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Egbewole calls for end to 'silo mentality' in varsity operations

By Tajudeen Babamale

The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has urged all Faculties, Departments, Directorates, Centres, and Units within the Institution to foster greater collaboration and desist from operating in isolation.

Prof. Egbewole made this appeal last Tuesday (April 8, 2025) during a meeting with Deans, Directors, Deputy Registrars, and Deputy Bursars on Process Mapping at the University Auditorium.

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■ Prof. Egbewole, SAN addressing the meeting last Tuesday

UNILORIN, Sobi Military Cantonment seek stronger collaboration

By Tajudeen Babamale

The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has expressed delight at the recent posting of Brig. Gen. Ezra Bawa Barkins as the 23rd Commandant of the 22 Brigade, Nigerian Army, Sobi Cantonment, Ilorin.

Prof. Egbewole, who

stated this last Monday (April 7, 2025) while receiving Brig. Gen. Barkins in his office, also called for the exploration of fresh avenues for cooperation and collaboration between the University and the military formation. He noted that such efforts would further consolidate the longstanding cordial relationship that exists between the University of Ilorin and the Brigade.

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■ Brig. Gen. Barkins (right) presenting a souvenir to the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Egbewole, SAN, during the visit last Monday

Babalola debunks myths militating against beneficial forest management

By Festus Ogunyinka

The Head of the Department of Forest Resources Management, University of Ilorin, Prof. Folaranmi Dapo Babalola, has called for a better perception and understanding of forests and trees, saying they are "the lungs of the earth that play an indispensable role in sustaining life, fostering economic

development, and mitigating the adverse effects of climate change."

Prof. Babalola made this call last Thursday (April 10, 2025) while delivering the 277th Inaugural Lecture of the University, titled "The Beliefs, Myths, and Facts about Forests and Connection to Humanity", at the University Auditorium.

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■ Prof. Babalola

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■ *At the opening ceremony of the 3-Day Capacity Building programme by the Centre for Affiliated Institutions for affiliated institutions to University of Ilorin, Nigeria*

Egbewole charges affiliated institutions to uphold UNILORIN's core values

By **Tajudeen Babamale**
and **Isaac Lewu**

The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, (SAN), has emphasised the importance of integrity among institutions affiliated with the University, declaring that all such institutions must uphold UNILORIN's core values.

Prof. Egbewole stated this last Monday (April 7, 2025) while declaring open a three-day Capacity-Building Training Workshop organised by the Centre for Affiliated Institutions (CAI) for the 16 institutions affiliated to the University.

The Vice Chancellor pointed out that integrity, being the foremost of the University's core values, must be reflected in all activities and practices of its affiliated institutions, saying that since students from affiliated institutions graduate with certificates bearing the name of the University of Ilorin, the same standards of learning and character must be expected and enforced.

He noted that there should be no distinction in quality between students from the University and those from its affiliated institutions, stressing that "whatever operates in our university should operate in your institutions as well".

He added that "at the end of the day, no one will be able to tell the difference between your students and those of the University of Ilorin".

Prof. Egbewole also highlighted

the importance of quality assurance mechanisms, particularly in teaching delivery, student assessment, and examination invigilation, as key components for sustaining academic integrity.

He said, "We are putting a spotlight on the certificates your students are taking away. We want to ensure that the quality of delivery, the standard of assessments, and the level of invigilation during examinations in your institutions reflect the standards we uphold at the University of Ilorin".

Prof. Egbewole appreciated the Director of the Centre, Prof. Yahya Oyewole Imam, for organising the Workshop, noting that such platforms are essential for repositioning both the University and its affiliates to meet emerging challenges in the education sector.

He expressed hope that participants at the Workshop would identify critical issues that would further enhance the relationship between the University and its affiliates, and eventually develop a blueprint to serve as a guide for continuous cooperation and shared success.

Earlier in his speech, the Director of the Centre for Affiliated Institutions (CAI), Prof. Imam, noted that the idea of the capacity-building workshop was not originally part of the Centre's agenda, but rather a proactive response to the observations he made when he assumed office as Director.

Prof. Imam explained that the workshop was designed to address operational gaps that had hindered the efficient and effective functioning of the Centre, particularly in aligning the practices of affiliated institutions with the standards of the University of Ilorin.

The Director emphasised the importance of harmonising academic and administrative processes across all affiliated institutions, noting that students from these institutions graduate with degrees awarded by the University of Ilorin. Therefore, he said, they must be trained and assessed according to the same high standards.

Prof. Imam expressed optimism that the workshop would provide a platform to address these challenges, foster a shared understanding of expectations, and build a roadmap for improved synergy between the University and its affiliates.

Speakers at the workshop included the former Director, Centre for Affiliated Institutions, University of Ilorin, who is now the Provost of the Federal College of Education, Iwo, Osun State, Prof. R. I. Adebayo; another former Director of the Centre, Prof. Abfulrafi'i Oyewumi Omotosho; the Dean, Faculty of Education, Prof. Lasiele A. Yahaya; Prof. Afolake Nafisat Adedokun-Shittu of the Department of Educational Technology; the Ag. Head of the Department of Arabic and Transnational Studies, Dr Hassanat Funmilayo Abubakar; the Deputy Director of the Academic Planning Unit, Mr Gidado Abdulrasheed Dauda; and Mrs Shade Aduloju of the Academic Support Services Unit.

Also in attendance were the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Management Services,) Prof. Adegboyega Adisa Fawole; the Registrar and Secretary to Council, Mr Mansur Adeleke Alfanla; the University Librarian, Prof. Kamaldeen Omopupa; and the University Bursar, Mr Abiodun Lawal, who was represented by a Deputy Bursar, Mr Muhammed Akanbi.

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The Vice Chancellor explained that the call for a more unified approach stemmed from concerns raised by the University Governing Council at its meeting held in December 2024. He said that the Council observed that many units and organs of the University appeared to be working independently of one another, even though their functions are often interdependent.

Prof. Egbewole cited examples of how different arms of the University interact regularly, such as the common link between Faculties and the Bursary or Registry, or the collaborative engagements between the Centre for Open and Distance Learning, the Institute of Education, and the Ilorin Business School.

The Vice Chancellor explained that process mapping, which is a strategic initiative being introduced is designed to help the University identify and streamline its work flows, clarify roles, and enhance efficiency. He said, "We cannot continue to operate in silos; it is hindering our ability to map our processes effectively".

He encouraged every Faculty and Department to clearly define their roles, responsibilities, and lines of interaction, saying that such clarity will ensure the success of the process mapping effort and, ultimately, drive institutional progress.

Also speaking at the meeting, the Director of Academic Planning (DAP), Prof. AbdulRasheed A. Adeoye, explained the significance of understanding interdependence across the various units and organs of the University. He said that

process mapping is not merely a bureaucratic exercise but a necessary step toward improving service delivery and institutional efficiency.

Prof. Adeoye explained that "process mapping simply means understanding what I do, how I do it, and how it affects others within the system. When a particular unit fails to perform its responsibilities, it renders connected departments or units unable to function effectively. That is the essence of interdependence and it is what we aim to capture through this process."

Using the example of result processing, the DAP illustrated how failure at one level could stall the entire academic chain. He said, "When a Department fails to process students' results, the Faculty Board cannot meet to deliberate on them, and subsequently, the Business Committee of Senate (BCOS) cannot approve them. This creates a domino effect that affects students and the entire academic activities."

Prof. Adeoye said that the University is striving to formally establish the interconnectivity of its operational processes to ensure that services are delivered seamlessly and efficiently across all Faculties, Departments, and administrative units.

He also pointed out the importance of using official communication channels. "For the sake of accountability and professionalism, staff members are encouraged to use official emails in all correspondences. Personal emails are not acceptable for institutional communications," he said.

The Director of Academic

Planning urged participants to carefully examine the nature of relationships that exist among the various units and identify both the strengths and the weak points. He added that by highlighting the challenges and limitations in the current system, they are not just pointing out problems, they are helping management to develop practical solutions to those challenges."

Contributing to the discussion, the Director of the Computer Services and Information Technology (COMSIT), Prof. Rasheed Jimoh, commended the University Management for initiating what he described as a timely and transformative exercise aimed at streamlining the institution's operations.

Prof. Jimoh described the Process Mapping initiative as a strategic step towards achieving effective service delivery through better coordination and synergy among interrelated units across the University.

The COMSIT Director revealed that the University's core processes have already been identified, and that these would be shared with relevant Directors and Heads of Units to ensure widespread understanding and ownership of the system.

