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Prof. Egbewole (left) and Mr Kazeem (right)

.....Recognition, an anniversary gift — Egbewole

By Abubakar Imam

final year student of the Department of Mathematics, University of Ilorin, Mr Sanusi Akanbi Kazeem, has eventually secured a space in the Guinness World Records (GWR) for conducting the longest Mathematics lesson in history.

Mr Sanusi's new status was confirmed by the GWR through a communication sent to him, a copy of which was sighted by *UNILORIN Bulletin* last Thursday (May 29, 2025).

With this development, the efforts of Mr Sanusi has confirmed the Better-by-far status of the University and placed it in global reckoning as it has also found the Unilorite a secure place in the list of eminent academic dignitaries of all times. (Contd. on page 3)

UNILORIN pledges support for Strategic Intelligence Institute

By Tajudeen Babamale

he Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has pledged the University's full cooperation and collaboration with the newly established Strategic Intelligence Management Institute (SIMI) in the execution of its mandate. Prof. Egbewole gave the assurance last Wednesday (May 28, 2025) when he received members of the management team of the Institute, led by its Director of Studies, Ambassador Gbara Awane, who visited him ahead of the team's interaction with the staff of the Faculty of Agriculture, University of Ilorin.



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Prof. Egbewole

UNILORIN, UNHCR, JDPC sign MoU on DAFI scholarship



Prof. Egbewole

By Temitope Omoniyi

he University of Ilorin has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) and The Justice, Development and Peace Commission (JDPC), to support DAFI Scholarship Programme in Nigeria.

This collaboration aims at providing educational opportunities to refugees and returnees in Nigeria, enabling them to pursue and complete higher education as well as acquire skills necessary for their socioeconomic empowerment and integration into the society. (Contd. on page 4)

Prof. M. A. Adedimeji (Chairman), Prof. Mary Esere, Prof. K. A. Rafiu, Dr O. A. Laaro, Prof. Azizat Amoloye-Adebayo, Mr Y. Abdulmuqtadir, Mr Kunle Akogun (Secretary)





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Egbewole warns Unilorites against drug abuse, fraud

By Bashirat Omotosho

he Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has warned students of the University against involvement in drug abuse, internet fraud, and other social vices, describing the vices as threats to the nation's future.

Prof. Egbewole, who was represented by the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Management Services), Prof. Adegboyega Adisa Fawole, made the call at the 2025 Practicum Outreach Programme of the Department of Counselor Education last Wednesday (May 28, 2025) at the University Auditorium.

Prof. Egbewole described the event's theme, "The Menace of Internet Fraud: Dangers and Other Social Vices (Drugs)," as both timely and nationally significant.

He commended the final year students of the Department for initiating the event and educating their peers and secondary school students on the consequences of social vices that are undermining the moral and academic foundations of the society.

The Vice Chancellor, who is also the Secretary-General of the Association of West African Universities(AWAU), stressed the need for early intervention, sustained counselling, and continuous sensitisation within academic environments, adding that the University of Ilorin remains committed to raising morally upright and intellectually sound graduates.

The Guest Speaker, Mrs Fatima Popoola, the Commandant of the Kwara State Command of the National Drugs Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA), who was represented by her Deputy, Mr Kenneth Odili, proposed that drug integrity tests be introduced for students as a prerequisite for both admission and graduation, saying that proactive measures must be taken to combat the rising tide of substance abuse among youths.

She lamented the increasing rate of substance abuse, saying that it is not just serious negative phenomenon but also a destructive epidemic threatening the future of young Nigerians.

Mrs Popoola equally called for increased collaboration among educational institutions, law enforcement



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agencies, and rehabilitation centres.

The Commandant commended the University of Ilorin on its commitment to organising awareness programmes as she encouraged sustained partnerships to effectively address the issue.

In his presentation, Mr Chinedu Ozuga of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC) dissected the dangers and consequences of internet fraud. He explained that involvement in online scams not only ruins lives but also damages the country's international reputations and economic trustworthiness.

Mr Ozuga revealed that the EFCC is heightening its surveillance on campuses nationwide, stressing that ignorance of the law is not a valid defense. He urged students to embrace hard work and integrity and to support anti-corruption initiatives.

Also speaking, the Dean of the Faculty of Education, Prof. Lasiele Alabi Yahaya, described the outreach as a thoughtful response to a challenging contemporary societal issue.

Prof. Yahaya encouraged students of the department to embrace their training seriously, emphasising that guidance and counselling professionals have a critical role to play in shaping the moral direction of the society.

On his part, the Ag. Dean of Student Affairs, Dr Alex Morenikeji Akanmu, advised students to be good ambassadors of the University. He warned against the dangers of peer pressure and unhealthy curiosity, which often lead to criminal behaviours and drug abuse.

Dr Akanmu also emphasised the value of peer mentoring and stronger student support systems to promote positive choices.

Dr Samuel Kolawole Ajiboye of the Department of Counsellor Education provided insights into the psychological underpinnings of deviant behavior. He highlighted the pivotal role of counsellors in helping individuals to uncover the root causes of their actions and supporting their journey to rehabilitation.

Using real-life case studies, he demonstrated how empathy and professional counselling had transformed the lives of former internet fraudsters and drug users. He urged universities to invest more in student counselling services and improve referral systems to mental health institutions.

The Programme Coordinator, Dr David Adebayo, explained that the invitation of students from seven secondary schools was a strategic move to "catch them young" by exposing them early to the dangers of drugs and crime. He applauded the Department's final-year students for organising a socially relevant programme and charged the younger participants to be agents of change in their schools and communities.

A major highlight of the event was a short drama that vividly illustrated the dangers of drug abuse.

Dignitaries at the event included the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic), Prof. Moji Taibat Bakare-Odunola; the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Research, Technology and Innovation), Prof. Muhtar Etudaye; the Director of Counselling Services and Human Development Centre, Dr Bolu-Steve; the Student Union President, Mr Victor O. Agezeh; staff and students of the Department as well as secondary school teachers and students, among others.



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Kazeem, UNILORIN student, becomes Guinness World Records holder (Contd. from front page)

Kazeem, who has a passion for Mathematics, taught the subject continuously for unprecedented 31 hours 42 minutes and 54 seconds on the University of Ilorin campus in April this year.

Speaking with UNILORIN Bulletin last Friday (May 30, 2025), Kazeem said that he was very proud and grateful for what he had achieved.

While noting that everything comes from God, Kazeem said that he would forever remain grateful to Him and all those who supported him to achieve the feat.

The 24 years old whizkid, specifically commended the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN and the entire management of the University as well as his teachers for their wonderful support.

While saying that the recognition would motivate him to do better in his studies and pursue a life of



purpose, the new Guinness World Records holder assured all that he would continue to be a role-model to his contemporaries and younger ones for them to also pursue excellence in whatever they do.

In his reaction, the Vice Chancellor,

Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, welcomed the development as he described it as an exciting episode in the annals of the University, particularly as it is preparing to celebrate its Golden Jubilee.

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Prof. Egbewole, in a statement signed by the University's Director of Corporate Affairs, Mr Kunle Akogun, said that he and the entire University community are delighted with the development beyond measure.

The Vice Chancellor commended Kazeem for his sacrifice, dedication and hardwork, which culminated in this "high honour".

Prof. Egbewole, who said that Kazeem's achievement, is an indication of the quality of services obtainable at the University, urged other students to emulate the laureate.

The Vice Chancellor, who commended the management and staff of the Faculty of Physical Sciences and the Department of Mathematics for moulding the laureate to global status, wished Kazeem a successful career.

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`The Vice Chancellor stated that as a knowledge-generating institution, the University of Ilorin is always open to collaborations aimed at improving the country's socio-economic and security landscape. He noted that knowledge and research are critical to moving Nigeria forward, especially in the face of growing national and global challenges.

Prof. Egbewole also commended the choice of Kwara State and the University of Ilorin, in particular, as the operational base for SIMI, describing it as a strategic decision considering the state's central location in Nigeria's geographical makeup. According to him, initiatives that begin from the center are more likely to achieve broader national impact.

While acknowledging the significance of SIMI's focus on agriculture, the Vice Chancellor said that food security plays a fundamental role in national security. He lamented the persistent challenges in Nigeria's agricultural sector, particularly the ongoing conflicts between farmers and herders, hoping that the Institute's research and other activities would contribute significantly to resolving such issues.

