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UNILORIN secures 100% NUC accreditation

By Abubakar Imam

With 36 of the 37 courses it presented for the National Universities Commission (NUC) accreditation exercise getting full accreditation and the remaining one getting interim accreditation, the University of Ilorin has again reaffirmed its better-by-far reputation.

The result of the accreditation exercise carried out in October/November 2024, which has just been released, was contained in a letter dated April 30, 2025 and addressed to the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Egbewole, SAN, by the Executive Secretary of the Commission, Prof. Abdullahi Yusufu Ribadu.

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■ The Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Egbewole (left) with the Director General of the Nigeria Geological Survey Agency (NGSA), Prof. Omoniye Ige (right), when the VC visited the NGSA headquarters in Abuja last Tuesday (see story on page 4, more pictures on page 6)

2025 UTME: UNILORIN VC, alumni body salute Oloyede's courageous, sincere leadership



■ Prof. Emeritus Oloyede

By Abubakar Imam, Mustafa Abubakar and Latifat Raji

The University of Ilorin and its Alumni Association have commended the exemplary leadership style of the Registrar of the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB),

Emeritus Prof. Is'haq Oloyede, in the way he has been handling the controversy surrounding the glitch encountered in the just concluded 2025 Unified Tertiary Matriculation Examination (UTME).

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Amuda-Yusuf seeks collaboration in construction industry for building cost reduction

By Festus Ogunyinka

The Dean of the Faculty of Environmental Sciences, University of Ilorin, Prof. Ganiyu Amuda-Yusuf, has stressed the need for effective collaboration among professionals in the nation's construction industry to ensure a better and all-inclusive costs

management.

Prof. Amuda-Yusuf made this call last Thursday (May 15, 2025) while delivering the 281st Inaugural Lecture of the University, titled "Value Proposition for Enhancing Cost Management of Subservient and Neglected Elements in Building" at the University Auditorium.

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■ Prof. Amuda-Yusuf

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Egbewole inaugurates STIP Champions ...sets vision for innovation, industry collaboration

By Tajudeen Babamale

The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has inaugurated the Science, Technology and Innovation Park (STIP) Champions, charging the team to establish a hub that would drive innovation, research, and collaboration with industry partners.

The STIP Champions include Prof. Tanimola Makanjuola Akande, the Director of Unilorin Mentorship Centre; Dr. Bilqis Lawal of the Department of Pharmacology and Drug Development, Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences; Dr. Suleiman Abimbola Yahaya, Department of Biomedical Engineering, Faculty of Engineering; Dr. Ibrahim Kehinde Olojoku, Department of Geology and Mineral Sciences, Faculty of Physical Sciences

Others are Dr. Jumoke Oladele, Department of Social Science Education, Faculty of Education; and Dr. Oluwatosin Igbayiloye, Department of Jurisprudence and International Law, Faculty of Law.

While inaugurating the committee last Monday (May 12, 2025), Prof. Egbewole stated that the project is a top priority for the University Administration and urged them to invest their time and energy into actualising the vision.

The Vice Chancellor acknowledged the financial constraints faced by the University but stressed that powerful ideas have the potential to attract funding and support. He painted a compelling picture of what success could look like, saying, "We may not have money, but if we have a good idea, money will come from it."

Prof. Egbewole further told the Committee members that "this is the idea I am presenting to you and want you to develop. For instance, if we are able to bring someone like Dangote to this campus to establish his company here, you can imagine what that would mean for us."

The Vice Chancellor, who stressed that he expected a high level of commitment from the STIP Champions, announced that the team would be required to submit quarterly progress reports to enable the University to monitor the project's implementation and address challenges as they arise. He underlined the importance of time management and dedication, urging members to treat every second as vital to the success of the initiative.



■ The Vice Chancellor (middle), with Principal Officers and members of the STIP Champions after the inauguration last Monday

While also encouraging the team to develop strategies for engagement and collaboration that would not compromise their existing responsibilities within the University, the Vice Chancellor said, "We know this may take you away from your routine duties, but if this project succeeds, your names will be written in gold. You will be remembered as pioneers of a new era of development for this University."

He further noted the need to study existing science and technology parks across the world to learn from their models. "We want to know how they got to where they are and see how we can adapt their strategies to our context," he said, hinting that physical visits to some of these parks may be necessary for a deeper understanding.

Speaking during the inauguration, the initiator of the Science, Technology, and Innovation Park (STIP) concept who is a renowned academic from the School of Mechanical and Industrial Engineering, Addis Ababa Institute of Technology, Addis Ababa University, Prof. Daniel Kitaw, expressed strong optimism for the project, describing it as a vital step towards advancing innovation in Nigeria and across Africa.

Prof. Kitaw, who joined virtually, congratulated members of the STIP Implementation Committee on being selected for what he described as "a critically important task to drive technological and industrial transformation on the African continent."

He noted that the Committee members are privileged to have the support and leadership of a forward-thinking Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, whose commitment to innovation has made the project possible.

While praising the intellectual vibrancy and readiness of the selected

scholars to engage in rigorous research, learning, and collaboration, Prof. Kitaw stated that the team would need to conduct in-depth studies that reflect the unique socio-economic and institutional context of the University of Ilorin, Kwara State, Nigeria, and Africa at large.

According to him, "these studies would form the knowledge foundation for the development and sustainability of the STIP initiative."

Speaking on a key starting point for the project, the visiting Professor said that the team would need to create awareness about the relevance and value of science and innovation parks, adding that there is need for a unified effort among stakeholders to promote a broader understanding of the project's objectives and potential impact.

While acknowledging the crucial role of institutional leadership in driving innovation and confirming that the University of Ilorin's top management has demonstrated exceptional commitment to the success of the initiative, the team lead expressed gratitude to the Vice Chancellor and the University Management team for embracing the vision and providing a platform for its realisation.

Pledging his full support, Prof. Kitaw assured the Committee of his personal involvement and the use of all resources at his disposal to help bring the vision to life. Despite the project being in its early stages, he expressed confidence in its potential, stating that he could already see promising signs of future success.

In his remarks, the Director of the Mentorship Centre, Prof. Tanimola Akande, thanked the Vice Chancellor, for involving him in what he described as "a significant academic and developmental journey."

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In the letter, signed on behalf of Prof. Ribadu by the NUC's Ag. Director of Accreditation, Engr Abraham Chundusu, the Commission explained that while 36 courses were granted full accreditation status, only one, Hausa, was granted interim accreditation. No course was denied accreditation.

From the Faculty of Management Sciences, Finance, which was presented, was granted full accreditation. From the Faculty of Basic Medical Science, Anatomy, which was the only programme presented, attracted full accreditation just like Computer Science in the Faculty of Communication and Information Sciences.

From the Faculty of Education, all the 17 academic programmes presented were granted full accreditation while from the Faculty of Engineering and Technology, Chemical Engineering and Mechanical

Engineering, were fully accredited.

While each of the programmes presented in the Faculties of Environmental Sciences, Clinical Sciences and Pharmaceutical Sciences, was given full accreditation, three and four programmes were respectively granted full accreditation in the faculties of Physical Sciences and Social Science.

The Commission said that of the two courses, Igbo and Hausa, that were presented for accreditation from the Faculty of Arts, the former was granted full accreditation while the latter was granted interim accreditation.

Reacting to the development, the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Egbewole, said that the management, staff and students of the University received the news with excitement and a sense of fulfillment.

In a statement issued on his behalf by the University's Spokesperson, Mr Kunle Akogun, the

Vice Chancellor said, "We are happy to be so recognised, we are indeed elated."

He said that the achievement was a confirmation of the consistent huge investment of the University Administration in human and material resources.

Pointing out that more efforts would be made to justify the recognition, Prof. Egbewole thanked the Provost, the Deans, the Heads of Departments and all the Faculty members "that have made this possible."

The Vice Chancellor said, "It is our hope that we would continue to do our best to position the University for more recognitions", adding that "we want to assure everybody that the Administration will continue to appreciate everybody."

UNILORIN VC, alumni body salute Oloyede's courageous, sincere leadership

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Reacting to the televised apology tendered to the affected candidates by the JAMB Registrar last Wednesday (May 14, 2025), the UNILORIN Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, said, "Only a conscientious, sincere, and courageous leader with genuine compassion for the welfare of the people he serves could openly take responsibility for an incident surrounding the service delivery of an organisation he heads but which glitch was not due to his personal negligence."

In a statement issued on his behalf by the University's Director of Corporate Affairs, Mr Kunle Akogun, last Thursday (May 15, 2025), Prof. Egbewole said that the disposition of the JAMB Registrar has clearly shown him as a leader who is conscious of the fact that the buck stops on his desk, pointing out that "given the same circumstance, many Nigerian leaders would have regaled the public with untenable excuses to wash their hands clean of what had happened."

The Vice Chancellor said that he was moved beyond words with the remarkable manner Prof. Emeritus Oloyede addressed the matter, saying

that only a true leader would do what the JAMB Registrar did and at the time he acted.

According to Prof. Egbewole, "It is not every leader that owns up to mistakes and even takes responsibility for the infraction of others."

Prof. Egbewole, however, said that he was not surprised with the candour displayed by the Emeritus Professor of Islamic Jurisprudence, noting that as a total product of the University of Ilorin, Oloyede had been imbued with the right leadership values right from his undergraduate days and through his remarkable tenure as a staff member and culminating in his services to the University as its 8th Vice Chancellor from 2007 to 2012.

Commending the forthrightness of the JAMB Registrar, Prof. Egbewole said that the University of Ilorin is very proud of this distinguished alumnus who has always been one of his most valued ambassadors living up to the ideals of the University as a bastion of excellence, probity, and high impact service delivery.

