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D-8 scribe seeks virile global collaboration among world varsities

By Tajudeen Babamale

The Secretary-General of the Developing-8 Organisation for Economic Cooperation (D-8), Amb. Isiaka Abdulqadir Imam, has called for strategic partnerships between leading international universities and research institutions to facilitate the global exchange of knowledge, innovation, and best practices.

Amb. Imam made this call last Wednesday (April 16, 2025) in his keynote address at the first International Conference of the Centre for International Education (CIE) and 12th International Students' Day celebration held at the University Auditorium. The conference was part of activities to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the University, the grand finale of which has been slated for November.

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■ Amb. Imam

UNILORIN wins NIPR's Best Social Media user award

By Abubakar Imam



Mr. Omoniye

The nation's most sought-after University, the University of Ilorin, last Wednesday (April 16, 2025) pulled off another big win, as it was adjudged 'the Best Corporate Share of Voice (Social Media)' institution at the 2nd National Spokespersons Summit (NSS)

organised by the Nigerian Institute of Public Relations (NIPR) in collaboration with the Federal Ministry of Information and National Orientation in Abuja.

The award was given to the University in recognition of its excellent exploration of social media to maintain consistently efficient communication and engagement with its relevant stakeholders.

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Sambo joins calls for Constitution amendment

By Festus Ogunyinka

A renowned expert in Public Law and Head of the Department of Public Law, University of Ilorin, Prof. Abdulfatai Oladapo Sambo, has joined the call for the review of the nation's constitution.

Prof. Sambo made the call while delivering the 278th Inaugural Lecture of the University, titled "Judicialising

Politics without Politicising the Judex", last Thursday (April 17, 2025) at the University Auditorium.

The don gave several reasons for his recommendation after enumerating reasons why politics and political activities must continue to be 'judicialised' in the country without exposing or dragging judges to politics

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Prof. Sambo

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Adedimeji tasks translators on ethical use of AI ... VC commends ITA for organising first public lecture in 13 years

By Tajudeen Babamale

The Vice Chancellor of the African School of Economics (The Pan-African University of Excellence), Abuja, Prof. Mahfouz Adedimeji, has called for collaborative engagement and the fostering of a community of practice among translators by creating platforms to share experiences, insights, and best practices on using AI in their works.

Prof. Adedimeji made the call last Monday (April 14, 2025) while delivering the maiden Public Lecture organised by the Institute of Translation Arts, University of Ilorin, at the University Auditorium..

This was as the Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, poured encomiums on the Ag. Director of the Institute of Translation Arts, Dr. Aliy Abdulwahid Adebisi, for organising the first-ever Public Lecture of the Institute, 13 years after its establishment.

In his lecture, entitled “Translation and Translators in the Age of Artificial Intelligence: Confronting Threats and Connecting Opportunities”, Prof. Adedimeji noted that bodies such as the Nigerian Institute of Translators and Interpreters (NITI) and the Association for Translation Studies in Africa (ATSA), along with the Association for Translation Studies in Nigeria (ATSN), which are considered the major translation bodies that have emerged in Nigeria, should work more closely together to advance the discipline and serve as support networks for practitioners.

Prof. Adedimeji explained that investment in training for translators, prioritising quality control, promoting cross-disciplinary research endeavours, addressing ethical considerations, expanding language accessibility, highlighting unique human skills, monitoring technological advancements, and supporting inclusive AI development are crucial.

As AI technologies continue to advance, the Fulbright scholar observed that the translation industry faces significant challenges that may reshape its landscape. He said while there is no doubt that these technologies promise enhanced efficiency and accessibility, they also pose threats to the role of human translators, raising concerns about job displacement, quality assurance, and the shifting demand for skills within the profession.

Prof. Adedimeji, who is a former Director of the Centre for Peace and



■ Prof. Egbewole



■ Dr Adebisi

Strategic Studies, University of Ilorin, said, “Some of the threats to human translators are the possibility of job displacement, diminishing positive perception, quality assurance, skills obsolescence, and changing demands. AI has significantly advanced machine translation (MT) systems, notably through technologies such as Google's Neural Machine Translation (GNMT) and OpenAI's GPT models.

“These systems can perform basic translation with increasing accuracy, threatening the foundational skill set of many translators, particularly those engaged in straightforward text translation. One of the most critical concerns about the rise of AI generally and in translation especially is the potential for job displacement, with automated machines replacing humans. As organizations increasingly adopt AI-driven translation solutions, the demand for human translators may decline.”

He, however, said that while the rise of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in translation presents threats and challenges to human translators, it also opens up a spectrum of new opportunities. According to him, these opportunities include the



■ Prof. Adedimeji

enhancement of translation tools, the emergence of new roles and specialisations, and the potential for professional growth through the integration of technology.

Prof. Adedimeji, who is also the pioneer Vice Chancellor of Ahman Patengi University, Patigi, explained that the role of human translators will continue to evolve in response to the increasing capabilities of AI-driven translation technologies. Rather than becoming obsolete, he encouraged translators to adapt and embrace new responsibilities that leverage their unique strengths.

He explained that in the age of Artificial Intelligence, translators must not only adapt to new tools but also assert their invaluable role in ensuring that communication remains nuanced, empathetic, and culturally relevant. According to him, the future of translation is not a battle of man versus machine; rather, it is an exciting new chapter where both will coexist, enhancing the way we communicate in our increasingly globalised world.

Prof. Adedimeji added that it is crucial to appreciate that translation is not just an act of linguistic expression but that its essence transcends mere words. “It is an art form rooted in culture, emotion, and context characteristics that AI is still striving to grasp. For this reason, translations produced by those who lack cultural, emotional, and contextual affinity with the materials they translate are not fully trusted. As the role of translators evolves, it is important they understand that they are now more than interpreters of texts they are cultural ambassadors, tasked with bridging gaps in understanding across languages and societies”, he submitted.

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D-8 scribe seeks virile global collaboration among world varsities

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The D-8 Secretary-General, who noted the need for universities, especially those in the Global South, to work collaboratively in advancing quality education, cross-border research, and innovation, cited Malaysia, Turkey, and Egypt, all D-8 member countries, as hubs of international education and student mobility.

According to him, tapping into the experience and resources of these countries would provide fresh opportunities for students and scholars of the University of Ilorin to enhance their learning and research capacities.

Amb. Imam, who also stressed the importance of investing in digital infrastructure to drive inclusive and globally competitive education, encouraged the university to expand its digital reach by ensuring high-speed internet access, deploying smart classroom technologies, and integrating AI-driven educational tools to improve teaching, learning, and research beyond the physical campus.

While acknowledging UNILORIN's impressive strides, the D-8 Secretary-General challenged the University and other African higher institutions to look beyond traditional educational models and embrace global collaboration.

He, however, cautioned all that the path to globalising education is fraught with challenges, especially in Africa. Imam identified key issues such as resource constraints, underfunding, and infrastructural deficits that limit faculty training and research development, noting that the challenges



■ Prof. Onireti

are further exacerbated by the migration of skilled academics, which depletes the intellectual capital of many African universities.

The D-8 Secretary General also highlighted the continent's widening technological divide. He lamented that while digital transformation is redefining higher education globally, many African institutions remain unable to fully participate due to unreliable internet connectivity and limited access to modern digital tools. He said these limit opportunities for virtual learning, distance education, and participation in global academic networks.

Despite these challenges, Amb. Imam praised UNILORIN's commitment to academic excellence, noting that several of its specialised research centres align closely with D-8's development goals. He mentioned the Sugar Research Institute of the University, which, he said, has the potential to enhance the sugar value chain within D-8 member-countries through innovation in crop cultivation, processing, and by-product

development.

He referenced a recent agreement between Nigeria's National Sugar Development Council and SINOMACH of China for a sugarcane project capable of producing one million metric tonnes of sugar annually, a development, which, he said, UNILORIN is well-positioned to support through research and training.

In the same vein, Amb. Imam identified the Technical and Entrepreneurship Centre (TEC) of the University of Ilorin as a vital partner in D-8's drive to boost Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs). He disclosed that the D-8, in partnership with the Nigerian government, has concluded plans to launch a D-8 SME Centre in Abuja, to be hosted by the Small and Medium Enterprises Development Agency of Nigeria (SMEDAN). He expressed optimism that the Technical and Entrepreneurship Centre could play a significant role in cross-border capacity-building for SMEs.

Earlier in his welcome address, the Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, said that the first International Conference of the Centre for International Education was one of the University's major events to celebrate its 50th anniversary.

Prof. Egbewole, whose address was titled "Reinventing Multidisciplinary Scholarship for Sustainable Global Education", advocated for research efforts in global education to embrace a multidisciplinary approach, which he described as the hallmark of scholarship in the 21st century.

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VC commends ITA on public lecture

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Declaring open the historic lecture, earlier, the Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, applauded the bold initiative of the Ag. Director of ITA, Dr Adebisi, describing it as a significant step towards repositioning the Institute for greater relevance and impact.

