

UNILORIN receives two tranches of NELFUND, says VC

By Tajudeen Babamale

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.

Prof. Egbewole, who made this revelation while featuring on the *NTA News 24, Abuja* programme, 'Late Edition', explained that the University of Ilorin received a sum of ₦52,879,000 for 802 students in the first tranche and ₦219,407,320 for 2,171 students in the second tranche.

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Ahmed appointed FUAZ new Bursar

By Abubakar Imam

Deputy Bursar at the University of Ilorin, Mr AbdulRasheed Atanda Ahmed, has been appointed the new Bursar of the Federal University of Agriculture, Zuru (FUAZ), Kebbi State.

Mr Ahmed's appointment, which was approved by the Governing Council of the University, was made public penultimate Wednesday (February 19, 2024) in a statement signed by the Registrar of the University, Mr Abdulaziz Yusuf Busata.

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AWAU Award for NUC boss

The Secretary General of the Association of West Africa Universities (AWAU), and Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole (left), presenting AWAU's Award of Excellence to the Executive Secretary of the National Universities Commission (NUC), Prof. Abdullahi Yusuf Ribadu, at the NUC head office in Abuja last Wednesday

Governing Council honours Omotesho, Ambali for outstanding services



■ Surv. Aluko

By Tajudeen Babamale

The Governing Council of the University of Ilorin, led by Surv. Abiodun Aluko, has presented letters of commendation to the immediate past Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic), Prof. Olubunmi Abayomi

Omotesho, and the immediate past Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Management Services), Prof. Suleiman Folorunsho Ambali, in recognition of their outstanding contributions to the University during their tenure.

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The Vice Chancellor and members of his management team with the NMA team after the meeting last Tuesday

We are on top of your demand, VC assures NMA members

By Tajudeen Babamale

The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has reassured members of the Nigeria Medical Association (NMA) who are also staff of the Institution that their demands for placement on the Consolidated Medical Salary Structure are being actively addressed.

Prof. Egbewole gave this assurance last Tuesday (February 25, 2025) when he received an NMA team that visited him in his office. He affirmed that medical professionals at the University would be placed under the Consolidated Medical Salary Structure (CONMESS) once the 2025 budget is approved as proposed.

He expressed optimism that this budgetary provision would resolve existing challenges regarding the welfare of medical lecturers.

The Vice Chancellor acknowledged the Minister of Education's insistence that discussions on CONMESS and other related matters should be included in the broader negotiations between the Academic Staff Union of Universities (ASUU) and the Federal Government.

The Vice Chancellor also noted that the Minister is committed to reviewing the remuneration of medical lecturers nationwide, even if a different structure from CONMESS is introduced to address their peculiar needs.

Prof. Egbewole also highlighted the unique position of medical professionals in balancing academic work with clinical practice, saying, unlike other government employees who are restricted from engaging in secondary employment except in farming, medical lecturers must remain actively involved in the profession to ensure effective teaching and training of students.

He explained that medical knowledge evolves rapidly and that hands-on experience in both public and private healthcare settings is essential for

maintaining high-quality education.

While expressing confidence in the ongoing efforts of the Minister of Education, Prof. Egbewole stated that the government is now paying greater attention to the concerns of medical lecturers.

He, however, encouraged medical unions such as NMA, NAMDA, and ARD to use their collective strength to push for national recognition of their demands, saying, "As a Vice Chancellor, my role is to lobby and plead, but these unions have the muscle to demand for this cause".

Prof. Egbewole assured the NMA that his Administration remains committed to improving the University of Ilorin's Medical School and ensuring that it receives the necessary support to function effectively. He reaffirmed that the Institution would continue to prioritise the welfare of its medical professionals in line with national and global best practices.

Earlier in his remarks, the Chairman of NMA, Kwara State Chapter, Dr. Afolabi Ola Ahmed, expressed appreciation to the Vice Chancellor for creating an enabling environment for NMA members in the University to excel in both academic and research activities within and outside the University.

The NMA Chairman acknowledged the Vice Chancellor's support for the College's medical training programmes, particularly during accreditation exercises, and commended him for appointing a Medical Elder as Deputy Vice Chancellor of the institution.

Dr. Afolabi also praised the renovation and expansion of the sick bay at the College, which he said would reduce the need for sick students to travel to the main campus, especially at night. He said, "We came on board about eight months ago, and ever since then, we have been monitoring events and activities, especially those concerning the welfare of our members. We have participated in many university activities, and we deeply appreciate your commitment to improving the welfare of our members, particularly your interest in

reviewing their salary structure".

The NMA Chairman expressed optimism that lecturers at the College of Health Sciences would soon enjoy the Consolidated Medical Salary Structure (CONMESS), in line with the standard adopted by most institutions across Nigeria.

Dr. Afolabi acknowledged the Vice Chancellor's efforts in making CONMESS payment effective for medical lecturers and called for an improvement in manpower to ease the workload on the existing lecturers.

He reiterated the NMA's full support for Prof. Egbewole's Vision 1:10:100 to position the University as the best in Nigeria and assured him of NMA's continued collaboration in achieving that goal.

The Vice Chancellor was joined to receive the NMA team by the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic), Prof. Moji Taibat Bakare-Odunola; the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Management Services), Prof. Adegboyega Adisa Fawole; the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Research, Technology and Innovation), Prof. Muhtar Adeiza Etudaiye; the Registrar of the University, Mr Mansur Adeleke Alfaola; the Bursar, represented by Mr Abdulrasheed Atanda Ahmed, and the University Librarian, Prof. Kamaldeen Tunde Omopupa.

Other members of the NMA team on the visit were the Secretary of Kwara NMA, Dr Ijaiya M. A.; the Provost of the College of Health Sciences, Prof. Sulyman Abiodun Alabi; the Director of University Health Services, Dr Rasheed Odunola; the Chairman MEDSABAMS, Prof. Gabriel Olaiya Omotoso; the Chairman NAMDA, Prof. Muhammed Abdulkadir; and the President of ARD, Dr Shiru Marian.

Others were Prof. Olugbenga Mokuolu of the Department of Paediatrics and Child Health, Prof. Abdulfatai Olokoba of the Department of Medicine.

