

UNILORIN gets electric vehicle charging station

By Tajudeen Babamale

The Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has applauded the Federal Government on its determination to achieving zero-emission through the transition from gas-powered vehicles to electric vehicles.

Prof. Egbewole gave this commendation last Tuesday (March 4, 2025) when he received a delegation from the National Automotive Design and Development Council (NADDC) in his office. The team was at the University to commence work on the construction of a state-of-the-art Solar-Powered Electric Charging Station in the University.

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The Vice Chancellor, Prof. Egbewole, delivering a lecture during the end-of-tenure activities for the 11th Vice Chancellor of the Rivers State University, Port-Harcourt, last Tuesday. See story on the Back Page

Why we treat our students like kings and queens -- Egbewole

By Abubakar Imam
and Festus Ogunyinka

The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has assured all that students of the

University would continue to be treated like kings and queens that they are.

Prof. Egbewole gave this assurance last Thursday (March 6, 2025) while delivering a keynote address at the PR Clinic organised by the Kwara State Chapter of the Nigerian

Institute of Public Relations (NIPR) at its secretariat in Ilorin, where the Director of Corporate Affairs, University of Ilorin, Mr Kunle Akogun, presented a paper on the upcoming golden jubilee celebration of the University. (Contd. on page 3)

Intensify research on climate-resilient soil management --Olaniyan

By Festus Ogunyinka

A Professor of Pedology and Land Management at the University of Ilorin, John Olajide Olaniyan, has urged the University to intensify academic activities such as workshops, training and research, aimed at finding solutions to the adverse effects of climate

change and uncontrolled land usage on the quality of soil in the country.

Prof. Olaniyan, who teaches at the Department of Agronomy, Faculty of Agriculture, made the call last Thursday (February 6, 2025) while delivering the 275th Inaugural Lecture of the University at the University Auditorium.

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Prof. Olaniyan

Akogun justifies UNILORIN @ 50 celebration

.....promises talk-of-the-town anniversary

By Abubakar Imam

The Director of Corporate Affairs, University of Ilorin, Mr Kunle Akogun, has said that the University has every reason to celebrate, in grand style, its 50 years of existence.

He explained that an institution of higher learning like the University of Ilorin that has recorded several milestones deserves to celebrate and be celebrated.

Mr Akogun stated this last Thursday (March 6, 2025) while presenting a paper titled "UNILORIN @ 50: PR Narratives Shaping A Great Brand" at a 'PR Clinic' organised by the Kwara State Chapter of the Nigerian Institute of Public Relations (NIPR) at its secretariat in Ilorin.

The consummate public relations professional disclosed that the upcoming 50th anniversary of the University is targeted at celebrating its achievements and preparing it for the future.

The Director commended the succession of progressive, visionary and hardworking Vice Chancellors and the passionate PR efforts of the Corporate Affairs team of the University, which, he said, "have ultimately earned UNILORIN the numero uno spot in the committee of Nigerian universities."

Mr Akogun explained that the University, which has been the most preferred institution of higher learning by admission seekers for more than a decade, and with the galaxy of its outstanding products that include the Registrar of the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board, Prof. Is'haq Olanrewaju Oloyede, CON; the former Vice Chancellor of the University of Abuja, who is also the pioneer Vice Chancellor of the Kwara State University (KWASU), Malete, Prof. AbdulRasheed Na'Allah; and a former Ag. Governor of the Central Bank of Nigeria, Mrs



■ Mr Akogun

Sarah Alade, among several others, deserves to be celebrated.

The Communication guru added that the University and many of its staff, students and alumni have also won series of awards over the years, saying that all these make the University worthy of being celebrated.

In view of this, Mr Akogun told his audience, which includes seasoned professional image-makers from all over Kwara State and beyond, as well as media personalities, that the University is "prepared to deliver an unprecedented celebration that would be the talk of the town for some time to come".

He said that the golden jubilee is intended to celebrate the University's brilliant attainments in its core mandates of teaching, research, and community service.

The anniversary, according to the veteran journalist, is also projected at hinting the society of what should be expected from the University in the next 50 years, which would make its continuous existence a cardinal necessity.

He described the University as an outstanding brand that has achieved much, adding that his Unit would work with others to ensure the dissemination of compelling narratives that would easily captivate all the stakeholders of the University.



Mr Akogun commended the University Management for directing that "everyone and everything in the University campus goes around with the anniversary logo for all to know that 2025 is the year of the University".

