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Egbewole applauds Tinubu's NELFUND initiative, urges more students to apply



■ L - R: The representative of the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Fawole; Mr Iyal Mustapha, and Dr Adetola Salau at the sensitisation programme last Tuesday

By Tajudeen Babamale

The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has applauded President Bola Ahmed Tinubu, GCFR, for introducing the Nigerian Education Loan Fund (NELFUND), describing it as a significant intervention that has prevented many students from abandoning their academic pursuits due to financial constraints.

Prof. Egbewole gave the commendation last Tuesday (March 11, 2025), when he received the Chief Executive Officer of NELFUND, Mr. Akintunde Sawyerr, who visited him in his office ahead of his participation in a Sensitisation Programme that took place at the University Auditorium.

Represented by the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Management Services), Prof. Adegboyega Adisa Fawole, the Vice Chancellor lamented the financial constraints faced by some students, noting that the introduction of NELFUND has brought succour to many students across the country.

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FUCAP 2024: UNILORIN bags Best Performing University Award

By Tajudeen Babamale

The University of Ilorin has been honored with the prestigious Best Performing University Award by the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and Unilever Nigeria PLC's Future X Unilever Campus Ambassador Programme (FUCAP) in recognition of its outstanding student engagement and leadership in youth empowerment.

The award was presented to the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, last Thursday (March 13, 2025) by the People Partner and FUCAP Project Lead, Unilever Nigeria, Mrs Zainab Ajadi, during a career seminar titled "Future Unilever Campus Ambassador Programme," that held at the University Auditorium.

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IWD: UNILORIN female staff hail Egbewole's gender sensitivity

By Abubakar Imam

As the global community celebrated this year's International Women's Day (IWD) penultimate Saturday (March 8, 2025), a cross-section of the female members of the University of Ilorin community has commended the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo

Egbewole, SAN, on his exciting record of gender sensitivity.

The women, who cut across the academic and non-teaching cadres, told *UNILORIN Bulletin* that the Vice Chancellor has demonstrated enormous fraternity towards the female gender of the institution like never before.

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■ Prof. Egbewole

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Enhancing food security:

Egbewole seeks more investment in broiler production

By Isaac Lewu

The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole (SAN), has emphasised the need for strategic investments in broiler production to enhance food security and economic sustainability in both our immediate environment and Nigeria at large.

Prof. Egbewole stated this last Tuesday (March 11, 2025) at the inaugural Town and Gown Interaction and Workshop on Value Chain Addition in Broiler Production, organised by the Faculty of Agriculture. The event attracted participants from the academia, industry, and government agencies.

Represented at the event by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Management Services), Prof. Adegboyega Adisa Fawole, the Vice Chancellor emphasised the importance of the poultry industry in ensuring food security, creating employment, and boosting the country's Gross Domestic Product (GDP).

He said that the workshop aligns with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), particularly Goal 2, which aims to end hunger, achieve food security, and promote sustainable agriculture.

According to the Vice Chancellor, Nigeria's vast potential in broiler production remains underutilised, and initiatives like this workshop will empower stakeholders to maximise opportunities in the poultry value chain.

Prof. Egbewole said, "The role of agriculture in national development cannot be overemphasised. The University of Ilorin is committed to bridging the gap between research and practice.

In her welcome address, the Dean of the Faculty of Agriculture, Prof. Oluyemisi Fawole, expressed appreciation to the Vice-Chancellor, his team, and other distinguished guests for gracing the occasion. She highlighted the importance of the workshop in reshaping broiler production in Nigeria, stressing that value chain addition will create more



■ The representative of the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Fawole (4th right), with other dignitaries at the Workshop last Tuesday

job opportunities, increase profitability for farmers, and enhance food security.

The Dean urged farmers, investors, and policymakers to leverage the knowledge shared at the workshop, emphasising that research-based innovations must be translated into real-world applications for economic growth. She reiterated the Faculty's dedication to training future agricultural experts who will drive Nigeria's self-sufficiency in poultry production.

Prof. Fawole also extended special recognition to the 1992 alumni, appreciating their unwavering support for the faculty over the years. She encouraged them to continue their contributions towards infrastructural development and research initiatives, stating that their generosity plays a crucial role in advancing agricultural education at the University of Ilorin.

The Chairman of the Town and Gown Workshop, Prof. Adebisi Oluwatoba Adeyina, in his opening remarks, highlighted the rationale behind the workshop, noting that it was designed to bridge the gap between academic research and industrial practices. He explained that many agricultural graduates and professionals struggle with the practical application of their knowledge, which limits their ability to thrive in the competitive agricultural sector.

The event also featured presentations by three professionals, all alumni of the University. They are Mr. Adebayo Gawatti, Manager of GGMax Production Outfit in Kwara State; Mr. Akin Ojo, former Chairman of the Poultry Association of Nigeria; and Mr. Zatec Farms. They shared their expertise on broiler bird production, highlighting the practical applications of agricultural knowledge. Other presenters included Prof. Job Atteh, a renowned expert in poultry production from the Department of Animal Production at the University of Ilorin.

During the event, the class of 1992 made a modest presentation to the Faculty of Agriculture, reinforcing their commitment to giving back to their alma mater. A cheque for #1 million was presented to the Faculty, demonstrating the dedication of the class to supporting agricultural education and research.

Also in attendance were the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic), Prof. Taibat Bakare-Odunola, and the Registrar, Mr. Mansur Adeleke Alfanla; Prof. A. K. Musa, Chairman, Faculty Advancement Committee in charge of Alumni Affairs, several academic and non-teaching staff, students of the Faculty, and stakeholders from industry and government agencies.

Egbewole condoles with Olowolafe on wife's death

The death has been announced of Mrs Gbemisola Olutayo Olowolafe, wife of Dr Tunji Olowolafe, one of the great pillars of support of the University of Ilorin.

The sad event occurred last Tuesday (March 11, 2025) after a short illness. She was aged 64.

The bereaved husband, Dr Olowolafe, in a statement, described his late wife as "a woman of grace, compassion, and steadfast faith, who dedicated her life to uplifting those around her", adding that "her



■ Late Mrs Olowolafe

warmth, kindness, and quiet generosity touched countless lives, and her legacy of

service and love will endure for generations to come."

In a condolence message, the Vice Chancellor of the University, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, prayed God to comfort Dr Olowolafe and the entire family.

"I pray that God gives you the fortitude to bear this great and irreplaceable loss. I also pray that God gives her a peaceful repose," Prof. Egbewole said, adding that "the entire Unilorin commiserates with you on this great loss."

Egbewole applauds Tinubu's NELFUND initiative, urges more students to apply

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While expressing concern over the difficulties students face in keeping up with their studies due to financial hardship, Prof. Egbewole noted that many students had resorted to taking up menial jobs to support themselves, while others had to suspend their education entirely due to lack of funds. He added that despite efforts by well-meaning individuals, including some staff members of the University, to support indigent students, a significant number of them still found it challenging to continue their studies.

The Vice Chancellor also expressed concern about the low number of students that have so far applied for the loan, saying there is a significant gap between the total student population and the number of beneficiaries. He said, "The gap between the total number of students and those who have applied is still wide. We wonder why some students are skeptical about the scheme, despite our extensive awareness campaigns and sensitisation programmes. One of the concerns we frequently hear is the fear of repayment. Many students do not realise that their parents already take bank loans or cooperative funds to pay their school fees."