The Vice Chancellor encouraged other Nigerians, especially those in one leadership position or the other, to emulate the forthrightness of Prof. Emeritus Oloyede for Nigeria to regain her glorious past.

Prof. Egbewole wished the

JAMB's helmsman a more productive and more successful tenure.

Also in its reaction, the University of Ilorin Alumni Association has said that Emeritus Prof. Oloyede demonstrated true leadership and responsibility by admitting the errors made by others.

In a statement signed by its National President, Prof. AbdulRasak Kilani, the Association said, "This is a commendable feat needed in the public service."

The Alumni body said, "Prof. Oloyede mobilised the right resources to identify the causes of the glitches in the JAMB system", pointing out that "his actions have shown honesty and integrity and have affirmed Oloyede as a man of honour."

Noting that "the glitches could have been swept under the carpet" the Association said, however, that "Prof. Oloyede took the path of honour by accepting responsibility."

It added that "Oloyede's style of leadership is needed for growth and national development."

The Association, however, urged concerned authorities to "identify and sanction those Service Providers responsible for this reputational challenge for JAMB."

UNILORIN, NGSA to collaborate on staff, students' internship

By Tajudeen Babamale

The Nigerian Geological Survey Agency (NGSA) and the University of Ilorin have agreed to establish a development-collaboration that will entail a short term work and learning experience for the academic staff of the University on one hand, and the technical staff of the Agency on the other hand.

The internship programme, according to the organisations, will serve as a platform for the acquisition of professional learning experience for beneficiaries toward the realisation of the set goal of economic diversification and advancement of mining and geosciences in the country.

The agreement was the highlight of the visit of the UNILORIN Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, to the NGSA Director-General Prof. Olusegun Omoniyi Ige, in his office in Abuja last Tuesday (May 13, 2025).

Prof. Egbewole said that internship is one of the ways by which the University of Ilorin desires to collaborate with NGSA toward the realisation of the mandates of both organisations. He explained that as expected, the University is mandated to embark on research and the dissemination of knowledge, while NGSA will explore the country to provide geosciences data on minerals, with the aim of creating wealth while diversifying and developing the economy.

The Vice Chancellor said, "In the University, we pride ourselves with research and teaching, while NGSA is exploring to create wealth for sustainable development. We want to work with NGSA. We are happy that some of our students are on internship here at the NGSA, we want more of it."

"We want more in terms of internships for lecturers and professors while NGSA staff will also visit the University for a programme or the other."

Prof. Egbewole, who visited the Agency in the company of Dr Marouf Abdul Adekunle and Mr Salaudeen



■ The Director-General, NGSA, Prof. Ige is joined by the Director, Geophysics, Mr Abba Usman to welcome Prof. Wahab Egbewole to NGSA Headquarters during the last Tuesday.

Abdulrahman, said, "I am here to formally congratulate and visit our own Prof. Olusegun Ige on his appointment as Director General of the NGSA," adding that the University of Ilorin is proud of him while the "NGSA is extremely lucky" to have him as its helmsman.

Until his appointment as Director-General of the NGSA, Prof. Ige was the Head of the Department of Geology and Mineral Sciences at the University of Ilorin.

The Vice Chancellor, who described Ige as an illustrious product of the University, said that the relationship between NGSA and the University will continue to blossom.

"We have been planning to pay him a visit and we are happy it is happening today," Prof. Egbewole said, adding that he wished the visit had come earlier.

Declaring goodwill and support for the Director-General, Prof. Egbewole said, "As a University, we appreciate his personality as an individual. He has our support. The University of Ilorin and NGSA will collaborate in a way that will enhance what we are doing."

While saying that the Agency has a crucial role to play in the realisation of the set goal of developing the minerals sector for national economic diversification, the Vice

Chancellor expressed optimism that the University and the Agency will spell out terms of the partnership. He said, "After this meeting, we look forward to an MoU between the University of Ilorin and NGSA."

Welcoming the UNILORIN team earlier, the Director-General of NGSA assured the Vice Chancellor of the determination of President Bola Tinubu and the Minister of Solid Minerals Development, Mr Dele Alake, to transform the economy by developing the minerals sector.

Prof. Ige said that the NGSA as an agency of the Ministry of Solid Minerals Development, "focuses on mineral exploration in a scientific manner," adding that it generates the geosciences data needed for investment in the mineral sector that will "enhance national economic development."

While disclosing that the NGSA is over 100 years old, the Director-General pointed out that it has 27 offices across the country.

"We have six Zonal Offices across the nation and over 400 staff," he stated.

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Arokoyo to deliver 282nd Inaugural Lecture May 22nd

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-second (282nd) Inaugural Lecture of the University, scheduled as follows:

Lecturer: Professor Bolanle E. Arokoyo

B.A., M.A. Ph. D. (Ilorin)

Department: Linguistics and Nigerian Languages

Faculty: Arts

Topic: "From the Mouths of Babes to the

Wisdom of Elders: A Voyage of Language Exploration"

Date: Thursday, 22nd 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 Alfanla
Registrar



■ Prof. Arokoyo

Amuda-Yusuf canvasses collaboration in construction industry for better cost management

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The Dean, who is a two-terms Head of the Department of Quantity Surveying, said that with increasing collaborations among professionals in the construction industry the cost of building would be relatively brought down.

He also called for a purposeful integration of knowledge among construction professionals, saying that this would enhance a more robust project planning and delivery.

Prof. Amuda-Yusuf, whose Inaugural Lecture was the first to be delivered from the Faculty of Environmental Sciences, also explained that 'buildings must be designed with essential features that deliver the expected comfort level to occupants and meet environmental standards.

These features, according to the Inaugural Lecturer, include a balance of space temperature, lighting, humidity levels, efficient communication capabilities, convenient power supply, high quality sanitation and reliable system installations to protect both occupants and property.

He also canvassed a situation where the construction industry would embrace environmental consciousness through the adoption of green materials, optimising energy and water usage as well as effective waste management.

Prof. Amuda-Yusuf, who is also serving as the Dean of the Faculty for the second time, equally called for the establishment of a robust regulatory framework for the construction industry. This, he said, would bring development in the industry under more effective control and management.

He equally called for a greater investment in training and capacity building for the nation's construction industry to become more dependable and reliable.

According to the don, "there is lack of evidence indicating that Quantity Surveyors (QS) are effectively demonstrating leadership in the cost management of building services." He,



■ The Vice Chancellor, Prof. Egbewole (left), congratulating the Inaugural Lecturer, Prof. Amuda-Yusuf, after the Lecture last Thursday

therefore, charged Quantity Surveyors to swiftly take the lead for their impacts to be felt.

Prof. Amuda-Yusuf, who called for the adoption of standardised measurement methods, encouraged collaboration between Quantity Surveyors and Service Engineers from the project inception to enable them acquire a deeper knowledge and comprehensive understanding of the technology involved.

He also made a case for the integration of Building Information Modeling (BMS) in measurement standards. He said, "Project management practitioners should move beyond viewing BIM merely as a software tool and embrace it as a collaboration and information management framework."

Prof. Amuda-Yusuf, who is a former Chairman of the Nigerian Institute of Quantity Surveyors, Kwara State chapter, also called for the adoption of standard-based pricing mechanisms and integration of value engineering into

project planning.

While calling for the promotion of education and training in sustainable construction practices, Prof. Amuda-Yusuf suggested that policy makers within the industry should develop and enforce national standards in project execution.

Citing his experience as an example, Prof. Amuda-Yusuf enjoined institutions of higher learning in the country to make use of qualified and experienced building professionals in their services in carrying out construction works on their campuses as he said that whatever they make from the projects would be ploughed back to such institutions in terms of knowledge and facilities.

The lecture, which was presided over by the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, was attended by colleagues, friends, relations and students of Prof. Amuda-Yusuf from far and near.

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NOTICE OF 2024/2025 PROFESSIONAL QUALIFYING ENTRANCE EXAMINATION

This is to inform all applicants seeking admission into Ilorin Business School Professional Programme and the general public, that the Qualifying Entrance Examinations for 2024/2025 Admissions has been scheduled to hold as follows:

Date: Saturday, 31st May, 2025

Time: 12 p.m prompt

Venue: Ilorin Business School, Beside Institute of Education, University of Ilorin, Mini

Campus.