According to him, the end goal is to automate all university processes in a way that promotes transparency, efficiency, and ease of operation. "The process mapping will give us the structure we need to build an integrated enterprise system that reflects the true workflow of the institution," he added.

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The Vice Chancellor described the visit by the Commander as thoughtful and timely, adding that it was clearly aimed at deepening mutual understanding and partnership between the two institutions.

Prof. Egbewole acknowledged the cordial relationship that had existed between the University and the 22 Brigade over the years and stressed the importance of strengthening and expanding the bond.

As a demonstration of appreciation for the visit, the Vice Chancellor announced that the University would reciprocate by paying a return visit to the Brigade to further

affirm its commitment to the partnership.

Prof. Egbewole expressed optimism that both institutions would continue to identify new areas of collaboration that would be beneficial to their operations, adding that institutions such as the University and the military need each other to improve their internal processes and systems.

While speaking on the establishment of a new Centre for Management and Leadership at the University, Prof. Egbewole pointed out that one of the major challenges facing Nigeria today is the issue of effective leadership, saying that the Centre was created as part of the institution's response to this national concern. He expressed hope that officers from the 22 Brigade would take advantage of the Centre's offerings by enrolling in its

certificate programmes to enhance their professional skills and status.

Speaking earlier, the Commandant of the 22 Brigade, Nigerian Army, Brig. Gen. Ezra Bawa Barkins, said that the objective of the courtesy call was to seek stronger collaboration and enhanced synergy with the University of Ilorin.

Brig. Gen. Barkins acknowledged the existing cordial relationship between the Brigade and the University but stressed the need for deeper and more robust engagement. According to him, the current realities demand that institutions like the military and academia work more closely to achieve mutual goals and contribute meaningfully to national development.

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Babalola debunks myths militating against beneficial forest management

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The don, who is the first professor produced by the Department and its first Inaugural Lecturer, said, “Despite the benefits that forests provide, the relationship between forests, trees, and humanity is frequently misunderstood, masked in misconceptions (also known as myths) that obscure the realities thereby requiring urgent needs for interventions.”

Prof. Babalola, who has research collaboration in over 40 countries, and also a consultant to renowned international organisations such as the Food and Agricultural Organisation of the United Nations (FAO) and the Tropical Biology Association (TBA), identified some of the myths and misconceptions, which, he said, “can influence peoples’ perceptions about nature, conservation, and human interactions with forests, sometimes leading to misguided policies or unsustainable practices”, as follows:

On the myth that forests are endless and can be exploited indefinitely, the don said, “Many people assume that forests are vast and will never run out, leading to unsustainable logging and deforestation.” He, however, posited that “forests are fragile ecosystems that require careful management.”

On the misconception that forests are dangerous and inhabited by evil spirits, Prof Babalola said, “Some traditional beliefs depict forests as mysterious and home to supernatural beings. But he pointed out that “while forests hold cultural, traditional, and spiritual significance, they are ecosystems rich in biodiversity.”

On the myth that forests are just trees, the don opined that “many people view forests as nothing more than collections of trees, ignoring their complex ecosystems.” He, however, clarified that “forests provide habitat for diverse wildlife, regulate water cycles, store carbon, and contribute to soil health.”

Demystifying another belief that forests recover quickly after deforestation, Prof. Babalola said, “Natural forest regeneration is a slow process that can take decades or even centuries, depending on

the ecosystem”, pointing out that “while some trees may regrow quickly, others may take longer years. Also, the biodiversity, soil health, and ecological functions of a deforested area may never fully recover.”

Commenting on another misconception that forests are useless and should be cleared for agriculture, the Inaugural Lecturer said, “Converting forests to farmland may offer short-term benefits but often leads to soil degradation, reduced rainfall, and long-term agricultural losses. Sustainable land-use practices, including agroforestry and conservation farming, allow for both food production and forest conservation.”

Prof. Babalola, who is the Manager of UNILORIN Teak Plantation, which he described as “the largest teak plantation owned by an institution in Sub-Saharan Africa”, spanning some 500 hectares, had supervised hundreds of undergraduate and postgraduate students’ projects and theses.

Observing that “without urgent action, deforestation will worsen climate change, leading to increased desertification, loss of biodiversity, and disruptions in ecosystem services that millions depend on”, the Inaugural Lecturer canvassed for increased public awareness to highlight the vital role of forests in sustainable development and address common misconceptions about forestry as a profession, active planting and restoration of indigenous tree species and updating national forest policies to reflect current ecological, economic and social realities.



■ Prof. Babalola (left) presenting the Lecture Notes to the representative of the Vice Chancellor (right), Prof. Etudaiye last Thursday

Prof. Babalola called on the University Management to constantly review the Forestry curricula and conduct “sustainable management of Unilorin Teak Plantation and implement best silvicultural practices, such as re-stocking vacant spaces, pruning trees, and long-term maintenance.”

According to him, this will enhance timber quality and plantation sustainability. He further submitted that leveraging carbon markets and securing dedicated funding will provide financial stability and contribute to global climate change mitigation.

Prof. Babalola also called for policies to enhance the University Campus Tree Management Committee (UCTMC) saying that “strengthening the committee with adequate funding, skilled personnel, and necessary resources will ensure effective management, restoration, and protection of campus trees, and creating a greener and more sustainable learning environment.”

The Inaugural Lecture was delivered under the chairmanship of the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, represented by the Deputy Vice Chancellor (RTI), Prof. Muhtar Etudaiye

Sambo to deliver 278th Inaugural Lecture April 17th



Prof. Sambo

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-seventh (276th) Inaugural Lecture of the University, scheduled as follows:
Lecturer: Professor AbdulFatai Oladapo Sambo

LL.B (Combined Hons)
(Ilorin); **LL.M (Ilorin)**; **Ph.D.**
(Malaysia); **B.L. (Abuja)**

Department: Public Law,

Faculty: Law,

Topic: “Judicialising Politics without Politicising the Judex”

Date: Thursday, 17th April, 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

Ogidi assures UNILORITES of adequate security

By Abubakar Imam

The Ag Director of the Security Division, University of Ilorin, Mr Paul Ogidi, has assured members of the University community of adequate security, particularly within the University premises.

Mr Ogidi gave this assurance last Tuesday (April 8, 2025) while speaking with **UNILORIN Bulletin** in his office.

The Director explained that his Unit has now been fortified with more men and resources to swiftly tackle security challenges.

Mr Ogidi hinted that his unit is now more intelligence-driven than ever before as he said that crime prevention is its watchword, saying that everything worth doing would be done to ensure that the University remains the nation's most sought-after institution of learning.

To achieve this, Mr Ogidi said that the University now has a full complement of functional patrol vehicles and motorcycles that are placed



■ Mr Ogidi

in strategic locations within the campus to ensure rapid response to challenges whenever they occur.

Mr Ogidi added that the patrol facilities would continue to be deployed to bring security services closer to members of the University community as he warned all those who have criminal tendencies to ply their trade elsewhere or prepare for their

Waterloo.

He added that the watertight security arrangement is not only for the Main Campus but also extended to the Mini-campus of the University and the School of Preliminary Studies, Fufu, as well as other facilities belonging to the University.

He added that the Security Division was also prepared to enhance the safety of other members of the public who have one thing or the other to do at the institution.

Mr Ogidi, who is a retired senior operative of the Department of State Services (DSS), thanked the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, for his support to his Division.

He particularly commended the Vice Chancellor for making adequate human and material resources available for his Division, saying that the Division now has over 100 new operatives deployed to all the nooks and crannies of the University.

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He recalled his previous service at the Brigade as the Chief of Staff to the Commandant between 2018 and 2019, stating that his return to the state in a higher capacity offered a renewed opportunity to build on the foundation that had already been laid.

Brig. Gen. Barkins expressed appreciation for the longstanding cooperation between the University and the 22 Brigade, describing it as impactful. He noted that his visit was

also to officially inform the University community of his return to Kwara State, this time as the Commandant of the Brigade, and to reaffirm his commitment to deepening institutional relations.

He appealed for the University's continued understanding and cooperation, particularly in the area of sharing actionable intelligence that could support national security efforts. He stressed the importance of timely information sharing in addressing security challenges and fostering a safer environment for both academic and

civilian communities.

The Vice Chancellor was joined to receive the military team by the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Management Services), Prof. Adegboyega Adisa Fawole; the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Research, Technology and Innovation), Prof. Muhtar Adeiza Etudaiye; the Bursar, represented by a Deputy Bursar, Mr Mohammed Jimoh Akanbi; the University Librarian, Prof. Kamaldeen Tunde Omopupa; and the Director of Works, Engr. Ramoni Kolawole Amoo.

