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UNILORIN ready to collaborate with Tunisian govt, varsities - Egbewole

By Abubakar Imam

The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has expressed the readiness of the University to work with the government of Tunisia and two Tunisian universities for mutual benefits.

Prof. Egbewole gave this assurance last Wednesday (May 7, 2025) when he led a delegation of the University Management on a working visit to the North African country.

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Prof. Egbewole (middle) flanked by the President of the University of Carthage, Prof. Nadia Aguri; and the Vice President of the University of Tunis, Prof. Asma Gati

UNILORIN Secondary School student scores 362 in 2025 UTME

By Mustafa Abubakar



Mubaraq Garba

A student of the University of Ilorin Secondary School, Ilorin, Garba Mubaraq Bukola, is among the highest scorers in the recently concluded 2025 Unified Tertiary Matriculation Examination (UTME) conducted by the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB), having scored 362 out of the maximum 400 marks.

Confirming Mubaraq's outstanding performance to UNILORIN Bulletin on Saturday (May 10, 2025), the Principal of the School, Alhaji Tajudeen Niyi Durojaiye, disclosed that although the School had a student with over 300 in last year's UTME,

none had achieved a score as high as Mubaraq's.

He revealed that the breakdown of Mubaraq's result, "as released by the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB), is: English – 68, Mathematics – 98, Physics – 98, and Chemistry – 98, bringing the total aggregate to 362."

Alhaji Durojaiye, who expressed joy at witnessing such academic feat during his tenure, thanked God and appreciated the staff of the school for their resilience and dedication to the students.

He added that their efforts have significantly contributed to the School's tradition of academic excellence, as reflected in Mubaraq's remarkable achievement.

Abdulkadir seeks maritime reforms to curtail challenges of insecurity

By Festus Ogunyinka

An expert in International Maritime Law, from the Department of Private and Property Law, University of Ilorin, Prof. Abdulrazaq Owolabi Abdulkadir, has called for deliberate efforts by members of the international community to find workable solutions to challenges militating against what he called

"maximum exploitation and exploration of the resources of the sea".

Prof. Abdulkadir made this call last Thursday (May 8, 2025) while delivering the 280th Inaugural Lecture of the University of Ilorin, titled "Radicalism, Rascality and Resentment in the Ebb of Marine and Blue Economy" at the University Auditorium.

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Prof. Abdulkadir

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Abdulsalam, ex-Unilorite, shines in U.S varsity

By Abubakar Imam

A 2017 graduate of the Department of Chemical Engineering, University of Ilorin, Mr Abdulmalik Abdulsalam, has received the Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award from the College of Engineering, University of Houston, United States of America, for the 2024-2025 Session.

The awardee graduated from the nation's most sought-after University with a Second Class degree (Upper Division) and he is currently rounding off his doctorate degree at the famous American University.

A letter of award dated April 23, 2025 and addressed to Mr Abdulsalam by the Dean of the College, Dr Pradeep Sharma, a copy of which was sighted by **UNILORIN Bulletin**, described the award as one of the highest given in the College.

Mr Abdulsalam, who teaches Chemical Processes: Energy and Material Balances at the College, in addition to his pursuit of Ph.D., was recognised in appreciation of his quality service delivery



■ **Mr Abdulsalam**

to students of the College as a teacher.

Speaking with **UNILORIN**

Bulletin on the development, Dr George Adeniyi, who supervised the awardee during his undergraduate days at the University of Ilorin, described Mr Abdulsalam as an intelligent and hardworking young man with a promising future.

Dr Adeniyi, a one-time University of Ilorin Researcher of the Year, said that Mr Abdulsalam is his mentee and one of the several outstanding products of the Department of Chemical Engineering who are doing very well within and outside Nigeria.

While urging the current students of the University to emulate Mr Abdulsalam's commitment to the pursuit of learning, Dr Adeniyi congratulated the Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN; the Dean of the Faculty of Engineering and Technology, Prof. J. K. Odusote; and the Ag. Head of the Department of Chemical Engineering, Dr E. O. Ajala, on the feat achieved by Mr Abdulsalam.

Alaro gets second term as UAS Head of Research

By Abubakar Imam

The Director, Quality Assurance Unit, University of Ilorin, Prof. AbdulRazaq AbdulMajeed Alaro, has been re-elected as the Head of Research and Translation Committee of the Union of African Scholars (UAS).

The re-election of the renowned scholar of Islamic Law was one of the highlights of the 3rd Congress of the Union held in Dakar, Senegal, between 26th and 27th April, 2025.

The Union is a body peopled by eminent scholars from all over Sub-Saharan Africa who are interested in promoting better understanding of Islam and encouraging peaceful co-existence.

Prof. Alaro, an expert in Islamic



■ **Prof. Alaro**

finance and former Head, Department of Islamic Law, University of Ilorin, was first elected into the position in 2020. With his re-

election, Prof. Alaro would hold the office for another term of five years that would run from 2025 to 2030.

Other members of the continental committee are Prof. Harun Meega from Mali, who is the Deputy Head; Prof. Yunus Abdali Musa from Kenya; Prof. Musa Umar Keita of Guinea Republic and Dr Abdullah Sajai from Comoros.

Also elected into the Committee are Dr Salah Hasan Abdullah from the Chad Republic; Sheikh Abubakr Soolih, who represents Benin Republic; Sheikh Umar Sal of Senegal; Sheikh Umar Phiri from Zimbabwe; Dr Muhammad Taj Arousy of Ethiopia and Sheikh Mbowana Ahmad from Tanzania.

Amuda-Yusuf to deliver 281st Inaugural Lecture May 15th

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 eighty-first (281st) Inaugural Lecture of the University, scheduled as follows:

Lecturer: Professor Ganiyu Amuda-Yusuf B.Sc (Zaria), M. Sc (Salford), Ph.D (Johor), FNIQS, RQS

Department: Quantity Surveying,
Faculty: Environmental Sciences,

Cost Management of Subservient and Neglected Elements in Buildings"

Date: Thursday, 15th May, 2025

Time: 5.00 p.m.

Venue: University Auditorium, Main Campus, University of Ilorin

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

Mr Mansur Adeleke Alfaanla
Registrar



■ **Prof. Amuda-Yusuf**

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In the course of the visit, the Vice Chancellor held fruitful discussions with the General-Director of the Tunisian Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research, Mr Mourad Bellassoued; and the President of the University of Carthage, Prof. Nadia Mzoughi Aguri, as well as the Vice President for Scientific Research, Technological Development and Environmental Partnership of the University of Tunis, El-Mahar, Prof. Asma Gati.

Prof. Egbewole said that the University of Ilorin was willing to explore staff and student exchange and mobility, joint publications and joint supervision of postgraduate students and other forms of collaboration between UNILORIN and the two leading Tunisian universities.

He expressed the conviction of the University of Ilorin that the exchange programme would not only expose students and staff to other perspectives but would also promote the internationalisation efforts of the partnering institutions for mutual benefits

and general cooperation between Nigeria and Tunisia.

Prof. Egbewole, who is also the Secretary-General of the Association of West African Universities (AWAU), was accompanied on the visit by the

Deputy Vice Chancellor (Management Services), Prof. Adegboyega Adisa Fawole; and the Director, Centre for International Education (CIE), Prof. Lateef Onireti Ibraheem.



The Vice Chancellor (left) with Mr. Bellassoued



(L-R) Prof. Aguri, Prof. Egbewole, Prof. Gati, and Prof. Fawole





UNILORIN, South African varsity mull academic, research collaboration

By Tajudeen Babamale

The University of Ilorin and the University of Venda, South Africa, are forging a new partnership aimed at fostering academic and research collaborations in key areas such as green technology, agriculture, law, and the exchange of students and faculty members.

This was announced last Monday (May 5, 2025) during a visit by a delegation from the University of Venda to the Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, in his office.

While receiving the delegation, led by the Registrar, Venda University, Mr Joel Baloyi, the UNILORIN Vice Chancellor expressed confidence in the newly initiated partnership between the University of Ilorin and the University of Venda, South Africa, describing it as a step in the right direction that promises long-term mutual benefits.

The Vice Chancellor, who was represented by the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Research, Technology, and Innovation), Prof. Muhtar Adeiza Etudaiye, stated that choosing the University of Ilorin as a partner institution would be one of the best decisions the University of Venda could make.

