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UNILORIN partners SON for research excellence

By Abubakar Imam

The nation's most sought-after University, the University of Ilorin, has taken a significant step towards strengthening its research, innovation, and industry collaboration with the signing of a partnership agreement with the Standard Organisation of Nigeria (SON).

This agreement was sealed with the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the two institutions penultimate Wednesday (March 12, 2025) at the SON headquarters in Lagos.

Welcoming the University of Ilorin delegation led by the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Research, Technology and Innovation), Prof. Muhtar Etudaiye, to the event, the Director-General/Chief Executive Officer of SON, Dr Ifeanyi Chukwunonso Okeke, thanked the University for embracing the regulatory organisation.

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■ L-R: Dr. George Adeniyi, Prof. Etudaiye, Prof. Okeke and an official of SON at the MoU signing

NYSC commends UNILORIN's academic excellence, high moral standards

By Tajudeen Babamale

The National Youth Service Corps (NYSC) has commended the University of Ilorin for maintaining its reputation as a distinguished institution recognised for its high moral values and academic excellence.

The commendation was given

by the Director of Procurement at the NYSC Headquarters, Abuja, Mr Jimba Olawole, when he visited the Vice-Chancellor of the University last Monday (March 17, 2025) ahead of his participation in a sensitisation programme organised for prospective corps members from the institution.

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Level Advisers crucial to students' success -- Egbewole



■ Prof. Egbewole

By Bashirat Omotosho

The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof Wahab Olasupo Egbewole (SAN), has said that Level Advisers are the backbone of student guidance, saying that "their ability to uphold ethical standards and provide informed academic support directly influences our students' success

and the reputation of our institution."

Prof. Egbewole stated this last Thursday (March 20, 2025) while declaring open a training programme for Level Advisers organised by the Centre for Research, Development, and In-House Training (CREDIT) at the University Auditorium.

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RIVERS EMERGENCY RULE

Egbewole, others call for constitution amendment

By Tajudeen Babamale

In a bid to prevent a recurrence of the controversy that trailed the recent proclamation of a State of Emergency in Rivers State and the subsequent suspension of all elected officials in the state, legal experts and law scholars, including Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, have called for an urgent amendment to the Constitution to include an express provision for clearly defined scope of the President's powers in such emergency situations.

The experts made the call last Friday (March 21, 2025) at a roundtable debate on the "Constitutionality of the Declaration of a State of Emergency in Rivers State" organised by the Judicial Resource Cluster (Unilorin) and the International Society of Public Law, Nigeria Chapter (ICON-SNG).

The debate, which was held virtually, and monitored by **UNILORIN Bulletin**, was moderated by Prof. Azubike Omuora-Oguno and Dr. Oluwatosin Igbayiloye, both of the Faculty of Law, University of Ilorin.

In his opening remarks, the Chairman of the group and Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, stressed the need for a critical and objective analysis of the issue, free from political or sentimental influences. He urged participants to focus on legal and academic discourse rather than partisan debates.

Prof. Egbewole said, "We must not be unmindful of what led us to this point, and we must also be mindful of how we navigate this moment to ensure that our democracy survives. We must put our best efforts forward as academics."

The Vice Chancellor further said that the discussion should not devolve into a blame game. Instead, he called for a well-reasoned analysis of the circumstances surrounding the Rivers State crisis and a concerted effort to prevent a similar situation in the future. He expressed the hope that the deliberations would result in a working document to aid Nigeria's democratic development.

While contributing to the debate, Prof. Joshua Kayode Olatoke, SAN of the Department of Jurisprudence and International Law, University of Ilorin,

pointed out that the President's actions were constitutional when examined within the framework of Sections 305, 45, and 11 of the Nigerian Constitution. He noted that the declaration of a state of emergency in Nigeria is not unprecedented, citing historical examples dating back to 1960.

According to Prof. Olatoke, Governor Siminalayi Fubara was becoming uncontrollable at the time the President made the proclamation. While noting that there were reports of pipeline bombings and escalating unrest, the Senior Advocate of Nigeria said the President had to act in the interest of national security.

While highlighting the role of godfatherism in the Rivers State crisis, which necessitated the need to address this issue to prevent similar conflicts in the future, Prof. Olatoke urged politicians to prioritise the welfare of the people rather than their personal interests.

Similarly, a Professor of Energy and Electricity law at the University of Lagos, Yemi Oke, SAN, defended the President's decision, arguing that it was legally justified under the constitution. He explained that Section 305 exists to address national exigencies, and in the case of Rivers State, all prior attempts to resolve the crisis had failed.

"If we put aside sentiments, there is nothing in Section 305 that the President has not fulfilled. Those opposing the action have not proposed a viable alternative. Allowing politics to override national security concerns would have been irresponsible," he said.

Prof. Oke, however, advocated a constitutional amendment that would clearly outline emergency powers, including provisions that allow the President to assume executive functions without necessarily suspending elected officials.

Another participant, Prof. Iyabode Ogunniran, from the Department of Public Law, University of Lagos, argued that while the President's actions might have been necessary, there is no explicit constitutional provision that allows the suspension of a governor or legislature under a state of emergency.

While citing Section 305(1)(d), which permits the President to declare a state of emergency when there is an actual breakdown of law and order requiring extraordinary measures, the Law scholar said, "The crisis in Rivers State, which began in

2023, has seen significant developments, including the governor demolishing the House of Assembly complex and presenting a budget to only four members instead of the required number against the provision of the constitution. There were also reports of pipeline bombings amid the political crisis. Given these factors, the President's action appears justified".

She, however, stressed the urgency of amending the constitution to provide clarifications on the scope of emergency powers and the options available to the President in such situations. She called on the National Assembly to legislate on the matter to prevent future controversies.

Other participants in the debate, however, argued that the President had exceeded his constitutional powers by declaring a state of emergency in Rivers State. They pointed out that the constitution does not explicitly allow for the suspension of democratically elected officials except through impeachment.

The Head of Litigation at Gbenga Ojo & Co, Mr. Olugbenga Ojo, contended that the provision of the Emergency Acts, Section 11(3), which empowers the President, cannot override the Constitution, nor can it be subservient to its provisions. He warned that the lack of explicit constitutional provisions could lead to further legal disputes and instability.

While calling for an immediate convention of legal and political stakeholders to amend the constitution and include clear provisions for emergency governance, Mr Ojo stated that the supremacy of the constitution must be upheld. "If there had been an express provision that allows the President to remove an elected official under emergency conditions, we wouldn't be facing this controversy," he stated.

Similarly, the Head of Chambers at KB & Company, Mr Kayode Ajiboye, underscored the need for constitutional amendments. He also urged legal professionals who work with the politicians to guide their political leaders based on the dictates of the law rather than personal interests. "What happened in Rivers State is a result of a personality clash. Politicians must understand that leadership is about serving the people, not personal gain," he said.

Opay launches ₦60m scholarship scheme for UNILORIN students

By Temitope Omoniye

A leading financial services company in the country, Opay, has announced plans to establish a ₦60m scholarship programme for students of the University of Ilorin.

The company's Corporate Social Responsibility Manager, Ito Udo, disclosed this last Wednesday (March 19, 2025) when he visited the Registrar of the University of Ilorin, Mr Mansur Alfania, FCIML, in his office.

According to Udo, the Opay Scholarship Programme aims to alleviate the financial burden that hinders students from pursuing higher education. The programme will provide support to 20 undergraduate students of the University, with each recipient receiving ₦300,000 per session. This initiative will run for 10 years.

In 2024, Opay launched its ₦1.2 billion scholarship programme and the University of Ilorin is among the 20 institutions that will benefit from the scheme. In addition to financial support, Opay will also enhance the employability and future success of the scholarship recipients.

Udo told the Registrar that the company would visit the Vice Chancellor,



■ The Registrar, Mr Alfania (middle), flanked by the officials of Opay during the visit

Prof. Wahab Egbewole, SAN, to provide a comprehensive briefing on the programme, to ensure that students can benefit from it without delay.