UNILORIN to host Moot Court contest on DLAP

The Department of Jurisprudence and International Law, Faculty of Law, University of Ilorin is set to host the first ECOWAS Court-focused Moot Court Competition in Nigeria.

The Moot court, which focuses on Disability Law Advocacy Project (DLAP), is centred on issues affecting persons with disability, free movement

within the ECOWAS region, child rights and access to education of persons with disability.

Twelve universities have expressed interest in the preliminary rounds, which is presently on-going.

Four semi-finalists will be announced in an online event on April 17, at 5.00 p.m. Nigerian time.

The Semi-Finals will take place physically at the Moot Court Complex of the University of Ilorin from May 12 to 15, 2024.

Dr. Ousman Diallo, the Director of Research of the Court will conduct a workshop on the workings, procedure and jurisprudence of the ECOWAS Court on May 14, 2025.

Egbewole congratulates Ali on Kuliya title, thanks Emir

By Abubakar Imam

The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has congratulated an Ilorin-based prominent legal practitioner, Prof. Yusuf Olaolu Ali, SAN, on his turbaning as the first Kuliya Ngeri of Ilorin last Friday (April 11, 2025) by the Emir of Ilorin and Chairman of the Kwara State Council of Chiefs, Alhaji (Dr) Ibrahim Sulu-Gambari, CFR.

In a statement issued by the University Director of Corporate Affairs, Mr Kunle Akogun, the Vice Chancellor described the appointment and eventual turbaning of the senior lawyer as “well-deserved and a very remarkable episode in the life of the honouree and the annals of Ilorin.”

Prof. Egbewole, who was one of the dignitaries from far and near that graced the event, explained that Prof. Ali has proved to be deserving of the title, going by his trajectory of positive contributions towards the peace and development of Ilorin Emirate and



■ Prof. Ali, SAN, first Kuliya Ngeri of Ilorin

humanity at large over the years.

The Vice Chancellor, who described Prof. Ali as his brother and friend and a distinguished friend of the University, said that his life has been a model to all, adding that his

turbaning as the first holder of the prestigious title would surely spur him to do more for the Ilorin Emirate and humanity at large.

Prof. Egbewole also thanked the Emir, who is also the Chancellor of the Bayero University, Kano, and Muhammad Kamalud-Deen University, Ilorin, for always asserting unity and exerting leadership not just in his words but also in his actions before and since he ascended the throne of his illustrious forebears about 30 years ago.

The Vice Chancellor said that the decision of the prominent monarch to confer such a prestigious title on a non-indigene is not just a proof of his being a father to all but would equally stimulate other non-indigenes living within and around Ilorin to feel at home and work for its progress as often done by Prof. Ali.

While wishing the Emir long life, sound health and continuous peaceful reign, Prof. Egbewole also wished the Kuliya of Ilorin a very successful reign and more remarkable career.

Student Union donates souvenirs to mark UNILORIN's 50th anniversary

By Tajudeen Babamale

The Student Union of the University of Ilorin has presented some specially designed souvenirs to the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, as part of its contribution to the forthcoming golden jubilee celebration of the Institution.

The leadership of the Union, accompanied by the Ag Dean of Student Affairs, Dr Alex Akanmu, presented the souvenirs to the Vice Chancellor last Tuesday (April 8, 2025), during a courtesy visit to the Vice Chancellor.

In his remarks after receiving the souvenirs, Prof. Egbewole appreciated the Student Union for blazing the trail, noting that they are the first stakeholder to officially make a donation towards the 50th anniversary of the University. He described the gesture as a mark of responsible and visionary student leadership.

The Vice Chancellor further praised the Union for taking the initiative, adding that, “they have shown what it means to be responsive and responsible leaders. As the first stakeholder to present a commemorative item for the 50th anniversary, they have set a worthy example for others to follow.”

Prof. Egbewole expressed optimism that the Student Union would continue to lead by example, helping to blaze the trail in efforts to reposition the University for greater achievements.

Speaking with **UNILORIN**

Bulletin, the President of the Student Union, Mr Victor Oghenetega Agezeh, reiterated the commitment of the student body to positioning students as key stakeholders in the life of the University.

Mr Agezeh noted that the present Executive Committee of the Student Union is determined to leave a legacy of meaningful contributions ahead of its exit from office.

He noted that although the

current Student Union leadership will complete its tenure before the official 50th anniversary celebration in November, they are proud to have initiated a symbolic gesture that sets the tone for student involvement in the milestone event.

Also speaking with the **UNILORIN Bulletin**, the Ag Dean of Student Affairs, Dr Alex Akanmu, commended the Student Union for its proactive contributions towards the University's 50th anniversary, describing the Union's initiative as a demonstration of responsible leadership.

Dr Akanmu praised the current Union leadership for taking the initiative to be part of the golden jubilee festivities.

While speaking on the reason why the Student Union leadership took the



initiative, the Ag Dean of Student Affairs said, “It is quite commendable that despite knowing they will not be in office when the University celebrates the milestone, they chose to do something significant to register their participation and ensure that students are visibly represented in this historic moment.”

Dr Akanmu further expressed hope that the upcoming anniversary would not only be memorable but would also inspire deeper unity and collaboration across the University community. He encouraged other student leaders, past and present, to take a cue from the gesture and remain committed to the advancement of the University of Ilorin.

Social Work now indispensable in solving societal challenges - Egbewole

By Tajudeen Babamale

The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has described Social Work as an increasingly vital profession, given its expanding role in addressing a wide range of societal challenges.

Prof. Egbewole said this last Wednesday (April 9, 2025) when he received the First Lady of Kwara State, Amb. Olufolake Abdulrazaq, who was part of a team from the Nigeria Association of Social Workers (NASoW), who paid him a courtesy call ahead of their participation at the 11th National Convention/AGM of the Nigerian Association of Social Works Students (NASOWS).

Represented by the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Research, Technology and Innovation), Prof. Muhtar Adeiza Etudaiye, the Vice Chancellor mentioned the growing recognition of the field as not only relevant but also indispensable in contemporary society. He added that Social Work is evolving into a profession to reckon with due to its unique focus on offering practical solutions to social issues.

He said, "Social Work is an evolving area in our lives. It became even more prominent during times of war and crisis and most recently during the COVID-19 pandemic, when many people suffered from depression due to isolation and limited human interaction."

The Vice Chancellor pointed out that the profession is gaining relevance because of its hands-on nature and its ability to address real-life problems across various levels of the society, from national emergencies to personal and domestic issues.

Earlier in her remarks, the First Lady of Kwara State, Amb. Olufolake Abdulrazaq, called for collaboration between the University of Ilorin and the Kwara State Ministry of Social Development in the drive to improve social welfare across the state.

Represented by the Commissioner for Social Development, Dr Maryam Nnafatima Imam, the First Lady noted the state's commitment to harnessing the potential of social work in addressing pressing societal challenges.



■ *After the opening ceremony of the 11th National Conference/AGM of the National Association of Social Work Students, NASOWS last Wednesday*

She noted that while efforts have been made, the synergy between the University of Ilorin and the Ministry of Social Development is still lacking. She said, "We have noticed that the synergy between the University of Ilorin and the Ministry is not yet cordial. Hence, we need to work together to foster changes in Kwara State to ensure tangible impact for the people of the state. We know that there are researchers in the department who could come up with findings that will help improve the quality of life of the people of Kwara State."

Also speaking, the Ag Dean of Student Affairs, Dr Alex Akanmu, described the National Social Work Convention as a trailblazing initiative, marking a historic moment for both the University and the field of Social Work in the country.

Dr Akanmu lauded the scale and impact of the convention, saying it is the first of its kind and the largest congregation of Social Work students ever held in the country.

The Dean explained the diverse participation at the convention, with students from different regions and backgrounds across the nation converging on the University of Ilorin campus to learn the nitty-gritty of their work and to have social interaction with their colleagues.

Dr Akanmu noted that the convention was not only a platform for academic engagement, but also an opportunity for students to build networks, exchange ideas, and foster unity among aspiring social workers from

various institutions.

On his part, the Ag Head of the Department of Social Work, Dr Sunday Evaristus Abonyi, appreciated the Vice Chancellor for his resolute support and approval for the University to host the maiden National Social Work Convention in Nigeria.