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While hoping that NELFUND will provide a third tranche to cater to more students, the Vice-Chancellor stated that the institution hopes to improve on the first two tranches as more than 10,000 students have applied for the NELFUND loan.

Prof. Egbewole also used the medium to call on the authorities of NELFUND to streamline the loan disbursement process, citing challenges relating to the Remita payment system. He said, "One key issue that students have raised is the difficulty with Remita. There has been some back and forth regarding this, and I believe that NELFUND can sit down to address it".

On the impact of NELFUND on the students of the University of Ilorin, the Vice-Chancellor lauded the Federal Government for establishing the scheme with its objective of ensuring that no student is left behind due to financial constraints. He noted that beyond covering tuition fees, the scheme also provides a monthly stipend to beneficiaries, thereby easing the financial burden on the students.

While explaining that nearly 3,000 students of UNILORIN have benefited from the initiative, Prof. Egbewole opined that many students who might have dropped out of school due to financial difficulties have

been able to continue their education thanks to the scheme.

Commenting on the broader social impact of the programme, particularly the stipends provided to students, Prof. Egbewole said, "I am aware that out of the ₦20,000 monthly stipend, some students even send a fraction to their families. A few of them have personally thanked me, as though I gave them the money myself. I always tell them to appreciate NELFUND and the Federal Government for creating this opportunity. Before now, many of them had to juggle work, tuition fees, and supporting their families. Now, education is more accessible and less financially stressful."

Speaking on the challenges associated with the scheme, the Vice-Chancellor urged NELFUND officials to restructure it in a way that aligns with each institution's academic calendar and registration period. He noted that the University of Ilorin operates a seamless academic schedule, making it essential for funds to be disbursed before the resumption period in October.

He said, "Our expectation is that by the time our students resume in October, the fees would have been paid. Currently, students have to resume, struggle to pay their school charges, and then wait for reimbursement once the university receives the NELFUND payment. This is not ideal. A

more efficient approach would be to align the payment system with the registration period of each institution, to ensure that funds are available when students need them the most".

While acknowledging that NELFUND is still in its early stages, Prof. Egbewole encouraged the management team to refine the process to enhance its efficiency and accessibility. He suggested that the portal be modified to allow universities to indicate their resumption schedules and tuition fees in order to make the process smoother for all stakeholders.

The Vice-Chancellor reaffirmed his belief in the long-term sustainability of NELFUND, calling for continuous improvement in its implementation.

According to him, "NELFUND is indeed a game changer, and we must sustain it in any way possible. Even if we need to restructure certain aspects, the philosophy behind it must endure."

Prof. Egbewole urged policy makers and education stakeholders to ensure that NELFUND remains a permanent feature in Nigeria's education system, to help generations of students achieve their academic dreams without financial hindrance.

Ahmed appointed FUAZ new Bursar

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The appointment, which is for five years, takes effect from March 16, 2025.

Reacting to the development, the Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, welcomed the appointment, describing it as "well-deserved".

In a statement signed by the Director of Corporate Affairs, Mr Kunle Akogun, the Vice Chancellor said that the Management, staff and students of the nation's most sought-after University are happy with the appointment of Mr Ahmed.

Prof. Egbewole described the new

Bursar, who is also a lawyer, as a hardworking financial technocrat and one of those whose efforts culminated in the exciting progress achieved by the University.

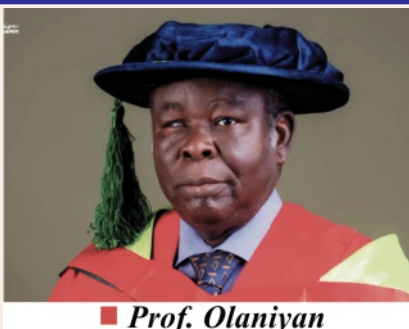
He described the appointment of Mr Ahmed as another opportunity for a staff of the University of Ilorin to contribute to the efforts of nurturing FUAZ to greatness as the pioneer Vice Chancellor of the University, Prof. Musa Isiyaku Ahmed, is also a former staff of the Better By Far University, where he served as its Director of COMSIT.

The Vice Chancellor wished Mr Ahmed a very peaceful and successful tenure.



■ Mr. Ahmed

Olaniyan to deliver 275th Inaugural Lecture, March 6



■ Prof. Olaniyan

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-fifth (275th) Inaugural Lecture of the University, scheduled as follows:

Lecturer: Professor John Olajide Olaniyan B.Sc., M.Sc., Ph.D (Ibadan)

Department: Agronomy,

Faculty: Agriculture,

Topic: "Understanding Soils: The Bedrock

of Man's Existence and Sustenance"

Date: Thursday, 6th 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 Alfania
Registrar

Governing Council honours Omotesho, Ambali for outstanding services

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The Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, presented the letters to the duo on behalf of the Governing Council at a brief ceremony held in his office last Tuesday (February 24, 2025).

Speaking at the event, Prof. Egbewole noted that the commendations were a reflection of the Council's deep appreciation of the pivotal roles played by the two former Deputy Vice-Chancellors in advancing the academic and administrative landscape of the University.

The Vice Chancellor said, "The Council, at its last meeting, mandated the Registrar to write letters of commendation to the immediate past DVC (Academic) and the immediate past DVC (Management Services) for their significant contributions to the growth and development of the University during their tenure."

Prof. Egbewole pointed out that Prof. Omotesho and Prof. Ambali, in their respective roles, were instrumental in implementing key policies and programmes that enhanced both the academic excellence and administrative efficiency of the institution. He added that their leadership and dedication contributed immensely to the continued progress of the University of Ilorin.

In a chat with **UNILORIN Bulletin**, the immediate past Deputy Vice-Chancellors expressed their appreciation to the University Governing Council and the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Egbewole, for the honour bestowed upon them through the letters of commendation.

Prof. Ambali described the

recognition as a reflection of the commitment of the University to acknowledging hard work and dedication, stating that the gesture reinforces the institution's culture of valuing individuals who have significantly contributed to its development.