Prof. Egbewole also explained the importance of theoretical frameworks in addressing practical problems, asserting that meaningful progress in Nigeria requires intellectual contributions that can be translated into actionable strategies.

He, however, encouraged SIMI to see the University of Ilorin as a committed partner in its efforts to address strategic intelligence and national development.

Earlier in his remarks, the Director of Studies of the Institute, Amb. Gbara Awane, said the visit was driven by the rapidly changing global order marked by significant geopolitical shifts and the rise of disruptive technologies. He said that these global dynamics are having farreaching impacts on various sectors, especially agriculture.

Amb. Awane said that the delegation was at the University of Ilorin and Kwara state in general to understand the agricultural ecosystem of the state, assess existing infrastructure, evaluate the value chain, and identify areas where Nigeria could potentially benefit from current global developments.

He said, "One major global issue identified by the Institute is the ongoing trade tensions between the United States and China, particularly in the area of agricultural commodities. Recent tariff increases by the U.S. government, some reportedly exceeding 145%, have disrupted global trade flows, especially in soybean exports. China, once the largest importer of soybeans from the United States, has significantly reduced its imports due to the high tariffs".

He added that "SIMI believes that this disruption presents an emerging opportunity for Nigeria to position itself as a key player in the global soybean market. By strengthening its agricultural base, particularly in soybean production, Nigeria could step in to fill the supply gap left by the U.S.-China standoff. The Institute is working to assess whether the current infrastructure and agricultural practices in Kwara State can support such a transition".

Amb. Awane said that the ultimate goal of the institute was to compile comprehensive insights and policy recommendations that will be submitted to the federal government. According to him, these findings are intended to help Nigeria to be better prepared for future challenges and capitalise on emerging global opportunities in both agriculture and geopolitics.

Also in her remarks, the Dean of the Faculty of Agriculture, Prof. Oluyemisi Bolajoko Fawole, said the Institute's visit was centered on understanding and assessing the agricultural ecosystem of the state, with the University's Faculty of Agriculture identified as a key stakeholder in this strategic effort.

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The Registrar of the University of Ilorin, Mr Mansur Alfanla, signed on behalf of the University while the Associate Protection Officer, UNHCR, Nigeria, Mrs Unyime Obioma, signed on behalf UNHCR and Mrs Ireti Disu signed on behalf of JPDC.

Speaking after the MoU signing in his office penultimate Wednesday (May 21, 2025), Mr Alfanla assured the other parties that the University of Ilorin will be fully committed to the MoU and give necessary support to all qualified DAFI scholarship recipients.

In her remarks, the Associate Protection Officer, UNHCR, Nigeria, Mrs Obioma, expressed the commitment of the UNHCR to promoting and advocating the 15by30 strategy, which aims at enrolling 15% of refugees globally in higher education by 2030.

She added that as part of its responsibilities, UNHCR will provide financial and logistical support for the implementation of the DAFI Scholarship Programme.

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The Registrar, Mr Alfanla (middle), flanked by the representative of UNHCR, Mrs Obioma (L) and the representative of JPDC, Mrs Disu, after the signing of the MoU

organisation protecting people forced to flee, operating in 136 countries. It protects and assists 119.9 million forcibly displaced and stateless people. On her part, the representative of the JPDC, Mrs Disu, assured all that JPDC will provide necessary advocacy for the success of the MoU and will continue to monitor its progress.

Elelu delivers 283rd Inaugural Lecture Thurs

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-third (283rd) Inaugural Lecture of the University, scheduled as follows:

Lecturer: Professor Nusirat Elelu DVM (Maiduguri), Ph.D (Bristol), FCVSN Department: Veterinary Public Health and Preventive Medicine, Faculty: Veterinary Medicine, Topic: "The Public Health Veterinarian Through Ticks, Snails, and Community Service"

Date: Thursday, 5th April, 2025 **Time:** 5.00 p.m.

Venue: University Auditorium, Main Campus, University of Ilorin

Chairman: Professor Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN Vice-Chancellor, University ofIlorin

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VC ranks 'The Jurist' among world best student law journals

By Tajudeen Babamale

he Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has commended the *Jurist Law Journal*, describing it as a publication that can stand shoulder to shoulder with any student-run law journal in the world, including the prestigious *Harvard Law Review*.

Prof. Egbewole made this assertion last Thursday (May 29, 2025) during the launch of the 28th edition of *The Jurist*, an annual journal published by the Law Students' Society of the Faculty of Law, University of Ilorin. He noted that the consistent publication of *The Jurist* over the years is a testament to the commitment and excellence of the Law students of the University.

Reflecting on his own experience, the Vice Chancellor revealed that he had once served as the editor of the journal in the past and fully understood the dedication and rigour that go into its production. He disclosed that even in his capacity as a lecturer, he still finds the journal useful and often cites articles from it, which underscores its scholarly relevance and academic quality.

The Professor of Jurisprudence and International Law further praised the quality of the latest edition, stating that the calibre of Mr. Nureini S. Jimoh, SAN, in whose honour the journal was published, speaks volumes about its credibility and the high standards it maintains.

While saying that the journal serves as a vital platform through which law students make lasting contributions



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to the Faculty and the legal discourse at large, the Senior Advocate of Nigeria expressed optimism that the students' efforts in producing *The Jurist* would inspire them to be agents of societal change.

The Vice Chancellor urged the students and legal professionals present to view the journal as more than a student project. He said the initiative exemplifies the kind of intellectual interrogation, investigation, and public engagement that the legal profession must embrace to remain relevant in the contemporary society. He added that, the relevance of the legal profession lies in its ability to address and shape pressing societal issues for the betterment of the world.

Speaking earlier, the Dean of the Faculty of Law, Prof. Nimah Modupe Abdulraheem, said that the new edition of *The Jurist*, entitled "From Analog Systems to Algorithmic Realities: Reconstructing Nigeria's Legal Framework for a Digital Future", seeks to interrogate how Nigeria's legal framework can evolve to meet emerging realities where technology is rapidly transforming every facet of human interaction, commerce, and governance.

Prof. Abdulraheem said for nearly three decades, *The Jurist* has stood as a testament to the intellectual rigour, academic excellence, and innovative spirit of the students, adding that "the tradition of excellence mirrors the broader achievements of our Faculty, which has produced eminent personalities excelling in various endeavors including High Court judges, Court of Appeal justices, professors of repute, vice-chancellors, Senior Advocates of Nigeria (SANs) and other high flyers in their respective professions and calling."

Despite these accomplishments, the Dean said the Faculty's current admission quota to the Law School remains constrained at 150 students. "We eagerly anticipate the Council's imminent reaccreditation visit, which we hope will bring not only reaffirmation of our standards but also an increase in our quota to accommodate more deserving students", she stated.

UNILORIN alumnus emerges best postgraduate student at Swedish varsity

By Mustafa Abubakar

n alumnus of the University of Ilorin, Maxwell Taiye David, has emerged as the best graduating postgraduate student at Linnaeus University, Sweden, earning the prestigious honour of delivering the valedictory speech at the institution's 2025 Master's Graduation Ceremony.

Maxwell studied Criminology and Security Studies from the University of Ilorin and graduated as best student in Peace and Development Work.

While reflecting on a journey marked by resilience at the graduation ceremony held last Tuesday (May 27,

2025), the valedictorian opened his speech with a heartfelt recollection of October 11, 2024 — the day he almost dropped out of the programme due to overwhelming challenges.

"Mentally, emotionally, even financially, I was at my breaking point. But I remembered my 'why' the reason I started and that kept me going", he said.

In a speech that drew tears, smiles, and a standing ovation from fellow graduates, Faculty members, and guests, the UNILORIN alumnus praised the collective perseverance of the graduating class.

"The past one to two years have tested us deeply being far from our families, adjusting to new seasons, and juggling academics with work. But we made it!" he declared, urging his classmates to give themselves a well deserved round of applause.

Spe aking on behalf of the Class of 2025, he expressed profound Mr David

gratitude to the Linnaeus University Management, Faculty, and nonacademic staff for fostering a supportive academic environment.





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Egbewole mourns veteran journalist, Saka Laaro

By Abubakar Imam

The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has expressed profound sadness on the death of the Kwara State Correspondent of the *News Direct* Newspaper, Mr Saka Laaro.

Mr Laaro died last Wednesday (May 28, 2025) at the age of 73 years.

In a statement signed by the University's Director of Corporate Affairs, Mr Kunle Akogun, Prof. Egbewole described the late Mr Laaro as an outstanding and well-trained journalist.