While explaining the value of in-person engagement in building effective and sustainable partnerships, Prof. Egbewole noted that many Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) signed virtually often fail to yield meaningful results due to lack of physical interaction and practical understanding of each institution's strengths. According to him, physical visits and reciprocal exchanges foster trust, shared vision, and a deeper appreciation of collaborative opportunities.

The Vice Chancellor noted that partnering with the University of Ilorin would not only provide the University of Venda with access to opportunities within

Kwara State and Nigeria at large but it will also connect it to UNILORIN's extensive global academic network. He stressed that the University's reputation for consistency, academic excellence, and integrity makes it a valuable and reliable partner on the continent.

Prof. Egbewole expressed optimism that the partnership would yield various joint initiatives, including collaborative research, co-supervision of postgraduate students, joint editorship of academic journals, and sustainable project development. He noted that these joint efforts would contribute meaningfully to the advancement of both institutions and the African academic community at large.

The Vice Chancellor described Kwara State, and Ilorin in particular, as a peaceful and harmonious environment that reflects the essence of social cohesion despite its cultural diversity. He said that visiting Ilorin provides a refreshing experience of unity, stability, and tranquility, making it an ideal setting for academic collaboration.

He described the students of the University of Ilorin as some of the most disciplined and responsible in the country, adding that the University boasts a vibrant and exemplary Student Union, which has attracted national recognition for its leadership.

In his remarks, the Registrar of the University of Ilorin, Mr Mansur Adeleke Alfania, reaffirmed the institution's commitment to fostering impactful and mutually beneficial collaborations with academic partners across the globe.

Mr Alfania stated that the University of Ilorin has consistently received positive feedbacks and commendations from its existing partners, many of whom have testified that choosing to collaborate with the institution was one of the best decisions they ever made. According to him, these testimonies are rooted in the University's culture of

excellence, discipline, and hospitality.

Mr Alfania added that students of the University are well-behaved and academically driven, while the staff uphold a high standard of professionalism and cultural sensitivity. He, however, assured the University of Venda delegation that they would find in UNILORIN not only a dependable partner but also a warm and supportive academic community dedicated to shared success.

Speaking earlier, the Registrar of the University of Venda, Dr Joel Baloyi, expressed his institution's enthusiasm to build strong ties with the most sought-after University in Nigeria, particularly in areas that align with developmental priorities on the African continent.

While noting the need for African universities to work together to solve common challenges and build capacity for future leadership, the Venda University Registrar said, "Our students' union is eager to come to Ilorin to learn from your model of student governance. We also want to focus on harnessing green technology. We envision a university powered by a solar farm, and we believe Unilorin can share valuable insights in navigating electricity challenges".

Also speaking, the Director of International Relations and Partnerships at the University of Venda, Dr. Segun Ibadire, noted that discussions on the collaboration began in 2024, following a visit by the immediate past Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic) of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Olubunmi Abayomi Omotesho, who attended an international conference in South Africa.

Dr Ibadire, however, expressed hope that the visit would mark the beginning of a long-term and mutually beneficial partnership between the two institutions as he explained the importance of academic exchange, not just with Western institutions, but also among African universities.

Abdulkadir seeks maritime reforms to curtail challenges of insecurity

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The don described Blue Economy as one of the most trending concepts in the emerging global economy, which deserves proper attention of all.

Prof. Abdulkadir said, "The economic activities of the marine are usually regarded as playing a pivotal role in severe hunger and poverty alleviation by providing jobs and plethora of economic opportunities".

According to Prof Abdulkadir, piracy, hijacking and other criminal activities militating against the blue economy had been traced to people's resentment, which breeds radicalisation and rascality.

He said that "radicalism, rascality and resentment are fundamentally rooted in what sociologists call relative deprivation, which means a feeling that one is unfairly disadvantaged compared to a relevant referent, thereby triggering the goal to retaliate".

Prof. Abdulkadir, who decried the mind boggling activities of pirates and hijackers and their debilitating effects on the blue economy, suggested that relevant agencies should be empowered to examine and seize any substance, goods, vessels that are considered harmful to the Nigerian maritime domain.

He said that the call is important because it is clear that concerned agencies lack the power to execute some of its functions.

The maritime law expert also called for legislative reforms, saying that there is a need to make some radical overhauling of our legal landscape affecting maritime business.

Some of these legal frameworks, according to Prof. Abdulkadir, are due for amendment as shippers or investors have taken advantage of some lacunae in the legal framework.

Calling for social and economic reforms, the Inaugural Lecturer said, "To prevent or reduce radicalism, rascality and resentment in the exploration of maritime and blue economy, the following economic and social reforms are required: job creation and skill development, infrastructural development, protection of cultural heritage, and conflict resolution mechanism".



■ The Inaugural Lecturer, Prof. Abdulkadir (left), presenting the lecture notes to the representative of the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Muhtar Etudaiye last Thursday

According to the don, "There is a need for the government to establish and adopt mechanisms that are acceptable and practicable to members of the coastal community in resolving grievances relating to the marine and blue economy".

Prof. Abdulkadir also called on the government to minimise privatisation of security services. He said, "The Nigerian Navy should rather be empowered to devise strategies to increase security surveillance, especially, concerning traditional security threat, while internal security should be the business of the Nigerian Police"

The Inaugural Lecturer insisted that resources capable of sustaining human means of livelihood are available at sea as he, however, observed that there are impediments militating against proper exploration of these natural resources for the benefit of mankind.

He also suggested the reduction of military involvement, insisting that good governance rather than militarisation would bring about peace and attendant development.

Prof. Abdulkadir also called for the proper reorientation of the Nigerian armed personnel like Marine Police and Naval officers "to appreciate the onerous responsibility of upholding their integrity and oath of office in discharging their responsibilities".

He also called for proper and sustained war against corrupt practices

as he said that they are generally responsible for some avoidable importation of arms, ammunitions and illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing.

Prof. Abdulkadir similarly recommended the amendment of the Cabotage Act 2003, designation of special court for shipping cases and enhancement of international maritime mobile satellite or digital selective calling equipment.

The Inaugural Lecture, which was delivered under the chairmanship of the Vice Chancellor, Prof Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, who was represented by the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Research, Technology and Innovation), Prof. Mukhtar Etudaiye, was attended by the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic), Prof. Moji Taibat Bakare-Odunola; the Registrar, Mr Mansur Adeleke Alfanla, and the Deans of the various Faculties.

Also in attendance were the Olupo of Ajase-Ipo, Oba Ismail Yahaya Alebiosu, the Olupako of Share, Oba Olawale Haruna Ilufemiloye; the Kuliya of Ilorin, Prof. Yusuf Olaolu Ali, SAN; the Shettima of Ilorin, Alhaji Saka Onimago and the National President of the Ilorin Emirate Descendants Progressive Union (IEDPU), Alhaji Abdulmumini Ayo Abdulmalik, as well as colleagues, friends, relations, students and mentees of the Inaugural Lecturer from far and near.

Registry honours retired staff

For their meritorious services to the University, the Registry Department recently conferred awards on some of its retired staff



■ *Mr Musilihudeen Adegoke (middle)*



■ *Mr Adam Abdulsalam (middle)*



■ *Mrs Muhibat Oladosu (middle)*



■ *Mrs Azumi Adi (middle)*



■ *Mr Abdullateef Sayuti (middle)*



■ *Mr Sam Olajugba (middle)*

UNILORIN @50**Faculty of Life Sciences to empower 50 student entrepreneurs****By Abubakar Imam**

As part of efforts targeted at marking the upcoming Golden Jubilee of the University of Ilorin, the Faculty of Life Sciences has concluded arrangements for the empowerment of 50 of its students to enable them pursue their entrepreneurial dreams.

The Dean of the Faculty, Prof. Rotimi Olusanya Arise, disclosed this last Monday (May 5, 2025) while speaking with **UNILORIN Bulletin** in his office.

While also promising to mobilise the alumni of the Faculty towards ensuring their functional participation in the anniversary celebration, the Dean explained that the proposed empowerment scheme would consist of skills, tools and financial support that would help the beneficiaries to develop their entrepreneurial wherewithal.