On his part, Prof. Omotesho explained the importance of appreciation and recognition in inspiring commitment among University staff. He said that when the smallest contribution is acknowledged, it will serve as motivation for others to dedicate themselves to the service of the University.

The former Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic) expressed gratitude to the Vice Chancellor and the Governing Council for the thoughtful recognition accorded him and his colleague after their tenure.

The Letter of Commendation addressed to Prof. Ambali and signed by the Registrar and Secretary to Council, Mr Mansur Adeleke Alfaanla, says, "On behalf of the Council, Senate and Management, I write to formally acknowledge and appreciate your outstanding contributions to the University during your tenure as Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Management Services), which commenced on 19th December, 2022, and ended on 23rd January, 2025.

"Your leadership and expertise have been instrumental in driving the University's strategic objectives, and your commitment to excellence has been evident in all aspects of your work. You have successfully implemented various initiatives and projects that have improved the efficiency and effectiveness of the University's management services, and your collaboration with other members of the University community has been exemplary.

"The University has



■ The Vice Chancellor, Prof. Egbewole (right), presenting the letter to Prof. Omotesho (left)

benefited significantly from your service, and your contributions will have a lasting impact on the institution. Please accept our warmest appreciation and commendation for a job well done.

"I wish you the best in your future endeavours and hope that you will continue to be a source of inspiration and guidance to the University community."

Similarly, the letter written to Prof. Omotesho says, "On behalf of the Council, Senate and Management, I write to formally acknowledge and appreciate your outstanding contributions to the University during your tenure as Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic), which commenced on 19th December, 2022, and ended on 23rd January, 2025.

"Your leadership and vision have been instrumental in promoting academic excellence, innovation, and collaboration within the University community. Your commitment to ensuring that our students receive a world-class education has been unwavering, and your efforts to foster a culture of innovation and entrepreneurship have been truly inspiring.

"The University has made significant strides in various areas, including curriculum development, research, and student affairs under your guidance. Your ability to bring people together and build consensus has been remarkable, and your door had always been open to students and staff who seek your advice and guidance.

"As you complete your tenure, I want to express our deepest gratitude for your service to the University. Your dedication, expertise, and passion for academic excellence have made a lasting impact on our Institution, and we are forever grateful for your contributions.

"Please accept my warmest appreciation and commendation for a job well done. I wish you the best in your future endeavours and hope that you will continue to be a source of inspiration and guidance to the University."



■ The Vice Chancellor (right) presenting the letter to Prof. Ambali (left)

VC pledges support for NBA Women's Forum

By Tajudeen Babamale

The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has pledged the full support of the University for the newly inaugurated Nigerian Bar Association Women's Forum (NBAWF), a vital arm of the NBA dedicated to advancing the interests of female legal professionals to achieve their set goals.

Prof. Egbewole gave this assurance last Friday (February 28, 2025) when he received members of the NBAWF Kwara team who visited him in his office.

The Vice Chancellor appreciated the NBA Women Forum for taking the initiative to visit the University to share its objectives, expressing the University's willingness to collaborate with the Forum, particularly in initiatives aimed at empowering women in the legal profession.

Prof. Egbewole, who is a renowned scholar of Jurisprudence and International Law, explained the importance of empowering women as a critical factor in national development, lauding the NBA for establishing a platform specifically focused on the advancement of women in the legal field.

The Senior Advocate of Nigeria canvassed a synergy between the NBA Women's Forum and the International Federation of Women Lawyers (FIDA), noting that while both organisations may have different approaches, their ultimate goal remains the same.

Reaffirming his personal and



■ Prof. Egbewole

institutional commitment, Prof. Egbewole assured the forum of unrestricted access to the University for any collaborative initiative.

Earlier in her remarks, the NBAWF Kwara Team Lead, Mrs Iwalola Bello, stated that the primary objective for initiating the visit was to introduce members of the NBAWF to the University Management and to solicit the support of the Vice-Chancellor in ensuring its success in the state.

"The Vice Chancellor is one of us; he is our father in the legal profession and a patron of the NBA. That is why we felt that for the NBA Women Forum to take off successfully in Kwara State, it was essential to seek his guidance and support," Mrs Bello said.

She said that the core mandate of the NBA Women Forum focuses on promoting the welfare and professional



■ Mrs Bello

development of female lawyers, noting that the Forum was established as part of the national body of the NBA to address the unique challenges faced by women in the legal profession.

Joining the Vice Chancellor to receive the NBA Women Forum 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 Adeleke Alfa; and the University Librarian, Prof. Kamaldeen Tunde Omopupa.

With Mrs Bello on the NBA Women Forum's entourage were the Kwara State Facilitator, Mrs Balikis Ola Akande; the Secretary, Mrs Halimat Akanbi Jatto; the Assistant Secretary, Mrs. Janet Babalola; and a member, Mrs Sulyman Muslimat.

UNILORIN @ 50: CIE holds international conference

By Abubakar Imam

As the upcoming Golden Jubilee Anniversary of the nation's most sought-after University, the University of Ilorin, gathers momentum, the Institution's Centre for International Education (CIE) will host an international conference between 15 and 17 April, 2025 at the University Auditorium.

The Director of the Centre, Prof. Lateef Onireti Ibraheem, stated this last Tuesday (February 25, 2025) while inaugurating the Local Organising Committee of the Conference, under the Chairmanship of Prof. Bolanle S. Fayomi.

Prof. Onireti disclosed that the theme of the Conference will be "Globalizing Education: Strategies, Challenges and Sustainability", saying that the conference will witness paper presentations by scholars and participants from all over the world.

The Director, who is a specialist in Arabic Literature and Mufti of Ojoku in the Oyun Local Government Area of Kwara State, also disclosed that panel sessions, which will be addressed by some



■ Prof. Onireti

ambassadors of various countries, will also form part of the upcoming international conference.

Prof. Onireti said that the Keynote Speaker will be the Secretary-General of the D-8 Organisation, Ambassador Isiaka Abdulkadir Imam, while the Chairman of the Conference is the Vice Chancellor of the University, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, as the Vice Chancellor of the University of Cape Coast, Ghana, Prof. Johnson Boampong, will be the Chairman of the panel.

