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VC unveils UNILORIN Advocates ... serve as our mouth piece, Egbewole charges Alumni

By Tajudeen Babamale



■ The Vice Chancellor, Prof. Egbewole (middle), with some of the Unilorin Advocates at the unveiling ceremony last Thursday

In a bid to enhance its global presence and reconnect with its expansive alumni network, the University of Ilorin has unveiled the UNILORIN Advocates 1.0. The initiative is aimed at leveraging the influence of selected alumni towards the amplification of the vision and mission of the University.

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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.

Why we prioritise SDG-focussed research- Egbewole

By Tajudeen Babamale

The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has explained that the current research focus of the University is tailored towards the attainment of the 17th Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) agenda because his

administration understands the significance of planning for the future.

Prof. Egbewole stated this last Monday (April 29, 2024) while declaring open a workshop on Procurement, Environmental, and Social Standards held at the University Main Auditorium.

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Be cautious in approving schools, Fasasi charges government

By Abubakar Imam

As Nigeria continues to record exponential increase in the number of its educational institutions, a Professor of Educational Management at the University of Ilorin, Yunus Adebunmi Fasasi, has charged the Federal Government to be cautious in granting approvals for the operation of

private educational institutions to ensure a seamless attainment of the nation's educational objectives.

Prof. Fasasi stated this last Thursday (May 2, 2024) while delivering the 256th Inaugural Lecture of the University, titled "Holding Education Accountable for Resources and Results", at the University Auditorium.

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■ Prof. Fasasi

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FACES AT THE UNVEILING CEREMONY OF UNILORIN ADVOCATES

Some of the UNILORIN Advocates making their remarks at the unveiling ceremony last Thursday.

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Gbonegun Ololade-Olasupo



Femi Adebayo with the Vice Chancellor



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VC unveils UNILORIN Advocates

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The unveiling ceremony was held last Thursday (May 2, 2024) at the Auditorium Basement of the University. The alumni, who made the UNILORIN Advocate 1.0, included popular TV Anchor with Channels Television, Mr Seun Okinbaloye; movie star, Mr Femi Adebayo; movie star, Ms Bukola Awoyemi; multiple award-winning investigative journalist with Television Continental (TVC), Mr Babajide Kolade-Otitoju; lawyer and media personality (Radio, TV, Event Compere), Ms Ibukun Adesoye (Bybisasa); movie star, Ms Wumi Toriola; comic actor and content creator, Nosa Afolabi (Lasisi Elenu); 2018 BBNaija Housemate, cybersecurity analyst, seasoned Media practitioner and philanthropist, Mr Omololu Shomuyiwa and a lecturer, broadcaster, public speaker, media and communication expert, Dr Abdulgaffar Arikewoye.

Others are communications specialist, education analyst, youngest and only female contributing member of the Editorial Board at PUNCH Newspapers), Ms Deborah Tolu-Kolawole; Event Host, Mr Sola Rahman; programmes manager at the Nigeria Info FM, Mr Sheriff Quadry; Real Estate Developer & Co-founder Dukiya Investment, Mr Lukman Shobowale; SSA, New Media to the Kwara State Governor, Mr Olayinka Fafoluyi; and lawyer, entrepreneur, and politician, Mrs Titilope T. Anifowoshe.

Other alumni who made the list include, comedian, event host, and Radio star, Mr Oyakhire Ikhuemein (Oyas Baba); writer, author and development economist, Mr Seun Awogbenle; journalist, entrepreneur and humanitarian popularly known as Iyalaya, Mrs Gbonegun Oloade-Olasupo; social media marketer, Mr Muhammed Omoniyi; legal practitioner, Principal Partner/Founder, Iris Attorneys LP, Lagos, Mr Ridwan Oke; Entrepreneur, social media influencer, Ms Zainab Abidoye; broadcaster, media consultant, Mr Chibuzor Adizua; and radio star, Mr Babajide Oluwaseun.

In his address titled "Nothing Like Giving Back", the Vice-Chancellor of the University, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, said as advocates, they would serve as the mouth piece of the University, championing the institution's values of excellence, integrity, and community engagement.

He added that through their leadership, expertise, and networks, they are expected to play a pivotal role in promoting the institution, fostering collaboration, and enhancing the reputation of UNILORIN both nationally and internationally.

The Vice Chancellor explained further that as advocates, their responsibilities include serving as mentors and role models to current students, and inspiring them to aspire for greatness,

pursue their passions, and make positive impacts in their communities.

Prof. Egbewole expressed his expectation that the advocates would share their experiences, offer guidance, and create opportunities for students to excel in their chosen endeavours.

The Vice Chancellor explained that, "the alumni embody the true spirit of the UNILORIN family, and this particular group stands in a uniquely significant position. Not only have you excelled in your respective fields, but you have also demonstrated a steadfast commitment to giving back to your alma mater in impactful ways. Today, we celebrate your dedication and passion for advancing the mission and vision of our university. We acknowledge that, apart from those present here today, there are thousands of our supporters, advocates, and counterparts out there, championing our cause".

Reflecting on the enduring legacy of the University and the collective achievements of its alumni community, the legal luminary commended the advocates for their unwavering support and commitment to UNILORIN. He expressed confidence that their passion, expertise, and dedication would propel the University to greater heights of success and impact.

While congratulating the newly appointed advocates and expressed gratitude for the value they bring to the University, the Vice Chancellor urged everyone to continue upholding the proud legacy of UNILORIN and work towards a future filled with endless possibilities.

The Vice Chancellor, however, appreciated the staff members, who include Mr Segun Alabi, Mr Tope Omoniyi, Ms Yemisi Olayemi and Mr Mubarak Akintola, who worked tirelessly to make the occasion a reality.

Speaking on the reason behind the idea of the UNILORIN Advocates, an Assistant Director of Information at the University, Mr. Segun Alabi, said the UNILORIN Advocate Council 1.0 was initiated by the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, as part of a broader strategy to propel UNILORIN back to its former top-ranking position in Nigeria and position it among the world's top 500 universities.

Mr Alabi explained that under the leadership of the current Vice Chancellor, the University is embracing technological advancements and recognising the pivotal role of its alumni in achieving its goals.

He added that the Advocate Council will serve as a platform for alumni to contribute to the growth and success of the university.

