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## **Automation drive: VC mandates email-only memos from August 15**

By Tajudeen Babamale  
and Bashirat Omotosho

**T**he Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has directed that beginning from August 15, 2025, all official correspondences from Deans, Heads of Department, and Directors must be sent to his designated email address as part of the University's continued efforts towards the full automation of its administrative processes.

Prof. Egbewole announced this last Monday (August 4, 2025) at the 2025 Orientation Programme for all serving and newly elected or appointed Deans, Directors, Deputy Directors, Heads of Department, and Units of the University. The programme, organised by the Centre for Research, Development and In-House Training (CREDIT), was held in the University Auditorium.

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## **Egbewole urges stronger KU8+ collaboration to address educational challenges**

By Tajudeen Babamale

**T**he Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has called on members of the KU8+ Consortium to deepen collaboration in tackling the growing challenges confronting higher education in Kwara State and beyond.

Prof. Egbewole, who is the Chairman of the Consortium, made the call last Thursday, (August 7, 2025), in his opening address, titled "Moving Far by Moving Together," at the 3rd KU8+ Conference hosted by Kwara State University (KWASU). He canvassed the need for collective action and shared innovation to ensure the sustainability of higher education in a rapidly changing world. (Contd. on page 4)

## **POST-UTME REGISTRATION EXTENSION**

This is to inform applicants for admission into the University of Ilorin for the 2025/2026 Academic Session that the ongoing Post-UTME Registration Exercise earlier scheduled to close on 10th August, 2025 has been extended to 17th August, 2025.

MANAGEMENT

## **UNILORIN gets ₦.2b FG grant for 8 research projects**

By Abubakar Imam

**T**he University of Ilorin has been listed among select tertiary institutions of learning to benefit from a N4, 249, 626, 817.69 national research grant to carry out about 158 research projects in the country.

The University was awarded the sum of ₦220, 538, 834. 12 to carry

out eight different research projects

This was disclosed in a statement issued last Tuesday (August 5, 2025) by the Director of Public Affairs, Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund), Mr Abdulmumini Oniyangi, a copy of which was sighted by *UNILORIN Bulletin*.

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# 81 lecturers share N177m UNILORIN Senate research grants

*By Mustafa Abubakar*

**T**he University of Ilorin has awarded a total of ₦177,029,838.38 to 81 academic staff under its 2025 Senate Research Grants, a Faculty-based initiative. Successful awardees of the grants cut across various Faculties and Departments.

This was disclosed in a statement issued by the Director of Academic Planning(DAP), Prof. Abdulrasheed A. Adeoye, last Wednesday (August 6, 2025) and made available to the **UNILORIN Bulletin**.

According to the statement, the initiative is aimed to support and enhance research productivity within the University, with each recipient awarded based on Faculty-based proposals.

A breakdown of the beneficiary Faculties and Departments showed that the Faculty of Agriculture has 3; Arts, 5; Basic Clinical Sciences, 3; Basic Medical Sciences, 4; Clinical Sciences, 3; CIS, 3; Education, 9; Engineering and Technology, 3; Environmental Sciences, 4; Law, 5; Life Sciences, 7; Management Sciences, 7; Pharmaceutical Sciences, 5; Physical Sciences, 11; Social Sciences, 4; Veterinary Medicine, 3; and the University Library, 2.

According to the statement, the beneficiaries include Dr Abraham Falola, Agriculture, Agricultural Economics and Farm Management, N5,383,912.50; Dr Oladimeji Ahmed, Agriculture, Crop Protection, N4,920,000.00; Dr Kamorudeen Kolawole Safiyu, Agriculture, Animal Production, N2,000,000.00; Prof. O. Olademo, Arts, Religions, N3,530,000.00; Prof. A. A. Adeoye, Arts, Performing and Film Arts, N3,500,000.00; and Prof. P. U. Nwosu, Arts, Linguistics and Nigerian Languages, N2,800,000.00; Dr A. Aboyeji, Arts, History and International Studies, N2,650,000.00; and Prof. Lemuel Odeh, Arts, History and International Studies, N2,200,000.00.

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■ **Prof. Adeoye**

N1,945,608.00; and Prof. Omotoso Gabriel Olaiya, Basic Medical Sciences, Anatomy, N2,340,250.00; and Dr. A. L. Oyewole, Basic Medical Sciences, Physiology, N1,800,000.00.

Others are Prof. Raji Hadijat O., Clinical Sciences, Obstetrics and Gynecology, N4,085,931.84; Prof. Abdulrasheed A. Nasir, Clinical Sciences, Surgery, N5,000,000.00; Prof. B.S. Alabi, Clinical Sciences, Otorhinolaryngology, N3,879,244.16; Prof. Abikoye Oluwakemi Christiana, CIS, Computer Science, N3,500,000.00; Mrs Famuyiwa Olusola, CIS, Library & Information Science, N3,496,500.00; Professor Tella Adeyinka, CIS, Library and Information Science, N3,491,250.00; Prof. L. A. Yahaya, Education, Educational Guidance & Counselling, N1,502,217.00; Prof. AbdulRaheem Yusuf, Education, Social Sciences, N1,158,394.00; Prof. Adedokun-Shittu Nafisat Afolake, Education, Educational Technology, N3,157,162.00; Dr Abdulraheem Yinusa Owolabi, Education, Human Kinetics, N1,133,263.00; Lateef Omotosho Adegboyega, Education, Educational Guidance and Counselling, N1,188,562.00; Prof. Ganiyu Bello, Education, Science Education, N1,370,456.00; and Dr Nimota Jibola Kadir Abdullahi, Education, Educational Management, N3,200,151.00; Dr Muhinat Bolanle Bello, Education, Social Science Education, N3,300,125.00; and Dr Saheed Oyeniran, Education, Educational Management, N1,120,915.00.

Also awarded are Prof. Jamiu Kolawole Oduote, Engineering and Technology, Materials and Metallurgical Engineering, N6,020,000.00; Dr Ajala E. O., Engineering & Technology, Chemical Engineering, N2,429,000.00; Dr Suleiman Abimbola Yahaya, Engineering & Technology, Biomedical Engineering,

N2,300,000.00; Prof. G. Amuda-Yusuf, Environmental Sciences, Quantity Surveying, N2,157,284.88; Dr A. B. Ola, Environmental Sciences, Urban and Regional Planning, N1,986,756.90; Dr Taibat R. Adebisi, Environmental Sciences, Quantity Surveying, N2,007,695.90; and Dr Olaniyan S. A., Environmental Sciences, Architecture, N1,986,120.51.

Others who also benefited are Prof. K. I. Adam, Law, Business Law, N1,964,000.00; Dr Hameenat B. Ojibara, Law, Private & Property Law, N2,200,000.00; Prof. A.O. Sambo, Law, Public Law, N2,200,000.00; Prof. Mariam Adepeju Abdulraheem-Mustapha, Law, Public Law, N2,249,798.64; Prof. Abdulmumini Adebayo Oba, Law, Jurisprudence and International Law, N1,045,000.00; Dr. Sunday Adebunmi Adeniran, Life Sciences, Plant Biology, N2,146,509.92; Prof. R. O. Arise, Life Sciences, Biochemistry, N1,967,634.09; Prof. M. T. Yakubu, Life Sciences, Plant Biology, N1,788,758.27; Dr David Olugbenga Adetun, Life Sciences, Microbiology, N1,431,006.61; Dr Oluwasola M. Ojo, Life Sciences, Optometry and Vision Sciences, N216,618.92; Dr S. A. Adeniran, Life Sciences, Plant Biology, N2,019,328.91; and Dr Muinat Olanike Kazeem, Life Sciences, Microbiology, N1,609,882.44.

Also on the list are Prof. Khadijat Yahaya, Management Sciences, Accounting, N2,100,000.00; Dr D. Bamigbade, Management Sciences, Accounting, N1,300,000.00; Dr A. T. Jimoh, Management Sciences, Finance, N1,500,000.00; Dr Olota Oluwayomi Omotayo, Management Sciences, Business Administration, N1,200,000.00;

Dr Olowo Ahmed AbdulGaniyu, Management Sciences, Marketing, N1,200,000.00; Dr. Kayode David Kolawole, Management Sciences, Finance, N1,200,000.00; Dr. Iyiola Tomilayo Akindele, Management Sciences, Public Administration, N1,200,000.00; Dr. Soliu Abiola Atunwa, Pharmaceutical Sciences, Pharmacology and Toxicology, N2,436,050.00; Prof. Isaac Olusola Aremu, Pharmaceutical Sciences, Pharmaceuticals and Industrial Pharmacy, N2,467,500.00; Dr. Aliyu F.O., Pharmaceutical Sciences, Clinical Pharmacy and Pharmacy Practice, N979,000.00; Dr. Kayode Muritala Salawu, Pharmaceutical Sciences, Pharmacognosy and Drug Development, N1,000,000.00; and Dr. Bilqis A. Lawal, Pharmaceutical Sciences, Pharmacognosy and Drug Development, N1,120,000.00;

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## VC mandates email-only memos from August 15

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The Vice Chancellor, who noted that none of the new Directors lobbied for their positions, said their appointments were based on proven track records and the confidence that they would handle the additional responsibilities effectively. He encouraged the new leaders to meet expectations and contribute meaningfully to the advancement of their respective units.