To ensure a successful conference, the Director said that the Local Organising Committee has been divided into different sub-committees.

The sub-committees, according to him, are Secretariat, Publicity, Technical and Logistics as well as Welfare under the Chairmanships of Prof. Bolanle S. Fayomi, Dr Sanusi, Dr AbdulHakeem Zubair and Dr Biliqis A. Lawal, respectively.

Responding, the Chairman of the Local Organising Committee, Prof. Fayomi, thanked the Management of the Centre for the opportunity granted her and her colleagues to serve.

Prof. Fayomi, who said that the Conference is targeted at sharing knowledge and projection of international best practices, promised that the Committee would deliver on its assigned task.

She, therefore, enjoined members of the Committee to be prepared to offer their best in terms of service delivery in order to enhance the internationalisation drive of the University.

Donor applauds VTH's efficient usage of facilities

By Abubakar Imam

The Management of the Veterinary Teaching Hospital (VTH), University of Ilorin, has been commended for ensuring the effective and efficient use of available equipment.

This commendation was made last Wednesday (February 26, 2025) by the Team Lead of the Management Service Health (MSH), Mr Kabiru Abdullahi, while presenting an equipment to the VTH at its premises in Sabo-Oke, Ilorin.

Mr Abdullahi, who was accompanied to the event by Dr Aisha Bagudu and Mr Sule Michael Ohiza, said that he was impressed by the conditions of the equipment previously donated by his organisation to the VTH.

The Team Lead said that it was important for the beneficiaries to always keep donated materials in good shape, pointing out that doing so would elicit more support.

He assured the VTH that his organisation would continue to assist the Hospital with more facilities to ensure efficient service delivery.

Receiving the item on behalf of the VTH, the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, thanked the MSH for extending its support to the UNILORIN Veterinary Teaching Hospital.

Prof. Egbewole, who was represented by the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Research, Technology and Innovation),



■ The representative of the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Etudaiye (second left) receiving the equipment from Mr Abdullahi (first right) while the Dean, Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, Prof. Mistura Azeez and Dr Lawal look on

Prof. Muhtar Etudaiye, assured the donor that the donated item would be deployed effectively.

Speaking earlier, the Director of the VTH, Prof. Rauf Ibrahim, expressed gratitude of the management, staff and students to MHS.

Prof. Rauf, who was represented by the Coordinator/Deputy Director of the VTH, Dr Fatai Mobolaji Lawal, said that the previous donated equipment were found to

be of high value and very useful to the Hospital.

The event was attended by the immediate past Deputy Vice Chancellor (Management Services), Prof. Suleiman Funsho Ambali; the Dean, Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, Prof. M. O. Azeez; two former Deans of the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, Prof. S. O. Salami and Prof. M. A. Raji as well as a consultant at the VTH, Dr AbdulRauf Obalolu, among several others.

Learn from industry leaders, Oyewo tasks Performing Arts students

By Bashir Dawodu

The Head of the Department of Performing and Film Arts, University of Ilorin, Prof. Segun Oyeleke Oyewo, has encouraged students in the Department to learn from industry leaders in order to advance their careers.

Prof. Oyewo gave the advice last Wednesday (February 26, 2025), while speaking with **UNILORIN Bulletin** in his office.

He spoke on the need for students to connect with established professionals in the entertainment industry.

"You can't stand alone; reach out during vacation to perform," Prof. Oyewo advised the students, stressing the importance of collaboration and networking.

The don pointed out that teamwork among students fosters growth and helps them achieve common goals.

Prof. Oyewo also underscored the significance of strong relationships between students and lecturers, which he



■ Prof. Oyewo

believes could lead to long term partnerships in the industry.

He urged students to take their studies seriously, as they might not immediately know their future specialisations.

"Others who didn't even study entertainment are making it big. Why not you?" he challenged.

Prof. Oyewo also called on

successful alumni in the entertainment sector to support upcoming talents, reminding them not to forget their journey to success.

Calling for more stage performances, the don announced the Department's plans to revive the tradition of going on tour, a practice that once played a vital role in students' practical learning.

He further encouraged students to develop alternative income sources through their skills rather than relying solely on white collar jobs.

Prof. Oyewo noted that the Department has produced graduates that are making considerable impacts both locally and internationally, pointing out that the Department is working on initiatives to strengthen alumni engagement with their alma mater.

He expressed gratitude to the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, and the University Management for their continuous support for the Department.

The Head of Department also called on the government to provide grants to students that are committed to pursuing careers in the Performing and Film Arts.



■ *The representative of the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Taibat Bakare-Odunola (middle), some top officials of the University, and the honorees after the meeting*

College of Health Sciences celebrates 7 retired professors

*By Tajudeen Babamale
and Abubakar Abdulquadri*

Following the retirement of seven distinguished professors from the College of Health Sciences, University of Ilorin, the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, said their departure represents a significant loss to the institution and that they would be greatly missed by the College.

Prof. Egbewole expressed this sentiment penultimate Friday (February 21, 2025) while speaking at the Special College Academic Board Meeting held in honour of the seven retired professors.

The retired professors are Ayodele Babatunde O. Omotoso, Wahab Babatunde Rotimi Johnson, Donald Nzeh, Enoch Abiodun Afolayan, Charles Nwabuisi, Bashiru Adekunle Okesina, and Emmanuel Obi Okoro.

The Vice Chancellor, represented by the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic), Prof. Moji Taibat Bakare-Odunola, acknowledged the immense contributions of the retirees, noting that the seven scholars, who were part of the College's foundation staff, devoted their lives tirelessly to the service of the University.

Prof. Egbewole, who stated that no gathering would be enough to fully celebrate and appreciate these illustrious teachers of teachers, who, over the years, have mentored great minds, further noted that the honorees would forever be remembered for treating the UNILORIN project as their personal mission, which

has significantly contributed to the institution's progress and reputation.

While saying that the retirement of these seven distinguished professors marks the end of an era in the College of Health Sciences, the Vice Chancellor said that their legacy of academic excellence, mentorship, and institutional development will continue to inspire future generations.