Speaking earlier, the Chief Executive Officer of the Nigerian Education Loan Fund (NELFUND), Mr. Akintunde Sawyerr, stated that his team was at the University of Ilorin to identify the specific challenges faced by students at Unilorin and other institutions in Kwara State in order to provide sustainable solutions.

Mr Sawyerr, who was represented by the Executive Director of Operation, Mr Iyal Mustapha, said NELFUND is more than just an educational funding agency, but a partner with all Nigerian educational institutions in making education more accessible. He said the initiative goes



Dignitaries and participants at the NELFUND Sensitisation Programme

beyond paying students' school fees; but represents an investment in the future of the country.

While reiterating that all institutional charges covered by NELFUND are interest-free, as the primary objective is to support students and contribute to national development, he expressed concern over the relatively low number of applicants from UNILORIN, revealing that out of the University's population of over 50,000 students, only about 11,000 had so far applied for the loan.

While also acknowledging the efforts of the University Administration in promoting the initiative, Sawyerr noted the importance of collaboration between NELFUND and the University in addressing any challenges encountered by both students and management.

Earlier in her remarks, the Special Adviser to the Governor of Kwara State on Education, Policy Formulation, and Human Capital Development, Dr. Adetola Ariyike Salau, lamented that financial difficulties have long been one of the biggest barriers preventing many students from pursuing

higher education in Nigeria.

The Special Adviser noted that the initiative marks a turning point in Nigeria's education sector, ensuring that students who might have otherwise struggled to afford tuition and other academic expenses now have an opportunity to complete their studies without financial hindrances.

Also speaking, the Dean of Student Affairs, Dr Alex Akanmu, who reaffirmed the commitment of the University to ensuring that all eligible students benefit from the NELFUND, acknowledged that the University has been actively making efforts to encourage student participation in the initiative by raising awareness and providing necessary guidance.

Also present at the meeting were the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic), Prof. Moji Taibat Bakare-Odunola; the Registrar, Mr Mansur Adeleke Alfanla; all the Sub-Deans of Student Affairs, and the President of the Student Union, Mr Agezeh Victor Oghenetega.

Egbewole mourns late Ijaodola

The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has described the sudden death of a legal luminary and Law scholar, Prof. Rasheed Ijaodola, SAN, as a great loss to the legal profession, the academia, and the nation as a whole.

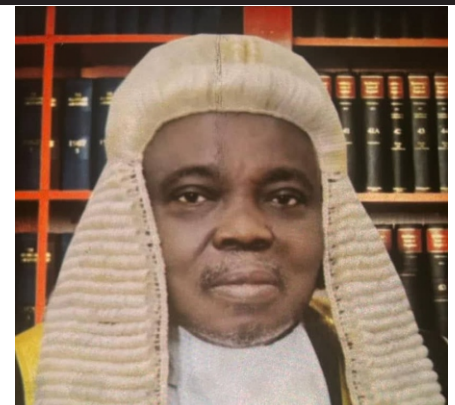
The Offa-born, former Law lecturer at the University of Ilorin died on Sunday morning (March 16, 2025). Until his death, he was a Law professor at the Igbinedion University, Okada, Edo State.

In a condolence message issued on his behalf by the University Director of Corporate Affairs, Mr Kunle Akogun, the Vice Chancellor said the late Prof. Ijaodola bestrode the academia like a colossus,

influencing several generations of lawyers who passed through his tutelage at the various universities where he had taught.

Prof. Egbewole described the late Prof. Ijaodola as "a bookworm with no fewer than four Ph.D degrees in various fields, including Christian Studies despite being a Muslim. He was a remarkable scholar, a committed community builder and a steadfast family man. He will be sorely missed by the legal profession, the academia, his Offa community, and especially his family."

The Vice Chancellor prayed Almighty Allah to overlook his shortcomings and grant him Aljanah Firdaus.



Late Prof. Ijaodola

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■ **Prof. Bakare-Odunola**

Leading the pack of respondents was the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic), Prof. Moji Taibat Bakare-Odunola, who said that the Egbewole Administration, as part of its gender sensitivity, has opened more opportunities for women, saying that it is equally conscious of the multiple roles of female staff members.

Prof. Bakare-Odunola added that the University has more women Directors and Deputy Directors as well as Deans and Sub-Deans now than before.

The Deputy Vice Chancellor also stated that the current Administration in the University is also encouraging a situation where the institution now has more female Heads of Departments and heads of administrative (Deputy Registrars) units.

She also noted that in addition to the above, the University has created more Centres for emerging global and national issues as well as the Centre for Gender Studies with a woman as pioneer Director.

In her own view, the Director, Centre for Gender Studies, Prof. Patricia F. Omojasola, said that a key aspect of Prof. Egbewole's leadership has been the establishment of structures that promote gender equality, encourage diversity and inclusion, and ensure a safe and supportive campus for all.

Prof. Omojasola recalled that the University, in 2024, raised some committees that assisted in revising the University's Gender Policy, draft a Sexual Harassment Policy, and strengthen reporting protocols.

The Director noted that the policies, subsequently approved by the Senate, led to the creation of the Centre for Gender Studies, reinforcing the University's commitment to gender equity as the Centre is tasked with addressing gender-based discrimination and promoting equal opportunities for all staff and students, regardless of gender.

She noted that the dispositions of the Vice Chancellor ensure that women, who are often more vulnerable, have avenues for redress and support.



■ **Prof. Omojasola**



■ **Prof. Abikoye**

She also thanked Prof. Egbewole for relating very well with female Deans as he also extended every support they needed to carry out their functions. She also appreciated him for appointing many women into various Directorates and other positions of responsibility, including the appointment of a female Deputy Vice Chancellor.

Also speaking, the Dean of the Faculty of Law, Prof. Nimah Modupe AbdulRaheem, said that the current Administration under the visionary leadership of Prof. Egbewole is gender-sensitive and gender-inclusive.

Prof. AbdulRaheem noted that the Administration has made a giant stride in promoting gender equality in the University.

She added that the Administration has an unwavering support to create an inclusive and equitable environment for all staff, irrespective of gender, pointing out that four of the Deans of Faculties are women after the completion of the tenure of the immediate past Dean of the Faculty of Life Sciences.

Prof. AbdulRaheem noted that the establishment of a Centre for Gender Studies with Prof. Patricia Omojasola as the pioneer Director is a clear confirmation of the gender sensitivity of the Vice Chancellor as she noted that the establishment of the Centre would further promote gender-sensitive policies and practices in the institution.

In her contribution, Prof.



■ **Prof. AbdulRaheem**



■ **Mrs. Sheriff**

Oluwakemi C. Abikoye of the Department of Computer Science, paid glowing tributes to the administrative ingenuity of the Vice Chancellor, particularly as it affects the female members of the University community.

The don explained that the Administration of Prof. Egbewole has had a profoundly positive impact on female lecturers, which she said is a demonstration of his clear commitment to gender equality.

The Chief Legal Officer, Directorate of Legal Services, Mrs Faridah Sheriff, also hailed the Vice Chancellor for his commitment towards improving the lot of women in the services of the University.