Mr Alabi also said UNILORIN, which continues to evolve from its humble beginnings in 1975 when it only had three Faculties to the present 17 Faculties, wants to leverage the strength of all selected members of the Advocates. He noted that the Advocate Council represents a pivotal step towards

harnessing the collective strength of its global alumni community to position the nation's most sought-after University to reclaim its position as a leading institution both nationally and internationally.

Speaking on behalf of other members of the UNILORIN Advocates 1.0, a renowned event host, Mr Shola Ramon, expressed their commitment to proudly promoting the image of the University more than ever before, now that they have been entrusted with this mandate. "We are fueled by passion and possess the determination to hoist the University's flag higher than ever. With the mandate now in our hands, we are prepared to exert every effort to ensure that the flag flies high".

Reflecting on his experience with the University's work-study scheme, Mr Ramon recalled how the initiative, introduced alongside the establishment of the University radio, taught him valuable lessons in balancing work and studies effectively. He said that this experience shaped him into a more resilient individual with the ability to pursue his dreams, adding that the initiative provided students with the opportunity to balance work and study, a skill he learned and mastered during his time at the University.

He emphasised that the time to amplify their efforts is now as he attributed their success to the strong foundation laid by the University of Ilorin.

Addressing current undergraduates, Mr Ramon encouraged them to leverage the experiences of the advocates. He suggested reaching out for guidance and support, offering assistance to those with a passion for acting by facilitating connections with industry professionals like Femi Adebayo.

Another alumnus and one of the newly inducted Advocates, Ms Titilope Anifowoshe, expressed her gratitude to the management of the University for the opportunity, stating, "For me and every other person here, we are honoured to be called up for this task, and we will continue to raise the flag of UNILORIN".

While noting the significance of the University in their lives, the seasoned lawyer, said, "For us, it's always been UNILORIN before anything else" as she highlighted the abundant talents nurtured by the institution.

Meanwhile, a former Housemate on the 2018 edition of BB Naija and a cybersecurity expert, Omololu Shomuyiwa, expressed his eagerness to participate in the project because University of Ilorin gave him a family through the UNILORIN FM 89.3. "I remember when UNILORIN Radio started on the 5th floor of the Senate Building. The University has played a significant role in shaping who I am today, and for that, I am grateful," Shomuyiwa reminisced.

Be cautious in approving schools, Fasasi charges government

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He insisted that the issuance of operational license to proposed private educational institutions should be done with caution as quality required for the take-off and future expansion of the institutions must be guaranteed.

Prof. Fasasi also explained that the proliferation of educational institutions does not translate to national development. He added that quality, rather than quantity, should be the watchword of the approving authorities.

He also charged the proprietors of private educational institutions to ensure adequate funding of the institutions to enable them contribute to the actualisation of the nation's educational objectives.

The don suggested that the attainment of the nation's educational objectives should not be left for the government alone but should be complemented by other stakeholders particularly parents and supervisors.

He noted that the carrying capacity of educational institutions should be considered before determining the number of students to be admitted into such institutions of learning. He added that large-size schools and classrooms without corresponding facilities tend to complicate administrative and supervisory duties.

Prof. Fasasi also suggested that long-term planning on policies, which increases the population at the implementation stage and in future when the students get to a higher level of education, should be given priority.

On the appropriate age at which candidates could be admitted into our schools, the Professor of Educational Management suggested that administrators and supervisors must

always ensure strict adherence to age specification and duration at each level of education.

Prof. Fasasi opined that parents and stakeholders should be sensitised on psycho-emotional and other consequences inherent in allowing double promotions for their wards by their schools.

He also advised that stakeholders should stop pointing accusing fingers at one another and assigning faults as well as shifting responsibilities for failure in the educational system rather they should embrace all that would make educational objectives realisable.

Prof. Fasasi urged supervisors, teachers and other stakeholders to get themselves familiar with policies and laws on education so that they would be able to understand their rights, duties and limitations.

The Inaugural Lecturer insisted that prospective supervisors should be professionally trained while those already employed should be encouraged to undergo in-service training. He insisted that their knowledge and skills must be constantly updated to enable them cope with a rapidly changing society.

He equally advised that orientation programmes be organised for new staff members and students with adequate attention given to relevant



The representative of the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Olubunmi Abayomi Omotesho (right) receiving the lecture notes from Prof. Fasasi last Thursday

aspects of education laws as he noted that it is also important that statutory records kept in heads of educational institutions' offices should include documents on education laws and policies.

He further explained that it is important for supervisors to perform facility management functions such as planning, organising and coordinating activities to ensure adequate supply, utilisation, maintenance and safety of the facilities.

Prof. Fasasi also appealed to government, corporate organisations and individuals involved in the running of schools to provide safe working environment, regular payment of entitlements and promotions accompanied with all benefits to all categories of staff members.

The Inaugural Lecture attracted dignitaries from far and near including the Principal Officers of the University, friends, relations, colleagues and students of Prof. Fasasi.

Musa delivers 257th 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-seventh (257th) Inaugural Lecture of the University scheduled as follows:

Lecturer: Professor AbdulRasak Kanneke Musa B. Agric. (Hons); M.Sc. (Ilorin); Ph.D. (ABU) Department of Crop Protection, Faculty of Agriculture, University of Ilorin

Topic: "Managing Insects for Safe Food and Life"

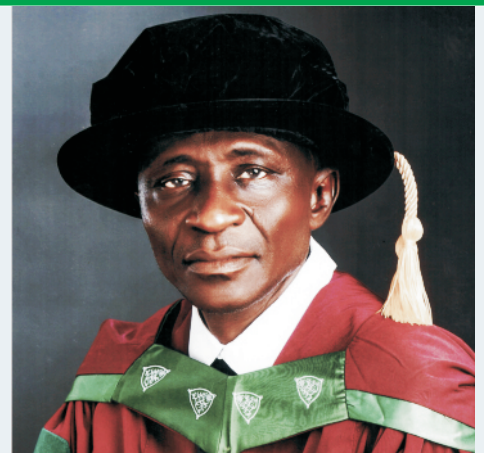
Date: Thursday, 9th May, 2024

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. Musa

JAMB UTME exams at UNILORIN Centres successful-CBT Director

By Abubakar Imam

About 7000 candidates from different parts of the country recently sat for this year's Unified Tertiary Matriculation Examinations (UTME) of the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB) at the University of Ilorin Centres.