Prof. Egbewole expressed delight that after over a decade of existence, the Institute was now stepping into the limelight with its maiden public lecture. He added that the event marked a turning point in the Institute's journey, and praised the leadership of Dr. Adebisi for the development.

Prof. Egbewole described the theme of the lecture as not only timely and contemporary but also crucial to understanding the dynamics of a fast-evolving global landscape, saying, "Artificial Intelligence is gradually shaping the world, and the fact that the Institute of Translation Arts is interrogating its impact on translation and translators through the voices of erudite scholars is no mean

achievement."

The Vice Chancellor, who reiterated the University's support for the Institute, however, expressed optimism that the vision and mandate behind its establishment would be fully realised. He said, "We are happy with this development. It is our hope that this public lecture becomes a sustained tradition and that steps will be taken towards institutionalising the programme."

Earlier in his welcome address, the Ag. Director of the Institute of Translation Arts, Dr. Aliy Abdulwahid Adebisi, expressed gratitude to the University Administration for its support. He noted that the Institute is determined to become a national leader in translation studies, in alignment with the University's broader goal of becoming the number one university in Nigeria, one of the top ten in Africa, and among the top 500 globally.

While seeking the Vice Chancellor's continued support for the remaining programmes outlined in the Action Plan of the institute, the Ag Director assured Management that he would continue to work diligently to develop the Institute and take it to greater heights.

Dr. Adebisi, who is also the National

President and a Fellow of the Nigerian Institute of Translators and Interpreters, acknowledged the contributions of his predecessors for laying solid foundation for the Centre. He said "As the 7th Director, I am deeply grateful for the solid foundation laid by my senior colleagues. Their dedication and vision have paved the way for the progress we are celebrating today."

He, however, said that the maiden Public Lecture marks a significant milestone in the journey of the Institute as an idea birthed from the recognition of the pivotal role that language, translation, and cross-cultural communication play in national development, global engagement, and intellectual advancement.

The Director explained that the Public Lecture was conceived not merely as a ceremonial tradition, but as a platform for thought leadership, critical dialogue, and academic exchange. He said, "Through it, we aim to interrogate ideas, broaden perspectives, and bridge gaps between disciplines, communities, and cultures".

UNILORIN wins big at 2025 NSS award ceremony

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The award presentation, which was done by the Vice President of the NIPR, Prof. Emmanuel Dandaura, fnipr, was accompanied by loud ovations from the participants and other members of the audience who came from various parts of the country and beyond.

The award was received on behalf of the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, fnipr, by the University Social Media Officer, Mr Lukman Temitope Omoniye, a Principal Information Officer at the Directorate of Corporate Affairs.

The organisers commended the University for doing quite well in the exploration of different social media platforms to promote goodwill and understanding between the institution and its relevant publics.

Other members of staff of the University who joined Mr Omoniye to receive the award on behalf of the Vice Chancellor were a former Head of the Department of Mass Communication, who is also an NIPR Council Member, Prof. Saudat Salah Abdulbaqi, fnipr; the Deputy Editor of **UNILORIN Bulletin**, Mr Abubakar Imam; and the University Protocol Officer, Mr Segun Alabi.

The trio was also joined by the Kwara State Commissioner for



Communication, Mrs Bola Olukoju; the Chief Press Secretary to the Governor of Kwara State, Mallam Rafiu Ajakaye; and several alumni of the University who attended the event.

In a chat with UNILORIN Bulletin after receiving the award, Mr Omoniye, who also won a separate Certificate of Award for himself described it as a notable milestone in the annals of the University.

He explained that the award is a reflection of the University's commitment to engaging with members of the university community, including students, staff and others.

He added that he was equally humbled to have been a finalist in the Outstanding Spokesman (Education Sector) category, saying that he was grateful to have been in the company of talented individuals like Dr Fabian Benjamin of the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB). He said that being shortlisted alongside him was an honour.

Mr Omoniye said, "Our sights are firmly set on achieving the Vision 1:10:500 of the University of Ilorin, under Prof. Egbewole's guidance, and the accolade confirms we are moving in the right direction, and we won't lose momentum."

Sambo joins calls for Constitution amendment

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He said, “The constitutional and legal framework for judicialising politics needs urgent amendment. There should be an alteration to the Constitution itself. All ouster clauses in the Constitution and statutes should be removed. There should not be any ouster clauses in a democratic Constitution.”

Prof. Sambo, who had served as a resource person and lecturer in nations like South Korea, North Korea, Malaysia and South Africa, pointed out that “a well-managed judicialisation of political issues or disputes prevents the abuse of power by the political class. It also ensures that the majorities do not abuse their powers against those who are stigmatised as minorities or individuals.”

The Inaugural Lecturer, who also said that there are nations where politics is not judicialised, submitted that a “well-managed judicialisation also seems inevitable when there is need for the overhauling of the political system”, adding that “when injustices or bad practices in a system grow so prevalent to the extent that they become part of the scheme's normal rules of play, the intervention of the courts, an umpire that is to a large extent insulated from the political pressure, is necessary.”

Prof. Sambo said, “Judicialising politics has led to the sanctity of the organic document called the constitution”, pointing out that “judicialisation will force the political class to abide by the letter, spirit and intent of the Constitution, the main idea being to retain the integrity and sanctity of the Constitution.”

The Lecturer further submitted that judicialisation of politics in Nigeria has contributed tremendously to obedience to the rule of law, due process and prevention of anarchy. According to him, “The practice of judicialisation in Nigeria has ensured the promotion of rule of law, due process and has prevented the nation from going through anarchy. The effect of not judicialising politics is that there is the chance that people will resort to anarchy, chaos, confusion. That is why instead of resorting to self-help, people come to an arbiter, which is the judiciary.”

Prof Sambo, who is the first



The Inaugural Lecturer, Prof. Sambo, presenting the lecture notes to the Vice Chancellor last Thursday

Inaugural Lecturer from the Department of Public Law, also listed some political benefits of judicialisation of politics to include stability of the polity and deepening democracy, reduction in intra-party and legislative internal strife, and evolution of opposition political parties, among others.

Before enumerating several reasons for his call for constitutional amendments, the don listed a few legal impediments to justicialisation of politics to include the very nature of judicial power, strict adherence to an approach to interpretation, ouster clauses, which, according to him, “is another major impediment to the ability of the courts to play any meaningful role in the development of any political system. It curtails the powers of the courts to review or decide political disputes. It is usually an instrument in the hands of the legislature to curtail the court's exercise of judicial review.”

On the impediment posed by the issue of locus standi, Prof Sambo said, “*Locus standi* has been an impediment to judicialisation of political disputes. The approach in Nigeria is now being liberalised as the courts, unlike before, are holding that a citizen of Nigeria has the right to challenge the constitutionality of the acts of government.”

Towards ensuring a peaceful polity via the vital interventions of the judiciary without cowing the judges, Prof. Sambo made several recommendations that are hinged largely on tinkering with the constitution. Most especially, according to him “There is need for a new

Constitution to reflect the will and original act of the people. This can be through Referendum, or Constitutional Convention or Constituent Assembly whose memberships are elected not for anything but with a mandate to give Nigerians a new Constitution. The present Constitution can be altered to give room for this proposition. The merits of this suggestion are numerous. First, it will confer legitimacy on the Constitution. Second, it will justify the preamble to the Constitution which says “We, the people of the Federal Republic of Nigeria...”

Prof. Sambo also called for a true financial independence for the judiciary to minimise undue hamstringing of Judges, adding that “there is the need to balance financial independence of the judiciary and the conservatism of not wanting to hold money. Thus, the way out is that money should come to the coffers of the judiciary for their utilisation so that they do not go to beg the executive or legislature like beggars.”

The don also recommended a constitutional provision that will enable the courts to enforce their orders. He said, “There is the need for armed judiciary law enforcement agents. The President controls the police and armed forces. There should also be a constitutional provision empowering the judiciary to employ its own law enforcement agents answerable to the heads of the courts.”

The well-attended lecture was delivered under the chairmanship of the Vice Chancellor, Prof, Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN.

Egbewole greets Emir of Ilorin on 85th birthday

By Abubakar Imam

The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has congratulated the Emir of Ilorin and Chairman of the Kwara State Council of Chiefs, Alhaji (Dr) Ibrahim Sulu-Gambari, CFR, on the occasion of his 85th birthday, which comes up on Tuesday, (April 22, 2025).

Prof. Egbewole, in a statement signed by the University's Director of Corporate Affairs, Mr Kunle Akogun, described the Emir as an outstanding leader and a statesman whose reign has brought tremendous positive developments to the Emirate and Kwara State at large.

The Vice Chancellor said that the Emir has made several marks in national development and particularly in the realm of jurisprudence as a lawyer and a Justice of the Court of Appeal before his appointment as the 11th Emir of Ilorin in 1995.

Prof. Egbewole was particularly grateful to the Emir for being a father to all, saying that the Emir's disposition to non-indigenes living or doing businesses in his domain has been very fantastic and devoid of any form of discrimination



■ Prof. Egbewole

whatsoever.