The Director assured his audience that, in addition to external media platforms, the University would equally deploy its own in-house media outlets such as **UNILORIN Bulletin**, the **UNILORIN 89.3 FM** Radio and the recently launched **UNILORIN TV** as well as the institution's official social media platforms to create massive awareness and project the anniversary activities as they unfold in the build-up to the main event.

He disclosed that the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, and the Chairman of the Anniversary Planning Committee, Prof. Olugbenga Ayodeji Mokuolu, would from time to time be in the media to ensure that issues relating to the anniversary are on the front burner throughout the golden jubilee celebration.

Mr Akogun enjoined the alumni of the University and other members of the public to cooperate with members of the University community towards celebrating its numerous achievements.



■ Prof. Bakare-Odunola (3rd right), other University officials and the NADDC team

Firm begins work on electric vehicle charging station at UNILORIN

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Represented by the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic), Prof. Moji Taibat Bakare-Odunola, the Vice Chancellor expressed optimism about the initiative, saying, it is environmental friendly and has positive health impact.

While speaking on the significance of the initiative in fostering academic research and providing students with practical knowledge in renewable energy and electric vehicle technology, Prof. Egbewole noted that the establishment of the solar-powered charging station would enhance research efforts and offer valuable learning opportunities for students and Faculty members.

Earlier in his remarks, the leader of the NADDC team, Mr. Ogunmola Oloruntoba, stated that their visit to the University was to introduce the contractor and consultant responsible for the construction of the NADDC Solar-Powered Electric Charging Station to the University Management.

Mr Oloruntoba assured the

University Management of the commitment of the team to ensuring the successful execution of the project. He reiterated that the solar-powered charging station would serve as a model for similar projects across the country, thereby contributing to Nigeria's goal of achieving a cleaner and more sustainable transportation system.

Also speaking, the Project Consultant and representative of Greenarc Global Consultants Ltd, Arc. Martins Amough, listed the numerous benefits the charging station would bring to the University community. He also confirmed its potential to support research efforts, especially for students and staff of the Faculty of Engineering, who have a keen interest in renewable energy and electric vehicle technology.

The representative of the contractor, Jewel Construction and Engineering Services Limited, Alhaji Mohd Bello, noted that the electric vehicle charging station project is entering its second phase. He explained that although

the University of Ilorin was initially scheduled to be included in the first phase, bureaucratic delays caused a shift in the timeline.

Alhaji Bello, however, assured the University community that the project would be completed within four months, as his team is committed to ensuring timely delivery. He further promised that the charging station would be of international standard, comparable to any world-class facility of its kind.

Joining the Vice Chancellor to receive the team were the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Research, Technology and Innovation), Prof. Muhtar Adeiza Etudaiye; the Registrar, Mr Mansur Alfaanla; the University Librarian, Prof. Kamaldeen Tunde Omopupa; the immediate past Deputy Vice Chancellor (Management Services), Prof. Suleiman Folorunsho Ambali; the Director of Works, Engr. Ramoni Kolawole Amoo; and the Director of Physical Planning Unit, QS. Toyin Jimoh.

Why we treat our students like kings and queens -- Egbewole

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The Vice Chancellor, who was represented at the event by the Dean, Faculty of Communication and Information Sciences, Prof. Lukman Adesina Azeez, explained that the University would never take its students for granted as he assured that they would continue to be given priority attention.

Prof. Egbewole, who is a Fellow of the NIPR, explained that the future of the University depends

on the impression developed about the institution by its alumni.

The Vice Chancellor added that the University would always encourage its academic and non-teaching staff to handle student matters with care.

He explained that the Student Affairs Unit of the University work round the clock to ensure that students have a memorable stay in the University.

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■ Prof. Azeez

Intensify research on climate-resilient soil management --Olaniyan

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According to the Inaugural Lecturer, this call becomes vital as the soil “holds profound secrets and influences that shape our agricultural practices, environmental sustainability, and the very foundation of our existence, the source of food.”

Prof. Olaniyan, whose lecture is the 5th from the Department of Agronomy, and the 3rd from the Soil Science Unit of the Department, said understanding Land Management issues becomes important as “the diversity of life within soils, including microorganisms, fungi and various invertebrates, contributes to the overall biodiversity of ecosystems.”

The don, who had earlier worked as a Land Use Planning Officer and Project Manager at the Kwara State Directorate of National Agricultural Land Development Authority (NALDA), had been involved in over three decades of research, focusing on Soil Survey and Land Evaluation, especially with two broad themes of Soil Properties and their Management, Soil Pollution and Water Quality, in addition to miscellaneous soil studies. These studies, Olaniyan stressed “underscore the importance of integrated and context specific approaches in soil conservation, carbon management and weed control.”