Describing the event as a landmark achievement for the University and the Department, the Head of Department highlighted the rising popularity and acceptance of Social Work as a vital academic and professional field across the country.

Dr Abonyi said Social Work has become a very popular course in Nigeria today, and many universities are seeing the need to run the programme, adding that the growing interest reflects the critical role of the profession in addressing complex societal challenges.

The Vice Chancellor was joined to receive the guests by the University Registrar, Mr Mansur Adeleke Alfanla; and the Bursar, represented by a Deputy Bursar, Mr Mohammed Jimoh Akanbi.

Others at the meeting were the National President, Nigeria Association of Social Workers (NASoW), Alhaji Mashood Mustapha; the President of IFSW Africa Region, Mrs Toni Adeleke; and the President, International Federation of Women Lawyers (FIDA), Kwara State, Mrs Gloria Okoduwa, among others.

Onireti charges scholars to emulate Alabi's industry

By Abubakar Imam

The Director, Centre for International Education (CIE), University of Ilorin, Prof. Lateef Onireti Ibraheem, has charged scholars, particularly those in the field of Arabic and Islamic Studies, to emulate the industry and integrity of a former Head of the Department of Arabic, Prof. Isa Alabi Abubakar, for the two disciplines to produce more outstanding professionals.

Prof. Onireti, who is also the Grand Mufti of Ojoku in the Oyun Local Government Area of Kwara State, made this appeal in Ilorin penultimate Saturday (April 5, 2025) while speaking to *UNILORIN Bulletin* on the sideline of the public presentation of two books in honour of Prof. Abubakar.

The Director explained that Prof. Abubakar's distinguished career, which has been marked by unparalleled expertise in Arabic poetry and unbendable integrity, has been a beacon of inspiration to countless students and scholars.

While recalling that it was Prof. Abubakar who supervised his Ph.D. thesis and those of several others, Prof. Onireti said that he has had the privilege of witnessing the unwavering dedication of the renowned Arabist to the pursuit of knowledge and particularly his unrelenting passion for the Arabic language.

He added that Prof. Abubakar's groundbreaking research publications and seminal works have not only enriched the field of Arabic poetry but



■ Prof. Abubakar

also paved the way for future generations of scholars.

Prof. Onireti remarked that the launch of Prof. Abubakar's compendium of Arabic poetry titled "Sawtul Khaatir" (Voice of the Heart) is a testament to his enduring legacy, and the Festschrift in his honour is a fitting tribute to his remarkable contributions.

The Director explained that the collection of essays and poems celebrating Prof. Abubakar's contributions stand as a poignant reminder of the profound impact he has had on the world of Arabic Literature.

While describing Prof. Abubakar as a doyen in the field of Arabic poetry in Nigeria, Prof. Onireti said that he was delighted to be part of the events put together to pay tribute to Prof. Abubakar's remarkable achievements, particularly his tireless efforts at promoting the beauty and richness of



■ Prof. Onireti

Arabic poetry.

Prof. Abubakar, who is recognised by the authorities of the famous Al-Azhar University, Cairo, Egypt, as the best Arabic poet from the West African sub-region, retired from the services of the University of Ilorin in 2023 on his attainment of the age of 70.

The event was attended by several dignitaries including the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Administration), Kwara State University, Malete, Prof. Moshood Mahmud Jimba; a former Dean, Postgraduate School, University of Ilorin, Prof. Badmas Olanrewaju Yusuf; a former Deputy Chief Imam of the University of Ilorin Central Mosque, Dr Yusuf Kolawole Jimoh; and a Senior Lecturer at the Department of Arabic, University of Ilorin, Dr Mahmud Musa Danjuma, among others.

UNILORIN student leads project team to win €1,200 grant

By Mustafa Abubakar

A 400-level student of the Department of Food Engineering, University of Ilorin, Qudus Aduragbemi Balogun, has emerged as the project leader in a team that recently won the prestigious European Youth Empowerment Fund.

Other members of the team are Prof. M.O. Sunmonu, and Dr M. S. Sanusi, all of the Food Engineering Department of the University, and they jointly won the €1,200 European Youth Empowerment Grant.

A statement jointly issued by the Project Supervisor, Prof. M. O. Sunmonu and Project Coordinator, Dr M. S. Sanusi, a copy of which was made available to *UNILORIN Bulletin* last Tuesday (April 8, 2024), disclosed that the initiative, which falls under the "Young Individual" category of the grant, highlights youth-driven innovation and leadership in



■ Mr Balogun

development-focused projects.

The statement added that the "Award-winning proposal, titled "Empowering Smallholder Farmers with Climate-Resilient and Vertical Farming Skills," is a four-month initiative that will be implemented in Ilorin, with the goal of

training 100 youths in sustainable agricultural practices including vertical farming systems and climate-resilient techniques".

According to the statement, the grant will cover the procurement of training materials and vertical farming structures, as well as the design and fabrication of a dryer and acquisition of tools for effective data collection and analysis.

The project also includes other experts' contributions from Prof. J. O. Olaoye, Dr M. M. Odewole, Dr T. D. Akpenpuun, and Dr O. Ahmed, who represented the Departments of Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering, Food Engineering, and Crop Protection, respectively.

The project is scheduled to begin on April 28, 2025, and it is expected to significantly contribute to youth empowerment and the promotion of innovative agricultural solutions in the region.



■ *The Dean, Prof. Azeez (4th right) with other members of staff and students, after the event, last Wednesday*

Faculty of Vet. Medicine holds 'Heart-to-Heart Talk' with students

By Bashirat Omotosho

The Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, in collaboration with the Unilorin Counseling and Human Development Centre, has held the second edition of its interactive student-focused programme, tagged 'Heart-to-Heart Talk'.

The event, which was held last Wednesday (April 9, 2025) at the Lecture Theatre of the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, brought together students and seasoned professionals from various units within the University for an open dialogue on pressing student welfare issues.

In her welcome address, the Dean of the Faculty, Prof. Mistura Oyeibisi Azeez, expressed delight at the continuity of the initiative.

She emphasised the importance of creating safe spaces where students can freely engage with professionals on issues that affect their mental, emotional, and academic well-being.

Prof. Azeez reiterated the Faculty's commitment to supporting students beyond academics, highlighting that true success is only achievable when the mind and body are in harmony.

Speaking on Mental Health, Substance Abuse, and Suicidal Thoughts, Dr Monsur Olalekan Awodun of the Department of Behavioural Sciences provided insightful guidance on the growing mental health challenges faced by youths.

He noted that high academic expectations, peer pressure, and social

isolation are among the factors triggering emotional distress among students, sometimes leading to harmful coping mechanisms such as substance abuse.

Dr Awodun further encouraged students to seek help and utilise the mental health support services available within the University.

He emphasised that asking for help is not a sign of weakness, but a step towards healing and strength. He also called on lecturers and peers to be more empathetic and observant, offering support and referral where necessary.

The Director of the Centre for Gender Studies, Prof. Patricia Omojasola, in her lecture, titled "Sexual Harassment in the Academic Environment from a Gender Perspective", highlighted the often-overlooked gender dynamics that fuels harassment in higher institutions and urged both staff and students to understand and respect boundaries.

Prof. Omojasola also shared strategies for identifying and reporting harassment, stressing the importance of courage and institutional support in addressing these issues. She called on members of the University community to uphold dignity, equality, and professionalism in all their interactions, assuring students of the University's zero-tolerance for any form of harassment.

Dr Amoloye from the University Health Services discussed "Hormonal Imbalance in Females and Prostate Health in Males", noting that these are often neglected topics among young adults.

She explained how hormonal fluctuations in females could affect mood, metabolism, and reproductive health, while

also highlighting the importance of early detection and lifestyle changes.

On the issue of prostate health, Dr Amoloye encouraged male students to prioritise their health and not shy away from medical checkups. She pointed out that although prostate conditions are more common with age, early signs can be detected and managed, especially with proper education and preventive care.

The discussion on "Examination Malpractice and Dress Code" was led by Mr Ajiboye from the Guidance and Counselling Unit. He underscored the dangers of engaging in malpractice, noting how it undermines the value of academic achievement and can ruin students' futures.

On the issue of dress code, Mr Ajiboye reminded students that their appearance reflects their identity and the University they represent. He urged students to embrace decency and discipline, which are core values the University upholds.

He also assured students that the dress code policy is not to infringe on their freedom, but to promote a respectful and focused learning environment.

A major highlight of the event was the interactive questions and answers segment where students were given the opportunity to ask questions and answers provided.