The Vice Chancellor recalled



Late Mr Laaro

the several contributions of the departed journalist and his news medium to the promotion of peace and understanding between the University and members of the public.

Prof. Egbewole sympathised with the leadership and members of the Correspondents Chapel of the Kwara State Council of the Nigerian Union of Journalists (NUJ) on the loss of its distinguished member.

He also commiserated with the management and staff of the *News Direct* Newspaper as well as the family, friends and colleagues of the late journalist.

Prof. Egbewole prayed to Allah to forgive the shortcomings of the late Mr Laaro and rest his soul in Aljanat Fridaouz.

He also prayed to Allah to console his wife and children.

Kwara Gov congratulates Abdulbaqi on NIPR Council re-election

By Abubakar Imam

The Governor of Kwara State, Mallam AbdulRazaq, has described the re-election of a former Head of the Department of Mass Communication, University of Ilorin, Prof. Saudat Salah Abdulbaqi, as a Council Member of the Nigerian Institute of Public Relations (NIPR) as a demonstration of the confidence reposed in her by members of the Institute.

The Governor's observation was conveyed in a statement dated May 25, 2025 and signed by his Chief Press Secretary, Mr Rafiu Ajakaye, a copy of which was sighted by *UNILORIN Bulletin*. Mallam AbdulRazaq said that the re-election of Prof. Abdulbaqi gladdened his heart.

Prof. Abdulbaqi was re-elected at the recent NIPR Annual General Meeting and Conference in Uyo, the Akwa Ibom State capital. The NIPR Council President, Dr Ike Neliaku, was also reelected alongside other council members, in what was considered a vote of confidence in their leadership.

The Governor wished Prof. Abdulbaqi and other Council members more successes as they boldly reposition the NIPR for greater heights.



Prof. Abdulbaqi

Yahaya bags SWIT award

By Abubakar Imam

The Society of Women in Taxation (SWIT) in Nigeria has honoured a former Head of the Department of Accounting, University of Ilorin, Prof. Khadijat Adenola Yahaya, with the "Distinguished Female Tax Administrator and Role Model" award. SWIT is the female wing of the Chartered Institute of Taxation of Nigeria (CITN).

The award was conferred on Prof. Yahaya at this year's edition of Tax Summit, which took place in Abuja last Tuesday (May 27, 2025) in recognition of her outstanding contributions to the study and practice of taxation in Nigeria.

Prof. Yahaya, who is the immediate past Chairman of the Ilorin



Prof. Yahaya

District and Society of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Nigeria (ICAN), was represented at the event by her daughter, who is also a graduate of the Department of Accounting, University of Ilorin, Miss Halima Modupe Yahaya.

Speaking with UNILORIN Bulletin on the award, Prof. Yahaya expressed her profound gratitude to SWIT for the honour done to her, which, she said, she would never take for granted.

Prof. Yahaya, who is the current Vice Coordinator of the Kwara State Chapter of SWIT, thanked the authorities of the University of Ilorin for the privilege given her to associate with relevant professional bodies within and outside the University. She promised to continue to deploy all her resources towards deepening the greatness of the University of Ilorin.

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Alabi pledges CoHS' full participation in UNILORIN @ 50 celebration

By Abubakar Imam

s Deans of various Faculties sign-in for the upcoming 50th anniversary of the nation's most sought-after University, the Provost, College of Health Sciences, University of Ilorin, Prof. Biodun Sulyman Alabi, has also expressed the preparedness of the management, staff, students and alumni of the College to be part of the celebration.

Prof. Alabi stated this last Tuesday (May 27, 2025) in a chat with *UNILORIN Bulletin* in his office.

The renowned medical scholar said that the University deserves to be celebrated for its numerous achievements over the years, noting that the anniversary would be a monumental parade of excellence.

The Provost, who is also the Chairman of the Committee of Provost and Deans (COPD) of the University, explained that the management of the College would do everything humanly possible to ensure that the anniversary turns out as colourful as possible.

Justifying why the College would not be left out of the anniversary, Prof. Alabi explained that the College has been part of the University's remarkable history, saying that it is almost as old as the institution.

He stated that the College has a lot of positive things to showcase before, during and after the anniversary in terms of achievements in service delivery, particularly research outputs and distinguished alumni.

The Provost said that the contributions of the College to human development transcended the University and Nigeria. He recalled that many staff members of the College have served humanity at international level, particularly at the World Health Organisation.

Prof. Alabi recalled the pioneering works of Prof. Luke Edungbola in the eradication of guinea worm in Nigeria, which, he said, attracted extensive global attention and commendation. He equally recalled the monumental and award-winning efforts of Prof. Olugbenga Mokuolu in the control of malaria, among several others emanating from the College.

The Provost also said that some staff members of the College have carried out penetrating researches that earned them patents. These staff members, according to him, include Prof. S. B Agaja, Prof. Dupe Ademola-Popoola, and Prof. Omokanye as well as himself.

Those who have won multi-



Prof. Egbewole

million naira grants, according to Prof. Alabi, include Prof. T. M. Akande, Prof. A. O Bolarinwa, Prof. B. S. Alabi, Prof. K. W. Wahab, Prof. O. A. Mokuolu, Prof. T. O. Olarewaju, and Prof. Dupe Ademola-Popoola.

He also said that the College had produced three University Researchers of the Year through Prof. Mokuolu, Prof. AbdulRaheem Mahmoud and Prof. K. W. Wahab in the last one decade.

He added that as many of the alumni of the College are working as medical doctors, nurses and in other roles in government hospitals, quite a significant number of them established hospitals where they cater to the health needs of the people.

Prof. Alabi said that one of the most impactful contributions of the College is the production of the immediate past Minister of State for Youth Development, Dr Jamila Bio Ibrahim, noting that the College was the first segment of the University that would produce a Minister among its graduates.

He also said that many of the alumni of the Faculty had risen to the exalted rank of Permanent Secretary in the civil service of Kwara State and other states. He cited Dr Abubakar Ayinla and Dr Abdullahi Ayodeji Taoheed, an eye specialist, who was recently elevated to the rank, as two of such individuals.

The Provost also said that a former staff of the College, Prof. Eyitayo Lambo, was the Minister of Health during the tenure of Chief Olusegun Obasanjo. He said that the appointment of Prof. Lambo made the College to be the first that produced a Minister among its ex-staff.

Prof. Alabi noted that many products of the College on their graduation also joined its teaching staff and are doing very well in the production of more doctors and other health professionals. He specifically stated that two of the current Deans of the three



Prof. Alabi

Faculties in the College are alumni of the University.

He also explained that the College had produced at least three former Deputy Vice Chancellors for the University. These, according to Prof. Alabi, are Prof. Luke Edungbola, Prof. Yissa Fakunle, and Prof. Mikhail Buhari while the fourth is the current Deputy Vice Chancellor in-charge of Management Services, Prof. Adegboyega Adisa Fawole.

Speaking on other products of the College who have attracted commendation for the University, the Provost recalled the contributions of Prof. Sulyman Alege Kuranga, a former Director of Academic Planning of the University and former Chief Medical Director of the University of Ilorin Teaching Hospital, who served as the Pro-Chancellor and Chairman of the Governing Council of Nnamdi Azikiwe University, Awka, where he offered sterling leadership that further advertised the University of Ilorin.

He added that many staff of the College have also been found useful in the establishment of similar colleges in sister universities such as Prof. Kuranga who served as Chairman of the Committee that gave birth to the introduction of medical training at the Kwara State University, Malete; and Thomas Adewumi University, Oko, as well as Prof. Aishatu Gobir, who was the founding Provost of the College of Medicine of the Federal University of Health Sciences, Ila-Orangun, Osun State, among others.

Prof. Alabi congratulated the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN and other stakeholders on the upcoming anniversary as he wished the University a more remarkable existence.







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Varsities urged to translate indigenous innovations into practical solutions

By Mustafa Abubakar

he Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has called on Nigerian universities to work towards translating indigenous innovations into practical solutions that can reshape the economy and drive sustainable national development.

Prof. Egbewole, who made the call last Thursday (May 29, 2025), at the maiden Research Products–Industrial Summit organised by the Laboratory to Product (LABTOP) Centre, held at the Multipurpose Hall, emphasised that the time has come for Nigerian universities to move beyond the comfort zone of publishing academic papers into the more impactful realm of patenting and production.