Prof. Arise, who is the 7th Dean of the Faculty, said that his Faculty is prepared to key-in into various activities lined up for the University's Golden Jubilee in addition to other events that it is working on.

The Dean explained that the beneficiaries of the empowerment scheme would be drawn from the five Departments of the Faculty namely; Biochemistry, Microbiology, Plant Biology, Zoology and Optometry and Vision Sciences, saying that the scheme would be targeted at brilliant but indigent students who are also imbued with entrepreneurial skills.

He added that as a mark of its preparation for the upcoming celebration, the Faculty has been using letterhead papers branded with the University Golden Jubilee anniversary logo since January, saying that all internal and external written communications of the Faculty have the full imprint of the anniversary logo as a way of advertising the upcoming event.

Prof. Arise, who said that some staff of the Faculty have a number of patented intellectual products to the glory of the University, described the upcoming anniversary as a celebration of monumental research excellence and exemplary hard work, which would also be marked by the presentation of the Dean's Prizes and Awards to the best researcher, lecturer, student and administrative staff of the Faculty.

The Dean, who described himself as a "full-blooded product of the University", also said that the Faculty would also activate the Memoranda of Understanding it previously signed with the College of Albany, United States of



■ **Prof. Arise**

America, and the University of West England, United Kingdom. He said that the two are targeted at enhancing the internationalisation drive of the University and particularly for the benefit of the students of the Faculty.

He explained that as an integral part of one of the founding Faculties of the University, his Faculty has every reason to be part of the celebration of the 50 years of remarkable existence of the University as he said that it has contributed to making the University worthy of being celebrated.

Prof. Arise noted that ten of the Inaugural Lectures delivered at the University since 2014 were from his Faculty. Each of these lectures, according to him, has not only deepened learning but also added impetus to the alluring positive image of the University as a centre of academic excellence.

He added that the Faculty has produced some of the most outstanding products of the University who are making waves in various realms of human endeavours within and outside Nigeria.

Speaking further on the products of his Faculty, the Dean said that the Faculty is proud of all those who got their academic training in all its Departments. He said that since the level of success of any institution of learning is usually evaluated by the impacts of its alumni, Prof. Arise remarked that his Faculty has done very well considering the quality and contributions of its alumni and staff members to human development over the years.

He noted that his Faculty and specifically the Department of Biochemistry has produced three distinguished Fellows of the Nigerian Academy of Science in Prof. Musibau Adewumi Akanji, Prof. Musa Toyin Yakubu, and Prof. Temidayo Oladiji.

Prof. Arise, who also teaches at the Department of Biochemistry, said that the current Comptroller-General of the Nigeria Immigration Service (NIS), Mrs Kemi Nandap, is a product of the Faculty and specifically that of the Department of

Biochemistry. He opined that Mrs Nandap, who is the first head of a paramilitary agency produced by the University of Ilorin, has been making the University very proud with her inspirational leadership in the NIS and the society at large.

He added that the former Director-General of the Nigerian Centre for Disease Control (NCDC), Dr Ifedayo Adetifa, also graduated from the Faculty just as Prof. Ezekiel Adebisi, who is the President of the Nigerian Society of Bioinformatics and Computational Biology.

Other outstanding products of the Faculty, according to the Dean, also include the Global Programme Director, D-8 Health and Social Protection Programme, Mrs Ado J. G. Muhammad; the Technical Manager/Assistant Vice President, Nestle and several others.

Prof. Arise also said that some of the products of the Faculty who took appointment at the University have been among staff members of the University who have won venerations such as the immediate past Dean of Student Affairs of the University, Prof. Musa Toyin Yakubu; a former Dean of the Faculty, Prof. Patricia Folake Omajisola; and himself, saying that it is significant that they all received their academic degrees from the University. He added that many other alumni of the Faculty are also doing very well as lecturers and researchers in the University and sister universities as well as in various research outfits across the world.

While noting that one of the three Emeritus Professors recently appointed by the authorities of the University, Prof. Musibau Adewumi Akanji, was a teacher at the Faculty, he also said that Prof. Akanji had previously done the University proud as the pioneer Vice Chancellor of Al-Hikmah University, Ilorin, and as a former Vice Chancellor of the Federal University of Technology, Minna.

Other former and serving Vice Chancellors produced by the Faculty, according to Prof. Arise, are Prof. Hussein O. B. Oloyede, who served as the pioneer Vice Chancellor of the Fountain University, Osogbo, and the Summit University, Offa, and Prof. K. T. Eniola, who after serving as the Vice Chancellor of Joseph Ayo Babalola University was appointed into the same position at the Kogi State University, Kabba; and the incumbent Vice Chancellor of the Federal University of Technology, Akure (FUTA), Prof. Temidayo Oladiji.

Prof. Arise congratulated the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, and the generality of the University community on the upcoming celebration as he assured him that staff, students and alumni of his Faculty would continue to make the University very proud before and after the celebration.



UNILORIN Christians Union Alumni Fellowship holds national conference

By Isaac Lewu

The UNILORIN Christian Union Alumni Fellowship (UCUAF) has concluded its National Conference.

The two-day Conference, which held on Friday, May 2nd and Saturday, May 3rd, 2025 at the University Auditorium, brought together alumni and current students from across Nigeria and abroad for worship, planning, and leadership transition.

In his address, the Chairman of the Local Organising Committee and UCU Kwara State Chapter, Pastor Daniel Kingsley Chuks, said that the Conference is held every four years as outlined in the Fellowship's Constitution. He explained that it provides an opportunity for members to reconnect, review their constitution, and elect new national leaders.

Pastor Chuks added that this year's Conference also focused on supporting members in need through strategic planning and welfare sessions. He thanked the University Management for providing a peaceful and accommodating venue for the event.

In his remarks, the National President of the Fellowship, Pastor Ayodotun Ogundiya, emphasised the

importance of leadership renewal and the international presence of the UCU alumni. He noted that the Fellowship has active chapters in the UK, U.S., and Canada.

Pastor Ogundiya described the Conference as more than just an election platform but also a time of revival, unity, and faith-building among members. He praised the University's role in shaping spiritually grounded and intellectually strong graduates.

He urged the University Management not to relent in supporting religious bodies, saying that many UCU alumni now serve as leaders in ministry, academia, and industry across the globe.

Speaking on behalf of current students, Mr Precious Akionla Nathaniel, who is the President of the Ilorin Christian Union and a 300-level Medical student, appreciated the University's support of faith-based student groups. He described the alumni conference as a bridge between generations.

Mr Nathaniel pointed out that the event created room for both reflection and strategic growth, adding that such collaboration is vital for student development. He expressed gratitude for the openness of the University Management to spiritual inclusion on campus.

He appealed for continued support from the University, especially in improving infrastructure for fellowship activities,

noting that a balanced academic and spiritual life helps students succeed in all areas.

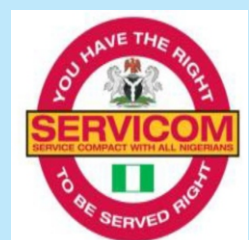
Presenting a health talk as part of the programme, a Urologist at the University of Ilorin Teaching Hospital, Prof. Ademola Popoola, highlighted the negative impact of modern lifestyle habits on public health. He noted that in the past, people lived simpler lives with fewer luxuries and relied on more natural, analog ways of doing things, which inadvertently protected them from many illnesses. He said that the highly processed foods and sedentary lifestyles common today are major contributors to the increasing rates of various types of cancer.

To reduce the risk of developing cancer, Prof. Popoola advised members of the public to adopt healthier habits such as eating natural, home-cooked meals that are rich in fruits and vegetables, engaging in regular physical activities, avoiding excessive consumption of alcohol and tobacco, and going for regular medical checkups. He emphasised that prevention through lifestyle change is key to curbing the rise of cancer in the population.

Also present at the Conference were Rev. Prof. Okunuga, Bishop Samuel Alawode, Pastor J.O.S. Adeboye, and Pastor Mrs Ayorinde Gbemisola Debbie, among other ministers.

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UNILORIN warns campus business owners against electricity meter bypass

By Abubakar Imam

The Management of the University of Ilorin has warned private business owners on campus and other individuals against involvement in the bypassing of electricity meters fixed in their premises.