The Vice Chancellor added that this fantastic disposition, more than any other factor, has contributed significantly to making Ilorin one of the fastest growing cities in the country.

Prof. Egbewole specifically thanked Alhaji Sulu-Gambari, who is also the Chancellor of Bayero University, Kano, and Muhammad Kamalud-Deen University, Ilorin, for the consistent fatherly roles he has been extending to the University before and since his ascension to the stool of his forebears.

The Vice Chancellor said that the prevailing peace being enjoyed by the



■ Alhaji Sulu-Gambari,

University cannot be divorced from the peaceful dispositions of the Emir and his people, saying that the University is in peace because its host community is in harmony.

Prof. Egbewole assured the Emir that the University would continue to support the developmental aspirations of its host community as he called on the leaders and people of Ilorin Emirate to reciprocate by also supporting the University to continuously achieve its corporate objectives.

The Vice Chancellor wished the Emir a very fruitful birthday and more years of rewarding services to Allah and humanity.

UNILORIN TV appreciates management on provision of solar inverters

By Abubakar Abdulquadri

Committee members and staff of UNILORIN TV station have commended the University Management for providing the station with solar inverters, which will ensure smooth transmission of programmes.

This commendation was made last Tuesday (April 15, 2025) during the official handing over of the solar inverters.

The contractor, Engineer Sola Oyeyemi from NBP Technology, described the provision as a good initiative, especially in today's Nigeria, where power has been a major problem. He said that the solar solution is easy to maintain, with zero percent maintenance required for the battery, except for dusting.

Oyeyemi advised end-users to understand the system's limitations, avoid overusing it, and watch out for warning signs. He noted that having electricity solves 90% of problems and that the 24/7 lighting would increase coverage content and creativity. He appreciated the University Management for giving him the opportunity to contribute to the success of the TV

station.

A representative of the UNILORIN TV Committee, Mr Banu Baba Manu, observed that the installation of the solar inverters would connect the station to the larger world. He advised end-users to acquire managerial skills to maintain the system effectively for it to serve its purpose. He also appreciated the University management for the provision, stating that it would project the University's image and make the job easier.

A staff member of UNILORIN TV station, Mr Idris Kehinde Lukman, appreciated the University Management, under the leadership of Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, for

providing the solar inverters. He described it as a welcome development that would solve some of the station's challenges, particularly during interviews, and enable smooth transmission of programmes day and night. He also appreciated the team members from the Works Department for their contribution.

A Senior Maintenance Officer, from Physical Planning Unit, Engr. Olatunde Abdulah Ogundeji, thanked the management for its contribution and appreciated the contractor for his excellent work. He advised the staff members to utilise the system effectively.





Egbewole charges students to uphold integrity, discipline, excellence

By Isaac Lewu

The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has admonished Nigerian students, especially Unilorites, to uphold the values of integrity, discipline, and academic excellence for which the University is renowned.

Prof. Egbewole gave the charge last Monday (April 14, 2025) during the 2025 Mojirola Foundation Scholarship Award ceremony held at the University Auditorium Basement.

The Vice Chancellor, who was represented at the event by the Dean of Student Affairs, Dr. Alex Akanmu, congratulated the 20 beneficiaries of this year's scholarship scheme, 12 of whom are from the University of Ilorin, while the remaining eight are from other institutions across the country.

Prof. Egbewole urged the awardees not to take the opportunity for granted, reminding them that they are stakeholders in a lifelong process of growth, education, and service. "You are part of the process today, but you will become the product tomorrow," he said.

According to him, the University of Ilorin has consistently upheld a reputation built on excellence, and it is expected that students who benefit from opportunities such as this scholarship will reflect those values in their personal lives and academic pursuits.

In her speech, the Project Director of the Mojirola Educational Foundation and Senior Lecturer at the Centre for Peace and Strategic Studies, Dr. Ruth Abiola Adimula, explained that the initiative was designed to reduce the

burden of education on indigent and high-performing students. She described education as a powerful tool for national development and peace building.

Dr. Adimula expressed appreciation to the successive Vice Chancellors of the University for their unwavering support in hosting the scholarship award presentations over the years. She specifically thanked the current Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Egbewole (SAN), for approving the venue and backing the initiative. She also acknowledged the participation of Dr. Alex Akanmu, despite his tight schedule.

The Project Director also lauded the commitment and vision of the CEO of the Mojirola Foundation, Engr. Joseph Duntoye, an alumnus of the University's Faculty of Engineering and Technology for initiating and sustaining the scholarship project. Originally established to support students from his native Oro town in Kwara State, the programme has since expanded to include other parts of Kwara and Osun States.

While calling on other philanthropists and corporate bodies to emulate the gesture, Dr. Adimula stressed that the government alone cannot shoulder the burden of educating the nation's youth. She said, "We use this opportunity to call on other well-meaning Nigerians to support the government and the society by using their resources to support education in the country."

Dr. Adimula lamented the increasing trend of brain drain among the nation's youth, popularly referred to as "JAPA", and described it as a loss not just of talent but of potential national development.

She disclosed that over 200 applications were received in just two

weeks of advertisement, demonstrating the enormity of the need for educational support.

In his remarks, the President of the University of Ilorin Student Union, Mr. Victor Agezeh expressed profound gratitude to the Foundation for what he described as a timely and impactful intervention in the lives of Nigerian students. He pledged the Union's continued support for initiatives that promote academic excellence and student welfare.

The 12 beneficiaries the 2024/2025 Mojirola Educational Foundation Scholarship from the University of Ilorin are Adeboye Samuel Adesire, 500 Level Chemical Engineering; Oladipo Omoleyin Joseph, 300 Level Common Law; Zakariyahu Basheer, 500 Level, Islamic Studies; Oladokun Idris Ajao, 400 Level Medicine and Surgery; Oladimeji Ibrahim Okikiola, 400 Level Anatomy; Olalere Emmanuel Oluwadamilola, 500 Level Pharmacy; Olayemi Sarah Olamide, 400 Level Microbiology; Ogunrinu Israel Aanuoluwapo, 400 Level Surveying and Geoinformatics; Adeniran Tosin Oluwaseun, 300 Level Electrical and Electronics Engineering; Abdulyakeen Mustapha Olawale, 400 Level Mathematics; Olayiwola Zainab Abiola, 200 Level Nursing Science; and Bello Nafisat Adedolapo, 400 Level Medicine and Surgery.

Three of the other beneficiaries are from Usman Dan Fodio University, Sokoto; and one each from Abubakar Tafawa Balewa University, Bauchi; Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria; Bayero University, Kano; the University of Jos; and the Federal University of Technology, Minna.

UNILORIN made me what I am -- UK investment banker

By Abubakar Imam

As the University of Ilorin prepares for its golden jubilee anniversary, a graduate of the institution's Department of Agricultural Economics, Miss Grace Abikoye, has paid glowing tributes to the University for nurturing her to become a strong player in the corporate world.

Miss Abikoye, who is now an investment banker in the United Kingdom, explained that her path to what she is now doing was laid at the University of Ilorin.

She explained in an article published in *TechCabal*, a London-based Business magazine, that the University's merit-based system, which rewards the best-performing students, has been creating a system where excellence isn't just encouraged but expected.

At the heart of this culture, Miss Abikoye explained, is The Investment Society (TIS), a student-led organisation existing across different universities that grooms young Nigerians for careers in global finance.

Miss Abikoye, who now works full-time at a leading global investment bank and seconded on a global sustainability initiative in the United Kingdom, said that her role involves more of strategy and project management after she was briefly exposed to the trading floor during her internship before transitioning to a full-time role.

Beyond her day-to-day role in strategy and project management, where she manages relationships and projects, develops strategies, and travels rather infrequently—but necessarily, Miss Abikoye expressed the conviction that her achievements serve as an inspiration



■ Miss Abikoye

to many students of the University coming after her.

Miss Abikoye recalled that her path to securing a full-time role at a prestigious global investment bank was not straightforward. She said that she had to persevere, position strategically, and commit to learning from scratch.

As an Agricultural Economics undergraduate, Miss Abikoye said that her introduction to the financial sector began during her time at the University, where she actively sought out opportunities beyond the lecture room. She had joined societies like TIS and attended networking events.

The distinguished Unilorite recalled that the turning point came when she applied for an internship at a top global investment bank despite having applied and failed to secure a spot multiple times before landing the current one early in 2021. The internship, a rigorous ten-week programme, exposed her to global markets, where she rotated on the linear rates trading and FX sales desks.

"I struggled a bit with the core financial concepts at first," she admitted. "But I realised I had a strong ability in

relationship management and strategic thinking. I leaned into those strengths."

She said that her resilience paid off. Despite the challenges, she made an impression on her managers and was offered a full-time position while still an undergraduate at the University of Ilorin—a fully sponsored opportunity.