According to him, what the University has done here is historic. "We have laid the foundation for an ecosystem where ideas become inventions, and inventions become instruments of change", he said.

"This summit represents a bold step in our effort to drive a knowledge economy. We are demonstrating that research should not end in journals and conferences. It should be visible in our industries, our markets, and our daily lives. Innovation must become a currency for development," the Vice Chancellor declared.

He further noted that the summit aligns with the institution's vision , adding that research should respond to the challenges of society and contribute to solving Nigeria's most urgent development issues—ranging from food security and health care to power generation and digital transformation.

Prof. Egbewole also commended LABTOP for institutionalising innovation in the University's research culture and assured it of continued support to ensure that the Centre becomes a hub for technology innovations.

In his keynote lecture, titled "Promoting Indigenous Technologies for National Development" drawn from the theme, "promoting indigenous technology and commercialising research outcomes", Engr Jani Ibrahim, an accomplished industrialist and former Managing Director of the Nigerian Airways, lamented the nation's heavy dependence on imported technology as he challenged universities to rise to the occasion.

"There is no lack of talent in Nigeria. What we lack is a system that turns talents into usable value. Our



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universities should be hothouses of inventions and commercialisation—not just sites of theory," he asserted.

Engr Ibrahim, who was represented by the Chief Executive Officer, LUBCON Limited, Ilorin, Dr Taiye Williams, proposed a four-pillar strategy for innovation growth: policy incentives, technical incubation, market access, and funding ecosystems.

He also recommended that universities should set up dedicated commercialisation units to bridge the gap between research output and product development.

In his presentation, Oba Engr AbdulWahab Ogunbiyi, Eleku of Obokun, Isin Local Government Area of Kwara state, who is also a practicing engineer with three patents to his name, showcased the Isin Farm Cultivator (IFC_2021)—a manually operated mini-tractor designed for smallholder farmers.

The traditional ruler said, "Our rural communities are full of untapped inventors. The difference is that their laboratories are farms, blacksmith shops, and motor garages. We must recognise and support these unsung innovators".

He commended the University on its openness to traditional knowledge and urged that intellectual property policies be extended to rural inventors through inclusive partnerships and community technology hubs.

Earlier in his welcome address, the Director of the Laboratory to Product Centre, Prof. Mohammed Jimoh Saka, described the Summit as a culmination of ten years of tireless efforts to bring research out of the laboratory and into the production floor.

"This summit is not a one-off event. It is the outcome of years of visioning and persistence. LABTOP was established in 2015 with a mandate to make the University a producer of solutions, not just a generator of knowledge", he said.

Prof. Saka enumerated the Centre's milestones, which included securing 55 patent certificates from the Nigerian Patent Registry, attracting over \$2.6 million in

external research grants, including a major US-based fund for a patented medicinal product by Prof. Olatunji Saminu.

Others, according to him, include "Facilitating a globally recognised medical breakthrough, the Ijaiya Technique, in the non-invasive treatment of Vesico-Vaginal Fistula (VVF), and developing and implementing a University-wide Intellectual Property Policy, in line with best global practices".

Prof. Saka expressed hope that the Summit would lead to stronger collaboration between academia and the private sector, such that Nigerian industries can begin to rely more on local innovations rather than imported technology.

Also speaking, the Oba of Agbeku in Ifelodun Local Government Area of Kwara State, Alhaji Abddulazeez Agboola Adesina, said that the summit underscored a powerful message such as the need for research to have impact.

Dr Muhtahir Oluwaseyi Oloyede, the Deputy Director of LABTOP, while speaking with UNILORIN Bulletin on the sideline of the event, noted that the summit provided a "rare meeting point" between young inventors and experienced industry stakeholders.

He called for sustainable mentorship structures, targeted funding, and policy reforms to enable Nigerian researchers to compete globally.

"We are not short of ideas. We just need stable bridges to take these ideas to the market", he said.

In his contribution, the Director of the CBT Centre, Prof. Kamilu Rauf, emphasised the growing role of digital platforms in scaling up innovation.

Highlights of the events included interactive networking session among inventors, industry representatives, and policymakers, Student Innovators' Colloquium, where students and various researchers from across the faculties displayed cutting-edge projects in fields like Renewable energy, Smart farming, Biomedicine, AI and data analytics, among other.



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Unilorites hail management on green, clean campus

By Abubakar Imam

The management of the University of Ilorin has, again, been commended for always maintaining a green and clean environment around the campus, particularly in the academic and residential areas.

This commendation was made by a cross-section of members of the University community who spoke with *UNILORIN Bulletin* last Wednesday (May 28, 2025).

Leading the commendation is the Director, Centre for Laboratory to Products (LABTOP), University of Ilorin, Prof. Muhammad Jimoh Saka, who said that he was very impressed with the manner vegetation across the University is being controlled.

He added that the effort would always make the University neat, attractive and inviting.

Prof. Saka, who teaches at the Department of Epidemiology and Community Health, said that the controlled vegetation would also encourage learning as students would feel free to go to their classes in the evening for study.

Mr AbdulGaniyu Ambali, a student of the Department of Telecommunications Science, also commended the management for the control of the vegetation around the Faculty of Communication and Information Sciences.

He said that he was even more impressed that the vegetation control is done through mechanical means instead of the manual way that was previously employed.

Mr Ambali encouraged the management of the various Faculties to impress it on their cleaners to ensure that papers and other waste products littering the environment are picked and properly disposed of to complement the efforts of the University's central administration.

Miss Princess Bilewu, a student of the Department of Library and Information Science, also commended the management on the vegetation control.

She explained that the effort is making the campus safer for students and

staff.

Miss Bilewu also said that the vegetation control also makes the campus looks well kept and beautiful.

She advised that this effort should be repeated as often as possible, particularly during this raining season for the benefit of the staff and students.

Also speaking, Miss Sharon Olalere, who is a student of the Department of Physiology, also praised the University management for a good job.

She said that the exercise has not only boosted the beauty of the campus but also enhanced visibility as she said that one could see objects from far distances unlike before.

In her view, Miss Temitope Adeyeye, who is a student of the Department of Educational Technology, said that she was impressed with the vegetation control.

She explained that the control of the vegetation would not only keep dangerous reptiles far away from members of the University community but also prevent the spread of airborne diseases as it would also make the campus look good and appealing.

Kuranga elected WACS council member

By Mustafa Abubakar

former Director of theAcademic Planning Unit, University of Ilorin, Prof. Sulyman Alege Kuranga, has been elected into the Council of the West African College of Surgeons (WACS).The election took place during the College's 65th Annual Scientific Conference held in Bamako, Mali.

In a letter addressed to the Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, a copy of which was made available to the UNILORIN Bulletin, Prof. Kuranga said, "I write with great honour and humility to formally inform you of my recent election into the Council of the West African College of Surgeons (WACS) during the 65th Annual Scientific Conference held in Bamako, Mali".

He further disclosed that he was also appointed as a member of the Council's Finance and General-Purpose Committee (F&GPC), a key body responsible for financial oversight and strategic decisionmaking within the College.

Reacting to the development on behalf of the Vice Chancellor, the University Registrar, Mr Mansur Adeleke Alfanla, congratulated Prof. Kuranga on his election and the subsequent appointment.

He added, "This is a remarkable honour for you and the University of Ilorin. It is a testament to your exemplary leadership, professionalism, commitment, and dedication to academic excellence and professional practice."



Prof. Kuranga



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Career opportunities abound in Mass Comm studies – Akogun

By Abubakar Imam

senior journalist with *Sobi 101.9 FM*, Ilorin, Mr Abdullahi Dare Akogun, has encouraged final year students of the Department of Mass Communication, University of Ilorin, to prepare themselves to take the advantage of the different career opportunities in the field of Mass Communication.

Mr Akogun gave this admonition last Wednesday (May 28, 2025) while speaking at a one-day fellowship programme organised by the Department for its final year students.

The renowned media professional said that several opportunities abound in the real world for graduates of Mass Communication to pursue not just a dependable means of livelihood but also greatness.

While bemoaning what he called "an increasingly huge gap between the classroom and the newsroom", Mr Akogun explained that a graduate of Mass Communication has all he would need to occupy commanding positions in the field of journalism and general media

practice.

Mr Akogun, who is an expert in climate reporting, noted that it is not the class of degree one graduates with that matters but the quality of knowledge, professionalism, integrity and patriotism embedded in a practitioner, saying that any professional who has those fine qualities would always excel.