The Inaugural Lecturer further explained some identified threats and challenges of sustainable soil management to include, lack of access to advanced soil analysis techniques, urbanisation and land use changes, climate change issues, especially, rising temperatures and altered precipitation patterns, soil degradation and erosion due to deforestation, intensive agricultural practices and many others.

Prof. Olaniyan stressed that though the field of Pedology and Land Management is a rigorous profession, it “plays crucial roles in



■ **Prof. Olaniyan (left) presenting the Lecture Note to the Vice Chancellor (right) last Thursday**

understanding and sustainably utilising our precious land resources.”

In order to mitigate the threats and challenges facing sustainable quality soil management, the Inaugural Lecturer made specific recommendations. He said, “Given the University of Ilorin's role as a centre for research and academic excellence, I believe the institution can make a significant impact by implementing targeted solutions”.

Prof. Olaniyan explained these solutions to include, investing in research focused on climate-resilient soil management, establishing demonstration farms within the University to showcase sustainable land management strategies, organising workshops and training programmes for farmers and stakeholders on “climate-smart agricultural techniques such as conservation tillage, agroforestry and organic soil amendments.”

The don, who had produced a good number of graduate and

postgraduate students, further stressed the need for the University “to encourage research on organic soil restoration, collaborate with government agencies and environmental organisations to facilitate land restoration projects” and to also “implement community outreach programmes to educate farmers and landowners on erosion control measures such as terracing, contour farming and agroforestry.”

Highlighting his passion for his field of Pedology, Prof. Olaniyan said, “By leveraging its academic expertise, research capabilities and community engagement, the University of Ilorin can play a crucial role in addressing these challenges and promoting sustainable soil management.”

The lecture, which was presided over by the University Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, was attended by Principal Officers of the University, Deans, senior academics friends, and students of the Inaugural Lecturer.

CMLI seeks stakeholders' collaboration

By Bashirat Omotosho

The Ag. Director of the Centre for Management and Leadership, University of Ilorin (CMLI), Dr. Aminat Odebo, has advocated stakeholders' collaboration in the transformational leadership efforts of the Centre.

Dr Odebo, who made the call last Tuesday (March 4, 2025) while speaking with **UNILORIN Bulletin**, disclosed that the University has taken a significant step in fostering effective governance and transformational leadership with the establishment of the Centre for Management and Leadership (CMLI).

She maintained that the CMLI was created to address long-standing leadership deficiencies in governance and management to bridge the leadership gap by catering to young professionals, middle-level managers, and executives.

Dr Odebo noted that the Centre is committed to equipping individuals with leadership skills that align with global best practices, technological advancements, and innovative problem-solving approaches.

While speaking on the Academic and Professional Training Programmes, she maintained that the Centre offers a Postgraduate Diploma in Management and Leadership Development, which serves as a stepping stone for professionals seeking career advancement.

Dr Odebo reiterated that the programme, which included Executive Postgraduate Diploma for the working class with a flexible duration of 24 to 36 months to accommodate their busy schedules, requires a minimum of five O' Level credits, including English Language and Mathematics, along with a Bachelor's degree or Higher National Diploma (HND).

She noted that apart from the Diploma programmes, CMLI offers certificate courses in various leadership and management areas, catering to different expertise levels.

"These courses range from Basic Management and Leadership



■ Dr Odebo

Training to Advanced Certificate Programmes, allowing for progressive learning", she said.

Dr Odebo stated further that the Centre offers professional certifications, including the Chartered Management Professionals and Chartered Managers programmes, tailored for middle-level and top executives, respectively.

According to her, "These certifications enhance participants' competencies in Financial Management, Operations Management, and Strategic Decision-Making."

While speaking on workshops, seminars, and future programmes, Dr Odebo explained that beyond academic programmes, CMLI organises biannual workshops and seminars to keep professionals informed on emerging leadership trends.

The upcoming Community Conflicts and Security Management Training, scheduled for June 22–25, 2025, is one such initiative aimed at addressing security and governance challenges, she announced.

She disclosed that CMLI is expanding its academic scope with the proposed postgraduate programmes, including: MSc in Community Leadership, MSc in Procurement Regulations and Management, MSc in Leadership and Accountability and PhD. in Management and Leadership.

