

Focus on craft, not awards, Soyinka advises African writers

By Tajudeen Babamale

Literary icon and Nobel Laureate, Prof. Wole Soyinka, has advised African writers, especially those in the Humanities, to focus on their craft rather than being distracted by the pursuit of awards and recognitions.

Prof. Soyinka gave this advice during an interactive session with students and selected staff of the University of Ilorin last Tuesday (May 20, 2025) as part of the institution's maiden cultural week celebration.



■ Prof. Soyinka and the representative of the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Muhtar Etudaiye on the occasion

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...Cautions against abandoning indigenous languages

By Abubakar Imam

World renowned literary scholar and rights activist, Prof. Wole Soyinka, has reminded Nigerians of the need to preserve indigenous cultures, languages and materials.

Prof. Soyinka gave this charge last Monday (May 19, 2025) while speaking with press men as part of activities marking his working visit to the



■ Prof. Soyinka (right) with Prof. Ogunade at the Press briefing

Arokoyo tasks stakeholders on protection of indigenous languages

By Abubakar Imam

The Head of the Department of Linguistics and Nigerian Languages, University of Ilorin, Prof. Bolanle Elizabeth Arokoyo, has enjoined stakeholders to work towards strengthening indigenous languages in order to protect them from extinction.

Prof. Arokoyo gave this advice last Thursday (May 22, 2025) while delivering the 282nd Inaugural Lecture of the University, titled "From the Mouths of Babes to the Wisdom of Elders: A Voyage of Language Exploration", at the University Auditorium.

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■ Prof. Arokoyo

VC urges police to intensify security in off-campus areas

By Tajudeen Babamale

The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has appealed to the Kwara State Command of the Nigeria Police to 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.

The Vice Chancellor made the appeal penultimate Friday (May 16, 2025), when he led Principal Officers and other officials of the University on a familiarisation visit to the newly deployed Commissioner of Police in Kwara State, Mr Adekimi Ojo, at the State Police Command headquarters.

Prof. Egbewole, who expressed concern over the persistent harassment and insecurity faced by the students living off campus, stressed the need for increased police presence in those areas to ensure the safety and well-being of students, thereby allowing them to focus on their academic pursuits without fear.

The Vice Chancellor noted that the welfare and security of students are of utmost importance to the University Administration, saying, "Our students are the reason we are employed as staff of this institution. No matter where they reside, their safety and comfort must be a top priority".

Prof. Egbewole also raised concerns about the activities of herdsmen around the University premises. He said despite several warnings and efforts by the University, the herders continue to encroach on the campus, posing risks to students and staff.

While urging the police to intervene and prevent the situation from escalating into a larger crisis, the Vice Chancellor lamented that despite repeated warnings, herders continue to harass students and staff and encroach on the campus.

Also speaking on the issue of vandalism of cables within the campus, the Vice Chancellor called on the Police to apply stricter measures against vandals to deter future occurrences. He said, "Acts of vandalism should be met with stiffer penalties. This will serve as a deterrent to others. As a University, we maintain a zero-tolerance policy on cultism and other vices. However, we rely on the police to help secure areas beyond our internal capacity".

Prof. Egbewole congratulated the new Commissioner of Police on his promotion and deployment to Kwara State, assuring him of the University's continued cooperation with the police command. "We are pleased to be associated with the Nigeria Police Force. You have consistently responded to our requests and proven to be dependable partners in



maintaining peace and order. This visit by me and my team is a deliberate gesture to express our appreciation to the Command," he submitted.

While responding to the Vice Chancellor, the Kwara State Commissioner of Police, Mr Adekimi Ojo, commended the University of Ilorin on its unwavering commitment to discipline and zero tolerance for cultism, describing it as a key factor in the institution's uninterrupted academic calendar and peaceful atmosphere.

The Police Commissioner noted that the high level of discipline instilled in Unilorin students has contributed significantly to the ease of policing the University environment. He acknowledged that the fear of disciplinary consequences, including expulsion, has deterred students from engaging in criminal or anti-social behavior.

According to the Police boss, the stability of the University's academic calendar is a direct result of the institution's success in eradicating cult-related activities from its campus. He described this achievement as a remarkable virtue that distinguishes the University from many of its counterparts.

Mr Ojo, who mentioned the strong and cordial relationship between the police command and the university management, stated that, the University of Ilorin remains one of the most preferred institutions among admission seekers and parents across the country, largely because of its consistent and reliable academic calendar.

While addressing security concerns raised by the Vice Chancellor regarding the activities of herders, the Police Commissioner acknowledged that the problem extends beyond the University of Ilorin. However, he pledged that the Command would no longer treat the issue lightly. He noted that the police would begin to take decisive steps, including prosecuting cattle owners and herders who are found disturbing the peace within and around the University community.

He also responded to reports that incidents of cable vandalism on the University campus have reduced, expressing satisfaction with the progress made. Nonetheless, he said the Command would continue to go after those who remain undeterred by existing measures and ensure that such acts are met with the full weight of the law.

The Police Commissioner appreciated the visit by the University Management and reaffirmed the commitment of the Police Command to maintaining a secure and supportive environment for all educational institutions in the state. He described the visit as a gesture that would not be taken for granted and reiterated the readiness of the Police to continue working hand-in-hand with the University to promote peace and safety.

Also in his remarks, the Ag Dean of Student Affairs, Dr Alex Akanmu, who corroborated the Vice Chancellor's concerns, disclosed that the University is stepping up its efforts to combat drug abuse among students.

Dr Akanmu stated that the institution recognises the far-reaching consequences of drug abuse on students' academic performance, mental health, and overall well-being. In light of this, he said the University has launched several proactive initiatives aimed at curbing the menace.

Joining the Vice Chancellor on the visit were 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 Director of Security, Mr Paul Ogidi; and the Deputy Registrar (Vice Chancellor's Office), Mrs Azeezat Quadri Ibrahim, among others.

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According to the world renowned playwright, literary awards, including the Nobel Prize, often involve 80 percent of luck, as they are subject to the personal preferences and biases of judges.

He said, "They have their prejudices and fantasies, which they like to be presented to them. Ignore it, and one day you'll be surprised that while sitting down, eating your amala and ewedu, a call will come to say the prize is yours".

Sharing insights from his personal journey,

Prof. Soyinka reflected on his own surprise at receiving the Nobel Prize, noting that he initially did not believe the announcement. "There are institutes that are entitled to nominate future recipients. When I was teaching at Harvard, I came under that group because Harvard University was one of the authorised institutions. I certainly never believed that I would get a nomination, and when the prize came, I refused to believe it, as I thought it was another speculation by Nigerian enthusiasts".

Prof. Soyinka, who received the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1986, urged writers to treat rejections as part of the journey. He suggested that writers should keep writing, learn from their rejections, and use them as an opportunity to improve their work.

He also encouraged them to share their work with others, be patient with their ideas, and not be obsessed with prizes, noting that recognitions may come unexpectedly if they continue to write.

While answering a question on a broader cultural context and concern for the younger generation, Prof. Soyinka



described them as endangered due to overreliance on digital technology.

The Nobel Laureate observed that while the internet has facilitated significant political and social movements, like the Arab Spring, it also presents a challenge to African youths who often adopt the technology without fully understanding its impact.

He said, "They don't know it, but they are a seriously endangered generation. Look at what's coming out of Africa today in the artistic world. This continent is producing a new crop of writers and artists, especially women. The women emerging from Nigeria alone these days are among the best anywhere in the world. Nothing wins one's heart more than encountering this generation of young people, not just in the arts, but also in technology, mathematics. Look at those who are creating programmes for cybernetic applications, for commercial companies, and sometimes just on their own initiative. It's a mixed bag. Unfortunately, the greatest users of this new technology are the

younger generations, who often think they're at the pinnacle of global knowledge and capability. Perhaps we're viewing them from our own distant perspective".

Reflecting on his deep relationship with language and how he acquired knowledge, the international scholar traced his fascination with words to childhood.

He said, "I am fascinated by languages. When I was studying for my degree, my curiosity led me to take one of my minor courses in linguistics itself. I was just fascinated by the ability of humans to change sounds in different languages. In school, I studied Latin at Government College, Ibadan. When I went to the University of Ibadan, then University College Ibadan, one of my subjects was Greek. I grew up with Yoruba, which is most important to me. I was excited by the paratechnique of novelist Daniel O. Fagunwa to the extent that I translated three of his Yoruba novels into English literature. I wanted to see if I could transmit the richness that I enjoyed in Fagunwa's books into another language.

Speaking further, he said, "And of course, I enjoy listening to elders telling stories and adorning the stories with songs. It's just something I can't explain, except for the fact that I love the sound of words from my childhood and the manipulation of words. For those of us who come from tonal languages like Yoruba, one syllable given different tonality can mean about five different things. It's like magic to me. I was just fortunate that I grew up within a culture that values languages, and that's why we must never abandon or diminish our indigenous languages in any way."



Arokoyo tasks stakeholders on protection of indigenous languages

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The Inaugural Lecturer, who is also a member of the Management Board of **UNILORIN 89.3 FM**, said that the advice is particularly important to preserve minority languages that are facing overwhelming threats from different angles.

Prof. Arokoyo said that it was high time governments, educational institutions, and language communities integrated indigenous and minority languages into formal and informal education systems to ensure their continued use and survival.

She explained that the implementation of her suggestion would support natural language acquisition and foster early literacy development in the child's dominant language(s).

Prof. Arokoyo, who received all her academic qualifications from the University of Ilorin, also called for the continuous expansion of language documentation and research.

She explained that universities, research institutions, government agencies, and international organisations should prioritise the documentation of endangered languages to preserve their grammatical structures, vocabulary, and cultural narratives, saying that this would be helped through making more funds available for the purpose.

Prof. Arokoyo also canvassed the promotion of language revitalisation through the exploration of technology and media.

She noted that governments, technology companies, and cultural organisations should leverage digital tools and media to revitalise and promote endangered languages to prevent them against the threat of extinction.

Prof. Arokoyo also appealed to governments and policymakers to recognise the linguistic rights of indigenous language speakers and enforce policies that would protect and promote language diversity.

The Inaugural Lecturer equally appealed to stakeholders to encourage interdisciplinary collaboration in linguistic research, saying that that would synchronise with unfolding expectations.

She said that linguists must also collaborate with professionals in technology, anthropology, education, and policy-making to enhance the effectiveness of language preservation and revitalisation efforts.



■ **The representative of the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Fawole (right), receiving the lecture note from Prof. Arokoyo (left), last Thursday**

Prof. Arokoyo equally encouraged universities and other training institutions to incorporate business, digital marketing, and entrepreneurship courses into linguistics programmes to equip emerging linguists with the skills needed to start language-based businesses such as translation, language teaching, consulting, and AI development.