Among the dignitaries that attended the programme were Prof. Suleiman Olawoye Salami of the Department of Veterinary Anatomy, as well as several other staff and students of the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine.

Unilorin JUPEB, a gateway to local and international opportunities -- Adam

By Idris Alooma

The Joint Universities Preliminary Examination Board (JUPEB) Foundation School, University of Ilorin, has opened up new avenues for students seeking admission into the institution and other universities in Nigeria and abroad.

The JUPEB Director, Prof. Ibrahim Kayode Adam, disclosed this last Tuesday (April 8, 2025) while participating on a popular Yoruba programme on **UNILORIN FM**, titled "Oro to n lo," anchored by the Station Manager, Mr Idris Alooma.

Prof. Adam stated that students who pass their final exams will have opportunities to gain admission into the University of Ilorin and other institutions globally.

Prof. Adam said that the JUPEB result is not only recognised nationally but also internationally, providing students with a wide range of opportunities to pursue their academic goals. The result is also valid for three years, similar to an Ordinary Level result, giving students ample time to explore their options. He said, "This recognition,



■ Prof. Adam

combined with the other benefits of the programme, makes JUPEB an attractive option for students."

The Director pointed out that the JUPEB programme offers several benefits to students, including a conducive learning environment, experienced lecturers, and excellent security measures. He said that students are taught by the same lecturers who will be teaching them in their undergraduate studies, providing them with a sense of familiarity and comfort. He

further stressed that Unilorin JUPEB students have access to all courses available for first-degree programs, giving them a comprehensive education.

Prof. Adam advised parents and prospective students to be cautious of fake JUPEB centres that may be impersonating the University of Ilorin.

He said that the basic requirement for admission into the JUPEB programme is five O-level subjects relevant to the candidate's course of study. "By being aware of these requirements and the benefits of the programme, students can make informed decisions about their academic futures", he said.

Prof. Adam disclosed that under his leadership, the JUPEB programme has experienced significant growth, with the number of students increasing from 267 at inception to 645. He explained that the target of the programme is to enroll even more students, leveraging the excellent facilities available at the University of Ilorin.

The Director noted that this growth is a testament to the popularity of the programme and the commitment of the University to providing quality education.

Ph.D. student advocates community collaboration for educational stability

By Mustafa Abubakar

A Ph.D. student in the Department of Science Education, Aisha Yusuf, has called on educational institutions in the country to collaborate with parents and the wider communities to promote sustainable educational development.

Yusuf made the call last Tuesday (April 8, 2025) while speaking with **UNILORIN Bulletin** following the successful defense of her doctoral thesis, held at the University Postgraduate School Seminar Room.

Her research, which was anchored on the Reggio Emilia approach, highlighted the importance of child-centered and project-based learning, the role of the environment as the third teacher, documentation, collaboration and communication, the role of the teacher, and active parental involvement.

She said, "Educational institutions should cultivate collaborations with parents and the wider community to facilitate the execution of the Reggio Emilia approach", adding that "this may entail coordinating workshops, seminars, and community activities to enhance awareness and foster support for innovative pedagogical approaches."

She further encouraged the integration of the Reggio Emilia approach into science-related disciplines such as Physics, Basic Science, and Mathematics



■ Yusuf (right) with her internal examiner, Dr Ola-Alani, after the presentation

through experiential learning and collaborative classroom practices.

The researcher also called on the Kwara State government to integrate the approach into its Kwara Learn initiative to support holistic learning outcomes at the early stages of education.

According to her, "Educators must undergo training and professional development aimed at understanding and proficiently applying the ideas of the Reggio Emilia approach. Such training should emphasise the significance of communication, cooperation, and inquiry-

driven learning within the classroom."

She also urged curriculum developers to align existing educational frameworks with the principles of the approach, especially in disciplines where research shows its effectiveness, so as to promote experiential and problem-solving-based learning, particularly at the primary and secondary levels.

Yusuf emphasised the need for increased funding for research into the application of the Reggio Emilia approach across different subjects and age groups to address current empirical gaps and expand understanding of its impact on learning outcomes.

In his remarks, the External Examiner, Prof. M. M. Atadoga, who joined virtually to assess the student's presentation, commended Yusuf for her effort and further advised improvement on certain aspects of the submission.

The Internal Examiner, Dr Eniola Keji Ola-Alani, lauded the student's dedication and expressed delight at being part of the process.

In his remarks, the Chairman of the occasion, who is also the Head of the Department of Science Education, Dr Kayode Ojo Afolabi, acknowledged the constructive feedback from the external examiner.

Also speaking, the Postgraduate Coordinator, Dr Mohammed Ridwan Enuwa, praised the student's adherence to APA formatting and the structure of her reference appendix.

NBC hails UNILORIN FM's professionalism

By Idris Alooma

The newly appointed State Officer of the National Broadcasting Commission (NBC) in Kwara State, Mrs Rosemary Obaje, has commended UNILORIN FM for its professionalism and consistent adherence to the National Broadcasting Code.

The NBC top official stated this when the UNILORIN FM Station Manager, Mr Idris Alooma, paid her a courtesy visit in her office last Wednesday (9, April, 2025), saying that she believes that if all broadcasting stations could emulate this standard, the society would be the better for it.

Mrs Obaje expressed her willingness to collaborate with stakeholders in the broadcasting industry to promote best global practices and move the state and the nation forward. She called on all broadcasters in the state to uphold the ethics of broadcasting.

The NBC State Officer emphasised that her organization is not focused on witch-hunting any station but rather on ensuring

that broadcasting standards are upheld. She pledged to continue doing what is right and encouraged stakeholders to work together to achieve this goal.

Earlier in his remarks, Mr Alooma congratulated Mrs Obaje on her deployment to Kwara State, pledging the full cooperation of UNILORIN FM to her in the discharge of her duties.

Mr Alooma appreciated the NBC's efforts in protecting the nation and promoting professionalism in the broadcasting industry.

He highlighted the importance of peace and security, citing the example of the 1994 Rwandan genocide, which was exacerbated by irresponsible broadcasting.



■ The NBC State Coordinator and Unilorin FM Station Manager

Mr Alooma reiterated UNILORIN FM's commitment to upholding professionalism and prayed for Mrs Obaje's success in her new role.

UNILORIN a bastion of academic excellence, peace, progress -- Akogun

By Idris Alooma

The Director of Corporate Affairs, University of Ilorin, Mr Kunle Akogun, has said that the University has long been recognised as a bastion of academic excellence and peace.

Mr Akogun, who stated this last Wednesday (April 9, 2025) when receiving a contingent from the Scout Association of Nigeria and Varsity Air Scout, UNILORIN Chapter, who visited him in his office, reiterated the institution's commitment to peacekeeping, development, and collaboration with relevant stakeholders.

The University image maker said that the academic stability, rapid progress and all-round development that the University of Ilorin is witnessing today can be attributed to the prevailing peace within the University community, noting the contribution of students' paramilitary organisations on campus to peace keeping and orderliness, especially during University events like Convocation, sporting events and other crowd-pulling activities.

Mr Akogun urged the Scout Association of Nigeria and other paramilitary organisations like the Man 'O' War and the Cadets to join forces with the University Management to widen the vista of peaceful atmosphere on the University campus.



■ The scouters with the Director, Mr Akogun, and the Station Manager, Mr Alooma, during the visit

He emphasised the crucial role these organisations will play in the upcoming 50th anniversary celebration of the University, a milestone event, which, he said, promises to be one of the most significant in Africa's academic history.

Mr Akogun said that the vision of the University, as encapsulated in its Vision 1:10:500, aims to dominate the world in teaching, research, and community service.

Earlier in his remarks, the Scout Association of Nigeria's leader, Wing Commodore Scouter Ogunlade Favour, praised the University of Ilorin for its friendly, accommodating, and peaceful environment. He highlighted the Association's focus on leadership training and peacekeeping, aligning with the core

values of the University. He added that the visit was a testament to the strong relationships between the University and its stakeholders.

Scouter Ogunlade noted that the University of Ilorin's commitment to peacekeeping, development, and collaboration is a beacon of hope for the academic community and beyond. He said, "As the institution prepares to celebrate its 50th anniversary, it is clear that its dedication to peace and development will continue to drive its success as it shapes the future of academia in Africa and beyond."

Among the Directorate Staff that joined the Director to receive the scouters was the General Manager of UNILORIN FM, Mr Idris Alooma.

