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By Tajudeen Babamale ...ICED Director advocates local-led research in Africa

The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has admonished researchers in the institution to ensure that the results of their studies directly benefit the society, saying that this is a crucial mandate of the University.

Prof. Egbewole stated this last Monday (November 11, 2024) while speaking at a Workshop on Advancing Local Leadership, Innovation and Network at the University Auditorium. The programme was sponsored by FEED the Future, the U.S Government's Global Hunger and Food Security Initiative and the International Centre for Evaluation and Development.



■ Prof. Egbewole

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Minister assures UNILORIN students of affordable high-speed internet

By Tajudeen Babamale

The Minister of Communication, Innovation, and Digital Economy, Mr Bosun Tijani, has unveiled the plans of the Federal Government to connect students of the University of Ilorin with their peers across Nigeria and beyond through a high-speed broadband initiative modeled after 'eduroam', an international WiFi network that connects students across

UK campuses in the United Kingdom.

Mr Tijani disclosed this last Wednesday (November 13, 2024), when he visited the Vice Chancellor in his office ahead of joining innovation and development scholars who converged on the University Auditorium for the 6th Africalics International Research Conference.

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■ Mr Tijani

How to lift Africa with innovation, digital technology - Egbewole, others ...as UNILORIN hosts 6th AFRICALICS

By Mubarak Oladosu

The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, last Wednesday (November 13, 2024) joined other scholars from Nigeria, some African and European countries at a brainstorming session to fashion a better future for education and development in the continent through digital revolution.

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VC commends Ceremonials Committee members on success of 39th Convocation

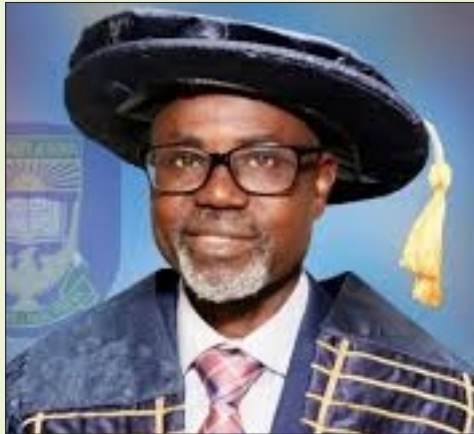
By Tajudeen Babamale

The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has applauded the members of the Ceremonials Committee for the successful execution of the institution's 39th Convocation Ceremonies. The Committee is headed by the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Research, Technology and Innovation), Prof. Adegboyega Adisa Fawole.

In a commendation letter personally signed by him and titled "Letter of Commendation on the Success of the 39th Convocation Ceremonies", and sent to the official emails of all the 45 members of the Committee, Prof. Egbewole acknowledged the exceptional efforts of the team.

The Vice Chancellor noted that the success of the convocation will be remembered for years, as it serves as a testament to the dedication and commitment of the committee members, adding that he looks forward to more accomplishments in future events.

Prof. Egbewole particularly commended members of the Ceremonials Committee for their



■ Prof. Egbewole

meticulous planning and unwavering dedication, which he said were evident in every aspect of the event.

He praised the seamless organisation and thoughtful programming that created a memorable experience for graduates, their families, and attendees. He said that every detail of the event, from inspiring speakers to the smooth flow of activities, showcased the team's commitment to excellence and the institution's mission.

The Vice Chancellor also



■ Prof. Fawole

acknowledged the teamwork and collaboration displayed by committee members, highlighting their professionalism and genuine passion. He said, "Thank you once again for your exceptional efforts. The success of this convocation will be remembered for years to come, and it is a testament to your dedication and commitment. I look forward to more accomplishments in future events. Please accept the assurance of my esteemed regards for a job well done."

Omotesho harps on synergy among top management staff

By Isaac Lewu

The Faculty of Agriculture, University of Ilorin, recently held a seminar on the pivotal role that Faculty management plays in achieving the University's ambitious Vision 1:10:100, a vision that aims to position the University as one of the top 100 universities globally, with a focus on delivering quality education to students, fostering academic research, and expanding its community outreach.

At the seminar, held penultimate Tuesday, (November 5, 2024) at the Faculty Board Room, the Guest Speaker, who is also the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic), Prof. Olubunmi Abayomi Omotesho, provided insightful strategies on aligning Faculty efforts with the institution's long-term objectives.

Prof. Omotesho underscored the importance of synergy among top-level management and the need for alignment with the overall goals of the University. According to him, when management teams work cohesively, it becomes easier to establish standards, maintain academic integrity, and contribute to the institution's vision for global recognition.

The Deputy Vice Chancellor provided an analysis of Vision 1:10:100,



■ Prof. Omotesho

explaining its ambitious objectives and what it means for the University of Ilorin. He pointed out that the Vision's aim for the University to be in the top 100 universities globally requires an unwavering commitment from every Department and Faculty.

He said that equipping Faculty management with the necessary skills and knowledge will effectively steer the institution toward meeting this ambitious goal.

Prof. Omotesho, who is a former Dean of the Faculty of Agriculture, reminded participants that the success of the Vision hinges on a strong support structure within

the Faculty, comprising skilled and proactive leaders who can implement strategies effectively.

He reiterated that the vision's success would require ongoing training, adherence to global standards, and a collaborative spirit within the Faculty, fostering a conducive environment for research and innovation.

The Dean of the Faculty, Prof. Oluyemisi B. Fawole, emphasised the significance of the seminar, stating that it was designed to be a platform for Faculty leaders to better understand their roles in contributing to the University's global competitiveness.

Prof. Fawole expressed the hope that the workshop would mark a new chapter in the Faculty's contribution to the University's vision. She urged participants to apply the knowledge gained and to work collaboratively toward fulfilling the University's aspirations for global recognition.

In his remarks, the Chairman of the Faculty Workshop, Training, Seminar, and Lecture Committee, Prof. A. Muhammad-Lawal, expressed gratitude to the guest lecturer and the participants for their attendance. He noted that the knowledge shared would serve as a blueprint for future Faculty training and workshops aimed at strengthening the institution's strategic objectives.

Egbewole lauds UNILORIN dons on impactful researches

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The Vice Chancellor, who was represented by the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic), Prof. Olubunmi Abayomi Omotesho, praised Prof. Opeyemi Eytayo Ayinde and Dr Khadijat Busola Amolegbe both of the Department of Agricultural Economics and Farm Management, for conducting researches that can positively impact the lives of local farmers.

Prof. Egbewole noted that the work of the researchers aligns with the Vision 1:10:500 initiative of his Administration, which aims to create practical solutions for the local community and advance the University's goals.