This was disclosed by the Director of the Computer-Based Test (CBT), University of Ilorin, Prof. Kamilu Rauf, while speaking with UNILORIN BULLETIN in his office last Tuesday (April 30, 2024).

The Director said that the examination, which was conducted over a period of four days and 33 sessions, was a huge success

Prof. Rauf stated that though a total of 7,260 candidates were posted to the University for the examination, only 6,788 of the candidates actually reported and participated.

He explained that 455 candidates did not show up for the examination while 17 of the candidates that showed up could not be verified as duly registered candidates.



Prof. Rauf

Speaking on his general assessment of the examinations as held at the University, Prof. Kamilu said that the conduct was not only fair but very impressive.

The Professor of Mathematics added that the available facilities accommodate the needs of the candidates

during the examination.

He also explained that the Centre had enough materials to cater for the number of candidates who were posted for the examination.

Prof. Rauf added that computer systems and network connectivity were stable throughout the examination period, which ensured a smooth administration of the process.

He equally noted that all the three facilities where the examination was conducted were well-ventilated and provided a comfortable environment for the candidates to focus on their examinations.

The Director also expressed profound satisfaction with the quality of the restrooms, which he said were in good conditions for the students and officials during the examination, adding that everything was sufficient to meet the JAMB requirements.

Prof. Rauf thanked the University Security Unit, the Clinic and all other stakeholders who were involved in ensuring the success of the examination.

Why we prioritise SDG-focussed research- Egbewole

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The programme was designed to train selected staff of the University of Ilorin and other organisations such as the Industrial Training Fund (ITF), the Kwara State Public Procurement Agency, Lower Niger River Basin Development Authority, the National Environmental Standards and Regulations Enforcement Agency (NESREA), the Kwara State Ministry of Social Development, the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC), the Kwara State University, Malete and Kwara State Internal Revenue Service (KWIRS).

The workshop was facilitated by Joseph Sarwuan Tarka University, Makurdi, in collaboration with the Centre for Research Development and In-House Training (CREDIT), University of Ilorin.

Prof. Egbewole said that organisations desiring to protect the future must prioritise environmental sustainability, saying that was the reason why his administration hosted the workshop.

He explained that the training was instructive as it focuses on

procurement management, environmental sustainability, and sustainable social development.

While expressing his pleasure in inviting participants from diverse backgrounds to ensure a fruitful exchange of experiences, the Vice Chancellor noted that procurement management poses a significant challenge for Nigeria, and it is crucial for leaders in various units to understand its intricacies.

Commenting on the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed between the University of Ilorin and Joseph Sarwuan Tarka University, the Vice Chancellor recalled the deliberate efforts of the management to give life to the MoU. He said, "I am pleased that the MoU with Joseph Sarwuan Tarka University is not just a document on the shelf; we are giving life to it and taking action. I urge participants to identify key deliverables of this workshop for the benefit of their organisations, communities, and the two institutions, i.e., University of Ilorin and Joseph Sarwuan Tarka University".

Speaking earlier, the Acting Director of the Centre for Research Development and In-House Training (CREDIT), University of Ilorin, Dr Abdulkarim Oloyede, said that addressing

the persistent challenges of procurement fraud in Nigeria necessitates a collective effort from all stakeholders involved in the procurement process.

"By arming ourselves with the requisite knowledge and skills in procurement standards and practices, we can contribute to fostering transparency, accountability, and integrity within our respective organisations", he noted.

While explaining that the significance of environmental and social standards cannot be overstated, the wireless telecommunications and internet governance specialist urged Nigerians to pursue economic development and progress sustainably and with social responsibility in mind. He said that this can be achieved by adhering to environmental regulations and advocating for social inclusivity and equity.

The Ag. Director noted that the World Bank's initiative to prioritise procurement, environmental, and social standards underscores the global acknowledgment of these issues and their pivotal role in advancing good governance and sustainable development.

AbdulRaheem, Oloyede, Akanji, others bag UNILORIN Registry awards

By Abubakar Imam and Tope Omoniye

Two former Vice Chancellors of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Shuaibu Oba AbdulRaheem, OFR; and Prof. Is-haq Olanrewaju Oloyede, CON, were last Tuesday (April 30, 2021) conferred with awards of excellence by the Registry Department of the University in appreciation of their contributions.

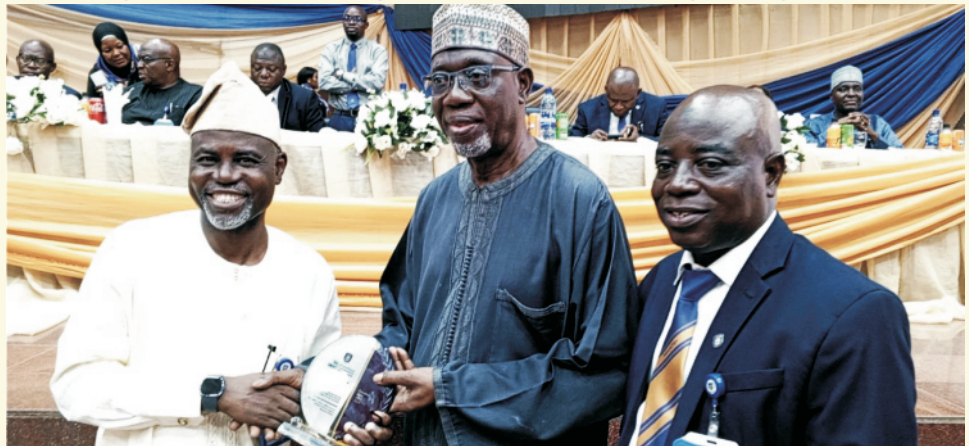
The award presentations which were part of the highlights of the 4th Registry Seminar of the University, attracted dignitaries from far and near including the Vice Chancellor of the University, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN.

Others who were honoured at the event were a former Vice Chancellor of the Federal University of Technology, Minna, who is also the pioneer Vice Chancellor of Al-Hikmah University, Ilorin, Prof. Musibau Adewunmi Akanji, and three former Registrars of the University of Ilorin, Alhaji Muritala Tunde Balogun, Mr Emmanuel Dada Obafemi and Dr Modupe Folaranmi Olowoloni, as well as an Ilorin-based entrepreneur, Alhaji Abdulganiy Erinjogunola.

In his address, the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Egbewole, SAN, commended the Registry Department for its dedication and commitment to excellence.