In his response, the Registrar, Mr Mansur Alfania, expressed the institution's

enthusiasm for supporting student-centric programmes. He thanked Opay for its commitment to empowering Unilorin students and contributing to their academic and personal growth.

BUA MD rewards UNILORIN student with job offer

By Mustafa Abubakar

The Managing Director, BUA Foods Plc, Engr Dele Abioye, has offered a 300 level student of the Department of Food Engineering, Faculty of Engineering and Technology, University of Ilorin, Omoniye Abdulsalam Adeyemi, mentorship and job assurance, for his outstanding performance in the Talent-Hunts Quiz Competition organised for students of the Department, alongside seventeen others.

Engr Abioye made the offer last Thursday (March 20, 2025) during his presentation at the Food Engineering 2nd Public Lecture held at the New Science Lecture Theatre.

Speaking on the theme, "Food Engineer's journey: From Factory floor to Food Business Leadership", Engr Abioye, who shared insights into his professional journey, emphasised the importance of technical expertise, leadership skills, and strategic decision-making in transitioning from engineering roles to executive positions in the food industry.

According to him, "A food engineer is not just a problem solver in the factory but a key player in shaping the future of the food industry."

Engr Abioye said, "To move from the factory floor to leadership, one must combine innovation with business



■ Engr Abioye

acumen, understand market trends, and develop strong managerial capabilities."

While declaring the programme open, the Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, reaffirmed the institution's commitment to bridging the gap between academia and industry through practical learning experiences.

Prof. Egbewole, who was represented by the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic), Prof. Moji Bakare Odunola, emphasised the importance of industry-driven education in preparing students for leadership roles in the food sector.

In his remarks, the Dean of the Faculty of Engineering and Technology, Prof. Jamiu Odusote, emphasised that the event was "a testament to our commitment to

bridging the gap between academia and industry, ensuring that our students are well-equipped for leadership roles in the food sector".

He said, "As the global food industry continues to evolve, the role of food engineers is no longer limited to factory operations. Rather, we are seeing engineers take up strategic leadership positions, driving innovation, efficiency, and sustainability in food production and distribution."

Earlier in his welcome address, the Ag. Head of the Department of Food Engineering, Dr M. S. Sanusi, praised the significance of the lecture series in bridging the gap between academia and industry.

Dr Sanusi said, "We are not just processing food; we are ensuring that future generations will have enough to eat. And today's lecture will further illuminate the critical role of food engineering in achieving national and continental food security goals." He noted that such engagements help prepare students for leadership roles in the food sector.

Among the dignitaries that attended the programme were the pioneer Head of the Department of Food Engineering, Prof. M. O. Sunmonu, members of staff of BUA Company Plc, alumni members of the Department, stakeholders of the Department, as well as students.

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He also emphasised the commitment of the organisation to enhancing standardisation in Nigeria, saying that this is important for the preservation of the health and greatness of the country.

Prof. Okeke stressed the need for continuous training and certification programmes, pointing out that standards generally undergo modifications every four to five years due to evolving technologies and regulatory adjustments.

The Director-General cited the Tobacco Act as a case study, noting the ongoing debates on flavored tobacco and emerging regulatory considerations, such as the implementation of graphic warnings alongside text warnings on the packaging.

To address these concerns, Prof. Okeke said that SON and UNILORIN would set up a joint research committee that will involve industry stakeholders, regulators, and academic experts.

In his remarks, the Vice Chancellor, University of Ilorin, Prof.

Wahab Egbewole, SAN, who was represented by the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Research, Technology, and Innovation), Prof. Muhtar Etudaiye, appreciated SON for choosing the University as a strategic partner.

Prof. Egbewole noted that the collaboration would offer immense benefits to the University with assured impacts across multiple Faculties such as Engineering, Science, Pharmacy, and Medicine.

The Vice Chancellor also highlighted the key advantages of the partnership such as granting of access to SON's state-of-the-art laboratories to UNILORIN researchers and students.

He also said that the partnership would also afford researchers and students of the University the possibility of making use of quality assurance facilities in Lagos and that the joint research and development will enhance research output and contribute significantly to Nigeria's industrial and economic growth.

The Vice Chancellor also pointed out that the Centre for Open and Distance Learning (CODL) of the University would benefit from hands-on industry experience, while SON professionals will contribute as visiting lecturers.

He also explained that laboratories of SON and those of the University will be utilised for product testing and certification, adding that this would reinforce UNILORIN's leadership in technical partnerships.

The Vice Chancellor was accompanied by an Associate Professor at the Department of Chemical Engineering, Dr George Adeniyi. The don, who is also a one-time Researcher of the Year, played a key role in the pre-signing negotiations.

With this collaboration, UNILORIN is poised to set new benchmarks in standardisation and innovation, reinforcing its position as a leader in academic-industry engagement.

Level Advisers crucial to students' success -- Egbewole

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Represented by the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic), Prof. Moji Taibat Bakare-Odunola, the Vice Chancellor emphasised the crucial role of Level Advisers in shaping students' academic and professional success.

Prof. Egbewole praised the training initiative as a step toward strengthening the University culture of academic integrity and mentorship.

The Vice Chancellor urged the participants to use the knowledge gained at the workshop to improve student support services.

In his welcome address, the Director of CREDIT, Prof. Abdulkarim Oloyede, who joined via Zoom, said, "At the University of Ilorin, we recognise that Level Advisers play a crucial role in shaping students' academic journeys, and this training is designed to equip you with the ethical and professional skills needed to guide them effectively."

Prof. Oloyede explained that with the esteemed facilitators from COMSIT, the Quality Assurance Bureau, the Guidance and Counselling Unit, and other key units, the Centre was confident that the sessions would provide valuable insights into ethical advising, student engagement, and academic mentorship.



■ The representative of the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Bakare-Odunola (middle), resource persons and other dignitaries

The Keynote Speaker, Prof. Olaitan Olukunmi from the Department of Health Promotion and Environmental Health Education, discussed the roles and responsibilities of Level Advisers. He said that Level Advisers assist students in course selection, academic planning, and understanding University policies to ensure they stay on track for graduation.

He added that they help students monitor their progress by tracking students' academic performance, identify those at risk of poor performance, and provide necessary support or referrals to the Counselling Unit.

The Director of Guidance and

Counselling Unit, Prof. Bolu-Steve, in her presentation, explained that Level Advisers help in mentorship and career advice.

She maintained that advisers serve as mentors, offering guidance on career paths, internship opportunities, and further academic pursuits based on students' strengths and interests.

Dr Bolu-Steve reiterated that they also assist in ethical and professional support because they uphold academic integrity by educating students on University regulations, ethical conduct, and responsible behaviour in their academic journey.

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NYSC commends UNILORIN on excellence, high moral standards

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Mr Olawole, who once served as the Kwara State Coordinator of NYSC, appreciated the commitment of the University to excellence and acknowledged that its graduates have consistently demonstrated outstanding qualities. He also applauded the successive administrations and staff of the University for sustaining high standards over the years.

The Director reaffirmed the dedication of the NYSC to guiding and preparing prospective corps members for their service year.

Mr Olawole explained that the visit was scheduled in anticipation of the upcoming orientation programme for new corps members next month, adding that the goal of the sensitisation programme was to provide useful guidance to the students.

In his remarks, the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, reaffirmed the dedication of the University to its students, who he referred to as children under the care of the institution.

Prof. Egbewole, who was represented by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Management Services), Prof. Adegboyega Adisa Fawole, conveyed his gratitude for the efforts of the NYSC in taking care of UNILORIN graduates

during their mandatory one-year service.

While acknowledging the challenges that sometimes arise in meeting expectations, the Vice Chancellor noted that many students exhibit a strong sense of adventure, likely stemming from their upbringing in a structured and protective environment. This sense of adventure, according to Prof. Egbewole, fuels the eagerness of the students to explore new experiences.