The Vice Chancellor encouraged researchers to secure grants and engage in studies that extend beyond academic publications, adding that the workshop was a step towards engaging with local farmers and other agricultural stakeholders towards fulfilling the tripartite mandates of the University, which is teaching, research, and community service.

Describing the two scholars as proud alumnae of the University, the Vice Chancellor said that he was happy that they were championing studies that will provide practical solutions to critical agricultural challenges. He noted that their projects hold great potential for transforming the agricultural sector.

Also in her remarks, the Dean of the Faculty of Agriculture, Prof. Olyemisi Bolajoko Fawole, expressed pride in the two lecturers for their impactful research, which has garnered



■ Dr Amolegbe



■ Prof. Ayinde

significant recognitions and funding.

Prof. Fawole, who is also the President of the Association of Nigerian Women in Agricultural Research for Development (NiWARD), said that she was happy that members of the group are making the Association proud.

The Dean said the fact that 165 research proposals were submitted for funding where only 12 were selected for funding, with two of the awardees being women from the Department of Agricultural Economics at the University of Ilorin shows the magnitude of efforts these vibrant researchers have put into action.

The Dean, who also observed that the grant objectives have been successfully met through the researchers' work, noted the importance of involving local researchers who understand the challenges faced by the communities they serve in their studies.

Speaking earlier, the Director of Research at the International Centre for Evaluation and Development (ICED), Mr Kwadwo Danso-Mensah, said the organisation's effort is to transform the

United States, which then enlisted local researchers from the Global South, particularly Africa, to assist. He lamented that this model frequently lacks the critical local context and understanding necessary to address issues specific to the continent.

To address this, he explained that ICED has developed an approach that empowers African researchers to lead their own projects, adding that instead of simply participating, local researchers can now originate ideas and shape projects that reflect the unique needs and circumstances of their communities.

Mr Danso-Mensah said ICED would continue to provide funding to these researchers and connect them with mentors from institutions in the Global North to support innovative and impactful research. He added that out of the 165 researchers who applied for the research grant, only 12 proposals were selected, with two scholars coming from the University of Ilorin.

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How to lift Africa with innovation, digital technology - Egbewole, others

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While declaring open the Conference organised by the African Networks of Economics of Learning, Innovation and Competence Building Systems (AFRICALICS), themed "The Africa We Want: Leveraging Innovation and Digital Transformation", Prof. Egbewole urged the participants to design the road map that would take Africa to that destination.

The legal luminary, who is also the Secretary General of the Association of West African Universities (AWAU), promised that the Conference would find the University of Ilorin a worthy partner in its journey of taking Africa to its dream destination.

In his address at the event, the Minister for Communication and Digital Economy, Dr. Bosun Tijani, who was represented by the Director of Artificial

Intelligence Unit of the Ministry, Dr. Olubunmi Ajala, noted that the Federal Government is determined to make Nigeria competitive in the Digital Age.

The Minister revealed that while it had taken Nigeria 20 years to lay fibre optics of a 30-kilometre distance, the current government is laying the foundation to complete 90 kilometres of fibre optics while also embarking on the largest digital talent hunt ever known in the world with the 3MTT programme in which the third cohort of 90,000 participants has just kicked off.

In his address, the President of AFRICALICS, Prof. Daniel Kitaw, pointed out that Africa must innovate for itself and embrace trading, banking, digital literacy and partnerships to bridge the digital divide. He noted that even the most marginalised societies can be equipped

with digital skills and infrastructure.

Prof. Kitaw also called on African governments to make policies that support innovation and technology.

On her part, the Chairperson of the Local Organising Committee (LOC), Dr. Kemi Omotesho, said that the time is right for Africa to turn its dream of progress into tangible reality. She appreciated the University of Ilorin for hosting the Conference without external funds

The Keynote Speaker, Prof. William Siyanbola, who addressed the gathering virtually, called for a coordinated approach that integrates technology and innovation in Africa's development strategy.

The conference, which ended last Friday (November 15, 2024), attracted participants from all over Africa and some European countries.

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Represented by his Special Assistant on AI Research, Mr Olubunmi Ajala, the Minister explained that the initiative, inspired by the eduroam model, is aimed at connecting all hostels at the University to a high-speed internet network that will link the institution to numerous higher institutions in Nigeria and worldwide and provide affordable access for all students.

Commenting on the 6th Africalics International Research Conference, themed "The Africa We Want: Leveraging Innovation and Digital Transformation", the Minister praised the University of Ilorin for demonstrating its global relevance by hosting innovation and development scholars from across Africa.

He explained the importance of addressing what he called "wicked problems", that is, complex challenges where solutions evolve and often generate new issues. The Minister added

that such problems require innovation and technology.

Mr Tijani commended Africalics for providing a platform that drives innovation and intellectual engagement and bridges the gap between research and practical application, particularly in internet technology, emerging fields, and Artificial Intelligence.

The Minister said, "You cannot solve wicked problems without innovations and technology. The good thing is that digital technology is becoming easier to implement. Africalics provides a platform to drive these technological innovations. If we talk about the internet, new technology, or even Artificial Intelligence, we find out that research has been ongoing for a long time, and now we are moving towards application. We cannot exclude the academic environment from this transition from research to application. Africalics offers a collaborative space for scholars, especially those focused on innovation and digital technology."

Welcoming the representative of the Minister to his office, the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, expressed the appreciation of the University for the role the Minister and his ministry played in hosting the conference.

He, however, requested the Minister's support in equipping the University's Computer-Based Test (CBT) Centre and the Centre for Open and Distance Learning (CODL) with more computer systems to enhance teaching and learning activities.

The Vice Chancellor added that the University recently held an AI workshop, where students who performed exceptionally well were selected for additional mentorship and opportunities.

He, therefore, sought the Ministry's support in advancing the University's Artificial Intelligence initiatives.

Egbewole greets Emir on 29th coronation anniversary

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 his 29th anniversary on the throne of his forebears.

In a statement issued by the University Director of Corporate Affairs, Mr Kunle Akogun, Prof. Egbewole said that the reign of the Emir has not only been eventful but also very peaceful and progressive.

The Vice Chancellor, who is also the Secretary-General of the Association of



■ Emir of Ilorin

West African Universities (AWAU), described the Emir as a great leader who

deserves to be celebrated for his exemplary contributions to nation-building before and since his appointment in 1995.

Prof. Egbewole said that the Emir has been a father of all and a great supporter of the nation's most sought-after University.

The Vice Chancellor, who pointed out that the University and particularly his Administration, has been enjoying a good relationship with the Emir, called for more collaboration between the University and its host community.

Prof. Egbewole wished the monarch many more years of quality services to his people, the nation, and humanity at large.