While noting that many of those who are making waves in media practice today are not graduates of Mass Communication, Mr Akogun said that anyone who possesses a degree in Mass Communication has an edge over others as he must have been sufficiently trained to know his onions.

Mr Akogun also charged the participants to begin to think outside the box by discovering and exploring emerging areas even beyond conventional media practice that would be of greater interest to the members of the public.

Also speaking, a correspondent of the News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) in Ilorin, Mrs Bushrah Yusuf-Badmus, said that graduating students of Mass Communication have the responsibility to ensure that they take their proper positions in the newsroom.

Mrs Yusuf-Badmus lamented that

most graduates of Mass Communication are not taking up journalism as a profession, a situation that is exposing the practice to graduates of other disciplines, many of whom are turning out to be quacks.

She urged the participants to be ready to put all the theoretical and practical knowledge they have acquired into practice to ensure accelerated community and national development as well as global peace.

Speaking earlier, the Ag. Head of the Department, Dr Patrick Udende, said that the programme was organised to avail the graduating students the privilege of interacting with tested and experienced professionals in order for them to be prepared for the world of practice.

Dr Udende thanked the facilitators for making themselves available for the programme and for sharing their knowledge and experience with the participants.

Over 60 final year students of the Department participated in the programme.

Unilorite emerges ANTAS Vice President

By Abubakar Imam

final year student of the Faculty of Law, University of Ilorin, Mr Adekunle Olajide, has been elected the new Vice President of the Association of Nigerian Tax Students (ANTAS).

Mr Olajide was elected into the position during the 2025 Annual General Meeting of ANTAS, which took place at the Office of the Accountant-General of the Federation in Abuja. Others elected included Mr Isreal Oluwaseyi Otunuga of the Federal Polytechnic, Ilaro,Ogun State; and Miss Usoro Favour Ime of the Nasarawa State University, Keffi, as National President and Secretary-General, respectively.

Mr Olajide, who is also the President of the University of Ilorin Tax



Mr Olajide

Club, is the first student of the nation's most sought-after University to be elected into the

position.

Speaking with UNILORIN Bulletin on his election, Mr Olajide expressed gratitude to all the Taxation students across the nation for the confidence reposed in him and others, which culminated in their election into the ANTAS National Executive Council.

He also thanked the University of Ilorin for making him fall in love with Taxation as a practice through the quality of training he has been exposed to and for the opportunity granted him to participate in the meeting.

Mr Olajide promised to keep the flag of the University flying and to do everything possible to broaden the frontiers of Taxation and knowledge in general.







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Entrepreneur tasks students on jobs creation

By Bashirat Omotosho

renowned entrepreneur, Mr Johnson Abbaly, has charged students, particularly those of the University of Ilorin, to be focused on how they would become job creators upon their graduation from the University instead of being job seekers.

Mr Abbaly gave this advice last Monday (May 26, 2025) while speaking at a workshop organised by the Association of Industrial Relations and Personnel Management Students(AIRPMS), University of Ilorin chapter, at the University Auditorium.

Speaking at the workshop, themed "Web3 and the Future of Work: Opportunities and Challenges for Nigerian Students," Mr Abbaly charged students to focus their minds on what they would do to earn a living instead of pursuing evasive white collar jobs.

Mr Abbaly, who is also the founder of The Smartan House, an initiative dedicated to empowering young people through education and technology, captivated the audience with a compelling narrative of how Web3 is shaping the global digital economy and the emerging workforce.

Explaining the pervasiveness of the emerging innovation, Mr Abbaly said that "Web3 is the idea that power no longer needs permission".

He explained that this new phase of the internet removes the gatekeepers of traditional systems and



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puts power directly into the hands of individuals.

From decentralised finance to creator-owned content and peer-to-peer collaboration, he described how Web3 offers Nigerian youths the opportunity to bypass limitations and forge their own paths in technology and beyond.

Mr Abbaly emphasised the importance of digital skills and curiosity, adding that "the jobs of tomorrow won't come with application letters or job boards; they'll come from communities, networks, and digital ecosystems. You must be present in these spaces", he advised. He encouraged students to learn

blockchain, smart contracts, token economics, and digital ownership, stating that the future belongs to those who can adapt and innovate in a borderless and trustless digital environment.

Mr Abbaly challenged students to look beyond the local job market and embrace global digital opportunities. "You don't need to wait for someone to validate your dream anymore. In Web3, your talent, not your location or background, will open doors.'

He called on institutions to create more awareness and integrate Web3 education into their curricula so that Nigerian students are not left behind in the global shift.

The Head of the Department of Industrial Relations and Personnel Management, Dr Abiodun Peter Abogunrin, expressed appreciation to Mr Abbaly for sharing his vast knowledge and vision with the students.

"Your speech was not only enlightening but timely. It has opened our minds to the untapped opportunities that lie in the digital Web 3 economy," he said.

He praised the students for their organisational capacity, discipline, and drive to learn. "You have proven that Nigerian students are ready for the future, keep leading, keep learning," he said.

Jimoh advises campus farmers on land use

Bv Abubakar Imam

he Director of the Physical Planning Unit, University of Ilorin, Mr Abdulrahaman Toyin Jimoh, has advised members of the University community and others who are farming on the University campus to be mindful of the type of crops they cultivate.

Mr Jimoh, who is a former Chairman of the Kwara State Chapter of the Nigerian Institute of Quantity Surveyors (NIQS), gave this advice last Monday (May 26, 2025) while speaking with UNILORIN Bulletin in his office.

While commending the "campus farmers", particularly Unilorites, for making good use of the land and contributing their quotas to the nation's food security, the Director advised them to invest their resources on the cultivation of annual crops only.

Mr Jimoh explained that the advice is necessitated by the subsisting Memoranda of Understanding between the University and a few corporate outfits on the use of the institution's expansive land, particularly the Oriental Energy Resources Limited (OER) owned by the



Mr Jimoh

renowned Maiduguri-based business mogul, Alhaji Mohammed Ndimi.

While pointing out that about 4500 hectares of the University land has been allocated to OER for its proposed mechanised farm, Mr Jimoh said that the remaining land is left for physical infrastructural development.

He added that the University is expecting the OER and other firms to begin their projects anytime from now.

Mr Jimoh warned that the University would not give any of the farmers the luxury of time to harvest their crops as soon as the OER

and others show up to put to use the already allocated land.

Speaking on the ongoing projects across the campus, Mr Jimoh commended the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, for always attracting quality and meaningful projects to the University.

He particularly congratulated the Vice Chancellor on the selection of the University as one of the beneficiaries of the N4,000,000,000 allocated by the Federal Government for the rehabilitation of 18 Colleges of Health Sciences selected from across the nation as well as for the sum of N750,000,000 made available to the institution as part of the TETFund special intervention on hostel construction.

The Director explained that when completed, the projects would address some of the challenges facing the University.

Mr Jimoh assured the University Management that his Unit would continue to give contractors handling the projects very close supervision to ensure that all the projects are delivered timely and to specifications.





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Egbewole commends CERB on campus food safety

By Bashir Dawodu and Adewole Muizdeen

The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has lauded the institution's Campus Eatery Regulatory Board (CERB) on its efforts in ensuring food safety and hygiene across eateries on campus.

Prof. Egbewole gave this commendation last Wednesday (May 28,2025), while speaking at a sensitisation workshop organised by the Campus Eatery Regulatory Board, themed "Food Safety, Personal Hygiene and Proper Environmental Practice in Academic Eatery Environments," held at University Auditorium Basement.

Prof. Egbewole, who was represented by the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Research, Technology, and Innovation), Prof. Muhtar Etudaiye, praised the Board's efforts in creating a safer dining environment for students and staff.

The Vice Chancellor said, "The Campus Eatery Regulatory Board is our own NAFDAC on campus," adding that "It plays a crucial role in preventing the consumption of contaminated food and promoting the health and well being of members of the University community."

Prof. Egbewole, who was also the chief host of the event, emphasised the importance of high standards in food preparation, saying, "The health and well



Prof. Egbewole

being of our students and staff is paramount."

In her remarks, the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic), Prof. Moji Taibat Bakare-Odunola, appreciated the organisers for using the sensitisation workshop to orientate people on how to take care of their personal hygiene and proper environmental practice.

In her presentation, titled "Personal Cleanliness of Food Handlers and Environmental Sanitation," the Chief Environmental Health Officer at the University of Ilorin Health Services, Mrs T.F. Ogunremi, stressed that hygiene must begin with the food handlers themselves.