Expressing optimism about the impact of the visit, the Vice Chancellor said that it would provide students with valuable insights and equip them with the necessary knowledge to prioritise their preparations for the service year.

In his own remarks, the University Registrar, Mr Mansur Adeleke Alfa, expressed appreciation to Mr. Olawole for the assistance he had rendered to the University in the past, particularly during his tenure as the Kwara State Coordinator of NYSC.

The Registrar narrated instances where Mr Olawole responded positively to concessional requests made to the scheme, demonstrating his willingness to assist the institution. He also recalled a specific incident when one of the University's graduates encountered a challenge at the NYSC camp, adding that the University contacted Mr Olawole, who handled the situation excellently and ensured a smooth resolution.

On his part, the Ag. Dean of Student

Affairs, Dr Alex Akanmu, commended the NYSC team lead, recalling that he was the Sub-Dean of Student Affairs when the incident mentioned by the Registrar occurred.

Dr Akanmu noted Mr Olawole's efforts in resolving the challenge to ensure that the affected graduate successfully completed his service. He said, "Today, that our graduate is doing well, and his success is attributed to the timely assistance provided by Mr Olawole and the University".

The Dean, who appreciated Mr Olawole for acknowledging the discipline and good conduct of students from the University of Ilorin, reaffirmed the commitment of the University to upholding its culture of discipline and excellence, assuring that the University would continue to make the nation proud.

The Vice Chancellor was joined to receive the team by the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Research, Technology and Innovation), Prof. Muhtar Adeiza Etudaiye; the Sub Deans of Student Affairs, Dr Oludolapo Ojedirin, Dr. Mohammed Kabir Garba and Dr A. O. Oyabambi, as well as the President of the Student Union, Mr Victor Oghenetega Agezeh.

Other members of the NYSC team were Mr Kayode Adekanye and Mr Awolowo Babatunde.

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The Director of COMSIT, Prof. Rasheed Jimoh, in his presentation, explained how Level Advisers can work smart using the available internet facilities in the University. He noted that Level Advisers serve as liaison between students and the University where Level Advisers act as a bridge between students and the Administration, addressing student concerns, advocating

for their needs, and facilitating smooth communication within the university system.

The Deputy Director of Quality Assurance Bureau, Mrs Balkis Giwa, highlighted the importance of maintaining integrity, fairness, and professionalism in guiding students through their academic journey.

Among those that attended the programme opening ceremony were the

Deputy Vice Chancellor (Management Services), Prof Adegboyega Adisa Fawole; the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Research, Technology and Innovation), Prof. Muhtar Adeiza Etudaiye; the Director of the Centre for Peace and Strategic Studies, Prof Ibrahim Jawondo; and the Dean, Faculty of Agriculture, Prof Yemisi Fawole.

RUDN University, Faculty of CIS collaborate on training workshop

By Bashirat Omotosho

The RUDN University, Moscow, has organised a training workshop for students and staff of the University of Ilorin to boost their academic learning, research, and community service.

The programme, organised in collaboration with the Faculty of Communication and Information Sciences, University of Ilorin, aimed at equipping participants with essential skills in academic research, manuscript writing, and publication ethics.

The two-day training workshop held at the Auditorium Basement last Monday and Tuesday (March 17-18, 2025), with sessions covering key topics such as structuring research papers, avoiding plagiarism, and navigating high-impact journal submissions.

In his opening remarks, the Dean of the Faculty of Communication and Information Sciences, Prof. Lukman Azeez, emphasised the importance of strong academic writing skills in advancing research output and global academic recognition.

Prof. Azeez noted that the training would assist postgraduate students of the University in understanding the rules and regulations guiding academic research writing, as it is now mandatory for Master's students to publish at least one article before graduation.

The Dean expressed gratitude to RUDN University for the collaboration and reiterated the



■ Resource persons and participants at the workshop

commitment of the Faculty to fostering research excellence. He encouraged participants to apply the skills learned to improve their academic work and contribute to global scholarship.

Speaking on behalf of RUDN University, Prof. Muhammad Jamii Mustapha, highlighted the institution's dedication to international partnerships that promote knowledge exchange.

He added that "the collaboration between RUDN University and the CIS Faculty marks a significant step in strengthening research capacity and academic excellence within the institutions."

The first day of the training featured Prof. Mustapha discussing publishing in high-index journals, review work, editing, and essential guidelines. Prof. Gregory Simon from Russia joined via Zoom to explain understanding the industry and what works in each country regarding academic research writing.

Prof. Saudat Abdulbaqi of the

Department of Mass Communication, University of Ilorin, discussed 'Writing for Journals'. She emphasised the importance of maintaining attention to detail throughout the writing and submission process to increase the chances of being accepted by the journal.

Prof. Abdulbaqi encouraged young researchers to persevere, re-strategise, and not give up if their paper is rejected.

On his part, Dr Rasaq Adisa of the Department of Mass Communication, University of Ilorin discussed qualitative data management, coding, and analysis using NVivo and AI. He explained how students and researchers can utilize different available Artificial Intelligence tools for data analysis based on their field of study.

Dr Adisa noted that "technology has made research writing easy, however, students should use it wisely."

Uphold media ethics, Mustapha urges journalists

By Abubakar Abdulquadri and Bashirat Omotosho

A former Ag. Head of the Department of Mass Communication, Faculty of Communication and Information Sciences, University of Ilorin, Prof. Kayode Lambe Mustapha, has urged journalists to uphold the ethics of contemporary journalism by ensuring that the information they dish out is factual and serves the interest of the general public.

Prof. Mustapha gave the advice last Wednesday (March 19, 2025) while delivering a lecture on Entrepreneurial Journalism at a programme organised by the Department of Mass communication in collaboration with the RUDN University, Russia, at the University

Auditorium Basement.

The don noted that journalists, as the fourth estate of the realm, are expected to discharge their responsibilities without allowing their personal interests to compromise the ethics of the profession.

He emphasised that these ethics include upholding factual information and accuracy, truthfulness, independence, fairness, balance, and social responsibility, among others.

Prof. Mustapha described ethics as the branch of Philosophy that deals with questions of morality.

He defined media entrepreneurship as harnessing resources and capabilities to successfully establish and manage a media enterprise, pointing out that it involves creating and managing media ventures including digital platforms, news outlets,

entertainment company and content-driven businesses.

The Mass Communication scholar maintained that the trajectories of media enterprise include personal, partisan, populist, corporate and contemporary press. He added that contemporary journalism has to do with digital transformation and multimedia journalism, independent and entrepreneurial journalism and data driven and AI assisted reporting.

Prof. Mustapha said that the challenges of contemporary journalism include misinformation and fake news, financial sustainability, political pressure and journalistic freedom, and audience-centric approach, among others.

He advised journalists to uphold their professional ethics so they would continue to soar higher in the profession.

Egbewole urges Muslim faithful to shun moral decadence

By Abubakar Imam
and Muizdeen Adewole

The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has urged Muslim faithful to shun moral decadence and embrace decency in all their dealings.

Prof. Egbewole gave this charge penultimate Saturday (March 15, 2025) in his remarks at this year's edition of the annual Ramadan Lecture organised by the Ilorin Emirate Staff Association (IESA), University of Ilorin, held at the University Auditorium.

The Vice Chancellor, who was represented on the occasion by the Director of the Joint Preliminary Examinations Board (JUPEB), Prof. Ibrahim Kayode Adam, emphasised the importance of moral uprightness and encouraged Muslims to avoid immoral behaviour, noting that moral decadence can be attributed to various factors, including the social media and negligence by parents towards child upbringing.

Prof. Egbewole, who was the Chief Host of the programme, pointed out that the society would be healthy and free of crime and criminality if children are groomed based on Islamic tenets, saying that it was high time that the evading glory of the Emirate, particularly the Ilorin city, was reclaimed from those who are bent on smearing it.