The Registrar of the University, Mr Mansur Adeleke Alfania, issued this warning in a memo dated April 30, 2025 and addressed to members of the University community, a copy of which was sighted by **UNILORIN Bulletin**.

Mr Alfania said that the

warning is necessitated by the recent apprehension of some of the perpetrators of meter bypass by officials of UNILORIN Holdings Limited.

While saying that all those caught have been penalised accordingly, the Registrar explained that more grievous punishment such as forfeiture of tenancy, report of offenders to relevant anti-graft agencies and prosecution await future offenders.

Mr Alfania said that unscheduled inspections of commercial outlets, including private hostels and staff quarters, will be periodically embarked upon in order to discourage violation of the rule.



■ Mr Alfania

We bring quality vet care to your doorsteps — UIVTH boss

By Idris Alooma

The Director of the University of Ilorin Veterinary Teaching Hospital (UIVTH), Ilorin, Prof. Ibrahim Adisa Raufu, has said that the Vet hospital is a beacon of hope for pet owners and animal lovers in the community.

Prof. Raufu, who stated this while featuring on a popular chit-chat programme on UNILORIN FM, 'Oro t'on lo', pointed out that "with state-of-the-art equipment, abundance of drugs, and qualified personnel, the hospital is well-equipped to provide top-notch medical care to animals."

The programme was anchored by the Station Manager of the FM radio, Mr. Idris Alooma.

Prof. Raufu advised members of the public to bring their pets for regular check-ups and treatment, emphasising

the importance of preventive care in maintaining the health and well-being of animals.

He said that the hospital's commitment to awareness, sensitisation, and advocacy programmes is commendable.

The don said that by educating the public about the importance of animal health, the hospital is not only providing quality medical care but also promoting a culture of responsible pet ownership. The hospital's range of services include diagnosis, hospitalisation, surgery, and emergency care.

Prof Raufu said that one of the most heartwarming aspects of the hospital's services is the provision of free tests and drugs during world-specific disease awareness programmes. This initiative, according to Prof. Raufu, "demonstrates the hospital's

commitment to promoting animal health and welfare, particularly for those who may not have access to quality veterinary care."

The Director explained that the hospital's extended hours of operation, from 8. 00 a.m. to 10. 00 p.m. Monday to Saturday, and 12. 00 noon to 10. 00 p.m. on Sundays, make it convenient for pet owners to seek medical care for their animals at any time.

He stated further that "there is boarding facility for your companion or pet animals if you intend to travel for some days. You can either bring your already prepared food or you tell us your preferred food to be prepared for your animal."C

Prof. Raufu appealed to the public to "take good care of their pets and seek medical attention when necessary."



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Director of Sports prescribes recreational activities for health and wellness

By Bashir Dawodu

The Director of Sports, University of Ilorin, Prof. Tajudeen Olanrewaju Ibraheem, has called on both staff and students of the University to actively participate in recreational activities as a means of enhancing their overall well-being.

Speaking with **UNILORIN Bulletin** last Wednesday, (May 7, 2025) in his office, Prof. Ibraheem emphasised the importance of incorporating exercise into daily routines, noting its wide-ranging benefits for physical, emotional, social, psychological, and intellectual development.

“Exercise is more than just movement, it's a holistic contributor to human development,” he said.

Prof. Ibraheem recommended group exercises over solitary workouts, explaining that exercising with others not only provides motivation but also creates opportunities for social interaction. He added that group activities help in building networks and can be safer in the event of an injury, as there are others present to assist.

He also clarified a common



■ Prof. Ibraheem

misconception between stress and exercise, stating that while stress is unplanned and unstructured, exercise is intentional and calculated. “Many people mistake the physical strain of daily tasks for exercise. True exercise is programmed and deliberate,” he explained.

Prof. Ibraheem, who is a Faculty member in the Department of Human Kinetics Education, underscored the medical

community's endorsement of exercise, noting that doctors often recommend regular physical activity over medication to manage stress-related health issues.

He encouraged members of the University community who are not yet involved in sports or recreational activities to begin as soon as possible, citing long term health benefits.

Prof. Ibraheem expressed appreciation to the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, for his continued support of the Sports Unit. He revealed that the administration had provided sports equipment worth N19 million since assuming office, a move he described as instrumental in encouraging participation among staff and students.

He also acknowledged the Vice Chancellor's support for the University's participation in the upcoming Nigerian University Staff Games (NUSG) to be held at Bayero University, Kano, noting that funds had already been released for the event.

Prof. Ibraheem thanked the University Management for their unwavering support and urged it to continue investing in sports development for the betterment of the UNILORIN community.

Board commends UNILORIN for accepting NBAIS results

By Temitope Omoniye

The Zonal Coordinator of the National Board for Arabic and Islamic Studies (NBAIS), Zone 5, Ilorin, Mr Muhyideen Hambali, has expressed gratitude of the Board to the University of Ilorin Senate for accepting NBAIS results for admission into Arabic and Islamic Studies and related courses, following the approval of the National Council on Education.

Mr Hambali gave the commendation last Monday (May 5, 2025) when he visited the Registrar of the University of Ilorin and Secretary of the Senate, Mr Mansur Adeleke Alfania.

The Zonal Coordinator was represented by a delegation led by the Zonal Head of Administration, Mr El-Bashir Salamat Kasum. Other members of delegation include the Zonal Assistant Director, Quality Assurance Department, Mrs Amina Ibrahim; and the Zonal Accountant and Financial Officer, Mrs Azeezat Adeola Olagunju.

The National Council on Education had, in its 59th meeting in 2013, directed all regulatory agencies and institutions to recognise the Senior Arabic and Islamic School Certificate Examination (SAISSCE) for admission into tertiary institutions in Nigeria.



■ Mr Alfania (2nd left) with members of the NBAIS delegation

Mr Hambali also announced that the Board will soon commence conducting Ordinary Level examinations in accredited secondary schools once full legislative backing is secured.

He stated that the purpose of the visit was to strengthen relationships and raise awareness about the Board's mandate within the University. The Ilorin Zonal office of NBAIS oversees Kwara, Kogi, Ondo, and Ekiti State offices.

He added that the Board's mandate had expanded beyond Arts and Social Sciences to include conducting O-level examinations in Arts, Sciences, Management, and Social Science subjects, similar to WAEC, NECO, and NABTEB.

In his remarks, the UNILORIN Registrar, Mr Alfania, thanked the Board for the visit and assured that the University, as a law-abiding institution, would accept NBAIS results upon receiving regulatory approvals.

Students share their vision for UNILORIN

By Bashirat Omotosho

At the heart of the University of Ilorin lies a vibrant community of thinkers, dreamers, and doers, students whose visions stretch far beyond lecture halls.

As the institution continues to uphold its reputation as “Better by Far,” **UNILORIN Bulletin** asked students across various Faculties a simple but profound question: What is your vision for the University of Ilorin?

From improved facilities and cutting-edge research to international opportunities and entrepreneurship, their answers echo a deep hope and a challenge; to shape a University that truly meets the needs of tomorrow.

For many students, the first step toward the future begins with better infrastructure. From the Faculty of Law, Maryam Adetola, a 400-level student, spoke passionately about the need for more modern classrooms and spaces.

“Our Faculty needs more lecture theatres with smart boards and proper ventilation,” she said, adding, “We’re in an age where technology and comfort go hand-in-hand with learning.”

In the Faculty of Agriculture, Sulaiman Yusuf, a 300-level student, shared a similar sentiment. She said, “Having more research farms and updated laboratory facilities will help us gain practical experience that truly reflects what’s out there.”

Students also dream of a University that leads in cutting-edge research. In the Faculty of Engineering and Technology, Fatima Bello, a postgraduate student in Electrical Engineering, emphasised the need for more funded research programmes.

“We have brilliant minds, but without grants and access to advanced tools, many ideas remain buried,” she noted, adding that “UNILORIN should partner more with industries to drive innovation that solves real-life problems.”

In the Faculty of Basic Medical Sciences, John Adeyemi, a 500-level Medical student, called for a stronger research culture, saying, “We need student-led research groups, journals, and better mentorship for academic writing and publishing.”

The desire for global visibility was another recurring theme. Ngozi Ekene, a 300-level student of the Faculty of Communication and Information Sciences, expressed hopes for exchange programmes and global collaborations.