After her internship, she participated in programmes such as the BCG Aspire Programme and the CFA Research Challenge, which strengthened her understanding of sustainability and finance—two areas that would later prove instrumental in the role she plays today.

Beyond her core responsibilities, the Unilorite has found immense value in exposure to leadership at the bank and initiative.

"I support executives with key stakeholder meetings. It gives me the opportunity to understand industry policies, innovation, and the thought processes of leaders," she said.

Speaking on the rising profiles of Miss Abikoye and other Unilorites, the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, said that he was not surprised with the growing positive trends as Unilorites are trained to dominate their environments positively.

Prof. Egbewole, who spoke through the University Director of Corporate Affairs, Mr Kunle Akogun, encouraged Miss Abikoye and her colleagues to continue to keep the flag of the University flying, saying that all they needed to excel has been inculcated in them while in the University.

The Vice Chancellor encouraged other past and present students of the University to emulate the industry and integrity of Miss Abikoye for them to also excel in whatever career they pursue.

Olawumi to deliver 279th Inaugural Lecture April 24th

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 Hannah Oluwayemisi Olawumi

MBBS (Ilorin), FWACP (Laboratory Medicine)

Department: Haematology,

Faculty: Basic Clinical Sciences,

Topic: "Heroes Without Capes: The Life-Saving Power of Blood Sacrifice"

Date: Thursday, 24th 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

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Registrar



■ Prof. Olawumi

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The Professor of Jurisprudence and International Law stated that the multidisciplinary approach is about integrated, interconnected, and interdependent models or methodologies that can bring scholars together across disciplines for the purpose of promoting original, incisive, developmental, and sustainable research efforts. He pointed out that global collaboration will break down traditional models while embracing community engagement with stakeholders.

While calling for the permanent dismantling of the silo relationship between international institutions of higher learning, the UNILORIN Vice Chancellor said that global education finds theoretical solace in the intellectual fanfare of internationalisation. Hence, he said that the silo between global education and international education is temporary. "Let us break it with all sense of honesty as we move forward", he added.

Prof. Egbewole said, "The essence is for inclusive education, and the current direction is the breaking down of barriers of 'my father's farm' as the biggest farm' to accommodate the 17 Sustainable Development Goals, which include zero hunger, quality education, decent work and economic growth, sustainable cities and communities, and partnerships for the goals".

While noting that the University of Ilorin, which has been adjudged the most sought-after University in Nigeria for the 10th consecutive year, was poised to globalise education, the astute administrator said, "Seventy-two hours ago, a University of Ilorin undergraduate Kazeem Sanusi, a 400-level Mathematics student, set a new Guinness World Record for the 'Longest Mathematics Lesson,' spanning 31 hours, 42 minutes, and 54 seconds; and two days ago, we made history in this University through the successful inaugural public lecture hosted by the Institute of Translation Arts. My joy is that the connection between setting global records in Mathematics tutorials and translation in the digital era is equally linked to the evincing positivism that can be found in global education, and in its corollary of international education. As a University, we are poised to globalise education."

In a chat with **UNILORIN Bulletin**, the Director of the Centre for International Education (CIE), Prof. Lateef Onireti Ibraheem, explained the urgent need for education to transcend local boundaries and evolve into a truly global experience.

Prof. Ibraheem noted that while



the vision of globalised education is compelling, the path toward its realisation is marked by significant challenges. These include unequal access to educational opportunities, institutional resistance to change, restrictive policies, and concerns about the long-term sustainability of internationalisation efforts. However, he regards these challenges as potential opportunities and avenues for innovation, meaningful partnerships, and leadership that

can help institutions overcome structural limitations and advance educational equity.

In the spirit of International Students' Day, the Director of CIE also eulogised the invaluable presence of international students at the University of Ilorin. He recognised their academic and cultural contributions as a vital part of the institution's global identity.

Indian govt donates wall chart to UNILORIN

By Temitope Omoniyi

The University of Ilorin has received a Wall Chart designed by industry experts in Technical Education through the Indian Ministry of Skills Development and Entrepreneurship.

Receiving the Wall Chart from the Facilitator of the donation and Desk Officer of the Association of West African Universities (AWAU), Dr Habibat Yusuf, in his office, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, appreciated the gesture and commended Dr Yusuf for her efforts in facilitating the donation for the University.

The Wall Chart, which aims at equipping Engineering students with the practical skills required in the industry, was later presented to the Dean of Engineering and Technology, Prof.

Jamiu Odusote

In a chat with **UNILORIN Bulletin**, the Facilitator of the donation, Dr Habibat Yusuf, stated that this initiative follows a training sponsored by the Indian Government and facilitated by the Centre for International Education (CIE), University of Ilorin, on Strengthening Technical Vocational

Education and Training (TVET).

The training, which took place from January 20th to February 18th, 2025, at the National Institute of Technical Teacher Training and Research, Chennai, India, focused on attaining the Sustainable Development Goals of the United Nations.



UNILORIN CML empowers leaders for quality service delivery – Ag Director

By Idris Alooma

The Centre for Management and Leadership, University of Ilorin, has taken a significant step towards enhancing governance and service delivery by mandating leadership training and retraining for all levels. This initiative aims to equip leaders with the necessary skills and knowledge to excel in their roles.

The Acting Director of the Centre, Dr Adeola Aminat Odebo, disclosed this while featuring on UNILORIN FM's Yoruba programme, "Oro to n lo", hosted by the Station Manager, Mr. Idris Alooma.

Dr Odebo, who revealed that the Centre was established two years ago with the goal of building leaders nationally and globally, said



■ Dr Odebo

that it offers a range of courses, including certificate programmes, Masters, and PhD degrees, catering to diverse

stakeholders.

She stressed the importance of continuous learning and development in leadership positions, stating that investing in leadership growth can produce high-quality leaders who drive excellence and innovation. She stressed further that the Centre's programmes are designed for students, staff, workers, and the general public.

Dr Odebo, who is a lecturer in the Department of Guidance and Counseling, highlighted the importance of counseling in organisations. She advised youths to shun drug abuse, which can have devastating consequences, and encouraged parents to spend quality time with their children.



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POSTGRADUATE SCHOOL

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR ADMISSIONS INTO POSTGRADUATE PROGRAMMES IN THE 2025/2026 ACADEMIC SESSION (GENERAL ADVERT)

Applications are invited from suitably qualified candidates for admission into various Postgraduate degree programmes at the University of Ilorin.

IMPORTANT NOTICE:

- (i) Only courses available for the session are advertised, and as such, candidates are advised to select courses available in this advertisement.
- (ii) Candidates are advised to *PRINT* out the advertisement and *STUDY* thoroughly before *COMMENCING* the application procedure.
- (iii) Applicants are to note that the University will not be liable or responsible for any mistake made arising from a wrong application
- (iv) The Postgraduate academic session for Postgraduate programmes is 12 calendar months, commencing on 2nd October and ending on 30th September of the following year. The 12 calendar months start to count automatically from the date of first registration.
- (v) Applicants are to note that programmes automatically lapse at the expiration of the prescribed maximum duration for each programme. A candidate may, however, apply for an extension of not more than 12 months, in the first instance, subject to a maximum of two such extensions.

POSTGRADUATE PROGRAMMES OFFERED

1. Ph.D. Degree Programmes

These are available to holders of M.A.; M.Ed.; M.Eng.; M.Sc.; LL.M; and M.P.H degrees, with a minimum score of 60% or a minimum of 4 points on a 5 points Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA) scale in their Master degree programmes. A Ph.D. degree programme runs for a minimum period of 36 calendar months and a maximum period of 60 calendar months for full-time candidates OR a minimum period of 48 calendar months and a maximum period of 72 calendar months for part-time candidates. Relevant Courses will be taken for the Ph.D. studies where prescribed, and a Thesis is required at the end of the Ph.D. programme.

2. M.Phil./Ph.D. Degree Programmes

Candidates who scored between 55.00 and 59.99 percent or 3.50 – 3.99 CGPA score on a 5-

point scale can apply for admission into the Master of Philosophy (M.Phil./Ph.D.) degree programme. The M.Phil./Ph.D. degree programme is available only to full-time candidates. It runs for a minimum period of 12 calendar months and a maximum period of 24 calendar months, and a **Dissertation** is produced after the research work. Candidates in this category are eligible for conversion to Ph.D. programme, following a progress assessment report to be made by a Panel of Examiners at the end of the first session of registration. To be eligible for conversion to the Ph.D. program, candidates are expected to score not less than 60% (aggregate) at the end of the first session.

3. M.Phil. Degree Programmes

Candidates who scored between 50.00 and 54.99 percent or 3.00 – 3.49 CGPA score on a 5-point scale, can apply for admission into the Master of Philosophy (M.Phil.) degree programme. The M.Phil. degree programme is available only to full-time candidates. It runs for a minimum period of 18 calendar months and a maximum period of 24 calendar months on a full-time basis, and a **Dissertation** is produced after the research work.