Mrs Sheriff said that the Vice Chancellor deserves to be celebrated for running a female-friendly administration, which does not deny the male of their rights and privileges.

In her comment, Mrs Kudirat Suleiman of the Centre for Open and Distance Learning (CODL) thanked Prof. Egbewole for ensuring that the voices of female staff of the University are heard loud and clear within and beyond the institution.

Mrs Suleiman noted that, apart from the rising profiles of many of the female staff of the University, two of them (Prof. Medinat Salman and Prof. Nazimat Surajudeen-Bakinde) were recently appointed Vice Chancellors of two universities during his tenure while a non-teaching female staff, Mrs Khadijah Garba, also got appointed as the pioneer Registrar of the Federal College of Education, Ilawe-Ekiti, Ekiti State.

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Also, the Dean of Student Affairs, University of Ilorin, Dr Alex Morenikeji Akanmu, was recognised for his exemplary contributions in advancing the objective of the Future Unilever Campus Ambassador programme in UNILORIN.

Speaking at the event, the Vice Chancellor, represented by the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Management Services), Prof. Adegboyega Adisa Fawole, expressed deep appreciation to Unilever and UNICEF for acknowledging the exceptional performance of UNILORIN students in the 2024 Future Career Programme. He noted that such recognition would further inspire students to achieve greater success in the 2025 FUCAP Career Seminar.

Prof. Egbewole urged the students to actively participate in the FUCAP, U-INSPIRE and other skill-building initiatives designed to provide additional qualifications beyond their academic degrees. He stressed the importance of acquiring extra competencies, stating that the 21st-century job market demands more than just academic excellence.

The Vice Chancellor said, "We have witnessed multiple revolutions, from the internet era to innovation, and now Artificial Intelligence. AI is capable of performing many of the tasks we previously considered specialised skills. This means that students must go beyond traditional learning and acquire hard and soft skills to remain competitive."

Prof. Egbewole, who, explained that success in today's world is not necessarily determined by classroom excellence alone, noted that the most successful individuals are those who think beyond academic grades, develop native intelligence, and combine it with practical



■ The FUCAP Project Lead, Mrs Zainab Ajadi (left), presenting the award certificate to Prof. Fawole (2nd left), while the Registrar, Mr Mansur Alfansa and the Dean, Student Affairs, Dr Akanmu, watch

skills to navigate real-world challenges.

Also in his remarks, the Dean of Student Affairs, Dr. Alex Morenikeji Akanmu, who reiterated the importance of equipping students with competencies that match 21st-century job market demands, said the FUCAP scheme aligns perfectly with the University Administration's vision of ensuring that all graduates possess additional skills alongside their academic certificates.

Dr Akanmu said, "The programme is designed to align with 21st-century needs. At the University of Ilorin, we place emphasis not just on academic certificates but on additional skills. This is why we have the U-INSPIRE programme. Now, every graduate of the University of Ilorin receives

something extra beyond their certificate. They also leave with a U-INSPIRE certificate, which focuses on soft skills acquisition."

Meanwhile, the Future X Youth Engagement and Partnership Coordinator, Mr Emmanuel Bamidele, described the seminar as more than just an initiative but a movement aimed at enhancing stability among young people in Nigeria.

The Coordinator also revealed that a UNILORIN student, Salaudeen Rahmat, has been identified as a Future Unilever Ambassador and has been actively engaging with Unilever and UNICEF to ensure that opportunities like FUCAP continue to be available to students at the institution.

IEDPU endows prize for UNILORIN best graduating student

By Abubakar Imam

The Ilorin Emirate Descendants Progressive Union (IEDPU), the umbrella socio-cultural organisation of the people of Ilorin Emirate, has endowed an annual prize to be awarded to the best graduating student of the University of Ilorin, the nation's most sought-after University.

In putting effect to this, the Union last Tuesday (March 11, 2025) credited a designated account of the University with the sum of N2, 000, 000.

Speaking to *UNILORIN Bulletin* on the development, the National President of the Union, Alhaji Abdulmumini Ayo Abdulmalik, explained that the prize is one of the ways by which the Union intends to continuously impact the University.

The IEDPU President recalled that

he had, at a meeting with the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, in January, promised that the Union would sponsor an annual award in the University.

Alhaji Abdulmalik said that the prize is intended to support the developmental initiatives of the Egbewole Administration in the University.

The community leader, who is also an alumnus of the University and a retired Assistant Comptroller-General of the Nigeria Immigration Service, added that sponsorship of the award is equally targeted at encouraging the pursuit of academic excellence among students of the University as well as cementing the good relationship between the University and its host community.

Alhaji Abdulmalik promised to

encourage members and friends of the Union to also support the University in one way or the other for the benefit of humanity.

Reacting to the gesture, the Vice Chancellor thanked IEDPU for redeeming its pledge.

The Vice Chancellor, who spoke through the University Spokesman, Mr Kunle Akogun, said that the entire management, staff and students of the University are delighted that the Union decided to sponsor an annual prize in the University.

Prof. Egbewole encouraged similar organisations within and outside the host community to support the University, saying that such dispositions would stimulate the achievement of the University's corporate objectives.

VC mourns Ogunsakin, Bodunde

By Tajudeen Babamale

The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has expressed deep sorrow over the passing of a former Dean of the Faculty of Arts, Prof. C. A. Bodunde, and a former Dean of Education, Prof. E. A. Ogunsakin, both of who died recently.

Prof. Egbewole spoke at the residences of the two esteemed academics when he led the Principal Officers, Deans, and some staff on condolence visits to their families.

Prof. Ogunsakin, who was the 9th Dean of the Faculty of Education and who had retired from the University, passed away penultimate Saturday (March 8, 2025), while Prof. Bodunde, the 15th Dean of Arts, died on Tuesday (March 4, 2025).

During a condolence visit to the family of the late Prof. Ogunsakin, the Vice Chancellor, who was represented by the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Management Services), Prof. Adegboyega Adisa Fawole, acknowledged the late Professor's outstanding contributions to the University.

While stating that the University Management held the late don in very high regard, the Vice Chancellor expressed appreciation for the significant role he played in the academic and administrative progress of the Faculty of Education and the University as a whole.

He said that the visit served as an expression of solidarity with the grieving family, and to commiserate with them over the loss of their beloved husband, father, and



The representative of the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Fawole, signing the condolence registers at the homes of the deceased dons

grandfather.

At the residence of the late Prof. Bodunde, the Vice Chancellor acknowledged him as an exemplary academic who demonstrated unwavering dedication and commitment to his work.

He said that Prof. Bodunde's contributions to the Faculty of Arts were invaluable and that his absence would be deeply felt by colleagues, students, and the institution as a whole.

Speaking on behalf of the family of Prof. Bodunde, one of the deceased's daughters, Mrs. Victoria Olayemi, appreciated the Principal Officers of the University, the staff of the Faculty of Arts, and the University community for standing by them when her father was ill. She also appreciated the moral support the family has been receiving from the University since the announcement of his death.

While the late Prof. E. A. Ogunsakin was the 9th Dean of the Faculty of Education, serving from August 2002 to

July 2006, the late Prof. Bodunde served as the Head of Department of English from 2002 to 2006. He later served as the Dean of the Faculty of Arts from 2011 to 2013.