“It would be amazing if we could do one semester abroad or have virtual joint



■ Miss Rukayat

classes with students from partner universities in Europe or Asia,” she said.

Tanimola Haruna of the Faculty of Environmental Sciences envisioned more participation in international design competitions. She said, “We want to showcase our talents to the world and learn from others too.”

Students also highlighted the importance of well-being and support systems. Aisha Abdulrahman, a 200-level student of the Faculty of Education, advocated for more accessible mental health services on campus.

“Stress is real,” she said, adding, “We need trained counselors who understand student issues, not just disciplinary officers.”

Meanwhile, Kehinde Oluwatobi, a student in the Faculty of Management Sciences, stressed the need for improved hostel conditions. According to him, “Affordable and decent accommodation should not be a luxury. A good environment contributes to good grades.”

In the Faculty of Social Sciences, Chukwuemeka David, a student of Economics, dreams of a university-based startup hub. He noted that today’s students are also tomorrow’s job creators and many of them are already building ideas that need nurturing.

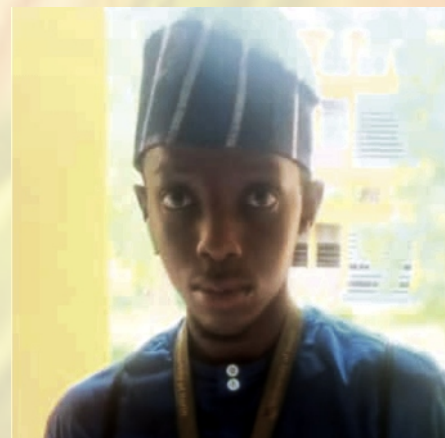
While students across the University acknowledged the dedication of their lecturers, many believe there is room for improvement in how content is delivered.

Zainab Ibrahim, a 400-level student of the Faculty of Arts, noted that some lecturers rely heavily on outdated, one-directional teaching styles. “Our lecturers are brilliant, no doubt. But the world has moved beyond chalk-and-talk. More interactive methods like case studies, flipped classrooms, and blended learning would make lectures more engaging,” she said.

Others also called for a bit more



■ Mr Kehinde



■ Mr Abdullahi

leniency and student-centeredness. Abdullahi Musa, a student from the Faculty of Life Sciences, said, “Sometimes, we need understanding when life happens, not everyone is being unserious. A little flexibility with deadlines or attendance would go a long way.”

Students believe their lecturers are doing a commendable job, but evolving classroom dynamics demand more empathy, innovation, and adaptability in teaching approaches.

Similarly, Rukayat Salawu, from the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences, believes entrepreneurship education should go beyond theory. She said, “Let’s have practical workshops, product development challenges, and student-run enterprises right here on campus.”

Looking ahead, as the University of Ilorin continues to evolve, these voices; diverse, bold, and forward-thinking, paint a compelling picture of what is possible. Their dreams call for action, investment, and listening ears.

More than anything, their visions remind us that the future of the University isn’t just being built in Senate chambers or boardrooms. It is also being imagined in classrooms, hostels, labs, and cafeterias.



Olarinde advocates robust policy implementation on Nigeria's sustainability ambition

By Mustafa Abubakar

The Head of Fiscal and Tax Reforms Implementation at the Federal Inland Revenue Service (FIRS), Mr Olufemi Michael Olarinde, has emphasised that Nigeria's sustainability ambition can only be realised through robust policy implementation, regulatory clarity, enhanced enforcement, and capacity building.

Mr Olarinde made this submission last Wednesday (May 7, 2025), while delivering a keynote address at the Finnovation 3.0 Conference organised by "The Investment Society", University of Ilorin, held at the University Auditorium. He said that integrating carbon pricing and green finance into the national agenda is vital.

Speaking on the theme, "Sustainable Finance and Investment Opportunities in Emerging Markets", the financial expert stressed the significance of small actions.

According to him, "Whether it is adopting sustainable practices in our communities or championing green investments, every effort contributes to a more sustainable future."

Mr Olarinde explained that Nigeria's regulatory environment already accommodates green policies, including frameworks for renewable energy and energy efficiency, supported by legislative instruments such as the Finance Act 2021, the VAT Modification Order 2024, and the Electricity Act 2023.

He also highlighted the National Tax Policy, which emphasises environmental taxation and promotes fiscal measures aligned with sustainable



■ Mr Olarinde,

goals to discourage pollution, which, he said, are further backed by the Climate Change Act of 2021.

Also speaking, the Head of Retail and Mutual Fund Sales at United Capital Asset Management, Mr Adedayo Durojaiye, stressed that sustainability must be a priority for every Nigerian.

Mr Durojaiye said, "Tomorrow must be a priority; securing today and tomorrow through finance and balanced sustainability means investing wisely, particularly in non-interest finance that yields dividends."

He encouraged participants to consider investment options such as SUKUK funds. "At United Capital, we also manage infrastructure funds used for electricity development across various sectors. We are committed to supporting the government and sustainable finance initiatives to help people secure tomorrow", he added.

In his remarks, the Staff Adviser of the society, Mr Wasiu Oluwatoyin Ibrahim, expressed delight at the success of the third edition of the event. He explained that the conference aims to showcase the link between investment, finance, and economic development.

Mr Ibrahim said that the Conference "is an annual event of TIS, bringing experts from various fields to engage participants on trending issues in finance and investment."

Other speakers at the event included Mr Taiwo Olufemi Adekeye, an alumnus of the University who transitioned from Engineering to Finance; Mr Michael Ayodele, an investment banker and corporate trainer; Mr Yinka Ajetuberu, a corporate finance expert; Ms Bomate, a policy analyst; Mr Femi Oladele, a financial markets expert; and Mr Oluwasegun Popoola of United Capital.

Earlier in his opening remarks, the President of the Society, Emmanuel Oyinloye, a penultimate medical student at the University, described the Conference as the flagship event of the society. He appreciated donors and the University management for providing an enabling environment.

He encouraged members to stay up to date with evolving trends in the financial markets, adding that the society is open to students from all academic disciplines, not just those in finance or accounting.

Highlights of the event included panel sessions and the presentation of awards to deserving guests and participants.

Participants were drawn from various departments of the University and from other institutions within and outside Kwara State.

Garba tasks campus motorists on regular vehicle maintenance

By Abubakar Imam

Operators of commercial transport services and other motorists in the University of Ilorin have been urged to prioritise the regular maintenance of their vehicles in order to ensure the safety of members of the University community who patronise them.

This advice was given by the Sub-Dean, Student Affairs, Dr Mohammed Kabir Garba, last Tuesday (May 6, 2025) while speaking with **UNILORIN Bulletin** at the University Motor Park.

Dr Garba, who is an Associate Professor at the Department of Statistics, said that regular vehicle maintenance is important to ensure and maintain their road worthiness.

The Sub-Dean said that the management of the University would spare no effort at promoting the safety and welfare of staff, students and even visitors to the University.

While acknowledging the contributions of commercial vehicle operators to the smooth running of the University, Dr Garba insisted that poorly maintained vehicles are "mobile



■ Dr Garba

morgues" as they expose passengers and other road users to danger.

Dr Garba explained that vehicle maintenance is more required at this period of the year because of the "atmospheric peculiarities" of the raining season, which exposes the engine system to various forms of weaknesses.

He advised transport owners to

ensure that their lighting and brake systems work perfectly, saying that they cannot afford to improvise these important parts of their vehicles.

Dr Garba, who said that he was at the Motor Park on routine checking of services, charged the drivers to ensure that the tyres and wipers of their vehicles' function effectively so that they would be able to drive perfectly when it rains.

While advising drivers not to drive against rainstorms, Dr Garba also charged them to ensure that the side-screens of their vehicles are also in place to ensure the comfort of their passengers.

He urged leaders of the various transport unions on campus to always communicate the desires of the University management to their members, saying that regular enlightenment programmes for the drivers would bring about greater road safety.

Dr Garba assured members of the University community that the management would continue to engage with the leadership of the campus commercial vehicle operators to ensure quality service delivery.

2003 alumni donate books to Accounting, Finance Depts

By Mustafa Abubakar

Members of the 2003 graduating class of the Departments of Accounting and Finance, University of Ilorin, have donated textbooks to the Departments and presented letters of sponsorship to two brilliant but indigent students in the Departments.