He highlighted the Department's crucial role in the University's smooth operations and its contribution to the achievements recorded by the University.

Speaking on "Mentoring and Succession Planning in the University", the Registrar of the Federal University,



Prof. AbdulRaheem (middle) receiving a plaque from Prof. Egbewole (left) while Mr Alfanla (right) looks on

Lokoja, Dr Rebecca Okojie, noted that in the face of the current global economic realities and dwindling government funding, the lines are blurring between public and private universities.

She added that "universities, especially public ones, must emplace best practice in succession planning as a survival strategy for growth and sustainability".

In his own lecture, titled "Record Management: Registry As An Institutional Memory", the immediate past Registrar of the Federal University of Agriculture, Abeokuta, Dr Bola Adekola, submitted that the Registry plays a pivotal role in record management and serves as the custodian of institutional memories within universities.

"By effectively managing records and preserving historical materials, the Registry contributes to the continuity, transparency, and knowledge stewardship of the institution. The importance of the Registry

in record management and institutional memory lies in its ability to capture, safeguard, and promote the historical, administrative, and cultural heritage of the university," he added.

In his remarks, the Registrar of the University of Ilorin, Mr Mansur Alfanla, thanked the Vice Chancellor for the support he has given to the Registry since his assumption of duty. Mr Alfanla noted that honouring the exemplary contributions of past administrators of our esteemed institution, whose leadership and vision have left an indelible mark on the University of Ilorin would encourage others to emulate them.

Speaking on the publication that was unveiled at the event, the Registrar noted that it would serve as a showcase of the academic excellence, research achievements, and institutional progress that defines the University of Ilorin.

Abdulsalam bags NITAD Fellowship, elected Governing Council member

By Abubakar Imam

Deputy Director at the Students Industrial Work Experience Scheme (SIWES), University of Ilorin, Mr Kola Suleiman Abdulsalam, was last Tuesday (April 30, 2024) conferred with the Fellowship of the Nigerian Institute of Training and Development (NITAD) at an event held in Lagos.

Mr Abdulsalam, who is also the Chairman/Coordinator of the Kwara State Branch of the Institute, was also inaugurated as a member of the Governing Council of NITAD, the highest decision/policy making body of the Institute. NITAD is a registered professional organisation in Nigeria, which dedicates itself to advancing the science and practice of training, learning

and development.

Speaking in a telephone chat with UNILORIN BULLETIN, Mr Abdulsalam expressed his profound gratitude to the management of the University for the opportunity given to him to be a member and a Fellow of the Institute.

Mr Abdulsalam similarly thanked the successive Directors of the SIWES Unit for their support to him over the years as he also thanked all the staff members of the Unit for the cooperation he has been enjoying.

The Deputy Director assured the Vice Chancellor and the management as well as staff members of the University that he would take advantage of his new status to further the interest of the University.



Mr Abdulsalam

Late Abiri, a great pathfinder -Yahaya

By Abubakar Imam

The pioneer Dean of the Faculty of Education, University of Ilorin, Prof. John Abiri, has been described as a great pathfinder and illustrious personality whose contributions towards the establishment and growth of the University, particularly its Faculty of Education, would remain imperishable.

This assertion was made last Tuesday (April 30, 2024) by the Dean of the Faculty, Prof. Lasiele Alabi Yahaya, when he led a delegation of his Faculty members on a condolence visit to the family of the deceased at Abiri town, Ile-Ife, Osun State.

The Dean said that the late Prof. Abiri was a teacher, role-model, mentor and statesman whose contributions to the development of the University of Ilorin and the academia would continue to be remembered and celebrated.

Prof. Yahaya added that the number of lecturers and students who passed through and benefited from the knowledge and skills of the late educationist and who have contributed and are still contributing immensely to national and human development are too numerous to be mentioned.

He added that the life and times of the late scholar were worthy of emulation, saying that rounding off his sojourn on earth as a traditional ruler was a confirmation of the fact that Prof. Abiri actually lived and died for the people.

Prof. Yahaya, who is also a former Director, Institute of Education, University of Ilorin, explained that the Faculty paid the visit in acknowledgement of the great roles of the deceased not only towards the establishment of the Faculty but also for his consistent fatherly interventions after his retirement.

He assured the Abiri family of the support of the Faculty and the University at all times, saying that the late Dean deserved all the accolades heaped on him before and since his demise.

Responding, the widow of the deceased, Mrs Patience Titilayo Abiri, thanked the Dean and members of his entourage for deeming it fit to visit the family.

Mrs Abiri said that despite the involvement of her husband in other national and community assignments



■ Mrs Abiri (7th right) and Prof. Yahaya (6th right) with other members of the delegation last Tuesday

after his retirement from the University, the late Dean remained emotionally attached to the Better By Far University.

The highlight of the visit was the presentation of a condolence letter to the family of the late Prof. Abiri on behalf of the management of the University of Ilorin, staff and students of the Faculty of Education by the Dean.

Other members of the delegation were Prof. Aderonke Soetan of the Department of Educational Technology; Prof. H. T. Yusuf of the Department of Social Sciences

Education; Dr Y. Bello of the Department of Arts Education and Dr R. L. Abdulkareem of the Department of Educational Management.

The delegation also included Dr A. Saidu of the Department of Arts Education; Dr Khadijat S. Ameen of the Department of Science Education; Dr Memunat Ajadi of the Department of Human Kinetics and Health Education Dr A. O. Olawuni of the Department of Adult and Primary Education and a retired Chief Confidential Secretary, Mr J. F. Olafare.



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Date: Wednesday 8th, May 2024
Venue: Moot Court, Faculty of Law,
University of Ilorin, Ilorin
Time: 9am

Keynote Speaker: Sheikh Nuruddeen Lemu
(Director, Islamic Education Trust
Minna, Nigeria)

Topic: Islam and its Law: Inclusive,
Universal and Timeless



Abideen Olasupo: A UNILORITE's giant strides in AI

By Abubakar Imam

Since the establishment of the nation's most sought-after University, the University of Ilorin, about 50 years ago, the institution has continued to produce innumerable number of outstanding graduates who are doing very well at local, national and international levels. One of these illustrious and accomplished alumni is Mr Abideen Olasupo.