Unilorites express delight on upcoming 50th anniversary

By Abubakar Imam

As the 50th anniversary of the establishment of the nation's most sought-after University, the University of Ilorin, draws nearer, a cross-section of staff and students of the University have expressed their eagerness to be part of all the events lined up for the celebrations, the grand finale of which comes up in November.

This general feeling of anxious anticipation was gathered by a **UNILORIN Bulletin** reporter who went round the campus last Monday (April 7, 2025) to gauge the level of preparedness of members of the University community for the golden jubilee anniversary.

The Dean of the Faculty of Education, Prof. Lasiele Alabi Yahaya, said that the milestone was worthy of being celebrated.

The Professor of Counsellor Education explained that 50 years in the life of an institution like the University of Ilorin is a big deal, particularly considering the achievements of the University and its products that are scattered across the world.

Prof. Yahaya, who described himself as a total alumnus of the University, said that he, like many others, is looking forward to the celebration.

He expressed conviction that the anniversary would not only celebrate the achievements of the University but also its uniqueness and pave the way for its future.

On his part, an Associate Professor at the Department of Chemical Engineering, Dr George Adeniyi, described the upcoming anniversary as worthwhile.

Dr Adeniyi, who is a one-time University of Ilorin Researcher of the Year, said that apart from his readiness to attend all the programmes scheduled for the anniversary, he is also working on a piece titled "Proofs and potentials of UNILORIN Research and Development" to mark the milestone.

In her comment, a Deputy Registrar in the University, Mrs Beatrice Ishola, said that the golden age of the University deserves to be vigorously marked not just by its alumni who are carrying its certificates around the world but also by staff and students of the University.

Mrs Ishola, who is currently on sabbatical leave at Al-Hikmah



■ Prof. Yahaya



■ Dr Adeniyi



■ Miss Ugochukwu

University, Ilorin, encouraged all the staff of the University as well as those who have retired from the services of the University to troop out in large numbers to celebrate the University.

Also speaking, Mrs Mary Olabisi Kolawole, who heads the Marketing Unit of **UNILORIN 89.3 FM**, also expressed her happiness that the University Administration is leaving no stone unturned at marking the golden jubilee of the University.

She said that the University radio station has started the airing of the anniversary promotional jingles as she said that more members of the public are getting informed that the University would celebrate its 50 years of services to humanity.

Mrs Kolawole expressed hope that the period would be a money-making one

for the radio station, as a special programme is being designed for interested alumni, staff, students and other friends of the University to celebrate the University and their colleagues with a token.

A student of the Department of Mass Communication, Miss Chinaza Ugochukwu, said that she got the awareness about the anniversary celebration from one of her roommates.

She said that from all she has gathered the anniversary celebration would be quite loud, amazing and memorable.

Miss Ugochukwu encouraged the anniversary planning committee to increase the tempo of publicity for the programme, saying that she expected all the Faculties, Departments and hostels to be adorned with the anniversary logo and posters for all students to be carried along in the preparation.

Also commenting, a student of the Faculty of Law, Mr AbdulRazaq Folorunso, expressed happiness that the anniversary is to be celebrated while he is still a student of the University.

Mr Folorunso, who asked that a specific event be dedicated to students of the University, said that he is optimistic that the celebration would further promote the alluring image of the University.

Miss Zinat Lawal of the Department of Physiotherapy, College of Health Sciences, also said that she was aware that the celebration would come up later in the year.

Miss Lawal advised that the series of events arranged for the celebrations should be learner-friendly and should be designed in such a way that would not obstruct teaching and learning.

**UNIVERSITY OF ILORIN, NIGERIA****P.M.B.1515, ILORIN****Website: www.unilorin.edu.ng****EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI) FOR ENGAGEMENT OF CONSULTANTS****1. INTRODUCTION**

- 1.1 The University of Ilorin intends to execute and complete its 2025 Annual Capital Appropriation.
- 1.2 Interested, competent and reliable consultants in the field of Civil Engineering with experience in Highway Road Construction are invited to submit Expression of Interest for the construction of road to the School of Preliminary Studies within the Campus.

2. SCOPE OF WORK

Construction of Road to the School of Preliminary Studies within the Main Campus.

3. ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Interested firms should submit two (2) bound EOI documents duly signed paginated, separated by dividers and arranged in the order outlined hereunder:

- a. Evidence of Certificate of Incorporation issued by Corporate Affairs Commission (CAC) including forms CAC2 and CAC7, or Business Name where applicable;
- b. Evidence of firm's tax Clearance Certificate (or Personal Income Taxes of the Partners where applicable) for the last three (3) years valid till 31st December, 2025;
- c. Evidence of current Pension Compliance Certificate valid till 31st December, 2025;
- d. Evidence of current Industrial Training Fund (ITF) compliance Certificate valid till 31st December, 2025;
- e. Evidence of current Nigeria Social Insurance Trust Fund (NSITF) compliance Certificate valid till 31st December, 2025;
- f. Evidence of Registration on the National Database of Federal Contractors, Consultants and Service Providers by submission of Interim Registration Report (IRR) expiring on 31/12/2024 or valid Certificate issued by BPP;
- g. Evidence of Firm's registration with relevant professional body(ies) such as COREN, NICE etc with current valid license of firm and Principal Partner.
- h. Sworn Affidavit disclosing whether or not any officer of the relevant committee of the University of Ilorin, Ilorin or the Bureau of Public Procurement is a former or present Director, shareholder or has any pecuniary interest in the bidder and to confirm that all information presented in its bid are true and correct in particulars;
- i. Company's audited accounts for the last three (3) years 2022, 2023, 2024;
- j. Evidence of financial capability to execute the project by submission of reference Letter from a reputable commercial bank indicating willingness to provide credit facility for the execution of the project when needed in the

COREN, NIS, etc) and current Practicing License.

- l. Verifiable documentary evidence of at least three (3) similar jobs executed in the last five (5) years including Letters of Awards, Job Completion Certificates and Photography of the projects;
- m. All documents for submission must be transmitted with a Covering/Forwarding letter under the Company/Firm's Letter Head Paper bearing amongst others, the registration Number (RC) as issued by the corporate Affairs commission (CAC), contact address, telephone Number (preferably GSM No) and e-mail address, and the Area of specialization clearly marked at the top left hand corner with the LOTNR.

4. SUBMISSION OF EOI DOCUMENTS

Interested firms are to submit two (2) bound of Expression of Interest (EOI) documents separated by dividers and arranged as indicated above. The documents should be submitted in a sealed envelope and addressed to The Vice Chancellor, University of Ilorin, P.M.B. 1515, Ilorin, Nigeria and clearly marked with the name of the project. Furthermore, the top hand corner of the sealed envelope should bear the Scope of Work and drop in the designated Tender Box at the Procurement Unit not later than 12.00 noon two weeks from the date of advertisement.

5. OPENING OF EOI DOCUMENTS

The EOI documents will be opened immediately after the deadline for submission 12.00noon at the Basement of the University Auditorium in the presence of bidders or their representatives, Professionals, Civil Societies and Interested Participants. Please, ensure that you sign the Bid submission Register at the Procurement Unit, as the University of Ilorin will not be held liable for misplaced or wrongly submitted bids. For further enquiries, please contact the Acting Director, Physical Planning Unit, Office of the Vice Chancellor, University of Ilorin, on jimoh.at@unilorin.edu.ng or 08033815988.

6. GENERAL INFORMATION

- a. EOI must be in English Language and signed by an official authorized by the bidder;
- b. EOI submitted after the deadline for submission would be returned un-opened;
- c. All costs will be borne by the bidder;
- d. Only shortlisted firms will be contacted at a later date for collection of Request for proposals;
- e. The University of Ilorin is not bound to shortlist any bidder and reserves the right to annul the Procurement process at any time without incurring any liabilities in accordance with Section 28 of the Public Procurement Act 2007.