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The ICED representative added that the goal is to see Africans take leading role in research projects that affect their regions, with ICED also involving key figures in government and policy to foster partnerships. He said that this ensures that research findings have a direct pathway to implementation while ultimately transforming livelihoods and fostering sustainable development across the continent.

In her study, titled "Digital Literacy, Output Market Access, and the Demand for Rural E-commerce", Dr Amolegbe explained that Nigeria is the largest digital market in Sub-Saharan Africa.

She, however, noted that there was

subsisting disconnection between digital transformation and agricultural growth in the country.

Dr Amolegbe noted that only a small fraction of farming households used digital platforms to sell their products as she said that those who receive digital training were more likely to engage in e-commerce for selling their agricultural goods, which she said indicated the positive impact of digital literacy on market access.

The don, however, recommended a sustained policy support to strengthen the rural digital landscape through consistent policy backing as she also suggested investment that would promote digital literacy programmes in rural farming communities.

On her part, an Applied Agricultural Economist and Behavioral Analyst, Prof. Opeyemi Eytayo Ayinde, whose presentation was on "Linking Financial and Agricultural Innovations for Women Farmers' Resilience in Nigeria", explained how agricultural risks could be reduced through adequate farm protection.

According to Prof. Ayinde, there was ample evidence that farmers are increasingly willing to adopt the Stress Tolerant Maize for Africa (STMA) seed to boost productivity.

Prof. Ayinde called on government bodies and NGOs to organise sensitisation programmes through which awareness can be raised in order to support the resilience of small-scale farmers.

Egbewole hails *Nigerian Tribune's* contribution to national development

By Abubakar Imam

As the *Nigerian Tribune* newspaper marked the 75th anniversary of its establishment, the Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has saluted the glowing contributions of the frontline newspaper to national and human development.

In a statement issued by the University Director of Corporate Affairs, Mr Kunle Akogun last Monday (November 11, 2024), the Vice Chancellor said that the newspaper has been a blessing to Nigeria and humanity since it first hit the streets on November 16, 1949.

Prof. Egbewole paid glowing tributes to the founder of the newspaper, the late Chief Obafemi Awolowo, and those who supported his progressive vision, which culminated in the conception of such a resilient, exciting and enduring media outfit.

He also commended the past and present generations of staff of the newspaper and its sister publications for sustaining the tradition of hard work and professionalism despite several challenges.

Prof. Egbewole, who is also the Secretary-General of the Association of West African Universities (AWAU), said that the newspaper has not only contributed to the socio-political development of Nigeria but also impacted positively on its economic development.

The renowned Professor of Jurisprudence and International Law praised the newspaper for being an oven of outstanding leaders in politics, journalism, and business, saying that its contributions would continue to remain exciting to chroniclers of Nigeria's contemporary history.

Prof. Egbewole described the newspaper, which is the oldest surviving privately-owned newspaper outfit in Nigeria, as a great friend of the University.

The Vice Chancellor specifically thanked the newspaper for its support for the University since its establishment in 1975, saying that the University has benefitted from the newspaper's quality reportage of its activities.

He added that the newspaper has not only assisted in providing training grounds for many of the University's undergraduates in relevant disciplines who did one industrial attachment programme or the other at the newspaper house but it has also provided employment opportunities for many of its graduates.

While thanking the newspaper for its previous support, the Vice Chancellor expressed the hope that the *Nigerian Tribune* would continue to support the University in its efforts to becoming the nation's best, one of the best ten in Africa and among the leading 500 universities in the world.

VC seeks increased advocacy on SERVICOM's work

By Tajudeen Babamale

The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has urged the National Universities Commission Parastatal SERVICOM Committee (NUC/PSC) to engage in a more vigorous advocacy campaign to inform Nigerians about the impact of SERVICOM's work.

Prof. Egbewole made the appeal last Wednesday (November 13, 2024) while receiving a delegation from the Office of the Head of Service of the Federation, the National Universities Commission, the Ministry of Education, and representatives from various institutions in Nigeria, who visited him ahead of their participation in the 4th Quarter 2024 NUC/PSC Meeting hosted by the Unilorin SERVICOM Unit.

The Vice Chancellor said while a lot is already being done, there is a need for stronger advocacy to highlight the group's current efforts, so that people can better appreciate the work it is doing.

Prof. Egbewole, who appreciated the Unilorin SERVICOM Unit, headed by Mrs Omowumi Azeez, for living up to expectation by promoting efficient and effective service delivery in the University, especially praised the SERVICOM's role in monitoring prices of commodities on the campus to prevent overbilling the students.

Speaking earlier, the National Coordinator and Chief Executive Officer of the SERVICOM Office at the Presidency, Mrs Nnenna Akajemeli, explained that SERVICOM is the



government's customer service arm within the universities, ministries, departments, and agencies, which is responsible for supervising and overseeing how effectively services impact citizens and stakeholders.

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The National Coordinator also acknowledged the importance of focusing on students, who are the primary reason for the existence of institutions like the University.

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Ex-VC, ex-Unilorite appointed KWASUED's Governing Council Chair, Chancellor ...as Unilorites emerge Registrar, Librarian

By Abubakar Imam

The Governor of Kwara State, Mallam Abdurrahman AbdulRazaq, CON, has approved the appointment of a former Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Shuaibu Oba AbdulRaheem, OFR, and a former student of the institution, Oba Ismail Yahaya Alebiosu, the Olupo of Ajase-Ipo, the pioneer Chairman of the Governing Council and pioneer Chancellor, respectively, of the newly established Kwara State University of Education (KWASUED), Ilorin.

The two appointments, alongside those of other Unilorites were announced penultimate Friday (November 8, 2024) in a statement signed by the Chief Press Secretary to the Governor, Mr Rafiu Ajakaye.

Prof. AbdulRaheem, who served as the sixth Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin between 1997 and 2002, had earlier served as the Chairman of the Committee on the Establishment and Implementation of the new University.

The renowned scholar and administrator is simultaneously holding the same position at the Federal University, Dutse, Jigawa State, and Muhammad Kamalud-Deen University, Ilorin.

Two members of staff of the University of Ilorin were also appointed into the Governing Council of the new University. They are a former Director of the School of Preliminary Studies, Prof. Abdulquadir Ibrahim Abikan, and a former Dean of the Faculty of Management Sciences, Prof. Umaru Gunu.

The Governing Council was inaugurated by the Governor penultimate Saturday (November 9, 2024) at the Government House, Ilorin.

In a related development, an ex-Unilorite, Mr Mohammed Jibril Jimada, has also emerged as the pioneer Registrar and Secretary to the Governing Council of the University.