The don equally said that time was ripe for linguistics students to be exposed to industry experience through their participation in the Student Industrial Work Experience Scheme (SIWES), saying that the programme should also be extended to students of linguistics.

She also appealed to governments, institutions of learning, and organisations to ensure that the staff, facilities and equipment, library, and office space needed to train upcoming linguists are provided and periodically updated.

Drawing from personal experience, Prof. Arokoyo appealed to parents, guardians, teachers and other stakeholders not to lose hope in their children who might be struggling in their academic works.

She said that those learners neither deserve condemnation nor abandonment but encouragement and counseling for them

to discover themselves.

Prof. Arokoyo, whose masterful delivery drew repeated ovations from members of the audience, commended her teachers at all levels of her education for contributing their various quotas to making her what she has become.

The renowned linguist appealed to all those who are working in the nation's educational industry to deploy their talents to building others who would continue with their legacies.

Prof. Arokoyo specifically paid glowing tributes to the founding fathers of her Department for their monumental contributions to national development through knowledge-sharing with others, recalling that the first-ever Inaugural Lecture of the University was delivered by the founding Head of the Department of Linguistics, Prof. Oladele Awobuluyi, on February 15, 1979.

The Inaugural Lecture, which was presided-over by the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, represented by the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Management Services), Prof. Adegboyega Adisa Fawole, was attended by colleagues, friends, relations and students of Prof. Arokoyo from far and near.

Soyinka cautions against abandoning indigenous languages

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The Nobel Laureate was the Guest of Honour at the maiden edition of the institution's Cultural Week.

The renowned international statesman said that the abandonment of the local languages, traditions and materials is an act of cultural imperialism.

Prof. Soyinka, who is the first African Nobel Prize winner in Literature, explained that for Africa and Nigeria, specifically, to advance, citizens should dream, think and speak in our languages, saying that humanity would be richer if we prioritise what is ours.

The nonagenarian described languages as repositories of culture, history and intellection and must, therefore, be used as a tool of advancing national development.

He insisted that the abandonment of indigenous languages is like an attraction of wars on local histories and future development.

Welcoming the gradual reintroduction of the teaching of History in our schools, Prof. Soyinka explained that it is always important for us and particularly members of the younger generations to know how we get to the position we are for them to avoid mistakes committed along the lines to make the journey to proper nationhood easier.

While encouraging the study and adoption of Science and Technology, Prof. Soyinka said Humanities should not be abandoned.

He added that Humanities and Technology should be integrated, saying that the proper exploration of the former would regulate the use of the latter to the advantage of mankind.

On his view of the University of

Ilorin, Prof. Soyinka said that he had visited the institution before.

He commended the large expanse of land allocated to the University as he also said that the serene nature of the University makes it closer to nature, which he said would always be conducive for teaching, learning and research.

Prof. Soyinka equally commended the spate of progress being recorded by the University, saying that it is gradually closing up to its "elderly siblings".

The media interaction was graced by the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Management Services), Prof. Adegboyega Adisa Fawole; the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Research, Technology and Innovation), Prof. Muhtar Etudaiye; the Director, Centre for Creative and Cultural Studies, Prof. Raymond Ogunade and the Director of Corporate Affairs, Mr Kunle Akogun, who moderated the session.

UNILORIN's Surveying and Geoinformatics Dept. holds inaugural Ph.D. colloquium

By Isaac Lewu

The Department of Surveying and Geoinformatics, University of Ilorin, has held its maiden Ph.D. Colloquium in Surveying, Geoinformatics and Remote Sensing (SGRE).

The event, held last Thursday (May 22, 2025) at the Boardroom of the Faculty of Environmental Sciences, featured the presentation of abstracts, scholarly discussions, and research collaboration opportunities.

The colloquium served as a platform for doctoral candidates to showcase their ongoing research while engaging in critical peer review and expert evaluation.

The programme, which drew several distinguished academics and researchers from far and near, was organised in partnership with the Nigerian Institution of Surveyors (NIS), the International Federation of Surveyors (FIG), and the Organisation of Geoinformation Professionals (OGEP).

In his welcome address, the Head of the Department of Surveying and Geoinformatics, Dr Ayo Babalola, said that the colloquium featured a series of interactive workshops and panel discussions that allowed participants to exchange ideas and share real-world applications of SGRE technologies.

He explained that the programme was not only aimed at deepening the participants' understanding of remote sensing, geoinformatics, and surveying but also aimed at highlighting their transformative potentials in tackling climate change, disaster management, urban planning, and sustainable agriculture.



Dr Babalola also said that the atmosphere will birth collaboration, as students, researchers, and professionals would be encouraged to find a common ground in their passion for environmental sustainability.

In his address, the Dean of the Faculty, Prof. Ganiyu Amuda-Yusuf, said that the colloquium would generate commitment from various stakeholders so as to continue to build capacity and enhance data accessibility, particularly in underrepresented regions.

The Dean added that it was clear that the event had sparked a renewed sense of purpose and direction within the SGRE community, positioning it to play a critical role in shaping policy and practice for a more resilient and informed future.

The Head of the Department of Civil Engineering, University of Ilorin, who moderated the event, Prof. Oluwafemi Adeleke, advised the candidates that their topics should underpin their future research works, which will assist them to have a fantastic final research seminar.

Prof. Adeleke equally advised the

Ph.D. candidates to ensure that their proposals contain adequate budgets for their research and time scale for the research work.

Four Ph.D. candidates presented papers at the event. Mr Ahmadu Hussein Adomu's presentation was entitled "Climate Change-Induced Flood Resilience Enhancement Using Machine Learning and GIS-Based Capacity Optimization Approach", while Mr Oyedapo Ipadeola's presentation was on "Assessment of Dam Deformation Threats in Kwara State, Nigeria"; Mr Omar Dahir Muazu's paper was entitled "Optimised Vertical Land Motion Estimation From SAR Using Cloud-Based Deep Learning Techniques" as Mr Yusuf Abdulganiyu's presentation was entitled "Integrating Machine Learning and GIS in Spatial Accessibility Research: A Global Bibliometric Analysis (2015-2025)".

In attendance were the Sub-Dean of the Faculty, Dr S.B. Olademeji; the Head of the Department of Quantity Surveying, Dr Theophilus Olowa; and Senior Lecturer at the Department of Civil Engineering, Dr Yusuf Babatunde, among others.



Technology designed to ease human effort, not replace it – NASRDA DG

By Bashir Dawodu

The Director-General of the National Space Research and Development Agency (NASRDA), Dr Matthew Olumide Adepaju, has emphasised that emerging technologies are not meant to replace human labour but to enhance and ease such efforts.

Dr Adepaju stated this last Tuesday (May 20, 2025), during the 3rd (Hybrid) Lecture Series, Awards and Endowment Funds organised by the Faculty of Physical Sciences, University of Ilorin at the University Auditorium. The programme was themed "Harnessing Emerging Technologies for Advancement in Science and Sustainable Development".

The Director-General, who was represented by Engr Fidelis Mandalla, said technologies, such as Artificial Intelligence (AI), have revolutionised scientific research, especially in areas like drug discovery, data analysis, and predictive modeling.

He also noted the profound impact of biotechnology on medicine, agriculture, and environmental sciences.

"Technology is not here to take away jobs but to make tasks easier and more efficient," he said.

He added that "today, you can shop from your home and have it delivered instantly. You can even attend events without physically being present."

However, Dr Adepaju acknowledged several challenges in adopting emerging technologies, including resistance to change, high implementation costs, shortage of skilled personnel, and ethical concerns.

Despite these hurdles, the Guest Speaker maintained that collaboration



■ *Representative of the Guest speaker, Engr Mandalla*

between the government and private sector is essential for accelerated technological progress.

Dr Adepaju, therefore, called for support for inventors so as to make the society easier to live in.

In his remarks, the Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, who was represented by the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Research, Technology, and Innovation), Prof. Muktar Etudaiye, commended the Faculty of Physical Sciences for consistently organising the lecture series.

The Vice Chancellor explained that technological innovations like Artificial Intelligence are inevitable in the contemporary world. He encouraged the responsible use of emerging technologies.

In his goodwill message, the Emir of Ilorin, His Royal Highness, Alhaji (Dr) Ibrahim Sulu Gambari, CFR, praised the Faculty for its commitment to research and community enlightenment.

The Emir, who was represented by the Alangua Owode in Asa Local Government Area of Kwara State, Alhaji Umaru Kayode

Sidiq, also reaffirmed the continuous support of the Ilorin Emirate for the University of Ilorin.

Earlier in his welcome address, the Dean of the Faculty of Physical Sciences, Prof. Baba Abdullahi Alafara, expressed his satisfaction with the Faculty's role in showcasing the relevance of emerging technologies in addressing critical issues such as climate change, food security, and healthcare.

The Dean appreciated the Vice Chancellor Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, and his entire management team for their unwavering support for the Faculty so far especially for the programme.

Prof. Alafara also acknowledged the support of the attendees and all those who watched the programme online.

In her opening address, the Chairman of the Local Organising Committee (LOC) for the programme, Prof. Olubunmi A. Fadipe-Joseph, urged scholars and researchers to embrace emerging technologies for national growth and global competitiveness.

She highlighted the Faculty's commitment to fostering development through scholarships, research grants, and infrastructure.

The highlights of the event included the presentation of awards and recognition of donors as well as individuals who have made outstanding contributions to science, education and public service.

Dignitaries present at the event included the Registrar of the University of Ilorin, Mr Mansur Adeleke Alfanla; the University Librarian, Prof. Kamaldeen Tunde Omopupa; the Provost of the College of Health Sciences, University of Ilorin, Prof. Biodun Sulyman Alabi; and various Deans, Directors, and Heads of Departments, among others.

Euthanasia, a truly controversial issue-Alabi

By: Bashirat Omotosho
and Adewole Muizdeen

The Head of the Department of Anatomy, University of Ilorin, Prof. Ade Stephen Alabi, has described euthanasia as a perpetually controversial and complex issue, saying that it has sparked intense and endless debates globally.

Prof. Alabi made this assertion last Wednesday (May 21, 2025) while speaking at this year's edition of the Annual Euthanasia Prevention Initiative Week at the Faculty of Law Moot Court, University of Ilorin.

According to Prof. Alabi, euthanasia is the act of intentionally ending a person's life to relieve him of suffering, pain, or distress, often due to a terminal illness or incurable conditions.

Prof. Alabi highlighted the different types of euthanasia, which includes voluntary, non-voluntary, active, and passive euthanasia.