Candidates are advised;

- I. to arrive at venue of the examination at least 30 minutes before the commencement of the examination;
- ii. to bring to the Venue, photocopy of the application form and other supporting documents;
- iii. not to come to the hall with the following, in line with university of Ilorin examination Guidelines cell phone/handset, calculator/calculating machine, digital wristwatch, sunshade, food and drinks of any sort;
- iv. to dress responsibly in line with the

University of Ilorin approved "Dress Code"; and

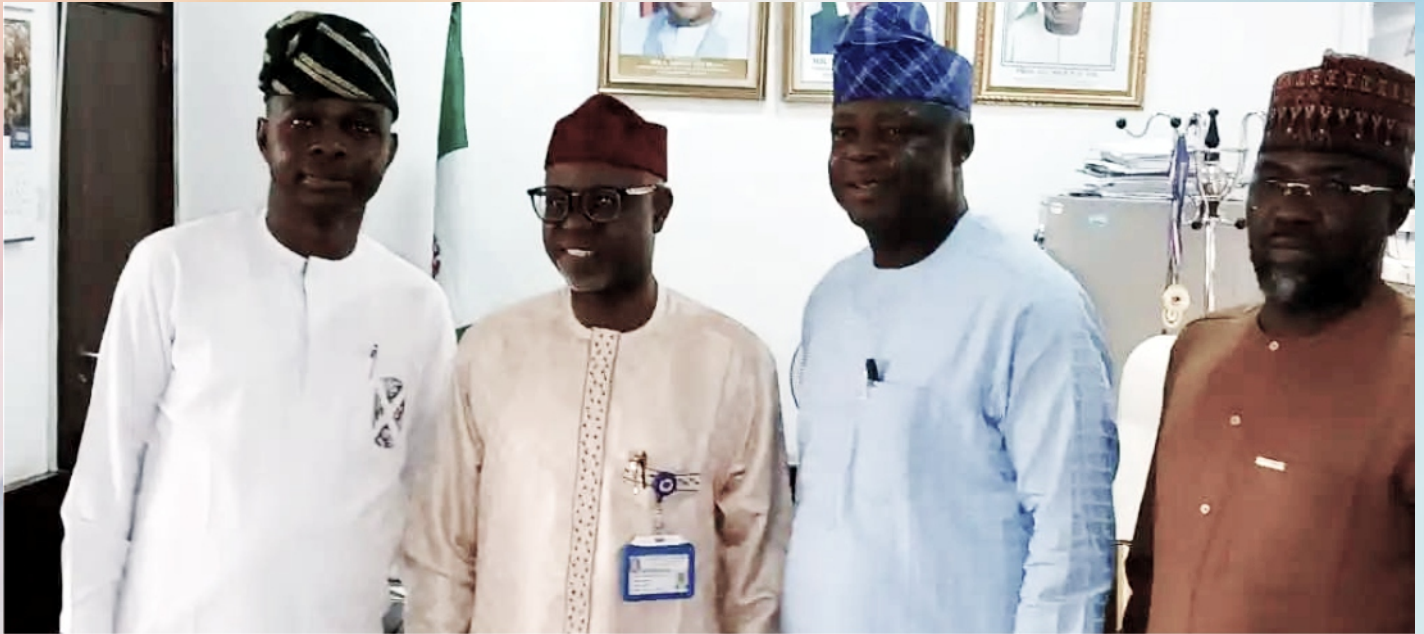
- v. to note that the University has Zero tolerance for examination malpractice, as culprit(s) would not be spared of the appropriate sanctions.

Your cooperation in this regard would be highly appreciated. Please.

Wishing you success.

O. A. Dopamu
Deputy Registrar/ Secretary,
Ilorin Business School

EGBEWOLE' S VISIT TO NGSa HEADQUARTERS IN ABUJA



■ *Prof. Wahab Egbewole (2nd Left), NGSa DG, Prof. Olusegun Omoniyi Ige (2nd Right) flanked by Dr Maruf Adekunle (left) and Mr Saludeen Abdulrahman (right), members of the UNILORIN delegation*



■ *Prof. Ige (left) and the Director, Regional Geology, NGSa, Mr Umar Bature.*



■ *Prof. Ige (left) and other NGSa Management staff during the meeting with the UNILORIN team, at the NGSa Director-General's Conference Room*

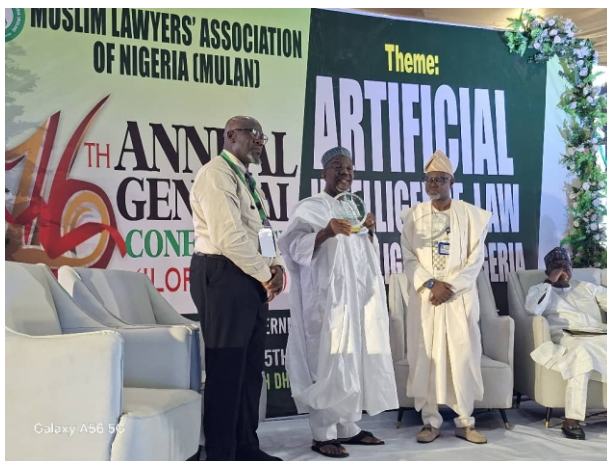


■ *VC, UNILORIN, Prof. Wahab Egbewole (right) and members of the delegation from the University of Ilorin*



■ *Tete-a-tete during the visit*

EGBEWOLE AT THE 16th ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE MUSLIM LAWYERS ASSOCIATION OF NIGERIA (MULAN)



UNILORIN don warns against proliferation of boreholes

By Bashirat Omotosho

Prof. Saminu Olatunji of the Department of Geophysics, University of Ilorin, has raised concerns over the increasing number of boreholes in residential communities, warning that the trend poses significant environmental and public health risks.

Speaking during an interview with the **UNILORIN Bulletin**, Prof. Olatunji said that the indiscriminate drilling of boreholes, often without professional assessment, threatens the sustainability of groundwater resources.

He said, "While boreholes have become a quick fix for water scarcity, the uncontrolled digging of multiple boreholes in close proximity leads to the rapid depletion of aquifers", adding that "this can result in drying up of wells, land subsidence, and deterioration of water quality due to contamination."

The don noted that the absence of a central water management system in many urban and semi-urban areas has



■ **Prof. Olatunji**

pushed individuals and institutions to sink private boreholes, often in violation of environmental regulations.

According to him, "Without coordinated groundwater monitoring and regulation, we are risking long-term consequences, including water shortages, conflicts over water access and irreversible damage to the ecosystem."

To address the growing challenge, Prof. Olatunji recommended the establishment of a community-based water management policy that includes regulation of borehole drilling, implementation and enforcement of laws that require environmental impact assessments before any drilling activity.

He added that centralised water systems by the governments and community leaders through investing in centralised and well-maintained public water supply systems will reduce reliance on private boreholes.

Prof. Olatunji advised that sensitisation programmes should be launched to educate residents on the environmental implications of excessive borehole usage.

He urged policy makers, environmental agencies, and community leaders to act swiftly to prevent a looming water crisis, noting that "water is life, but if we mismanage its source, we risk endangering both our health and our future."

2 UNILORIN students win maiden NIAE quiz competition

By Mustafa Abubakar

Two 300-level students of the Department of Food Engineering, University of Ilorin, Abdulganiyu Amina and Folorunsho Moses, have won the maiden edition of the Nigerian Institution of Agricultural Engineers (NIAE), Kwara Chapter, Inter-Tertiary Institution Quiz Competition.

In a thrilling contest held penultimate Thursday (May 8, 2025), the "dynamic duo" outshone their counterparts from other leading institutions across Kwara State to clinch first place and a cash prize of ₦100,000.00, securing their position at the pinnacle of academic excellence in the field.

The competition, aimed at fostering knowledge-sharing, problem-solving, and innovation in agricultural and food engineering, saw keen participation from the Federal Polytechnic, Offa, which emerged first runner-up; Kwara State University (KWASU), second runner-up; and Kwara State Polytechnic, third runner-up.

To emerge victorious, the UNILORIN team successfully tackled questions relating to agricultural and food engineering disciplines, the role of



■ **The Champions, Folorunsho Moses (2nd left), and Amina Abdulganiyu (2nd right), flanked by Prof. J. O. Olaoye (left) and Dr Oyewole (right)**

engineers in society, and current affairs.

The champions not only showcased academic brilliance but also exuded confidence, teamwork, and composure under pressure.

Reacting to the victory, the Acting Head of the Department of Food Engineering, Dr Sanusi Mayowa Saheed, who also served as the Team Coach and lead delegate, said, "This victory is a testament to the quality of education and mentorship within the Food Engineering programme at UNILORIN. It also reflects

our students' readiness to lead and solve real-world problems."

Dr Sanusi further emphasised that the achievement underscores the Department's commitment to producing world-class graduates and aligns with the University's Vision 1:10:500 as a center of excellence in research, learning, and community service.

"As the spotlight shines on the champions, their win also inspires a new generation of food engineers ready to transform Nigeria's agricultural and food systems," he added.

We are prepared for UNILORIN @ 50 celebrations, says Dean of Education

By Abubakar Imam

The Dean of the Faculty of Education, University of Ilorin, Prof. Lasiele Alabi Yahaya, has expressed the readiness of the management, staff and students of the Faculty to play active roles in the upcoming 50th anniversary celebration of the nation's most sought-after University.

Prof. Yahaya stated this last Monday (May 12, 2025) while speaking with *UNILORIN Bulletin* in his office.

The Dean said that the Faculty, which was one of the founding Faculties and the largest Faculty in the University, has every reason to play a frontline role in the celebration.

Prof. Yahaya, who is a former Director of the Institute of Education, University of Ilorin, said that the history of the University cannot be complete without adequate mention of the contributions of generations of staff and students of the Faculty.

He recalled that the Faculty had always attracted the highest number of students to the University over the years, saying that apart from regular students who come from all over Nigeria, the Faculty has also attracted an innumerable number of students through the annual sandwich programme of the Institute of Education.

Prof. Yahaya, who is also a former Director of the University's Centre for Counseling and Human Development, said that in terms of revenue generation for the University his Faculty has also been consistently leading others.

While describing the Faculty as the mother of all Faculties, the Dean said that many academic staff of the University have attended educational programmes at the Faculty through which they were trained to become good, effective and professional teachers.

Prof. Yahaya equally noted that the impacts of students of the Faculty on the development of the University's host state cannot be overemphasised. He said that apart from the fact that the Faculty had produced many of those who served as Chief Executives of the Colleges of Education and similar institutions Commissioners and Permanent Secretaries in the state, he added that the Faculty has also always assisted in bridging the manpower gaps in primary and secondary schools in the state, particularly in the course of their



■ Prof. Egbewole

teaching practice.