Also on the Vice Chancellor's entourage were the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic), Prof. Moji Taibat Bakare-Odunola; the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Research, Technology and Innovation), Prof. Muhtar Adeiza Etudaiye; the Registrar, Mr Mansur Alfa; and the University Librarian, Prof. Kamaldeen Tunde Omopupa.

Others were the Dean of Education, Prof. Lasiele Alabi Yahaya; the Dean of Arts, Prof. Olalere Adeyemi; the Head of the Department of Health Promotion and Environmental Health, Prof. Shuaib Olarenwaju Oniyangi; and Prof. Olukunmi Lanre Olaitan also of the Department of Health Promotion and Environmental Health.

Glaucoma Week: Experts stress need for regular eye screening

By Idris Alooma

Experts on eye health have stressed the importance of regular eye screening and timely treatment to prevent blindness.

Speaking on a special programme on **UNILORIN FM** to mark the World Glaucoma Week last Tuesday (March 11, 2025), Dr. Alafe Ahmed and Dr. Karatu Khadijat of the University of Ilorin Teaching Hospital (UITH) revealed that glaucoma is the second leading cause of blindness worldwide.

Dr Alafe emphasised that glaucoma can affect anyone, regardless of age, and that symptoms such as sensitivity to light warrant immediate medical attention.

He explained that regular check-ups, particularly for those over 40, can help prevent glaucoma. He also advised against consuming alcohol and cigarettes, which, he said, can worsen the condition.

Dr Alafe highlighted the importance of a balanced diet, rich in vegetables and palm oil. He commended Prof. Fatai Olatunji, Head of the Glaucoma Department at the University of Ilorin Teaching Hospital, for his efforts in raising awareness and combating the disease.

On her part, Dr. Karatu warned against self-medication and traditional remedies for eye ailments, emphasising the dangers of such approaches.

She advocated for collaborative efforts among governments, healthcare workers, and non-governmental organisations to eradicate glaucoma.

Dr Karatu also called for increased funding for glaucoma research, similar to efforts dedicated to HIV and



■ Dr Alafe (left) and Dr Karatu (right) during the programme

AIDS.

The World Glaucoma Association's theme for this year's awareness week is "Uniting for a Glaucoma-Free World."

Egbewole congratulates Anofi on election as NITP National Treasurer

By **Mustafa Abubakar**

The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has congratulated Mr A. O. Anofi of the Department of Urban and Regional Planning, Faculty of Environmental Sciences, on his election as National Treasurer of the Nigerian Institute of Town Planners (NITP).

In a congratulatory letter made available to **UNILORIN Bulletin** on

Friday March 7, 2025), the Registrar of the University, Mr Mansur Adeleke Alfaola, described Anofi's appointment as well deserved.

Mr Alfaola noted that "this is a landmark achievement and a testament to your dedication and commitment to the advancement of town planning in Nigeria."

He added that the appointment underscores Mr Anofi's "integrity, outstanding contributions and leadership in the Institute."

The Registrar maintained that the

University Management acknowledged the significance of Mr Anofi's role and is confident that his wealth of knowledge and experience will greatly benefit the Institute.

"The University is confident that you will continue to display the exemplary leadership qualities, which are worthy of emulation and bring same to bear in your day to day engagements contributing significantly to the development of the University, the Institute and Nigeria as a whole", he added.

NUESA empowers UNILORIN students with skills and resources

By **Bashirat Omotosho**

The National Union of Education Students (NUESA) has reaffirmed its commitment to student empowerment and societal development through a transformative initiative aimed at equipping education students with essential skills and resources.

The event, held at the Faculty of Education main hall, penultimate Wednesday (March 6, 2025), brought together students, experienced educators, and industry professionals to promote innovation and self-reliance among the students.

In his opening remarks, the Dean of the Faculty of Education, Prof. Lasiele Alabi Yahaya, expressed appreciation to the NUESA leadership for their outstanding efforts.

He emphasised the importance of the Faculty of Education as the foundation of all disciplines and encouraged students to take advantage of the opportunity provided by the Union. He pointed out that leadership is about service to humanity, and students must take responsibility for their growth and development.

Prof. Yahaya urged the beneficiaries to see the support they received as a stepping stone, make good use of the equipment, and eventually give back to the society.

The Ag. Dean of Student Affairs, Dr. Alex Morenikeji Akanmu, also commended the Faculty of Education on initiating and nurturing such a commendable programme.

He encouraged the recipients to view the assistance as an investment with a ripple effect and advised them to distinguish themselves through dedication and hard work.

In his own remarks, the President of NUESA, Mr Adeoye Abdulrasheed, reflected on the inspiration of the initiative,



■ **Beneficiaries with the Dean, Prof. Yahaya (6th left), and other staff members of the Faculty**

adding that many students had acquired skills but lacked the necessary tools to put them into practice.

Mr Adeoye highlighted the importance of the programme, stressing that Education students should not only excel academically but also develop practical skills to make meaningful contributions to the society.

Among the beneficiaries of the empowerment programme were Miss Fabowale Gbemisola from Social Sciences Education, who received a sewing machine; Raheem Yusuf Titilope from Arts Education, who got a laptop; Fowewe Mariam Kikelomo from Educational Technology, who won an oven; Oyewusi Oluwadamilare from Arts Education, who received a clipper; Joash Boluwatife from Arts Education, who got a hair dryer; and Omotosho Israel from Geophysics Department, who won a plot of land worth N1 million.

For the business grants, Olayiwola Kerimat from Science Education secured N100, 000 as the second runner-up; Jimoh Taiye Ibraheem from Arts Education

received N150,000 as the first runner-up, and Toyeebah Araoye from Zoology won the grand prize of N250,000.

The highlight of the event was the commitment of the beneficiaries to use the resources judiciously. They pledged to use their new resources to uplift others, especially in underserved communities.

Jimoh Taiye Ibraheem, who specialises in interior decoration, expressed excitement over the grant, saying it would help him purchase tools to improve efficiency and grow his business.

In his closing remarks, Prof. Yahaya praised NUESA's proactive efforts in student empowerment and reaffirmed the University's support for such initiatives.

The event was attended by the Faculty Union Staff Adviser, Dr. Ridwanullah Oniye, the Faculty Officer and Deputy Registrar, Dr. Egunoluwa Osagbemi, Dr. Aminat Odebo, and students of the Faculty, among others.

Alaro hails Egbewole on quality service delivery

By Abubakar Imam

The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has again been commended for always encouraging quality service delivery among staff members of the University.

This commendation was made last Monday (March 10, 2024) by the Director, Quality Assurance Unit of the University, Prof. AbdulRazzaq AbdulMajeed Alaro, in a chat with **UNILORIN Bulletin**.

Prof. Alaro explained that the Vice Chancellor has been leading the University with example, saying that there could be no better encouragement than for a leader to discharge his duties as he would like his subordinates to do.

The Director said that the Vice Chancellor does not just preach efficient service delivery but also acts it through prompt attention to issues brought before him.

He also noted that the Vice Chancellor has also been aiding service delivery through prompt supply of needs and requirements forwarded to him by Faculties, Departments and Units.