4. Master Degree Programmes

M.A.; M.Ed.; M.Eng.; M.Sc.; LL.M and M.P.H. degrees run for a minimum period of 18 calendar months and a maximum period of 24 calendar months for full-time candidates OR a minimum period of 36 calendar months and a maximum period of 48 calendar months for part-time candidates. All Master degree programmes are by course work. This is in addition to a research report at the end of which a **Dissertation** is produced.

5. Postgraduate Diploma Degree Programmes

Postgraduate Diploma degrees are available to candidates with Third Class (honours) degrees.

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POSTGRADUATE SCHOOL

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ELIGIBILITY FOR ACADEMIC PROGRAMMES

General Requirements:

- i. All entry certificate requirements shall be available at the point of purchasing the application form. *The National Youth Service Corp Discharge Certificate OR Exemption Certificate* should be dated and presented on or before September 30th, 2025.
- ii. Applicants are expected to submit their application forms online, together with scanned copies of their credentials.
- iii. After the submission of the application forms online, as stated in (ii) above, all supporting documents in (i) above and the hard copy of the application form should be forwarded to the Secretary, Postgraduate School, University of Ilorin, Ilorin, Nigeria between Monday, 2nd June 2025 and Friday, 6th June 2025, while the submission of Transcripts of Academic Records should be addressed and forwarded to the Head of Department where the admission is being sought. The Postgraduate School will not be held liable for any misdirected transcript.
- iv. All applicants must have 5 O/L Credit passes in the relevant subjects, which must include English Language and Mathematics. In line with Senate directives, applicants who had their O/L results before the year 2015 may have a pass in English or Mathematics depending on the programme applied for.
- v. Applicants for the Master degree programmes who are graduates of the University of Ilorin and other recognized universities must have a minimum of Second Class Honours Degree (Lower Division) and must be applying for programmes in which they had their first degrees. However, applicants with Second Class Honours Degree (Lower Division) and those with higher classes of degrees seeking admissions into programmes outside those in which they had their first degrees may be admitted, provided they satisfy the University of Ilorin Senate's requirements in a qualifying examination to be conducted. The least class of first Degree for all academic programme applicants is Second Class Honours Degree (Lower Division). The Bachelor degrees should be obtained from the University of Ilorin or any other university recognised by the Senate of the University of Ilorin. ALL applicants shall apply early for their official Bachelor degree transcript to be sent to the Head of Department where the admission is being sought, before the expiration of the stated deadline in B (iii) above. Again, the Postgraduate School will not be held liable or responsible for any misdirected transcript.
- vi. Applicants for the Ph.D. degree programme shall have obtained a relevant Master degree of the University of Ilorin or from other recognized Universities, with an average weighted score of at least 60% or a 4.0 points CGPA on a 5-point scale. Short-listed applicants would be required to satisfy the Postgraduate School in the qualifying interviews and assessments by the relevant Department. Applicants are, therefore, expected to interact with the department to which they have applied to ascertain the interview date for the Ph.D. degree programme. Regardless of the institution where the Master degree was obtained, all candidates must apply early for the official copy of their academic transcripts to be sent to the

Head of Department where the admission is being sought for the purpose of this admission and before the expiration of the stated deadline. Applicants must note that the Postgraduate School will not be responsible for any misdirected transcript.

- vii. All Higher Degree applicants that attended foreign Universities, where English language is not the medium of instruction, should submit to the Head of Department where the admission is being sought, evidence of their English Language proficiency, e.g. TOEFL or IELTS scores obtained within the validity period of such certifications.
- viii. Applicants for the Postgraduate Diploma and Master Degree Programmes will be subjected to a qualifying examination, irrespective of the class of degree obtained. However, applicants from the University of Ilorin with a First Class or a Second Class, Upper Division (Honours), provided such applicant is not applying to a department that is different from the one in which he/she graduated from at the undergraduate level, will be exempted from the qualifying examination.
- ix. International applicants (who are domiciled outside Nigeria and non-Nigerians applying from outside the country) shall be exempted from the qualifying examination irrespective of the class of degree. All applicants are requested to submit a proposal of not more than 5 pages, giving details of their intended areas of research interests. This should be sent electronically to pgschool@unilorin.edu.ng no later than Friday, 3rd May 2024.
- x. Applicants applying for any of the full-time programmes of the University are expected to present a letter of release from their employers at the point of registration.

APPLICATION FEES

The non-refundable application fee for all programmes is N25, 000.00 (Twenty-five Thousand Naira) only for applicants within Nigeria OR \$200.00 only for international applicants.

PLEASE NOTE:

While this advertisement serves as the invitation for the Qualifying Examination, which will be held on Saturday, 21st June 2025, all applicants are strongly advised to provide their functional GSM number and e-mail addresses for further information and necessary communication. The University shall not be held responsible for any disappointment occasioned by wrong information on the part of applicants. You are hereby required to be checking your e-mails and phones frequently.

METHOD OF APPLICATION

Application forms are to be completed online and will close on Friday, 23rd May 2025. Note that the latest date for receipt of supporting documents is Friday, 6th June 2025. Successful applicants will be notified through their University of Ilorin application portal.

*Interested applicants are advised to check the University website: www.unilorin.edu.ng for details on available programmes.

M.A. Alfania
Registrar



UNIVERSITY ADMISSION/CERTIFICATE SCREENING COMMITTEE

REMINDER NOTICE TO ALL STUDENTS WHO ARE IN THE PENULTIMATE YEAR OF THEIR ACADEMIC PROGRAMMES

All students in their penultimate year academic programmes are hereby reminded that screening of certificates and other related documents will commence on **Tuesday 22nd April, 2025** and end on **Tuesday 13th May, 2025** at 9.00 a.m. each day. Any student who fails to appear before the Faculty Screening Committee within the stipulated period stands at risk of not graduating on schedule and will, in addition, pay a fine of **N3000.00** through remita for late screening.

Given the above, you are pleased to come with your **ORIGINAL CREDENTIALS** to the screening centres.

The following documents are required for verification:

- (a) Letter of Admission for **JAMB/UNILORIN**.
- (b) Evidence of transfer from other Universities to the University of Ilorin or Inter-Faculty Transfer
- (c) Notification of UTME/DE Scores
- (d) Original Certificate of SSCE or GCE
- (e) Statement of Results of IJMB or Teacher's Grade II
- (f) Student Identity Card
- (g) Original Current Session Registration Form and
- (h) Original Admission Clearance Certificate

S./NO.	NAME OF FACULTY	DATE	TIME
1	Agriculture	24/4/2025 to 29/4/2025	9.00am-3.30pm
2	Arts	24/4/2025 to 29/4/2025	9.00am-3.30pm
3	Basic Clinical. Sciences	24/4/2025 to 28/4/2025	9.00am-3.30pm
4	Basic Medical Sciences	24/4/2025 to 28/4/2025	9.00am-3.30pm
5	Clinical Sciences	24/4/2025 to 28/4/2025	9.00am-3.30pm
6	Comm. & Info. Sciences	5/5/2025 to 13/5/2025	9.00am-3.30pm
7	Education	5/5/2025 to 13/5/2025	9.00am-3.30pm
8	Engr. & Tech	30/4/2025 to 2/05/2025	9.00am-3.30pm
9	Environmental Sciences	5/5/2025 to 13/5/2025	9.00am-3.30pm
10	Law	22/4/2025 to 23/4/2025	9.00am-3.30pm
11	Life Sciences	30/4/2025 to 2/05/2025	9.00am-3.30pm
12	Management Sciences	30/4/2025 to 2/05/2025	9.00am-3.30pm
13	Pharmaceutical Sciences	22/4/2025 to 23/4/2025	9.00am-3.30pm
14	Physical Sciences	5/5/2025 to 13/5/2025	9.00am-3.30pm
15	Social Sciences	30/4/2025 to 2/05/2025	9.00am-3.30pm
16	Veterinary Medicine	22/4/2025 to 23/4/2025	9.00am-3.30pm

You are advised to abide by the above directives seriously, as the Committee will not entertain flimsy excuses for not being available.