The Dean also recalled that his Faculty also produced the staff of the University, Prof. Claudius Omoleye Daramola, who served as Minister of State in the Ministry of Niger Delta Affairs in Nigeria and member of the Federal Executive Council between 2015 and 2019.

Prof. Yahaya also added that his Faculty also produced the pioneer Vice Chancellor of the Kwara State University, Malete, Prof. AbdulRasheed Na'Allah; the pioneer Vice Chancellor of the newly established Kwara State University of Education, Ilorin, Prof. Medinat Folorunso Salman; the pioneer Vice Chancellor of the University of Offa, Prof. Raheem Adebayo Lawal; as well as the pioneer Vice Chancellor of the University of Environment and Sustainable Development (UESD), Ghana, Prof. Eric Nyarko-Sampson.

He also noted that a former Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, who is also the current Registrar and Chief Executive of the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB), Prof. Is'haq Olanrewaju Oloyede, CON; and Prof. Mahfouz. Adebola Adedimeji, the Vice Chancellor, African School of Economics, Abuja; are distinguished products of the Faculty.

The Dean added that apart from the Vice Chancellors, the Faculty has also produced at least three former Deputy Vice Chancellors for the University of Ilorin such as Prof. Raheem Adebayo Lawal and Prof. Nike Yetunde Sidikat Ijaiya, who served as Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic) at various times and Prof. Adedayo Yusuf Abdulkareem, who was once the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Management Services).

He also said that the Faculty has produced leading traditional rulers including the pioneer Dean of the Faculty, Late Prof. John Abiri, who was the Obapero of Abiri; Ile-ife, Osun State, and Prof. Stephen Billy Olajide, the Olola of Olla in Isin Local Government Area of Kwara State, among others.



■ Prof. Yahaya

Another outstanding product of the Faculty, according to the Dean, is Dr Uthman AbdulRahman Ajidagba, who initially headed the Kwara State Independent Electoral Commission (KWASIEC) before his appointment as the Resident Commissioner, Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC), Nassarawa State.

Prof. Yahaya said that with these contributions and several others the Faculty would surely rollout the drums to celebrate the anniversary as he said that his office has started mobilising its alumni for full participation.

He also recalled that the Faculty has produced many sports men and women who have won laurels for the University, Kwara State and Nigeria over the years. On the preparedness of the current students of the Faculty for the anniversary, Prof. Yahaya said that lecturers in each of the Departments in the Faculty would be encouraged to assist in spreading the message in the course of their lectures to ensure maximum mobilisation.

He also explained that his Faculty has produced many sports men and women who have won laurels for the University, Kwara State and Nigeria over the years.

Prof. Yahaya congratulated the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, on being in charge of the University at this point in time, saying that he really deserves the privilege.

He added that he was happy because everything that would be done before and during the celebration will speak volumes about the hard-work and vision of the renowned legal luminary who has been working assiduously towards ensuring that the University becomes the first in Nigeria, one of the best ten in Africa and among the leading 500 universities at the global level.



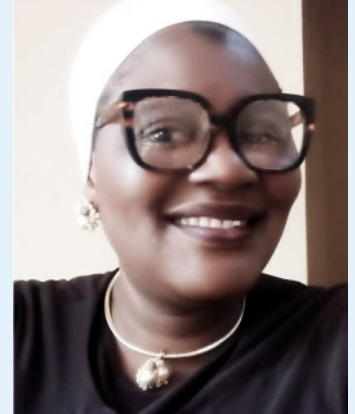
■ Mr Afolabi



■ Mrs Suleiman



■ Mr Agezeh



■ Mrs Abdulkareem

Student Union's President, others hail UNILORIN LED-Screen resuscitation

By Abubakar Imam

The President of the University of Ilorin Student Union, Mr Victor O. Agezeh, has welcomed the resuscitation of the gigantic LED-Screen located at the University Fountain Roundabout, saying that it will project the institution properly and particularly to the visitors.

Mr Agezeh gave this commendation last Monday (May 12, 2025) while speaking with *UNILORIN Bulletin* on the development.

The Student Union President, who is a final year student of the Department of Accounting, said that the resuscitation of the facility would go a long way in bridging the communication gap between the University Administration and members of the University community, especially the students.

Mr Agezeh enjoined the University Management to make more effective use of the LED-Screen to reach out to the students, saying that

information that requires urgent attention should be shared through the facility.

He explained that once a student gets to know of any development through the medium it would be easier for him to either share the information or encourage his colleagues to do the same.

Mr Agezeh also said that the facility could also assist in raising the University's Internally Generated Revenue, saying that products and services could be advertised to members of the University community on the large screen.

Also speaking, Mrs Risikat Jumai Abdulkareem of the Postgraduate School, said that the facility has been one of the sources through which she and other staff of the University are kept abreast of unfolding developments in the University.

She noted that the headlines of the *UNILORIN Bulletin* that are usually displayed on the screen have been the main source many depend upon to know what has been happening.

Another staff member of the University, Mr Felix Dare Afolabi, also thanked the management of the University

for ensuring that the facility is fixed.

He explained that many staff and students of the University were in the dark about critical developments because many of them are always too busy to go through their emails to read the weekly newsletter.

Mr Afolabi added that with the resuscitation of the screen more staff and students would become aware of unveiling developments within and beyond the shores of the University.

In her view, a staff of the Centre for Distance Learning, Mrs Kudirat Suleiman, also said that the resuscitation of the facility is a welcome development because of the role it plays in information dissemination.

Mrs Suleiman suggested that such a facility should also be erected at the mini-campus of the University for the benefit of staff and students of the Centre for Distance Learning (CODL), the Institute of Education (IOE), and the Joint University Preliminary Examinations Board (JUPEB).

Egbewole inaugurates STIP Champions

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Prof. Akande noted that the new responsibilities aligned perfectly with his role as Director of Mentorship and expressed confidence that the experience gained through the project would enrich the University's mentoring structure.

He stated that the STIP initiative would not only provide a platform for knowledge acquisition and innovation but it will also serve as a vital resource for mentoring other scholars and students across Departments. According to him, the lessons learned from the project will be disseminated within the University to uplift academic standards and foster a culture of excellence.

Speaking on behalf of the Committee members, Dr. Suleiman Abimbola Yahaya expressed gratitude to

the Vice Chancellor for the opportunity to serve and for the confidence reposed in them. He assured the University Management that the Committee members understood the gravity of the task and were fully committed to delivering impactful results.

Dr Yahaya, who is a Senior Lecturer in the Department of Biomedical Engineering, reflected on the influence of Prof. Kitaw, noting that his engagements with the University had already made a strong impression on the academic community.

Recalling Prof. Kitaw's contributions during the Africalisk programme and the recent Centre for International Education (CIE) conference, Dr Yahaya highlighted the immense value his mentorship would bring to the STIP

journey.

He likened the Vice Chancellor's leadership and support to that of a lion backing a determined dog, stating that with the strength and vision of Prof. Egbewole behind them, the team was energised and inspired to give their best.

He, however, assured that every member of the Committee would work diligently to ensure the success of the project, promising that their efforts would justify the trust reposed in them.

Joining the Vice Chancellor during the inauguration was the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic), Prof. Moji Taibat Bakare-Odunola; the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Management Services), Prof. Adegboyega Adisa Fawole; the Bursar represented by Deputy Bursar (Cash Office), Mrs Florence Olufunke Gbadeyan.

Spike in male infertility rate **Expert warns against delayed marriage**

**By Tajudeen Babamale
and Bashirat Omotosho**

A renowned gynaecologist at the Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Faculty of Clinical Sciences, University of Ilorin, Prof. Abiodun Akanbi Gafar Jimoh, has raised serious concerns over the increasing rates of male infertility in Nigeria, advising young men against postponing marriage until they acquire wealth.

Speaking while delivering the 17th Faculty Lecture of the Faculty of Clinical Sciences last Wednesday (May 14, 2025), themed “The Male Factor in Infertility: A Global Scourge — The Underestimated and Unmitigated Catastrophe of Our Time”, the seasoned gynaecologist noted that age-related decline in male fertility is becoming a public health concern.

Prof. Jimoh warned that clinical experience and current research have confirmed a global rise in male infertility, with Nigeria recording alarming trends. He stressed that male infertility is worsening day by day, and advised that fertility should be considered a shared responsibility between partners in a relationship.

While pointing out that a man's previous ability to father children does not necessarily mean he remains fertile, particularly if issues arise in subsequent relationships, the Gynaecologic-Endocrinologist urged men to undergo medical evaluation whenever infertility is suspected, rather than assuming the problem lies with the woman.

Commenting on suspected infertility in a polygamous setting, the expert cautioned that it is incorrect to presume that the younger wife is at fault for not conceiving if the older wives have borne children. In such cases, he recommended that both partners undergo clinical assessment by a qualified gynaecologist for accurate diagnosis and guidance.

Prof. Jimoh expressed concern over the increasing cases of erectile dysfunction being diagnosed in men as young as 25 years old. He identified this condition as a critical contributor to male infertility and lamented that many men avoid seeking medical or psychological help due to societal expectations and the misconception that infertility is exclusively a female problem.

According to the healthcare practitioner, Nigeria ranks among the countries with the highest male infertility rates globally. He attributed the trend to a combination of poverty, alcohol consumption, cigarette smoking, and environmental factors.

While reporting findings from a recent study conducted in Ilorin, Prof.



Jimoh noted that male-factor infertility at the University of Ilorin Teaching Hospital (UITH) and affiliated clinics is characterised by severe abnormalities in sperm production, oxidative stress, and hormonal imbalances.