He noted that voluntary euthanasia involves a person requesting to end his life, while non-voluntary euthanasia occurs when the person is unable to make decisions, and someone else makes the decision on his behalf.

Prof. Alabi noted that 'the complexity of euthanasia is further compounded by the diverse factors that influence an individual's ability to cope with end-of-life challenges, adding that emotional resilience is a crucial life skill that plays significant role in navigating



■ Prof. Alabi

these challenges.

He explained that emotional resilience has multifaceted nature, shaped by genetic predispositions, life experiences, personality traits, support systems, coping mechanisms, mental health, self-care practices, socioeconomic conditions, and cultural influences.

The don maintained that the interplay of these factors can either bolster or undermine an individual's capacity to cope with challenges, underscoring the importance of a comprehensive approach to building and maintaining emotional resilience.

Prof. Alabi emphasised that the debate around euthanasia raises fundamental questions about autonomy, dignity, quality of life, and the role of medicine in end-of-life care. He also pointed out that laws and regulations regarding euthanasia vary widely across countries and jurisdictions,

underscoring the complexity of the issue.

According to him, financial hardship and emotional distress can distort a person's judgment, turning what should be a voluntary choice into one made under pressure or desperation. "We cannot have an ethical conversation about euthanasia in isolation from the realities of poverty, loneliness, and mental health," he emphasised.

The Chairman of the Initiative, Prof. Bashir Omipidan, in his opening remarks, provided a nuanced exploration of the topic, encouraging attendees to think critically about the ethical, legal, and social implications of euthanasia.

Prof. Omipidan, who is a former Director of the Centre for Distance Learning (CoDL), University of Ilorin, noted that the event marked another step in the Euthanasia Prevention Initiative Group's ongoing campaign to raise awareness about the underlying issues influencing end-of-life decisions, and to promote a culture that values life even in the face of suffering.

The event encouraged participants from various backgrounds to reflect on personal and national experiences regarding euthanasia, with many advocating for preventive strategies rather than permissive legislations.

Present at the event included prominent legal luminaries such as Mr Bola Rasaq Gold, SAN; and Mr R. O. Bakare, Esq.; Dr Oluwabunmi Buhari, a renowned Consultant Psychiatrist; and Mrs Rukayat Abdulazeez, an expert in Public Law, among others.

#50b Earned Allowance: UNILORIN NASU urges patience

By Adewole Muizdeen

The Chairman of the Non-Academic Staff Union of Educational and Associated Institutions (NASU), University of Ilorin Chapter, Mr Suberu Haruna Ibrahim, has urged members of the Union to exercise caution against raising unnecessary tension regarding the payment of the N50 billion earned allowance recently released by the Federal Government to University workers.

Mr Suberu made the appeal penultimate Tuesday (May 13, 2025) while featuring on "Table Talk", a current affairs programme of UNILORIN 89.3 FM. The programme was anchored by Mr Abdulkadir Yinka Salu (Magaji Nda)

He noted that while there are speculations about the disbursement formula, no official document has neither been released nor received so far on the issue.



■ Mr Suberu

On the Union's successes, Mr Suberu said that the partial resolution, which exempts junior staff from cadre 1-5 from taking CBT examinations as part of the processes for promotion is a great accomplishment.

Other achievements enumerated by Mr Suberu include payment of welfare packages such as N300,000 for retiring

members and N100,000 for families of members who died in active service as he said that proper representation remains the best welfare package for NASU members.

Mr Suberu revealed that the Union is currently building a new hostel to support the University management's vision of providing accommodation for students on campus.

He also explained that the Union is eagerly awaiting the approval of a new career structure, which would be presented at the next Council meeting.

He assured that the Union will continue to prioritise the welfare and interests of its members.

The Chairman equally commended the University management, led by Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, for ensuring proper representation of all unions in all the institution's activities as he described the relationship between NASU and other unions as "mutual and cordial."



Counseling Unit holds 'Heart-to-Heart Talk' with students

By Mustafa Abubakar

The University of Ilorin Counselling and Human Development Centre (UCHDC), in collaboration with the Faculty of Education, has organised a special counselling day programme for students. The programme was tagged “Heart-to-Heart Talk.”

The event, held last Thursday (May 15, 2025) at the Faculty of Education Lecture Theatre, brought together students, health experts, and academic leaders together with a view to promoting mental health awareness and the importance of open emotional expression.

Declaring the event open, the Dean of the Faculty of Education, Prof. Lasiele Alabi Yahaya, commended the initiative as he emphasised the role of counselling in fostering students' academic success and psychological stability.

Prof. Yahaya urged students to take advantage of the University's counselling resources to navigate the complexities of academic and personal life.

In her address, the Director of

UCHDC, Dr Foluke Bolu-Steve, charged students to develop the habit of seeking help from professional counsellors whenever they face emotional or psychological difficulties rather than taking personal or individual decisions, which sometimes lead to negative outcomes.

“Speaking to a trained counsellor is not a sign of weakness but a bold step towards healing and clarity,” she noted.

In her presentation, Dr Eunice O. Isaac of the Department of Behavioural Sciences, University of Ilorin Teaching Hospital (UIITH), spoke extensively on suicide ideation, suicide attempts, and prevention strategies.

Dr Isaac urged students to watch out for warning signs in themselves and others and not to shy away from seeking professional support.

A Principal Medical Officer at the University of Ilorin Health Centre, Dr Hikmah O. Amoloye, spoke on hormonal imbalance and prostate health.

Dr Amoloye explained how hormonal shifts can affect students' physical and emotional health, and encouraged regular health check-ups.

Also speaking the Deputy Director, Centre for Research, In-House Training and

Development (CREDIT), Dr M. L. A. Mustapha, discussed the necessity of open dialogue in coping with life's challenges.

She emphasised that “heart-to-heart” talks are not just therapeutic but can be transformative in building resilience.

In her remarks, a University Counselling Officer, Mrs Zainab A. Basambo, expressed appreciation to the University management for its continuous support toward promoting students' welfare.

Speaking on behalf of male students, the President, Association of Students' Counsellor in Nigeria (ASCON), Mr Mathew Ibiwoye, lauded the organisers for providing a safe space to discuss sensitive issues.

“This programme has opened my eyes to things we often ignore. I now understand the value of talking and listening,” he said.

Also speaking, Miss Memunat W. Maliki, President, Association of Social Sciences Education Students (ASSES), described the event as a “life-saving intervention.”

She urged her peers, especially females, not to suppress their emotions, saying that speaking out is powerful and healing.

Alooma tasks students on academic excellence

By Adewole Muizdeen

The Station Manager of *UNILORIN 89.3 FM*, Mr Idris Akintola Ibrahim (Alooma), has urged secondary school students to always strive for excellence.

Mr Ibrahim gave this charge penultimate Thursday (May 15, 2025) while receiving some students of Aderoju International School, Ilorin, who were on excursion to the station. The students were led to the station by the duo of the School Tourism Officer, Mr I. Olubunmi Joseph; and Mr Ajide Oluwaseyi.

While taking the students

through the history of radio, from its inception to its evolution in Nigeria, the Station Manager stressed the importance of excellence and professionalism in the media industry.

He noted that *UNILORIN FM* has been consistently working on the set standards since its inauguration on August 13, 2009.

Mr Ibrahim also took the students on a tour of the station as he explained the functions of the various units and state-of-the-art equipment in the radio station to the visitors.

The Station Manager also provided the visiting students insights into the media industry as he advised them to begin to show



■ Mr Alooma

interest in the careers they would love to pursue.

UNILORIN SSANU celebrates milestones, honours past leaders, members

By Mustafa Abubakar

The Chairman of the Senior Staff Association of Nigerian Universities (SSANU), University of Ilorin Branch, Mr Naheem Olushola Falowo, has expressed gratitude to past leaders and members of the Union for their individual and collective contributions to the growth and development of the Association.

Addressing members at the 2025 SSANU Day celebration penultimate Thursday (May 15, 2025) at the SSANU Secretariat Complex, Mr Falowo noted that this year's celebration marked the first to be hosted at the new Secretariat. He also noted that the event was equally designed to celebrate distinguished members on the new milestones recorded in their careers. These included the Registrar, Federal University, Lokoja, Dr Rebecca Okojie; the Registrar, Confluence University of Science and Technology, Osara. Kogi State, Mrs Funke Hudson; the Registrar, Federal University of Health Sciences, Ila-Orangun, Osun State, Mr Kassim Kayode Babamale; the Registrar of the Kwara State University, Malete, Dr Wasila Kikelomo Salleh, and the Registrar, Federal College of Education, Ilawe-Ekiti, Ekiti State, Mrs Khadijah Wuraola Garba.

Others were Engr Tunde Saheed, the Director of Works & Physical Planning Unit, Federal University of Health Sciences, Ila-Orangun; Osun State; Mr Abdulrasheed Atanda Ahmed, the Bursar, Federal University of Agriculture, Zuru; the Bursar, Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, Mr AbdulGaniyu Olaniyan and the Ag. Registrar of the newly-licensed Abdulrasaq Abubakar Toyin University, Ganmon, Ilorin, Mr Emmanuel Dada Obafemi.

He also commended the contributions of interim leaders including Mr Kayode, Wasilat Olabimpe Ojulari, and Olumayowa Oyedepo, describing them as "our heroes and legends."

Mr Falowo lauded the support of Congress members, executive council members, committee chairpersons, and staff for their roles in steering the union's affairs.

"Our accomplishments would have been impossible without your prayers, advice, and constructive



■ Mr Oyedepo (middle) receiving his certificate of honour from Mr Akanbi (right) while Mr Falowo (left) looks on

criticisms," he said.

Speaking on the history of SSANU Day, Mr Falowo recalled that the annual celebration dated back to the tenure of Mr Alfanla, the current Registrar of the University.

He, however, noted that it was halted in 2020 due to the implementation of the Integrated Payroll and Personnel Information System (IPPIS).

According to him, the disruption affected non-statutory deductions that often financed the celebration.

"We resumed deductions in late 2023 and remain committed to clearing the backlog of 186 retirees as of December 2024," he assured.

Mr Falowo, who also highlighted anomalies in union's dues remitted by IPPIS to other unions, urged affected members to update their records at the secretariat.

On the 2025 SSANU Day, the Chairman commended the Welfare Committee for organising the celebration within the constraints of current economic realities.

"Though modest, all financial members will benefit from what we have provided," he said.

Highlighting his administration's achievements, Mr Falowo outlined the completion and furnishing of the SSANU Secretariat Complex and the establishment of a crèche with modern amenities to assist staff who are nursing mothers as well as regular payment of the employment of the secretariat staff.

He equally cited the hosting of the 72nd Zonal Executive Committee Meeting, the facilitation of payment of hazard and responsibility allowances for staff and the resolution of long-standing issues such as the University school teachers and partial restoration of four months' withheld salaries, among several others.