Signed**M. A. Alfanla****Registrar and Secretary to Council**



UNILORIN WEEKLY FINANCIAL DIGEST

FUND SOURCES AND UTILIZATION REPORT FROM 3RD TO 10TH APRIL 2025

RECEIPTS:	AMOUNT
Academic Transcript	131,900.00
Sundry & Other Fees Student Charges	5,007,950.00
Sundry Other Incomes	12,833,200.00
Convocation Souvenir	313,500.00
Staff I.D Cards	5,000.00
Income from Verification /Screening	410,215.00
CODL Undergraduate Charges	76,000.00
Clinic Registration (Staff)	9,000.00
Income from Fitness Centre	7,000.00
Tender Fees	310,000.00
Utility Income	135,700.00
Rent on University Property	72,400.00
Refund (Non Salary)	13,207.00
Refund (Salary)	40,000.00
Others	2,000.00
Undergraduate School Charges	102,726.00
Undergraduate Transcript Payment	661,000.00
Undergraduate Convocation Charges	720,300.00
Postgraduate School Charges	13,099,620.00
Postgraduate School Transcript Payment	100,000.00
Postgraduate Acceptance Payment	160,000.00
Postgraduate Tuition Fees	1,514,350.00
Institute of Education School Charges	105,540.40
Institute of Education Application Form	406,200.00
Remedial Application Form	45,600.00
Remedial School Charges	118,200.00
Ilorin Business School Application Form	50,400.00
JUPEB School Charges	2,013,800.00
JUPEB Clearance Charges	312,200.00
Total Receipt for the Period	₦38,777,008.40
PAYMENTS	
PAYMENT TO CONTRACTORS/SUPPLIERS:	
Environmentarc Consultants Ltd Renovation of Sociology Department	197,429.41
Meem Solar Solutions Installation of Solar System at Radio Station	7,951,775.00
Toyes Communication Supply of HP Laptops	1,505,000.00
Ibrahab Global Resources Limited Installation of Air Conditioner.	311,309.25
Rastag Global Services Nig Ltd Renovation of former IOE Unilorin for Ilorin Business School	2,952,653.29
JKK Onware Ltd payment for First Semester Exam for CODL	23,887,200.00
Bitsmart ICT Solution Ltd Upgrade of Inverter power System	631,885.00
Ibironke Technologies Ltd Supply of Solar hybrid and Inverter System	543,748.23
Almus Consulting Ltd Consultancy Fee	250,000.00
Skye Diagnostic and Healthcare Services Ltd Supply of Side Laboratory equipment	1,920,000.00
Chrilotte Project Concept Ltd Constr and Furnishing of Classroom (LOT 2) (CBNTETFUND)	43,232,575.82
Noab Global Concept Ltd Servicing of Generator	347,262.50
GLO Business Solution Internet Service	29,585,799.00
Swiftnight Ltd Renovation of Mechanical Engineering Dept.	474,605.62
Bilmazeen Integrated Services Ltd Renovation of Psychology Dept	115,342.46
Canonic Associates Ltd Rehabilitation of Senate Building (CBNTETFUND)	19,012,003.56
AdaP Consult Ltd Supply and Commissioning of Tranformer	24,415,296.75
Rockfield Petroleum Products Ltd Supply of Fuel	2,758,450.00
OTHER PAYMENTS:	
Various Various i. e DTA, IMPREST, REFUND e.t.c	70,035,129.18
Purchase Advance Various	38,188,081.00
Unilorin Petrol Station Supply of Fuel	8,619,280.00
Unilorin Guest House Catering Services	
Unilorin Holding Ltd Electricity usage on campus for Business yet to be metered & Smart Card	32,912,500.00
Joint Universities Preliminary Examination Board Registration of Student for 2024 JUPEB Exams	39,050,000.00
Vigilante Group of Nigeria Salary for March 2025	2,892,000.00
Unilorin Press Inaugural Lectures	960,000.00
Committee of Vice Chancellor Outstanding Subscription	2,000,000.00
NYSC Allowance for March 2025	2,330,000.00
Total TSA Charges Various	125,432.50
Total payment for the period	₦357,204,758.57

Signed

Abiodun Lawal (FCNA)

Bursar



S/N	NAME	DEPARTMENT	BIRTHDAY
1	TIJANI YUNUS OLADEJO	FRENCH	13-Apr
2	OWOADE ADELODUN KEHINDE	REGISTRY	13-Apr
3	SALIMAN AHMED	HUMAN KINETICS & HEALTH EDUCATION	13-Apr
4	YUSUF WAHAB OLATUNDE	LIBRARY	13-Apr
5	OLETUBO FUNKE OLAJUMOKE	ACADEMIC PLANNING UNIT	13-Apr
6	OLUFADI-AHMED HAISHAT YETUNDE	PHARMACEUTICAL MICROBIOLOGY & BIOTECHNOLOGY	13-Apr
7	ALFANLA ABDULRAFIU OLAYIWOLA	SECURITY DIVISION	13-Apr
8	OLANIYAN GANIYAT BUKOLA	REGISTRY	13-Apr
9	HASSAN SAKARIYAU SAHBAN	MATERIALS & METALLURGICAL ENGINEERING	13-Apr
10	WAHAB MURITALA	SECURITY DIVISION	13-Apr
11	AROWOLO MOHAMMED OLATUNJI	ELECTRICAL & ELECTRONICS ENGINEERING	14-Apr
12	ADESIJI GBOLAGADE BENJAMIN	AGRIC. EXTENSION & RURAL DEVELOPMENT	14-Apr
13	SHUAIB OLAREWAJU YAHAYA	SECURITY DIVISION	14-Apr
14	AKANBI SA'AD BABATUNDE	ECONOMICS	14-Apr
15	YISA BABATUNDE MORUFU	MATHEMATICS	14-Apr
16	ABDULHAMEED KAZEEM	REGISTRY	14-Apr
17	AFELUMO OLUWADAMILOLA OLUWASEUN	DIRECTORATE OF CORPORATE AFFAIRS	14-Apr
18	ADETONA COMFORT ABOSEDE	REGISTRY	14-Apr
19	SANNI IYABO	REGISTRY	14-Apr
20	MUSA MOBOLAJI OMOLABAKE	AGRIC. EXTENSION & RURAL DEVELOPMENT	14-Apr
21	OLABANJI OLUWAFEMI PETER	AGRIC. EXTENSION & RURAL DEVELOPMENT	14-Apr
22	RAJI LATIFAT BISOLA	DIRECTORATE OF CORPORATE AFFAIRS	14-Apr
23	ABONYI SUNDAY EVARISTUS	SOCIAL WORK	15-Apr
24	BELLO OLADAPO SAMSON	INDUSTRIAL CHEMISTRY	15-Apr
25	ABDULRAHEEM-MUSTAPHA MARIAM ADEPEJU	PUBLIC LAW	15-Apr
26	BAMIGBOYE TOYIN ABIODUN	REGISTRY	15-Apr
27	PAUL TEMITOPE DEBORAH	WORKS: WORKS/MAINT. OFFICE	15-Apr
28	YAHAYA IBRAHIM	SECURITY DIVISION	15-Apr
29	BABATUNDE ABDULRAUPH OLANREWAJU	COMPUTER SCIENCE	15-Apr
30	DADA EBENEZER OLORUNMOLA	AGRIC. & BIOSYSTEMS ENGINEERING	15-Apr
31	OLASEHINDE-WILLIAMS, GODWIN OLUSEYE	ECONOMICS	15-Apr
32	BELLO MUHINAT BOLANLE	SCIENCE EDUCATION	15-Apr
33	SOWANDE OLUGBENGA AKINKUNMI	TELECOMMUNICATION SCIENCE	15-Apr
34	ABDULMALIK TAJUDEEN AYODEJI	REGISTRY	15-Apr
35	ABDULSALAMI YINKA MOSHOOD	UNILORIN STAFF SCHOOL	16-Apr
36	SA'ADU HAFSAT IYABO	BUSINESS LAW	16-Apr
37	OJO EMMANUEL OLUGBADE	POLITICAL SCIENCE	16-Apr
38	CHIMEZIE VICTORIA	ANIMAL PRODUCTION	16-Apr
39	AROKOYO BOLANLE ELIZABETH	LINGUISTICS & NIGERIAN LANGUAGES	16-Apr
40	OLORUNTOBA ESTHER OLUFUNMIKE	REGISTRY	16-Apr
41	ISMAIL ABUBAKAR BOLAJI	SECURITY DIVISION	16-Apr
42	OLAWOLE ESTHER TOYIN	COMPUTER ENGINEERING	16-Apr
43	ABDULQUADRI AMINAT ABISOLA	CHEMISTRY	16-Apr
44	AKEREDOLU CHRISTANA OLUYOMI	REGISTRY	16-Apr
45	AJAYI ADEBIMPE RUTH	COMPUTER ENGINEERING	16-Apr
46	HANAFI ABDULRASHEED	REGISTRY	16-Apr
47	IBRAHAM IDIAT OLAIDE	REGISTRY	16-Apr
48	KAZEEM SHERIFAT	REGISTRY	17-Apr
49	BABATUNDE SAMUEL OLUSEGUN	SECURITY DIVISION	17-Apr
50	JATTO MUIBAT SHOLA	REGISTRY	17-Apr
51	BAJEH AMOS ORENYI	COMPUTER SCIENCE	17-Apr
52	OWOPE DARE BAMIDELE	REGISTRY	17-Apr
53	MOHAMMED OLATUNJI OBALOWU	ELECTRICAL & ELECTRONICS ENGINEERING	17-Apr
54	LAWAL RASHEED AYINDE	REGISTRY	17-Apr
55	HARUNA AISHAT AYEDUN	SECURITY DIVISION	17-Apr
56	KOLAWOLE AYODELE JAMES	NETWORK OPERATING CENTRE	17-Apr
57	DANIELS TOYIN EDITH	HEALTH SERVICES	17-Apr
58	ISHAQ LUKMAN ALAWI	ARABIC	17-Apr
59	OLUKAYODE OLUSEGUN JOSEPH	DIRECTORATE OF CORPORATE AFFAIRS	18-Apr
60	OJUADE JELEEL OLASUNKANMI	THE PERFORMING ARTS	18-Apr
61	MUSTAPHA AFUSAT BOLANLE	REGISTRY	18-Apr
62	AFOLABI OLAYEMI ADUNNI	REGISTRY	18-Apr
63	AWOLADE FLORENCE IYABODE	REGISTRY	18-Apr
64	OLOYEDE ABDULKARIM AYOPO	TELECOMMUNICATION SCIENCE	18-Apr
65	ADEYEMI AYOBOLA BAMIDELE	VETERINARY THERIOGENOLOGY & PRODUCTION	18-Apr
66	OLAOSBIKAN OLUWAYEMISI OMOTOLA	REGISTRY	18-Apr
67	ABDULLAHI OLAIDE ASIAWU	REGISTRY	18-Apr
68	OLUTOYE ABDULQUADRI FUNMBI	UNILORIN SUGAR RESEARCH INSTITUTE	18-Apr
69	OMEKAM IFEYINWA VIVIAN	STATISTICS	19-Apr
70	OLAYEMI MARY BOSEDE	REGISTRY	19-Apr
71	IBRAHEEM RASHEEDAT MOBOLAJI	PAEDIATRICS & CHILD HEALTH	19-Apr
72	OLOWOLENI FOLARANMI MODUPE	REGISTRY	19-Apr
73	ABDULKAREEM SARATU IYABODE	ZOOLOGY	19-Apr
74	FASHOLA OLATUNDE MICHEAL	REGISTRY	19-Apr
75	ADEOLA-ADOLPHUS FUNKE TOYIN	REGISTRY	19-Apr