Dr Odebo added that these

programmes are designed to further elevate leadership standards and provide advanced research opportunities.

Speaking on Strategic Partnerships and Global Collaborations, Dr Odebo noted that CMLI has signed Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) with several institutions, including the Faculties of Management and Social Sciences of the University, the Chartered Institute of Management and Leadership, and the Commonwealth of Kentucky, USA.

Dr Odebo maintained that these partnerships will allow CMLI to leverage global expertise and offer internationally recognised certifications, adding that efforts are also underway to establish further collaborations with other prestigious universities worldwide.

The Ag. Director acknowledged the contributions of the pioneer Director of the Centre, Prof. Moji T. Bakare-Odunola, now the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic), who led from January 22, 2024, to February 17, 2025, adding that her leadership laid the groundwork for the CMLI's vision.

She noted that she and the Deputy Directors, Dr M. Aliyu and Dr O. M. Adebisi, and a team of 11 experienced associates are committed to expanding CMLI's impact through strategic initiatives and innovative training programmes.

She said that CMLI is more than just an academic institution, pointing out that it is a movement dedicated to raising ethical, competent, and forward-thinking leaders.

Dr. Odebo added that the Centre invites students, professionals, policymakers, and organisations to collaborate in redefining leadership excellence in Nigeria and beyond and as the Centre continues to grow, it will remain steadfast in its mission to shape a new generation of transformational leaders equipped to drive good governance and sustainable development.

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Responding to some questions on the University Alumni Association, the Vice Chancellor explained that the current challenge facing the Association stems from unnecessary contestation for power among some of its members.

He explained that the University Administration was doing everything to ensure that the misunderstanding is resolved in the interest of the University.

While saying that the friction within the Alumni Association has no negative effects on the University's service delivery, the Vice Chancellor assured that the University Administration would continue to adopt diplomacy in bringing the challenge to an end.

Prof. Egbewole, who said that the upcoming 50th anniversary celebration of the University is all about its alumni, encouraged members of the institution's alumni to take advantage of an Alumni Day, which is one of the highlights of the celebration, to rub minds with their colleagues.

In her remarks, a Professor of Mass

Communication at the University, Saudat S. Abdulbaqi, who is also a Fellow and Council Member of NIPR, said "Prof. Egbewole is public relations personified", adding that "our Vice Chancellor is an epitome of good public relations".

She also relayed the goodwill message of the National President of NIPR, Dr Ike Neliaku to the Vice Chancellor and the entire University Community on the forthcoming 50th Anniversary.

Also speaking, the Senior Special Assistant to the Governor of Kwara State, and an alumnus of the University, Mr Olayinka Fafoluyi (Solace), commended the Vice Chancellor for supporting the efforts of the institution's Directorate of Corporate Affairs' in positively projecting the alluring image of the University.

Mr Fafoluyi also saluted the Professor of Jurisprudence and International Law for being an alumni-friendly Vice Chancellor, saying that he was always motivated and stimulated with the warm dispositions of the Vice Chancellor to products of the University.

He added that the presence of the

University in the conventional and social media is incomparable with that of any other university in the country.

Mr Fafoluyi assured the Vice Chancellor that the Alumni of the University are ever ready to support the University not only to ensure the success of the upcoming anniversary celebration but also identify with the University before and thereafter.

Among those that attended the event were the Kwara NIPR Chapter Chairman, Mr Gabriel Ogunade; the Senior Advisor and Counsellor to the Governor of Kwara State, Mr Saadu Salaudeen, fnipr; the Police Public Relations Officer, Kwara State Command, Mrs Ejire Adeyemi Adetoun; the General Manager, **UNILORIN 89.3FM**, Mr Idris Akintola Ibrahim (Alooma); the General Manager of *Harmony FM*, Idofian, Mrs Binta Abubakar-Mora and the Director, University Relations, Kwara State University, Malet, Dr Saheedat Aliyu as well as the Spokesman to the Emir of Ilorin, Mr AbdulAzeez Arowona.

FET trains PG students on research, innovation tools

By Mustafa Abubakar

The Faculty of Engineering and Technology (FET), University of Ilorin, has trained 84 postgraduate students on research and innovation through modern engineering tools and technologies.

The two-day training workshop, aimed at equipping the postgraduate students with hands-on skills in research methodology, data analysis, and academic publishing, held last Wednesday and Thursday (February 26 and 27, 2025) at the NLNG Building Conference Hall.