Vice Chancellor recalled that one of the most attractive unique selling points of Ilorin several decades back was its complete harmony, which stemmed from its fascinating culture characterised by learning, peaceful coexistence, hard work and contentment, among others.

He added that this fascinating aspect of the city is being vigorously threatened by some of its indigenes and residents as he said that it was not too late to get the deterioration arrested in the interest of the present and future generations.

As the University's host community, the Vice Chancellor asserted that the culture of Ilorin would surely impact on the University.

The Vice Chancellor condemned the unbridled pursuit of materialism and



■ Prof. Egbewole

emerging tendencies for ritual killings, which are in contrast with what the city was hitherto known for.

Prof. Egbewole also expressed disappointment that the culture of Ilorin people is being replaced by foreign cultures, a situation, which, he said, was injurious to the historic and cultural identity of the people of Ilorin Emirate.

The Vice Chancellor, who is also the Secretary-General of the Association of West African Universities (AWAU), commended the Association for organising the event and for also ensuring the sustenance of the annual lecture, which, he said, has been a convergence of the town, crown and gown.

Prof. Egbewole, who promised that his Administration would continue to create a conducive environment for staff and students of the University to maximise their full potentials, assured the Association of more support.

In his welcome address, the Chairman of the Association, Prof. Suleiman Funsho Ambali, commended the Management of the University on the progress recorded by the institution.

Prof. Ambali, who is the immediate past Deputy Vice Chancellor (Management Services) of the University, said that this was the first time the annual event would be held on campus.

He explained that the decision to host the programme on the campus was targeted at deepening the relationship between the University and its host community.

Also in their remarks, the

Chairman and Chairwoman of the event, Prof. Issa Awoye Baba and Prof. Nusirat Elelu, the Chief Medical Director of the Federal Neuropsychiatric Hospital, Budo-Egba, and the Executive Secretary of the Kwara State Primary Health Care Development Agency, respectively, stressed the need for all hands to be on deck to ensure that the characteristic sanity of Ilorin Emirate is not lost.

In their presentation, the two guest speakers, Prof. Shuaib Ologele Ndarabi of Al-Hikmah University, Ilorin, and a Deputy Imam of the University of Ilorin Central Mosque, Dr Musa Siddiq Abdullahi, charged indigenes of Ilorin to engage current in critical introspection, saying that the negative trends are traceable to the people of the community.

They explained that gone were the days when people would keep quiet, saying that it is important for people to cultivate the habit of not only asking for the best but also acting in a way that they would be worthy of emulation.

They specifically charged the clerics and other intellectuals and professionals who are indigenes of Ilorin Emirate to take up the struggle by serving as agents of change.

The event was attended by the Registrar, Mr Mansur Adeleke Alfanla, who was represented by a Deputy Registrar and Secretary, College of Health Sciences, University of Ilorin, Mr Ahmad Rufai Siddique; the University Librarian, Prof. Kamaldeen Tunde Omopupa; and a former Vice Chancellor of the University, Prof. AbdulGaniyu Ambali, OON and his wife, Prof. Hassanat Taiwo Ambali.

Also in attendance were the Provost, College of Health Sciences, Prof. Biodun Sulyman Alabi; the Dean, Faculty of Law, Prof. Nimah Modupe AbdulRaheem; the Dean, Faculty of Physical Sciences, Prof. Abdullahi Alafara Baba; the Director, Institute for Legislative Studies, Prof. Ibrahim Imam; the Director, Physical Planning Unit, Mr AbdulRahman Toyin Jimoh; and a Deputy Director (Works), who is also the University Estate Officer, Dr Bolakale Sahid Baba; among several others from far and near.

Faculty of Education holds seminar on Keep-fit

The Faculty of Education, University of Ilorin, will on Thursday (March 27, 2025) hold a seminar on "Keep fit and Recreational Exercise."

This was disclosed by the Convener, Dr Rofiat O. Daud-Olajide of the Department of Human Kinetics

Education in a statement made available to **UNILORIN Bulletin** last Friday (March 21, 2025).

She stated that the event, which is slated for the Education Lecture, Theatre (EDLT), will commence by 11 a.m., adding that the Dean of the Faculty, Prof. L. A.

Yahaya will be the Chief Host.

Eminent scholars, such as Dr M. O. Aina of the Department of Human Kinetics Education and Dr Adijat Mojibola Abdulraheem of the Department of Health Promotion and Environmental Health Education will be the resource persons.

Student Affairs Unit Honours ex-Dean, others

By Isaac Lewu

The Student Affairs Unit of the University of Ilorin held a send-off ceremony penultimate Friday (March 14, 2025) for some of its former staff members who have dedicated several years of service to the Unit and have now moved to other departments and units.

The event, which held at the Student Affairs Boardroom, was attended by management staff, colleagues, and well-wishers. Among those honoured were the immediate past Dean, Prof. M. T. Yakubu; the immediate past Sub-Dean (College of Health Sciences), Prof. Ade Alabi; the immediate past Sub-Dean (Main Campus), Dr. Adewole Davis; and the former Deputy Registrar (Student Affairs), Mr Opaleke.

In his welcome address, the Ag. Dean of Student Affairs, Dr Alex Akanmu, emphasised the significance of the Unit within the University framework, describing it as "the heart of the University."

Dr Akanmu highlighted the essential role of the Unit in promoting student welfare and contributing to overall institutional growth. He added that the contributions made by the staff members are highly valued by the University Administration.

He stressed the importance of recognising and appreciating hard-working staff members, noting that "such gestures not only serves as a form of gratitude but also acts as motivation for employees to remain dedicated in their current roles and excel in future positions. This recognition is crucial for fostering a culture of excellence within the institution".

The Dean said that the celebration does not only mark a significant milestone for those being honoured but also reflects the dedication of the University to nurturing its staff and enhancing institutional effectiveness through recognition and support.

In his response, the immediate past Dean of Student Affairs, Prof. Yakubu, expressed profound gratitude to the Almighty God and the staff of the Unit for the send-off ceremony, which he noted has a rich history. He said that the event was not merely a formality but a significant milestone reflecting the dedication and hard work of all staff within the Unit.

Prof. Yakubu also commended his colleagues for their unwavering dedication and teamwork, pointing out that it is through collective effort they have been able to achieve their goals and serve the University community effectively.

The former Dean appreciated both the immediate past Vice Chancellor, Prof. Sulyman Age Abdulkareem, and the incumbent, Prof. Wahab Olasupo



■ Dr Akanmu (right) presenting a gift to Prof. Yakubu (middle) at the send-off programme

Egbewole, SAN, for giving him the opportunity to serve the University in such esteemed capacity.

Also in his remarks, the immediate past Sub-Dean (College of Health Sciences), Prof. Ade Alabi, expressed his gratitude to the Dean for organising a programme dedicated to recognising the contributions made by staff members over time. He stressed that character plays a vital role in shaping one's professional trajectory.

Prof. Alabi shared his personal experiences from his time at the Student Affairs Unit, describing it as an invaluable learning ground where he acquired skills and knowledge beyond monetary value.

The former Sub Dean (Main Campus) Dr Adewole Davis, expressed deep appreciation for everyone he collaborated with during his tenure at the Unit, emphasising teamwork as a cornerstone of success in any endeavour. He urged staff members to approach every assignment with utmost seriousness, as if it were their last task, instilling a sense of urgency and commitment among colleagues.

On his part, the former Deputy Registrar (Student Affairs), who is now the Deputy Registrar (Academic Support Services), Mr Opaleke, stressed the importance of fostering a collaborative environment among staff members. He described his relationship with his colleagues as cordial and encouraged everyone to enhance their knowledge and skills in computer systems.

The security personnel in the unit, Mr Obiniyi Moses and Mrs Isiaka Afusa expressed gratitude towards the staff members for their supportive working relationship. They highlighted how teamwork has contributed to a harmonious atmosphere within the unit, ultimately benefiting everyone involved.