Prof. Egbewole challenged all Deans and Directors to strive for excellence not only within the University of Ilorin but also among their counterparts across the country, adding that consistent high performance is essential if the institution is to achieve its ambition of becoming the best university in Nigeria and ranking among the top institutions of higher learning globally.

While urging all Unit heads not to let the brevity of their tenures affect the progress of their offices, the Vice Chancellor encouraged them to conclude ongoing programmes initiated by their predecessors before embarking on new ones to ensure continuity and sustainability in administration.

Despite some improvements, Prof. Egbewole, who is the Secretary General of the Association of West African Universities (AWAU), acknowledged that teamwork across the University remains insufficient. He urged the new Unit heads to foster inclusive leadership by involving other staff members and departments in planning and execution. He lamented that many units still operate in isolation, a practice, which he said, hampers collective progress.

The Professor of Jurisprudence and International Law also advocated for an interdisciplinary approach to research, noting its growing relevance and acceptance worldwide. He advised Faculties to engage with the Centre for International Education (CIE) to explore various Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) signed with institutions across different continents as part of the University's internationalisation drive.

Prof. Egbewole, who is also the Vice President (West Africa) of the Association of African Universities (AAU), appealed to all Deans, Directors, Deputy Directors, and Heads of Departments and Units to leverage the University's strong goodwill and popularity to seek collaborations and support from individuals and organisations with the aim of attracting funds for their respective units and the University at large.

Earlier in his welcome address, the Director of CREDIT, Prof. Abdulkarim Ayopo Oloyede, who



described leadership in the University as both a privilege and a responsibility, said all academic and non-academic staff are stewards of the University and play critical roles in shaping society.

Prof. Oloyede explained that the orientation programme was designed to strengthen this stewardship by aligning leadership roles with the Vice Chancellor's strategic vision, while promoting a culture of accountability, collaboration, and innovation.

The CREDIT Director used the occasion to appreciate the Vice Chancellor for his unwavering support and for confirming him as the substantive Director of the Centre.

On his part, the University Registrar, Mr Mansur Adeleke Alfanla, appealed to all new heads of units to familiarise themselves with the laws of the University, which have been made available to all staff through their official email addresses, to ensure they do not run afoul of the regulations.

The Registrar also enjoined all staff of the University, especially heads of units, to cultivate the habit of regularly checking their official email addresses to avoid missing important and time-bound information.

In his paper, entitled "Ethical Expectations for University Principal Officers: Leadership, Integrity, and Institutional Culture", a former Director of the Academic Planning Unit, University of Ilorin, Prof. Sulyman Alege Kuranga, urged the new heads of units to avoid favoritism in hiring, promotions, and resource allocation, maintain confidentiality while ensuring justice, and separate conflict-of-interest parties from decision-making panels to uphold responsible leadership.

To build an institutional culture, Prof. Kuranga, who was recently elected into the Council of the West African College of Surgeons (WACS), urged all Principal Officers and new Unit heads to promote meritocracy and equal opportunity in their respective units. He also encouraged them to support mentorship programmes for academic and administrative growth by pairing younger academics with seasoned professors and to integrate cultural and religious values into governance practices.

While speaking on "Budget Cycles and Financial Planning Timelines", the University Bursar, Mr Abiodun Lawal, urged all new Unit heads to uphold transparency and accountability in student-related financial matters. He emphasised the need to maintain accurate records and accounts and to ensure regular audits to prevent mismanagement.

He stressed the importance of proper use of funds, transparency in financial decision-making, and accountability for financial actions.

In his own presentation, titled "Unilorin's Internally Generated Revenue (IGR) Portfolio: Present Realities and Performance Overview", the Ag. Managing Director of Unilorin Holdings Limited, Prof. Bashiru Ademola Raji, noted that IGR is essential for the University's long-term sustainability.

To this end, he encouraged all newly appointed and elected Deans, Heads of Departments, and Directors to leverage the potentials of contract research, patents, innovations, tech incubation, and other legal revenue-generating means.

Prof. Raji added that his office is open to ideas that can generate income for the University, encouraging staff with such ideas to approach Unilorin Holdings Limited to promote their services.

In his presentation, titled "Digital Transformation, Digital Platforms, and Cybersecurity", the Director of COMSIT, Prof. Rasheed Gbenga Jimoh, stated that the ongoing digital transformation at the University of Ilorin is designed to reduce stress for students and staff, foster engagement, enhance the University's profile, promote campus culture, and strengthen institutional branding.

While highlighting some of the successes recorded in the two and a half years of Prof. Egbewole's administration, the Director of COMSIT noted that alumni who graduated a few years ago can now receive their transcripts within 10 minutes of application, thanks to the digitisation of student records in a format that allows seamless processing.





*Ku8+ Vice Chancellors at the 3rd KU8+ Conference last Thursday*

## Egbewole urges stronger KU8+ collaboration to address educational challenges

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The UNILORIN Vice Chancellor, who is the Vice President (West Africa) of the Association of African Universities (AAU), said that the theme of the conference, “Innovation and Sustainability of Higher Education in a Changing World”, explains the urgent need for universities within the Consortium to work together in reshaping the higher education landscape.

Prof. Egbewole expressed optimism that the conference would provide clear strategies for addressing higher education challenges in Nigeria in a pragmatic and sustainable manner, describing the KU8+ Conference as more than just a meeting of minds, but rather a manifestation of the Consortium's shared vision to strengthen higher education and research collaboration within the network and beyond.

The Vice Chancellor, who is also the Secretary-General of the Association of West African Universities (AWAU), said, “In a world marked by rapid change, complex challenges, and increasing interconnectedness, no university can thrive in isolation. The future of quality education, impactful research, and sustainable development lies in partnership, in our ability to move forward by moving together.”

He added that the conference offers a platform to reflect on common goals, assess progress, and chart new paths for enhanced collaboration in teaching, learning, innovation, and community engagement.

In his welcome address, the Vice-Chancellor of Kwara State University (KWASU), Malete, Prof. Shaykh Luqman Jimoh, highlighted the importance of deliberate initiatives and

innovations in enabling universities to lead change and respond to emerging challenges.

The Professor of Islamic Medicine and Theology noted that the conference, like its predecessors, reflects the commitment of the KU8+ Consortium to aligning with global trends and advancing sustainable higher education for future generations. He added that the theme of the Conference aligns perfectly with the vision of the Consortium to advance the university system in Kwara State through collaboration, innovation, and academic leadership development.

Prof. Lukman observed that the focus on innovation and sustainability builds on the conversation from the 2nd edition of the Conference, which centered on “Shaping a Sustainable Future: Connecting Universities and Industries through Joint Initiatives.”

He commended Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, the Prof. Egbewole, for his unwavering dedication, support, and leadership, which, according to him, have strengthened the Consortium since its establishment three years ago.

Also speaking, the Chairman of the occasion and Chairman of the Governing Board of KWASU, Prof. AbdulGaniyu Ambali, OON, expressed satisfaction with the progress recorded by the Consortium in its three years of existence.

Prof. Ambali observed that for the 3<sup>rd</sup> edition of the KU8+ Conference to have attracted more than 1,200 abstracts for possible publication, was a sign of growing interest in the Consortium's academic initiatives. He added that the KU8+ platform now offers academics opportunities to share research locally, reducing the need for international travel for similar engagements, saying that this is a sign that the Consortium has matured.

Meanwhile, the Executive Secretary of the National Universities Commission (NUC), Prof. Abdullahi Yusufu Ribadu, encouraged the Consortium to leverage its

collaboration and collective capacity to produce graduates that are employable and capable of driving community transformation and contributing to digital economic growth.

The Executive Secretary, who spoke through a Nigerian Professor of Philosophy, Adebola Babatunde Ekanola, however, advised that the transformation should begin with the effective utilisation of local resources. He identified Kwara State's fertile land, significant mineral deposits and access to one of Africa's largest rivers as strategic assets, which, if connected to university research, training, and innovation, could generate jobs, strengthen industries, and improve livelihoods.

In a goodwill message, the Kwara State Commissioner for Tertiary Education, Hajiya Sa'adatu Modibbo Kawu, commended the KU8+ Consortium for its commitment to advancing the tertiary education sector and sustaining a platform that fosters academic dialogue, innovation, and strategic collaboration among higher institutions in Kwara State and beyond.

Also speaking, a former Vice-Chancellor of the Federal University of Technology, Minna, Prof. Musbau Adewumi Akanji, described the concept of regional university consortia as the right approach, given the current number of universities in Nigeria. He urged older universities to continue supporting newly licensed ones to ensure their survival and emphasised the need for resource sharing beyond conferences.

Prof. Akanji recalled that when the idea of the KU8+ Consortium was initiated three years ago, he feared it might not be sustained after changes in leadership at member universities. He, however, expressed satisfaction that the relationship among universities in Kwara State has remained strong despite such transitions.