The Chairman also announced that the Union had succeeded in reviewing the career structure to enable members attain Level 15, with the Council approval pending.

He emphasised that there are ongoing engagements with the University management on welfare issues, including the release of 2021 earned allowances.

Mr Falowo congratulated several members of the Association who secured one appointment or the other in institutions of higher learning across Nigeria.

While reaffirming his commitment to the services of the Union, Mr Falowo, who thanked all members for their support, noted that the University of Ilorin continues to "export excellence" through its members as he prayed for the repose of the souls of deceased members.

The event also witnessed the distribution of welfare package to members, presentation of certificates to deserving committee members, and special recognition of members appointed into higher positions.

Balogun urges Accounting students to embrace digital literacy

By Bashir Dawodu

A Principal Partner at Iwelabi Consulting Limited, Mr Qudus Adebowale Balogun, has called on accounting students at the University of Ilorin to embrace digital literacy in order to be relevant in the rapidly evolving financial landscape.

Mr Balogun made this call last Monday (May 19, 2025) while speaking at the third edition of The Accounting Summit Ilorin (TASI 3.0).

The event, which was themed "The Digital Accountant: Leveraging Technology for Growth and Innovation", was organised by the Nigerian Universities Accounting Students Association (NUASA), University of Ilorin chapter at the University Auditorium.

Mr Balogun, who was the guest speaker at the event, emphasised the need to move beyond traditional accounting methods.

He encouraged students to adapt to evolving technological changes in the industry rather than holding on to outdated practices. "It is important to spend five hours learning how to complete a task in 30 minutes, rather than doing the same task inefficiently for two hours every day," he said.

He further advised students to prioritise learning tools and technologies that will remain useful in the future,



■ Mr Balogun

rather than investing time in obsolete practices.

Mr Balogun dismissed concerns over the cost of adopting new technology, saying the long-term benefits outweigh the initial investment.

Also speaking, the Auditor-General of Kwara State, Alhaji Abdulfatah Olajide, who was represented by Mr Yakub Abdulrahman, commended NUASA for

organising the summit.

He urged students to enhance their qualifications by registering with professional bodies such as ICAN and ANAN, and to become proficient in computer skills so as to ease their professional responsibilities.

In her comments, the Executive Chairman of the Kwara State Internal Revenue Service, Mr Shade Omoniyi, represented by Mr Yusuf La-Kadri, encouraged students to become qualified accountants and to integrate digital skills into their academic and professional development.

Speaking earlier, the NUASA President, Mr Faaiz Kayode AbdulRaheem, expressed gratitude to God as he acknowledged the support of lecturers and fellow students for making the programme a success.

The summit featured a range of activities, including award presentations, quiz and debate contests.

Dignitaries in attendance included a former Head of the Department of Accounting, Prof. Khadija Adenola Yahaya; Prof. T. Olaniyi, Dr Aliu Olanrewaju, the Chairman of Ilorin District and Society Chapter of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Nigeria (ICAN), Alhaji T. T. Tewogbola; and the UNILORIN Deputy Director of Internal Audit, Mr T. N. Alabi, as well as some students from Kwara State University (KWASU), Malete.

UNILORIN Security Chief reaffirms commitment to safety of lives, property

By Bashir Dawodu

The Acting Chief Security Officer (CSO) of the University of Ilorin, Mr Paul Ogidi, has reiterated the institution's unwavering commitment to the safety of lives and property within the University community.

Speaking during an exclusive interview with *UNILORIN Bulletin* penultimate Wednesday (May 14, 2025), Mr Ogidi emphasised that the security of students, staff, and all other stakeholders remains a top priority for the University's security unit.

"Our duty is to ensure that everyone can move freely and safely within the campus. The security of lives and property is not just a task, it is our daily mission," he stated.

Mr Ogidi disclosed that the University has developed a robust and proactive security architecture designed to address both existing and emerging threats.

He noted that the nature of



■ Mr Ogidi

security work demands constant vigilance and continuous improvement.

"We don't wait for incidents to occur before taking action. Our personnel are trained to stay alert and ensure effective security coverage at all times," he added.

To strengthen the capacity of the security team, Mr Ogidi revealed that regular workshops and in-house training sessions are organised for staff, who are also equipped with the necessary skills to manage campus security efficiently.

He also highlighted the importance of collaboration with external security agencies, especially during emergencies and joint training exercises.

"Through platforms like *UNILORIN 89.3 FM* and social media, we regularly disseminate security tips and sensitisation messages to raise awareness among members of the University community," he said.

Mr Ogidi expressed gratitude to the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, and the University management for their consistent support of the security unit, which he said has been instrumental in enabling the team to fulfill its core responsibilities.

56 UNILORIN staff sponsored to 2025 NUSSAG contest

By Abubakar Imam

The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has approved the sponsorship of 56 UNILORIN staff members to this year's edition of the Nigerian University Staff Sports Association Games (NUSSAG) being hosted by Bayero University, Kano. The sports festival would hold between Wednesday, 21st and Friday, 30th May, 2025.

This was disclosed by the University Director of Sports, Prof. Tajudeen Olanrewaju Ibraheem, in a telephone chat with **UNILORIN Bulletin** last Wednesday (May 21, 2025).

Prof. Ibraheem, who said that the UNILORIN contingent had since arrived in the ancient city of Kano for the competition, thanked the Vice Chancellor for his consistent support for



■ Prof. Ibraheem

sports development among the staff and students of the University.

He added that the human and

material resources being made available to his council, among other interventions, are encouraging the discovery of more sporting talents among members of the University community.

The Director said that members of the contingent are in very high spirit as they are prepared to make the Vice Chancellor and the entire University community very proud.

Prof. Ibraheem encouraged more staff and students of the University to embrace their preferred sports in order to boost their physical and mental well-being as he said that the University management is ready to encourage them to attain the highest possible level.

The Director added that all the sports facilities built and being constantly maintained by the University are meant to be utilised by interested staff members and students of the University for their own benefit.

UNILORIN NASU advocates digital training for members' career advancement

By Mustafa Abubakar

The Non-Academic Staff Union of Universities (NASU), University of Ilorin Branch, has identified acquisition of digital capabilities as an essential tool for career progression.

Speaking at a seminar organised by the Association for members preparing for promotion, penultimate Monday (May 15, 2024), the Chairman of the Association, Mr Haruna Ibrahim Suberu, said that it is important for every member of the Association to develop themselves, particularly in digital literacy.

The Chairman explained that the initiative was aimed at equipping members with relevant knowledge and skills for improved performance.

Mr Suberu emphasised the need for continuous training of non-academic staff to align with the University's vision of digitised operations and efficient service delivery.

"We invited experts from the Human Resources Department and collaborated with the ICT units to provide practical guidance for our members. It is part of our broader effort to support career growth and ensure our members are not left behind in the University's digital shift," he said.

The Chairman also



encouraged members to pursue academic and moral excellence, noting that career progression depends on meeting set standards and acquiring additional qualifications where necessary.

He also urged the University management to institutionalise regular capacity-building programmes to keep staff up-to-date with modern administrative practices.

Mr Suberu also urged members to prepare adequately for the forthcoming promotion exercise and attendant higher responsibilities, which may require greater use of technology.

Speaking earlier, Mr Raphael

Segun Abegunde of the Department Human Resources Unit urged members of the Association to always prepare adequately for challenges in the work environment including examinations, saying that they must remain calm at all times.

"Examinations are not a do-or-die affair. Members should not panic or fear failure," Mr Abegunde advised.

He emphasised the importance of mental preparedness and strict adherence to the rules, adding that the seminar was designed to equip members with the skills and confidence needed for success.

UNILORIN FM trains over 500 students -- Alooma

More than 500 students have gone through the tutelage of the *UNILORIN FM Radio* as student volunteers since the inception of the campus radio station a little over 15 years ago.

This was disclosed by the Station Manager of the radio FM, Mr Idris Akintola Ibrahim (Alooma), during an interaction with 400-level students of the English Department that visited the radio studio penultimate Thursday (May 15, 2025).

The students, led by Owati Idowu Precious, visited the radio station to gain practical insights into journalism as required in one of their courses, Fundamentals of Journalism (English 440).

Mr Alooma encouraged the students to seize the opportunity to acquire valuable skills in broadcasting and journalism through the *UNILORIN FM Radio* and advance their ambitions in life, highlighting the radio station's impressive track record of training students, volunteers, interns, and freelancers who are excelling in the various media organisations they work with after their graduation from the University.



Pointing out that the students can receive training in various areas, including programme presentation, news casting, production, marketing, and news reporting, the Station Manager also emphasised the importance of exploring emerging fields like blogging, podcasting, and professional skit making, which can lead to financial success and influence.

Mr Alooma invited the students to submit proposals, either individually or in groups, and suggested they could serve as Departmental or Faculty representatives/correspondents for the radio station.

The leader of the student delegation, Owati Idowu Precious, expressed gratitude to the *UNILORIN FM* management for the warm reception and insightful lecture.

She said this development is a significant step towards empowering University of Ilorin students with the skills and knowledge required to excel in the media industry.

She added that the partnership between *UNILORIN FM* and the Department of English showcases the radio station's commitment to nurturing young talents and shaping the next generation of media professionals.

Bees hold the key to human survival — Sadiku

By Isaac Lewu

The immediate past Head of the Department of Forest Resources Management, University of Ilorin, Dr Nusirat Aderinsola Sadiku, has said that bees are essential to human survival and their extinction could spell disaster for mankind.

She made this statement in a chat with *UNILORIN Bulletin* in her office last Tuesday (May 20, 2025) in commemoration of the World Bee Day, which is marked globally every May 20.

Dr Sadiku, a Senior Lecturer and environmental researcher, explained that bees are critical pollinators whose activities are directly linked to food production and ecological balance. She said that while bees can survive without humans, human beings cannot survive without bees, as the absence of pollination would severely impact agriculture and food security.

She further explained that the World Bee Day serves as an annual reminder of the need to protect bee populations across the globe, especially in light of rising threats such as climate



■ Dr Sadiku

change, pesticide use, and habitat destruction.

Dr Sadiku added that she and some of her colleagues decided to join the global call for awareness by coming together as researchers from different countries to highlight the importance of bees, adding that without them, scientists estimate that humans may only survive for two to four years.

This year's celebration featured a collaborative effort involving Dr Sadiku, Mr Matthias Münch from Germany, and Mr Stafford Mgode from Tanzania. The three are partners in an ongoing international research project focused on beekeeping and pollinator conservation.