Speaking at the workshop, the Dean of the Faculty, Prof. Jamiu Odusote, expressed delight at the turnout and commended the organising team led by Dr K. O. Abdulrahman and Dr S. O. Zakariya.

He urged the participants to consolidate the knowledge gained through personal practice, noting that the workshop was part of the efforts of the Faculty to enhance the quality of research and innovation.

The Dean said, "I encourage you all to continue learning and applying these tools in your research projects. The goal is not just to acquire knowledge but to use it to produce quality research that addresses societal challenges."

In his presentation on "Research Methodology in Engineering", the Faculty's Representative on the Postgraduate Board,



■ Cross section of participants at the workshop

Prof. H. A. Ajimotokan, tutored the participants on how to design, execute, and report research work effectively.

On his part, the Head of the Department of Materials and Metallurgical Engineering, Dr J.A. Adebisi, spoke on data organisation, statistical analysis, and result presentation.

Also, in his presentation, Dr A.O. Otuoze, who spoke on "Focus on Research Paper Writing and Publishing Techniques", guided participants on how to draft quality academic papers, select appropriate journals, and navigate the peer-review process.

In his remarks, Dr S. A. Yahaya,

urged participants to learn how to format academic documents efficiently.

Speaking earlier, the Organising Committee Chairman, Dr K. O. Abdulrahman, appreciated the students' enthusiasm and willingness to learn, describing the workshop as a step in the right direction for raising the standard of postgraduate research in the Faculty.

In their reactions, some of the participants expressed gratitude to the Faculty for the initiative, with many calling for more training sessions to cover emerging technologies and advanced research tools.

UNILORIN best Geology graduate wins NMGS Best Thesis Award as Adekeye bags Fellowship

By Isaac Lewu

The best graduating student from the Department of Geology and Mineral Sciences, Faculty of Physical Sciences, University of Ilorin, Ikwele Emmanuel Chidera, has won the Best Thesis Award for his outstanding undergraduate thesis during the 2022/2023 academic session.

The award, presented by the Nigerian Mining and Geosciences Society (NMGS), is recognised as one of the highest honors in Nigeria's mining and geosciences sector, aimed at celebrating exceptional academic work among students from leading Nigerian universities that offer Mining and Geosciences programmes.

The award, which was presented during the 60th annual conference of NMGS held in Abuja from February 16 to 21, 2025, also showcased the contributions of both emerging scholars and seasoned professionals to the advancement of geosciences research and academia.

Chidera's thesis stood out among numerous submissions, reflecting the students' dedication and expertise in the field. This recognition not only highlights the individual accomplishments but also underscores the quality of education and research being conducted at the University of Ilorin.

In addition to Chidera's

attainment, another notable achievement was recorded at the conference with the immediate past Head of the Department, Prof. O. A. Adekeye, securing a Fellowship. This further underscored the commitment of the University to fostering talent in geosciences, and also highlighted the importance of mentorship and collaboration between experienced professionals and young scholars in fostering growth within the industry.

The NMGS conference serves as a platform for professionals

and students alike to engage with current trends and advancements in mining and geosciences, making it an essential event for those involved in these critical sectors of Nigeria's economy.

Reacting to the laurels, the Dean of the Faculty of physical Sciences, Prof. Abdullahi Baba Alafara, congratulated the duo on their remarkable achievements, expressing his hopes for their continued success in their academic journey.

The conference served as a platform for networking among participants, facilitating discussions on



■ The President, Nigerian Mining and Geosciences Society (NMGS), Prof. Olatunji Akinade (left), presenting the award certificate to Prof. Adekeye

current trends and challenges facing geosciences in Nigeria. It also emphasised the need for ongoing support for young researchers who are poised to drive innovation and sustainability within the sector.

As the NMGS continues to champion excellence in Geosciences education and research, events like this annual conference play a crucial role in inspiring future generations of scientists and professionals dedicated to advancing knowledge and practices within their fields.

UNILORIN TEC sets example in empowerment programmes

By Idris Alooma

As the world marked the International Day for Non-Governmental Organisations (NGO Day), a call has gone to lecturers, members of the University of Ilorin community, and the general public to emulate the laudable efforts of the University's Technical and Entrepreneurship Centre (TEC) and one of her programmes in partnership with ASBE Global Innovations (African Support Bureau for Entrepreneurship, ASBE).

Prof. Foluke Eunice Sola-Ojo of the Faculty of Agriculture, stated this while speaking on a **UNILORIN FM** programme.