## Unilorin produces 55 certified cybersecurity experts ... VC decorated VICBHE patron

By Tajudeen Babamale

Fifty-five academic and non-academic staff of the University of Ilorin have successfully completed the Module 10 course of a cybersecurity training programme and they have been certified as experts by the Virtual Institute for Capacity Building in Higher Education (VICBHE).

The National Vice President (North Central) of VICBHE, Prof. Adebisi Oluwatoba Adeyina, and the Kwara State Coordinator of VICBHE, Prof. Mubarak Oloduwo Ameen, announced this last Monday (August 4, 2025) during a courtesy visit to the Vice Chancellor of the University, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN. The delegation, which included the newly certified cybersecurity experts, was received at the Council Chamber of the University.

A major highlight of the meeting was the formal announcement and decoration of the Vice Chancellor as the Patron of the VICBHE Kwara State Chapter, in recognition of his outstanding support for professional development, capacity building in higher education, and his unwavering commitment to digital innovation and leadership.

While welcoming the team, the Vice Chancellor expressed pride in the achievements of the University staff and applauded their commitment to personal development and their commitment to enhancing institutional capacity. He noted that the certification of the 55 staff members marked a significant stride in the efforts of the University to strengthen its cybersecurity infrastructure.

Prof. Egbewole also pledged to ensure collaboration between the newly trained experts and the University's Centre for Cybersecurity and Sustainable Development (CCSD), with a view to integrating their knowledge into ongoing institutional strategies.

The Vice Chancellor, who is also the Vice President (West Africa) of the Association of African Universities (AAU), noted the need to review and improve on the existing cybersecurity policies and proposed active involvement of the certified professionals in curriculum development, advisory roles, and practical implementation of cybersecurity measures within the university and beyond.

The Professor of Jurisprudence and International Law, however, encouraged the body to organise a cybersecurity summit, which would provide a platform for knowledge exchange, policy development, and the promotion of cybersecurity awareness both within and outside the University community. He reiterated the institution's commitment to becoming a national and global leader in cybersecurity training and research.

Providing details of the training programme, the Kwara State Coordinator of VICBHE, Prof. Ameen, said that the certification followed an intensive 11-week training session, conducted between April and July. He said that participants were assessed based on their performance in various modules, with Unilorin staff coming out with results ranging from Merit to Distinction Plus.

Prof. Ameen noted that all 55 certified staff had begun the programme

from Module 1 and remained consistent through to Module 10, unlike some earlier participants who withdrew before completion. He added that Module 8 focused on Artificial Intelligence (AI), and was instrumental in the formation of the National Association of AI Experts, with some UNILORIN staff emerging as part of its pioneer executive committee.

The Kwara State Coordinator of VICBHE stated that the capstone project for Module 10 required participants to draft a cybersecurity policy tailored to the needs of their institution. He said that the draft policy, which was developed collaboratively by the trainees, will be submitted to the Vice Chancellor for consideration and possible adoption.

In his remarks, the National Vice President (North Central) of VICBHE, Prof. Adeyina, acknowledged the University's supportive environment, especially the provision of internet access, which greatly facilitated the online learning process. He described the training as a practical step towards improving security awareness in the virtual space, a need he described as crucial in today's digital age.

While stating that the participants now possess the skills and capacity to support the internet security infrastructure of the University, the VICBHE National Vice President announced that the group had received an invitation from the National Assembly to contribute to the ongoing legislation on cybersecurity, a development that he described as a national recognition of their relevance and expertise.

## Okoro named pioneer Editor-in-Chief of U6+ Journal

By Mustafa Abubakar

The U6+ Consortium of African Universities has appointed Prof. Hussein Kehinde Okoro of the University of Ilorin as the pioneer Editor-in-Chief of the U6+ Journal.

The appointment, ratified by the Vice Chancellors of the 11 member institutions, will run for an initial period of two years.

In a congratulatory message, the International Coordinator of the Consortium, Dr. Bilqis A. Lawal, described Prof. Okoro's selection as a testament to his academic excellence, editorial experience, and commitment to advancing research and internationalisation.

She expressed confidence that his leadership would uphold the journal's scholarly standards while expanding its visibility and impact across the Consortium.

The selection process began with each of the 11 member universities



■ Prof. Okoro

nominating two representatives for the journal's Editorial Board. From the 22 nominees, 21 were shortlisted. An advert for the Editor-in-Chief position was opened exclusively to these members, attracting 13 applications.

Following a rigorous screening process, Prof. Okoro emerged as the top candidate.

The recommendation of the screening committee was subsequently approved and ratified by the Vice Chancellors of the participating universities.

The U6+ Consortium comprises the University of Ilorin, Kwara State University, University of The Gambia, University of Abuja, University of Cape Coast (Ghana), Vaal University of Technology (South Africa), Cape Peninsula University of Technology (South Africa), University of Calabar, Federal University of Technology, Akure, Al-Hikmah University, and the University of Eldoret (Kenya).

Prof. Okoro, a Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Chemists of Nigeria (FICCON), is the immediate past Head of the Department of Industrial Chemistry at the University of Ilorin, former Deputy Director of Training at CREDIT, and is currently serving as a Sabbatical Professor at the Department of Chemistry and Industrial Chemistry, Kwara State University.

## Egbewole, a smart Vice Chancellor

By Abubakar Imam

The Deputy Registrar, Vice Chancellor's Office, University of Ilorin, Mrs Azeezat Q. Ibrahim, has assessed the personality of the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, saying that the renowned legal luminary is a smart gentleman who always wanted everything done perfectly and in a record time.

Mrs Ibrahim gave this assessment last Monday (August 4, 2025) while featuring on 'Registry Half-Hour', a special interview programme of **UNILORIN 89.3 FM** on the activities of the Registry of the University. The programme was anchored by Ms Bimbo Durojaiye.

The Deputy Registrar, who joined the University of Ilorin as an Administrative Assistant in 2006, explained that the Vice Chancellor is a man who does not joke with his duties



■ Mrs Ibrahim

and schedules.

Mrs Ibrahim described the Office of the Vice Chancellor as a place that is always busy with several activities and events pertaining to the growth and development of the University.

She added that the Vice Chancellor is a hardworking individual who is

determined to take the University to the zenith of its glory.

The Deputy Registrar, who is the Kwara State Chairman of the Chartered Institute of Personnel Management (CIPM), said that for every organisation to be successful it must be people-centred and friendly.

Mrs Ibrahim advised staff and students of the University to align themselves with the vision of the Vice Chancellor, which is targeted at making the University the first in Nigeria, among the first ten in Africa and one of the leading 500 across the world.

She said that every staff member of the University must pursue excellence for the institution to become a global player.

Mrs Ibrahim said that the Office of the Vice Chancellor is accessible to every staff and student of the University, saying that the Office exists to facilitate smooth discharge of the responsibilities of the Vice Chancellor.

## Kuranga, ex-DAP, joins APCOM's BOT

By Abubakar Imam

Professor of Urology and former Director of Academic Planning (DAP), University of Ilorin, Sulyman Alege Kuranga, has been appointed as a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Association of Provosts of Colleges of Medicine in Nigeria (APCOM).

The appointment is contained in a letter addressed to Prof. Kuranga, dated August 1, 2025, which was jointly signed by the Association's Chairman and Secretary-General, Prof. Biodun Sulyman Alabi and Prof. Titus S. Ibekwe, respectively.

The letter, a copy of which was sighted by **UNILORIN Bulletin**, said that Prof. Kuranga was picked to represent the North Central geopolitical region in the Association's B. O. T. based on his distinguished record of service in the medical and academic community, particularly on his contributions as a



■ Prof. Kuranga

Professor of Urology, former Chief Medical Director, University of Ilorin Teaching Hospital, Ilorin, and Director of Academic Planning Unit at the University of Ilorin.

It added that the appointment was also based on Prof. Kuranga's leadership within the West African College of Surgeons and his extensive contributions to the advancement of medical education and healthcare delivery in Nigeria.

Other members of the Board are Prof. Othman Kyari of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, University of Maiduguri/University of Maiduguri Teaching Hospital, Maiduguri; Prof. A. H. Rafindadi, who teaches at the Department of Pathology, College of Health Sciences, Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria, and Prof. I. F. Adewole from the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, University of Ibadan/University College Hospital, Ibadan.

Others are Prof. Ernest Onwasigwe of the Department of Ophthalmology, University of Nigeria/University of Nigeria Teaching Hospital, Nsukka, and Prof. O. J. Odia, who retired from the University of Port-Harcourt.]

## Aderinoye-Abdulwahab to deliver 289<sup>th</sup> Inaugural Lecture, Aug. 14

The Vice Chancellor, University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, invites members of the University community and the general public to the Two hundred and eighty-ninth (289<sup>th</sup>) Inaugural Lecture of the University, scheduled as follows:

**Lecturer:** Professor Sidiqat Adeyemi Aderinoye-Abdulwahab B. Sc. (Ilorin), M. Sc (UDUS), Ph. D (Reading)

**Department:** Agric Extension and Rural Development,

**Faculty:** Agriculture,

**Topic:** "Sustainable, Smart, and Safe Pastoralism in Nigeria"

**Date:** Thursday, 14th August, 2025

**Time:** 5.00 p.m.

**Venue:** University Auditorium, Main Campus, University of Ilorin

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

**Mr Mansur Adeleke Alfania**  
Registrar



■ Prof. Aderinoye-Abdulwahab





## Egbewole applauds FET vision, alumni support

By Mustafa Abubakar

**T**he Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole (SAN), has commended the efforts of the immediate past Faculty of Engineering and Technology (FET) administration for unveiling a series of capital projects that underscore its commitment to innovation, academic excellence, and student welfare.