He added that the study, which reviewed 456 men who attended the hospital's STD/infertility clinic, found that 23.7% had no sperm in their semen, while 45.3% had low sperm count. Among the cases studied, 34.8% involved primary infertility, with the remaining 65.2% classified as secondary infertility, occurring after at least one prior conception.

In a chat with **UNILORIN Bulletin** on the sideline of the event, the Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, who was represented by the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic), Prof. Moji Taibat Bakare-Odunola, commended the Faculty of Clinical Sciences on its consistency in sustaining the Faculty Lecture Series over the years.

He acknowledged the value of such academic traditions in fostering intellectual discourse, advancing medical knowledge, and contributing to national development through evidence-based dialogue.

While commenting on the importance of the theme of the 17th Faculty Lecture, the Vice Chancellor described the topic as timely and profoundly relevant, especially in light of emerging global health data indicating a steady rise in male infertility across diverse populations.

Prof. Egbewole noted that the lecture theme serves as a wake-up call to both the academic and public health communities, urging a shift in attention to an often-overlooked dimension of reproductive health.

According to him, the traditional emphasis on female infertility has overshadowed the equally significant contributions of male factors, leading to an incomplete understanding of the issue and ineffective interventions. He warned that continued neglect of male infertility not only perpetuates stigma and misinformation but also poses long-term demographic and psychological consequences.

The Vice Chancellor, however, reaffirmed the commitment of the University to supporting research, public health advocacy, and community engagement on critical issues affecting the health and well-being of Nigerians. He encouraged scholars and health professionals to continue exploring underreported areas like male infertility in order to drive policy change and improve healthcare outcomes.

In his opening remarks, the Dean of the Faculty, Prof. Lukman Abdur-Rahman, noted that the Faculty lecture tradition continues to serve as a platform for intellectual exchange, academic excellence, and community impact.

He noted that “while we were unable to maintain the conventional quarterly schedule due to prevailing economic and academic constraints, we deliberately decided to integrate other valuable programmes that enrich our academic pursuits and reinforce our relevance in the larger society.”

Prof. Lukman added that “individuals should take opportunities provided by Faculty Lectures and other invited talks to interrogate our academic prowess, scientific inquisitiveness and clinical judgments to propel innovative initiatives that will propel frontiers in our sojourn to fame.”

The Dean noted that “it is through such intellectual engagements that we advance the frontiers of research and strengthen our collective contributions to healthcare.”

The event was attended by the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Management Services), Prof. Adegboyega Adisa Fawole; the Provost, College of Health Sciences, Prof. Biodun Sule Alabi; the Dean, Faculty of Physical Sciences, Prof. Abdullahi Baba Alafara; the Chief Medical Director of the University of Ilorin Teaching Hospital (UITH), Prof. A. D. Yussuf, represented by Prof. Biliaminu; a former Chief Medical Director of UITH, Prof. A. W. Olatinwo; staff and students of the Faculty, among others.



MLS hosts interschool debate/ quiz contest, as UNILORIN wins laurels

By Bashirat Omotosho

The Department of Medical Laboratory Science, University of Ilorin, has hosted the second edition of the Prof. E. A. O. Afolayan Inter-schools Medical Laboratory Science Debate and Quiz Competition.

The event, which comprised participants from the University of Ilorin, Ladoke Akintola University of Technology (LAUTECH), Kwara State University (KWASU), Malet; Al-Hikmah University, Ilorin; and Osun State University (UNIOSUN), Osogbo; was held at the College of Health Sciences Lecture Theatre last Tuesday, (May 13, 2025).

In a tightly contested debate segment, UNILORIN students emerged victorious, showcasing eloquence, critical thinking, and depth of knowledge while LAUTECH secured the second position with a commendable performance that drew praises from both judges and attendees.

The quiz segment, however, witnessed LAUTECH claiming the top position and forcing UNILORIN to a second place, while KWASU took third

position.

The event highlighted the students' academic strength and commitment to intellectual excellence.

Speaking at the event, the Head of the Department of Medical Laboratory Science, Dr G. O. Adunmo, commended the students for their excellent participation and praised the initiative as a platform that promotes scholarship, teamwork, and healthy rivalry among future medical professionals.

Dr Adunmo described the competition as one that aligns with the faculty's goal of fostering academic distinction and inter-institutional collaborations.

He also acknowledged the contributions of the organising committee and lauded the support of everyone in the department.

According to him, such competitions contribute significantly to building confidence and sharpening the skills of students in the field of Medical Laboratory Science.

Represented by his wife, Mrs Afolayan the sponsor of the competition, Prof. E. A. O. Afolayan, extended his appreciation to all participants and reiterated

the purpose of the annual programme.

"The success of the maiden edition must have encouraged you to mount the programme again this year. It is my belief the objectives of the exercise are being achieved," he noted.

Prof. Afolayan congratulated the competitors from all participating universities, especially those from the "Better by Far" University of Ilorin, for their cooperation and commitment.

He also encouraged students to stay focused on their academic goals despite national economic challenges as he expressed hope that endurance and faith in leadership would lead to a brighter future.

Delivering the closing remarks, the President of the Nigerian Medical Laboratory Science Students' Association, University of Ilorin Chapter, Mr Owoiya Toheeb, expressed gratitude to the sponsor, Prof. Afolayan, the Provost of the College of Health Sciences, Prof. Biodun Alabi, and the entire staff of the Department of Medical Laboratory Science.

He also thanked all participating schools and students for their involvement, assuring everyone that the next edition would be "bigger and better."

UNILORIN, NGSA to collaborate on staff, students' internship

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The Director General assured that the Agency will continue to deploy relevant scientific strategies to achieve its mandates, stating that it applies different tools acquired by its technical staff while they were students at various universities. He said the strategies include professional application of geophysics, economic geology, regional geology and other aspects of the geosciences.

He commended the Vice Chancellor for ensuring qualitative dissemination of knowledge at the University of Ilorin, adding that NGSA

has over 20 staff who are products of the University.

Prof. Ige mentioned some efforts made by the current management of the Agency, saying, "Upon assumption of duty, we activated the Inductively Coupled Plasma Mass Spectrometer (ICPMS), the first of its kind in Nigeria, which is used in mineral analysis," adding that the milestone helps to prevent capital flight while adding value to minerals in Nigeria.

Prof. Ige disclosed that NGSA has also created linkages to the universities by establishing the "NGSA Best Final Year Award." He said the Agency established the award in order to encourage scholarly pursuit

of learning and for the overall development of the country. He disclosed that the maiden award was won by a student of the University of Ilorin.

Also speaking, the Director of Regional Geology, NGSA, Mr Umar Bature, who spoke on behalf of the other Directors, thanked the Vice Chancellor and his team for the visit. He described Prof. Ige as a leader who is passionate about the welfare of all staff, stating that the inclusive leadership style of the Director-General has created in staff, the consciousness of duty and feeling of importance, irrespective of status.

UNILORIN produces first female Ph.D holder in Petroleum Geology

By Abubakar Imam

The nation's most sought-after University, the University of Ilorin, has recorded another feat with the graduation of Dr Serah Japhet Habu as the first female doctorate degree holder in Petroleum Engineering from Northern Nigeria, which consists of 19 states and the Federal Capital territory.

Dr Habu, who completed her doctorate programme in October, 2024 at the Department of Geology and Mineral Sciences, was supervised by the immediate past Head of the Department Prof. Olabisi Adeleye Adekeye.

Her work, which centred on energy geoscience, petroleum exploration, and remote sensing, has made her an emerging leader in her field.

This distinguished scientist, who was born on June 10, 1984 in Gombe State, developed a passion for science early in life. She obtained a National Diploma in Science Laboratory Technology at the University of Jos in 2006 and subsequently earned a B.Sc. in Chemical Petroleum Technology in 2011 from the same University.

Dr Habu advanced her education to M. Sc. degree in Stratigraphy and Sedimentology at the Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria in 2018 in the course of which she conducted a penetrating research on the stratigraphy and structures of Aptian-Albian succession around Kaltungo Inlier in the



■ Dr Habu

Upper Benue Trough, Nigeria.

Her experience laid the foundation for her doctorate programme at the University of Ilorin during which she developed an innovative GIS-based hydrocarbon prospectivity mapping method for the Bida Basin, Central Nigeria as ably supervised by Prof. Adekeye.

Dr Habu's doctoral research, which was published in the Arabian Journal of Geosciences, was one of Nigeria's first comprehensive GIS-based hydrocarbon studies in the in-land basins as it offers critical insights into future hydrocarbon exploration and energy

development.

Dr Habu is currently a Research Geoscientist at the National Centre for Remote Sensing (NSRS) Jos, Plateau State, under the National Space Research and Development Agency (NASRDA).

She applied satellite image processing and spatial analysis to geological and environmental projects such as geothermal resource assessments, hydrocarbon exploration, and coal deposit mapping.

Dr Habu's expertise has earned her several prestigious awards, such as the 2023 NMGS President's Young Geoscientist Miner's Award and the 2024 NMGS President's Award.

Meanwhile, the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has congratulated Dr Habu on her achievement.

In a statement, the University's Spokesperson, Mr Kunle Akogun, said that Dr Habu's journey exemplifies resilience, innovation, and leadership, which position her as a key figure in shaping the future of geoscience practices in Nigeria.

While congratulating the Department of Geology and Mineral Sciences for its efficient service delivery, the Vice Chancellor assured everyone that the University is prepared to turnout more outstanding graduates as it possesses both the human and material resources to do so.

VC visits new Kwara Police Commissioner

By Tajudeen Babamale

The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, on Friday (May 16, 2025) visited the newly deployed Commissioner of Police in Kwara State, CP Adekimi Ojo, at the State Police Command headquarters, Ilorin.