Students affected are:

1. Present 300 level for a four year Programme
e.g Arts, Physical & Life Sciences, Management, Social Sciences, BMS, CIS and Education;
2. 400level for a five-year programme e.g Law, Engineering, Pharmacy,
Department of Nursing in Faculty of Clinical
Sciences and Agriculture.
3. 500level for a six-year programme, i.e Medicine, Pharmaceutical Sciences and Veterinary Medicine

Toyin T. Adeoti

Open Ph.D. Thesis Defence

S/N	NAME	FACULTY/DEPARTMENT	TITLE	DATE&TIME	VENUE
1.	SUNMONU, Modupe Christiannah	Education/Educational Guidance and Counselling	Effectiveness of Assertiveness and Problem-solving Training in Enhancing Low Self-esteem of In- School Adolescents in Ilorin, Kwara State.	Thursday 24 th April, 2025/10:00am	Department of Educational Guidance and Counselling Conference Room



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 Variou.s.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 Inagural 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	ALABI MUHAMMED TOYIN	INTERNAL AUDIT UNIT	20-Apr
2	OBA TAIYE	WORKS: WORKS/MAINT. OFFICE	20-Apr
3	OLAREWAJU OSENI	HUMAN KINETICS & HEALTH EDUCATION	20-Apr
4	OLORUNDARE ADELEYE	SECURITY DIVISION	20-Apr
5	KAREEM ISIAKA	AGRONOMY	20-Apr
6	AFFINNIH KEHINDE OLAYEMI	AGRONOMY	20-Apr
7	ADEDIMEJI JELILAT BUSAYO	DIRECTORATE OF CORPORATE AFFAIRS	20-Apr
8	OLOYEDE ABDUL WAHEED	WORKS: WORKS/MAINT. OFFICE	20-Apr
9	RAUFU SHERIFAT TITILAYO	HEALTH SERVICES	20-Apr
10	ABOYEJI JOHN OLUWASEYI	SECURITY DIVISION	20-Apr
11	HUSSAIN KARIMAT	VETERINARY PARASITOLOGY & ENTOMOLOGY	20-Apr
12	BABALOLA SEYI ADEKUNLE	BIOCHEMISTRY	21-Apr
13	ADEBAYO EMMANUEL SUNDAY	PLANT BIOLOGY	21-Apr
14	POPOOLA ADEMOLA ALABI	SURGERY	21-Apr
15	ABIDOYE OMOTAYO ADEKUNLE	STATISTICS	21-Apr
16	ADEWOYIN KABIR ADEREMI	REGISTRY	21-Apr
17	AIYEDUN JOHN OSIEKA	REGISTRY	21-Apr
18	ISMAEEL RIDWAN OLANREWAJU	CHEMISTRY	21-Apr
19	SAADU FATIMOH BIODUN	BIOCHEMISTRY	21-Apr
20	GIWA AHMED KEHINDE	REGISTRY	22-Apr
21	OLANREWAJU TUNDE	TRAINING RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT	22-Apr
22	SALIMON TAIWO TUNJI	SECURITY DIVISION	22-Apr
23	OJO-IDOWU OLAKUNLE OLALEKAN	REGISTRY	22-Apr
24	ADETITUN DAVID OLUGBENGA	MICROBIOLOGY	22-Apr
25	RABIU NAFISA	LIBRARY & INFORMATION SCIENCE	22-Apr
26	MOHAMMED RIDWAN ENUWA	SCIENCE EDUCATION	22-Apr
27	USAMOT IDAYAT FOLUKE	MATHEMATICS	22-Apr
28	IBITOYE OLUSEGUN MICHAEL	BURSARY	23-Apr
29	ADEGBOYEGA LATEEF OMOTOSHO	COUNSELLOR EDUCATION	23-Apr
30	IBRAHIM AKEEM	BURSARY	23-Apr
31	BABAITA HADIZAT SHEU	BURSARY	24-Apr
32	NDAGI MUSTAPHA	MECHANICAL ENGINEERING	24-Apr
33	ADEGBOYEGA KOLAWOLE LUKMAN	REGISTRY	24-Apr
34	AKANDE FEMI ALBERT	BURSARY	24-Apr
35	LAWAL ADEDEJI NURUDEEN	VETERINARY MICROBIOLOGY	24-Apr
36	OKUNLOLA FUNMILAYO VITORIA	REGISTRY	24-Apr
37	JOSHUA JIMMY JOHNSON	SECURITY DIVISION	24-Apr
38	BODUNDE CHARLES AGBOOLA	ENGLISH	24-Apr
39	BOLARINWA OLADIMEJI AKEEM	EPIDEMIOLOGY & COMMUNITY HEALTH	24-Apr
40	UTHMAN HAMEEDAT OLAYINKA	VETERINARY TEACHING HOSPITAL	24-Apr
41	HASSAN ISSA TOSHO	CIVIL ENGINEERING	24-Apr
42	ISSA MUSA KALLAM	REGISTRY	24-Apr
43	OWOPE SOLOMON OLUWATOYIN	LIBRARY	24-Apr
44	YAHAYA ISOLA ABDULGANIY	LIBRARY	24-Apr
45	ABDULSALAM AHMED ADEBAYO	SECURITY DIVISION	24-Apr
46	SHITTU FATIMAH MUSTAPHA	GEOGRAPHY & ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT	24-Apr
47	AWOTAYO OLATUNJI JOSEPH	PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION	24-Apr
48	BABAITA-ISAIAK TAWAKALITU OYWDAMOLA	EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY	25-Apr
49	ONELE OMEH CHRISTOPHER	REGISTRY	25-Apr
50	ADEYEMI AKIN DEBO	HUMAN KINETICS & HEALTH EDUCATION	25-Apr
51	MUSA MEDINAT IYABO	REGISTRY	25-Apr
52	OBADUN ESTHER ADUNNI	HEALTH SERVICES	25-Apr
53	NWOGBA INNOCENT NWEKE	REGISTRY	25-Apr
54	OWOLABI ABDULHAKHEEM ADEPOJU	LEGAL SERVICES UNIT	25-Apr
55	ABOYEJI PATRICIA ADEOLA	REGISTRY	25-Apr
56	ABDULSALAM SHAKIRAT	PHARMACEUTICAL & MEDICINAL CHEMISTRY	25-Apr
57	ABEGUNDE TOPE TUESDAY	WORKS: WORKS/MAINT. OFFICE	26-Apr
58	AYINLA GANIU ABOLAJI	HEALTH SERVICES	26-Apr
59	ABIDOYE FLORENCE OMOSHOLAPE	SCIENCE EDUCATION	26-Apr
60	OYEYIOLA GANIYU PACY	MICROBIOLOGY	26-Apr
61	ADELOWO SULEMAN BOLA	SECURITY DIVISION	26-Apr
62	ADENIYI OLAJUMOKE ABOSEDE	REGISTRY	26-Apr
63	PANU ABOSEDE SEWEDO	REGISTRY	26-Apr
64	OKUNADE ELIZABETH OLUWATOYIN	REGISTRY	26-Apr
65	MUSA SALAMAT AYINKE	VETERINARY PARASITOLOGY & ENTOMOLOGY	26-Apr
66	AGESIN BAMIKOLE EMMANUEL	PSYCHOLOGY	26-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 Ilorin-based prominent legal practitioner, Prof. Yusuf Olaolu Ali, SAN, on his turbaning as the first Kuliya Ngeri of Ilorin by the Emir of Ilorin and Chairman of the Kwara State Council of Chiefs, Alhaji (Dr) Ibrahim Sulu-Gambari, CFR. ("EGBEWOLE COBRATULATES ALI ON KULIYA TITLE, THANKS EMIR", <https://globalcrownnews.com.ng>; "Egbewole Congratulates Ali On KULIYA Title, Thanks Emir", <https://www.dailytopic.com.ng>; "Egbewole congratulates Ali on KULIYA title, thanks Emir-High Profile"; "Egbewole congratulates Ali on KULIYA title, thanks Emir", <https://dailylinks.ng>; "Prof. Egbewole congratulates Ali on KULIYA title, thanks Emir of Ilorin", <https://choicereporters.com>; "Unilorin VC Egbewole Congratulates Ali On KULIYA Title, thanks Emir", <https://newnigeriannewspapersng.wordpress.com>; "Egbewole Congratulates Ali on Kuliya title, thanks Emir", <https://royalnews.com.ng>; "UNILORIN VC Hails Ali On Turbaning As First Kuliya of Ilorin", <https://newtelegraphing.com>; "UNILORIN VC HAILS YUSUFALI", <https://dailyinfolink24.wordpress.com>)

➤ While speaking at the 277th Inaugural Lecture of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Folaranmi Dapo Babalola of the Department of Forestry Resources Management, has emphasised the need for active reforestation, and recommended the planning and restoration of indigenous tree species to preserve Nigeria's unique tree biodiversity.

("Forests Are Not Endless: UNILORIN don debunks myths, advocates sustainable Mgt", <https://royalnews.com.ng>; "Forests Hold key to Our Future. But Are We Listening?", <https://www.fellowpress.com>; "FORESTS HOLD KEY TO NIGERIA'S FUTURE -UNILORIN DON", <https://dailyinfolink24.wordpress.com>; "Forests Hold the Key to Our Survival, Not Fear Prof. Babalola tells Nigerians", <https://www.boardroom.vip>; "Unilorin Professor debunks forest myths, calls for sustainable management", <https://high-profile.com.ng>; "Professor Babalola calls for nation to protect forests", <https://thegraphicnews.ng>)

➤ A 400 level student of the Department of Mathematics, University of Ilorin, Kazeem Sanusi, has set a new Guinness World Book Record for the Longest Mathematics Lesson.