Speaking penultimate Thursday (July 31, 2025) at the Faculty premises, during the unveiling of the projects comprising the Nigerian Journal of Technological Development (NJTD) Editorial Offices, the Journal of Engineering and Innovative Systems (JEIS) Editorial Offices, the Egbewole Engineering Sit-Out Arena, a public toilet facility, and the FETUILS Tech Hub housing a print hub and podcast studio, the Vice Chancellor, who was represented by the Deputy Vice

Chancellor (Management Services), Prof. Adegboyega Adisa Fawole, described the developments as "remarkable strides" that reflect a forward-thinking Faculty and a supportive University environment.

"We feel highly honoured to be called upon to perform this commissioning. These structures are to the glory of God and for the benefit of mankind,"

While commissioning the NJTD and JEIS editorial offices, he described the facilities as vital to sustaining research excellence and projecting the University's image globally. He noted that the journals represent academic gateways that position the University competitively among its peers worldwide.

At the "Egbewole Engineering Sit-Out" Arena, built through the generosity of two distinguished alumni,

the Vice Chancellor described the sit-out as a space that would reduce academic stress and foster peer interaction.

In his remarks, the immediate past Dean of the Faculty, Prof. Jamiu Kolawole Odusote, said that the creation of modern and fully equipped editorial offices was a deliberate step towards improving research output and editorial efficiency.

He added that these facilities would make it easier for editors, reviewers, and contributors to work seamlessly while ensuring timely publication schedules.

Prof. Odusote explained that the project was borne out of the recognition that Engineering students spend long hours in laboratories and workshops, often without comfortable outdoor spaces to rest.

## UNILORIN gets ₦.2b FG grant for 8 research projects

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The University of Ilorin was the only institution of higher learning in Kwara State selected to benefit from the grant following the endorsement of the TETFund National Research Fund Screening and Monitoring Committee (NRFS&MC), which reviewed and recommended funding for 158 research proposals.

The decision, according to Mr Oniyangi, followed a thorough screening process that began with the submission of 6,944 Concept Notes from numerous researchers.

The statement added that the

University of Ilorin is one of the beneficiary institutions with the highest number of awards.

Other institutions in the same category with the University of Ilorin are, the Federal University of Technology, Minna, with a total of 15 awards in the sum of N400,035,708.51; Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria, with 13 awards totaling N359,809,744.18; the Federal University of Technology, Akure with 12 awards at N341,608,592.80; the Federal University of Technology, Owerri with 11 awards at N256,350,698.80 and Abubakar Tafawa Balewa University, Bauchi, with 10 awards at N273,406,318.80.

Meanwhile, Vice Chancellor of the

University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has applauded the latest Federal Government intervention, saying that it would assist the University greatly in the realm of service delivery.

The Vice Chancellor, in a statement signed by the University's Director of Corporate Affairs, Mr Kunle Akogun, thanked the Federal Government for considering the University worthy of benefiting from the funds.

Prof. Egbewole assured stakeholders that the University would deploy the funds, to the purpose it is meant for.



## Mission:BRAIN: UNILORIN chapter dominates 2025 global conference

By Mustafa Abubakar

The University of Ilorin Chapter of Mission:BRAIN has again made history by emerging as the highest award-winning chapter of the global foundation for 2024.

At the Mission:BRAIN Conference 2025 held on July 26, 2025 at the University Auditorium, the student-led multidisciplinary brain health event drew over 2,000 physical participants and more than 200 virtual attendees from around the world.

The event, which witnessed the participation of experts in Neuroscience, Neurosurgery, Psychiatry, Public Health, and Brain Health advocacy, saw the UNILORIN Chapter clinching three of the foundation's most prestigious awards. These are Service and Compassion, Healing Hands, and Academic Leadership—in recognition of its outstanding outreach, research, and academic programmes.

The Chapter beat about 100 others worldwide to secure the top spot. The Conference, which was preceded by the CranioGuard Mission on July 12, 2025, aimed at preventing traumatic brain injuries and a life support.

In his address, the Chapter



President and founder, Mubarak Jolayemi Mustapha, a 400-level medical student, who described the mission as rooted in the belief that “brain health is a right, not a privilege,” urged collective responsibility for its protection.

The Keynote Speaker, who is the President of the Nigerian Academy of Neurological Surgeons, Prof. Femi Bankole, in his address titled “Bridging Minds: Advancing Brain Health Through Science, Ethics, and Innovation”, challenged the students to embrace emerging trends and overcome future challenges.

Distinguished panelists included Prof. Kolawole Wahab, Prof. M.A.N. Adeboye, Dr Adeleke, Prof. Tunde Ayinmode, Prof. Muhammad Uthman and Dr Baje.

The event also featured a Neurovation challenge for brain health innovations, scientific abstract presentations from local and international contributors, and a secondary school essay competition.

Earlier at a courtesy visit, the Deputy Registrar, Vice Chancellor's Office, Mrs Azeezat Ibrahim, commended the students for their exceptional performance and lauded the organisers for positioning UNILORIN as a hub for brain health advocacy and innovation.

The chapter and the University expressed gratitude to sponsors and supporters, expressing hope that the landmark event will inspire more impactful collaborations to advance brain health in Nigeria and beyond.

## I'm proud of UNILORIN – Okinbaloye

By Abubakar Imam

Renowned television journalist and Political Editor of Channels Television, Mr Seun Okinbaloye, has said that he would continue to be proud of his alma mater, the University of Ilorin.

Mr Okinbaloye stated this last Tuesday (August 5, 2025) while speaking on the flagship programme of the television station, *'Politics Today'*.

He explained that he felt highly honoured that he was one of the graduates of the University that were recently appointed as its ambassadors at a grand event that heralded the institution's upcoming Golden Jubilee anniversary.

Mr Okinbaloye, who proudly

disclosed to the millions of his viewers that he attended the University of Ilorin, assured his audience that he would continue to wear the badge of the University with pride.

The ace broadcaster, who earned his first and second degrees from the Department of the Performing Arts, has become one of the most admired political journalists in the country.

Mr Okinbaloye was one of the 65 individuals, including three journalists, who were celebrated last month. The other two are the Head of Current Affairs, Television Continental (TVC), Lagos, Mr Babajide Kolade-Otitoju and the Managing Director of the ThisDay Group of Newspapers, Mr Eniola Bello. While Mr Kolade-Otitoju graduated from the University with a Bachelor's degree in



■ Mr Okinbaloye

History in 1989, Mr Bello graduated with a Bachelor's degree in English from the University in 1988.



## SSANU reelects Falowo for second term

By Mustafa Abubakar

The University of Ilorin Chapter of the Senior Staff Association of Nigerian Universities (SSANU) has reelected Mr Falowo Olushola Naheem as its Chairman for a second term, following a keenly contested election, which marked the Quadrennial Congress of the chapter held last Tuesday (August 5, 2025) at the University Auditorium.

Mr Falowo polled 255 votes to defeat his only rival, Mr Joseph Oluwamayowa Oyedepo, who garnered 250 votes.

The Congress, which combined the presentation of the reports of the stewardship with the conduct of elections, was described by union leaders as a milestone in accountability and democratic participation.

Earlier in his Chairman's report, Mr Falowo expressed gratitude to members for the trust reposed in him over the past four years and pledged to consolidate on his achievements.

"With profound humility and unwavering commitment to the cause of our great union, I present to you the report of our stewardship. The journey of progress never ends, and the vision of a stronger, more prosperous SSANU Unilorin Branch remains unfinished," he stated.

Mr Falowo listed the major achievements of his first tenure as including the completion and commissioning of a befitting Union Secretariat complex, the establishment of a crèche for nursing mothers, securing the payment of 21 months' withheld salaries for staff school teachers, restoring hazard allowances, and sustaining end-of-year bonuses for members.

He credited these milestones to the cooperation of his colleagues on the Association's Executive Committee, the Think Tank Committee, and the generality of members of the Association.



■ Mr Falowo

Mr Falowo acknowledged the challenges encountered, especially in providing annual welfare benefits due to the suspension of monthly welfare deductions by IPPIS, but assured members that arrangements were underway to receive arrears for hazard and responsibility allowances.

"I have given my best, and God is my witness. If any of my actions had offended you, I sincerely apologise. Every decision made was in your best interest," he said.

Outlining his plans for the next four years, Mr Falowo promised to clear the backlog of 186 retirees, restore full SSANU Day celebrations, resolve IPPIS-related issues, enhance members' welfare, and deepen engagements with both the University management and the Federal Government.

In his goodwill message, the National Vice President of SSANU, Dr Abdulsobur Olayiwola Abdulsalam, highlighted the strategic role of the University of Ilorin in the union's national structure, citing its geographical advantage and track record of producing strong national officers.