Mr Münch owns a beekeeping enterprise in Germany, Mr Mgode runs a similar initiative in Tanzania, while Dr. Sadiku represents Green Questers Associates, a research group based at the University of Ilorin.

According to Dr Sadiku, the joint research aims to understand pollinator health across different regions and develop strategies that support bee survival through sustainable practices.

She noted that in Nigeria, more attention must be given to protecting pollinators by enforcing environmental protection policies, promoting organic farming, and supporting local beekeepers.

Dr Sadiku praised the University of Ilorin for supporting research and conservation initiatives and called on government agencies and the public to join in the effort to safeguard bee populations.

Unilorite shines at CITN debate contest

By Abubakar Imam

A 300 level student of the Department of Accounting, University of Ilorin, Miss Sukurat Adetunji, has emerged as the 2nd runner-up at the 27th edition of the annual tax debate competition, organised by the Chartered Institute of Taxation of Nigeria (CITN) as part of activities marking its annual conference. The event took place penultimate Thursday (May 15, 2025) in Abuja and it was attended by distinguished tax professionals from all over Nigeria and beyond.

Miss Adetunji, who participated in the competition along with several of her colleagues from different universities across the country, came third at the end of an exciting debate contest, which centred around tax and related issues.

In recognition of her excellent performance, Miss Adetunji was rewarded with a cash gift of ₦100,000:00 and certificate of participation. The Department of Accounting was also presented with a desktop computer by the organisers who expressed excitement with the fascinating quality of knowledge, courage and eloquence displayed by the UNILORIN student and her colleagues from other schools including Mr Joshua Korede Titilayo of the Federal University, Oye-Ekiti, and Mr Mohammed Kola Alaran from the Babcock University, Ilishan-Remo, who took the first and second positions, respectively.

In a chat with **UNILORIN Bulletin**, Miss Adetunji thanked the University for the knowledge and courage inculcated in her, which propelled her



participation and eventual success.

She promised to continue to be a pride to her Department, Faculty and the University at large.

Also speaking, a former Head of the Department, Prof. Khadijah Adenola Yahaya, thanked the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, and the Dean of the Faculty, Prof. A. R. Gbadeyan; as well as the Head of the Department, Dr S. Abogun; for always encouraging and facilitating quality service delivery.

Prof. Yahaya, who is the current 300 Level Adviser of the Department of

Accounting and the staff that accompanied Miss Adetunji to the contest, commended the Unilorite for her brilliant and courageous performance, saying that she was very proud of her.

The don encouraged other students of the Department and the University at large to emulate Miss Adetunji by giving total focus to their studies for them to always excel and do their parents and various communities as well as the University proud.

CMLI to host training on community conflicts and security management

Following the challenges posed by insecurity and communal unrest to national development, the Centre for Management and Leadership Ilorin (CMLI), University of Ilorin, has concluded arrangements to organise a four-day capacity-building training,

Titled "Training on Community Conflicts and Security Management," the programme is scheduled to hold between June 22 and 25, 2025 at the University of Ilorin.

The strategic training is one of the Centre's flagship responses to the persistent and complex issues of community-based conflicts, insecurity, and leadership gaps within grassroots governance structures. It aligns with the University's broader vision of producing research-informed solutions to societal



■ Dr Odebo

challenges and promoting peace, equity, and sustainable development.

The Ag. Director of the Centre, Dr. Adeola Odebo, said that the training is

designed to equip participants with a deep understanding of the underlying causes of conflict in communities, enhance their conflict analysis and resolution skills, and strengthen their capacity to design and implement effective security strategies at the community level.

According to her, the programme will attract community leaders, traditional rulers, security operatives, local government officials, civil society actors, religious leaders, educators, and students from across Kwara State and neighbouring regions. "Participants will benefit from a rich mix of theory and practice, delivered by a team of seasoned facilitators, security experts, peace builders, and scholars", she added.

Abdulbaqi reelected NIPR Council Member, Egbewole rejoices

By Abubakar Imam

A former Head of the Department of Mass Communication, University of Ilorin, Prof. Saudat Salah Abdulbaqi, fnipr, has been reelected as a Council Member of the Nigerian Institute of Public Relations (NIPR).

The reelection of Prof. Abdulbaqi, among others, was one of the highlights of the just concluded 2nd Nigeria Public Relations Week, which took place in Uyo, the Akwa Ibom State capital.

Prof. Abdulbaqi, who is also a former Chairman of the Kwara State chapter of the NIPR, was first elected into the office two years ago.

Speaking with *UNILORIN Bulletin* on her reelection, Prof. Abdulbaqi described it as a huge honour, which she would never take for granted.

Prof. Abdulbaqi expressed her profound gratitude to the Governor of Kwara State, Mallam AbdulRahman AbdulRazaq, CON; and the Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, as well as all those who supported her bid for the reelection.

She said that the development



■ Prof. Abdulbaqi

would afford her more privileges to contribute her quotas to the expansion of public relations practice in Nigeria and also enable her to offer more services to her fatherland.

Meanwhile, the Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has felicitated with Prof. Abdulbaqi on her reelection as a Council Member of the NIPR.

Prof. Egbewole, in a statement signed by the University's Director of Corporate Affairs, Mr Kunle Akogun, described the reelection of the don as a good development not only for her but

also for the University of Ilorin.

The Professor of Jurisprudence and International Law said that he was not surprised with the reelection of Prof. Abdulbaqi as he always knows the renowned Mass Communication scholar as a consistent goal-getter and outstanding mobiliser, who is also blessed with an infectious personality.

The Vice Chancellor, who is also the Secretary-General of the Association of West African Universities (AWAU), noted that Prof. Abdulbaqi eminently deserves to be reelected considering her intimidating profile and consistently positive contributions to the growth and development of the NIPR over the years.

Prof. Egbewole urged the reelected NIPR Council Member to continue to make the University of Ilorin proud as he said that the University would also continue to support her and other members of the University community who are keeping its flag flying.

While urging other staff of the University to emulate the sterling qualities of Prof. Abdulbaqi by attracting more laurels to the University, Prof. Egbewole wished her a very peaceful and successful tenure.

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1.	SALIHU-ABDULLAHI, Rihamat Bukola	Life Sciences/Microbiology	Antibacterial Activity of Metabolites from Actinomycetes Isolated from Marine Habitat Against Multi-Drug Resistant Pathogens	Thursday, 29 th May, 2025/10:00am	Faculty of Life Sciences Committee room
2.	OGUNDARE, Damiloa Ayodele	Engineering and Technology/Civil Engineering	Clay Soil Stabilisation Using Steel Slag and Calcium Carbide Residue	Monday, 2 nd June, 2025/10:00am	PG School Virtual Room
3.	OMOPARIOLA, Samuel Sunday	Engineering and Technology/Civil Engineering	Optimisation of Concrete Mix Design for Sustainable Construction in Southwest Nigeria	Wednesday, 4 th June, 2025/10:00am	PG School Virtual Room

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Why we should support, not excoriate Oloyede



By Idris Alooma

In a world where accountability is often a rare commodity, Prof. Is-haq Olanrewaju Oloyede, CON, F N A L, the Registrar and Chief Executive of the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB), has set a remarkable precedent. His recent actions have demonstrated a level of leadership that prioritises transparency, accountability, and the welfare of the people, earning him widespread admiration and support.

The 2025 Unified Tertiary Matriculation Examination (UTME) glitch that disrupted the results of over 379,997 candidates in 157 centers across six states could have been a moment of reckoning for many leaders.

However, Prof. Oloyede chose to take responsibility, apologising to the nation and swiftly rescheduling the examination. This bold move has been hailed as a testament to his character and leadership.

Prof. Oloyede's actions have sparked a wave of support from various quarters, including academic institutions and public figures. The Lagos State University (LASU) and the University of Ilorin, an institution he has previously led with distinction, have rallied behind him. Former Minister of Aviation, Osita Chidoka, has also commended Prof. Oloyede's commitment to institutional integrity, highlighting his willingness to acknowledge shortcomings and engage in dialogue with stakeholders.

As a Very Important Person (VIP) in the education sector, Prof. Oloyede's leadership style is worth emulating. His commitment to transparency and accountability is reminiscent of world leaders who have demonstrated courage and accountability in the face of adversity. Like Willy Brandt, who knelt at the

Warsaw Ghetto memorial to acknowledge Germany's Nazi past, Prof. Oloyede has shown that true leadership involves taking responsibility for one's actions.

Prof. Oloyede's transformative impact on the University of Ilorin and JAMB is a testament to his exceptional leadership skills. His introduction of computer-based exams and the Central Admissions Processing System (CAPS) has enhanced efficiency and reduced malpractices in university admissions. His leadership has promoted transparency, accountability, and financial integrity, with notable achievements including remitting N20.7 billion to the federal government and reducing JAMB application fees by 30%.

The current challenge facing JAMB is an opportunity for Prof. Oloyede to demonstrate his commitment to accountability and transparency. By taking responsibility for the glitch and rescheduling the examination, he has shown that he values the welfare of the students and is willing to go the extra mile to ensure their success.

As we reflect on Prof. Oloyede's achievements, it is essential to remember his contributions to the education sector. His leadership has been marked by a commitment to excellence, transparency, and accountability. He has set a high standard for others to follow, and his legacy will undoubtedly be remembered for generations to come.

The support Prof. Oloyede has received from various quarters is a testament to his reputation as a leader who values accountability and transparency. His commitment to institutional integrity has earned him the respect and admiration of his peers and the public.

In a world where accountability is often sacrificed at the altar of self-preservation, Prof. Oloyede's actions are a breath of fresh air. His commitment to transparency and accountability is a beacon of hope for our nation, and we must continue to support leaders like him who embody these values.

As we move forward, it is crucial that we rally around Prof. Oloyede and



■ Prof. Oloyede

support his efforts to improve the education sector. We must work on both internal and external apparatuses to prevent future occurrences, ensuring that our institutions remain accountable and transparent. By doing so, we can build a nation that values integrity, accountability, and the welfare of its citizens.

In conclusion, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede's courageous steps in the face of adversity serve as a shining example of leadership that prioritises accountability, transparency, and the welfare of the people. His recent appointment by the Federal Government as the Chairman of Examination Malpractices Eradication in all schools in Nigeria is a testament to his integrity and transparency. While we are sympathetic to the affected students and share in their pain, we should realise that only God is perfect. JAMB will come out stronger and better, as Prof. Oloyede has assured. Let us remember his achievements and great work, rallying around him and supporting his efforts to build a better nation for all. His legacy will undoubtedly be remembered by generations to come, and his commitment to excellence, transparency, and accountability will continue to inspire others to its footsteps.