Mr Olasupo, who graduated from the Department of Chemistry in 2017, is the founder and manager of the Brain Builders Youth Development Initiative (BBYDI), which was launched in 2022. BBYDI is an independent, nonpartisan and nonprofit making fact-checking platform for Africans.

His organisation has unveiled FactCheckAfrica, which is reputed to be the first Africa's Artificial Intelligence platform. The platform is specifically targeted at countering the spread of misinformation and disinformation across the continent.

There is no doubt in the fact that this Osun State-born UNILORITE is not just a good ambassador of his alma mater, he is also a glowing pride to his state of origin and Nigeria at large in view of the positive ways he has been relentlessly deploying his youthful energy and skills.

Instead of causing social dislocation like many of his age mates, Mr Olasupo has become an asset to the nation and humanity at large.

He didn't just start. He has been posting remarkable contributions since his days at the University. He was the Google Student Ambassador while at the University. He also served as the President of the National Association of Osun State Students, University of Ilorin Chapter.

Mr Olasupo was also a member of the Independent Students Electoral Committee (ISEC) as he also won the prestigious Gani Fawehimi Integrity award

a few years ago.

Speaking at the unveiling of the AI-powered platform on Monday, Mr Olasupo, said MyAIFactChecker was a product of months of dedicated efforts and research, with support from BECERA and the U.S State Department.

He noted that the initiative would revolutionise how Africans verify news and other online information.

Mr Olasupo added, "MyAIFactChecker is a demonstration of our organisation's unwavering commitment to combating the scourge of misinformation,

disinformation, and fake news, thereby safeguarding the integrity of information. This platform, which leverages cutting-edge AI technology, is user-friendly, and allows you to verify the authenticity of news, social media posts, and other online content quickly and conveniently."

The UNILORITE further disclosed that the innovative platform would provide users with a range of functionalities, including a chatbot interface, feedback mechanism, and voice search capability that is available in English, Swahili, French, Arabic, and several popular local Nigerian languages.

According to him, the launch of MyAIFactChecker comes at a critical time, as the proliferation of disinformation and harmful content continues to pose significant threats to the integrity of



■ Olasupo Abideen at the Trusteeship Chamber in New York during the 2024 ECOSOC Youth Forum last

elections, democracy, public health, and stability in African nations.

The BBYDI global Director, who said the impact of fake news and disinformation on elections could not be waived, expressed optimism that his organisation's newly introduced AI fact-checking would help combat the spread of disinformation in African nations preparing to hold elections this year.

"It is worthy to note that 2024 is a year of elections in Africa as about 24 countries on the continent will hold elections this year. During electioneering periods, there is always a proliferation of fake news, and its attendant consequences could negatively impact the electoral process.

"With the launch of MyAIFactChecker", Mr Olasupo explained, "we are poised to curb the spread of misinformation and disinformation before, during, and after elections in these affected countries".

He added, "We believe that access to accurate information is a fundamental right, and we are dedicated to empowering individuals with the tools to discern truth from falsehood in this digital age. We will continue to promote media literacy and critical thinking across Africa".

Continuing, Mr Olasupo, who addressed the 2024 United Nations ECOSOC Youth Forum, held in New York last week, where he spoke on 'The ethical use of AI and its implications for education in Africa', said his organisation would continue to push for policies around ethical use of AI in Nigeria and Africa as a whole to maximise its benefits and mitigate its risks.

"In recognition of the immense potential of AI in addressing societal challenges, BBYDI will continue to advocate for policies and ethical frameworks to guide the deployment of AI technologies across Africa. It is imperative that we harness the power of AI for the collective good of our society," he noted.



UNILORIN shines at Cryptography contest

By Mubarak Oladosu

A team of University of Ilorin students on April 18, 2024 won a cheque worth 5000 dollars at the finals of DecaHack competition organised by the Cryptography Development Initiative in Nigeria (CRIN) in collaboration with Sahara ICP Hub following its outstanding performance.

The event, which was themed, "Shaping the Future: Youth-Led Innovation in the Digital Age" and held at the Nigerian Army Resources Centre, Asokoro, Abuja, featured six tertiary institutions.

At the grand finale of the contest, the University of Ilorin presented two projects just as the Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife; while the Kwara State University, Malete, presented three projects.

Other finalists at the competition were Tai Solarin University of Education, Ijebu-Ode, which showcased a project, Federal University of Technology, Minna, which similarly presented one project and Covenant University, Sango-Otta, which had six projects.

Following their presentations, which lasted five minutes each and three minutes of questions and answers,



Prof. Yakubu (left) with the victorious UNILORITES after the contest recently

the panel of judges adjudged the UNILORIN team's presentation as one of the best five projects.

The event, which was chaired by the Minister of Communication, Innovation and Digital Economy, Dr Bosun Tijani, who was represented by Mr Yakubu Musa Yakubu, featured a documentary on the impact of the DecaHack initiative.

It also featured goodwill messages by stakeholders in Blockchain Technology Association of Nigeria.

Members of Team UNILORIN, which was led to the contest by the Dean of Students Affairs, Prof. Musa Toyin Yakubu, comprised Teslim Ibisomi, Mubarak Olanrewaju, Toheeb Alade and Lukman Saheed.

Bursary Department

Notification for the commencement of Fixed Assets Verification Exercise

The Fixed Assets Management Unit is a newly created unit in Bursary Department. It is saddled with the responsibility of capturing, verifying, tracking, maintaining and determining depreciation of all the university fixed assets in line with the International Public Sector Accounting Standards (IPSAS 17).

Since the creation of the unit, it has been observed that the fixed assets register of the university required to be updated to comply with the recent circular received from the federal government.

In view of the above, I write to notify the university community that the Fixed Assets Management Team will soon commence physical verification of university's assets across faculties, departments, units and centres.

I, therefore, seek for your maximum cooperation for the successful outcome of the exercise. Thank you.