("Unilorin student sets new global record in Mathematics", <https://www.vanguardngr.com>; "Unilorin student sets new global record in Mathematics marathon lesson", <https://tribuneonlineng.com>; "Unilorin student sets new global record in Mathematics marathon lesson", <https://blueprint.ng>; "Unilorin Student Sets New Global Record in Mathematics, Marathon Lesson", <https://www.thisdaylive.com>; "UNILORIN student sets new global record in Mathematics marathon lesson", <https://punching.com>; "Unilorin Student Breaks World Record with 31-Hour Mathematics Marathon",

<https://rulersworldtv.com>; "UNILORIN student sets new global record in Mathematics marathon lesson", <https://the-reflection.com.ng>; "UNILORIN Student Sets Global Record in Mathematics Marathon Lesson", <https://newtelegraphng.com>; "Unilorin student sets new global record in Mathematics marathon lesson", <https://www.midlandpost.ng/index.php/narrow>; "Unilorin student sets new global record in Mathematics marathon lesson", <https://choicereporters.com>; "Unilorin student sets new global world record in Maths marathon lesson", <https://dailypost.ng>; "UNILORIN STUDENT BREAKS WORLD RECORD IN MATHS", <https://dailyinfolink24.wordpress.com>; "Unilorin student sets new global record in Mathematics marathon lesson", <https://royalnews.com.ng>; "UNILORIN student Breaks Guinness World Record in Mathematics", <https://high-profile.com.ng>; "Unilorin Student Sets New Global Record in Mathematics Marathon Lesson", <https://gatmash.com>; "UNILORIN student sets new global record in Mathematics marathon lesson", *New Telegraph*, Wednesday, April 16, 2025, p.2; "UNILORIN Student Sets New Global Record in Mathematics Marathon Lesson", *Leadership*, Wednesday, April 16, 2025, p.6; "Unilorin Student Sets New Global Record in Mathematics Marathon Lesson", *Thisday*, April 17, 2025, p.10)

➤ The University of Ilorin has placed an advertisement for the expression of interest for engagement of consultants to execute and complete its 2025 Annual Capital Appropriation.

(Advert for Expression of Interest (EOI) For Engagement of Consultants", *Blueprint*, Monday, April 14, 2025, p.13; Advert for Expression of Interest (EOI) For Engagement of Consultants", *New Telegraph*, Monday, April 14, 2025, p.29)

➤ In his keynote address at the International Conference of the Centre for International Education (CIE), the Secretary General of the Developing-8 Organisation for Economic Cooperation, (D-8), Amb. Isiaka Abdulkadir Imam, has called for strategic partnerships between leading international universities and research institutions to facilitate the global exchange of knowledge, innovation and best practices.

("African Varsities Charged To Embrace Global Collaboration", <https://newtelegraphng.com>; "D-8 Chief Urges Global Collaboration in Higher Education", <https://tribuneonlineng.com>)

A former Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, who is also the Registrar of the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB), Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, has declared that for almost two decades, the University has been publishing its financial details every week, stressing that every income and expenditure is provided in the widely circulated UNILORIN Bulletin.

("Varsities, Polys, Others grapple with new operational guidelines", *The Nation*, Thursday, April 17, 2025, p.17)

Akanmu loses father

The death has been announced of a prominent community leader, Chief James Adeniyi Akanmu, the father of the Ag. Dean, Student Affairs, University of

Ilorin, Dr Alex M. Akanmu.

A statement signed by the Dean said that Chief Akanmu passed on last Wednesday (April 16, 2025) at the age of 80 after a brief illness.

Dr Akanmu, who is also the Chairman

of the University of Ilorin Chapter of the Academic Staff Union of Universities (ASUU), said that the details of the burial of the deceased would be announced soon.

UNILORIN holds Cultural Day, May 16

By Festus Ogunyinka

The Director, Centre for Cultural Studies and Creative Arts (CCSCA), University of Ilorin, Prof. Oluwatoyin Roland Ogunade, has announced that the Management has approved the staging of the maiden edition of University's Cultural Day on May 16, 2025.

Prof. Ogunade made this known during a chat with **UNILORIN Bulletin** in his office last Tuesday (April 15, 2025).

The Director, a Professor of Sociology of Religion, said, "Though the Centre was officially established on May 12, 2024, the idea of a UNILORIN Cultural Day came up at the well attended two-day Commencement Programme of the Centre held October 2024. It there and then got the blessing of the Vice Chancellor, who said that the possibility of dedicating a day in a year as UNILORIN Cultural Day is a welcome idea."

Prof. Ogunade said that UNILORIN Cultural Day is desirable as part of the nation's "need for cultural renaissance", stressing that a "people



■ Prof. Ogunade

without culture will go into extinction."

The one-day ceremony, according to the Director, will feature a press conference, a presentation by students of the Department of Performing and Film Arts, speeches by the Vice Chancellor and the Director, CCSCA.

The Director said that staff and students of the University are expected to appear in their beautiful cultural attires on the day to "demonstrate our pride in our

culture."

He further said that "members of staff should hold the consciousness that a day will come in May of every year as may be approved by the Management to celebrate our culture."

The UNILORIN Cultural Day, according to Prof. Ogunade, is also in furtherance to the mandate of the Centre that involves the "running of courses in Cultural Studies, Creative Arts and Museum and Archival Studies at certificate, Diploma, Master and Ph.D levels.

The don, a Board member of the global, USA-based Kiriji Heritage Conservation Group, further called for more support for the Centre, which, according to him, has good prospects of becoming the first United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) Chair for Cultural Studies in Nigeria.

The UNILORIN Cultural Day, the Director said, "will further showcase the commitment of the Management of the University to institutionally lead in the renaissance and advancement of our rich cultural heritage."

Omotoso loses mother

The death has been announced of the mother of Prof. Gabriel Olaiya Omotoso of the Department of Anatomy, Faculty of Basic Medical Sciences, College of health Sciences, University of Ilorin. Madam Rachel Olufunso Omotoso died last Monday (April 14, 2025) at the age

of 90.

Prof. Omotoso, who is the Editor-in-Chief of the National Association (Anatomy Society of Nigeria), said that the burial arrangements will be announced soon.



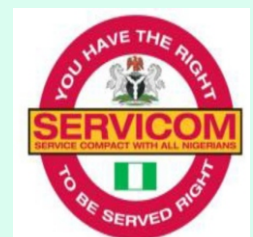
■ Late Mrs Omotoso

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VC condoles with Akanmu on father's passage

By Abubakar Imam

The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has commiserated with the Dean of Student Affairs and Chairman of the University's Chapter of the Academic Staff Union of Universities (ASUU), Dr Alex Morenikeji Akanmu, on the death of his beloved father, Pa James Adeniyi Akanmu.

Pa Akanmu, who was a prominent community leader in Ejigbo, Osun State, passed on last Wednesday (April 16, 2025) at the ripe age of 80.

Prof. Egbewole, in a condolence message issued on his behalf by the University's Director of Corporate Affairs, Mr Kunle Akogun, described the demise of Chief Akanmu as "very painful, coming at this point in time when the family would need his sagacious counsels and strong patriarchal support most."

Describing the late

octogenarian as "a passionate community builder, a committed family man, and an indispensable rallying point for community development activities", Prof. Egbewole said that his demise is "a great loss not only to the

Akanmu family but also to the entire Ejigbo community, and humanity at large."

The Vice Chancellor, however, urged Dr Akanmu and other members of the family "not to grieve too much over the loss of an exemplary patriarch but take solace in the fact that their father



Late Pa Akanmu

led a very fulfilled life."

Prof. Egbewole prayed Almighty God to grant Papa's soul peaceful repose.

He also beseeched God to grant "our own Dr Akanmu, his siblings and the entire Akanmu family the fortitude to bear the loss."

Egbewole greets UNILORIN Christians @ Easter

By Abubakar Imam

The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has felicitated with members of the University Christian community and the entire Christendom on the occasion of this year's Easter festival.

In a statement signed by the University Director of Corporate Affairs, Mr Kunle Akogun, the Vice Chancellor described Easter as an important period in Christendom during which the global Christian community celebrates in honour of Jesus Christ.

The Vice Chancellor, who is also the Secretary-General of the Association of West African Universities (AWAU), said that the commemoration of Easter is to appreciate the greatness of Jesus Christ.

Prof. Egbewole enjoined Christians and others to emulate the selflessness, civility and faith, which the event represents.

The Vice Chancellor also urged Christians to celebrate the occasion in moderation and ensure that they extend support to the less-privileged relations, friends, neighbours and colleagues for all to

live in love and peace.

Prof. Egbewole also commended the quality and magnitude of fraternity existing between Muslim and Christian members of the University community, adding that it is worthy of emulation by all for the nation and humanity to enjoy enduring peace.

The Vice Chancellor wished members of the University Christian community and their counterparts across the nation and beyond a very peaceful and rewarding celebration.

Unilorin Ruling the World: A Week of Bumper Harvest



By Idris Aloomaa

In a spectacular display of academic prowess and innovative spirit, the University of Ilorin (Unilorin) has made waves globally, cementing its reputation as a leading institution of higher learning. Within a span of just one week, Unilorin students and staff have achieved multiple records - breaking feats, garnering international recognition and accolades.