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UNILORIN: A foundry for vice chancellors



By Abubakar Imam

The nation's most sought-after University, the University of Ilorin, has since its establishment in 1975 produced several outstanding

and impactful individuals. These individuals have contributed and are still contributing their quotas to national and human development in various ways.

Many of these eminent Unilorites have served in high positions in government, military and paramilitary services and even as journalists, diplomats and traditional rulers, among other roles. Specifically, a number of them are also in academia working relentlessly towards building responsible future leaders.

There is, in fact, no field of human endeavour that the University does not have a distinguished presence.

Of particular interest here is the fact that the institution has produced many Vice Chancellors for other universities within and outside Nigeria. The Vice Chancellors produced by the University are no fewer than 33 as at the last count.

This statistics shows that the University averagely produces one Vice Chancellor in every two years of its eventful history. This is relatively impressive compared with its peers that were brought forth 50 years ago.

Each of the Vice Chancellors produced by the University of Ilorin has evidently impacted profoundly on such beneficiary institutions to the glory of the Better-by-far University. These worthy products have served are still serving as worthy ambassadors of the University.

These individuals deserve to be celebrated as the University prepares to mark its 50 years of glorious existence. They are, in fact, an essential part of the history of the institution whose fascinating contributions should not be glossed over.

Apart from the founding heads of the institution who were "posted" to sister universities by the federal government in its embryonic stage, the trend of appointment of members of the University of Ilorin community as Vice Chancellors for other universities began with Prof. Suleiman Olatunji Adeyemi. Prof. Adeyemi, an indigene of Offa, Kwara State, and a distinguished scholar of Civil Engineering, was appointed Vice Chancellor of the Federal



University of Technology, Minna, Niger State by President Ibrahim Badamasi Babangida, GCFR, in 1990. He completed his single term of four years in 1994. He was the second Vice Chancellor of that University.

Before his appointment, Prof. Adeyemi was a lecturer at the UNILORIN's Department of Civil Engineering for many years. He returned to the same Department after his illustrious sojourn in Minna before his eventual retirement.

From the same Faculty of Engineering and Technology also emerged Prof. Sulyman Age Abdulkareem, FNSE, an eminent Chemical Engineer, who initially served as Vice Chancellor, Al-Hikmah University, Ilorin, before his appointment as the 10th Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin. He held the position from 2017 to 2022. Prof. J. A. Olorunmaiye of the Department of Mechanical Engineering also served as the pioneer Vice Chancellor of the Crown-Hill (now Ojaja) University, Eyenkorin, Ilorin. A Professor at the Department of Electrical Engineering, Tunji Samuel Ibiyemi, also served as the Vice Chancellor of Achievers University, Owo, Ondo State. From the same Department of Electrical Engineering, Prof. Nazmat Sirajudeen-Bakinde, was also, in 2024, appointed as the Vice Chancellor of the University of Science and Technology, The Gambia.

The star of this group of outstanding Unilorites is Prof. Is-haq Olanrewaju Oloyede, CON, FNAL. Prof. Oloyede, a distinguished Professor of Islamic Jurisprudence and celebrated administrator, is the first alumnus of the University of Ilorin appointed as a Vice Chancellor anywhere in the world! Prof. Oloyede, who earned all his degrees from the University of Ilorin and never served

elsewhere except at the same University before his emergence as the institution's Chief Executive, was remarkably the first product of the University who had the privilege of heading the institution. He was the Vice Chancellor of the University from 2007 to 2012. He is currently the Registrar and Chief Executive of the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB) and Secretary-General of the influential Nigerian Supreme Council for Islamic Affairs (NSCIA). He was rightly appointed as an Emeritus Professor by the University he is always proud of last year.

A former Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, who, professionally, also belongs to its Faculty of Arts, Prof. Shamsudeen Amali, OON, was after finishing his tenure at the University, which lasted between 2002 and 2007, appointed as the Vice Chancellor of Nassarawa State University, Keffi. Prof. Amali, a Theatre Arts expert, remains the only former Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin who headed another University after his five years non-renewable term at UNILORIN.

The Faculty of Arts, "the heartbeat of the University", also produced the pioneer Vice Chancellor of the Kwara State University (KWASU), Malete, Prof. AbdulRasheed Na'Allah. Prof. Na'Allah was a student and staff at the Faculty. On completion of his tenure at KWASU, which he successfully ran between 2009 and 2019, Prof. Na'Allah was swiftly appointed as the Vice Chancellor of the University of Abuja. He rounded-off his tenure at the University in 2024, making him the only Nigerian who spent 15 unbroken years of his career serving as a Vice Chancellor. He has just emerged as the Pro-Chancellor and Chairman of the Governing Council of the newly-licensed AbdulRasaq Abubakar Toyin University, Ganmo, Ilorin.

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Prof. Rasaq 'Deremi Abubakre, a renowned Professor of Arabic and former Dean of the Faculty of Arts, also served as Vice Chancellor of the Al-Hikmah University, Ilorin. He was the second Vice Chancellor of the private University. Prof. Mahofuz Adebola Adedimeji, a celebrated expert in English and prominent newspaper columnist, who was trained at the Faculty before his appointment as a lecturer at the same Faculty, was also appointed as the pioneer Vice Chancellor of the Ahman Pategi University, Pategi, Kwara State, the first private University in Nupeland. Prof. Adedimeji, a prolific wordsmith and current Chairman of UNILORIN Bulletin Editorial Board, is the incumbent Vice Chancellor of the African School of Economics, Abuja.

Another alumnus of the UNILORIN's Faculty of Arts, Prof. Shaykh Luqman Jimoh, in 2024, emerged as the third substantive Vice Chancellor of the Kwara State University, Malete. Prof. Jimoh, who is an expert in Islamic Studies, also received all his degrees from the University of Ilorin. He had previously held the same position in acting capacity for two years before his substantive appointment. Also from the same Faculty is Prof. Jelili Ojuade, an eminent scholar of dance, who is the current Vice Chancellor of Ojaja University, Eyenkorin, Ilorin.

The Faculty of Agriculture, University of Ilorin also contributed to the pool of staff of the University who served or are serving as Vice Chancellors. They are a distinguished scholar of Animal Production, Prof. Olufemi Olaiya Balogun, who served as the Vice Chancellor of the Federal University of Agriculture, Abeokuta; and Prof. Luke Ayorinde, another foremost scholar of Animal Production, who served as the pioneer Vice Chancellor of Kola Daisi University, Ibadan and Thomas Adewumi University, Oko. The other two are Prof. Bashir Ademola Raji, who headed the Fountain University, Osogbo, as its second Vice Chancellor and whose tenure lasted between 2012 and 2017; and the current Vice Chancellor of the University, Prof. Olabisi Ramota Karim, who, before her appointment as the chief executive of the faith-based University, was the Dean of the Faculty. Prof. Joshua Olalekan Ogunwale of the Department of Agronomy also served as Vice Chancellor of Oduduwa University, Ile-Ife, Osun State between 2018 and 2023.

The Faculty of Law of the nation's most sought-after University has also produced two Vice Chancellors. Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, an alumnus (he earned his Ph.D. from the

University of Ilorin) and teacher at the Faculty, in 2022, emerged as the 11th Vice Chancellor of the University. This outstanding legal luminary is also the Secretary-General of the Association of West African Universities (AWAU) and Chairman, Consortium of Kwara Universities (KU8+). The Faculty similarly produced the second substantive Vice Chancellor of the Kwara State University, Malete, through the late Prof. Muhammad Mustapha Olarongbe Akanbi, SAN.

From the Faculty of Social Sciences and the Department of Sociology, to be specific, Prof. Noah Yusuf, was appointed as Vice Chancellor of the Al-Hikmah University, Ilorin. He is rounding-off his tenure at the nation's first faith-based University. Prof. O. J. Olaniran of the Department of Geography was also the pioneer Vice Chancellor of Ajayi Crowther University, Oyo. The UNILORIN's Department of Political Science also produced Prof. Matthew Olurotimi Ajayi, who served as the Vice Chancellor of Landmark University, Omu-Aran. In 2023, a former Dean of the Faculty of Communication and Information Sciences, Prof. Rasheed Gbenga Jimoh, became the pioneer Vice Chancellor of Muhammad Kamalud-Deen University, Ilorin. This consummate computer scientist is still driving the new faith-based University into maturity.

The "mother of all Faculties", the Faculty of Education, has also produced four Vice Chancellors. They are Prof. Raheem Adebayo Lawal, who emerged as the pioneer Vice Chancellor of the University of Offa, Offa; Prof. Medinat Folorunso Salman, the pioneer Vice Chancellor of the Kwara State University of Education, Ilorin, who was appointed in 2024; and Prof. Eric Nyarko-Sampson, who was appointed the Vice Chancellor of University of Environment and Sustainable Development by the Ghanaian authorities. The late Prof. Aize Obayan had earlier served as the Vice Chancellor of Covenant University, Otta, Ogun State.

The Faculty of Life Sciences equally produced four Vice Chancellors. Three of these distinguished scholars and administrators are remarkably from the Department of Biochemistry. The first was Prof. Musibau Akanji, who was the pioneer Vice Chancellor of the Al-Hikmah University, Ilorin. Prof. Akanji, thereafter, served as the 6th Vice Chancellor of the Federal University of Technology, Minna. He held the position with remarkable competence from 2012 to 2017.

The others are Prof. Hussein Oyelola Bukoye Oloyede, who was the pioneer Vice Chancellor of the Fountain University, Osogbo, and the Summit

University, Offa; and Prof. Temidayo Oladiji, FNAS, who is the incumbent Vice Chancellor of the Federal University of Technology, Akure; as well as Prof. K. T. Eniola, who first served as the Vice Chancellor of Joseph Ayo Babalola University, Ikeji-Arakeji; and subsequently as Vice Chancellor, Kogi State University, Kabba.

The Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, University of Ilorin, which was established about 15 years ago, has also produced two Vice Chancellors. The founding Dean of the Faculty, Prof. AbdulGaniyu Ambali, OON, in October 2022 emerged as the 9th Vice Chancellor of the University. He completed his tenure in 2007. From the Faculty also emerged Prof. Musa Isiyaku Ahmed, who left to serve as the pioneer Vice Chancellor of the Federal University of Agriculture, Zuru, Kebbi State.

The above is in addition to many members of the University community who served as Pro-Chancellors of universities. These include its 6th Vice Chancellor, Prof. Shuaibu Oba AbdulRaheem, OFR, who is simultaneously holding the influential position at the Federal University Dutse, Muhammad Kamalud-Deen University, Ilorin; and the newly-established Kwara State University of Education, Ilorin. The University's 9th Vice Chancellor, Prof. AbdulGaniyu Ambali, OON, is also the current Pro-Chancellor of the Kwara State University, Malete. Prof. Olu Obafemi, mni, a seasoned newspaper columnist and distinguished national merit award winner, was the Pro-Chancellor of the Federal University of Technology, Minna; while a former Director of the University's Academic Planning Unit, Prof. Sulyman Alege Kuranga, also held the same position at Nnamdi Azikiwe University, Awka, Anambra State, among others.