Ayanda, S.O
For: Ag Bursar



UNIVERSITY OF ILORIN

FACULTY OF PHYSICAL SCIENCES

FAPSCON
2024
Final Call

Faculty of Physical Sciences

Maiden

International Conference (Hybrid)

(FAPSCON 2024)

Conference Date:
4th – 8th
June,
2024

University Auditorium, University of Ilorin, Nigeria

Theme:

Renewable Energy and Clean Environment: Panacea for Sustainable Development

Keynote Speakers:

Dr. Bankim Ch. TRIPATHY

Chief Scientist (CSIR) & Professor (AcSIR),
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Chairman, Senate Committee on Agricultural
Product Services and Rural Development

2nd Faculty Lecture Speaker:

Dr. Justus Adebajo ADELEKE

Ph.D (Manchester), B.Sc. (1st Class, Ilorin), MBA (DELSU)
Wells, Reservoir & Facilities Management, ARADEL Holdings,
& Principal Consultant, Justus PetroConsult, Aberdeen, UK

Sub-Themes:

- Environmental Sustainability
- Role of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in Education
- Mineral Exploration and Exploitation for National Development
- Environmental Health
- Indigenous Technologies in Environmental Management
- Emerging Trends for Efficient Fuel Production/Battery Technologies
- Trends in Water Exploration, Exploitation and Quality Assessment
- Waste Reduction, Reuse and Recycling Technologies
- Space Technology and Communication
- Food Security for Sustainable Development
- Population Growth and Associated Impacts
- Multi-disciplinary and Trans-disciplinary Approach to Attaining Sustainable Development Goal (SDG)

Important Dates:

Abstract submission (150 words) extended: 11th May, 2024

Notification of acceptance extended: 15th May, 2024

Full Paper submission (8 pages maximum) ends: 22nd May, 2024

Camera ready (Final Paper) submission ends: 27th May, 2024

Conference Schedule:

Day 1: Arrival and Registration

Day 2: Opening Ceremony/Keynote Addresses/Awards/Technical Session

Day 3: 2nd Faculty Lecture/Technical Session/Familiarization Tour

Day 4: Technical Session/Dinner

Day 5: Departure

Call for Abstracts:

Abstracts are invited from relevant disciplines. Submission will be peer reviewed and acceptance based on quality, originality and relevance. All accepted manuscripts will be published in the conference Book of Proceedings indexed in SCOPUS. All submissions should be sent electronically to fpsconference2024@unilorin.edu.ng

website: www.fapsccon.org.ng

Registration: Intending Participants can register via <https://forms.gle/VR5kb7yMrhKcVJCE9>

Participants	Early Bird	On-Spot
Faculty Members	N15,000 (Subsidized)	N20,000
Non-Faculty Members/Researchers	N25,000	N30,000
Students: Undergraduate	N5,000	N7,500
Postgraduate	N10,000	N15,000
International	\$100	\$150

Early Bird extended: 19th May, 2024

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UNILORIN WEEKLY FINANCIAL DIGEST

FUND SOURCES AND UTILIZATION REPORT FROM 25TH APRIL TO 2ND MAY 2024

RECEIPTS:	AMOUNT
Academic Transcript	625,000.00
Sundry & Other Fees Student Charges	4,292,547.50
Sundry Other Income	5,840,202.50
Convocation Souvenir	446,890.00
Clinic Registration (Staff)	2,000.00
Rent on University Property	324,300.00
Treatment of Non University Patients	750.00
Income from Dental Clinic	177,177.50
Income from Diagnostic Centre	73,477.50
Income from Verification/Screening	30,000.00
Capitation NHIS	1,881,750.00
Contractor's Registration Fees	12,000.00
Games Fee	15,000.00
Income from Fitness Centre	6,000.00
Refund (Non Salary)	50,000.00
Rent on Staff Accommodation	71,181.60
Staff I.D Cards	2,000.00
Utility Income	115,500.00
Undergraduate Convocation Charges	77,200.00
Postgraduate School Charges	15,717,550.00
Postgraduate School Transcript Payment	245,000.00
Postgraduate School Acceptance Payment	20,150.00
Postgraduate School Application Form	4,376,100.00
Postgraduate School Add/Drop Payment	5,750.00
Postgraduate School General Payment	529,820.00
Postgraduate Convocation Charges	164,600.00
Institute of Education School Charges	76,525.00
Ilorin Business School Application Form	175,600.00
JUPEB School Charges	120,150.00
Total Receipt for the Period	₦35,474,221.60
PAYMENTS	
PAYMENT TO CONTRACTORS/SUPPLIERS:	
Excelture Pharmacy Ltd Supply of Lab Equipment	15,509,090.00
Emzor Pharmaceutical Ltd Supply of Drug	6,169,280.00
Noble Mark Ltd Supply of Desktop Computers	9,164,805.00
NabadesTabades Ltd Repair of Aluminium Door Keys and other	482,529.88
Deen-Aleem General Merchant Nig Ltd Completion of Abuja Liaison office	6,164,611.10
Jeebsalam Nig Ltd Maintenance of Public Building	1,523,050.00
One-Step Pharmacy Ltd Drugs and Dressing	9,978,500.00
Worldwide Interbiz Ltd Repair of Damaged Interlocked Blocks	620,705.00
OTHER PAYMENTS:	
Various Variou <i>s</i> .e DTA, IMPREST, REFUND e.t.c	1,477,200.00
Purchase Advance Various	25,807,850.36
Unilorin Petrol Station Supply of Fuel	7,221,843.20
TSA Charges Various	43,860.00
Total payment for the period	₦84,163,324.54