He praised Mr Falowo for his four years of service and reminded members that the Congress was a constitutional requirement for accountability and leadership renewal.

"Our constitution provides for this Congress every four years to receive reports and elect new officers. Accountability must not be glossed over," he stressed.

Other elected officers are Mr Atanlogun Bankole Olawaseun, Secretary; Mr Musbau Olalekan Jimoh, Vice Chairman; Mr Ahmed Babatunde Busari, Treasurer; Mr Mustapha Abdulqadri Adeola, Financial Secretary; Mrs Oluwadamilola Olawaseun Afelumo, Public Relations Officer; Mr Abdulmalik Tajudeen Ayodeji, Assistant Secretary; and Mrs Mariam Oladunni Babalola, Women Coordinator.

In a post-election statement, titled "Never Say Never", Mr O.J. Oyedepo, who lost to Mr Falowo, thanked his supporters as he described the campaign as a collective effort towards a more inclusive and united SSANU.

"Your votes were not just ballots—they were powerful expressions of trust, hope, and a shared commitment. This is not the end; it is the beginning of a new chapter," he said, pledging to continue contributing to the growth of the Union.

The newly elected Public Relations Officer of SSANU, Mrs Oluwadamilola Afelumo, who is a staff member of the Directorate of Corporate Affairs, expressed appreciation to members for their overwhelming support.

Mrs Afelumo described her triumph as a testament to teamwork and solidarity.

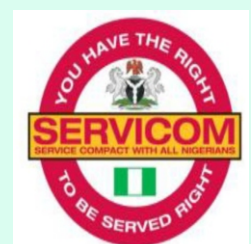
"This victory belongs to all of us. It is a clear sign that when we come together with one mind and one purpose, success is inevitable. I owe a special debt of gratitude to the DCA family for being my backbone and for constantly inspiring me to give my best," she said.

The seasoned broadcaster pledged to represent members' interests with passion and integrity, promising to project SSANU's image with pride across the University community and beyond.

She assured members of transparency, inclusiveness, and open communication throughout her tenure.

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## Agric Faculty honours retired staff

By **Mustafa Abubakar**  
and **Joshua Ishaya**

**T**he Faculty of Agriculture, University of Ilorin, has honoured nine of its staff members following their retirement from the services of the University.

The ceremony, held at the premises of the Faculty penultimate Friday (July 25, 2025), brought together colleagues, family members, students, and friends to celebrate the retirees' invaluable contributions and lasting legacies.

Those honoured were Mr J. U. Agbede (Faculty Officer); Mr C. O. Onene (Chief Confidential Secretary, Faculty Office); Mr A. O. Oladeji (Principal Executive Officer, Animal Production); Mrs Bosede Felicia Oni (Caretaker, Aquaculture and Fisheries); Mr A. J. Olaki (Senior Farm Assistant, Agronomy); Mrs A. Awosejo (Caretaker, Agronomy); Mrs Grace O. Adeyanju (Chief Technologist, Home Economics and Food Science); Mrs Khadijat M. Ahmed (Chief Catering Officer, Home Economics and Food Science); and Mrs Muinat O. Mustapha (Principal Confidential Secretary, Home Economics and Food Science).

In her welcome address, the immediate past Dean of the Faculty, Prof. Oluyemisi Fawole, described the retirees as pillars whose sacrifices and unwavering commitment helped to build the reputation of the Faculty as one of the most reputable agricultural training centres in Nigeria and beyond.

"We gather here not just to say goodbye but to celebrate decades of sacrifice, loyalty, commitment, and



service that laid the foundation for our progress. Your dedication has shaped many generations of students, nurtured younger staff, and strengthened our capacity as a Faculty. We appreciate the energy and passion you brought to your duties every single day. You leave behind legacies that will guide and inspire those coming behind. On behalf of the entire Faculty, I wish you long life, good health, peace, and continued relevance in all your future endeavours," she said.

Also speaking, the Registrar, Mr Mansur Adeleke Alfa, who was represented by the Deputy Registrar (Human Resources), Mr Aiyedun, praised the retirees, acknowledging their crucial role in sustaining administrative efficiency over the years.

The Registrar appreciated the loyalty, patience, and professionalism with which the honouree discharged their duties as he added that they kept the administrative and support machinery of the University running.

He also urged them to remain good ambassadors of the University as he assured them that "our doors are always open to you

for advice, fellowship, and continued support"

Responding on behalf of all the retirees, Mr Joseph Agbede, expressed deep gratitude for the warm send-forth and the recognition of their service.

"We are honoured and humbled by this celebration. We never imagined such a gathering when we started our careers decades ago. We thank the University Management, the Faculty, and all our colleagues for the support we enjoyed through the years. We pray that those still in service will keep up the good work. We pledge our continued goodwill and prayers for the Faculty's unending progress. May the Faculty of Agriculture, and indeed the University of Ilorin, grow from strength to strength," he said.

The event, which was witnessed by the new Dean, Prof. Israel Ogunlade and the new Sub-Dean, Dr Oluwasoye Ibidapo Alli, and other staff members of the Faculty, featured the presentation of gifts to the honourees.

## Olademo to deliver 7th Harvard's African Studies Public lecture August 13

By **Bashir Dawodu**

**T**he Former Dean of the Faculty of Arts, University of Ilorin, Prof. Oyeronke Olademo, will on Wednesday, August 13, 2025 deliver the 7th public lecture of Harvard University, Centre for African Studies, entitled "Religion and Public Life in Africa".

According to a notification letter dated August 4, 2025, a copy of which was made available to UNILORIN Bulletin, the lecture will hold at the Centre Point Conference

Hall, Lagos.

The lecture targeted at connecting faith leaders with the Harvard community and beyond in a conversation about the constantly shifting and contested boundary between the secular and sacred, the public and the private.

In the past few decades, religion has taken a central place in Africa and African in diaspora affairs and indeed that of the Global south more broadly. Social, economic and political discourses have been increasingly shaped by religious sensibilities and religious activities.



■ **Prof. Olademo**



## You are a blessing to humanity, Egbewole tells AbdulSamad Rabi'u on 65th birthday

By Abubakar Imam

**T**he Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has congratulated the Chairman/Chief Executive of BUA Group, Alhaji AbdulSamad Rabi'u, CON, on his 65th birthday.

Prof. Egbewole, in a statement issued by the University's Director of Corporate Affairs, Mr Kunle Akogun, described the Kano-born business magnate as a blessing to Nigeria and humanity.

The Vice Chancellor noted that Alhaji Rabi'u's hardwork, patriotism, and spirit of giving deserve to be emulated in

order for the nation to produce more of those who will always think beyond their personal interests.

Prof. Egbewole commended the prominent businessman's numerous contributions to the growth and development of Nigeria over the years.

He specifically thanked Alhaji Rabi'u for his relentless support to several educational institutions in the country, saying that the University of Ilorin, in particular, would continue to be grateful to him for the 3000-seater amphitheater he is currently building at the University.

Prof. Egbewole wished Alhaji Rabi'u many more years of sound health, happiness, and continuous service to humanity.



■ **Alhaji Rabi'u**

## 81 UNILORIN staff share N177 Million senate research grants

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Also awarded are Prof. Modinah A. O. Abdul Raheem, Physical Sciences, Chemistry, N1,178,076.25; Dr. Olaniyi Kamil Yusuff, Physical Sciences, Chemistry, N1,176,401.52; Prof. U. B. Eke, Physical Sciences, Chemistry, N1,374,348.73; Prof. F.O. Nwosu, Physical Sciences, Industrial Chemistry, N1,011,823.34; Prof. Aderemi Babatunde Alabi, Physical Sciences, Solid State and Materials Science, N1,149,752.61; Prof. Wasiu Olanrewaju Raji, Physical Sciences, Geophysics, N1,865,721.63; Prof. Samson O. Owolude, Physical Sciences, Chemistry, N1,274,584.39; Dr. Ayinla Ibrahim Kuranga, Physical Sciences, Industrial Chemistry, N1,182,221.14; Prof. Ameen Mubarak Oloduowo, Physical Sciences, Chemistry, N1,431,837.03; Dr. Lawal Taofeeq Olanrewaju, Physical Sciences, Physics, N1,136,610.31; and Dr. Ibrahim Kehinde Olojoku, Physical Sciences,

Geology and Mineral Sciences, N1,109,603.94;

The others are Prof. Olarewaju Rhoda Moji, Social Sciences, Geography, N2,889,000.00; Dr. (Mrs.) Sadiat Aliu, Social Sciences, Psychology, N2,894,125.00; Dr. Agesin Bamikole Emmanuel, Social Sciences, Psychology, N2,894,000.00; Dr. O. D. Fagbamila, Social Sciences, Sociology, N2,856,000.00; Dr. Onwuama Kenekwukwu, Veterinary Medicine, Veterinary Anatomy, N3,100,000.00; Prof. Kabir Ayobami Raheem, Veterinary Medicine, Theriogenology and Production, N3,100,800.00; Dr. Basiru Afisu, Veterinary Medicine, Physiology and Biochemistry, N2,961,045.00; Prof. K. T. Omopupa, University Librarian, University Library, N920,000.00; and Dr Titilola A. B. Abdussalam, University Library, N790,000.00.