The textbooks and the endowment letters were presented by the leader of the group, Dr Kamaldeen Nageri penultimate Wednesday (April 30, 2025) when he led members of the alumni group on a visit to the two Departments.

In her remarks, the Vice-President of the Alumni, Mrs Toyin Olorunfemi, affirmed the set's commitment towards empowering and nurturing undergraduate students of the Departments, noting that the presentation is part of their ongoing give-back activities.

In their separate remarks, the Acting Heads of the two Departments, Dr



S. Abogun and Dr Oyebola F. Etudaiye-Muhtar of Accounting and Finance, respectively, appreciated the alumni set and thanked them for their support and give-back efforts over the years.

Also in his remarks, a Board of Trustee member, Prof. M. A. Ijaiya, commended and applauded the group for encouraging the awardees of the sponsorship

to focus and improve on their performance.

It would be recalled that the group had in 2021 instituted an endowment fund for the best graduating student in each Department.

On ground during the presentation were Mrs Motunrayo Oludare and Mrs Sururat Bidemi Durowade.



UNILORIN WEEKLY FINANCIAL DIGEST

FUND SOURCES AND UTILIZATION REPORT FROM 2ND TO 8TH MAY 2025

RECEIPTS:	AMOUNT
Academic Transcript	21,200.00
Sundry & Other Fees Student Charges	441,400.00
Sundry Other Incomes	267,200.00
Convocation Souvenir	200,700.00
Staff I.D Cards	1,000.00
CODL- Undergraduate Charges	76,000.00
Contractors' Registration fees	17,000.00
Income from Verification /Screening	500,200.00
Clinic Registration (Staff)	29,000.00
Capitation NHIS	11,600.00
Disciplinary Fines	5,000.00
Late Registration Surcharges	4,000.00
Others	26,000.00
Publication	264,500.00
Refund (Salary)	1,878,917.29
Rent on University Property	15,500.00
Refund (Non Salary)	143,500.00
Insurance Claims/Others	1,081,687.64
University of Ilorin 1000115-Fees	6,000.00
Undergraduate School Charges	27,496.00
Undergraduate Transcript Payment	638,400.00
Undergraduate Convocation Charges	346,700.00
Undergraduate International	20,400.00
Postgraduate School Charges	12,002,160.00
Postgraduate School Transcript Payment	135,000.00
Postgraduate School Application Form	4,356,400.00
Postgraduate Acceptance Payment	520,400.00
Ilorin Business School Application Form	100,600.00
Remedial Application Form	15,200.00
Institute of Education Application Form	263,000.00
JUPEB School Charges	401,000.00
JUPEB Clearance Charges	90,600.00
Total Receipt for the Period	₦23,907,760.93
PAYMENTS	
PAYMENT TO CONTRACTORS/SUPPLIERS:	
Aptlysaf International Ltd Upgrade of Bursary Automation (CBNTETFUND)	39,729,850.00
Ibironke Technologies Ltd Supply and Installation of LV Panel.	3,130,185.00
COWRIZ Integrated Services Limited Refurbishing of Lecture room seats	18,982,350.00
OTHER PAYMENTS:	
Various Various i.e DTA, IMPREST, REFUND e.t.c	52,654,847.71
Purchase Advance Various	11,425,980.00
Unilorin Petrol Station Supply of Fuel	2,764,580.00
Unilorin Press Printing Jobs	87,808.00
Unilorin Holding Ltd Production of Smart Card	9,000,000.00
Staff Training Staff Development Award	200,000.00
Total TSA Charges Various	50,525.00
Total payment for the period	₦138,026,125.71

Signed
Abiodun Lawal (FCNA)
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S/N	NAME	DEPARTMENT	BIRTHDAY
1	OYELEKE SHAKIRAT ADEBOYIN	TRAINING RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT	04-May
2	YOUSUF MAHMOUD BABA	ANIMAL PRODUCTION	04-May
3	ADEGBITE ADESINA GABRIEL	THE PERFORMING ARTS	04-May
4	ADEYELE SUNDAY TITUS	SECURITY DIVISION	04-May
5	ADEWUYI ABIGEAL TAIYE	REGISTRY	04-May
6	LAWAL KADIRATU GBOGBOLOME	REGISTRY	04-May
7	YUSUF MUMEEEN ADEBAYO	GEOLOGY & MINERAL SCIENCE	04-May
8	ALIYU YUNUS	ARTS EDUCATION	04-May
9	ABDUR-RAUF YUSUF ONIMASA	REGISTRY	05-May
10	ADEBIYI OLUWASHINA MORUF	POLITICAL SCIENCE	05-May
11	AKINTOLA ABIMBOLA GANIYAT	COMPUTER SCIENCE	05-May
12	ABDULFATAI KUDIRAT MORENIKEJI	REGISTRY	05-May
13	OLORUNTOBA AYODELE	SECURITY DIVISION	05-May
14	BAMIDELE BABALOLA REUBEN	REGISTRY	05-May
15	OLADELE PAUL	TEACHING & RESEARCH FARM	05-May
16	IBRAHIM BOLAJI AYINDE	SECURITY DIVISION	05-May
17	KOLAWOLE GANIYU	SECURITY DIVISION	05-May
18	MAKANJUOLA JAMES	SECURITY DIVISION	05-May
19	ABOLARIN AJAYI	SECURITY DIVISION	05-May
20	SHEHU ABDULRAHEEM ADARAMAJA	HEALTH PROMOTION & ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH EDU	05-May
21	JIMOH ABDULLAHI ENEHE	REGISTRY	05-May
22	OYEWUMI SAMUEL OLUDARE.	REGISTRY	05-May
23	HAMZAT ABDULMUMEEEN	OPTOMETRY & VISION SCIENCE	05-May
24	IBRAHIM AKINTOLA IDRIS	DIRECTORATE OF CORPORATE AFFAIRS	05-May
25	ASEGIEME ELIZABETH	REGISTRY	05-May
26	YAHYA RAHEEM ABOLARE	MATERIALS & METALLURGICAL ENGINEERING	05-May
27	JOLAYEMI MAYOWA SUNDAY	SECURITY DIVISION	05-May
28	ABDULKAREEM IDRIS KOLAWOLE	REGISTRY	05-May
29	OLOYEDE WALIYAT OLAIDE	AGRIC. ECONOMICS & FARM MANAGEMENT	05-May
30	AYOFE AYOBAMI MARY	REGISTRY	05-May
31	SALIU MOHAMMED TOYIN	REGISTRY	05-May
32	MOHAMMED DAUDA KOLAWOLE	ELECTRICAL & ELECTRONICS ENGINEERING	05-May
33	MUHAMMED SHUAIB DAMILOLA	PHARMACEUTICAL & MEDICINAL CHEMISTRY	05-May
34	ADEDAYO OYENIYI JOEL	REGISTRY	05-May
35	ISSA MUYIDEEN ALAKOSO	LIBRARY	05-May
36	GARUB TOSHO	HISTORY & INTERNATIONAL STUDIES	05-May
37	ISIAQ HABEEB AYOMIDE	WORKS: WORKS/MAINT. OFFICE	05-May
38	SHUAIBU ABDULMUTURLIB MOHAMMED	REGISTRY	05-May
39	IBRAHEEM LATEEF ONIRETI	ARABIC	06-May
40	UMORU MARIAT	WORKS: PARKS & GARDENS	06-May
41	OLAYANJU VICTORIA TOYIN	REGISTRY	06-May
42	NA'ALLAH ABDULLAHI	LINGUISTICS & NIGERIAN LANGUAGES	06-May
43	YUSUF ISAH	NETWORK OPERATING CENTRE	06-May
44	OJO OLUBUKOLA JAMES	EDUCATIONAL MANAGEMENT	06-May
45	AINA DOYIN TOPE	REGISTRY	06-May
46	RAJI SHITTU ADEWOLE	CENTRE FOR PEACE & STRATEGIC STUDIES	06-May
47	YAHAYA MERCY AISHAT	REGISTRY	06-May
48	ADEFILA STEPHEN KOLAWOLE	GEOGRAPHY & ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT	06-May
49	SANUSI ARIMAIYAU AKANJI	HEALTH PROMOTION & ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH EDU	06-May
50	YUSUF KAMALDEN ADUAGBA	PHYSICS	06-May
51	SAKA MOSHOOD ABIOLA	VETERINARY PUBLIC HEALTH & PREVENTIVE MEDICINE	07-May
52	SANUSI MAYOWA SAHEED	FOOD & BIOPROCESS ENGINEERING	07-May
53	BALOGUN IDIAT OLAYINKA	REGISTRY	07-May
54	ABDULKADIR FATIMAH SEGILOLA	INDUSTRIAL CHEMISTRY	07-May
55	ABIODUN ADEWOLE ALFRED	STATISTICS	07-May
56	MUHAMMAD TAOFEEQ AREMU	SECURITY DIVISION	07-May
57	OYINWOLA BEATRICE BUNMI	REGISTRY	07-May
58	AROSANYIN GODWIN TUNDE	ECONOMICS	07-May
59	AYANSHOLA AYANNIYI MUFUTAU	WATER RESOURCES & ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING	07-May
60	JIMOH-JIBRIL OMOBOLANLE SHERIFAT	BURSARY	07-May
61	AKEWUSHOLA FATIMOH BIBIRE	REGISTRY	07-May
62	ADEPOJU LYDIA ABIOLA	FOOD & BIOPROCESS ENGINEERING	08-May
63	BABALOLA OLASUNKANMI MUSBAU	SURGERY	08-May
64	LAWAL BELAWU AYOKA MALOMO	REGISTRY	08-May
65	SOLI ADIJAT ABEI	HEALTH SERVICES	08-May
66	ADEBISI SAMSON ADEBAYO	REGISTRY	08-May
67	DOPAMU OLUSEGUN ADESINA	REGISTRY	09-May
68	SAKA ABDULKADIR BOLAKALE	PORTAL SERVICES	09-May
69	ABUBAKAR ABDULLAHI SALIH---	ENGLISH	09-May
70	YAKUBU SUMONU	SECURITY DIVISION	09-May
71	OLAKI JEROME ALABA	AGRONOMY	09-May
72	ODEBISI-OMOKANYE MUTIAT BUSAYO	MICROBIOLOGY	09-May
73	KAYODE DAVID JIMOH	EDUCATIONAL MANAGEMENT	09-May
74	ATANLOGUN BANKOLE OLUWASEUN	REGISTRY	09-May
75	ADENIYI-RUFAL FUNMI FELICIA	REGISTRY	09-May
76	ABUBAKAR MELITUS MHELALOLO	BIOCHEMISTRY	09-May
77	OKOLO PETER	WORKS: WORKS/MAINT. OFFICE	09-May
78	GIDADO FAUSAT TITILAYO	LIBRARY	09-May
79	YUSUF SAHEED OLAYINKA	TELECOMMUNICATION SCIENCE	09-May
80	OLOWONIBI FEMI	RELIGIONS	09-May
81	ABDULLAHI IBRAHIM BELLO	FINANCE	10-May
82	TAIWO OMOTAYO ADEBAYO	MATHEMATICS	10-May
83	BARNABAS JOSEPH ECHE	SECURITY DIVISION	10-May
84	AIYELABEGAN ABDULLATEEF	SECURITY DIVISION	10-May
85	AYOKU WAHEED	DIRECTORATE OF GENERAL SERVICES/REGISTRY	10-May
86	AFOLAYAN AFUSAT TITILAYO	HEALTH SERVICES	10-May
87	SALAMI MUSA AYINDE	DIRECTORATE OF GENERAL SERVICES/REGISTRY	10-May
88	KOLAWOLE YINKA	REGISTRY	10-May
89	AREMU NUHA SALIHU	INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS & PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT	10-May
90	SALAWU JIMOH OMIYA	REGISTRY	10-May