Mr Jimada, who until his appointment was the Registrar of the International Aviation College, Ilorin, earned a Master of Public Administration (MPA) from the University of Ilorin in 2017.

Similarly, the new University also picked its pioneer University Librarian from the nation's most sought-after University, with the appointment of an Associate Professor at the institution's Department of Library and Information Sciences, Dr Muhammad Lawal



■ Prof. AbdulRaheem



■ Oba Alebiosu



■ Prof. Abikan



■ Prof. Gunu

Akanbi.

A former Dean of the Faculty of Education, University of Ilorin, Prof. Medinat Folorunso Salman, had earlier been appointed the pioneer Vice Chancellor of the University.

Reacting to the series of appointments, the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, expressed his joy at the compositions of the Governing Council and management team of KWASUED with a remarkably visible UNILORIN stamp.

In a statement issued by the University Director of Corporate Affairs, Mr Kunle Akogun, the Vice Chancellor,

who is also the Chairman of the Consortium of Kwara Universities (KU8+), expressed the profound gratitude of the management, staff and students of the University of Ilorin to the Governor of Kwara State on the appointment of Prof. AbdulRaheem and others, saying that the development is a great honour and privilege to his University.

While urging all the appointees to justify the confidence reposed in them by the appointing authorities, Prof. Egbewole expressed confidence that the new University would achieve its objectives with the calibre of individuals saddled with the responsibility of midwifing it.

Students' satisfaction, our top priority -- Egbewole

By Bashir Dawodu

The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has emphasised that the satisfaction of students of the University is key to the institution's existence.

Prof. Egbewole stated this last Wednesday (November 12, 2024) while speaking at the 4th Quarter 2024 National Universities Commission Parastatal SERVICOM Committee Meeting held at University Auditorium Basement.

The Vice Chancellor, who was also the chief host at the event, emphasised the importance of the SERVICOM Unit in the University, which encompasses divergent efforts that clean the University of unpalatable damages and situations.

The renowned legal luminary charged the representatives of various universities at the meeting to value the importance of SERVICOM units in their establishments as they ensure good service delivery.

In her goodwill message, the SERVICOM National Coordinator, Mrs Nnena A. Akajemeli, thanked the Vice Chancellor, for his unwavering support towards the University SERVICOM Unit.

Mrs Akajemeli urged the SERVICOM members to touch all the stakeholders in their service delivery and to ensure that they discharge their duties truthfully.

She commended the efforts of Unilorin SERVICOM members for their effective service delivery as she encouraged them to continue with their good works.

The Chairman, Global



■ Mrs Akajemeli



■ Mr Sheyin

Ministerial Service Committee, Dr Yusuf Saeed, urged members of SERVICOM Units of various universities not to forget the major purpose of the establishment of their Units, which is rooted in accountability, transparency and dedication to the citizens they serve.

Dr Yusuf, who was represented by Mr Musa Sheyin, encouraged participants to always go through workshops, peer reviews and should always share best practices among their colleagues.

Speaking with *UNILORIN Bulletin* on the sidelines of the event, the SERVICOM Focal Officer at the University of Ilorin, Mrs Omowumi Azeez, said that the essence of the meeting was to create awareness among members of the University community that SERVICOM is always available to serve

them.

Mrs Azeez said that the Unit would continue to carry out unanticipated inspections of shops across the various campuses of the University in order to ensure that goods and services they offer are of the best quality with fair prices.

Highlights of the event included the launching of the UNILORIN SERVICOM Charter, presentation of certificate of recognition and paper presentation.

Among dignitaries that attended the event were the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic) Prof. Omotesho, the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Research, Technology and Innovation), Prof. Adegboyega Adisa Fawole; the Registrar, Mr Monsur Adeleke Alfa; the Bursar, Mr Abiodun Lawal and SERVICOM members from various universities across Nigeria.

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She, however, stated that the Unilorin Service Charter, which will be launched as part of activities lined up for the 4th quarterly meeting is an essential tool that can be used to hold service providers like the university management accountable in order to promote transparency, and ensure that services are delivered effectively and responsibly

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Also speaking, the Head of SERVICOM and Anti-Corruption Division at the National Universities Commission (NUC), Mr. Musa Iliyasu, expressed the Executive Secretary, Mr. Chris Jibreel Maiyaki's appreciation to the University of Ilorin for hosting the 4th Quarter 2024 NUC/PSC Meeting.

Mr Iliyasu, who is a Deputy Director at the NUC, explained that the commission was committed to promoting quality service delivery across Nigerian universities, to ensure that the standards outlined in the SERVICOM Charter are upheld. This approach, he explained,

enables the NUC to maintain control of its narrative and showcase its dedication to excellent service, accountability, and responsiveness.

Mr. Iliyasu praised the patience and resilience of the University of Ilorin in consistently adhering to the SERVICOM Charter, which includes mechanisms for gathering and assessing feedback to guarantee customer satisfaction.

He pointed out that the proactive adherence of the University to the Charter ensures transparent operations under the Vice Chancellor's oversight. He further praised the SERVICOM focal officer at the University for her active and dedicated role in implementing these principles effectively.

Make French learning enticing, Egbewole urges NAFT

By Tajudeen Babamale

The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has encouraged members of the National Association of French Teachers (NAFT) to adopt more engaging and simplified methods of teaching the French Language to inspire a natural interest in French among students.

Prof. Egbewole stated this penultimate Friday (November 8, 2024), while receiving a delegation of members of the Kwara State Branch of NAFT, who visited him in his office.

The Professor of Jurisprudence and International Law said that proficiency in French Language would expand one's horizon at continental and global levels.

He, therefore, said that there is the need to sensitise the people more on the benefit of learning French Language

The Vice Chancellor recalled that French was compulsory for secondary school students in the past because most parents wanted their children to have a second language. "However, we may not fully appreciate the implications of not prioritising language learning, which could be why our efforts in this area have been insufficient", he said.

While noting how the objectives of NAFT align with the vision of the University Administration, Prof. Egbewole disclosed that the University will continue to support the aspirations of the French Teachers.

He, however, suggested a partnership between the group and the



■ Prof. Egbewole

University's Department of French, and the Centre for International Education (CIE), given that a significant number of students of the University come from French-speaking countries.

The Vice Chancellor expressed confidence that building these partnerships would be mutually beneficial for all involved.

Speaking earlier, the President of the Kwara State Chapter of the National Association of French Teachers (NAFT), Mrs C. O. Ayano, explained that the visit was aimed at raising awareness about the need for renewed efforts to encourage Kwarans and strategic educational stakeholders in the State to recognise the importance of introducing French as a second language in primary and secondary schools due to its global significance.