In his remarks, the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Research, Technology and Innovation), Prof. Muhtar Adeiza Etudaiye,

charged the recipients to remain diligent in their work.

He noted that the 2025 call for the Senate Research Grant was made only recently and had attracted very enthusiastic participation from all Faculties, as it was a Faculty-based call. According to him, the Faculties conducted internal processes to screen proposals submitted by researchers, after which the recommended ones were presented to the Senate Research Grant Committee.

"We were able to have the largest number of recipients, we had 81 research projects in total," he stated.

Prof. Etudaiye attributed this milestone to the dedication of Faculties and their Research Managers, as well as the exponential increase in Senate Research Grant funding by the University Management under the leadership of the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Egbewole (SAN).

## Laaro seeks more investments in training of journalists

By Abubakar Imam

**A** Senior Lecturer at the Department of Mass Communication, University of Ilorin, Dr Oba Abdulkadri Laaro, has called for more investment in the training of journalists in order to enhance service delivery.

Dr Laaro, who is also a member of the Editorial Board of **UNILORIN Bulletin**, made the call last Monday (August 4, 2025) at a workshop, themed "Media in the Era of Generative AI: Fears, Opportunities and Impacts", organised by the Radio Kwara Chapel of the Nigeria Union of Journalists (NUJ) at the premises of the station.

The don said that the effectiveness of journalists depends on the



■ **Dr Laaro**

quality and magnitude of training they are exposed to.

He added that when journalists have their knowledge and skills constantly updated they would be better positioned to discharge their responsibilities to the society.

Dr Laaro also stressed the need for journalists to be responsible and responsive to counter growing audience cynicism, while remaining committed to their role as gatekeepers of truth.

The don also emphasised the need for journalists to adopt Artificial Intelligence (AI) ethically and professionally to enhance democratic values and align with global best practices.

The event was attended by many dignitaries including the Kwara State Commissioner for Communication, Bolanle Olukojou.

## UNILORIN Chief Imam counsels new Deans on purposeful leadership

*By Abubakar Imam*

**T**he Chief Imam of the University of Ilorin Central Mosque, Prof. Nasir Abdussalam, has charged new Deans of various Faculties in the University to dedicate their tenure to the progress of the University.

Prof. Abdussalam gave the charge penultimate Friday (August 1, 2025) while delivering a sermon at the Mosque to commemorate the assumption of office by the new Deans.

The Chief Imam congratulated the new Deans on their emergence and eventual assumption of office, saying that the development has not only promoted them to the leadership hierarchy in the University but has also imposed more responsibilities on them.

The cleric-don said that the new Deans should see their respective positions as a challenge, which should be properly utilised to carve a niche for



■ **Prof. Abdussalam**

themselves in the annals of the University.

Prof. Abdussalam also appealed to the new Deans to ensure the effective utilisation of the available human and material resources for peace and progress of the University.

He also urged them to preside over

the affairs of their academic and non-teaching colleagues with professionalism, humility and fear of God as he reminded them that they would give account of their stewardship before men and their creator.

The Chief Imam warned them to always remember that they would only hold the position for a period of time before leaving for others to take over from them as they also took over from their predecessors.

Prof. Abdussalam, who teaches at the Department of Chemistry, commended the leadership style of the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, as he prayed to Allah to continue to guide him and members of his management team through the right path.

The Chief Imam later led a two-rakaats prayer that was attended by many dignitaries including the Registrar of the University, Mr Mansur Adeleke Alfanla, Deans, Directors and Heads of Departments.

## UNILORIN FM assures new Student Union exco of cooperation

*By Abubakar Imam*

**T**he General Manager of the **UNILORIN 89.3 FM**, Mr Idris Akintola Ibrahim (Alooma) has assured the newly inaugurated Executive Council of the University of Ilorin Student Union of the readiness of the radio station to continue to offer necessary assistance towards helping it to achieve its desire of providing qualitative leadership to students of the University.

Mr Alooma gave this assurance last Tuesday (August 5, 2025) while receiving a delegation of the Student Union executives led by the new President, Mr Idris Ayomo Adelu, in his office.

The General Manager expressed delight with the emergence of Mr Ayomo Adelu as the Student Union President, saying that he is the second volunteer staff of the station that would emerge as the UNILORIN Student Union leader.

The ace broadcaster charged the new President and his colleagues to always be mindful of their positions in history, saying that the position each of them is holding is an opportunity for them to prepare their "unwritten curriculum vitae".



■ **Mr Alooma (middle) with Mr Adelu (5th left) and others last Tuesday**

He also advised them to be proactive and constructive in their approach and should never indulge in any form of arrogant dispositions either towards the University authority or their colleagues and even members of the public.

Mr Alooma assured the students that the station, which was established to advance the interests of the University, is willing to give the Student Union proper coverage of its activities and programmes.

Responding, the President of the Student Union, Mr Adelu, thanked the General Manager for the hands of fellowship extended to the student body.

Mr Adelu, who is a student of the Department of Political Science,

commended the magnitude and quality of the support the station has been giving to the Student Union, saying that the privilege would not be taken for granted.

The Student Union President assured the General Manager that he and his colleagues would use the privilege of their positions to promote and preserve good working relationship between the Student Union and the radio station.

The General Manager was joined in receiving the leadership of the Student Union by the Deputy Editor, **UNILORIN Bulletin**, Mr Abubakar Imam; the Head of News and Current Affairs, **UNILORIN FM**, Mrs Haolat Temitope Folorunsho; and the Head of Production, Mr Tolu Jolayemi.



## Adekeye, Olaoye pledge growth, unity as new Deans

By Mustafa Abubakar

Two new Deans at the University of Ilorin, Prof. Olabisi Adekeye Adekeye of the Department of Geology and Mineral Science, and Prof. Joshua Olanrewaju Olaoye of the Department of Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering, have pledged to sustain the developmental legacies of their predecessors, strengthen academic excellence, and promote unity within their Faculties.

The duo made the pledge while taking over the batons on August 2 and July 31, 2025, respectively. They unveiled ambitious plans to consolidate past achievements and introduce fresh initiatives aimed at deepening academic, infrastructural, and collaborative growth.

At the Faculty of Physical Sciences, Prof. Adekeye expressed gratitude to Almighty God for the opportunity to serve, acknowledging elders, past Deans, and staff members for their contributions to the Faculty's steady progress. He paid a special tribute to his predecessor, Prof. Abdullahi Alafara Baba, for his "diligent stewardship and unwavering commitment to Faculty development over the past two years."

Outlining his Five-Point Agenda, Prof. Adekeye pledged to promote academic excellence and innovation, strengthen staff capacity, prioritise student welfare, build stronger partnerships, and accelerate infrastructural development. He emphasised inclusive decision-making, promising to work closely with Heads of Departments, past Deans as advisers, non-teaching staff, and students. "This Faculty belongs to all of us. We must not allow it to be destroyed. Together we stand, divided we fall," he said.

In his farewell remarks, Prof. Alafara thanked members of the Faculty for their cooperation during his tenure from August 1, 2023, to July 31, 2025. He highlighted achievements such as the borehole water project and improved Faculty cohesion. He urged his successor to complete outstanding projects like the expansion of laboratory facilities.



■ Prof. Adekeye

At the Faculty of Engineering and Technology, Prof. Olaoye began his acceptance speech by thanking God for the privilege to serve and the confidence reposed in him by the Faculty community. He praised the immediate past Dean, Prof. Jamiu Odusote, for his inclusive leadership style and numerous initiatives that transformed the Faculty. "The unity, stability, and progress we see today are the results of vision-driven leadership. I commend Prof. Jamiu Odusote for laying a solid foundation," he stated.

Prof. Olaoye reflected on the growth of the Faculty since its formative years in the late 1970s, noting the immense sacrifices of past leaders. He reaffirmed his commitment to run an open, transparent, and responsive administration. "It is now our turn to build on what has been established. I will prioritise staff development, promote cutting-edge research, improve infrastructure, and create an enabling environment where students can excel academically and professionally. This administration will be accessible to all, and no voice will be ignored," he assured.

Prof. Olaoye further pledged to intensify industry partnerships to expand internship opportunities, upgrade laboratories with modern equipment, and encourage interdisciplinary research. "Our goal is to position this Faculty as a model of innovation in Nigeria and beyond. We must think globally and act locally," he added.

In his parting remarks, Prof. Odusote expressed deep gratitude to the Faculty for entrusting him with the Deanship. He recalled being encouraged by colleagues to contest for



■ Prof. Olaoye

the position and described his tenure as one guided by openness, accessibility, and teamwork.

He highlighted his achievements including the establishment of FETUS Services Limited to generate revenue, the revival of the Central Workshop with 90 percent equipment functionality restored, the introduction of mandatory soft skills training for 400-level students, the enforcement of plagiarism checks for final-year projects, the production of metal waste bins for university-wide use, the creation of a Tech Hub from internally generated resources, and initiatives to support youth corps members and improve staff welfare.