During the visit, Prof. Egbewole had fruitful discussion with the Police Commissioner on how the Police Command could intensify surveillance and security efforts in the off-campus areas surrounding the University to ensure that students live in comfort, regardless of where they reside.

Prof. Egbewole was accompanied on the visit by the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic), Prof. Moji Taibat Bakare-Odunola; the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Management Services), Prof. Adegboyega Adisa Fawole; the University Librarian,



Prof. Kamaldeen Tunde Omopupa; the Registrar, represented by the Deputy Registrar (Council Office), Mrs. Mary Olayemi; the Bursar, represented by the Deputy Bursar, Mr Mohammed Jimoh Akanbi; the Ag Dean of Student Affairs, Dr

Alex Akanmu; the Ag Director of Security, My Paul Ogidi; and the Deputy Registrar (Vice Chancellor's Office), Mrs. Azeezat Quadri Ibrahim, among others.

***Read details of the visit in our next edition

UNILORIN FM manager seeks partnership with UNIVEN Radio, S/Africa

By Adewole Muizdeen

The General Manager of **UNILORIN FM**, Mr Idris Akintola Ibrahim (Idris Alooma) has extended a hand of partnership to the radio station of the University of Venda, South Africa, saying that the two campus radio stations can leverage the existing collaboration between the two universities for mutual benefits.

Mr Alooma, who stated this penultimate Wednesday (May 7, 2025) during a familiarisation visit by a delegation from the South African University to the studios of **UNILORIN FM**, noted that the **UNILORIN** radio station and UNIVEN Radio can partner in the areas of personnel and programme exchange, content sharing, cultural exchange, and workshops, among others.

Pointing out that **UNILORIN FM** is one of the leading campus radio stations in Nigeria, the Station Manager said that the University of Ilorin remains committed to fostering partnerships and collaborations at all times, underscoring the University's dedication to advancing knowledge, innovation, and community development.

Mr Alooma said that "the University of Ilorin stands as a beacon of academic excellence, consistently demonstrating a steadfast commitment to fostering knowledge and innovation, and building character." He added that the dedication of the University to maintaining high moral values and academic rigour is evident in the outstanding qualities of its graduates, who are well-prepared to make meaningful contributions to society."

The Station Manager affirmed



that UNILORIN had solidified its position as a leading institution of higher learning through its robust academic programmes, cutting-edge research initiatives, and strong community engagement. He said, "By upholding the standards of excellence in all areas, the University of Ilorin continues to inspire future generations of leaders and change-makers, cementing its legacy as a pillar of academic distinction."

Earlier in his remarks, the leader of the University of Venda delegation, Dr Takalani Dzaga, had pledged the South African university's commitment to strengthening its collaboration with the University of Ilorin in various areas of academic excellence, research, and tourism.

Dr Takalani, who is the Director of Marketing, Branding, and Communication of the University of Venda, noted that the University of Ilorin is one of the leading institutions in Africa, pointing out that the University's emphasis on producing well-rounded individuals equipped with the necessary skills, knowledge, and ethical foundation is truly

commendable.

Introducing members of the University of Venda's delegation, the Deputy Director, Centre for International Education (CIE), University of Ilorin, Dr. Abdulhakeem Zubair, highlighted the significance of their visit in strengthening the existing partnership between the two institutions.

During the visit, the Venda University's delegation were interviewed live on **UNILORIN FM**, anchored by Mr Temitope Olawuyi, where they praised the University of Ilorin's commitment to academic excellence and innovation.

Other members of the Venda University delegation on the visit were Mr Azwidowi Mukheli, Dean of Students; Adv. Eric Nemukula, Director, Legal Studies; Mr Kerwedy Sirhaga, Head of Student Housing; Dr Ndirhuwo Goliada, Manager, Office of the Dean of Students; Mokoena Vusi, SRC President; and Ngqanchi Asekho, SRC Secretary General, among others.

Unilorin alumni make impact at NYSC Orientation Camp

A team of University of Ilorin graduates currently undergoing their compulsory national service in Oyo State have donated ₦109,000 towards the construction of a 5,000-capacity auditorium in the camp where they just completed their orientation.

The donation was led by Joseph Ologundudu, immediate past Students' Union President of the University of Ilorin, and representatives from various Faculties, including Jeremiah Alabi, Fatimah Yunusa, Samiat Muhammed, Adebayo Kolawole, Tawakalitu Aliu, and Bukola Olanrewaju.

The State Coordinator of the National Youth Service Corps (NYSC), Comrade Odoaba Abel Oche, expressed gratitude to the donors, emphasising that the corps members have the power to



effect change.

Comrade Oche added that this initiative reflects the altruistic spirit of

UNILORIN alumni and their commitment to making a positive impact.

Use Tech to tackle societal challenges, students told

By Bashir Dawodu

The Sub-Dean of the Faculty of Communication and Information Sciences (CIS), University of Ilorin, Dr Amos Bajeh, has called on students to leverage technology as a tool for addressing societal issues.

Dr Bajeh gave the advice last Tuesday (May 13, 2025), while speaking at the maiden edition of the NACOSS TechFest 1.0, themed "Tech for Good: Creating Solutions for a Better World", organised by the Nigeria Association of Computer Science Students (NACOSS), UNILORIN Chapter, in collaboration with the National Association of Computer Science Students (NACOS).

The Sub-Dean emphasised the need for technology to be used for social good, particularly in solving grassroots problems.

According to Dr Bajeh, the relevance of technology is defined by its ability to address real world challenges, citing innovations such as mMitra, EDVES, Kuda, and the use of Artificial Intelligence in agriculture in India as examples of tech solutions that have transformed lives.

He also urged students to remain committed to their academic pursuits, warning against the temptation to drop out in pursuit of tech ventures.

Noting that "many successful technologists are university graduates", Dr Bajeh said that "technology brings productivity and other benefits, but it also comes with the responsibility of ensuring ethical usage." He pointed out that "without that, tech can drive society into chaos."

Also speaking at the event, the Co-founder and Managing Director of KUDA Microfinance Bank, Mr Musty Mustapha, encouraged students to view



■ Dr Bajeh

technology as a life changing force.

Mr Mustapha, who is an alumnus of the University of Ilorin, advised students to take bold steps towards launching their own tech businesses, stressing the importance of integrity and excellence.

In her remarks, Miss Iroh Omolola Nkechi, founder of Frontend Developer.Fez Dalvary, advised students to

focus on solving real world problems rather than chasing money. "When you create value, money will follow," she said. She also encouraged collaboration with NGOs and impact driven initiatives.

Mr Ozenua Tobiloba, who is a product designer, highlighted the benefits of artificial intelligence in tech development, assuring students that AI should be seen as an aid, not a threat. "What used to take a month can now be done in one or two weeks with AI," he said, urging students to embrace and learn the technology.

The event also featured awards presentations and interactive game sessions.

Among the dignitaries that attended the event were the Dean of the Faculty of Communication and Information Sciences, Prof. Lukman Adesina Azeez, and some other Faculty members.



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Four Unilorites to represent Nigeria at 2025 WUGA

By Abubakar Imam

The Director of Sports, University of Ilorin, Prof. Tajudeen Olanrewaju Ibraheem, has said that four students of the institution have been selected as members of the nation's contingent to the upcoming World Universities Games (WUGA). The competition is scheduled to hold in Germany next month.

Prof. Ibraheem stated this last Wednesday (May 14, 2025) while speaking with *UNILORIN Bulletin* in his office.

The Director explained that Aina Precious of the Department of Educational Technology emerged as the current fastest student in Nigeria, having won a Gold medal in 100 metres at the recently-concluded qualifying series for the World Universities Games held at the University of Jos.

He also applauded the outstanding achievement of Ruqoyyah Mustapha of the Department of Human Kinetics Education, who won a gold medal in both Shot Put and Discus at the qualifying series for World University Games qualifier series. He said that Mustapha would also represent Nigeria at the 2025 World University Games in Germany.

Prof. Ibraheem said that Mustapha is also the West Africa

■ **Miss Obanisola**

University Games Champion in both events.

Also mentioned among the leading sports champions produced by the University of Ilorin is Alaba Ilaboya, a student of the Department of Human Kinetics Education, who, he said, is a champion in male Javelin throw.

He noted that Ilaboya would also represent Nigeria at the upcoming WUGA slated for Germany next month. The Director disclosed that the Unilorite is the West African Universities Games (WAUG) champion in the event.

Prof. Ibraheem equally disclosed that Abdullah Abdul Azeez of the Department of Educational Management has qualified to represent Nigeria in 110 meters Hurdles at the upcoming World

University Games.

The Director explained that the University has always done well in sports, saying that Miss Sofiah Obanisola of the Department of Human Kinetics Education remains a leading badminton player who did very well in previous NUGA championship.

He recalled that Miss Obanisola represented Nigeria at the 2024 All Africa Games in Ghana where she won Bronze Medal just as Miss Mariam Ayomide Usman from the Department of Human Kinetics Education remains a distinguished Volleyball player who also represented Nigeria as a member of the female volleyball team in the 2024 All Africa Games held in Ghana.

Prof. Ibraheem thanked the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, for being a sports enthusiast and for the huge investment of the University in sports development.

He explained that the achievements of the University in sports were made possible through the unrelenting support of the University Management.

While encouraging staff and students of the University to show more interest in sports to enhance their well-being, Prof. Ibraheem assured stakeholders that the University, particularly the students, would continue to do well in future sporting competitions.