Signed

ObaAbdulkarki, FCA

Ag Bursar



S/N	Name	Department	Birthday
1	Haruna, Nureni	Security Division	May 05
2	Adeniyi, Mercy Ibijola	Health Services	May 05
3	Agunbiade, Comfort Mojirade	Registry	May 05
4	Oladele, Paul	Teaching & Research Farm	May 05
5	Abdulfatai, Kudirat Morenikeji	Registry	May 05
6	Ibrahim, Bolaji Ayinde	Security Division	May 05
7	Bamidele, Babalola Reuben	Unilorin Zoo	May 05
8	Kolawole, Ganiyu	Security Division	May 05
9	Shehu, Abdulraheem Adaramaja	Health Promotion & Environmental Health Edu	May 05
10	Abolarin, Ajayi	Security Division	May 05
11	Jimoh, Abdullahi Enehe	Registry	May 05
12	Oyewumi, Samuel Oludare.	Registry	May 05
13	Makanjuola, James	Security Division	May 05
14	Oloruntoba, Ayodele	Security Division	May 05
15	Asegieme, Elizabeth	Registry	May 05
16	Ibrahim, Akintola Idris	Directorate Of Corporate Affairs	May 05
17	Yahya, Raheem Abolare	Materials & Metallurgical Engineering	May 05
18	Adebiyi, Oluwashina Moruf	Political Science	May 05
19	Fawole, Femi John	Aquaculture & Fisheries	May 05
20	Akintola, Abimbola Ganiyat	Computer Science	May 05
21	Mohammed, Dauda Kolawole	Electrical & Electronics Engineering	May 05
22	Hamzat, Abdulmumeen	Optometry & Vision Science	May 05
23	Saliu, Mohammed Toyin	Registry	May 05
24	Jolayemi, Mayowa Sunday	Security Division	May 05
25	Adedayo, Oyeniyi Joel	Registry	May 05
26	Oloyede, Waliyat Olaide	Agric Econs & Farm Mgt	May 05
27	Abdulkareem, Idris Kolawole	Registry	May 05
28	Ayofe, Ayobami Mary	Registry	May 05
29	Muhammed, Shuaib Damilola	Pharmaceutical & Medicinal Chemistry	May 05
30	Issa, Muyideen Alakoso	Library	May 05
31	Ajibade, Saka Salawu	Bursary	May 06
32	Oluyemi, Adedoja Roseline	Registry	May 06
33	Ordu, Christiana Obi	Central Admin: Office	May 06
34	Umoru, Mariatu	Works: Parks & Gardens	May 06
35	Na'Allah, Abdullahi	Ling. & Nig. Languages	May 06
36	Ibraheem, Lateef Onireti	Arabic	May 06
37	Raji, Shittu Adewole	Centre For Peace & Strategic Studies	May 06
38	Adefila, Stephen Kolawole	Geography & Environmental Management	May 06
39	Olayanju, Victoria Toyin	Registry	May 06
40	Sanusi, Arimaiyau Akanji	Health Promotion & Environmental Health Edu	May 06
41	Aina, Doyin Tope	Registry	May 06
42	Yusuf, Isah	Network Operating Centre	May 06
43	Yusuf, Kamalden Aduagba	Physics	May 06
44	Yahaya, Mercy Aishat	Registry	May 06
45	Ojo, Olubukola James	Educational Management	May 06
46	Sanusi, Tawab Funsho	Unilorin Staff School	May 07
47	Abiodun, Adewole Alfred	Statistics	May 07
48	Arosanyin, Godwin Tunde	Economics	May 07
49	Ayanshola, Ayanniyi Mufutau	Water Resources & Environmental Engineering	May 07
50	Oyinwola, Beatrice Bunmi	Registry	May 07
51	Jimoh-Jibril, Omobolanle Sherifat	Bursary	May 07
52	Muhammad, Aremu Taofeeq	Security Division	May 07
53	Abdulkadir, Fatimah Segilola	Industrial Chemistry	May 07
54	Sanusi, Mayowa Saheed	Food & Bioprocess Engineering	May 07
55	Balogun, Idiata Olayinka	Registry	May 07
56	Saka, Moshood Abiola	Veterinary Public Health & Preventive Medicine	May 07
57	Akewushola, Fatimoh Bibire	Registry	May 07
58	Babalola, Olasunkanmi Musbau	Surgery	May 08
59	Lawal, Belawu Ayoka Malomo	Registry	May 08
60	Soliu, Adijat Abebi	Health Services	May 08
61	Adepoju, Lydia Abiola	Food & Bioprocess Engineering	May 08
62	Adebisi, Samson Adebayo	Registry	May 08
63	Olaki, Jerome Alaba	Agronomy	May 09
64	Abubakar, Abdullahi Salih	English	May 09
65	Adeniyi-Rufai, Funmi Felicia	Registry	May 09
66	Saka, Abdulkadir Bolakale	Portal Services	May 09
67	Dopamu, Olusegun Adesina	Registry	May 09
68	Yakubu, Sumonu	Security Division	May 09
69	Kayode, David Jimoh	Educational Management	May 09
70	Atanlogun, Bankole Oluwaseun	Registry	May 09
71	Okolo, Peter	Works: Works/Maint. Office	May 09
72	Gidado, Fausat Titilayo	Library	May 09
73	Abubakar, Melitus Mhelalolo	Biochemistry	May 09
74	Odebisi-Omokanye, Mutiat Busayo	Microbiology	May 09
75	Yusuf, Saheed Olayinka	Telecommunication Science	May 09
76	Adejumo, Margaret Iyabo	Health Services	May 10
77	Taiwo, Omotayo Adebayo	Mathematics	May 10
78	Abdullahi, Ibrahim Bello	Finance	May 10
79	Kolawole, Yinka	Registry	May 10
80	Aiyelabegan, Abdullateef	Security Division	May 10
81	Afolayan, Afusat Titilayo	Health Services	May 10
82	Barnabas, Joseph Eche	Security Division	May 10
83	Salami, Musa Ayinde	Central Admin: Office	May 10
84	Aremu, Nuha Salihu	Industrial Relations & Personnel Management	May 10
85	Ayoku, Waheed	Library	May 10
86	Salawu, Jimoh Omuya	Registry	May 10
87	Bello, Mohammed Adebisi	Works: Works/Maint. Office	May 11
88	Yusuf, Kamaldeen Olujide	Registry	May 11
89	Gidado, Hajarat Ahmed	Registry	May 11
90	Mustapha, Sherif Ishola	Chemical Engineering	May 11
91	Hadi, Yakub	Registry	May 11

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

- While delivering the University of Ilorin's 254th Inaugural lecture, entitled "Cocoons of Meaning of Signs and Styles in Semiotic and Stylistics", Prof. Victoria Alabi of the Department of English, has submitted that some on-line news reporters were fond of mindlessly abusing elements of stylistics in their reports.
("Don Says Online Reporters Abuse Elements of Stylistic Reports In English", <https://choice-reporters.com>)
- The Chairman of the Academic Staff Union of Universities (ASUU), University of Ilorin Branch, Dr Alex Akanmu, has hailed the educational policies of the Federal Government.
("What we expect from Fed Gov'ts education sector overhaul", *The Nation*, Thursday April 25, 2024, P.13)
- An advertisement placed for the Expression of Interest For Engagement of Consultants by the University of Ilorin, has been published.
("UNIVERSITY OF UNILORIN", *Nigerian Tribune*, Monday, April 29, 2024, P.27; UNIVERSITY OF ILORIN, *Nigerian Pilot*, Monday, April 29, 2024, P.13; *Nigerian Tenders Journal*, April 29-May 12, 2024, P.8)
- While delivering the 255th Inaugural Lecture of the University of Ilorin, entitled "People with

Disabilities and the Celebration of Life Beyond Limits", Prof. Bolanle Olawuyi of the Department of Social Sciences Education, has cautioned parents of children suffering from one disability or the other against hiding them.