Prof. Odusote attributed these accomplishments to the dedication of his team, including his secretary, driver, Senior Special Assistant, Dr Yahaya, the media crew, and committee members. He encouraged younger academics to aspire to professorial ranks, noting that the recognition of professors during his tenure was intended to motivate others. "If there is peace and love, progress is inevitable. Let us continue to work as one family," he urged.

Both ceremonies featured the formal presentation of handover documents, goodwill messages from Faculty members and alumni, and tributes to the outgoing Deans, with members of both Faculties expressing optimism for a new chapter of growth and excellence.

## Open Ph.D. Theses Defence

| S/N | NAME                 | FACULTY/DEPARTMENT  | TITLE   | DATE&TIME                                  | VENUE                |
|-----|----------------------|---|---|--|----------------------|
| 1   | IDRIS, Ibrahim Saleh | Communication and Information Sciences/Library and Information Sciences | Infodemic Digital Skills and Attitudes of Health Workers as Factors Influencing Vaccination Acceptance in Nigeria | Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> August, 2025/2:30pm | PG School Board Room |



## New Appointments

| NAME                          | FACULTY/DEPARTMENT   | APPOINTMENT  | EFFECTIVE DATE                |
|-------------------------------|--|--|-------------------------------|
| Prof. Saudat S. Abdulbaqi     | Communication and Information Sciences/Mass Communication          | Dean, Faculty of Communication and Information Sciences                                  | 1 <sup>st</sup> August, 2025. |
| Prof. O. A. Adekeye           | Physical Sciences/Geology and Mineral Science                      | Dean, Physical Sciences  | 1 <sup>st</sup> August, 2025. |
| Prof. T. A. Olaniyi           | Management Sciences/Acounting                                      | Dean, Management Sciences.   | 1 <sup>st</sup> August, 2025  |
| Prof. L. A. Olayaki           | Basic Medical Sciences/Physiology                                  | Dean, Basic Medical Sciences   | 1 <sup>st</sup> August, 2025  |
| Prof. B. A. Omipidan          | Law/Private and Property Law                                       | Dean, Law  | 1 <sup>st</sup> August, 2025  |
| Prof. Ogunlade                | Agriculture/Agricultural Extention and Rural Development           | Dean, Agriculture  | 1 <sup>st</sup> August, 2025  |
| Prof. A. Y. Muhammed          | Social Sciences/Sociology  | Dean, Social Sciences  | 1 <sup>st</sup> August, 2025  |
| Prof. K. W. Wahab             | Clinical Sciences/Medicine   | Dean, Clinical Sciences  | 1 <sup>st</sup> August, 2025  |
| Prof. S. A. Ameen             | Veterinary Medicine  | Dean, Veterinary Medicine  | 1 <sup>st</sup> August, 2025  |
| Dr. Muhinat Bolanle Bello     | Education/Science Education  | Deputy Director (Training), Centre for Research Development & In-House Training (CREDIT) | 1 <sup>st</sup> August, 2025  |
| Dr. Bayo Isa                  | Art/French   | Assistant Director, Linguistics &Immersion Centre  | 1 <sup>st</sup> August, 2025  |
| Dr. S. Afolabi                | Basic Medical Sciences/Pharmacology                                | Sub-Dean, Student Affairs Unit (College of Health Sciences)                              | 1 <sup>st</sup> August, 2025  |
| Dr. Oluwatosin B. Igbayiloye  | Law/ Jurisprudent & International Law                              | Sub-Dean, Student Affairs (Main Campus Female)   | 1 <sup>st</sup> August, 2025  |
| Dr. R. Onagun                 | Art/History and International Studies                              | Sub-Dean, Student Affairs Unit (Main Campus)   | 1 <sup>st</sup> August, 2025  |
| Dr. A. S. Afolabi             | Engineering and and Technology/Electrical Electronics Engineering  | Deputy Director (RESEARCH),Centre for Research Development & In-House Training (CREDIT)  | 1 <sup>st</sup> August, 2025  |
| Dr. S. A. Bello               | Physical Sciences/Physics  | Deputy Director (Solar and Wind),Unilorin Renewable Energy Centre (UREC)                 | 1 <sup>st</sup> August, 2025  |
| Prof.A. A. Oloyede            | Communication and Information Sciences /Telecommunication Sciences | Director, Centre for Research Development and In-House Training (CREDIT)                 | 1 <sup>st</sup> August, 2025  |
| Professor L. K. Mustapha      | Communication and Information Sciences/Mass Communication          | Director, General Studies Unit   | 1 <sup>st</sup> August, 2025  |
| Dr. Omolayo A. Omorinoye      | Physical Sciences/Geology & Mineral Sciences                       | Deputy Director, Laboratory to Product Centre (LABTOP)                                   | 1 <sup>st</sup> August, 2025  |
| Dr. A. A. Daibu               | Law/Private & Property Law   | Deputy Director, Laboratory to Product Centre (LABTOP)                                   | 1 <sup>st</sup> August, 2025  |
| Dr. A. J. Aboyeji             | Arts/History and International Studies                             | Deputy Director (ACADEMIC), Centre for Cultural Studies                                  | 1 <sup>st</sup> August, 2025  |
| Dr. O. M. Alabi               | Arts/History&International Studies                                 | Deputy Director (ADMINISTRATION), Centre for Cultural Studies                            | 1 <sup>st</sup> August,2025   |
| Dr. B. A. Rabi                | Engineering & Technology/Mechanical Engineering                    | Deputy Director, Technical and Entrepreneurship Centre (TEC)                             | 1 <sup>st</sup> August, 2025  |
| Dr. H. M. Musa                | Art/Arabic   | Deputy Director (ACADEMIC),Centre for  | 1 <sup>st</sup> August, 2025  |
| Dr. B. S. Oladimeji           | Environmental Sciences/Architecture                                | Assistant Director, Centre for International Education                                   | 1 <sup>st</sup> August, 2025  |
| Prof. Christiana O. Abikoye   | Communication and Information Sciences/Computer Sciences           | Chairman, Time-Table and Room Usages Committee   | 1 <sup>st</sup> August, 2025  |
| Prof. Mashood A. Raji         | Veterinary Medicine/Veterinary Microbiology                        | Chairman, Sports Committee   | 1 <sup>st</sup> August, 2025  |
| Prof. Gbemisola A. Animasawun |  | Director, Centre for Peace and Strategic Studies (CPSS)                                  | 1 <sup>st</sup> August, 2025  |





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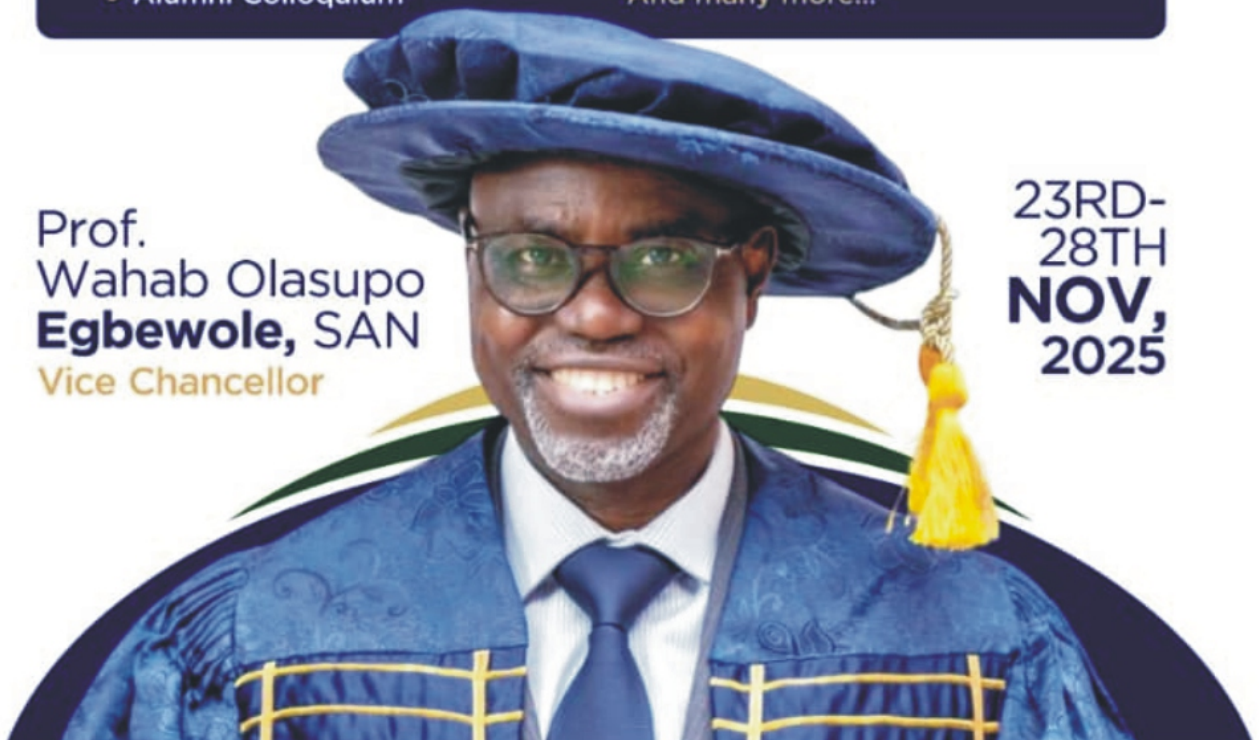
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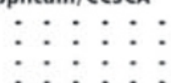