UNILORIN WEEKLY FINANCIAL DIGEST

FUND SOURCES AND UTILIZATION REPORT FROM 8TH TO 15TH MAY 2025

RECEIPTS:	AMOUNT
Academic Transcript	95,500.00
Sundry & Other Fees Student Charges	2,607,489.00
Sundry Other Incomes	1,035,423.75
Convocation Souvenir	91,500.00
Staff I.D Cards	1,000.00
Student I.D. Cards	1,000.00
CCSCA Application Fees	25,000.00
CCSD Application Fee	25,200.00
Income from Dental Clinic	623,538.75
Income from Diagnostic Centre	146,938.75
Contractors' Registration fees	20,000.00
Income from Verification /Screening	480,000.00
Capitation NHIS	2,773,650.00
Disciplinary Fines	5,000.00
Others	20,000.00
Refund (Salary)	2,200,000.00
Rent on University Property	62,000.00
Refund (Non Salary)	30,000.00
Utility Income	26,500.00
University of Ilorin 1000115-Fees	10,000.00
Undergraduate School Charges	126,602.00
Undergraduate Transcript Payment	758,100.00
Undergraduate Convocation Charges	293,100.00
Undergraduate International	10,200.00
P.G. Admission Form	25,000.00
Postgraduate School Charges	19,464,480.00
Postgraduate School Transcript Payment	182,000.00
Postgraduate School Application Form	6,199,200.00
Postgraduate Acceptance Payment	562,800.00
Ilorin Business School Application Form	301,800.00
Ilorin Business School Charges	255,400.00
Remedial School Charges	118,200.00
Remedial Application Form	60,800.00
Institute of Education Application Form	303,400.00
JUPEB School Charges	1,642,600.00
JUPEB Clearance Charges	171,200.00
Total Receipt for the Period	₦40,754,622.25
PAYMENTS	
PAYMENT TO CONTRACTORS/SUPPLIERS:	
Raib Worldwide Interbiz Ltd Supply and Installation of Furniture and Equipment and 2HP Pumps	8,852,893.75
360 Degree Habitat Ltd Supply and Installation of Hardware Equipment (CBNTETFUND)	10,987,574.10
Greenville Pharm Nig Ltd Drugs and Dressing	9,998,893.00
Yusuf O. Ali and Co Legal Fee	1,276,400.00
Leaders and Company Advertisement	862,070.00
Bilmalzen Integrated Services Ltd Rehabilitation of Coaster Bus	19,063,297.50
Bilmalzen Integrated Services Ltd Supply of Spare parts For Low Pumps.	9,176,334.37
Ribodek Integrated Service Ltd Rehabilitation of Coaster Bus	19,073,778.75
Alkhass Universal Services Ltd Construction and Furnishing of Drama Studio (CBNTETFUND)	17,230,968.22
OTHER PAYMENTS:	
Various Various i.e DTA, IMPREST, REFUND e.t.c	68,747,889.34
Purchase Advance Various	23,713,774.00
Unilorin Petrol Station Supply of Fuel	3,337,807.00
Unilorin Press Printing Jobs	
Unilorin Holding Ltd Remittance of Returns f or March 2025 and Procurement of Flight Tickets for CIE	20,741,312.35
Intenational Conference Unilorin Holding Procurement of Flights Tickets for CIE International conference	1,250,000.00
Unilorin Guest House Inaugural Lecture	646,800.00
Total TSA Charges Various	206,542.50
Total payment for the period	₦215,166,334.88

Signed
Abiodun Lawal (FCNA)
Bursar



S/N	NAME	DEPARTMENT	BIRTHDAY
1	DAVID SUSAN MOSEBOLATAN	PHARMACEUTICAL MICROBIOLOGY & BIOTECHNOLOGY	18-May
2	OWOYELE BAMIDELE VICTOR	PHYSIOLOGY	18-May
3	OLUWANIYI OMOLARA OLUSOLA	INDUSTRIAL CHEMISTRY	18-May
4	TAIWO SHADE VICTORIA	BURSARY	18-May
5	OKON DAVID UDOH	SECURITY DIVISION	18-May
6	ABDULWAHAB RAFIU	ADULT & PRIMARY EDUCATION	18-May
7	ISIAKA YINUSA ELEJA	ACADEMIC PLANNING UNIT	18-May
8	OTONEKWU FAITH	REGISTRY	18-May
9	ADELEKE OLAWUMI ABIKE	BIOCHEMISTRY	18-May
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11	AWOLOLA GBONJUBOLA VICTORIA	INDUSTRIAL CHEMISTRY	19-May
12	SANNI YAHAYA OJIVO	GEOLOGY & MINERAL SCIENCE	19-May
13	BELLO HAMMED ABIODUN	ESTATE MANAGEMENT	19-May
14	SAKA AMUDA	WORKS: WORKS/MAINT. OFFICE	19-May
15	SUNDAY DAVID ABAYOMI	SECURITY DIVISION	20-May
16	ABIKAN RALIAT RANTI	REGISTRY	20-May
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23	OGBEDE AYODELE JESSY	BURSARY	20-May
24	MAKANJUOLA ALFRED BAMISO	BEHAVIOURAL SCIENCE	20-May
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32	AIYEPEKU BAMIDELE PETER	BIOCHEMISTRY	21-May
33	AJIBOYE OLUBUKOLA OLUYEMISI	LIBRARY & INFORMATION SCIENCE	21-May
34	ADEKILEKUN AZEEZ LATEEF	ARABIC	21-May
35	EYIMONYE MATHEW OCHELOWO	SECURITY DIVISION	21-May
36	EKUNNRIN YANMIFE ADEOLA	ACADEMIC PLANNING UNIT	21-May
37	MUSTAPHA ABDULKABIR ADEOLA	REGISTRY	21-May
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42	BABATUNDE CHRISTIAN TAIWO	LINGUISTICS & NIGERIAN LANGUAGES	22-May
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Law Faculty wins national moot court contest on disability rights

By Tajudeen Babamale

The Faculty of Law, University of Ilorin, has emerged victorious in the maiden edition of the Wahab Egbewole SAN National Disability Rights Moot Court Competition. The University's team, comprising Mr. Ologunde Ajibola and Mr. Opoola Opeyemi, both 500-level Common Law students, clinched the coveted trophy after a keenly contested final round.

The competition, which drew participants from several Law Faculties across the country, culminated in a gripping semi-final and final phases, where only four universities advanced. At the final round which was held last Thursday (May 15, 2025), at the Moot Court of the Faculty of Law, University of Ilorin, the host institution slugged it out with Lead City University (LCU), Ibadan, and emerged champions. Lead City University took second position, while the University of Nigeria (UNN), Nsukka, came third.

In his remarks, before announcing the results, the chair of the judging panel, Hon. Justice M. O. Folorunsho of the Kwara State High Court, commended both the applicant (University of Ilorin) and the respondent (Lead City University) on their outstanding performance throughout the competition. He praised the depth of their legal reasoning, clarity of presentation, and eloquence.

While saying that some lawyers who have been called to the Bar would struggle to match what these students have done, Justice Folorunsho said that their arguments were perfectly researched and impeccably presented, adding that the arguments canvassed by the parties were excellent and their presentations, command of language, knowledge of the law, and application of the law to facts were top-notch.

In a goodwill message, the Vice Chancellor of the University of

Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, appreciated all the universities that participated in both the preliminary and final rounds of the competition, noting that the success of the event was made possible by their involvement.

He revealed that he had initially resisted the idea of naming the moot competition after himself. "When the idea was first broached, I resisted it, mainly because it was going to be the 'Wahab Egbewole Moot Court'. Yes, it was focused on disability rights, but I felt it was important to clearly define our processes."

He said, "Time has a way of creating narratives, and if I were not the sitting Vice Chancellor, it might have been a different conversation. But the fact that I currently hold this office could have sent the wrong signals. That's why I initially resisted, until I could no longer stop it. But in the end, I am grateful to the organisers for bestowing me with this great honour".

While speaking on his long-standing commitment to disability rights, the Senior Advocate of Nigeria explained that the issue is close to his heart and perhaps one of the reasons why the organisers built the moot competition around the theme.

The Professor of Jurisprudence and International Law spoke on the universal nature of disability, however, said "My take is that we are all actually disabled in one way or another, and there is a very thin line between ability and disability. You can become disabled at any moment. For me, it is important to emphasize the need to take care of all of us, irrespective of our status in life."

He expressed deep appreciation to all the sponsors of the competition and expressed the hope that the powerful legal arguments and perspectives presented during the moot court sessions would resonate beyond the courtroom, influencing broader conversations and policies on disability rights.

Prof. Egbewole also acknowledged the ECOWAS Court of Justice for its support and for sending a representative to serve on the panel of judges, describing their involvement as a meaningful validation of

the competition's importance.

Also speaking at the grand finale, a panelist and representative of the ECOWAS Court of Justice, Mr. Oludayo Fagbemi, expressed strong admiration for the outstanding performance of the participating students. He described the standard of advocacy demonstrated during the competition as highly impressive and a positive sign for the future of legal practice within the ECOWAS region.

In a chat with **UNILORIN Bulletin**, the Dean of the Faculty of Law, Prof. Nimah Modupe Abdulraheem, explained the importance of providing students with practical legal experience, noting that the Wahab Egbewole SAN National Disability Rights Moot Court Competition was designed not just as a simulation, but as a serious, professional training exercise.

Prof. Abdulraheem explained that the Faculty deliberately invited judges from the ECOWAS Court of Justice and other African jurisdictions to serve on the panel to ensure that the competition mirrored real-life courtroom proceedings. According to her, although it was a moot court event, the Faculty approached it with the seriousness and authenticity of actual legal practice.