In his closing remarks, the

Director of Academic Planning (DAP), Prof. Abdurashheed A. Adeoye, who is also a member of Unilorin Governing Council, spoke on the critical role of transformational leadership within the institution. He said that this leadership style is not merely theoretical but has been effectively implemented in the Student Affairs Unit, fostering an environment conducive to growth and innovation.

Prof. Adeoye, who is a former Dean of the Faculty of Arts, outlined the "4 C's" of effective leadership: Curiosity, Consciousness, Courage, and Choice, saying that "the attributes are essential for personal development and are also embodied in the current Dean's approach to governance."

According to Prof. Adeoye, the alignment between leadership qualities and institutional success underscores the importance of having a competent leader at the helm of student affairs, to ensure that the unit can withstand challenges and thrive over time.

The Professor of Performing Arts said that the unit adopts a forward-thinking mindset by prioritising mentorship and succession planning. He highlighted the necessity for training future leaders who can surpass existing benchmarks and set new records for excellence.

Also speaking at the event, the President of the Student Union, Mr Victor Agezeh, said that working with the Deans of the Student Affairs Unit has shaped his knowledge of human relations, teaching him the ability to understand people's intuitions.

Also present at the event were the Deputy Registrar, Student Affairs, Mr M. O. Adewuyi, the Sub Dean (Female), Dr Oludolapo Ojediran and staff members of the Unit.

50th Anniversary Sub-committee members tasked on service delivery

By Abubakar Imam

The Chairman of the Programme Sub-committee of the UNILORIN 50th Anniversary Planning Committee, Prof. Olu Bolaji, has encouraged members of the Sub-committee to remain unrelenting in their efforts targeted at putting up a befitting anniversary celebration.

Prof. Bolaji, who teaches at the Department of Anaesthesia, Faculty of Clinical Sciences, College of Health Sciences, University of Ilorin, made this call penultimate Saturday (March 16, 2025) while speaking at a Zoom meeting of the Sub-committee.

The Chairman explained that the success or otherwise of the entire anniversary squarely rests on the Sub-committee because it is the one that is charged with the responsibility of erecting the framework on which the whole celebration would be conducted.

The medical scholar likened the Sub-committee to the skeletal system in



■ Prof. Bolaji

a human body, saying that for anyone to effectively live as a human being, his or her skeletal system must be in the right position.

Prof. Bolaji thanked members of the Sub-committee for their contributions and cooperation so far as he said that more efforts are still needed for the Sub-committee to achieve its Terms of Reference.

He added that the Central Planning Committee and the University Administration expected nothing but the best from the Sub-committee.

Prof. Bolaji, who led the members of the Sub-committee to review the proposed programmes of events, said that members should feel free to compare notes with a view to coming up with fascinating suggestions, which would not only be considered but also placed before the Central Committee headed by Prof. Olugbenga Ayodeji Mokuolu for further assessment and possible approval.

Members of the Sub-committee, who spoke, including a member of the University Governing Council, Prof. Mariam Mustapha; and the Chairman of the University of Ilorin Branch of the Academic Staff Union of Universities (ASUU), Dr Alex Morenikeji Akanmu, thanked Prof. Bolaji for his inspirational leadership as they assured him of their absolute cooperation.

UNILORIN Chief Imam charges Nigerians to fear Allah

By Idris Alooma

As the Muslim faithful worldwide progress with the Ramadan fast, the Chief Imam of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Nasir Abdulsalam, has charged leaders and followers at all levels to have the fear of Allah in order to have a better society.

Prof. Abdulsalam made this call while featuring on a popular Yoruba programme, "Oro to n lo," on UNILORIN FM radio, last Tuesday (March 18, 2025). The programme was anchored by the General Manager of the station, Mr Idris Alooma.

The Chief Imam pointed out that God does not make mistakes in choosing leaders, and as such, leaders and

followers must always act according to the will of Almighty Allah. He noted that during Ramadan, Muslims should increase their reading of the Holy Quran, observe the five daily prayers, and engage in other acts of worship such as alms-giving. These acts, he said, would attract bountiful blessings from Allah.

Prof. Abdulsalam counselled that good virtues should not be limited to the Ramadan period alone, as God expects Muslims to worship Him and do good always. He also reminded Muslims that the last 10 days of Ramadan are the Itikaf period, during which those who wish to observe it must follow due process and take permission from their workplaces or plan their leave accordingly. He emphasised that Islam teaches Muslims how to handle all issues in

life.

The cleric-don also charged students to face their studies and be God-fearing, while urging all UNILORIN staff members to be God-fearing, dedicated to their work, and loyal to the system. He noted that observing Ramadan fast does not make one lazy at work or absent, saying that it rather encourages diligence and commitment.

In his final remarks, Prof. Abdulsalam advised kidnappers, terrorists, ritualists, and other evil-doers to use the period of Ramadan and the Christian Lent to seek the face of God, stop their nefarious activities, and turn a new leaf. He prayed that Allah would guide and forgive them, and grant them the strength to change their ways.

Oyewo to deliver 276th Inaugural Lecture March 27th

The Vice Chancellor, University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, invites members of the University community and the general public to the Two hundred and seventy-sixth (276th) Inaugural Lecture of the University, scheduled as follows:

Lecturer: Professor Segun Oyeleke Oyewo B.A (Jos), M.A, Ph.D. (Ibadan)
Department: Performing and Film Arts,
Faculty: Arts,
Topic: "Imagine a World without Theatre

and its Realities on the Stage and the Environments in Nigeria"

Date: Thursday, 27th March, 2025

Time: 5.00 p.m.

Venue: University Auditorium, Main Campus, University of Ilorin

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

Mr Mansur Adeleke Alfaanla
Registrar



■ Prof. Oyewo

UNILORIN marks International Social Workers Day

By Idris Alooma

As the world marked the International Day for Social Workers on March 18, 2025, the Head of the Department of Social Works, University of Ilorin, Dr Abonyi Sunday, has commended the graduates of the Department for making the University proud nationally and internationally.

In an interview with **UNILORIN Bulletin**, Dr Abonyi revealed that the Department, established in 2013 with just 100 students, has grown exponentially, with over 1,000 students currently enrolled, adding that it has also produced more than 5,000 graduates spread across the globe.

Dr Abonyi attributed the Department's success to its ability to provide students with a comprehensive



■ **Dr Abonyi**

education and practical skills, making them highly sought after in the job market.

He said despite being a relatively new course in Nigeria, Social Work has gained widespread acceptance, with many universities now offering the programme. Dr Abonyi noted that the field of Social

Work offers numerous job opportunities, particularly in foreign countries, where there is a high demand for caregivers.

He disclosed that the Department is set to commence the Master programme in the next academic session, providing further opportunities for students to advance their careers.

Dr Abonyi stated further that the University of Ilorin marked the International Day for Social Workers with a series of activities, including awareness creation, symposium, care giving, and gift-giving at motherless homes. The theme for this year's celebration was "Strengthening Intergenerational Solidarity for Enduring Wellbeing."

The event provided a platform for Social Work students and professionals to come together, share experiences, and reaffirm their commitment to promoting wellbeing and social justice.

Make Ramadan a turning point in your life, Akanji charges Muslims

By Abubakar Imam

An Emeritus Professor at the University of Ilorin, Musibau Adewumi Akanji, has charged Muslims to ensure that the ongoing Ramadan season becomes a turning point in their lives.

Emerit. Prof. Akanji, who quoted several portions of the Holy Quran and scientific findings, gave this advice penultimate Friday (March 14, 2025) in his weekly spiritual exultation, a copy of which was sighted by **UNILORIN Bulletin**.

The renowned scholar said that Muslims must ensure purposive attitudinal reorientation and spiritual rejuvenation in the course of this Ramadan because they are constantly exposed to quality and extensive scholarly interpretations of the Glorious Quran through various mosques and other physical gatherings and through the instrumentality of the traditional

mass media and social media platforms.