"A nutritious meal can become a source of illness if it is prepared in an

unhygienic environment or by an unclean handler," Mrs Ogunremi said.

She highlighted essential hygiene practices, including the use of proper uniforms, routine cleaning of work areas, and frequent handwashing.

Also speaking, the Deputy Chairman of CERB, Prof. Olufunmilola A. Abiodun, who delivered a paper on "Food Safety, Protection, Preservation, and Storage", stressed the need for education and training of food vendors and handlers, adequate facilities, and routine monitoring to reduce the risk of food poisoning.

The Director of UNILORIN Health Services, Dr R. A Odunola, underscored the necessity of regular medical screenings for food handlers, stating that it is vital to protect the health of consumers.

In his presentation, the Principal Fire Superintendent of the University, Mr Ibrahim Olanrewaju Abdulrasaq, advised participants on the proper use of fire extinguishers and fire safety protocols in kitchens and food stalls.

Speaking earlier, the Chairman of the CERB, Prof. Lukman O. Abdur-Rahman, reaffirmed the Board's commitment to food safety. "This workshop is part of our ongoing strategy to cultivate a culture of hygiene and safety among food handlers and vendors on campus," he said.





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TEC-ASBE 2.0 presents two sewing machines to talent hunt winner

By Mustafa Abubakar

he Technical and Entrepreneurship Centre-African Support Bureau for Entrepreneurship (TEC-ASBE), University of Ilorin, has presented two industrial sewing machines and a cash prize of five hundred thousand naira (N500,000.00) to the first runner-up of the TEC-ASBE Summit 2.0 Talent Hunt, Miss Zainab Abisola Jamiu.

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Presenting the items penultimate Friday (May 23, 2025) to Miss Jamiu, who is a 300Level student of the Department of Microbiology, the Director of the Centre, Prof. Usman Adebimpe Raheem, said that the event was organised to showcase the achievements of the Summit winners.

Prof. Raheem explained that the strategy of physical display of the equipment purchased with the prize money was introduced to ensure financial transparency and to ensure that the grants are effectively used to support the recipients' businesses during and after their academic journeys.

According to Prof. Raheem, "TEC is committed to empowering students with an entrepreneurial mindset. Through the ASBE programme, many of our students are breaking barriers, launching businesses, and preparing for sustainable futures."

Expressing her gratitude, Miss Jamiu said, "I sincerely appreciate the Technical and Entrepreneurship Centre, the University of Ilorin, and the African Support Bureau for Entrepreneurship for this initiative. I have used the prize money to purchase an industrial sewing machine for my bespoke tailoring business, ZABA

COUTURE—an investment vital to the growth and productivity of my brand". "Your support has significantly

scaled up my business, improving both its efficiency and productivity," she concluded.

Yahya tasks Engineering students on innovation

By Bashir Dawodu

renowned entrepreneur, Dr Suleiman Abimbola Yahya, has urged Engineering students, particularly those of the University of Ilorin, to apply their creativity towards developing machines that would solve real world problems.

He said that this is important for the students to play active role in national development.

Dr Yahya made this remark penultimate Friday (May 23,2025) while speaking at the 2025 Engineering Projects Exhibition (EPEX) organised by the Nigerian Universities Engineering Students Association (NUESA), University of Ilorin Chapter. The programme was themed "Innovative Technologies: Old Problems, New Solutions" and it was held at the University Auditorium.

He urged the students to focus their thinking faculties on building purposeful and practical machines.

Dr Yahya equally encouraged them to shift from conventional thinking patterns and begin to address both existing and emerging engineering challenges.

"You don't need to reinvent the wheel," he said. "Think outside the box and use your talents to build what many think is impossible. When you leave this world, you will be remembered for your contributions towards solving human



Dr Yahya

challenges.

He encouraged the students to always task themselves with proffering solutions and building machines that serve one purpose or the other."

He also advised NUESA members to make the most of their time, stressing the importance of creativity and innovation in nation building.

Also speaking, the Dean of the Faculty of Engineering and Technology, Prof. J.K. Odusote, expressed appreciation to the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, for the support he gave the Faculty, which made the exhibition possible.

Prof. Odusote, who was represented by the Sub-Dean, Dr M.M Odewole, paid tribute to the late AbdulHakeem Temitope Abdulrahman, who, along with his team, initiated EPEX in 2014 as a platform for showcasing innovative student engineering projects.

On his part, the Chairman of the occasion, Mr Akanbi AbdulAziz, applauded the students' ingenuity as he described them as the future problem solvers of Nigeria. He encouraged them to remain committed to their studies and creative pursuits.

In his welcome address, the NUESA President, Mr Ajileye Tobiloba, described EPEX as one of the most impactful exhibitions contributing to national development. He praised the dedication of participating students from various universities across Nigeria.

Participating institutions included Al-Hikmah University, Ilorin; the University of Ibadan; and the Federal University of Technology, Owerri, among others.

At the end of the competition, Team AfroVax from the University of Ilorin clinched first position with a cash prize of \aleph 300,000 while Team Mechtron Tech. from the Federal University of Technology, Owerri, took the second position with \aleph 200,000, while Team PondIQ, also from the University of Ilorin, secured the third place and a \aleph 100,000 prize.

Dignitaries in attendance included Prof. H.A. Ajimotokan, Dr Zainab Yakub, Dr O.A. Otueze, Dr Temi Kolawole, and Engineer T.O. Olanrewaju, among others.



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Centre for Cybersecurity, one of Egbewole's visionary initiatives -- Olawoyin

By Idris Alooma

he Director of the University of Ilorin Centre for Cybersecurity and Sustainable Development, Dr Lukman Olawoyin, has described the establishment of the Centre as one of the visionary initiatives of the Administration of Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN.

Dr Olawoyin, who stated this last Monday (May 26, 2025) while participating in a UNILORIN FM current affairs programme, 'Table Talk', anchored by the Station's Head of Programmes, Mr Temitope Olawuyi (Karikatalk), commended the Vice Chancellor for taking a significant step towards promoting cybersecurity and sustainable development.

The Director emphasised the importance of funding research in Cyber security and Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) fields.



Dr Olawoyin

Dr Olawoyin shared valuable insights into the Centre's mandate, which includes conducting cutting-edge research, addressing cybercrime challenges, and promoting cybersecurity studies, research, and innovations.

He also highlighted the Centre's

role in enlightening citizens on online safety, particularly when clicking links and verifying website authenticity.

The Director said that the Centre offers various academic programmes, including PhD and Master degrees, as well as professional certificate courses, designed to equip students with the skills needed to combat cyber threats.

Dr Olawoyin encouraged Nigerians to take advantage of these programmes. He stressed the need for government funding to support research in cybersecurity and STEM.

He pointed out that as the world becomes increasingly dependent on technology, the importance of cybersecurity cannot be overstated.

He described the University of Ilorin's Centre for Cyber Security and Sustainable Development as a beacon of hope for a safer digital future, adding that its initiatives are poised to make a significant impact in the fight against

Ex-Unilorite wins UNESCO award in Food Engineering research

By Mustafa Abubakar

former student of the Department of Food Engineering, University of Ilorin, Mubarak Ayobami Omonayajo, has rekindled the brilliance status of the Faculty of Engineering and Technology as he emerged the winner of the 2024 UNESCO International Centre for Biotechnology (Nsukka) Undergraduate Award.

With the award, typically applied for in the final year and often announced after graduation, Mubarak has etched his name in the Department's growing legacy of excellence, following a trail of remarkable academic strides set by his predecessors.

Speaking with UNILORIN Bulletin last Friday (May 30, 2025), the Head of the Department of Food Engineering, Dr Sanusi Mayowa Saheed, said, "This remarkable achievement rekindles memories of a groundbreaking moment in 2021, when Alasi Sodiq Oladimeji, from the same Department, became the first Food Engineering alumnus to earn the coveted award in the undergraduate category."

Dr Sanusi added that "three years later, Mubarak picks up the baton, reinforcing the University of Ilorin's position as a cradle of scientific ingenuity and biotechnological innovation."

He said that their shared success is not just a personal triumph, but a testament to the transformative power of Food Engineering and a proud reflection of a Department that continues to inspire, shape, and empower the next generation



of change makers.