Prof. Alaro, who is a former Head of the Department of Islamic Law, University of Ilorin, also thanked the Vice Chancellor for the support he has been extending to the Quality Assurance Unit for it to achieve its essence.



■ **Prof. Alaro**

Speaking on the mandates of his office, the Professor of Islamic Law said that the Unit is charged with monitoring and evaluation of the quality and magnitude of services rendered by every segment of the University to ensure that such conform with global best practices.

He explained that this involves ensuring that academic staff of the University deliver lecture as contained in departmental timetable as well as monitoring the performance of duties of the non-teaching staff.

Prof. Alaro also explained that his Unit also welcomes complaints from students and staff on service delivery issues with a view to ensuring that right things are done at the right time.

The Director explained further that his Unit also monitors examinations with a

view to ensuring compliance to the laid down rules governing conduct of examinations.

Towards achieving its mission, Prof. Alaro said that the Unit has instituted an annual award called "Quality Assurance Ambassador". He said that the award is for both the academic and non-teaching staff of the University.

Prof. Alaro added that the award is to send a strong message to the members of the University community that excellent service delivery would always be appreciated and rewarded.

The Director equally said that staff of the University would continue to be trained on Quality Assurance Management as part of efforts targeted at sensitising them on the need to always do the right thing at all times.

While recalling that the first phase of the 2024/2025 workshop was held in September, 2024, which was mainly for Deans, Heads of Departments, Directors and Deputy Directors; the second phase is slated for next month and it is targeted at Level Advisers across various Faculties and non-teaching staff on CONTISS 08 to 11.

The Director, while assuring the Vice Chancellor and members of the University community of the readiness of his Unit to discharge its duties as expected, appealed for more support from the University Management for the Unit to achieve its essence.

Babamale bags another International award

By Abubakar Imam

Senior Lecturer at the Department of Industrial Chemistry, University of Ilorin, Dr Halimah Funmilayo Babamale, has been conferred with the Innovative Women Scientist Award.

The award, which is dated March 8, 2025, was conferred on Dr Babamale by Genesin of Educational Impressions (GEI) based in Uttarakhand, India, in recognition of her contributions to making the world a better place for women.

The award, which is signed by Prof. Garima Sharma and Prof. Madiya M. K h a i r u d e e n, who are Director/Convener and Programme Advisor of GEI, respectively, described Dr Babamale as "a superwoman".

The duo acknowledged Dr Babamale's contributions in spreading the light of optimism for every woman, adding that women like her are making

the world a better place and that Dr Babamale's limitless attitude makes a big difference in the society.

The GEI also thanked the distinguished Unilorite for doing such marvelous efforts to herself and the society and not underrating herself.

Meanwhile, the Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has welcomed the award conferred on Dr Babamale, describing it as meritorious and well deserved.

In a statement issued by the Director of Corporate Affairs, Mr Kunle Akogun, the Vice Chancellor thanked Dr Babamale for making the University proud.

The Vice Chancellor encouraged other staff of the University, particularly women, to continue to give their best to the institution and their various professional bodies and humanity at large.

Prof. Egbewole, who is also the Secretary-General of the Association of West African Universities(AWAU), assured the



■ **Dr Babamale**

staff that the University would continue to give them required support to be the best they could.

Abdulbaqi urges extension of road upgrade to University Gate

By Isaac Lewu

A former Ag. Head of the Department of Mass Communication at the University of Ilorin, Prof. Saudat Abdulbaqi, has urged the Kwara State Governor, Abdulrahman Abdulrazaq, to extend the road project from the recently commissioned General Tunde Idiagbon Flyover to the Main Gate of the University of Ilorin.

Prof. Abdulbaqi made this appeal during a Personality Lecture she delivered recently, titled *"Kwara Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow: The Giant Strides of Governor Abdulrahman Abdulrazaq."*

The don, who is also a Council Member of the Nigerian Institute of Public Relations (NIPR), commended Governor Abdulrazaq on his



■ Prof. Abdulbaqi

commitment to infrastructural development in the state, noting that the proposed road extension would further complement the governor's ongoing efforts to improve transportation networks in the state capital.

Prof. Abdulbaqi highlighted the

significance of the road project in facilitating smoother transit for students, staff, and visitors traveling to and from the University, saying that an improved road network would ease transportation challenges, improve safety, and contribute to the overall development of Ilorin's education and business sectors.

According to her, extending the road would seamlessly integrate with recent road rehabilitation efforts that connect the General Tunde Idiagbon Flyover to Asa Dam Road, the New Yidi Road, and the Abdulwahab Folawiyo Road. She explained that these upgrades would create a more efficient transport system for residents.

She further pointed out that better road infrastructure would boost the reputation of the University and attract more academic and business activities to the area.

UNILORIN FM gets solar power equipment for uninterrupted service

By Adewole Muizdeen

The Management of the University of Ilorin has installed solar power equipment at the studio of the **UNILORIN FM** to facilitate uninterrupted services for the better-by-far campus radio station.

The equipment was handed over to the management of the radio station last Thursday (March 13, 2024) by the Director of Works, Engr Ramoni A. Amoo.

In his remarks during the brief handover ceremony, Engr. Amoo, representing the University Management, commended the staff of the Directorate of Corporate Affairs and **UNILORIN FM** for their cooperation and support during the installation process. He emphasised the importance of responsible maintenance and usage of the solar power system, urging the staff to ensure its longevity.

Engr Amoo further charged the staff of the radio station to be good stewards of the valuable resource and urged them to work together to ensure that the investment benefits not only **UNILORIN FM** but also the entire University community.

While appreciating the management of the University, the Director of Corporate Affairs, Mr Kunle Akogun, noted that the installation of the solar power system is a testament to the University Management's commitment to sustainability, adding that "the promptness with which the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, acceded to the Unit's request for a solar power system for the FM radio station is characteristic of Prof.



■ L-R: Mr Alooma, Mr Akogun, and Engr Amoo, during the handover last Thursday

Egbewole's service excellence."

Mr Akogun promised that the radio station would utilise the new equipment efficiently and effectively and appreciated the University Management's tireless efforts in ensuring that every unit of the University receives the necessary support to thrive.

He said, "This solar power system will not only reduce our reliance on fossil fuels but also provide a reliable source of energy for our broadcasting operations", adding, "We are grateful for this visionary leadership and look forward to continuing to serve the University community with undiluted excellence."

In his remarks, the Project Contractor, Mr Abdulsalam Umar Faruk, expressed delight hearing from the end users that they will make judicious use of the gadgets and take proper care of the equipment.

On his part, the General Manager of **UNILORIN FM**, Mr. Idris Alooma said the staff of the station are "proud to be part of an

institution that prioritises the well-being of our planet."

Mr Alooma affirmed that "the initiative will not only reduce our carbon footprint but also serve as a model for other institutions to follow", adding that "with a reliable source of energy, we can now focus on delivering high-quality programming to our listeners without interruptions".

The Station Manager assured the radio listeners that "this upgrade will also enable the station to expand its broadcast range and explore new opportunities for community engagement. We are grateful for this investment in our station and look forward to making the most of this new technology."