Quite a number of Rectors of Polytechnics and Provosts of Colleges of Education, Colleges of Nursing and similar institutions as well as University Registrars and other principal officers of institutions of higher learning have been appointed from the University of Ilorin and among its products over the years.

What this parade of eminent scholars and prolific administrators shows is that the University of Ilorin is living up to expectations. It is proofing to be a warehouse of leaders and an institution where leadership values are always inculcated in students and staff members in order to bring out the best in them.



UNILORIN WEEKLY FINANCIAL DIGEST

FUND SOURCES AND UTILIZATION REPORT FROM 15TH TO 22ND MAY 2025

RECEIPTS:	AMOUNT
Academic Transcript	35,500.00
Sundry & Other Fees Student Charges	705,150.00
Sundry Other Incomes	233,000.00
Convocation Souvenir	226,200.00
Staff I.D Cards	4,000.00
Contractors' Registration fees	1,000.00
Clinic Registration (Staff)	5,000.00
CODL- Undergraduate Charges	352,800.00
Electricity Charges from Shop , Kiosk	22,656,386.00
Income from Verification /Screening	540,000.00
Capitation NHIS	3,188,550.00
Motor Vehicle Loan Interest	4,350.00
Rent on University Property	32,400.00
Refund	1,550,000.00
Undergraduate Transcript Payment	843,600.00
Undergraduate Convocation Charges	266,600.00
Postgraduate School Charges	43,322,870.00
Postgraduate School Transcript Payment	235,000.00
Postgraduate School Application Form	6,904,800.00
Postgraduate Acceptance Payment	241,200.00
Postgraduate Tuition Fees	69,700.00
Ilorin Business School Application Form	377,000.00
Remedial School Charges	354,600.00
Remedial Acceptance Payment	15,200.00
Institute of Education Application Form	415,400.00
Institute of Education Acceptance Payment	1,378,800.00
Institute of Education School Charges	105,540.40
JUPEB School Charges	891,600.00
JUPEB Clearance Charges	100,800.00
Total Receipt for the Period	₦85,057,046.40
PAYMENTS	
PAYMENT TO CONTRACTORS/SUPPLIERS:	
Noab Global Concept Ltd Servicing of Generator	97,770.00
Victoria Ikubani Multibiz Ventures Renovation and Demarcation of Main gate & Overhead Tank	5,334,669.23
Sharas Integrated Service Ltd Repairs of Chairs and Tables	1,187,414.90
Rajah Dynamic Printers Ltd Printing of File Jackets and Stickers.	2,160,965.63
Amada Resources & Sons Ltd Supply of Pure Science Books (CBNTETFUND)	39,354,626.85
Rahman Biu Educational Services Ent Ltd Supply of Life and Physical Science books (CBNTETFUND)	6,777,916.00
Oayastech Nig Ltd Supply of Humanity books (CBNTETFUND)	11,687,106.00
OTHER PAYMENTS:	
Various Various i.e DTA, IMPREST, REFUND e.t.c	24,181,040.61
Purchase Advance Various	6,572,134.00
Unilorin Petrol Station Supply of Fuel	2,602,880.00
Unilorin Press Printing Jobs	12,841,500.00
Student Loan NELFUND Loan 2024/2025	195,495,168.00
Total TSA Charges Various	274,770.00
Total payment for the period	₦308,567,961.22

Signed
Abiodun Lawal (FCNA)
Bursar



S/N	NAME	DEPARTMENT	BIRTHDAY
1	ERUOTOR OVIE ESVSVAPO	WATER RESOURCES & ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING	25-May
2	OSOYE EMMANUEL	REGISTRY	25-May
3	PAUL LOHLUM ZITTA	THE PERFORMING ARTS	25-May
4	KADEJO BENARD ABAYOMI	REGISTRY	25-May
5	OLADEBO RUFUS OLUMIDE	REGISTRY	25-May
6	ISSA NIMOTA	REGISTRY	25-May
7	ABDULWAHAB BILIKISU ADEWUMI	REGISTRY	25-May
8	ABDULLAHI BABATUNDE SALAU	CENTRE FOR COUNSELLING & HUMAN DEVELOPMENT	25-May
9	OBALOLA VICTOR IBIDAYO	REGISTRY	25-May
10	ADEOGUN ADEKUNLE SUNDAY	ESTATE MANAGEMENT	25-May
11	BAKARE GANIYU ADEBAYO	REGISTRY	25-May
12	ADEGBITE AJOKI HABIBAT	REGISTRY	25-May
13	ABDULLAHI MUSA SIDDIQ	ARTS EDUCATION	25-May
14	KAZEEM AISHAT EBUNLOMO	SECURITY DIVISION	25-May
15	ABDUL-AZEEZ ABDUL-LATEEF OLATUNJI	SECURITY DIVISION	25-May
16	ADEDEJI OLAJUMOKE RASHIDAT	COMPUTER SCIENCE	25-May
17	ADEBAYO ADISA MUSA	WORKS: WORKS/MAINT. OFFICE	25-May
18	OGWUCHE OWOICHO	SCIENCE EDUCATION	25-May
19	ALIYU ABDLRASAQ	WORKS: WORKS/MAINT. OFFICE	26-May
20	ABDULKAREEM YUSUF	SECURITY DIVISION	26-May
21	ONIYANGI SHUAIB OLANREWaju	HEALTH PROMOTION & ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH EDU	26-May
22	KALU CHRISTIANA OKORO	REGISTRY	26-May
23	ESERE MARY OGECHI	COUNSELLOR EDUCATION	26-May
24	OLAWUYI BOLANLE OLABISI	SOCIAL SCIENCE EDUCATION	26-May
25	HUSSAIN ABDULLATEEF DASOLA	CENTRE FOR PEACE & STRATEGIC STUDIES	26-May
26	NNAJI ELIZABETH OBIANUJU	REGISTRY	26-May
27	OJIBARA HAMEENAT BUKOLA	PRIVATE & PROPERTY LAW	26-May
28	ABDULAZEEZ ISHOLA MUSBAU	CHEMICAL PATHOLOGY & IMMUNOLOGY	26-May
29	RAJI LUKMAN OLADIMEJI	VETERINARY THERIOGENOLOGY & PRODUCTION	26-May
30	ANATE JAMIU ADEIZA	REGISTRY	26-May
31	IBRAHEEM RABIAT BOLA	REGISTRY	26-May
32	ADESINA ABIMBOLA ADEBOWALE	REGISTRY	26-May
33	EHINLAFA EMMANUEL OLUSEGUN	PHYSICS	27-May
34	AJIJOLA SIDIKAT ORIYOMI	INTERNAL AUDIT UNIT	27-May
35	SAKA FATIMOH JUMOKE	REGISTRY	27-May
36	SADIQ SULEIMAN	REGISTRY	27-May
37	ABDULRAHEEM YINUSA OWOLABI	HUMAN KINETICS & HEALTH EDUCATION	27-May
38	AMUSA LATEEF BABATUNDE	STATISTICS	27-May
39	ABDULMAJEED FATIMAH FEHINTOLA	PHARMACEUTICAL & MEDICINAL CHEMISTRY	27-May
40	ADELEKE MARY OLBUNMI	REGISTRY	27-May
41	AKANBI KAMALDEEN ADEBAYO	BURSARY	27-May
42	THOMAS AGNES TOYIN	REGISTRY	27-May
43	BUKOYE BASHIR	UNILORIN SUGAR RESEARCH INSTITUTE	28-May
44	AGBOOLA ADEKUNLE	HUMAN KINETICS & HEALTH EDUCATION	28-May
45	BARNABAS OLUWALAMBE DAVID	SECURITY DIVISION	28-May
46	MUSTAPHA LAMBE KAYODE	MASS COMMUNICATION	28-May
47	OMOTESHO OLBUNMI ABAYOMI	AGRIC. ECONOMICS & FARM MANAGEMENT	28-May
48	OKESINA FALILAT ANIKE	COUNSELLOR EDUCATION	28-May
49	KOLEDAFE OLAWALE SUNDAY	CENTRE FOR OPEN & DISTANCE LEARNING	28-May
50	SHITTU HALIMAH IYABO BOA	NURSING SCIENCE	28-May
51	AKINTAYO OLAIDE AKINWUNMI	HOME ECONOMICS & FOOD SCIENCE	28-May
52	FAGBOLA OLARONKE OYINLOLA	LIBRARY & INFORMATION SCIENCE	29-May
53	FAMULEGUN ELIZABETH OLUWATOYIN	REGISTRY	29-May
54	ABDUS-SALAM FUNMILOLA NUSIRAT	SIWES UNIT	29-May
55	BADAMASI OMOSHLEWA LASBAT	SOCIAL SCIENCE EDUCATION	29-May
56	MUSA ELIJAH TSADO	CENTRAL RESEARCH LABORATORIES	29-May
57	AKINOLA OLUGBENGA	PHARMACOLOGY & THERAPEUTICS	29-May
58	AFOLAYAN KAYODE NIYI	ENGLISH	30-May
59	OLOKOGBA SAKA MUHAMMED	BUSINESS LAW	30-May
60	ADERINOYE-ABDULWAHAB SIDIQAT ADEYEMI	AGRIC. EXTENSION & RURAL DEVELOPMENT	30-May
61	AYO MODUPE	UNILORIN ZOO	30-May
62	ADEMOLA ABOSEDE ANUOLUWAPO	REGISTRY	30-May
63	IZUOGU NKECHI BETSY	CROP PROTECTION	30-May
64	RAJI MONSUR TOKUNBOH	PORTAL SERVICES	31-May
65	BABAMALE HALIMAH FUNMILAYO	INDUSTRIAL CHEMISTRY	31-May
66	MUHAMMED SHUAIB ABOLAKALE	COUNSELLOR EDUCATION	31-May
67	GARBA MOHAMMED KABIR	STATISTICS	31-May
68	OLATUNDE GBEMISOLA	SURVEYING & GEO-INFORMATICS	31-May
69	ADEGBOYE MAJEED BABAJIDE	ANAESTHESIA	31-May
70	OJO OLUWALAMBE DAVID	ARTS EDUCATION	31-May
71	IBRAHIM ALANAMU ABDULLAHI	PLANT BIOLOGY	31-May
72	AYINLA IBRAHIM KURANGA	INDUSTRIAL CHEMISTRY	31-May