In the programme, anchored by the Station Manager, Mr. Idris Alooma, Prof. Sola-Ojo revealed that the giant strides of TEC-ASBE in empowering the less privileged was initiated by the Director of TEC, Prof. U. A. Raheem, and supported by ASBE Global Founders and the Management of the University.

She said that TEC rolled out numerous programme initiatives aimed at assisting students, staff, and the general public. In January this year, some students won a life changing amount of money during the TEC-ASBE innovation Summit. According to her, a student of the University, Miss Olowa Dorcas, won the sum of N1 million for emerging as the best in Scale-up competition during the TEC-ASBE 2.0, the



■ Prof. Sola-Ojo

money was donated by Meristem Securities Limited and she will be able to scale up her plantain chips production business. Other students won N700,000, N500,000 and so. This showcases TEC's commitment to promoting entrepreneurship, innovation, and self-reliance.

Prof. Sola-Ojo emphasised that poverty alleviation and eradication are everybody's business. She advocated the encouragement of backyard farming, including animal rearing and the use of sack cultivators, to increase food production and

availability. The don also enjoined government and wealthy individuals to assist the less privileged so that many good brains can emerge with better education.

The Professor of Animal Production said that the University of Ilorin is committed to producing self-reliant graduates who can become employers of labour. To achieve this, the University has established various programmes, including skill acquisition at TEC, work and earn, SIWES, Internship, U-INSPIRE and industrial training.

She pointed out that the efforts of TEC are a shining examples of what can be achieved when individuals and institutions work together to empower the less privileged. She stressed that as we mark NGO Day, we recognise the critical role that the TEC plays in promoting socio-economic development and improving the lives of marginalised individuals.

Prof Sola-Ojo said that the TEC is a beacon of hope for the less privileged, and its efforts deserve to be emulated by all. "As we celebrate NGO Day, let us renew our commitment to empowering marginalised communities and promoting socio-economic development in our society", she said.



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UNILORIN WEEKLY FINANCIAL DIGEST

FUND SOURCES AND UTILIZATION REPORT FROM 28TH FEBRUARY TO 6TH March 2025

RECEIPTS:	AMOUNT
Academic Transcript	72,000.00
Sundry & Other Fees Student Charges	1,129,200.00
Sundry Other Incomes	594,648.36
Convocation Souvenir	327,900.00
Contractors' Registration Fees	2,000.00
Capitation -NHIS	17,850.00
Staff I.D Cards	3,000.00
Income from Verification /Screening	375,000.00
CODL Undergraduate Charges	352,800.00
Rent on Staff Accommodation	233,334.14
Treatment of Non University Patients	1,200.00
Faculty Based Charges	39,000.00
Income from Fitness Centre	2,000.00
Insurance Claims/others	3,271,587.51
Utility Income	17,700.00
Rent on University Property	239,970.92
Refund (Salary)	67,528.15
Refund (Non Salary)	2,083,115.55
Refund	4,010,739.19
Undergraduate School Charges	48,992.00
Undergraduate Transcript Payment	1,105,800.00
Undergraduate Hostel Accommodation	100,867.00
Undergraduate Convocation Charges	266,600.00
Postgraduate School Charges	15,273,740.00
Postgraduate School Transcript Payment	190,000.00
Institute of Education School Charges	98,653.00
Institute of Education Application Form	568,800.00
Remedial Application Form	60,800.00
Remedial School Charges	6,544,200.00
Remedial Acceptance Payment	182,400.00
Ilorin Business School Application Form	25,200.00
Ilorin Business School Add/Drop Payment	
Ilorin Business School Charges	752,750.00
JUPEB School Charges	1,113,800.00
Total Receipt for the Period	₦39,173,175.82
PAYMENTS	
PAYMENT TO CONTRACTORS/SUPPLIERS:	
Phase Associates Ltd Construction and Furnishing of Block of Classroom (CBNTETFUND)	3,234,605.37
Prolink Projects Limited Construction and Furnishing of Lecture Theatre (CBNTETFUND)	8,824,332.75
Utas Associates Ltd Construction and Furnishing of Block of Classroom (CBNTETFUND)	3,179,238.71
Khalifad Consult Professional fees (CBNTETFUND)	4,269,946.34
ECMC Engineers Limited Consultancy Services (CBNTETFUND)	2,105,698.03
Aim Consultant Limited Consultancy Services (CBNTETFUND)	4,392,284.42
Digma Integrated Services Ltd Construction and Furnish of Faculty of Social Sciences Building (CBNTETFUND)	16,716,511.39
Haadsglobal Service Ltd Renovation of Laboratory Workbenches at Central Research Laboratory	8,504,325.00
Top No Tech Technologies and Consults Procurement And Installation of 15KVA Automatic Voltage Regulator	464,100.00
Ibadan Electricity Distr Company Electricity bill for Jan 2025 for GRA Qtrs, SPS, Veterniary Teaching Hop.	6,136,666.08
Interbiz Deep Concept Ltd Consultancy Services (CBNTETFUND)	6,635,394.82
Habib Akewusola Consultancy Services	500,000.00
Bitsmart ICT Solution Ltd Supply of HP Laserjet 107A	608,500.00
OTHER PAYMENTS:	
Various i.e DTA, IMPREST, REFUND e.t.c	59,105,243.64
Purchase Advance Various	3,297,510.00
Student Union Disbursement of 2024/2025 Undergraduate Student Charges Collection.	96,788,000.00
NYSC Allowance for February 2025	2,225,000.00
Faculty and Departmental Staff February 2025 Salary	13,590,000.00
Nigerian Legion February 2025 Salary, Administrative Charges/Kit Charges	5,298,000.00
Unilorin Guest House Snack and Drinks for Postgraduate School Workshop	735,000.00
Unilorin Petrol Station Supply of Fuel	194,300.00
Total TSA Charges Various	146,200.00
Total payment for the period	₦246,950,856.55