In his remarks, the Provost of the College of Health Sciences, Prof. Sulyman Abiodun Alabi, appealed to the University Senate to grant emeritus professorship status to the retirees. He argued that the only way to mitigate the impact of their departure was to retain their expertise and wisdom as resource persons within the College.

The Provost, who took the opportunity to commend the Vice-Chancellor on his commitment to the development of the College, expressed gratitude for the approval of a new auditorium, which is expected to be ready for use by the end of September. He also commended the Vice Chancellor on donating multi-million-naira medical equipment to the College to further strengthen its capabilities.

In a goodwill message, a former Provost of the College, Prof. Timothy Adedoyin, paid tribute to the retirees and acknowledged their collective role in shaping the current and future generations of staff and students at the College.

Prof. Adedoyin said, having worked with all seven of them, he could testify that each of them had played a role

in his professional growth. "I have learned different things from each of them, which I have used to contribute to the system," he said.

Similarly, the Dean of the Faculty of Clinical Sciences, Prof. Lukman Olajide Abdur-Rahman, expressed gratitude to the retirees for their mentorship, stating that their foundational contributions have continued to guide the current leadership and academic framework of the College.

Responding on behalf of the other retirees, Prof. Omotoso, expressed appreciation to the University for providing them with a platform to excel and mentor others.

Prof. Omotoso, who is a renowned scholar of cardiovascular health and hypertension, expressed gratitude to all professors, readers, and other lecturers of the College of Health Sciences for doing them the honour of holding the first Special Faculty Board Meeting dedicated to celebrating him and his colleagues following their retirement from the University.

He appealed to all staff of the College to always relate and operate as a family, saying that if they remain united and strengthen their various linkages, the College would be stronger, better, and capable of achieving more.

Prof. Omotoso encouraged them to continue operating within the confines of the regulations of the University and to remain a responsible and reliable institution of the government.

Egbewole congratulates UNILORIN Muslim Community on Ramadan

By Abubakar Imam

Following the commencement of this year's Ramadan fasting over the weekend, the Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has enjoined members of the University Muslim Community to make effective use of the period by getting closer to their creator and work harder on their attitudes for the nation to enjoy true rebirth.

Prof. Egbewole, who is also the Secretary-General of the Association of West African Universities (AWAU), gave this advice in a congratulatory message to the University Muslim Community on the occasion of the commencement of the month-long fasting period.

In a statement issued by the Director of Corporate Affairs, Mr Kunle Akogun, the Vice Chancellor felicitated the Muslim staff and students of the University on witnessing another Ramadan season.



■ Prof. Egbewole

While reminding staff of the University to show more commitment to their responsibilities, Prof. Egbewole encouraged them to devote more of their time, energy and resources to worship God and build peace and love with their

neighbours and colleagues.

The Vice Chancellor, who said that fasting goes beyond abstinence from eating and drinking as well as avoiding conjugal pleasure, explained that it revolves around seeking proper reconciliation with Allah and fellow human beings through the demonstration of absolute discipline and positive discretion.

He also charged the well-to-do ones to remember the less privileged by extending one form of support or the other to them in order to promote fraternity in the society.

The Vice Chancellor, who is the Chairman of the KU8+, said that even non-Muslims must enjoy the love of Muslims during and after the Ramadan season for the essence of the period to be justified and appreciated.

Prof. Egbewole wished members of the University Muslim Community and their counterparts across the country a very peaceful and rewarding Ramadan season.

Ajimotoke calls for cleanliness and environmental sustainability

By Idris Alooma

Members of the University of Ilorin community have been urged to prioritise cleanliness and maintain a beautiful environment by properly disposing of refuse.

This call was made by the Chairman of the University Environmental Maintenance Committee, Prof. Habeeb Adewale Ajimotoke, while fielding questions on a UNILORIN FM popular Yoruba programme, 'Oro to n lo', anchored by the Station Manager, Mr Idris Alooma.

Prof. Ajimotoke stressed the importance of keeping the University clean, highlighting the Committee's efforts to maintain a clean and beautiful environment.

Pointing out that the Committee is responsible for cutting grasses and bushes, trimming flowers, cutting trees, and fumigating the University campuses, the don revealed plans to turn waste into

wealth through renewable energy initiatives.

In addition to environmental sustainability, Prof. Ajimotoke discussed the plans of the University to transition to solar energy. He announced that the Department of Mechanical Engineering will soon be supplying the entire University with solar energy, building on the success of its existing solar-powered system.

The Professor of Mechanical Engineering also acknowledged the challenges facing universities in Nigeria, particularly in terms of funding. He shared his personal experience of developing a machine that produces pencils, but struggling to secure funding to mass-produce the product.

Despite these challenges, Prof. Ajimotoke expressed appreciation for the support of the University Management, led by Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN. He noted that the Management has provided necessary funding and resources to support the Committee's initiatives.



■ Prof. Ajimotoke

The don also highlighted the efforts of the University to monitor and support its graduates, many of whom have gone on to achieve great successes. He cited examples of graduates who have given back to the University, such as Babs Omotowa, who built the NLNG facility for the Faculty of Engineering.

IEDPU hails UNILORIN's donation to community projects

By Abubakar Imam

The National President of Ilorin Emirate Descendants Progressive Union (IEDPU), Alhaji Abdulmumini Ayo Abdulmalik, has thanked the Management of the University of Ilorin for donating the sum of ₦350,000 to the Union towards the completion of its ongoing projects.

Alhaji Abdulmalik, in a statement made available to **UNILORIN Bulletin**, said that the Union is extremely delighted

that the fundraising programme, which took place in December, 2024, was not only attended by the Vice Chancellor of the University, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, but it also attracted the positive contribution of the University.

Apart from the donation, the IEDPU President acknowledged other forms of contributions made by some staff members of the University who are providing one form of professional support or the other towards the successful completion of the projects.

Alhaji Abdulmalik said that the gesture of the University is an indication of the existing cordial relationship between the University and the Ilorin community.

The IEDPU President expressed conviction that the relationship between the University and its host community would continue to wax stronger for mutual benefits.