Emerit.Prof. Akanji, who is a former Vice Chancellor of the Federal University of Technology, Minna and Al-Hikmah University, Ilorin, explained that the Ramadan season, more than any other period of the lunar calendar, provides opportunities for Muslims to know more about their creator and worship Him spiritually and physically and as intensively as possible.

The renowned scholar of Biochemistry, who is also a distinguished Fellow of the Nigerian Academy of Science, equally charged well-to-do Muslims to ensure that they share their provisions with their neighbours and relations, particularly those who are less endowed in order to promote love and understanding.

He added that since it is certain that every human being would surely die at one point or the other, it should be kept in mind that he or she would be raised to give account of his or her life before the



■ **Emerit. Prof. Akanji**

Almighty Allah.

Emerit. Prof. Akanji explained that though no one has come back to life after death to explain his experience but since Allah has said that we would all be raised after death to account for our sojourn on earth, we should be prepared for that encounter through our actions and activities while on earth.

Registry Seminar to hold Thursday

By Temitope Omoniye

The 2025 First Quarter In-house Seminar of the Registry, University of Ilorin, will hold this Thursday (March 27, 2025) at 11:00 a.m. in the University Auditorium.

According to a Notice signed by the Secretary of the Registry Seminar Steering Committee, Ms Abosede

Sewedo Panu, the seminar will feature two experienced resource persons, Mr John Aiyedun, the Deputy Registrar (Academic), and Mr Oluwole Leye, a Principal Assistant Registrar, who will take participants through "Speech and Report Writing" and "Understanding Administrative Terminologies, Usages and Implications."

The Notice further stated that the four seminars held in 2024 were highly

impactful and reflected positively on the daily assignments of Registry staff

"The Registrar, Mr Mansur Alfaanla, FCIML, has directed that every member of the Registry should attend the meeting punctually, bringing either a laptop or a browsing phone with internet access to learn simple professional etiquette", the notice added.

Adeoye bags NANNS Merit Award

By Bashirat Omotosho

The Nigerian Association of Northern Nigeria Students (NANNs) has honoured the Director of the UNILORIN Centre for Renewable Energy, Prof. Peter Adeoye with the Sir Ahmadu Bello Distinguished Merit Award in recognition of his “outstanding contributions to leadership and genuine service to humanity.”

The award was presented to him during a courtesy visit to Prof Adeoye by the Association on Tuesday, March 4, 2025.

In the letter of award dated 24th February, 2025, a copy of which was sighted by *UNILORIN Bulletin* penultimate Friday (March 14, 2025), the National President of NANNs, Comrade Abdulrahman Ibrahim, stated that the Association commended Prof Adeoye on “his exceptional work and leadership in the service of the people and Nigeria at large”.

He said, “You have shown yet again your commitment to the collective welfare of your constituents and by



■ **Prof. Adeoye (middle), flanked by officials of the National Association of Northern Nigeria Students during the Award presentation in his office recently extension, the Nigerian people."**

In his acceptance speech, Prof. Adeoye, who is also the Governing Board Chairman of the African Support Bureau for Entrepreneurship (ASBE), expressed

gratitude to NANNs for the recognition, stating that the award serves as further motivation to continue his work in his chosen field.

Olokoba heads Kwara TWG on Viral Hepatitis

By Abubakar Imam

Professor at the College of Health Sciences, University of Ilorin, Prof. Abdulfatai Bamidele Olokoba, has been appointed the Chairman of the Technical Working Group (TWG) on Viral Hepatitis in Kwara State.

Inaugurating the TWG at the State Ministry of Health on Wednesday (March 12, 2025), the Kwara State Commissioner of Health, Dr Aminat El-Imam, charged the members to work with other stakeholders to ensure the total eradication of the disease from the state.

The Commissioner, who is also an academic staff of the University of

Ilorin, said that the government and people of Kwara State reposed a lot of confidence in Prof. Olokoba and his team as she urged them to effectively deploy their knowledge and expertise accordingly.

Responding, Prof. Olokoba thanked the Kwara State Government for the privilege given to them to serve the state in that capacity.

Prof. Olokoba, who is the former Chief Medical Director of the Ilorin General Hospital (now Kwara State University Teaching Hospital), promised that he and his team mates would give the assignment their very best.

The renowned expert in Hepatology and Public Health, therefore, appealed to stakeholders and the entire



■ **Prof. Olokoba**

people of Kwara State to give the TWG their utmost cooperation for the benefit of all.

Open Ph.D. Theses Defence

S/N	NAME	FACULTY/DEPARTMENT	TITLE	DATE&TIME	VENUE
1	SADIQ, Suleiman Sabonkudi	Education/Human Kinetics Education	Availability Utilization and Management of Sports Resources as predictors of Sports Development in Nigerian Federal Universities.	Thursday, 20 th March, 2025. 10:00am	Board Room, Squash Hall, University of Ilorin
2	YUSUF, Aishat Abdulqadir	Education/Science Education	Effect of Reggio-Emilia Teaching Approach on Pupils Performance in Physics-related Concepts in Basic Science and Technology in Ilorin	Monday, 24 th March, 2025. 10:00am	PG School (Virtual Presentation)
3	Victor E. Edem	Agriculture/Home Economics and Food Science	The Maiden Ph.D (Food Science) Oral Defense Examination	Tuesday, 25 th March, 2025 10:00 am	Board Room, Faculty of Agriculture



UNILORIN WEEKLY FINANCIAL DIGEST

FUND SOURCES AND UTILIZATION REPORT FROM 14TH TO 20TH MARCH 2025

RECEIPTS:	AMOUNT
Academic Transcript	60,000.00
Sundry & Other Fees Student Charges	2,569,554.44
Sundry Other Incomes	840,586.84
Convocation Souvenir	361,200.00
Others	20,000.00
Capitation –NHIS	13,200.00
Staff I.D Cards	5,000.00
Electricity Charges from Shop, Kiosk	22,000,000.00
Income from Fitness Centre	3,000.00
Disciplinary Fines	5,000.00
Income from Verification /Screening	420,000.00
Student I.D. Cards	1,010.00
Clinic Registration (Staff)	5,000.00
University of Ilorin 1000115 fees	10,000.00
Rent on University Property	1,393,600.00
Refund	800,000.00
Refund (Non Salary)	308,500.00
Refund of Unspent Staff Personal Advance	5,000,000.00
Undergraduate Transcript Payment	1,054,500.00
Undergraduate Convocation Charges	213,600.00
Postgraduate School Charges	9,735,200.00
Postgraduate School Transcript Payment	240,000.00
Postgraduate School Registration Fees	241,588.00
Postgraduate Tuition Fees	206,900.00
Institute of Education School Charges	105,540.40
Institute of Education Application Form	1,047,600.00
Remedial School Charges	457,800.00
Remedial Acceptance Payment	45,600.00
Ilorin Business School Application Form	25,200.00
Ilorin Business School Charges	221,600.00
JUPEB School Charges	2,676,400.00
Total Receipt for the Period	₦50,087,179.68
PAYMENTS	
PAYMENT TO CONTRACTORS/SUPPLIERS:	
Wateffs Company Ltd Construction of Fence	2,597,629.19
Sanrauf Nig Ltd Reticulation of Inverter power Supplied	1,436,676.25
OTHER PAYMENTS:	
Various Various i.e DTA, IMPREST, REFUND e.t.c	28,163,704.82
Purchase Advance Various	6,383,010.00
Unilorin Petrol Station Supply of Fuel	899,099.00
Staff Training Staff Development Award (CBNTETFUND)	4,500,000.00
Association of Provosts of College of Medicine Annual Dues	300,000.00
National Universities Commission Establishment of two Programmes	4,859,250.00
Unilorin Holding Ltd Remittance of Returns for Jan. & Feb. 2025 and Smart Card	19,850,000.00
Unilorin Press Printing Jobs/Annual Reports	8,692,110.00
Total TSA Charges Various	75,142.30
Total payment for the period	₦77,756,621.56