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



S/N	NAME	DEPARTMENT	BIRTHDAY
1	YUSUF KAMALDEEN OLUJIDE	REGISTRY	11-May
2	HADI YAKUB	REGISTRY	11-May
3	GIDADO HAJARAT AHMED	REGISTRY	11-May
4	MUSTAPHA SHERIF ISHOLA	CHEMICAL ENGINEERING	11-May
5	ADEBAYO PAUL OLUJIDE	COMPUTER SCIENCE	11-May
6	BAMIDELE OLASUNKANMI DAVID	PHARMACEUTICAL & MEDICINAL CHEMISTRY	12-May
7	SALAWU MUSA OYEWOLE	BIOCHEMISTRY	12-May
8	OYEWOPO ADEOYE OYETUNJI	ANATOMY	12-May
9	AFOLABI BOSEDE	WORKS: PARKS & GARDENS	12-May
10	ADEBAYO FATIMOH ASUMI	HEALTH SERVICES	12-May
11	MOHAMMED SALIHU	PHYSICS	12-May
12	LAWAL RAHEEM ADEBAYO	ARTS EDUCATION	12-May
13	ABUBAKAR-KAMAR AISHAT TAYO	ARCHITECTURE	12-May
14	DUROJAIYE MUSIBAU TUNDE	WORKS: WORKS/MAINT. OFFICE	12-May
15	OROSUN MUYIWA MICHAEL	PHYSICS	12-May
16	AJENIFUJA MISTURA FUNMILOLA	BURSARY	12-May
17	OMOSIDI ABDULKAREEM	BIOMEDICAL ENGINEERING	12-May
18	SULYMAN ABDULGANIY	REGISTRY	12-May
19	ABUBAKAR ABDULSALAMI	SOCIOLOGY	12-May
20	IMAM-SHEIKH MEMUNAT AMOPE	REGISTRY	13-May
21	ABDULRAHMAN AISHAT FUNMILAYO	HEALTH SERVICES	13-May
22	ABISOYE FAROUK OLANREWaju	REGISTRY	13-May
23	ALABI FOLUSHO GRACE	WORKS: WORKS/MAINT. OFFICE	13-May
24	SULEIMAN AHMED AREMU	BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION	13-May
25	KAREEM AMUDAT BOLA	BURSARY	13-May
26	AKINYELE AKINOLA YUSSUFF	MATHEMATICS	13-May
27	YUNUS ABDUL-BAQY ABDULLAHI	CENTRE FOR STUDENTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS	14-May
28	LAFENWA-BALOGUN FATIMA BUKOLA	WEB SUPPORT SERVICES	14-May
29	EJIEJI CATHERINE NGOZI	MATHEMATICS	14-May
30	IDOWU JEROME FOLORUNSHO	REGISTRY	14-May
31	ONAOLAPO AJIBIKE SULIAT	REGISTRY	14-May
32	ALIYU BEATRICE MOTUNRAYO	BURSARY	14-May
33	OJUADE TAOFEK AFOLABI	BURSARY	14-May
34	ABUBAKAR YAHAYA	SECURITY DIVISION	14-May
35	BELLO MOJEED OLALEKAN	CHEMISTRY	14-May
36	SALAUDEEN KEHINDE	REGISTRY	14-May
37	OLOGELE IBRAHIM	HEALTH PROMOTION & ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH EDU	14-May
38	AKINDELE NURUDEEN AKINWOLE	EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY	14-May
39	NAFIU MIKHAIL OLUGBEMIRO	BIOCHEMISTRY	15-May
40	EHINMIDUN JOSEPH SUNDAY	SECURITY DIVISION	15-May
41	MUDI BABA OGBEIDE	WORKS: ELECTRICAL/TELECOM	15-May
42	ABDULRSAQ FUNMILAYO YAHAYA	SECURITY DIVISION	15-May
43	OGUNDELE ABRAHAM OLUSHOLA	REGISTRY	15-May
44	AWOSEJO ANGES	REGISTRY	15-May
45	ABIKOYE CHRISTIANA OLUWAKEMI	COMPUTER SCIENCE	15-May
46	OGUNDELE VERONICA TITILAYO	REGISTRY	15-May
47	MARTINS EMMANUEL OLADELE	BURSARY	15-May
48	SALAKO RACHAEL ABOSEDE	REGISTRY	15-May
49	OLADOSU MUBARAK OPEYEMI	DIRECTORATE OF CORPORATE AFFAIRS	15-May
50	ZUBAIR ABDUL HAKEEM	ARABIC	15-May
51	OLAJUGBA JANET FADEKEMI	CENTRE FOR COUNSELLING & HUMAN DEVELOPMENT	15-May
52	ABDULRAHEEM ABDULLATEEF GBOLAHAN	SECURITY DIVISION	15-May
53	SANNI TUNDE ABDULRAMAN	EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY	15-May
54	AGBEDE VERONICA IYABO	REGISTRY	15-May
55	SALAUDEEN YUSUF OLADIPUPO	REGISTRY	15-May
56	AKOH ELEJO-GABRIEL	REGISTRY	15-May
57	ADEWOYE TUNMISE LATIFAT	CHEMICAL ENGINEERING	16-May
58	ALASINRIN SHEHU	CIVIL ENGINEERING	16-May
59	ISA BAYO	FRENCH	16-May
60	ABDULLAHI ABDULRASHEED AJAO	PHARMACOGNOSY & DRUG DEVELOPMENT	16-May
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Olaniyan appointed NIALS' Bursar

By Abubakar Imam

A Deputy Bursar at the University of Ilorin, Mr Abdul Ganiyu Olaniyan, has been appointed as the Bursar of the National Institute for Advanced Legal Studies (NIALS).