He wished the Vice Chancellor and the entire members of the University community more progress.

Mass Comm. alumni celebrate Mustapha, Kadiri's professorial elevation

By Tajudeen Babamale

Members of the Mass Communication Alumni Association, University of Ilorin (MCAAUIL), have celebrated the recent elevation of two of their former lecturers, Prof. Lambe Kayode Mustapha and Prof. Kehinde Kadiri, to the professorial ranks.

The two lecturers were among the 20 new professors whose promotions were recently approved by the Governing Council of the University of Ilorin.

In separate letters signed by the President of MCAAUIL, Dr Abdulgaffar Arikewuyo, and General Secretary, Dr. Aderemi Adeagbo, presented to the new professors at a gathering held at the Department's Board Room last Wednesday (February 26, 2025), the Association appreciated the remarkable contributions of the scholars to the academia and their mentorship of students over the years.

In their tribute to Prof. Mustapha, the Association described the scholar of Political Communication, Media Effects, New & Social Media Research, as “more than just a lecturer but a true mentor, an outstanding scholar, and an exceptional teacher whose guidance has shaped the lives of many students and graduates of the Department.”

The group said that Prof. Mustapha, as the initiator of MCAAUIL, laid the foundation for a strong network of Mass Communication graduates who remain connected, empowered, and inspired by his leadership, saying, his vision in creating the alumni body has fostered strong ties with the Department, encouraged professional collaborations, and ensured continued support among graduates.

The Association further commended Prof. Mustapha for his dedication to the academia, noting that his legacy extends beyond University of Ilorin, as he had influenced industries and professionals across the world.

In their tribute to Prof. Kadiri, the Association eulogised her exceptional qualities as an expert in Advertising, Public Relations/Development Communications, as a teacher who made learning engaging, supportive, and worthwhile for her students.

MCAAUIL also acknowledged Prof. Kadiri's unwavering support for numerous alumni over the years, noting that her encouragement, guidance, and assistance have helped many navigate both their academic and professional journeys successfully.

The Association further reaffirmed its appreciation for both professors, as it recognised their lasting



■ Prof. Mustapha (right), with the Dean, Prof. Azeez, on the occasion



■ Prof. Kadiri

impact on students and their significant contributions to the academic community.

In his remarks at the brief ceremony, the Dean of the Faculty of Communication and Information Sciences (CIS) and the first Professor of Mass Communication at the University of Ilorin, Prof. Lukman Adeshina Azeez, who presented the plaques and letters to the honorees on behalf of the MCAAUIL, commended the Alumni Association for upholding international best practices.

Prof. Azeez, who expressed joy that more individuals from the Department have attained the pinnacle of their academic careers just few years after him, applauded the Alumni for their continued contributions to the progress of the Department.

On his part, the Head of the Department of Mass Communication, Dr. Patrick Udende, described the gesture by the Alumni Association of the Department as symbolic and deeply meaningful, saying that recognising and appreciating outstanding contributions is a way to amplify positive impacts on humanity.

Dr Udende said that the initiative

by the Alumni Association of the Department was not new, rather an addition to their long-standing efforts in supporting the Department and the University at large.

While encouraging his colleagues in the Department to see the recognition as motivation to strive for greater achievements, the Head of Department told the honorees that much is expected from those who have been given much, thereby challenging them to continue their impactful contributions to the academia and the society.

In his appreciation speech, Prof. Mustapha, who spoke on behalf of his fellow honouree, Prof. Kadiri, expressed deep gratitude to the Alumni Association, saying that the honour bestowed on him and his colleague shows the love, respect and appreciation that the Mass Communication Alumni has for him and other lecturers in the Department as their teachers and mentors.

Prof. Mustapha explained the significance of alumni collaboration with their Alma Mater, stating that such partnerships align with international best practices and contribute significantly to the development of the institution.

Prof. Mustapha applauded the MCAAUIL for the recognition and honour, as he reaffirmed his belief in the positive impact of the Alumni Association and expressed hope for even greater contributions from the group in the future.

Representing the MCAAUIL at the ceremony were Dr Fatima Abubakre, Dr. Abdulrasheed Ajibola Saadudeen and Mr Abdulwahab Tajudeen Babamale. They were joined by the Department's Postgraduate Coordinator, Dr Rasak Adisa, and some postgraduate students of the Department.