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

➤ The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has congratulated an alumnus of the University, Mr Babs Omotowa, on his appointment as a non-Executive Director at the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPCL), ("Unilorin VC Egbewole hails Omotowa's appointment as non-executive director of NNPCL", Nigerian PILOT, Thursday, April 3, 2025; "Unilorin VC celebrates alumnus Omotowa's appointment as non-executive director at NNPCL", <http://decency.home.blog>; "Unilorin VC hails Omotowa's appointment as non-Executive Director of NNPCL"; <https://newtelegraphng.com>; "Unilorin VC hails Omotowa's appointment as non-Executive Director of NNPCL", <https://thereflection.com.ng>; "Unilorin VC hails Omotowa's appointment as non-Executive Director NNPCL", <https://www.dailytopic.com>; "Egbewole Commends Omotowa's appointment as NNPCL non-executive director", <https://www.midlandpost.ng>; "Unilorin VC hails Omotowa's appointment as NNPCL Non-Executive Director", <https://www.westerpost.ng>; "Unilorin VC hails Omotowa's appointment as non-Executive Director NNPCL", <https://royalnews.com.ng>; "Unilorin VC celebrates alumnus Omotowa's appointment as non-executive director at NNPCL" *Blueprint*, Saturday, April 5, 2025, p.24)

➤ The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has condoled with the Olofa of Offa, His Royal Majesty, Oba Muftau Mohammed Gbadamosi Esuwoye II, over the death of his mother, Alhaja Hawawu Awele, who died on Saturday at the ripe age of 94. ("UNILORIN VC, Wahab Egbewole mourns Olafa's mum's demise", <https://royalnews.com.ng>; "UNILORIN VC, Wahab Egbewole mourns Olafa's mum's demise", <https://royalnews.com.ng>; "UNILORIN VC mourns Olafa's mom's demise", <https://www.midlandpost.ng>; "UNILORIN VC mourns Olafa's mom's demise", <https://highprofile.com.ng>; "UNILORIN VC mourns Olafa's mom's demise", <https://solaremnnees.wordpress.com>; "Kwara Gov, UNILORIN VC Condole Olafa over Mother's Death", <https://newtelegraphing.com>; "Unilorin VC describes late Olafa's mother as a virtuous woman", <https://decencyhime.blog>)

➤ The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has said that the institution has signed Memoranda of Understanding (MoU) with over 100 universities worldwide. ("UNILORIN signs MoU with 100 universities to enhance global standards -- VC", <https://businessday.ng>)

Corporate Affairs staff, Omoniyi, nominated for NIPR award

A Principal Information Officer and Social Media Coordinator of the University of Ilorin, Mr Lukman Temitope Omoniyi, has been shortlisted as a finalist in the 'Best Corporate Share of Voice (Social Media)' category of the second edition of the National Spokesperson Awards (NSAwards).

The award, organised by the Nigerian Institute of Public Relations (NIPR) in partnership with the Image Merchants Promotion Limited (IMPR), publishers of PRNigeria and Spokespersons' Digest, is reserved for outstanding public relations professionals in Nigeria. It is also the key highlight of the National Spokespersons Summit, jointly hosted by the Nigerian Institute of Public Relations and the Federal Ministry of Information and National Orientation.

In a letter addressed to the Corporate Communication specialist dated Tuesday, April 8, 2025, and signed by the Chairman of the Planning Committee of the



Mr. Omoniyi

Awards, Mr Segun Mcmedal, the organisers of the event said that the award ceremony would hold on Wednesday, April 16, 2025 at Abuja Continental Hotel.

Mr Mcmedal stated in the letter, "On behalf of the Adjudication Committee of the National Spokespersons Awards

(NSAwards), I am pleased to inform you that you have been selected as a finalist in the Best Corporate Share of Voice (Social Media) category."

While congratulating Mr Omoniyi, the Chairman noted that his "nomination as a finalist is based on the Jury's assessment across several criteria, including campaign objectives, clarity of strategy, storytelling and narrative framing, audience engagement, and overall effectiveness".

Mr Omoniyi is among the 62 finalists shortlisted for recognition across 21 competitive categories in the 2025 edition of the 'National Spokespersons' Awards' (NSAwards), as announced by the Adjudication Committee led by Dr. Shuaibu Hussein.

By highlighting the University's dynamic campus life and academic achievements on social media, Mr Omoniyi has successfully connected the University with a broad audience, including students, staff, alumni, and friends of the institution.

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*Felicitation*

On behalf of the Council,
Senate, Management and staff
of the Better-by-far University,
I hereby congratulate

Professor Yusuf Olaolu Ali, SAN

on your appointment and turbanning
on Friday, April 11th, 2025 as the first

KULIYA NGERI OF ILORIN EMIRATE

by the
EMIR OF ILORIN and CUSTODIAN OF THE ALIMI STOOL,
HRM (Dr) IBRAHIM SULU-GAMBARI (CFR)

This is indeed a well-deserved honour for an indefatigable icon of community development, a consummate legal luminary, and a passionate philanthropist.

Congratulations!

Signed
Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN
Vice Chancellor



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UNILORIN student breaks 'Longest Mathematics Lesson' World Record

By Temitope Omoniyi

A 400-level University of Ilorin Mathematics student, Kazeem Akanbi Sanusi, last night broke the Guinness World Record for the 'Longest Mathematics Lesson'.

The groundbreaking event took place at the Auditorium Basement, University of Ilorin.

The previous record was 26 hours, but Kazeem smashed it with an incredible 31 hours, 42 minutes, and 54 seconds.

Sanusi performed the feat to the cheers of captivated audience led by the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Egbewole, SAN; the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Management Services), Prof. Adegboyega Fawole; the Registrar, Mr Mansur Alfa; the Dean of Physical Sciences, Prof. Abdullahi Alafara Baba; the Ag Dean of Student Affairs, Dr. Alex Akanmu, and Students' Union President, Comrade Victor Agezeh, among others.

He is now eagerly awaiting official confirmation from Guinness World Records.