A statement signed by the Institute Secretary, Mr Tiamiyu Adamola Sharafadeen, a copy of which was sighted by *UNILORIN Bulletin*, said that the appointment of Mr Olaniyan, which was made along with those of two other Principal Officers, was confirmed and ratified by the Governing Council of the Institute under the Chairmanship of the Chief Justice of Nigeria, Justice Kudirat Motonmori Olatokunbo Kekere-Ekun, GCON, at its extraordinary meeting held last Friday (May 9, 2025).

Mr Olaniyan, who joined the



■ Mr Olaniyan

services of the University of Ilorin in 2009 as a Senior Accountant, was promoted to the rank of Deputy Bursar in October, 2019.

The new NIALS's Bursar is a Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Nigeria (ICAN). In addition to his Bachelor's degree in Accounting, Mr Olaniyan also holds a Post Graduate Diploma in Banking and Finance as well as an exciting 22 years of cognate experience.

Meanwhile, the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has welcomed the appointment of Mr Olaniyan as NIALS' Bursar as he described it as another plus for the nation's most sought-after University.

Prof. Egbewole, in a statement signed by the University's Spokesperson, Mr Kunle Akogun, urged Mr Olaniyan to take the new job with his characteristic humility and crave for excellence.

The Vice Chancellor wished Mr Olaniyan a very successful tenure.

UNILORIN webinar explores Asian model for African food security

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From Indonesia, Dr Maria Enderwati of the National Institute of Technology, Malang, presented on urban-rural integration in agricultural planning. She explained how Indonesia's food security policy incorporated urban agriculture, technology incubation hubs, and policy incentives for food producers in peri-urban areas. "Planning must be inclusive, and the food chain must begin with environmental sustainability," she

asserted.

Dr Enderwati suggested that African countries develop national food charters that align with local government policies, stressing that consistency and inclusiveness will determine the success of food security programmes. She encouraged African academics to initiate pilot models within university farms and engage local communities.

Concluding the keynote session, Dr Prem Adheesh Lekhi, a Governing Council

member of the Unity of Nations Action for Climate Change Council (Malaysia), explored the link between climate resilience and food security. He stated that unpredictable weather patterns, floods, and droughts were reversing gains in food productivity. "Asia had to confront climate change early. Africa must do the same," he warned.

Dr Lekhi recommended an integrated food and climate resilience policy framework for Africa, urging universities to develop climate-smart curricula and foster innovation in sustainable farming technologies. "The time for reactive policies is over; we must prepare, not just repair," he said.

The webinar was moderated by Dr Sidiqat A. Aderinoye-Abdulwahab of the Department of Agricultural Extension and Rural Development, University of Ilorin, who skillfully steered the session with robust engagement from speakers and participants. She emphasised that knowledge sharing across continents is crucial to addressing shared global challenges.

Also present at the webinar were the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic), University of Ilorin, Prof. Taibat Bakare-Odunola; the Dean of Engineering and Technology, Prof. Jamiu Kolawole Odusote; Prof. Israel Ogunlade of the Department of Agricultural & Rural Development, lecturers of the faculty, and students of various cadres.

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UNILORIN webinar explores Asian model for African food security

By Isaac Lewu

The Faculty of Agriculture, University of Ilorin, in collaboration with the Global Forum for Sustainable Rural Development (GFSRD), convened its first international webinar penultimate Thursday (May 1, 2025).

The webinar, entitled “Towards Attaining Food Security in Africa: Lessons from Asia,” brought together global experts who shared practical strategies, innovations, and collaborative models that have succeeded in Asia, and how these can be adapted to address Africa's food security challenges..

In his welcome speech to participants, the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, emphasised the strategic significance of such international dialogues.

Prof. Egbewole, who was represented by the Dean of the Faculty of Agriculture, Prof. Oluyemisi B. Fawole, noted that food insecurity continues to be a threat to development on the African continent and urged stakeholders to embrace tested solutions while tailoring them to local contexts. He said that Africa must move beyond theoretical discussions and adopt technology-driven, research-based approaches that reflect the realities of smallholder farmers.

The Vice Chancellor stressed that while Asia's experience provides a roadmap, the African continent must commit to policy consistency, stakeholder collaboration, and youth-driven agricultural innovation.

He commended the organisers, especially the Department of Agricultural Extension and Rural Development, for spearheading this impactful initiative and reaffirmed the readiness of the University of Ilorin to lead conversations on sustainable agriculture through research and partnerships. “We are not just here to learn; we are here to act,” he said.

In her remarks, the Coordinator of the event and Head of the Department of Agricultural Extension and Rural Development, Dr Kemi F. Omotosho, stated that the webinar marked a turning point in the Department's quest to internationalise its academic activities. She highlighted the urgency of transforming Africa's agricultural systems and called for a rethinking of extension services, farmer support systems, and capacity-building for rural women and youths. She added that “Asia has shown that transformation is possible. Now it's our turn.”

Dr Omotosho said that UNILORIN is well-positioned to contribute to Africa's food systems transformation through knowledge exchange and development research.

The Head of the Department thanked the international speakers for honouring the invitation and encouraged students and academics to draw from the wisdom shared during the sessions.

She also noted the Department's ongoing collaborations with local and international agencies aimed at expanding outreach and knowledge impact.

Delivering the first keynote address, Prof. Manas Mohan Adhikary, a former Vice Chancellor of Bidhan Chandra Krishi Viswavidyalaya, India, reflected on India's Green Revolution and the role of policy-driven agricultural reforms in



■ Prof. Egbewole

reducing hunger. He emphasised the need for Africa to invest in farmer education, input subsidies, and post-harvest infrastructure. According to him, technology and political will were key ingredients in transforming Asia's food systems.

Prof. Adhikary warned that while mechanisation and innovation are critical, they must be accessible to rural farmers to avoid widening inequality. He called on African governments to make targeted investments in irrigation, seed research, and rural cooperatives. He added that the Asian experience is not perfect, but it offers adaptable lessons that Africa can refine.

The second speaker, Dr Rajendra Uperty of Nepal's Ministry of Agriculture, shared insights into community-based resource management and climate-smart agriculture. He explained how Nepal's hilly terrains presented a unique challenge that was overcome through localised extension practices and farmer cooperatives. “Top-down approaches fail in rural agriculture. What worked for us was listening to the farmers,” he said.

Dr Uperty emphasised the importance of context-driven policies and called on African nations to engage rural communities as partners in development. He also advocated for gender-sensitive policies that empower women as key food producers, especially in subsistence farming settings across Africa.

On his part, Dr Mukhisdahan Basu, a UN International Consultant on Agriculture in Africa, highlighted the similarities between African and Asian rural challenges, including limited access to capital, weak value chains, and poor rural infrastructure. He urged African countries to leverage digital tools and public-private partnerships in agriculture. According to him, “Food security is not just a farming issue, it is a national security issue.”

Dr Basu explained that Africa's youthful population can be an asset if properly trained and incentivised to view agriculture as a viable business. He also called for cross-continental collaboration between universities to share data, conduct joint research, and develop scalable models for rural development.

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