He said, "As Head of Department, I am immensely proud of this milestone. Mubarak's success is a shining reminder to all our students that with passion, persistence, and purpose, they too can rise to global recognition from right here at the University of Ilorin."

In his own remarks, Mubarak expressed deep gratitude for the recognition, attributing his success to consistent mentorship, faith, and the resilient academic culture at UNILORIN.

"It's a humbling moment for me. Winning this award is not just a personal achievement, but a win for my Department, my Faculty, and for the future of Food Engineering in Nigeria", he said.

He dedicated the award to young

engineers across Africa, encouraging them to stay curious, keep learning, and embrace innovation in solving real-world problems.

"I hope this recognition opens more doors for Nigerian students in biotechnology and encourages greater investment in research and innovation", Mubarak added.

The UNESCO award recognises outstanding undergraduate contributions to biotechnology and sustainable development in Africa.

Mubarak's research focused on bio-based preservation technologies for post-harvest food stability, which the award committee described as "innovative, scalable, and impactful for food security."



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Egbewole seeks stronger NSCDC support to protect off-campus students

By Tajudeen Babamale

he Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has urged the Kwara State Command of the Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps (NSCDC) to intensify efforts towards safeguarding the lives and property of students of the institution residing off-campus, particularly those living in the adjoining Oke-Odo area of Tanke.

O k e - O d o a r e a o f T a n k e. Prof. Egbewole made the appeal last Friday (May 30, 2025) when he paid a courtesy visit to the NSCDC headquarters in Ilorin. He was accompanied on the visit by Principal Officers of the University.

Commending the leadership of the NSCDC in the state, the Vice Chancellor expressed appreciation for the efforts of the Commandant, Dr. Umar Mohammed, in maintaining security and order, noting that the positive security situation in the state has had a ripple effect on the University and its environs.

Prof. Egbewole stated that while the University Management remains deeply committed to the welfare and safety of its students, there are limitations to what the institution could do, especially as a significant number of its students reside offcampus. He noted that these students have recently faced growing security concerns, particularly in the Oke-Odo area.

The Vice Chancellor appealed to the NSCDC to increase surveillance and patrols in that axis to ensure that lives and property are well-protected. While he acknowledged the efforts of the Tanke Division of the NSCDC, he stressed the need for additional reinforcement to address emerging threats.

While also raising concerns about the increasing activities of herders



The Vice Chancellor, Prof. Egbewole (left), making a point during the visit while the NSCDC Commandant listens

around the University's perimeter, the Vice Chancellor observed that a university should be a serene and secure academic environment, but the presence of herders has disrupted this ideal. Hence, he called on the NSCDC's Agro-Rangers Unit to intervene and help curtail the menace to the barest minimum, if not eradicate it entirely.

Prof. Egbewole further highlighted the issue of vandalism and economic sabotage affecting the University. He stated that while the institution has mechanisms to track and apprehend vandals, it requires stronger support from the NSCDC to prosecute offenders and bring them to justice.

In his response, the Commandant of the Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps (NSCDC), Kwara State Command, Dr. Umar Mohammed, pledged to reinforce security operations around the University, particularly in the Tanke area, to address growing concerns over students' safety.

Dr Mohammed assured the Vice Chancellor that the NSCDC would strengthen its Tanke Division to meet the emerging security challenges in the area. He noted that the security of lives and property, especially that of students residing offcampus, is of paramount importance. The Commandant acknowledged the supportive role of the Tanke community, noting that their cooperation has been instrumental in the Corps' ongoing security efforts. He assured the University Management that this collaboration would be deepened and that more resources would be deployed to the area for effective monitoring and response.

On the issue of vandalism, Dr. Mohammed reiterated the NSCDC's commitment to protecting public infrastructure. He stressed that the Corps would continue to apprehend and parade vandals in line with its core mandate to prevent economic sabotage and ensure the protection of critical national assets.

To address the growing concerns about herder encroachment and to support legitimate farming activities within the University environment, the Commandant announced that the Deputy Commandant in charge of the Agro-Rangers unit would be mobilised to assess the specific security needs of legal farmers on campus and ensure appropriate deployment.

3rd FETiCON kicks off today

By Mustafa Abubakar

he 3rd International Conference of the Faculty of Engineering and Technology, University of Ilorin (FETiCON 2025), will commence today (Monday, June 2, 2025).

The event, which will hold at the University Auditorium by 10:00 a.m., is themed "Revitalising Community: The Role of Indigenous Technologies in Addressing Food Security, Energy and Economic Challenges for a Sustainable Future." It will hold under the chairmanship of the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN.

The conference is aimed at bringing together experts, researchers, industry leaders, and academics to explore how indigenous technologies can contribute to solving pressing local and global challenges, particularly in the areas of agriculture, energy, and sustainable development.

The Keynote Speaker is Professor Hyeon-Tae Kim of the Gyeongsang National University, Jinju, South Korea.

Other plenary speakers include Engr Seun Suleiman, Managing Director of Siemens Energy West Africa, and Mr Mustafa Rajah, Head of Grain Processing at the Innovation Research and Development Centre, Bühler Group, Kano.

Members of the University community and the general public are cordially invited.





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4	ARISE ROTIMI OLUSANYA	BIOCHEMISTRY	01-Jun
5	ADEFOLAJU GBENGA ANTHONY	ANATOMY	01-Jun
5	ADETOLA OLUWAKEMI ROSELINE	REGISTRY	01-Jun
7	ABDULLAHI MARIAM DAMILOLA	REGISTRY	01-Jun
3	OLAWUYI AYODELE KEHINDE	GEOLOGY & MINERAL SCIENCE	02-Jun
)	SULAIMAN MOSHUD AYANDA	LIBRARY	02-Jun
.0	OTENE JANET CHRISTIANA	REGISTRY	02-Jun
1	SHEHU FATAI	SECURITY DIVISION	02-Jun
2	OGUNLEYE SAMUEL ADEBISI	SECURITY DIVISION	02-Jun
3	OKEOLA OLAYINKA GAFAR	WATER RESOURCES & ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING	02-Jun
.4	SALIMAN ABDULRAHMAN KALLAH	LIBRARY	02-Jun
.5	OBALOWU ALABI MAGAJI	REGISTRY	02-Jun
.6	ZAKARIYYA MAYMUNAT BAKE	REGISTRY	02-Jun
7	NIYI-GAFAR OLUWABUNMI LUCY	JURISPRUDENCE & INTERNATIONAL LAW	02-Jun
8	ADEGBOYE ADIRU AFOLABI	VETERINARY PATHOLOGY	02-Jun
9	ABDULRAHEEM ADIJAT MOJISOLA	HEALTH PROMOTION & ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH EDU	02-Jun
20	ISIAQ ABDULWAHEED ATANDA	POLITICAL SCIENCE	02-Jun
20	OLOYEDE ISIAKA	STATISTICS	02-Jun 02-Jun
22		ELECTRICAL & ELECTRONICS ENGINEERING	02-Jun
22	IFELAJA GRACE ADEBIMPE	REGISTRY	02-Jun
.3	LAMIDI OLUWATOYIN HELEN		02-Jun
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		ADULT & PRIMARY EDUCATION	02-Jun
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28		AGRIC. EXTENSION & RURAL DEVELOPMENT	03-Jun
-	ADEJOH MATHEW		03-Jun
.9	YAHAYA YUSUF	SECURITY DIVISION	03-Jun
30	OLAOLUWA MONDAY	SECURITY DIVISION	03-Jun
31	MUSTAPHA MUINAT OMOLADE		03-Jun
32	ONIFADE OLASUNKANMI ADEOYE	HEALTH PROMOTION & ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH EDU	03-Jun
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34	LAWAL ABDULMUMIN ABUBAKAR	EDUCATIONAL MANAGEMENT	03-Jun
35	AJIBOYE SAMUEL KOLAWOLE	COUNSELLOR EDUCATION	03-Jun
6	LAWAL FALILAT ONUNDI	GEOGRAPHY & ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT	03-Jun
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38	ADEBOWALE QUADRI RAMON	TELECOMMUNICATION SCIENCE	03-Jun
39	BUSARI YUSUF OLANREWAJU	MATERIALS & METALLURGICAL ENGINEERING	03-Jun
0	FAMUYIWA SHOLA TEMITOPE	LIBRARY & INFORMATION SCIENCE	03-Jun
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13	ABDULLAHI YAQUB ALHAJI	ARABIC	03-Jun
4	AJIDE-BAMIGBOYE NIMAT TOYOSI	MICROBIOLOGY	04-Jun
15	IMAM ABUBAKAR SIDIQ	DIRECTORATE OF CORPORATE AFFAIRS	04-Jun
6	IROYE KAYODE ADEMOLA	GEOGRAPHY & ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT	04-Jun
7	LAWAL ISMAIL ADIGUN	SURGERY	04-Jun
8	AKOH ENUKORAH PETER	SECURITY DIVISION	04-Jun
9	DARAMOLA MOJISOLA BOSEDE	RELIGIONS	04-Jun
50	ADENIYI ENEKOLE ESTHER	GEOGRAPHY & ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT	04-Jun
51	ADEKUNLE SAMUEL BABATUNDE	BIOMEDICAL ENGINEERING	04-Jun
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58	BADMUS EEDRIS KOLAWOLE	CIVIL ENGINEERING	04-Jun
59	BAKARE JIBRIL AYOBAMI	REGISTRY	05-Jun
60	AWEDA WAHAB YUSUF	WORKS: WORKS/MAINTENANCE OFFICE	05-Jun
61	TUNDE AFOLABI MONISOLA	GEOGRAPHY & ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT	05-Jun
62	FAWOLE ADEGBOYEGA ADISA	OBSTETRICS & GYNAECOLOGY	05-Jun
63	OLUKOTUN AMOS OLUWOLE	REGISTRY	05-Jun
64	BOLUWADE FUNMILAYO CHRISTIANA	REGISTRY	05-Jun
65	USMAN SALAWU ANATE	PORTAL SERVICES	05-Jun
66	ASIEGBU JOY	REGISTRY	05-Jun
67	ENEBI OJOAFEDO EMMANUEL	WORKS: WORKS/MAINTENANCE OFFICE	05-Jun
68	IBRAHIM ABDULLAHI OLAREWAJU	WORKS: WORKS/MAINTENANCE OFFICE	05-Jun
69	FOLAGBADE OLUWATOSIN REBECCA	BUSINESS LAW	05-Jun
70	ABDULWAHAB RAMLAT ABIMBOLA	UNILORIN STAFF SCHOOL	06-Jun
71	ABDUR-RAHMAN LUKMAN OLAJIDE	SURGERY	06-Jun
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75	OWOLABI FUNMILAYO RACHAEL	HEALTH SERVICES	06-Jun
76	ISAH HAJARAT ENEYE	HEALTH SERVICES	06-Jun
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80	SAMBO ABDULRAHMAN WAZIRI	LINGUISTICS & NIGERIAN LANGUAGES	06-Jun
81	ORE FATIMOH KIKELOMO	TECHNICAL & ENTREPRENEURSHIP CENTRE	06-Jun
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83	INOTU BLESSING SIMBIAT	REGISTRY	06-Jun
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87	MOHAMMED DANJIMA MOHAMMED	BURSARY	06-Jun
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92	MUSTAPHA OBA TOYIN	PLANT BIOLOGY	07-Jun
93	AJEWOLE FUNSHO ABAYOMI	REGISTRY	07-Jun
94	USMAN HAJARAT ENEHEZEYI	REGISTRY	07-Jun
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97	ADEBAYO BASHIR	SECURITY DIVISION	07-Jun
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"UNIL RIN IN THE NEWS

