education	Apr 22
14	Usamot, Idayat Foluke	Mathematics	Apr 22
15	Adetitun, David Olugbenga	Microbiology	Apr 22
16	Rabiu, Nafisa	Library & Information Science	Apr 22
17	Ibitoye, Olusegun Michael	Bursary	Apr 23
18	Ibrahim, Akeem	Bursary	Apr 23
19	Adegboyega, Lateef Omotosho	Counsellor Education	Apr 23
20	Bodunde, Charles Agboola	English	Apr 24
21	Akande, Femi Albert	Bursary	Apr 24
22	Joshua, Jimmy Johnson	Security Division	Apr 24
23	Okunlola, Funmilayo Vitoria	Registry	Apr 24
24	Bolarinwa, Oladimeji Akeem	Epidemiology & Com. Health	Apr 24
25	Adegboyega, Kolawole Lukman	Registry	Apr 24
26	Owope, Solomon Oluwatoyin	Library	Apr 24
27	Ndagi, Mustapha	Mechanical Engineering	Apr 24
28	Babaita, Hadizat Sheu	Bursary	Apr 24
29	Abdulsalam, Ahmed Adebayo	Security Division	Apr 24
30	Issa, Musa Kallam	Registry	Apr 24
31	Uthman, Hameedat Olayinka	Veterinary Teaching Hospital	Apr 24
32	Yahaya, Isola Abdulganiy	Library	Apr 24
33	Hassan, Issa Tosho	Civil Engineering	Apr 24
34	Onele, Omeh Christopher	Registry	Apr 25
35	Obadun, Esther Adunni	Health Services	Apr 25
36	Musa, Medinat Iyabo	Registry	Apr 25
37	Nwogba, Innocent Nweke	Registry	Apr 25
38	Adeyemi, Akin Debo	Human Kinetics & Health Edu.	Apr 25
39	Famiroju, Michael Olorunfemi	Bursary	Apr 25
40	Abdulsalam, Shakirat	Pharmaceutical & Medicinal Chemistry	Apr 25
41	Aboyegi, Patricia Adeola	Registry	Apr 25
42	Babaita-Isaika, Tawakalitu Oywdamola	Educational Technology	Apr 25
43	Owolabi, Abdulhakeem Adepoju	Legal Services Unit	Apr 25
44	Oyeyiola, Ganiyu Pacy	Microbiology	Apr 26
45	Adelowo, Suleman Bola	Security Division	Apr 26
46	Abegunde, Tope Tuesday	Works: Works/Maint. Office	Apr 26
47	Ayinla, Ganiu Abolaji	Health Services	Apr 26
48	Abidoeye, Florence Omosholape	Science Education	Apr 26
49	Okunade, Elizabeth Oluwatoyin	Registry	Apr 26
50	Ayeloja, Ahmed Ayodeji	Aquaculture & Fisheries	Apr 26
51	Adeniyi, Olajumoke Abesede	Registry	Apr 26
52	Musa, Salamat Ayinke	Veterinary Parasitology & Entomology	Apr 26
53	Panu, Abosede Sewedo	Registry	Apr 26
54	Oladiji, Adenike Temidayo	Biochemistry	Apr 27
55	Yahya, Waheed Babatunde	Statistics	Apr 27
56	Komolafe, Semiu Kayode	Works: Mechanical	Apr 27
57	Garuba, Lateef Ayedun	Educational Technology	Apr 27
58	Sa'Adu, Ganiyu Eleja	Physical Planning Unit	Apr 27
59	Abdul, Fazllah Ajoke	Business Administration	Apr 27
60	Bello, Mufutau Opeyemi	Economics	Apr 27
61	Eweama, Chioma Corlet	Ling. & Nig. Languages	Apr 27