Signed

Abiodun Lawal (FCNA)

Bursar



S/N	Name	Department	Birthday
1	Annor, Patricia Omioguele	Centre For Counselling & Human Dev	Mar 09
2	Ajide, Victor Jacob	Works: Mechanical	Mar 09
3	Abdulkareem, Risikat Jumai	Registry	Mar 09
4	Abubakar, Fatimah Aluko	Biochemistry	Mar 09
5	Saka, Kamaldeen Dagbo	Network Operating Centre	Mar 09
6	Jolayemi, Oluseun	Registry	Mar 09
7	Faruk, Aishat Olarundare	Library	Mar 09
8	Olowu, Suru Oladimeji	Works: Works/Maint. Office	Mar 10
9	Sulaiman, Oba	Works: Works/Maint. Office	Mar 10
10	Oni, Felicia Bosede	Registry	Mar 10
11	Mohammed, Safi	Registry	Mar 10
12	Adedayo, Bimpe Sidiqat	Bursary	Mar 10
13	Omosidi, Abdulrahman Suyuti	Educational Management	Mar 10
14	Abajo, Grace Omotola	Unilorin Staff School	Mar 10
15	Akanbi, Bashir Omotosho	Health Services	Mar 10
16	Lawal, Abiodun	Bursary	Mar 10
17	Adekeye, Olabisi Adeleye	Geology & Mineral Sciences	Mar 10
18	Joseph, Oluwatoyin Mary	Registry	Mar 10
19	Oyedepo, Risikat Olufunke	Registry	Mar 10
20	Babamale, Tajudeen Olanrewaju	Registry	Mar 10
21	Tiamiyu, Bashir Bolaji	Plant Biology	Mar 10
22	Giwa, Abdul-Hakeem	Registry	Mar 10
23	Ganiyu, Alao Busari	Security Division	Mar 11
24	Salami, Anthony Dauda	Security Division	Mar 11
25	Isarinade, Julius Olaolu	Centre For Supportive Services For The Deaf	Mar 11
26	Ojo, Ayodele Augustine	Registry	Mar 11
27	Usman, Hamzat	Health Services	Mar 11
28	Olokoba, Abdulfatai Bamidele	Medicine	Mar 11
29	Adegunju, Kabiru Adewale	Counsellor Education	Mar 11
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There is no success without succession – Egbewole

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The renowned scholar stressed that while a strong start in leadership galvanises action and leads to quick wins, he said sustaining the momentum remains the biggest challenge, advising leaders to adopt strategic planning, adopt regular progress reviews, and adaptability to ensure continuity of impactful activities.

Prof. Egbewole advised university chief executives to develop and implement a medium-term strategic plan with measurable targets, alongside a performance-tracking system to monitor progress and make necessary adjustments. He identified the need for precision and expertise in crafting and executing such plans, warning against assigning these responsibilities to unqualified individuals.

He said, “Crafting a

strategic plan and implementing it are arduous tasks that require high technical skills. This needs to be emphasised to avoid the error of assigning the tasks to just anyone to fulfill righteousness but fail to get the desired results. Strategic planning often requires effective delegation of responsibility by empowering capable team members to lead initiatives and by maintaining open communication channels to address challenges and reinforce commitment”.