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- > A renowned Linguist at the Department of Linguistics and Nigerian Languages, Faculty of University of Ilorin, Professor Bolanle Arts Elizabeth Arokoyo, has raised serious concerns over the extinction of indigenous languages urging stakeholders to protect them. ("Govt Urged To Encourage The Use Of Indigenous Language" https://radionigeriacompanionfm.blogspot.com ; "University of Ilorin Scholar, Professor Arokoyo Calls for Urgent Action on Indigenous Languages" https://gatmash.com, "Inaugural lecture: Unilorin Don Urged Government To Encourage The Use Of Indigenous Language" https://youtu.be/JM73F72csN4?si=YreOAFKbLw kL5vaG)
- The Dean of the Faculty of EnvironmentalSciences, 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 cost management.

("Prof advocates valued based - cost management in building sector", The Saturday Time, Saturday May 24,2025, p. 4)

In a statement signed by the Director of Corporate Affairs, Mr Kunle Akogun, the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has expressed profound sadness on the death of the Kwara State Correspondent of the News Direct Newspaper, Mr Saka Laaro.

("UNILORIN VC, NewsDirect Publisher mourn veteran journalist, Saka Laaro", https://nigeriannewsdirect.com, "UNILORIN VC, NewsDirect Publisher mourn veteran journalist, Saka Laaro", https://dailylinks.ng, "UNILORIN VC, Egbewole Mourns Veteran Journalist, Saka Laaro", https://www.dailytopic.com.ng,"Egbewole mourns veteran journalist, Saka Laaro", https://radionigeriaharmonyfm.com, "UNILORIN VC, Egbewole Mourns Veteran Journalist, Saka Laaro", https://choicereporters.com, "Unilorin VC mourns death of veteran journalist, Saka Laaro", https://decency.home.blog, "UNILORIN VC, mourns death of veteran journalist, Saka Laaro", https://timenigeria.com, "UNILORIN VC, mourns death of veteran journalist, Saka Laaro", https://timenigeria.com, "UNILORIN VC, mourns death of veteran journalist, Saka Laaro", https://democracynewsline.com, "UNILORIN VC, mourns death of veteran journalist, Saka Laaro", https://gatmash.com,"UNILORIN VC, mourns death of veteran journalist, Saka Laaro", https://timenigeria.com,

A global renowned scholar and right activist, Prof. Wole Soyinka, has reminded Nigerians of the need to preserve indigenous cultures, languages and materials

("UNILORIN Celebrates Maiden Cultural Day Festival", Nigerian Tribune, Thursday May 29, 2025, p. 73, "Cultural day celebration: Nigerians charged reclaim t o identity", https://radionigeriaharmonyfm.com, Celebrates Maiden Cultural Day "UNILORIN Festival", https://newtelegraphng.com, "UNILORIN Celebrates Maiden Cultural Day Festival", https://thereflection.com.ng, "Ilorin, like Abu Dhabi, embodies global culture", https://wp.me/p7ZDOE_4Bbr, "Unilorin celebrates maiden Cultural Day festival", https://wp.me/p7ZDOE-4B21).

Staff Development Award

RECIPIENT	PROGRAMME	DEPARTMENT	INSTITUTION WHERE TENABLE
Abdulkareem B. Bello	Ph.D.	Food Engineering	Federal University of Technology, Minna
Hafeez O. Mahmud	Ph.D.	Computer Engineering	Ladoke Akintola University of
			Technology, Ogbomosho

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UNILORIN wins seven medals at 2025 NUSSA Games

By Abubakar Imam

he University of Ilorin has won seven medals at the justconcluded Nigerian Universities Sports Association Games (NUSSA), hosted by the Bayero University, Kano.

The games, which attracted the participation of academic and non-teaching staff from over 50 universities across the country, took place between Wednesday, May 21 and Saturday May 31, 2025.

The immediate past Director of Sports of the University, Prof. Olufunmilola Leah Dominic, won a gold medal in female squash as she also won a bronze in the traditional Ayo game.

The University female Basketball team, which was captained by Prof. Dominic, also won a silver medal at the end of the competition.

Dr David Jimoh Kayode of the Department of Educational Management won a bronze medal in the male category of those who participated in Ayo as Mrs Funmilayo Abdulrasaq of the Security Division also won a bronze medal in the 100m female race..

In Badminton, the duo of Coach Suleiman Tajudeen Ayodele and AbdulHafees AbduRaheem won a silver medal in men double for the nation's most sought after University, while in men single badminton, Mr AbdulHafees AbduRaheem won a bronze medal.

Speaking with *UNILORIN Bulletin*, the University's Director of Sports, Prof. Tajudeen Olanrewaju Ibraheem, who led the contingent to Kano, commended members of the contingent for giving a good account of themselves throughout.

Prof. Ibraheem added that he was very impressed that members of the contingent conducted themselves with decency.

The Director explained that the UNILORIN team participated in nine different events at the game, which

included Football men, Basketball male and female and Volleyball (men).

Others, according to Prof. Ibraheem, are Badminton (men), Table Tennis (men), Scrabble (men), Ayo (men) Squash (male and female) and Athletics(Track and Field events).

Prof. Ibraheem thanked the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, for the support he gave the contingent before, during and after the games.



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