The handover ceremony was witnessed by Mr Olusegun Agboola, Deputy Director, Corporate Affairs; Engr. Bolajoko, Engr. Tosin Obafemi (Works), Engr. Aliyu B. Garba (PPU), Mr. Taiwo Taoheed (Audit), Mr. Yakub Ahmed, Mr. Abdulrahman O. L. and Engr. Aideloje Jeremiah (Works).

Faculty of Arts holds interreligious prayer for University

By Bashirat Omotosho

The Faculty of Arts, University of Ilorin, has organised a special interreligious prayer session for the Faculty and the entire University community, to seek divine protection against untimely death and other negative occurrences.

The event, which was held at the Faculty's main hall last Wednesday (March 12, 2025), brought together lecturers and staff from different religious backgrounds in a show of unity and faith.

The solemn gathering featured prayers from both Christian and Muslim clerics for peace, divine guidance, and safety of the staff of the Faculty and the University at large.

In his welcome address, the Dean of the Faculty, Prof. Olalere Adeyemi, emphasised the importance of faith and collective prayers in times of uncertainty.

Prof. Adeyemi said, "As a Faculty that values intellectual and moral growth, we believe in the power of prayers alongside our academic pursuits. The initiative was prompted by recent societal challenges, including insecurity, health crises, and other misfortunes affecting families and the University community".

He added that the "gathering is a reminder that regardless of our religious differences, we all desire peace, protection, and progress for our University and the nation."

The Christian prayer session was led by Prof. Solomon Ikibe, who called for divine mercy and intervention in the affairs of the Faculty, the University, and the nation.

He urged attendees to embrace love and righteousness while praying



■ Prof. Adeyemi

for the safety of students and staff.

Prof. Ikibe prayed for protection against untimely death and all forms of accidents, on and off campus, divine wisdom and guidance for students and staff in their academic and professional pursuits, healing and comfort for those who are sick or going through personal struggles, peace and security in Nigeria, especially in academic institutions.

He also prayed for success and prosperity for the Faculty of Arts and the entire University, unity, love, and understanding among staff, students, and management. He further prayed for God's mercy in overcoming personal and national economic hardships and protection against evil influences and temptations among students.

Similarly, the Muslim prayer was led by Prof. Y. O. Imam, who invoked Allah's protection and guidance, emphasising the need for faith, patience, and unity in overcoming life's challenges.

Prof. Imam prayed for Allah's protection from premature death and

unexpected calamities, knowledge, wisdom, and understanding for students and staff in their studies and careers, good health, strength, and well-being for all members of the Faculty and security and peace in the University and the nation as a whole.

Prof. Imam also prayed for Allah's favour and blessings upon the Faculty and the University Administration, unity and brotherhood among Muslims and people of other faiths, divine guidance to help students make the right choices in life and financial stability, and ease for struggling students and staff.

Speaking at the event, the Director of the Linguistic Immersion Centre, Prof. Badmas Yusuf, noted that the interfaith nature of the prayer underscored the Faculty's commitment to religious harmony.

He said, "This event is not just about prayers; it is about coming together as a family, irrespective of our beliefs, to seek divine intervention in these trying times."

The Dean of the Faculty, Prof. Adeyemi, in his closing remarks, advised the Faculty staff to check their records at the Directorate of Human Resources to update their next of kin.

Among those that attended the programme were the Director, Centre for Peace and Strategic Studies (CPSS), Prof. Ibrahim Jawondo; the Director, Centre for International Education (CIE), Prof. Ibraheem Onireti; the Director, Academic Planning and Council Member, Prof. AbdulRasheed Adeoye; the Sub-Dean of the Faculty, Dr Abdulhameed Yusuf; Dr Ambali AbdusSalam, and Dr Diop Dame, among others.

Faculty of Vet. Medicine loses staff

By Abubakar Imam

The death has been announced of a staff member of the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, University of Ilorin, Mrs Salamat Funmilayo Abdulkadir.

Mrs Abdulkadir died last Tuesday (March 11, 2025) at the age

of 57 and her remains were buried the next day in accordance to Muslim rites.

She was survived by her husband and three children.

Until her death, Mrs Abdulkadir was the Secretary to the Faculty Officer, Faculty of Veterinary Medicine.



■ Late Mrs Abdulkadir



UNILORIN WEEKLY FINANCIAL DIGEST

FUND SOURCES AND UTILIZATION REPORT FROM 7TH TO 13TH MARCH 2025

RECEIPTS:	AMOUNT
Academic Transcript	27,000.00
Sundry & Other Fees Student Charges	1,182,156.00
Sundry Other Incomes	871,731.04
Convocation Souvenir	417,800.00
Boarded Property	10,000.00
Contractors' Registration Fees	1,000.00
Capitation -NHIS	27,600.00
Staff I.D Cards	9,000.00
Income from Verification /Screening	445,000.00
Clinic Registration (Staff)	5,000.00
Income from Dental Clinic	488,238.75
Income from Diagnostic Centre	121,438.75
Utility Income	40,000.00
Rent on University Property	92,700.00
Refund	2,500,000.00
Refund (Non Salary)	70,259.80
Refund (Salary)	1,130,515.65
Refund of Unspent Staff Personal Advance	5,000,000.00
Others	10,000.00
University of Ilorin Fees	10,000.00
Undergraduate School Charges	156,702.00
Undergraduate Transcript Payment	1,014,400.00
Undergraduate Convocation Charges	346,700.00
Undergraduate Hostel Accommodation	100,867.00
Postgraduate School Charges	13,199,360.00
Postgraduate School Transcript Payment	350,000.00
Institute of Education School Charges	550,200.00
Institute of Education Application Form	766,800.00
Remedial School Charges	930,600.00
Remedial Acceptance Payment	106,400.00
Ilorin Business School Application Form	126,000.00
Ilorin Business School Charges	285,250.00
JUPEB School Charges	1,613,800.00
Total Receipt for the Period	₦32,024,218.99
PAYMENTS	
PAYMENT TO CONTRACTORS/SUPPLIERS:	
Alwajud Blessed Fingers Ventures SPS Orientation Prog	650,000.00
King Guard Nig Ltd February 2025 Salary and service Charges	12,454,993.37
Rajah Dynamic Printers Ltd Printing of Students File	550,000.00
Noab Global Concept Ltd	605,225.00
OTHER PAYMENTS:	
Various Various i.e DTA, IMPREST, REFUND e.t.c	40,926,494.27
Purchase Advance Various	2,449,300.00
Unilorin Petrol Station Supply of Fuel	11,844,550.45
Vigilante Group of Nigeria February 2025 Salary	2,886,000.00
Unilorin Guest House Hospitality	2,547,050.00
Unilorin Researchers Lodge Accommodation of University Guests	1,891,400.00
Unilorin Consultancy Services Centre Training of Students on Soft Skills	56,633,310.00
NUJ Corresponded Chapel Donation	250,000.00
Unilorin Guest House Catering Services	508,170.00
Unilorin Press Printing Jobs	700,900.00
Total TSA Charges Various	83,527.00
Total payment for the period	₦134,980,920.09

Signed

Abiodun Lawal (FCNA)