Mrs Ayano expressed concern over the decline in both the teaching of French and students' interest in learning it in Kwara State,

saying, "What we had years ago is no longer the same. Only a few schools still offer French, and many teachers are moving into other fields. We do not want this language to disappear, especially considering its international value. We believe it is crucial to inform Kwarans of the benefits of learning and understanding this global language."

The NAFT President appealed to the Vice Chancellor, as a key figure in the Kwara State education system, to support the mission of NAFT to foster a greater commitment to French language learning and teaching in schools.

Other members of the NAFT team on the visit were the Secretary, Monsieur Evariste Sam; the Vice President, Mrs Ngele Gladice C.; the PRO, Mrs Bukola Moses Esther and the Financial Secretary, Mrs Oloruntopa M. O.

Abdul Raheem makes case for CODL's patronage

By Idris Alooma

The Director of the Centre for Open and Distance Learning (CODL), University of Ilorin, Prof. Modinah Abdul Raheem, has urged prospective students to leverage the Centre's programme for a hassle-free university education.

Speaking on a *UNILORIN FM* current affairs programme, "Oro to n lo", which was anchored by the Station Manager, Mr Idris Akintola Ibrahim (Alooma), Prof. Abdul Raheem enumerated the benefits of CODL.

She said one of the most significant advantages of CODL is its streamlined admission process.

Prof. Abdul Raheem explained that by choosing CODL, students bypass JAMB and Post UTME, completing their Bachelor's degree in four years, just like the regular students. "Our programme combines virtual and physical teaching, ensuring direct lecturer – student's interaction," she explained.

The Professor of Chemistry said currently, CODL offers the Bachelor of



■ Prof. Abdul Raheem

Science degree in Computer Science while efforts are ongoing to add five more academic programmes in the nearest future.

She explained that the programme has been accredited by the National Universities Commission (NUC) and it is, therefore, fully recognised.

To be eligible, Prof. Abdul Raheem said that prospective students require a minimum of five O' level credits in English, Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry and Biology. She added that JUPEB, IJMB, ND (credit level), and HND (merit level) are accepted for 200-level direct entry.

Prof. Abdul Raheem highlighted CODL's flexible 24/7 teaching format, with 70 % online and 30 % physical instruction.

She added that admission into the programme is currently ongoing as she pointed out that application forms were available on the University portal (www.unilorin.edu.ng).

The Director explained that the Centre has requested the NUC approval for other courses across all the 17 Faculties in the University.

She said the Centre is located at the University mini-campus as she explained that it boasts of excellent security and infrastructural facilities, including a 500-seat Computer-Based Test hall and hostel facilities for willing students.

Combat immorality on campuses, Abikan urges varsity managements

By Abubakar Abdulquadri

A former Director of the School of Preliminary Studies, University of Ilorin, Prof. Ibrahim Abdulkadir Abikan, has called on members of the Committee of Vice Chancellors of Nigerian Universities (CVCNU) to take deliberate measures that would arrest the growing rate and incidence of immoralities on their campuses with a view to fighting them to a standstill.

Prof. Abikan gave this advice last Tuesday (November 12, 2024) while speaking with *UNILORIN Bulletin* on the rising cases of immorality bedeviling the nation's institutions of higher learning.

Prof. Abikan, who is also a former Dean, Faculty of Law, stressed that economic hardship is a reality, but it should



■ Prof. Abikan

not be a justification for immorality. While noting that involvement in

prostitution and other vices is a result of erosion of communal and religious values, the scholar of Islamic Law lamented that parents and the society have failed to promote values of human honour, dignity, self-restraint, and self-esteem.

The don, therefore, urged universities to use general courses platforms to enlighten students on correct values.

The former Director appealed to the government to always show mercy in policy formation and implementation, adding that government officials must lead by example. He also enjoined the government to embark on massive public reorientation in order to reverse the negative trends.

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UNILORIN Warriors win Emir's Cup, beat ABS FC 1 - 0

By Tajudeen Babamale

The University of Ilorin football team, the UNILORIN Warriors, has won the second edition of the Emir's Cup Football Competition by defeating Nigeria National League (NNL) side, Abubakar Bukola Saraki Football Club (ABS FC), 1-0, in a thrilling encounter.

The exciting match, played at the Main Bowl of the Kwara State Stadium, Ilorin, last Monday (November 11, 2024), was the final of the tournament organised by the Ilorin Emirate Football Council to celebrate the 29th coronation anniversary of the Emir of Ilorin and Chairman, Kwara State Council of



Chiefs, Alhaji (Dr.) Ibrahim Sulu-Gambari, CFR.

The lone strike by Mustapha Ogungbenro of the Faculty of Education made the difference between the UNILORIN team and ABS FC, which had earlier played a goalless draw in the opening

match of the tournament.

In a chat with *UNILORIN Bulletin* on the sidelines of the match, the Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, expressed his elation and pride in the UNILORIN Warriors' outstanding performance.

The Vice Chancellor, who was represented by the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Management Services), Prof. Suleiman Folorunsho Ambali, also acknowledged what he described as the remarkable achievement of the UNILORIN Warriors, saying that the team had done the University proud by becoming the champions of the Emir's Cup 2024.

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Azeez delivers 269th Inaugural Lecture Nov 21st



Prof. Azeez

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 sixty-ninth (269th) Inaugural Lecture of the University scheduled as follows:
Lecturer: Professor Oyebisi Mistura Azeez DVM (Ibadan), M.Sc., Ph.D. (UNILAG); FCVSN

Department: Veterinary Physiology and Biochemistry,
Faculty: Veterinary Medicine, University of Ilorin

Topic: "The Matter of the Heart on the Survival of Animal and Man"

Date: Thursday, 21st November, 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

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Pharmacy Council of Nigeria, Abuja

Keynote Speaker
Pharm. Abimbola O. Adebakin
Founder/CEO Advantage Health Africa, Lagos

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The Bobajiro of Kishi Kingdom,
Founder/CEO, Bioraj Pharmaceutical Limited, Ilorin

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Prof. Abdulganiyu Giwa, B.Pharm, MPA, MPH, M.Pharm, PhD
Dean, Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences

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Balogun Fulani donates live crocodile to UNILORIN Zoo

By Idris Alooma

In a remarkable display of public-private partnership and promotion of Town and Gown relationship, the Balogun Fulani of Ilorin, Alhaji Abubakar Sidiq Atiku, has donated a live crocodile worth millions of naira to the University of Ilorin Zoological Garden.

This noble gesture not only highlights the royal father's philanthropic nature but also underscores the strong bond between the University and its Ilorin host community.