It all began on Sunday, April 13, 2025, when Sanusi Akanbi Kazeem, a 400-level Mathematics student, embarked on a record-breaking attempt to deliver a marathon mathematics lecture. For an astonishing 31 hours, 42 minutes, and 54 seconds, Kazeem taught mathematics, surpassing the existing 26-hour benchmark for the 'Longest Mathematics Lesson'. This remarkable achievement has been hailed by Guinness World Records, which is currently reviewing the feat.

Kazeem's incredible feat is a testament to the student's potential for greatness, as praised by Kwara State Governor AbdulRahman AbdulRazaq. The governor's congratulatory message underscores the significance of this achievement, which not only brings pride to Unilorin but also showcases the institution's commitment to academic excellence.

But Kazeem's achievement is

not an isolated incident. Last year, Mr. Qudus Owoyemi, a 400-level student of the Department of Statistics, set a new world record for the fastest time devoted to completing five skin fade haircuts, accomplishing the feat in just 14 minutes, 56 seconds, and 83 milliseconds. These achievements demonstrate the university's dedication to fostering talent and innovation.

The University of Ilorin's success story doesn't end there. The institution recently won a prestigious award at the 2nd National Spokespersons Summit (NSS), organized by the Nigerian Institute of Public Relations (NIPR) in collaboration with the Federal Ministry of Information and National Orientation in Abuja. Unilorin was adjudged the 'Best Corporate Share of Voice (Social Media)' institution, recognizing its excellent exploration of social media to maintain efficient communication and engagement with stakeholders. Kudos to Temitope Lukman Omoniyi our wizard Social Media Manager.

These achievements are a direct result of the university's visionary leadership, under the stewardship of Vice Chancellor Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN. The administration's commitment to synergy and collaboration has yielded impressive results, as evident in the recent successes.

As Unilorin prepares to celebrate its 50-year anniversary, the institution is flying higher than ever. The university hosted an international conference, with representatives from D8 countries Organization for Economic Cooperation (also known as Developing Countries) attendance, including three Ambassadors. This is a testament to Unilorin's growing global reputation and its position as a leading institution in Nigeria.

The university's women community has also been effusive in their praise for Kazeem's achievement, congratulating him on his record-breaking feat. The Ilorin Emirate Descendants Progressive Union (IEDPU) under the leadership of Alhaji Ayo Abdulmalik has also joined in the celebrations, acknowledging the student's exceptional talent.

Unilorin's achievements serve as a beacon of hope for the nation's academic community, demonstrating the potential for greatness that lies within Nigerian institutions. As the university continues to soar to greater heights, its commitment to academic excellence and innovation will undoubtedly inspire future generations of students and scholars.

The recent successes are a testament to the university's vision, "Vision 1:10;500," which emphasizes the importance of synergy and collaboration. Under the leadership of Prof. Egbewole, Unilorin is working tirelessly to cement its position as a leading institution globally.

In conclusion, Unilorin's recent achievements are a shining example of the institution's commitment to excellence and innovation. As the university continues to break records and push boundaries, its global reputation will undoubtedly continue to grow. With its sights set on the future, Unilorin is poised to remain a leader in Nigerian academia for years to come.

The world is taking notice of Unilorin's greatness, and the institution's achievements will undoubtedly inspire a new generation of leaders and innovators. As Unilorin celebrates its 50-year anniversary, it is clear that the institution's legacy will continue to endure, shaping the future of Nigeria and beyond.

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by Kunle Akogun

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A Guinness World Record, an NIPR Award, and other feats

Still basking in the euphoria of the historic smashing of the Guinness World Record for the Longest Mathematics Lesson by one of its students, the nation's most sought-after University, the University of Ilorin, last Wednesday (April 16, 2025) added another colourful feather to its already well-decorated wig. On that day, the Better-by-far citadel won 'the Best Corporate Share of Voice (Social Media)' institution at the 2nd National Spokespersons Summit (NSS) in Abuja. In simple terms, the award is for the university that made the most effective usage of the social media to gain the most traction among its stakeholders, internal and external.

Organised by the Nigerian Institute of Public Relations (NIPR) in conjunction with the Federal Ministry of Information and National Orientation, the award was given to the University in recognition of its excellent exploration of the social media to maintain consistently efficient communication and engagement with its relevant stakeholders.

Even though the award was for the University as a corporate entity, it was as a result of the fantastic work being done by the New Media Team, a newly created Unit under the Directorate of Corporate Affairs. The arrow head of this feat is the University's Social Media handler, Mr Temitope Omoniyi, who also won a separate Certificate of Award for himself at the grand ceremony that held at the prestigious Abuja Continental Hotel in the heart of the nation's capital city.

Omoniyi, a Principal Information Officer at the Directorate of Corporate Affairs, received the spectacular award on behalf of the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN.

Presenting the award to Omoniyi, the Vice President of the NIPR, Prof. Emmanuel Dan-Daura, fnipr, commended the University of Ilorin for doing quite well in the exploration of different social media platforms to promote goodwill and understanding between the institution and its relevant publics.

This is, without doubt, another big win for the multiple award-winning University, especially since the inception of the Egbewole Administration in October 2022.

Remarkably too, in the 2024 maiden edition of the National Spokespersons Summit (NSS), the University's Director of Corporate Affairs, Kunle Akogun, emerged the first runner-up in the Corporate Governance category of the NIPR Award, bagging a prized Certificate of Excellence in Public Relations.

Earlier on Sunday, April 13th, 2025, the Vice Chancellor's Mida's touch and inimitable inspirational leadership had materialised when a 400-Level Mathematics student of the University, Kazeem Sanusi, set a new Guinness World Record for the 'Longest Mathematics Lesson.' Kazeem achieved the feat with a marathon lecture spanning 31 hours, 42 minutes and 54 seconds non-stop teaching at the University's Auditorium Basement. This groundbreaking feat surpassed the current record of 26 hours by over five hours.

With the expected official confirmation of Kazeem's new record by the London, UK-based Guinness World Records Limited (GWR), whose representatives were on ground to monitor the proceedings of the Unilorite's breath-taking teaching, the record breaker is surely on his way to global fame. And with this, he would have succeeded in placing the University of Ilorin once again on the global map of universities where the otherwise unthinkable feats are achieved!

Expressing happiness over the achievement, the Mathematics prodigy said that he was motivated to take on the challenge by a personal desire to contribute meaningfully to Mathematics education by making it more visible and celebrated.

We recall that early last year, another Unilorite, Owoyemi Qudus Adebayo, also achieved an otherwise unimaginable feat by completing five skin fade haircuts in an amazing record time of 14 minutes, 56 seconds. With that, he broke the previous fastest skin fade haircuts record of 18 minutes, 57 seconds set by Enrico Springfield from South Africa.

TOWN & GOWN notices a curious correlation between these two Unilorite World Record setters. They are both into the studies of numbers: while Kazeem is rounding up in the Department of Mathematics, Qudus, who was also in 400 Level in 2023 when he achieved his feat, graduated from the Department of Statistics. There seems to be more in the study of numbers than meets the uninitiated eyes!

Other recorded feats in the less than three years of Prof. Egbewole's purposeful vice-chancellorship include conferment of 'The Most Outstanding University Award' on UNILORIN by The New Telegraph newspaper in 2024; sustenance of the University's winning streak of over 11 years back-to-back as the nation's preferred choice of admission seekers for which it recently won the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board's (JAMB) National Tertiary Admissions Performance Merit Award (NATAP-M) with a prize money of N500 million; a harvest of national and international honours and awards won in quick succession by UNILORIN lecturers and students; sterling performances by some of the University's Faculties in global academic performance rating; rating of the University as the 3rd Best university in Nigeria based on the quality and quantity of scholarly outputs of its academic staff members for three straight years on Elsevier/Scopus – SciVal; ranking of four of the University's Faculties and 11 of the courses offered at the institution among the world's best by the Times Higher Education (THE) in 2023; rating of the University as the 9th Best Value University among the 149 universities in Nigeria; rating of the University among the top 21% Best Value Universities globally; development of drought-tolerant and striga-resistant hybrid maize by a team of the University's researchers; successful hosting of the 3rd Summit of the D-8 Network of Pioneers for Research and Innovation (D-8 NPRI) in an unmistakable manifestation of the steady progress in the University's internationalisation drive; establishment of two new Centres, especially the Centre for Blue and Regenerative Economy, the Centre for Cultural Studies and Creative Arts; and the Centre for Gender Studies -- in line with the University's community service mandate; signing of more than 100 Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) with various universities across the globe; launch of the U-INSPIRE initiative to expand the skills acquisition programme for undergraduate students; conferment of the prestigious NIPR Fellowship on the Vice Chancellor in recognition of his immense contributions to the advancement of Public Relations practice through his exemplary management style.

So, with the whiff of the University's golden jubilee already in the air, all these monumental achievements recorded in the run-up to the anniversary will definitely add pep to the celebration and surely make it a worthy merriment.