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

- The Chairman of the Senior Staff Association of Nigerian Universities (SSANU), University of Ilorin Chapter, Comrade Olushola Falowo, has stressed the need for the Federal Government to improve its funding of existing universities instead of establishing new ones. ("Govt should fund existing varsities, not creating new ones-SSANU", *Saturday Punch*, April 7, 2024, P.10)
- In a press interview, Prof. Isaac Aremu of the Department of Pharmaceutics and Industrial Pharmacy, University of Ilorin, has observed that cure for almost every ailment can be found in the forest. ("Cure for almost every ailment can be found in forest-UNILORIN don", *Sunday Punch*, March 17, 2024, P.40, See also: "Cure for almost every ailment can be found in forest-UNILORIN don", <https://punching.com>)
- While delivering the 253rd Inaugural lecture of the University of Ilorin, titled "Symphony of Biomass, Bioenergy and Bioproducts Sustainability", Prof. Temitope Elizabeth Odetoye of the Department of Chemical Engineering, has highlighted the immense potential of biomass, bioenergy and bioproducts for achieving sustainability in Nigeria ("Professor Odetoye Urges Nigerian Government to Embrace Biomass, Bioenergy for Sustainable Development", <https://solarenew.wordpress.com>, "Unilorin Professor produces biodiesel from poultry waste", <https://nannews.bg>, "Unilorin don produces biodiesel from poultry waste", <https://www.suprememagazine.news/education>, "UNILORIN DON PRODUCES BIODIESEL FROM POULTRY WASTE" <https://youtu.be/uAaYKyzDlvs?si=U7E-dR3QEgpreCAN>, "Discovery: Unilorin don produces biodiesel from poultry", <https://sobimedia974482948.wordpress.com>, "UNILORIN Don Please roduces Biodiesel From Poultry Waste", <https://lucky.wap.opmobile.opera.com>, "Unilorin professor creates biofuel from poultry waste", <https://sundiatasnet>, "Unilorin professor produces biodiesel from eggshells", <https://blueprint.ng>, "UNILORIN lecturer produces biodiesel from eggshells", <https://punching.com>, "UNILORIN don produces biodiesel from eggshells", <https://the-reflection.com>, "UNILORIN Professor Develops Affordable Biodiesel Using Chicken Eggshells", <https://naturenews.africa>, "FG advised to review Biofuel policy, standardize waste magazine", <https://dailytrust.com>, See also, "UNILORIN don produces biodiesel from eggshells", *New Telegraph*, Tuesday, April 16, 2024, L 29, "UNILORIN don produces biodiesel from eggshells", *Blueprint*, Tuesday, April 16, 2024, P.15, "UNILORIN Don Produces Biodiesel From Eggshells", *Leadership*, Tuesday, April 16, 2024, P.17)
- The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has felicitated members of the institution's Muslim community and the generality of the Muslim Ummah on the occasion of this year's Eid-el Fitri Festival. ("UNILORIN VC, Egbewole Congratulates Muslims On Eid-el Fitri", <https://www.dailytopic.com>, "UNILORIN vVC FELICITATES Muslims On Eid-el Fitri", <https://thereflection.com>, "EGBEWOLE CONGRATULATES MUSLIMS ON EID-EL FITRI", <https://globalcrownnews.com>)
- A former Director of the Centre for Peace and Strategic Studies (CPSS), University of Ilorin, who is also the pioneer Vice Chancellor of Ahman Pategi University (APU), Pategi, Prof. Mahfouz Adebola Adedimeji, has been appointed as the new Chairman of *UNILORIN BULLETIN* Editorial Board. ("Adedimeji appointed new chair of *UNILORIN BULLETIN*", <https://muslimnews.ng>)
- A Professor of Islamic Studies at the University of Ilorin, Badmas Olanrewaju Yusuf, has opined that Muslims can defer the payment of Zakatul Fitri. ("Ramadan: Respite As Poor Muslims Struggle To Pay Zakatul -Fitri", <https://leadership.ng>)



'UNILORIN synonymous with quality service delivery'

By Abubakar Imam

The Ag. Provost, Kwara State College of Education, Ilorin, Dr Ayinde Shehu Jawondo, has said that the University of Ilorin is a reputable institution of learning that is renowned for high quality service delivery.

The Provost stated this last Wednesday (April 17, 2024) while speaking at the matriculation ceremony of new students of the College admitted into various degree programmes affiliated to the University.

Dr Jawondo said that the University is also synonymous with quality learning, seriousness, uprightness and devotion to the deepening of human development capacities.

He explained that the age-long attributes of UNILORIN informed the decision of his institution to affiliate its degree programmes to the nation's most sought-after University.

The Provost, who described himself as an undiluted UNILORIN product, thanked a former Provost of the College, Prof. Abdulraheem Yusuf, for initiating the affiliation during his tenure as the Chief Executive of the teacher-producing institution.

Dr Jawondo who thanked the University of Ilorin for the privilege given to his College to run the programmes in affiliation to it.

He also appealed to the matriculated students to take proper advantage of the opportunity to distinguish themselves in learning and character for their personal growth and national development.

Also speaking, the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, welcomed the College and the new students to a lifelong partnership with the University of Ilorin.

The Vice Chancellor, who was represented by the Director, Institute of Education and former Provost of the College, Prof. AbdulRaheem Yusuf, said that the event held "immense promise, opportunities and challenges for the new students and the two institutions.

He urged the new students "to embrace the values of integrity, diligence, and excellence that are the cornerstone of our institution" for them to become worthy professionals and responsible citizens."

Prof. Egbewole also encouraged the new students to "nurture their curiosity, cultivate a passion for learning and dare to dream big", saying that those who dream big and pursue their

dreams enjoy lives of accomplishments.

While telling the students that their time in the course of their various programmes should be marked by high sounding academic achievements, the Vice Chancellor also encouraged them to embrace personal growth, leadership development and forging lifelong friendships.

Earlier in her address, the Director, University of Ilorin Affiliated Programmes, Kwara State College of Education, Mrs A. O. Sanusi, expressed gratitude to the Almighty Allah for making the event a reality.

Mrs Sanusi also thanked the authorities of the University of Ilorin and the Kwara State College of Education, Ilorin, for the interactions, understanding and collaborations that birthed the affiliation.

The Director explained that the ceremony was a culmination of many years of hard work and resource verification and evaluation embarked upon by the two institutions as she said that only 181 students were successful after a vigorous screening.

She enjoined the matriculated students to see themselves as undergraduate students of the University of Ilorin who must abide by the rules and regulations of the University and those of the College for them to have a peaceful and rewarding sojourn at the institution and a great future after their programmes.

The Registrar, Mr Mansur Adeleke Alfa, who was represented by a Deputy Registrar and Secretary, College of Health Sciences, Mr Ahmad Rufai Sidique, later administered the Matriculation Oath on the new students.

A cross section of the matriculants, who spoke with **UNILORIN BULLETIN** at the sidelines of the event, expressed appreciation to the two institutions for their admissions.

They also expressed their resolve to devote their energy and time to learning and character improvement.

Present at the event were the University Librarian, Dr Kamaldeen Tunde Omopupa, who was represented by Mr Saliu and the Director, Affiliated Institutions, Prof. Shehu Ahmad Abdussalam.

Also present were the Registrar, Kwara State College of Education, Ilorin, Mr Yakub M. Abdullahi Lafiagi and other management staff of the College as well as parents and guardians of the matriculants and their well wishers.