According to Alhaji Atiku, the rearing of crocodiles holds significant cultural and symbolic value, serving as a royal heritage and a centre of attraction. His family compound has long been associated with crocodile rearing, and this donation is a testament to their commitment to preserving this tradition.

The Balogun Fulani said that the donated crocodile, which is approximately 25 years old, will be a remarkable addition to the growing animal collection of the



■ *Alhaji Atiku*

Unilorin Zoo.

In her response while receiving the crocodile, the Chairperson of the

Unilorin Zoological Garden Board of Management, Dr. Oyeyemi Jumoke Jekayinfa, said that the gesture was a welcome development.

She acknowledged the existing relationship between the University and its host community, which has yielded positive results.

Dr. Jekayinfa also expressed gratitude to the Balogun for the donation and invited the public to visit the zoo for tourism and educational purposes.

On his part, the General Manager of Unilorin Zoo, Mr. Olatunji Yusuf, praised the royal father's unique contribution, highlighting the Zoo's exceptional features, which include its natural environment, suspended bridge, and experienced staff. He said this donation marks a significant milestone in the history of the Zoo.

Mr Yusuf said that the Ilorin community can take pride in its rich cultural heritage, and the University's zoological garden will remain a cherished destination for education and recreation.

Diabetes, not a death sentence, says Odunola

By Idris Alooma

As the world marked the International Day of Diabetes on November 14, 2024, with the theme "Breaking Barriers, Bridging Gaps," the Director of Unilorin Health Services, Dr. Abdurashheed Adekeye Odunola, has brought a message of hope to individuals living with the disease.

Speaking on a UNILORIN FM popular Yoruba Programme "Ko tan sibe" anchored by the Station Manager, Mr. Idris Alooma, Dr. Odunola emphasised that diabetes is not a death sentence.

According to the Director, proper diagnosis, prevention, and management are



■ *Dr Odunola*

key to living a healthy life with diabetes. He said if diabetic patients manage the condition well, they would live a healthy

and long life.

Dr Odunola highlighted the six types of diabetes, with type one and two being the most prevalent. He listed common symptoms, including frequent nighttime urination, fatigue, and slow wound healing. To prevent diabetes, he advocated for healthy living, avoiding junk and sugary foods/drinks, and regular exercise.

The medical expert stressed the importance of following doctors' advice, quitting cigarettes smoking, and limiting alcohol consumption. By adopting these habits, individuals can live normal, long lives despite diabetes, he said.

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While disclosing that the team was also in the finals of the University League Cup, which took place in Benin last Wednesday (November 13, 2024), the Vice Chancellor urged the team to continue to make the University proud.

While also explaining that the UNILORIN spirit is one of endurance and excellence, the Vice Chancellor expressed pride in how the team handled the pressure from ABS FC despite the fatigue.

Prof. Egbewole further noted that the administration is particularly proud of the team, as he is a sports-loving Vice Chancellor, with a belief that through

sports, UNILORIN will continue to capture the world's attention just as in academic.

Also speaking, the Coach of the UNILORIN Warriors, Mr Baba Isiaka Gambari, applauded the players' adherence to instructions, which he said accounted for their success.

He affirmed that the players were tired after playing several matches within the past week, with another final on Wednesday in Benin. Despite the fatigue, he noted that the UNILORIN spirit inspired them to secure the Emir's Cup victory.

On his part, the Director of Sports of the University, Prof. Tajudeen

Olanrewaju Ibraheem, also expressed his excitement at the victory of the UNILORIN team

The Director noted that from the quarter-final stage, the team defeated all its opponents who are professional players.

He added that it was exciting that students, who are pursuing academics with sports, performed so well.

Prof. Ibraheem acknowledged that the team's success would not have been possible without the support of the University management, and he appreciated the Vice Chancellor for his continued backing.

AFRICALICS' 6th Conference ends with Cultural and Awards Night

By Isaac Lewu

The African Network for Economics of Learning, Innovation and Competence Building Systems (AFRICALICS) hosted a dazzling Cultural and Award Night to round off the 6th AFRICALICS International Research Conference.

The event was held last Thursday (November 14, 2024), at De Peace Hotel, Tanke, Ilorin, marking a stylish close to the conference activities hosted by the University of Ilorin.

In a welcome address, the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole SAN, expressed gratitude to the AFRICALICS organisers for what he described as “the best conference”.

Prof. Egbewole lauded the conference's organisation and underscored the importance of ending it with a lively celebration, urging the guests to enjoy the festivities and use the occasion to network.

Also in his remarks, the President of AFRICALICS, Prof. Daniel Kitaw, shared his excitement about the event, affirming that the conference had been worth every moment spent by the attendees.

Prof. Kitaw's “Welcome Home” message echoed the positive atmosphere of the evening, adding to the spirit of cultural pride and professional recognition that defined the night.

In his remarks, the Secretary-General of Nigerialics, Maruf Sani, said that the event showcased AFRICALICS commitment to fostering learning and innovation across Africa.

A research and innovation associate at the Tshwane University of Technology, South Africa, and Professor of Agricultural Economics at the University of Ilorin, who is also the Vice President of the African Association of Agricultural Economists, Prof. Opeyemi Ayinde, added her appreciation for the success of the conference, noting the impact of AFRICALICS in promoting regional competence and knowledge exchange.

The event featured an awards segment where distinguished personalities who have made significant contributions to the academia, law, and economic empowerment in Nigeria were honoured.

Among the honorees were: Alhaji (Dr) Abdulraheem Amao Oladimeji, OFR, the Asiwaju and Jagunmolu of Igbomina



■ Prof. Khiran



land and founder of Al-Hikmah University; Prof. Is-haq Olanrewaju Oloyede, CON, former Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin and current Registrar of the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB); Prof. Yusuf Olaolu Ali, SAN, a renowned legal practitioner and Professor of Practice, Dr Olatunde Oladokun, Executive Director of Self Reliance Economic Advancement Programme (SEAP), noted for his work in economic empowerment and Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, the 11th Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin.

In their separate acceptance

speeches, the honorees expressed happiness over their recognitions.

Alhaji Oladimeji expressed gratitude to Almighty Allah and thanked the organisers, wishing them continuous growth in their endeavours. The JAMB Registrar, Prof. Oloyede, who was represented by his wife, conveyed his appreciation to AFRICALICS for the honour,

The evening's cultural and award dinner capped a successful conference, leaving participants with a renewed commitment to advancing innovation and learning throughout Africa.