Bursar



S/N	Name	Department	Birthday
1	Joseph, John Kolade	Home Economics & Food Science	Mar 16
2	Adeniran, Kamoru Akanni	Agricultural & Biosystem Engineering	Mar 16
3	Omomeji, Issa Atere	Registry	Mar 16
4	Omotosho, Fatima Titilayo	Health Services	Mar 16
5	Omitoogun, Wakeel Olawuyi	Centre For Peace & Strategic Studies	Mar 16
6	Abdussalam, Abdulganiy Abimbola	Arabic	Mar 16
7	Akande, Halimat Jumai	Radiology	Mar 16
8	Oba, Kadri Abdulraheem	Works: Works/Maint. Office	Mar 16
9	Alabi, Jimoh Adeniyi	Arts Education	Mar 16
10	Jinadu, Saidat Temitope	Health Services	Mar 16
11	Aluko, Khadijah Oyinola	Geophysics	Mar 16
12	Issa, Abdulrofi Idowu	Registry	Mar 16
13	Amaechi, Mary Chimaobi	Ling. & Nig. Languages	Mar 16
14	Adekola, Racheal Titilayo	Registry	Mar 16
15	Etejere, Patricia Agnes Ovigueraye	Educational Management	Mar 17
16	Olajide, Stephen Billy	Arts Education	Mar 17
17	Opoola, Mary Yemisi	Registry	Mar 17
18	Nwosu, Patrick Uchenna	Religions	Mar 17
19	Ambali, Zainab Olanihun	Library	Mar 17
20	Bello, Saeed Abioye	Physics	Mar 17
21	Olapade, Akeem Ishola	Pharmacology & Toxicology	Mar 17
22	Jimoh, Ayodele	Economics	Mar 18
23	Mustapha, Yusuf Ismaila	Marketing	Mar 18
24	Owoetoni, Ibukun Justina	Registry	Mar 18
25	Rufai-Ahmad, Kazeem	Performing Arts	Mar 18
26	Abdulmajeed, Isiaku	Veterinary Medicine	Mar 18
27	Jimoh, Ahmed Oladipupo	Internal Audit Unit	Mar 18
28	Oniye, Olayinka Ibrahim	Religions	Mar 18
29	Friday-Otun, Joseph Omoniye	Ling. & Nig. Languages	Mar 19
30	Adegboye, Surajudeen Olayiwola	Social Science Education	Mar 19
31	Akindele, Adedoyin Iyabode	Training Research & Development	Mar 19
32	Adegunde, Florence Bukola	Registry	Mar 19
33	Rasheed, Mukaila Biola	Registry	Mar 19
34	Aloga, Sunday Omale	Works: Electrical/Telecom	Mar 19
35	Emmanuel, Oludare Samson	Health Services	Mar 19
36	Alabi, Moshood Kolawole	Economics	Mar 19
37	Laro, Kazeem Omotayo	Geography & Environmental Management	Mar 19
38	Ojuawo, Ayodele Isaac	Paediatrics & Child Health	Mar 20
39	Akolade, Olushola Raphael	Central Admin: Office	Mar 20
40	Ambali, Ibrahim Owolabi	Materials & Metallurgical Engineering	Mar 20
41	Abdulraheem, Mohammed Awwal	Security Division	Mar 20
42	Owolabi, Risikat Ronke	Registry	Mar 21
43	Adeyeye, Benedict Tejumola	Bursary	Mar 21
44	Jimoh, Sikiru Adekunle	Anatomy	Mar 21
45	Animashaun, Jubril Olayinka	Agric Econs & Farm Mgt	Mar 21
46	Ugowe, Anthonia Omosefe	Business Law	Mar 21
47	Adeyemo, Adejoke Abisola	Registry	Mar 22
48	Habeeb, Aliu	Coll Of Health Sci - Works Unit	Mar 22
49	Aina, Elizabeth Monisola	Registry	Mar 22

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

UNILORIN School shines at I-Tree School, Inter-House Sports Competition

By Abubakar Abdulquadri

The University School, University of Ilorin, has emerged victorious in the Boys' 4x100 relay race at the Inter-House Sports Competition organised by 1-Tree International School, Wara, Ilorin.

The competition held on February 28, 2025.

According to a memo issued by the Head Teacher, M.I. Salihu, last Thursday (March 5, 2025), the University School's team consisted of Abdullah Jubril Kilishi, Stephen Pius, Mubarak Imran, and Abdsalam

AbdBasit.

In the female category, the team, made up of Oseni Sekinah, Mohammed Aliyah, Adebisi Abigael, and Yournah Monica, secured second place in the 4x100m relay.



- The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has said that the institution had received two tranches of the Nigerian Education Loan Fund (NELFUND), describing the scheme as a transformative initiative for the nation's education system.
("UNILORIN's Vice Chancellor Confirms Receipt of Two Tranches of NELFUND", <https://leadership.ng>; "Unilorin Vice Chancellor Urges Improved Loan Disbursement as Nearly 3,000 Students Benefit from NELFUND", <https://rulersworld.com>; "NELFUND disbursed 372.28m loan to 2973 UNILORIN Students", <https://punch.g.com>; "UNILORIN received two tranches of NELFUND, says VC", *Nigerian Tribune*, Tuesday, March 4, 2025, p.25; "2973 UNILORIN Students Benefit From NELFUND, Over 10,000 Apply For Loan", *Leadership*, Tuesday, March 4, 2025, p.16)
- A Professor at the Department of Mass Communication, Faculty of Communication and Information Sciences (CIS), University of Ilorin, Saudat Sallah Abdulbaqi, has observed that the Kwara State Governor, AbdulRahman AbdulRazaq's record of service in six years has been excellent, impactful and unrivalled.
("Gov AbdulRazaq's achievements unrivalled, breathtaking -Prof Baqi", *The Herald* Sunday, March 2, 2025, p.8; "Gov. AbdulRazaq's Achievements in Six Years Unrivalled, Breathtaking -Prof Saudat Baqi", *New Nigeria*, March 3, 2025, p.13)
- The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has assured medical lecturers working with the institution that their demands for placement on the Consolidated Medical Salary Structure (CONMESS) would be met once the 2025 budget is approved as proposed.
("2025 budget: UNILORIN VC assures medical lecturers on CONMESS", <https://blueprint.ng>; "We are on top of your demand, VC assures NMA members", <https://www.unilorin.edu.ng>; "2025: budget: UNILORIN VC assures medical lecturers on CONMESS", *Blueprint*, Wednesday, March 5, 2025, p.10)
- The President of the Association of Resident Doctors, University of Ilorin Teaching Hospital (ARD-UITH), Dr

Mariam Shiru, has warned that children under the age of six years should not participate in the Ramadan fast.

("Children under 6 should not fast, UITH -ARD President warns", <https://blueprint.ng>)

- A former Director, Centre for Peace and Strategic Studies (CPSS), University of Ilorin, who is now the Vice Chancellor of African School of Economics, The Pan -African University of Excellent, Abuja, Prof. Mahfouz Adedimeji, has attributed the economic challenges facing a number of African countries to the greed of their leaders,

("VC blames greed for economic challenges", *The Nation*, Thursday, March 6, 2025, p.18)

- While delivering the 274th Inaugural Lecture of the University of Ilorin, titled "The Islamic and The Woman's Agency", Prof. Azizat Amoloye Adebayo of the Department of Islamic Law, has advocated the amendment of the Child Rights Acts, 2023 to accommodate Islamic position on early child marriage into the Acts.