("Don't hide your disabled children -Don begs parents", <https://www.suprememagazine.news>,"Don seeks inclusion of special education in tertiary Institutions", <https://www.thereflexion.com.ng>, "Don't Hide Your Disabled Children -Don Begs Parents", <https://www.nationalrecord.com>,"Don Seeks Inclusion of Special Education in Tertiary Institution", <https://newtelegraphng.com>, "PWD's in Nigeria lack digital skills for gainful employment -say IFA", <https://guardian.ng/news>, "Don Advocates mandatory inclusion of special education in teachers training", <https://leadership.ng.com>)

- The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has expressed the determination of his administration to always reward excellence among staff members of the University.
("UNILORIN REWARDS STAFF'S EXCELLENCE IN RESEARCH", <https://globalcrownnews.com.ng>)

Oluwaniyi shines at VICBHE training session on AI

By Abubakar Imam

Professor at the Department of Industrial Chemistry, University of Ilorin, Omolara Olusola Oluwaniyi, has emerged as the best graduating participant of the 13-week online training on Artificial Intelligence in Higher Education for academic and other senior staff of higher institutions in Africa. The training was coordinated by the Virtual Institute for Capacity Building in Higher Education (VICBHE) under the leadership of a former Executive Secretary of the National Universities Commission (NUC), Prof. Peter Okebukola.

The programme, which held between January 22 and April 26, 2024, was jointly sponsored by the National Universities Commission (NUC) and the National Open University of Nigeria (NOUN).

This was disclosed by the Dean, Faculty of Physical Sciences, Prof. Abdullahi Baba Alafara, in a congratulatory message sent to Prof. Oluwaniyi, a copy of which was made



■ Prof. Oluwaniyi

available to **UNILORIN BULLETIN**.

The Dean described Prof. Oluwaniyi's performance as "truly impressive" and a testament to her hard work, dedication, and passion for learning.

He added that the renowned scholar of Industrial Chemistry has demonstrated an exceptional attitude of

diligence and commitment to excellence that she has been known for over the years.

Prof. Alafara, who described Prof. Oluwaniyi's performance as a shining example of academic excellence, said that the performance would serve as an inspiration to all her colleagues across the Faculty and beyond.

The training programme was registered for by 1023 participants out of which 931 successfully completed the training with no fewer than 26 of the participants coming from the nation's most sought-after University.

While congratulating Prof. Oluwaniyi on her achievement, Prof. Alafara expressed the hope that the accomplishment would be a stepping stone to greater heights in her academic and professional pursuits as he prayed that she would continue to excel, innovate, and make a meaningful impact in the field of Artificial Intelligence and education.



Egbewole hails UNILORIN-Army partnership

By Tajudeen Babamale

The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. W a h a b O l a s u p o E g b e w o l e , S A N , has commended the relationship between the university and the nation's Armed Forces, particularly, the Nigerian Army.

Prof. Egbewole explained that the continuous positive relationship between the Nigerian Army College of Education (NACOE) and the Nigerian Army Institute of Science, Education and Technology (NAISET) has been fruitful and symbiotic as he described it as a testament to the enduring partnership between the academia and the armed forces.

Prof. Egbewole made this remark last Tuesday (April 30, 2024) during a meeting with a delegation led by the new Provost of the Nigerian Army College of Education (NACOE), Sobi, Ilorin, Major-General Umar Nasir Babangida, that visited the University.

The renowned Senior Advocate of Nigeria explained the importance of the relationship to the University, noting that an educational institution like the University of Ilorin must positively impact its community, which defines the essence of the bond between the institution and NACOE.

Expressing the commitment of the University to translating collaboration into tangible outcomes, Prof. Egbewole emphasised the need for concerted efforts to harness synergies in research endeavours. "It is now time to create synergy in research; this will propel us further in our shared objectives," he remarked.

The Professor of Jurisprudence and International Law expressed the readiness of the University to provide training support to NACOE as he said that such would showcase the institution's dedication to serving the needs of the Nigerian Army.

Reacting to a request by the delegation, the Vice Chancellor said that the University would be willing to nurture the proposed Entrepreneurship Centre of the NACOE.

Speaking earlier, the Provost of NACOE, Major General Babangida, reflected on the longstanding and harmonious relationship existing between the Nigerian Army and UNILORIN as he expressed his intent to further strengthen this bond and seek additional support.

Acknowledging the invaluable assistance of University staff members during the recent accreditation exercise conducted at the College, Major-General Babangida expressed gratitude for their contributions, particularly noting the significant role played by UNILORIN adjunct lecturers in



■ Prof. Egbewole (second left), receiving a plaque from Major-General Babangida (right) while Prof. Ambali (left) and Prof. Fawole (second right) look on

enhancing the standard of the academic programmes.

The Provost noted the commitment of the two institutions to fostering meaningful partnerships and advancing academic excellence, which, he said, would pave the way for collaborative efforts that will benefit both the military and civilian communities alike.

Also speaking, a member of the delegation, who is also the Commandant of the Nigerian Army Institute of Science Education and Technology (NAISET), Major-General Sani Sumaila Ibrahim, disclosed that the Chief of Army Staff had requested the integration of educational policies and principles into the training curriculum for senior officers of the College.

He, therefore, requested the assistance of the university in organising a workshop for the concerned officers.

Major General Ibrahim added that the College is eager to sign another Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Centre for Peace and Strategic Studies, University of Ilorin, for a hybrid training, which will combine educational and military instructions.

He also highlighted the importance of cultural studies and proposed a collaboration between Centre for Cultural Studies, University of Ilorin, and the Army College towards enhancing the capacity of soldiers attending such courses.

Joining the Vice Chancellor to receive the team from the Nigeria Army were the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic), Prof. Olubunmi Abayomi Omotesho; the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Management Services), Prof. Suleiman Funsho Ambali; the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Research, Technology and Innovations), Prof. Adegboyega Adisa Fawole; the Registrar, Mr Mansur Adeleke Alfa; the University Librarian, Dr Kamaldeen Omopupa; and the Ag Bursar, Mr Oba Abdulbaqi.