Signed

Abiodun Lawal (FCNA)

Bursar



S/N	NAME	DEPARTMENT	BIRTHDAY
1	TIAMIYU LUKUMAN ROTIMI	CROP PROTECTION	23-Mar
2	BOLAJOKO ZULKARNAN BABATUNDE	WORKS: CIVIL/BUILDING	23-Mar
3	ABDULRAHEEM IBRAHEEM SHOLA	EPIDEMIOLOGY & COMMUNITY HEALTH	23-Mar
4	HAMZAT SAUDAT ADEBISI OLAYIDE	LINGUISTICS & NIGERIAN LANGUAGES	23-Mar
5	OYEYEMI DUPE	REGISTRY	23-Mar
6	GARBA KHADIJAH WURAOLA	REGISTRY	23-Mar
7	AREMU FATAI AYINDE	POLITICAL SCIENCE	23-Mar
8	AKINSIPE FELIX AKINTUNDE	THE PERFORMING ARTS	23-Mar
9	OLATUNJI AISHAT OMOBOLANLE	VETERINARY PHARMACOLOGY & TOXICOLOGY	23-Mar
10	BALOGUN ABDULRSAQ OLATUNJI	SOCIAL SCIENCE EDUCATION	23-Mar
11	GWADABE SADIYA MUSA	OBSTETRICS & GYNAECOLOGY	23-Mar
12	SULAIMON WALIYAT BOLANLE	REGISTRY	23-Mar
13	OGUNNIYI IBIDUN KEHINDE	REGISTRY	23-Mar
14	ADEKILEKUN ABIOLA MAHROOF	REGISTRY	23-Mar
15	MOHAMMED ABDULKAREEM SEGUN	UNILORIN STAFF SCHOOL	24-Mar
16	GBADEYAN FLORENCE OLUFUNKE	BURSARY	24-Mar
17	FAMUYIWA BOLATITO	COMPUTER BASE TEST	24-Mar
18	GALADIMA ADEBAYO	SECURITY DIVISION	24-Mar
19	WAHAB KOLAWOLE WASIU	MEDICINE	24-Mar
20	AHMAD FATIMA OLATINUKE	HEALTH SERVICES	24-Mar
21	ABOYEJI ADENIYI JUSTUS	HISTORY & INTERNATIONAL STUDIES	24-Mar
22	OLUFEAGBA OLUFUNMILAYO	HEALTH SERVICES	24-Mar
23	AKANBI ISIAKA SALIU	REGISTRY	24-Mar
24	USMAN-IBIKUNLE ZAINAB ADEKUNBI	REGISTRY	24-Mar
25	IBRAHIM TESLIM LANRE	WORKS: WORKS/MAINTENANCE OFFICE	24-Mar
26	OYELADE AYOTUNDE FRANCIS	ARTS EDUCATION	25-Mar
27	OKOJIE REBECCA AIMIOHU	REGISTRY	25-Mar
28	AJADI IBRAHIM	DIRECTORATE OF GENERAL SERVICES/REGISTRY	25-Mar
29	TOYIN JIMOH	REGISTRY	25-Mar
30	SALAMI SULAIMAN OLAWOYE	VETERINARY ANATOMY	25-Mar
31	OLAYEMI OLUYEMISI AYODEJI	DIRECTORATE OF CORPORATE AFFAIRS	25-Mar
32	OLUSANMI FOLUKE TREASURE	VETERINARY TEACHING HOSPITAL	25-Mar
33	AMOLOYE MUBARAK ADEWALE	CHEMICAL ENGINEERING	25-Mar
34	ABOLARIN SUNDAY OLUSHOLA	REGISTRY	25-Mar
35	MOHAMMED ABDULRAHEEM	WORKS: WORKS/MAINTENANCE OFFICE	25-Mar
36	ADEYEMO BOSEDE CHRISTIAINA	REGISTRY	25-Mar
37	ALABI KHADIJAT IYABO	REGISTRY	25-Mar
38	OMOTOSO AYOTUNDE BOLATITO	BEHAVIOURAL SCIENCE	26-Mar
39	OLADEMO OYERONKE	RELIGIONS	26-Mar
40	AYINLA LUKMAN ALABI	JURISPRUDENCE & INTERNATIONAL LAW	26-Mar
41	OJIBARA ADEKUNBI ARINOLA	REGISTRY	26-Mar
42	OLAJUBAJE ADEFUNKE OLAYEMI	UNILORIN STAFF SCHOOL	27-Mar
43	OLORUNTOBA BAMIDELE	SECURITY DIVISION	27-Mar
44	AMUSA MARGARET OLURANTI	REGISTRY	27-Mar
45	AWODIRAN OLUFOLAHAN SAMUEL	AGRONOMY	27-Mar
46	SAKA-LAWAL SHERIFAT TEMITOPE	REGISTRY	27-Mar
47	IBRAHIM SULYMAN OLALEKAN	INDUSTRIAL CHEMISTRY	27-Mar
48	SUNDAY-SELEKERE JOHN PREYE	PROCUREMENT & MAINTENANCE SUPORT	27-Mar
49	OWAN STELLA AWUSA	LIBRARY	27-Mar
50	HAMMED ABDULAZEEZ MOBOLAJI	CHEMISTRY	27-Mar
51	ADENIYI AFUSAT FADEKE	REGISTRY	28-Mar
52	AKINKUNMI CHRISTIANAH OMOTAYO	REGISTRY	28-Mar
53	SALAMI KHADIJAT ONOZARE	HOME ECONOMICS & FOOD SCIENCE	28-Mar
54	YUSUF ALIYU BOLAKALE	WEB SUPPORT SERVICES	28-Mar
55	AROWOLO GRACE ABOSEDE	REGISTRY	28-Mar
56	ADEYEMO OLABISI FOLAKE	REGISTRY	28-Mar
57	OYEWOLE ABOYEJI LUKUMAN	PHYSIOLOGY	28-Mar
58	SAADU KAMAL DEEN ADEBAYO	PROCUREMENT UNIT	28-Mar
59	YUSUF YUSUF OLATUNJI	AQUACULTURE & FISHERIES	28-Mar
60	YINUS ABDULMUQTADIR	COMSIT DIRECTORATE	28-Mar
61	APATA GRACE JOY	UNILORIN STAFF SCHOOL	29-Mar
62	ISMAEL ISMAEL SAKA	ISLAMIC LAW	29-Mar
63	MUSTAPHA ZULUKARINANI MUHAMMAD	SECURITY DIVISION	29-Mar
64	DUROJAIYE ABIOLA OMOWUMI	NURSING SCIENCE	29-Mar
65	SAKA FALILAA SHOLA	BURSARY	29-Mar
66	AIYEDUN JULIUS OLANIYI	VETERINARY PUBLIC HEALTH & PREVENTIVE MEDICINE	29-Mar
67	AYENI OLUMUYIWA BAYONLE	TELECOMMUNICATION SCIENCE	29-Mar
68	SHITTU ABIODUN OYETUNJI	PHARMACEUTICS & INDUSTRIAL PHARMACY	29-Mar
69	USMAN NURUDEEN AKANNI	MEDICAL RADIOGRAPHY	29-Mar
70	AHMED FATIMOH ALAKE	REGISTRY	29-Mar
71	YUSUFF OLANIYI KAMIL	CHEMISTRY	29-Mar
72	OLUSOLA YEMI TOSIN	RELIGIONS	29-Mar

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

Family donates late Ibikunle's books to Faculty of Agric

By Isaac Lewu

The Dean of the Faculty of Agriculture, University of Ilorin, Prof. Oluyemisi B. Fawole, has expressed appreciation to the family of Dr O. Ibikunle for the generous donation of the late don's Agricultural textbooks to the Faculty Library.

This event took place last Thursday (March 20, 2025) in the Dean's office.