UNILORIN WEEKLY FINANCIAL DIGEST
FUND SOURCES AND UTILIZATION REPORT FROM 7TH TO 14TH NOVEMBER 2024

Table with columns for Receipts, Payments, and Other Payments. Includes sub-sections like RECEIPTS, PAYMENTS TO CONTRACTORS/SUPPLIERS, and OTHER PAYMENTS. Total receipt for the period is N747,470,703.73 and total payment for the period is N361,950,702.35.

Signed
Abiodun Lawal, FCNA
Bursar



S/N	Name	Department	Birthday
1	Adeyemo, Wahabi Onireti	Works: Parks & Gardens	Nov-17
2	Raufu, Ibrahim Adisa	Veterinary Microbiology	Nov-17
3	Sobande, Elizabeth Olajumoke	Registry	Nov-17
4	Jubril, Kamilu Shaban	Chemistry	Nov-17
5	Yusuf, Rafiu Olasunkanmi	Chemical Engineering	Nov-18
6	Adebara, Alao Kehinde	Physical Planning Unit	Nov-18
7	Lawal, Amudat	Chemistry	Nov-18
8	Adebayo, Oluwatope Joseph	Biochemistry	Nov-18
9	Robert, Emmanuel Francis	Works: Civil/Building	Nov-18
10	Afuye, Mary Bimpe	Registry	Nov-18
11	Adesanya, Emmanuel Olorunleke	Science Education	Nov-18
12	Lawal, Abubakar Zubair	Medical Biochemistry	Nov-18
13	Ishola, Adeola Hawawu	Unilorin Sugar Research Institute	Nov-18
14	Salihu, Abdulazeez Bolanle	Architecture	Nov-18
15	Olasanmi, Oluwatoyin Olasunkanmi	Physics	Nov-19
16	Babatunde, Olarewaju Raphael	Agric Econs & Farm Mgt	Nov-19
17	Suleiman, Fatimah	Registry	Nov-19
18	Abubakar, Musa	Web Support Services	Nov-19
19	Ajeigbe, Bukola Beatrice	Registry	Nov-19
20	Idris, Ibrahim Olanrewaju	Security Division	Nov-19
21	Afolabi, Abdulrasaq Olarewaju	Works: Works/Maint. Office	Nov-20
22	Toyin, Taibat	Health Services	Nov-20
23	Edungbola, Olayinka John	Security Division	Nov-20
24	Alaro, Abdulrazzaq Abdulmajeed	Islamic Law	Nov-20
25	Mogaji, Obalowu	Security Division	Nov-20
26	Ambali, Abdus-Salam Babatunde	Arabic	Nov-20
27	Ogunrinu, Oluwaseyi Gideon	Educational Technology	Nov-20
28	Ajao, Babatunde Hadiyatullah	Animal Production	Nov-20
29	Garuba, Taofeeq	Plant Biology	Nov-20
30	Baker, Mariam Temitope	Chemistry	Nov-20
31	Alepa, Vincent Cephas	Geology & Mineral Sciences	Nov-20
32	Ayinla, Luqman	Central Research Laboratories	Nov-20
33	Dunmade, Olufemi Ibukun	English	Nov-21
34	Awopeju, Oladele S	Security Division	Nov-21
35	Siyanbola, Salihu Olayinola	Registry	Nov-21
36	Pimor, Tarebi	Bursary	Nov-21
37	Odebode, Timothy Olugbenga	Surgery	Nov-22
38	Yusuf, Bashiru	Security Division	Nov-22
39	Olatoke, Samuel Adegboyega	Surgery	Nov-22
40	Idowu, Aolat Adeola	Registry	Nov-22
41	Adeyele, Samuel	Security Division	Nov-22
42	Ahmed, Olatunji	Electrical & Electronics Engineering	Nov-22
43	Saliman, Rasheed Sahban	Security Division	Nov-22
44	Sanni, Jubril Olayinka	Network Operating Centre	Nov-22
45	Faruk, Aishatu	Central Research Laboratories	Nov-22
46	Abdulkadir, Hasanat Bosede	Registry	Nov-23
47	Fakuade, Iyabode Abeke	Health Services	Nov-23
48	Dosumu, Omotayo Olutola	Industrial Chemistry	Nov-23
49	Omojola, Bosede Grace	Registry	Nov-23
50	Raheem, Toyin Mohammed	Electrical & Electronics Engineering	Nov-23
51	Odusote, Jamiu Kolawole	Materials & Metallurgical Engineering	Nov-23
52	Afolayan, Razaq Bayo	Statistics	Nov-23
53	Abdulraheem, Mulikat	Marketing	Nov-23
54	Kolawole, Folashade Caroline	Health Services	Nov-23
55	Ashaolu, Modupe Oluremi	Registry	Nov-23
56	Akorede, Ganiu Jimoh	Veterinary Pharmacology & Toxicology	Nov-23
57	Abdulrazaq, Bukola Fatimoh	Registry	Nov-23
58	Abdulkareem, Sulyman Age	Information & Communication Science	Nov-23

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

- While delivering the 268th inaugural lecture of the University of Ilorin, titled "The Beauty and Beast in Genetic Diversity", Prof. Folake Sola -Ojo, has called for greater funding to support research and training in molecular studies for animal geneticists in Nigeria, emphasising the need for high quality research that meets global standards.
("Don Advocates for increased funding in molecular research, training" <https://www.westernpost.ng>;
"Animal Production expert explains research breakthrough in Local chicken production ", <https://savannatimrs.com/index.php>;"Unilorin Don Makes Research Breakthrough On Local Fulani Chicken, <https://independent.ng>)
- A former Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Shuaibu Oba AbdulRaheem has been appointed as the Chairman of the Governing Council of Kwara State University of Education (KWASUED), Ilorin.
(" EX-Unilorin VC Prof. Oba Abdulraheem,10 others inaugurated KWASUED governing council", <https://theinformat247.com>)
- The University of Ilorin has been listed among other universities that were qualified to feature in the final stage of the maiden edition of University Cup Men's Football 2024 at the Main Bowl of the University of Benin Sport Complex, Benin City, Edo State.
("UNILORIN,JOSTIUM make Varsity Cup Final", Vanguard, Tuesday, November 12,2024,P.46)
- The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has congratulated the Emir of Ilorin and the Chairman, Kwara State Council of Chiefs, Alhaji (Dr) Ibrahim Sulu-Gambari, CFR, on his 29th anniversary celebration on the throne.
("Unilorin VC Greets Emir On Anniversary Celebration", <https://newnigeriannewspapers.wordpress.com>;"Unilorin VC, Egbewole Felicitates Emir of Ilorin On 29th Anniversary", <https://accuratenewsng>;"29th Anniversary: AbdulRazaq ,Saraki, Ahmad, Egbewole laud Ilorin Emir's Achievements ", <https://www.thisdaylive.com/index.php>;"UNILORIN VC Hails Emir of Ilorin on 29th Anniversary Celebrate