UNILORIN WEEKLY FINANCIAL DIGEST

FUND SOURCES AND UTILIZATION REPORT FROM 20TH TO 27TH FEBRUARY 2025

RECEIPTS:	AMOUNT
Academic Transcript	51,000.00
Sundry & Other Fees Student Charges	2,918,100.00
Sundry Other Incomes	714,700.00
Convocation Souvenir	779,100.00
Contractors' Registration Fees	1,000.00
Capitation -NHIS	30,000.00
Staff I.D Cards	4,000.00
Income from Verification /Screening	250,000.00
CODL Undergraduate Charges	442,000.00
Utility Income	53,000.00
Student I.D. Cards	1,000.00
Electricity Charges from Shop , Kiosk	15,000.00
Clinic Registration (Staff)	5,000.00
Publication	164,800.00
University of Ilorin 1000115 fees	10,000.00
Rent on University Property	57,400.00
Refund (Salary)	2,016,178.10
Refund (Non Salary)	121,112.25
Refund	14,000,000.00
Undergraduate School Charges	95,284.00
Undergraduate Transcript Payment	934,800.00
Undergraduate Convocation Charges	293,100.00
Postgraduate School Charges	17,965,150.00
Postgraduate School Transcript Payment	185,000.00
Postgraduate School Registration Fees	405,450.00
Postgraduate Tuition Fees	333,150.00
Institute of Education School Charges	108,498.30
Institute of Education Application Form	299,200.00
Remedial Application Form	30,400.00
Remedial School Charges	1,033,800.00
Remedial Acceptance Payment	60,800.00
Ilorin Business School Application Form	25,200.00
Ilorin Business School Add/Drop Payment	15,200.00
Ilorin Business School Charges	283,600.00
JUPEB Acceptance payment	40,400.00
JUPEB School Charges	471,400.00
Total Receipt for the Period	₦44,213,822.65
PAYMENTS	
PAYMENT TO CONTRACTORS/SUPPLIERS:	
360 Degree Habitat Ltd Supply and Installation of Hardware equipment (CBNTETFUND)	62,262,920.44
Kathland Nig Ltd Construction of Lecture Theatre (CBNTETFUND)	2,934,908.37
Alabaster Blessed Co. Ltd Consultancy fee (CBNTETFUND)	2,934,908.37
Macay Construction Nig Ltd Electrical Services on the Construction of block of Classroom (CBNTETFUND)	2,105,698.03
Ayeloja Engineering Ltd Rebuilding of Entrance Gate	4,842,131.29
Noab Global Concept Ltd Servicing of Generator	175,762.50
Deen Aleem General Merchants Ltd Supply and Installation of Furniture and Fittings	2,402,502.50
Unilorin Liaison office Abuja	
Rockfield Petroleum Products Ltd Supply of Fuel	2,659,300.00
Ribodek Integrated Services Ltd Rehabilitation and Repair of Low lift pump I & II at the University Dam	3,237,900.00
Hintayo Enterprises Supply of Electrical materials in bulk	4,808,111.33
Ibadan Electricity Distr Coy Electricity bill for January 25	196,274,838.22
Cyteck Engineering Construction and Technology Construction and Furnishing of International Hostel	50,691,059.55
Samlola Nig Ent Supply of Reagents and Consumables	3,500,000.00
Ever Phoenix Guest House Hotel Expenses	2,395,237.50
A. B Bond Habitat Ltd Supply and Installation of ICT Equipment (CBNTETFUND)	20,127,970.00
Raib G. Nig Ltd Painting of Bursar Office	453,640.33
Messrs Barqoma International Nig Ltd Construction And Furnishing of Students Hostel (CBNTETFUND)	35,296,082.54
Omega Super Global Trading Services Ltd Supply of Digital Analytical balance	2,526,250.00
OTHER PAYMENTS:	
Various Various i.e DTA, IMPREST, REFUND e.t.c	69,113,845.25
Purchase Advance Various	5,842,200.00
Unilorin Petrol Station Supply of Fuel	6,567,427.75
Unilorin Petrol Station Supply of Fuel	8,289,019.00
Total TSA Charges Various	113,949.50
Total payment for the period	₦489,555,662.47

Signed

Abiodun Lawal (FCNA)

Bursar



S/N	Name	Department	Birthday
1	Balogun, Elizabeth Abidemi	Biochemistry	Mar 02
2	Sijuade, Folake Kunbi	Registry	Mar 02
3	Adekola, Folahan Amoo	Industrial Chemistry	Mar 02
4	Gbadeyan, Rotimi Ayodele	Marketing	Mar 02
5	Adam, Woli Sijuola Ayinde	Security Division	Mar 02
6	Olagunju-Ibrahim, Ridwan Olawale	Islamic Law	Mar 02
7	Ameen, Hafsat Abolore	Epidemiology & Com. Health	Mar 02
8	Iyekolo, Alexander Olushola	Social Science Education	Mar 02
9	Adeyemi, Adesoji Akinwumi	Forest Resources Management	Mar 02
10	Aliyu, Mahmud	Library	Mar 02
11	Muhammed, Yinusa Abiodun	Works: Works/Maint. Office	Mar 02
12	Sulyman, Yahaya Shaban	Biochemistry	Mar 02
13	Odefemi, Mojirade Deborah	Registry	Mar 03
14	Olorunoje, Ramota Adunni	Registry	Mar 03
15	Yisa, Thomas Tsado	Works: Mechanical	Mar 03
16	Baba, Abdullahi Alafara	Industrial Chemistry	Mar 03
17	Kolo, Philip Manma	Medicine	Mar 03
18	Matthew, Oluwatoyin Clara	Registry	Mar 03
19	Olowe, Kehinde Folasayo	Chemistry	Mar 03
20	Ojo, Racheal Funke	Registry	Mar 03
21	Durotola, Oyeboade Andrew	Animal Production	Mar 03
22	Are, Kolawole Emmanuel	Biomedical Engineering	Mar 03
23	Kuranga, Halimat Lawal	Health Services	Mar 03
24	Usman, Sukurat Olasumbo	Pharmacognosy & Drug Development	Mar 03
25	Ganiyu, Lukuman Alani	Registry	Mar 03
26	Ajayi, Adewale Mathew	Registry	Mar 03
27	Isiaq, Adama Dupe	Registry	Mar 03
28	Taiwo, Gbenga Moses	Works: Civil/Building	Mar 04
29	Oyewo, Abdulwasiiu Oloruntoba	Security Division	Mar 04
30	Aliyu, Garuba	Security Division	Mar 04
31	Aransiola, Olusola Timothy	Bursary	Mar 04
32	Abejide, Racheal Suebath	Registry	Mar 04
33	Yusuf, Yakeen Adeshina	Registry	Mar 04
34	Sulyman, Aminat	Central Admin: Office	Mar 04
35	Suleiman, Tajudeen Ayodele	Human Kinetics & Health Edu.	Mar 04
36	Shittu, Lateefat Shade	Registry	Mar 04
37	Ayodeji, Medinat Omowumi	Procurement & Maintenance Suport	Mar 04
38	Abdulmalik, Ismail	French	Mar 04
39	Agboola, Kuburat Titilope	Registry	Mar 04
40	Akinsola, Bamidele	Registry	Mar 04
41	Taiwo, Kemisola Alice	Registry	Mar 04
42	Oniyangi, Abdulhameed Kayode	Geology & Mineral Sciences	Mar 04
43	Omuya, Ohiare Aliu	Works: Works/Maint. Office	Mar 05
44	Bamidele, Kehinde	Registry	Mar 05
45	Abubakar, Ismaila	Security Division	Mar 05
46	Falade, Samuel Olusegun	Registry	Mar 05
47	Fawole, Olufemi Adeniyi	Sociology	Mar 05
48	Ayodele, Timilola Rachael	Registry	Mar 05
49	Badmus, Olalekan Taofeek	Science Education	Mar 05
50	Yusuf, Rasheed Adebisi	Works: Works/Maint. Office	Mar 05
51	Ishola, Abubakar Sidiq	Library	Mar 06
52	Kadir, Yinus	Security Division	Mar 06
53	Musa, Bilikisu Bolajoko	Registry	Mar 06
54	Alabi, Ganiyat Bolanle	University Lodges Unit	Mar 06
55	Adigun, Foyeke Muniratu	Anatomy	Mar 06
56	Abdulfatai, Salamat Ayo	Registry	Mar 06
57	Adebayo, Ahmed Adeshina	Registry	Mar 07
58	Adeniyi, Janet Nike	Registry	Mar 07
59	Ayinde, Jamiu Kehinde	Architecture	Mar 07
60	Oluwaseun, Oluwabukola Victoria	Water Resources & Environmental Engineering	Mar 07
61	Ganiyu, Ganiyat Wumi	Animal Production	Mar 07
62	Abdulkadir, Fatimah Ronke	Chemistry	Mar 07
63	Alebiosu, Emmanuel Olaniyi	Bursary	Mar 08
64	Akosewa, Joseph Adeleke	Biochemistry	Mar 08
65	Ilori, David Ojo	Registry	Mar 08
66	Oseni, Olayinka	Siwes Unit	Mar 08
67	Akinola, Oluwole Busayo	Anatomy	Mar 08
68	Babalola, Folaranmi Dapo	Forest Resources Management	Mar 08
69	Oniye, Sherifat Tinuke	Centre For Counselling & Human Dev	Mar 08
70	Adedayo-Dada, Ayodele Khadijat	Network Operating Centre	Mar 08
71	Isiaq, Abdullateef	Central Research Laboratories	Mar 08
72	Ayinla, Ally Yeketi	Mathematics	Mar 08