The Dean described the gesture as thoughtful and valuable, emphasising that it would serve as a lasting legacy of the late don's contributions to the field of Crop Protection.

Prof. Fawole highlighted the dedication and meticulous nature of the late Dr Ibikunle during his time at the University, adding that he was a detailed and organised scholar, always striving for excellence. She said that she had the privilege of passing through him as her lecturer, and his impact on students and colleagues alike was profound.

Prof. Fawole further noted that the Department of Crop Production, where the late don once served and

retired 10 years ago, is now known as the Department of Agronomy.

The Dean also acknowledged the family's commitment to preserving Dr Ibikunle's academic legacy, assuring them that the donated books would greatly benefit both students and researchers, in further enriching the Faculty's Library resources. She welcomed the family's request for additional bookshelves to display the donated materials, pledging the Faculty's support in making this a reality.

In her remarks, the widow of the late don Dr Florence Ibikunle expressed gratitude to the University for the opportunity to honour her husband's memory in such a meaningful way, adding that the decision to donate the textbooks



was inspired by her husband's lifelong passion for education and dedication to knowledge sharing, adding that she also recalled her late husband's unwavering commitment to his students and research.

She said her late husband believed that knowledge was best preserved and propagated through teaching and writing, and she is certain he would be pleased to know that his books have found a new home where they can contribute to learning and innovation.

LIBRARY AND PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE SUBMISSION OF BOOKS FOR PROMOTION EXERCISE

The Book for Promotion Assessment Committee, a newly constituted committee, held its maiden meeting on Monday (17/03/25) and had since commenced its assessment duties with the already submitted books, in earnest.

This, therefore, serves to inform all academic staff members, who have books to be presented for the 2025 promotion exercise, to apply to the **Chairman, Library and Publications Committee** to get such books assessed. Three original copies of any book due for assessment are also

expected to be submitted.

Please note that **no book, regardless of when it was published, that does not get certificated by this committee shall be countenanced for the 2025 promotion exercise.**

Thank you.

Prof. A. O. Issa
(Chairman, L&PC)

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.

SGD
M. A. Alfanla
Registrar



■ *The representative of the Vice Chancellor Prof. Moji Taibat Bakare-Odunola (5th left) and other guests at the Department of Food Engineering 2nd Public Lecture last Thursday*

We are committed to students' welfare – SU President

By Abubakar Imam

The President of the University of Ilorin Student Union, Comrade Victor O. Agezeh, has reaffirmed the commitment of the Union leadership to the welfare and wellbeing of students of the University.

Agezeh, who is a student of the Department of Accounting, stated this last Monday (March 17, 2025) in a telephone interview with **UNILORIN Bulletin**.

The Student Union President said that he and his colleagues in the Union's Executive Committee would spare no effort towards enhancing the welfare of the students.

Agezeh said that members of the EXCO are deeply concerned about the high transport fares charged by campus shuttle operators.

He explained that as a step forward, the Union has succeeded in convincing the shuttle bus (Korope)



■ Agezeh

operators to reduce the number of passengers they usually carry to ensure the comfort of students and other commuters.

He added that as from last Monday (March 17, 2025) a shuttle bus would be carrying eight passengers instead of ten that they currently carry.

The President said that the Union is also interested in the welfare of students who reside off campus as it does about those

who live on campus. He thanked God for protecting the lives of some of his colleagues whose off-campus hostels were affected by a recent fire incident emanating from the electric transformer serving their area.

Agezeh said that he and other members of the Executive Committee immediately visited the scene of the incident they were happy that no life was lost.

While commending the University Administration under the leadership of the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, for its student-friendly dispositions, Agezeh assured the University Management and other stakeholders that the students of the institution would continue to ensure that the prevailing peace across the University campus is maintained.

He assured that the students would not do anything that would disrupt the academic calendar of the University and the harmonious nature of the institution's host community.

5th Annual Registry Lecture Holds April 28

By Temitope Omoniye

The 5th Annual Registry Lecture of the University of Ilorin will be held on Monday, April 28, 2025, at the University Auditorium.

Dr Abdussobur Salaam, FCIML, Deputy Registrar 1 of the Federal University of Agriculture,

Abeokuta, who is also the Vice President, South-West of the Senior Staff Association of Nigerian Universities (SSANU), has been invited as the Guest Lecturer for the occasion.

The theme of the lecture is “The Registry's Role in Driving Institutional Change: Strategies for Registries to Lead Transformation in the University Administration.”

The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Egbewole, SAN, will be the Chief Host of the occasion, while the Registrar, Mr Mansur Alfania, FCIML, will be the Host.

All Registry staff and the entire University community are encouraged to attend the lecture.



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UNILORIN to pioneer accelerometrics research in Nigeria -- Dominic

By Abubakar Imam

A former Director of Sports, University of Ilorin, Prof. Olufunmilola Dominic, has stated that the University would soon begin the study of physical activity and sleep behaviour research, otherwise known as accelerometrics.

Prof. Dominic stated this last Tuesday (March 18, 2025) while speaking at a Workshop jointly organised by the Exercise and Sports Science Research Group (ESSRG) and the Department of Human Kinetics Education, University of Ilorin in collaboration with Coventry University, United Kingdom.

She said that it was high time that the magnitude and qualities of physical activities, sleep patterns and sedentary lifestyles of people are objectively measured as part of efforts towards determining their state of health and to provide comparative African data and norms.

Prof. Dominic explained that this is the first time this type of training is organised in Nigeria as she expressed happiness that the University provided the platforms needed to organise the research training within the institution.

The renowned sports scientist, who is the Group Leader of the ESSRG, thanked the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, for his support for the programme.

Stressing that the training would be established at the University of Ilorin with the assistance of the University of Coventry, England, Prof. Dominic said that everything would be done between the two universities to concretise the collaboration.

The don, who teaches at the Department of Human Kinetics Education, also thanked Dr Faatihah Niyi-Odumosu of the University of The West England who linked the University of Ilorin with Coventry University, and the Resource Person, Dr Nduka Okwosu thereby promoting UK research collaborations with the University among others.

She also appreciated the Director of the Centre for International Education (CIE), Prof. Lateef Onireti Ibraheem, for his role in the MOUs processes.

In his address, the Dean of the Faculty of Education, University of Ilorin, Prof. Lasiele Alabi Yahaya, appreciated the University Administration, the Organising Committee of the training and the facilitator for their various efforts.

He encouraged the Resource Person, Dr Nduka Okwosu of Coventry University to go beyond the academic training he provided by ensuring other forms of empowerment for interested individuals and groups such as admission, provision of equipment and other relevant



■ Dr Okwosu



■ Prof. Dominic

opportunities for exchange programmes.

In his presentation, Dr Okwosu, said that every physical activity must be restricted at every stage of life based on the health status of the individual, especially in relation to cardio metabolic diseases and heart attack comorbidities, hence researches in such vulnerable groups' interventions should include not only physical activity experts, but also their physicians and psychologists for proper monitoring.

Dr Okwosu explained that this is not an age of withdrawing from exercise but that of involvement in physical activities and exercises to improve the health of the patients/participants.

He added that efforts must also be made to minimise the level and quantity of cholesterol in our body systems through programmed exercise.

Dr Okwosu emphasised the challenges from lack of experts' collaborative treatment to lack of motivation, 'Japa' syndrome of experts, and non-availability of professional exercise prescriptions, among others.

He warned young people against unbridled pursuit of greener pasture, saying that if they stay in Nigeria they can still make it as they would also be contributing their quotas to national progress.

Dr Okwosu appreciated the University Management and everyone for the mutual contributions and future-elaborate MOUs.

Also speaking, the Ag. Head of the Department of Human Kinetics Education, Dr Memunat Ajadi, thanked the University Administration and everyone who made the workshop a huge success.

Participants at the training session included academic staff and other professionals from various departments of the Faculty of Education, University of Ilorin and sister universities within and outside Kwara State.