Speaking on the significance of achieving landmark successes, Prof. Egbewole asserted that a leader is often remembered for their signature accomplishments. He advised that landmark successes should not be limited to physical projects but should include transforming stakeholders' orientation for the better.

He noted, “Landmark achievements should not be restricted to physical projects. In fact, changing

stakeholders' orientation for the better is the more significant monumental achievement for a leader. If people develop better attitudes and greater dedication, physical projects will be better achieved and managed. The challenge for a leader in giving people a new orientation is that he must be a role model”.

While also discussing financial constraints in universities, the UNILORIN Vice-Chancellor acknowledged that funding challenges are a common issue for tertiary institutions in Nigeria as he urged university administrators to devise innovative ways to navigate financial difficulties.

Prof. Egbewole stressed that merely increasing funding allocations would not suffice to address financial problems unless it is complemented with prudent resource management. He, however, called on the Nigerian government to rise to the occasion by allocating a budget to education that aligns with UNESCO's recommended standards.

While also addressing distractions faced by university leaders in Nigeria, Prof. Egbewole noted that governance struggles, protests, and institutional shutdowns significantly disrupt academic activities and research. He advised leaders to develop resilience, emotional intelligence, and preparedness for uncertainties to manage these challenges effectively.

Earlier, in his remarks, the outgoing Vice-Chancellor of the Rivers State University, Prof. Nlerum Sunday Okogbule, expressed gratitude to Prof. Egbewole for honoring the invitation and recognising his contributions to the academia.

Prof. Okogbule, who reflected on his long-standing relationship with Prof. Egbewole, revealed that their association dates back to about 40 years. He noted that the presence of the UNILORIN Vice-Chancellor at the event was not only a personal honour for him but also a significant recognition for the Rivers State University Council.



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By Tajudeen Babamale

The Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has called on leaders at all levels to strive towards leaving behind legacies that stand the test of time, noting that a leader's name can be etched in gold in public memory and remain significant even in the face of opposition if they focus on impactful leadership and effective succession planning.

Prof. Egbewole made this call last Tuesday (March 4, 2025), while delivering a lecture on the topic “Starting Strong and Finishing Well” at the presentation of a Festschrift in honour of Prof. Nlerum Sunday Okogbule, the outgoing Vice Chancellor of the Rivers State University, Nkpolu, Port-Harcourt.

The event was part of the activities marking Prof. Okogbule's end of tenure as the 11th Vice-Chancellor of the university.

Speaking on the significance of a strong finish, the UNILORIN Vice-Chancellor explained the importance of both a strong start and a strong conclusion in leadership, saying that while an impactful beginning can set the tone for a leader's tenure, the final actions taken before leaving office ultimately shape their legacy.

Drawing from history, Prof. Egbewole referenced Nigerian leaders, particularly General Ibrahim Babangida, stating that despite his contributions, his annulment of the 1993 elections remains the most enduring memory of his administration. He remarked, “We can underscore the significance of the last act of a leader in office from the experiences of Nigerian leaders. General Ibrahim Badamasi Babangida impacted positively on some aspects of life in Nigeria, but the only thing Nigerians remember as his legacy is that he annulled the 1993 elections. So, for a leader, it is not over until it is all over; the leader must keep acting right till the very last moment. A relay race is not won if the baton drops just before breasting the tape”.

Offering practical advice on how to achieve a successful tenure, the legal luminary encouraged early preparation and strategic planning. According to him, preparation should begin before assumption of office. He stated, “From the moment one decides to seek an office, the plan for landmark achievements in the office must begin. A new leader must move quickly to understand the institution's landscape, build alliances, and set a decisive tone. This is why marking the first 100 days in office has



■ L-R: Prof. Egbewole, Prof. Okogbule, and Mrs Egbewole at the event last Tuesday

assumed some significance globally. Those days are critical in shaping perceptions and laying the foundation for success. A leader who assumes office without a plan will spend those initial crucial days groping and will not hit the ground running”.

While identifying Nigeria's poor work ethic as a significant hindrance to national development, Prof. Egbewole urged university leaders to lead by example to ensure that top management embodies the values expected from staff and students.

He lamented that cutting corners has become the norm in many institutions, often making those who adhere to ethical standards feel out of place. He commended Prof. Okogbule for making difficult decisions in repositioning the Rivers State University, including demolishing buildings associated with illegal activities.

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