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



- A global renowned scholar and right activist, Prof. Wole Soyinka, has reminded Nigerians of the need to preserve indigenous cultures, languages and materials.
("Ilorin, like Abu Dhabi, embodies global culture", *Tribuneonlineeng.com*; "Cultural Day Celebration: Nigerians Charge to Reclaim identity", <https://radionigeriaharmonyfm.com>; "UNILORIN Celebrates Maiden Cultural Day Festival", <https://thereflection.com.ng>; "UNILORIN Celebrates Maiden Cultural Day Festival", <https://newtelegraphng.com>; "Why Nigeria must promote local languages, culture – Soyinka", <https://www.vanguardngr.com>; "Soyinka tasks Africans on traditional religions, culture", <https://blueprint.ng>; "Speak your language to your children, Soyinka urges Africans", <https://punchng.com>; "Soyinka Emphasises Need To Promote Local Languages For National Development", <https://nannews.com.ng>
- 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 Olanrewaju Oloyede, in the way he has been handling the controversy surrounding the glitch encountered in the just concluded 2025 Unified Tertiary Matriculation Examination (UTME).
("UNILORIN hails JAMB registrar's rare accountability amid UTME glitch", *The Graphic*, Wed. May 21- Tue May 27, 2025, p. 22; "UNILORIN salutes Oloyede's courageous, sincere leadership", <https://highprofile.com.ng>; "Apology: UNILORIN hails Oloyede's courage", <https://thenicheng.com>)
- An opinion article written by the Director Corporate Affairs, University of Ilorin, Mr Kunle Akogun on the former Vice Chancellor of the University and incumbent Registrar Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB) Emeritus Prof. Is-haq Olanrewaju Oloyede has been published.
("Oloyede's exemplary leadership template", *The Herald*, Wednesday May 21, 2025, p. 9; "Oloyede's exemplary leadership template", *Nigerian News Direct*, Monday, May 19, 2025, back page. ; "Oloyede's exemplary leadership template", *Blueprint Newspaper*, Monday May 19, 2025, p. 2; "Oloyede as an exemplar of leadership", *The Nation*, Thursday, May 22, 2025, p. 21; "Oloyede's exemplary leadership template by Kunle Akogun", <https://radionigeriaharmonyfm.com>; "Oloyede's exemplary leadership template by Kunle Akogun", <https://choicereporters.com>; "Oloyede's exemplary leadership template by Kunle Akogun", <https://gatmash.com>; "Oloyede's exemplary leadership template by Kunle Akogun", <https://theshieldonline.com>,
- A former Dean of Postgraduate School of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Badmus Lanre Yusuf has been mentioned among the Alumni group who dismissed the unwarranted call for the resignation of the Registrar and Chief Executive Officer of the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB).
("UTMR glitches: Alumni group dismisses calls for Oloyede's resignation", *The Herald*, Wednesday, May 21,

2025, p. 4)

A renowned gynaecologist at the Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Faculty of Clinical Sciences, University of Ilorin, Professor 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.

("Male infertility: Expert calls for early marriage, awareness", <https://tribuneonlineeng.com>

- The University of Ilorin has secured full accreditation with 36 out of 37 courses it presented for the National Universities Commission (NUC) accreditation exercise.
("UNILORIN secures full accreditation for 36 new programmes", *Blueprint*, Wednesday, May 14, 2025, p. 6; "Jubilant as UNILORIN secures 100% NUC accreditation", *New Telegraph*, Wednesday, May 14, 2025, p. 30; "NUC accredits 36 UNILORIN courses", *Businessday*, Sunday May 18, 2025, p. 10)
- 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 cost management.
("Prof. Amuda-Yusuf urges Interdisciplinary Collaboration, Regulatory Reform In Building Cost Management", *The Herald*, Sunday, May 18, 2025, p. 8; "Absence of National Standards, Bane of Building Information Models – Says Don", "Unilorin Don Bemoans Unethical Practices in Nigerian Construction Industry", <https://freshinsightnewsstv.com>; "Don advocates Value-Based Cost Management in building sector at Unilorin Inaugural Lecture", <https://dailylinks.ng>; "Don Advocates Valued-Based Cost Management In Building Sector", *Standard Times*, Thursday, May 22, 2025, p. 5.
- A former Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, who is presently the Registrar of the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB) recently admitted that some errors marred this year's Unified Tertiary and Matriculation Examination (UTME).
("Human, technology errors, not sabotage marred UTME", *The Nation*, Thursday, May 15, 2025, p. 1&28)
- The University of Ilorin has been mentioned as an institution that benefitted from the earned entitlement disbursement in 2017.
("Sharing of 50bn: Trouble brews as CONUA accuses ASUU of manipulating process", *Vanguard*, Thursday, May 22, 2025, p. 25)
- The University of Ilorin, has been mentioned among institutions that benefitted from the British American Tobacco Nigeria (BATN) Foundations grants to 18 outstanding graduates as part of its 2025 Graduate Agricpreneur programme (GAP)
("Foundation Empowers Varsity Graduates With N28.5m Agricbusiness Grants", *Leadership*, Thursday, May 8, 2025, p. 17)

UNILORIN VC makes case for cultural preservation

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Dr Alade thrilled the audience with a captivating cultural performance that crowned the day's festivities, alongside Mr Sheriff Olanrewaju's Ijala chants, Elewi Ashanti, an eulogiser, kengbe song performance by the Ilorin cultural group and students of the performing arts group.

The Special Guest of Honour at the event, Emeritus Professor Olu Obafemi, emphasised the significance

of the Cultural Day, stating that it serves as a vital reminder of Nigeria's valuable contribution to global culture.

He praised the University for initiating such a meaningful celebration, which he described as both timely and necessary in an era of increasing cultural erosion. He said this initiative reinforces the global relevance of Nigerian culture and identity, urging that we must not allow our heritage to fade but rather showcase it boldly on the world stage.

In his remarks, the Registrar of the University, Mr Mansur Alfanla, expressed his appreciation to all attendees and stakeholders for their presence and support. He also looked forward to future editions of the Cultural Day with even more vibrant displays of Nigeria's rich cultural heritage.

Also present at the event were the Deputy Vice Chancellor (RTI), Prof. Muhtar Etudiaye; Deans Directors and members of the University community.

UNILORIN LABTOP organises maiden industrial summit Thursday

By Abubakar Imam

As a part of activities heralding the 50th anniversary celebration of the University of Ilorin, the Centre for Laboratory to Products (LABTOP) has concluded arrangements to hold its maiden industrial summit between Thursday, May 29 and Friday, May 30, 2025 at the Multipurpose Hall of the University

beginning at 9:00am.

A statement signed by the Director of LABTOP, Prof. Muhammad Jimoh Saka, said that the opening ceremony of the summit, themed "Promoting Indigenous Technologies for National Development And Harnessing Commercial Potentials of Innovations", will hold with the Chairman/Technical Adviser, LUBCON Industries Limited, Ilorin, Alhaji Jani Ibrahim, as the

Keynote Speaker; while the University Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, would be the Chief Host.

The summit, according to Prof. Saka, will also witness research products exhibition, students colloquium and panel discussions on related issues.

Prof. Saka enjoined guests and participants to be seated by 8:30 am.

UNIVERSITY OF ILORIN, ILORIN, NIGERIA

POSTGRADUATE SCHOOL



INTERNAL MEMORANDUM

From: Secretary

To: University Community

Ref: UIL/PGS/112

Date: 23 May 2025

EXTENSION OF DEADLINE FOR SALE OF POSTGRADUATE APPLICATION FORMS

The Postgraduate School wishes to inform the University Community and the public that the deadline for the sale of postgraduate application forms for the 2025/2026 academic session **has been extended from Friday, 23 May 2025, to Saturday, 31 May 2025.**

Members of the University Community are kindly requested to disseminate this information widely and to encourage all interested and qualified candidates to take advantage of this extension.

Thank you



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Maiden Cultural Day Celebration

UNILORIN VC makes case for cultural preservation

By Isaac Lewu

The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has said that our culture demonstrates who we are and that our cultural heritage is something that is passed from generation to generation.

Prof. Egbewole said this last Wednesday (May 21, 2025) at the maiden edition of the University's Cultural Day, held at the University Auditorium.

The Vice Chancellor, who was represented by the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Management Services), Prof. Adegboyega Adisa Fawole, emphasised that Nigeria's rich cultural diversity, with over 500 languages and about 371 ethnic groups, is a testament to the strength and uniqueness of the nation. He noted that this diversity should be harnessed for unity and national development rather than division.

He commended the Centre for Cultural Studies and Creative Arts, University of Ilorin, the organisers of the event, for creating a platform where students and staff could celebrate their roots, express their identities, and learn about the traditions of others. According to him, events like this reinforce the University's commitment to promoting inclusiveness, peace, and mutual understanding among its diverse community.

Prof. Egbewole also urged the younger generation not to lose touch with their heritage in the face of globalisation, stressing that preserving culture is not only about attire, dance, or language



■ Dr Alade

but also about embracing the values, norms, and wisdom handed down by our forebears.

The Director of the Centre for Cultural Studies and Creative Arts, University of Ilorin, Prof. Olutoyin Raymond Ogunade, said the institution's maiden Cultural Day was more than a ceremonial event, calling it "a scholarly and cultural intervention aimed at reclaiming identity in the face of global erasures."

Delivering his address at the event, Prof. Ogunade emphasised that culture is central to knowledge and nationhood, not just



■ The representative of the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Fawole, on the occasion

an academic accessory. Referencing Nobel Laureate Wole Soyinka, he likened the celebration to a tiger's pounce and a bold assertion of cultural integrity.

Prof. Ogunade proposed that the University set aside every Monday as Cultural Attire Day, where staff and students would wear their indigenous attire, not just for fashion, but as a conscious affirmation of identity. He noted that similar initiatives in other postcolonial institutions have strengthened academic excellence and cultural pride.

Addressing affordability concerns, the Director suggested launching a 'Cultural Wear Initiative' through the Centre, in partnership with local designers, alumni, and sponsors, to make traditional attire accessible to all. He urged the academic community to resist residual Western influences on dress and self-perception, stating that to dress culturally is to declare identity, remember heritage, and resist cultural erasure.

In his address, the Nobel Laureate, Prof. Wole Soyinka, echoed the call to preserve Nigeria's rich cultural heritage. He warned against the silent erosion of indigenous values and traditions, stressing that allowing Nigerian culture to go extinct is equivalent to erasing the essence of the nation itself.

Prof. Soyinka, who was represented by a renowned cultural scholar and artist, Dr Wole Alade, a former Director of the MUSON Centre, Lagos, passionately urged the youth to take pride in their heritage, language, attire, and customs, rather than blindly adopting foreign influences.

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