- Peaceful Progressive reign", <https://dailyinfolink24.wordpress.com>;"29th Anniversary : Kwara Gov,Saraki, UNILORIN VC greet Emir of Ilorin", <https://nationaltrailonline.com.ng>;"VC Egbewole Felicitates Emir of Ilorin on 29th Coronation Anniversary ", <https://web.facebook.com>;"29th Anniversary: Kwara Gov, Saraki, UNILORIN VC, greet Emir of Ilorin ", <https://newtelegraphng.com>, See also;"29th Anniversary: Kwara gov, Saraki, UNILORIN VC, salute Emir of Ilorin", *New Telegraph*, Tuesday, November 12,2035,P.30)
- In a special tribute, President Bola Ahmed Tinubu, has said that developing nations, including Nigeria, are in dire need of more scholars like a former Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin and current Registrar of the Joint Admission and Matriculation Board (JAMB), Prof. Is-haq Olanrewaju Oloyede.
("In Search of another Oloyede", <https://blueprint.ng>, See also: "In Search of another Oloyede", *Blueprint*, Wednesday 13,2024,P.19)
- The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has lauded the *Nigerian Tribune* newspapers on its impactful contributions to national and human development as the publication celebrates its 75th anniversary.
("UNILORIN VC Commends Nigeria Tribunes Role in National Progress", <https://dailyinfolink24.WordPress.com>;"UNILORIN Commends Nigerian Tribune Contributions To National Development", <https://www.dailytopic.com>); Unilorin VC hails *Nigerian Tribune's* contributions to national development", <https://tribuneonlineng.com>)
- At the 38th meeting of the Technical Sub-Committee on Naming, Registration and Release of Group Varieties at the National Centre for Genetic Resources and Biotechnology (NACGRAB), Dr Folusho Bankole of the Department of Agronomy, University of Ilorin, has announced the registration and release of its first drought-tolerant and striga-resistant hybrid, ILOMAZ 3 maize.
("Unilorin Releases drought resistant maize variety ", <https://tribuneonlineng.com>)

Kolawole to deliver lecture at African Virology Conference

By Abubakar Imam

A Professor of Medical Virology and Environmental Health at the University of Ilorin, Olatunji Matthew Kolawole, has been selected as one of the Guest Speakers at the upcoming African Virology Conference organised by the West African Institute of Public Health.

The conference, with the theme "Trends in Emerging and Re-Emerging Viruses", would hold between November 25 and 28, 2024.

Prof. Kolawole, who is also the National Coordinator, Poliovirus Laboratory Containment, Nigeria, is one of the seven scholars from across the world that would address the conference on different issues.

The conference will also witness the formal induction into the various ranks of the Academy of Public Health, the Faculty of the Institute and a special conferment of the award of Distinguished Fellowship of the Academy on deserving members, including Prof. Kolawole.



■ Prof. Kolawole.



Egbewole gets UNILORIN Governing Council's commendation

By Tajudeen Babamale

The Governing Council of the University of Ilorin has applauded the Vice Chancellor of the University, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, on the progress and achievements recorded by his Administration since he assumed office as the 11th Chief Executive Officer of the institution a little over two years ago.

The Secretary to the Governing Council and Registrar of the University, Mr Mansur Adeleke Alfanla, conveyed the Council's commendation through a letter he presented to the Vice Chancellor last Thursday (November 14, 2024) in his office. The letter presentation was witnessed by other Principal Officers.

Presenting the letter, Mr Alfanla said that the Governing Council was impressed by the state of affairs of the University as presented by the Vice Chancellor during the 186th Meeting of the Council recently.

Following this, the Registrar said that the Council commends Prof. Egbewole on his exemplary leadership in steering the affairs of the University, adding that his commitment and the dedication demonstrated by his team, have not only advanced the mission of the University but also enhanced its reputation and standing within the broader academic landscape.

The letter reads, "Following your presentation on the state of affairs of the University to the Council at its 186th Meeting held on Thursday, 17th and Wednesday, 23rd October, 2024, the Council carefully considered the report and was impressed by the progress and achievements recorded during the period under review. Acknowledging the substantial impact of the progress made by you, the Council directed that you be commended for the giant strides recorded so far.

"In light of the foregoing, I write on behalf of the Council to commend you for your exemplary leadership in steering the affairs of the University. Your commitment and the dedication demonstrated by your team, have not only advanced the University's mission but have also enhanced its reputation and standing within the broader academic landscape.

"The collaborative spirit and innovative strategies employed by you and your Management Team have played a pivotal role in fostering an environment conducive to excellence in teaching, research, and community engagement. The Council is particularly appreciative of your commitment to addressing the challenges facing the institution and your proactive approach in implementing effective solutions. It is through your vision and relentless pursuit of excellence that the University of Ilorin continues to thrive and stands primus inter pares amongst the committee of universities globally.

"Consequently, the Council expresses its sincere gratitude for your outstanding performance and that of your team. The Council looks forward to future accomplishments and it is excited about the prospects that lie ahead for our University under your stewardship".

While receiving the letter in his office, the Vice Chancellor, who was visibly elated for the honour done him by the Governing Council, appreciated members of his management team for their support, which has culminated in the honour.

Prof. Egbewole added that the encomium wouldn't have been achieved, without their understanding, cooperation and support, as he pledged that more will be done to make the University of Ilorin one of the best in the world



■ Mr Alfanla (left) with Prof. Egbewole



■ The Vice Chancellor (3rd right) with Principal Officers after receiving the commendation letter

The Vice Chancellor further stated that he would forever cherish the honour, saying, "I am extremely moved and at a loss for words. I will cherish this always and tell my family about the honour bestowed upon me by my colleagues."

While noting the strong bonds within the group, Prof. Egbewole said, "We have related as brothers and sisters. It's not that we don't have disagreements, we do. We sometimes raise our voices during meetings, but we know it's never personal. Whatever disagreements we have, we discuss them and move on. That is truly our strength," he said.

Joining the Vice Chancellor to receive the commendation letter were, the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic), Prof. Olubunmi Abayomi Omotosho; the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Management Services), Prof. Suleiman Folorunsho Ambali; the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Research, Technology and Innovation), Prof. Adegboyega Adisa Fawole; the Bursar, Mr. Abiodun Lawal, represented by a Deputy Bursar, Mr Abdulrasheed Atanda Ahmed; the Director of Academic Planning, Prof. Godwin Tunde Arosanyin; and some staff of the Vice Chancellor's Office.