("Prof. Azizat Amoloye Adebayo: Breaking Barriers in Academia", *The Herald*, Sunday, March 3, 2023, p.10)

- 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 vehicle to electric vehicles.

("UNILORIN applauds FG, gets electric vehicle charging station", <https://royalnews.com.ng>; "Fed Govt begins building of solar powered electric charging station at UNILORIN", <https://thenationonlineng.net>)

- The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has said that the initiative of the Nigeria Education Loan Fund by the Federal Government is bringing relief to parents who have the responsibility to pay their students school fees, and urged students to enroll en masse and take advantage of the opportunity provided.

("NELFUND receives 400,000 applications across institutions", *The Nation*, Thursday, March 13, 2025, p.16)

UNIVERSITY OF ILORIN, NIGERIA

DISCLAIMER!

The attention of the University Management has been drawn to the ongoing recruitment scam by some unscrupulous elements extorting the public under the guise of securing appointments for them in the University.

The University Management wishes to inform the general public that:

- (I) No recruitment, either by way of replacement or other means is currently going on in the University;
- (ii) In the University of Ilorin, recruitment exercise follows established procedures which include advertisement, interview, and award of appointment;

(iii) The University has not and will not conduct or offer appointment(s) to an individual or group of individuals through third-parties;

(iv) The University has not and will not appoint any agent or third-party to conduct recruitment on its behalf; and

(v) At the appropriate time, the University will advertise vacant positions in accordance with the extant laws and government guidelines.

The general public is advised to be vigilant and report any fraudulent recruitment activities to the appropriate authority.

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M. A. Alfania
Registrar

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UNILORIN: Why 50 years of existence is worth celebrating

Excerpts from a paper presented by MR KUNLE AKOGUN, mnipr, Director, Corporate Affairs, University of Ilorin, at the March 2025 PR Clinic organised by the Kwara State Chapter of the Nigerian Institute of Public Relations (NIPR) on 6th March, 2025

The University of Ilorin has always been an outstanding brand that has achieved a number of feats in all areas of its core mandates. So, our efforts at the Corporate Affairs Directorate, in the build up to the golden jubilee of the University, would be geared towards projecting and promoting these attainments in compelling narratives that would easily captivate our stream of stakeholders, which include the Federal Government and its relevant agencies, international organisations with which the University has one form of association or the other, the media, admission seekers and their parents, our alumni, the host community, the workforce, as well as current students.

Since 2012, the University has enjoyed top-notch positive publicity and seamless reputation management. Coupled with a succession of progressive, visionary and hardworking Vice Chancellors, the passionate PR efforts of the University's communication team have ultimately earned UNILORIN the *numero uno* spot in the committee of Nigerian universities.

For instance, the University operates the most peaceful campus in Nigeria for the past two decades; it has been the most preferred institution of higher learning by admission seekers since 2014; it recently emerged as the overall best tertiary institution in the country at the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board's (JAMB) National Tertiary Admissions Performance Merit Award (NATAP-M) for which it got a prize money of N500 million. The University consistently won the four previous editions of the Award for being the most preferred institution and the University with the highest population of foreign students in the country.

Remarkably, the University has made several giant strides since the advent of the Prof. Wahab Egbewole's Administration in October 2022. Right from his first day in office, the renowned Senior Advocate of Nigeria and consummate Law teacher has left no one in doubt about his messianic mission and transformative agenda. By words and action, he had demonstrated to everybody that he means business, serious business.

Generally, our PR narratives would ensure that the achievements and contributions of the University to national development are properly advertised through the celebration.

Some of the feats achieved by the University over the years, especially in the last two years that made the celebration imperative, and which would form the fulcrum of our PR narratives, would include, but not limited to:

- a harvest of national and international honours and awards won in quick succession by UNILORIN lecturers and students;
- sterling performances by some of the University's Faculties in global academic performance ranking;
- sustenance of the University's winning streak of over 11 years back-to-back as the preferred choice of admission seekers;
- rating as the 3rd Best University in Nigeria based on the quality and quantity of scholarly outputs of its academic staff members for three straight years on Elsevier/Scopus – SciVal;
- ranking of four of the University's Faculties and 11 of the courses offered at the institution among the world's best by the Times Higher Education (THE) in 2023;
- rating of the University as the 9th Best Value University among the 149 universities in Nigeria;
- rating of the University among the top 21% Best Value Universities globally;
- development of drought-tolerant and striga-resistant hybrid maize by a team of the University's researchers;
- successful hosting of the 3rd Summit of the D-8 Network of Pioneers for Research and Innovation (D-8 NPRI) in an unmistakable manifestation of the steady progress in

the University's internationalisation drive;

- conferment of the Most Outstanding University Award by a leading Nigerian newspaper, The *New Telegraph* on the University in 2024;
- establishment of two new Centres – the Centre for Blue and Regenerative Economy and the Centre for Gender Studies -- in line with the University's community service mandate;
- signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the North China University of Water Resources and Electric Power;
- launch of the U-INSPIRE initiative to expand the skills acquisition programme for undergraduate students; and
- conferment of the prestigious NIPR Fellowship on our hard working and award-winning Vice Chancellor in recognition of his immense contributions to the advancement of Public Relations practice through his exemplary management style.

These and so many other attainments are objects of pride that are worthy of being showcased to the world, and the forthcoming 50th anniversary celebration would provide a very convenient platform to do this!

How do we go about it?

Media Relations: To deliver a well rehearsed and successfully executed anniversary publicity package, we would continue to leverage our robust relationship with the media to ensure massive coverage and reportage of the anniversary activities. And, of course, our own in-house media outlets, the *UNILORIN Bulletin*, the *UNILORIN FM* radio, and the *UNILORIN TV* would also play prominent roles in this regard.

Social Media: We will also leverage Social Media platforms to create massive awareness and project the anniversary activities as they unfold in the build-up to the main event.

Thought Leadership: We will position the anniversary as the major event of the year. By strategically exposing the Vice Chancellor and the Anniversary Committee Chairman to the media from time to time, we hope to keep the issues relating to the anniversary constantly on the front burner throughout the period of the golden jubilee celebration.

Distinct Identity: The anniversary activities have been strategically and deliberately separated from the annual Convocation ceremonies even though the two are expected to hold around the same time. While the convocation comes up in October, the grand finale of the golden jubilee will hold in November as a distinct event.

Stakeholders' Engagements: The alumni of the University scattered across the world will play prominent part in the celebration. Specifically, 50 distinguished alumni of the University including world class scholars would be unveiled during the golden jubilee in recognition of their contributions to national and human development.

Landmark Events: Among other commemorative projects, a N50 billion Innovation Hub would be inaugurated during the celebration.

Established in 1975, the University of Ilorin has produced governors, vice-chancellors, industry captains, professionals, entrepreneurs, leaders, trailblazers, and opinion moulders in diverse fields where they are contributing to the growth and development of Nigeria, Africa, and the world at large.

To be sure, the golden jubilee will be a celebration of 50 remarkable years of academic excellence, research breakthroughs, and unmatched contributions to national development. Indeed, it will be a golden opportunity for us to honour the past, celebrate the present, and ignite the future!