In a goodwill message, the Chairman of the Egbewole-Banjo Foundation, Mallam Aliu Badmus, lauded the initiative as a powerful demonstration of the role of Law in advancing social justice and human dignity.

Represented by Dr. Barakat Adebisi Raji, a Senior Lecturer in the Department of Jurisprudence and International Law at the University of Ilorin, Dr Badmus described the event as more than just an academic exercise. He said it was a beacon of advocacy, knowledge, and inclusion of a transformative platform where future legal professionals are not only trained to argue the law but to engage with the realities of disability rights with compassion, courage, and intellectual rigour.



- A Professor of Haematology at the University of Ilorin, Hannah Oluwayemisi Olawumi, has called on government and stakeholders to embark on public enlightenment to allay the fears of some people about blood donation.
 ("University don urges public enlightenment on blood donation", *Nigerian Pilot*, Tuesday, May 13, 2025, p. 26)
- A Professor of International Maritime Law at the Department of Private and Property Law, University of Ilorin, Abubakar Abdulkadir, has expressed concerns that Nigeria's weak law is depriving the country of the full benefits that abound in the marine and blue economy sector.
 ("Weak law depriving Nigeria of blue economy benefit- Expert", *Blueprint*, Tuesday, May 13, 2025, p. 18; "Weak law depriving Nigeria of blue economy benefits- expert", <https://blueprint.ng>; "Varsity Don Decries Rascality in Nigeria's Marine Sector, Calls for Reorientation of Armed Personnel", <https://www.thisdaylive.com>; "Unilorin don urges FG to establish special court for shipping disputes", <https://www.westernpost.ng>; "Effects of oil spill in Niger Delta reason for radicalism, resentment- Prof Owolabi", <https://dailypost.ng>; "Unilorin Don Decries Rascality in Nigeria's Marine Sector, Calls for Reorientation of Armed Personnel", <https://www.sobifm.com>)
- A Student of the University of Ilorin Secondary School, Adewole, Garba Mubaraq Bukola, has achieved an outstanding score of 362 in the just concluded 2025 Unified Tertiary Matriculation Examination (UTME).
 ("Kwara Student Excels in 2025 UTME with 362 Aggregate Score",)
- The University of Ilorin has secured 100% accreditation with 36 out of 37 courses it presented for the National Universities Commission (NUC) accreditation exercise securing full accreditation and the remaining one getting interim accreditation.
 (Jubilation as UNILORIN secures 100% NUC accreditation", *New Telegraph*, Wednesday, May 14, 2025, p. 30; "UNILORIN gets NUC nod for full accreditation", *Nigerian Tribune*, Thursday, May 13, 2025, p. 17; "Unilorin Secures 100% NUC Accreditation",)
- The management of the University of Ilorin has commended the exemplary leadership style of the Registrar of the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB), Emeritus Prof. Is'haq Oloyede, on his handling of the controversy surrounding the glitch encountered in the just concluded 2025 Unified Tertiary Matriculation Examination (UTME).
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- The Dean, Faculty of Environmental Sciences, University of Ilorin, Prof. Ganiyu Amuda-Yusuf, has stressed the need for effective collaboration among professionals in the nation's construction industry to ensure a better and all inclusive management.
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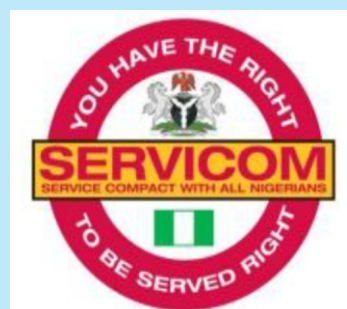
Another weird reaction to JAMB's public apology was the unconscionable call for the resignation of Prof. Oloyede and outright scrapping of JAMB. In all honesty, these two demands are a disservice to this nation at a time when the JAMB Registrar has become the poster boy of service excellence and when JAMB itself has become a reference point for public service integrity.

To me, and I think to many Nigerians, if we are truly serious about making the country work, we should

actively encourage people like Prof. Oloyede, and they are very rare to come by in this clime, to take up higher national responsibilities. There are so many areas of the nation's socio-economic sector that need the type of the well-known Oloyede-Midas touch. Rather than vilifying him for technology glitch resulting from the negligence of a careless Service Provider, Oloyede's service could be sought to sanitise some crucial national agencies that are very critical to the socio-economic development of Nigeria and the general well-being of its citizens.

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Appreciating Oloyede's exemplary leadership template

By Kunle Akogun

What really do Nigerians want? Are we really serious about our oft-repeated yearning for an ideal leader comparable to those in 'saner climes', as professional critics often regale us with? Which particular leader can ever satisfy Nigerians: the abrasive? the candid? the sincere? the whimsical? the unabashedly corrupt? the audacious? Apparently and quite unfortunately, none of these! For, like the characters in Ebenezer Obey's classical song, *'The Man and the Horse'*, Nigerians are difficult, if not impossible to satisfy.

In one breath, we yearn for an ideal 'saner-clime' type of leader who is full of integrity and with the interest of the people at heart. In another breath, we scoff at any leader whose disposition is closer to that ideal construct of leadership trait just because he does not belong to our clan or creed. This scenario would appear to have played out last week when a Nigerian public official did the unthinkable by owning up to a fault he did not commit directly and sought forgiveness of Nigerians, especially those directly affected. That was the Oloyede story.

In a rare display of sincere leadership and genuine compassion for the welfare of the people he serves, the Registrar of the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB), Emeritus Prof. Is'haq Olanrewaju Oloyede, CON, last Wednesday (May 14, 2025) publicly apologised for the glitches that marred the just concluded Unified Tertiary Matriculation Examination (UTME).

Not only did he take full responsibility for the computer errors that led to failures in the examination in Lagos and some South Eastern states, he also offered a second chance to the affected candidates, about 379,997 of them, to retake the examination.

Whereas a typical Nigerian leader would blame everybody else but himself for any anomaly, Emeritus Prof. Oloyede, knowing full well that as a servant leader, the buck stops on his table, took responsibility for everything that went wrong. He said, "As Registrar of JAMB, I hold myself personally responsible, including for the negligence of the Service Provider, and I unreservedly apologise for it and the trauma that it has subjected affected Nigerians to, directly and indirectly." He wouldn't even blame the contractor (Service Provider) who had pocketed huge sums of money for the critical job he was supposed to have provided seamlessly!

This is quite unusual, but very laudable, especially in a country where leaders are fond of giving excuses to rationalise their failure to deliver on assigned mandates. Indeed, like the Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, said while reacting to the unusual openness displayed by Prof. Oloyede in the handling of the matter, "only a conscientious, sincere, and courageous leader with genuine compassion for the welfare of the people he serves could openly accept responsibility for an incident surrounding the service delivery of an organisation he heads but which glitch was not due to his personal negligence."

Expectedly, this unprecedented sincerity, by Nigerian leadership standard, was massively commended all over the country by prominent individuals, national and international

organisations, as a rarity in Nigeria's socio-political milieu.

This is not surprising, anyway, as the iconic Emeritus Professor has always proven to be a rare breed Nigerian. As I wrote in the introduction to my humble contribution to a Festschrift in honour of Prof. Oloyede on his retirement from the University of Ilorin in 2024, "he is a public official who is apparently immune to the general malaise bedevilling the nation's socio-economic milieu. His entire public service record radiates transparency, accountability, single-minded commitment to service excellence, administrative acumen, dogged commitment to the achievement of set goals, undiluted integrity in public service, effortless exhibition of leadership by example and unapologetic insistence on fairness to all!"

I added in that piece, titled *'OLOYEDE: Portrait of a Rare Breed Public Servant'*, "This audacious public servant became a household name nationwide during his tenure as the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, having largely succeeded in turning the second generation University to a world class institution. This, he achieved by dint of hard work, resilience, consistency, tenacity of purpose, innovative ideas, and unparalleled team spirit.

"As Registrar/Chief Executive of JAMB, Oloyede left no stone unturned in his relentless pursuit of academic excellence through which he ensured that admission into tertiary institutions in Nigeria is transparent and credible. Apart from ensuring and sustaining the unassailable integrity of the tertiary institutions' admission process, another remarkable feat of JAMB under Professor Oloyede's watch is the yearly remittance of huge funds, running into billions of naira, to the Federal Government's coffers. This is quite unprecedented by any non-revenue yielding MDA in the country. The money, according to the Board's spokesman, Dr. Fabian Benjamin, was saved through the transparent and judicious use of resources. This is indeed praise-worthy, especially in a country where even some MDAs that were specifically and statutorily established to collect revenue for the government often go back to the government to ask for extra-budgetary bail-outs to augment their overhead costs. Those who do not receive such bail-outs often remit pittance to the national treasury at the end of the financial year."

However, even though Prof. Oloyede's genuine acceptance of blame and sincere apology over the UTME saga drew massive applause from well-meaning Nigerians and non-Nigerians, the reactions of some professional critics and a coterie of unapologetic habitual haters of this new breed Nigerian public official have left a lot to be desired. One of these reactions was the rejection of JAMB's decision to conduct a fresh examination for candidates affected by the system error by a group that went ahead to make a laughable demand that rather than scheduling a 're-sit' of the UTME, JAMB should just "award 300 marks to all affected candidates from the South East"! What a demand! Why must we politicise everything in this country, including subjecting the future of our innocent children to the needless game of political mischief? The story of Miss Joy Mmesoma Ejikeme, who claimed to have been the highest scorer in the 2023 UTME, is still fresh in our memories. It was later discovered that the innocent damsel was being used as a pawn in a wicked political chessboard.

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