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

- While delivering the 274th Inaugural Lecture of the University of Ilorin, titled "Islamic Law and the Woman's Agency", Prof. Azizat Amoloye-Adebayo of the Department of Islamic Law, has called for the amendment of the Child Rights Act, 2023 to accommodate Islamic position on early child marriage.
("UNILORIN don advocates Islamic Marriage in Child Rights Acts", <https://blueprint.ng.com>;
"Underage marriage: Don seeks law to protect women dignity", <https://blueprint.ng>;
"UNILORIN Scholar Calls For Amendment of Child Rights Acts", <https://themetrolawyers.com>; "Don asks

- women to pursue scholarship in Islamic Law", <https://tribuneonlineng.com>)
➤ The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has charged the newly promoted professors of the institution to take up their roles as mentors and leaders to junior academics in their respective Departments, urging them to replicate themselves in the young lecturers.
("UNILORIN VC Admonishes New Professors on Mentoring, Prompt Inaugural lecture", <https://theidealnewsworld.blogspot.com>





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■ The VC at the meeting with Golden Jubilee Anniversary Committee.

You are doing well, VC tells UNILORIN @ 50 Committee

By Abubakar Imam

The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has commended the pace of work already covered by the Planning Committee for the Golden Jubilee Anniversary of the University.

Prof. Egbewole gave this commendation last Tuesday (February 25, 2025) during a meeting between the University Management and members of the Committee in his office.

The Vice Chancellor said that he was impressed by the commitment and industry being demonstrated by the Chairman, Prof. Olugbenga Ayodeji Mokuolu, and members of the Committee.

Prof. Egbewole, who is also the Secretary-General of the Association of West African Universities (AWAU), noted that from the presentation of the Committee Chairman, he was convinced that the Committee was doing "a wonderful job".

He added that the Committee had obviously put a wonderful process in place and that a lot of work had been going on towards making the anniversary truly remarkable.

Prof. Egbewole, however, urged the Committee to swiftly bridge the gap between the laid down process and the envisaged project.

He specifically encouraged the Committee to up the scale in fund raising by ensuring that the much needed "nuisance value" is created for every stakeholder to see the need to be part of the anniversary celebration.

The Vice Chancellor added that meaningful noises must be made at strategic periods and points as he charged the Committee to consider the possibility of appointing strategic partners for every aspect of the anniversary.

He hinted that the University Administration would in March, 2025 appoint 50 UNILORIN ambassadors to stimulate more interest of relevant stakeholders not only on the anniversary but also on the University at large.

Prof. Egbewole, who led other Management staff in pointing out areas for improvement, urged the Committee to ensure a marked departure from what was done during the previous anniversary celebrations of the University, as he also encouraged it to engage in the qualitative comparison of what older universities did during similar outings for the University of Ilorin to do much better.

Briefing the University Management earlier, the Chairman of the Committee, Prof. Mokuolu summarised its activities since its inauguration.

Prof. Mokuolu explained that the Committee had been broken down into different sub-committees for ease of operations.

While noting the significance of adequate funding in the discharge of the Committee's duties, the Chairman explained that various sources of funding have been identified and would be purposively pursued.

He thanked the Vice Chancellor and members of the University Management team for their cooperation and suggestions as he assured the Management that the Committee would look into all the suggestions for implementation.

Prof. Mokuolu specifically assured the Management that the Committee would scale up its activities for the anniversary to be a truly memorable one.

An alumnus of the University's College of Health Sciences, Dr Niyi Oshamiluyi, who spoke with the Vice Chancellor on the phone in the course of the meeting, promised to assist the University with the construction of a platform that would make financial contributions by alumni and other friends of the University from different parts of the world and in different currencies easy.

Dr Oshamiluyi, who appreciated the Vice Chancellor for keeping the flag of the University flying, assured him that everything worth doing would be done by him to ensure that the anniversary is successfully held.

Other Management staff at the meeting include the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic), Prof. Moji Taibat Bakare-Odunola; the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Management Services), Prof. Adegboyega Adisa Fawole; the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Research, Technology and Innovation), Prof. Muhtar Etudaiye; the Registrar, Mr Mansur Adeleke Alfaola; the representative of the Bursar, Mr AbdulRasheed Atanda Ahmed and the University Librarian, Prof. Kamaldeen Tunde Omopupa, among others.