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# UNILORIN WEEKLY FINANCIAL DIGEST

## FUND SOURCES AND UTILIZATION REPORT FROM 31<sup>ST</sup> July TO 7<sup>TH</sup> August 2025

| RECEIPTS:  | AMOUNT                 |
|--|------------------------|
| Academic Transcript  | 21,000.00              |
| Sundry & Other Fees Student Charges  | 3,164,458.78           |
| Sundry Other Incomes   | 1,672,001.75           |
| Convocation Souvenir   | 144,000.00             |
| Income from Verification /Screening  | 335,000.00             |
| CODL -Form Processing Charges  | 30,400.00              |
| Clinic Registration (Staff)  | 10,000.00              |
| Staff I.D Cards  | 3,000.00               |
| Capitation NHIS  | 17,400.00              |
| Rent on University Property  | 32,400.00              |
| Refund (Non Salary)  | 420,220.69             |
| Refund (Salary)  | 58,000.00              |
| Others   | 3,000.00               |
| Late Registration Surcharges   | 3,000.00               |
| CCSCA Application Fees   | 25,200.00              |
| Income from Dental Clinic  | 575,138.75             |
| Income from Diagnostic Centre  | 173,738.75             |
| Undergraduate School Charges   | 188,868.00             |
| Undergraduate Transcript Payment   | 547,200.00             |
| Undergraduate Post UTME Registration   | 14,934,800.00          |
| Undergraduate Convocation Charges  | 106,600.00             |
| Postgraduate School Charges  | 16,210,460.00          |
| Postgraduate School Transcript Payment   | 140,000.00             |
| Postgraduate Acceptance Payment  | 6,954,600.00           |
| Postgraduate Application Form  | 352,800.00             |
| Remedial Application Form  | 228,000.00             |
| Ilorin Business School Application Form  | 150,800.00             |
| Ilorin Business School Acceptance Payment  | 351,600.00             |
| Institute of Education Application Form  | 288,800.00             |
| Institute of Education School Charges  | 4,903,955.80           |
| Institute of Education Acceptance Payment  | 873,000.00             |
| JUPEB Clearance Charges  | 3,375,000.00           |
| JUPEB Acceptance Payment   | 20,200.00              |
| JUPEB School Charges   | 12,349,600.00          |
| <b>Total Receipt for the Period</b>  | <b>N68,664,242.52</b>  |
| <b>PAYMENTS</b>  |                        |
| <b>PAYMENT TO CONTRACTORS/SUPPLIERS:</b>   |                        |
| Victoria Ikubanni Multibiz Ventures Supply of Electrical needs                         | 3,686,911.38           |
| Toyes Communication Supply and Installation of Network Equipment                       | 4,690,728.44           |
| Oasis Tech Global Services Supply and Installation of Inverter System                  | 8,616,562.50           |
| Meem Solar Solutions Maintenance of University Lawn and Ground                         | 961,875.00             |
| Funbas Engineering Nig Ltd Maintenance of University Lawn and Ground                   | 1,380,330.00           |
| Keemsek Global Ventures Maintenance of University Lawn and Ground                      | 1,061,437.50           |
| Rabfak Autofarm Maintenance of University Lawn and Ground                              | 1,012,500.00           |
| Clean Consults Integrated Services Maintenance of University Lawn and Ground           | 1,279,950.00           |
| Khaajims Heritage Services Maintenance of University Lawn and Ground                   | 960,525.00             |
| Gatasuak Nigeria Enterprises Maintenance of University Lawn and Ground                 | 1,193,437.50           |
| Mukbanah Greenlands Ltd Maintenance of University Lawn and Ground                      | 1,146,150.00           |
| Al-Haqq Model Multir-Investment Ltd Maintenance of University Lawn and Ground          | 1,335,937.50           |
| All-B Consult Ltd Maintenance of University Lawn and Ground                            | 1,399,440.00           |
| Blessing Fumigation and Pest Control Venture Maintenance of University Lawn and Ground | 1,356,060.00           |
| Humaj Tafida Enterprises Maintenance of University Lawn and Ground                     | 1,055,700.00           |
| Badaj Steel Structure Maintenance of University Lawn and Ground                        | 1,164,225.00           |
| Bofat Consult Nig Enterprise Maintenance of University Lawn and Ground                 | 1,164,375.00           |
| Oyatoahmed Ventures Maintenance of University Lawn and Ground                          | 1,364,062.50           |
| Rajab and Amid Nig Ltd Maintenance of University Lawn and Ground                       | 1,115,062.50           |
| Okin-Gold Ventures Ltd Maintenance of University Lawn and Ground                       | 1,143,630.00           |
| Dabb Contractors and Allied Ventures Ltd Maintenance of University Lawn and Ground     | 923,925.00             |
| Zaahfat Investment Services Ltd Maintenance of University Lawn and Ground              | 1,085,850.00           |
| Mafal Associates Ltd Maintenance of University Lawn and Ground                         | 1,094,887.50           |
| Pagers World Global Construction Ltd Maintenance of University Lawn and Ground         | 900,150.00             |
| Yasbam Royal Global Consults Maintenance of University Lawn and Ground                 | 915,200.00             |
| Kings Guards Nig Ltd Security Services for July 2025                                   | 10,535,000.00          |
| Waves and Glamour Ltd Landscapes work at Faculty of Agriculture                        | 2,977,800.00           |
| Nadistik Art and Media Production of Student Manual                                    | 2,500,000.00           |
| <b>OTHER PAYMENTS:</b>   |                        |
| Various Various i.e DTA, IMPREST, REFUND e.t.c   | 76,450,725.43          |
| Purchase Advance Various   | 14,499,815.26          |
| Unilorin Petrol Station Supply of Fuel   | 2,154,936.80           |
| Unilorin Press Inaugural Lecture/Printing Jobs   | 1,043,600.00           |
| Total TSA Charges Various  | 73,422.50              |
| <b>Total payment for the period</b>  | <b>N152,244,212.31</b> |

**Signed**  
**Abiodun Lawal (FCNA)**  
**Bursar**



| S/N | NAME                           | DEPARTMENT                            | BIRTHDAY |
|-----|--------------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------|
| 1   | AYODELE GRACE YEMISI           | REGISTRY                              | 10-Aug   |
| 2   | OGUNDELE COMFORT OYELADUN      | REGISTRY                              | 10-Aug   |
| 3   | ALABI OLUWASEGUN TIMOTHY       | DIRECTORATE OF CORPORATE AFFAIRS      | 10-Aug   |
| 4   | AJALA LYDIA BOLA               | REGISTRY                              | 10-Aug   |
| 5   | SUBAIR MUTIAT KEHINDE          | INDUSTRIAL CHEMISTRY                  | 10-Aug   |
| 6   | ADEBAYO RASHEEDAT ADERONKE     | REGISTRY                              | 11-Aug   |
| 7   | POPOOLA MOBOLAJI OLUSHOLA      | WORKS: MECHANICAL                     | 11-Aug   |
| 8   | SANUSI NURUDEEN ADEBOWALE      | BURSARY                               | 11-Aug   |
| 9   | LAWAL SURAJ SHOLA              | WORKS: ELECTRICAL/TELECOM             | 11-Aug   |
| 10  | IBRAHIM TAIYE QASIM            | MICROBIOLOGY                          | 11-Aug   |
| 11  | ALABIDUN TAWAKALITU BOLANLE    | REGISTRY                              | 11-Aug   |
| 12  | OBA AREMU ABDULRASHEED         | UNILORIN STAFF SCHOOL                 | 12-Aug   |
| 13  | ADEBAYO PETER FOLORUNSHO       | HISTORY & INTERNATIONAL STUDIES       | 12-Aug   |
| 14  | OKPARAKWU FRANCIS EBI          | REGISTRY                              | 12-Aug   |
| 15  | OLAWUMI HANNAH OLUWAYEMISI     | HAEMATOLOGY & BLOOD TRANSFUSION       | 12-Aug   |
| 16  | BAMIDELE ABDUL-LATIFU AKANO    | SECURITY DIVISION                     | 12-Aug   |
| 17  | OPAKUNLE MURITALA ADENEKAN     | BIOMEDICAL ENGINEERING                | 12-Aug   |
| 18  | IBRAHIM JAMIU                  | WORKS: WORKS/MAINTENANCE OFFICE       | 12-Aug   |
| 19  | OGUNLADE OLUWABUNMI RACHEAL    | LIBRARY & INFORMATION SCIENCE         | 13-Aug   |
| 20  | FATOBA PAUL OJO                | PLANT BIOLOGY                         | 13-Aug   |
| 21  | ALIYU USMAN                    | SECURITY DIVISION                     | 13-Aug   |
| 22  | YAHAYA TAIWO                   | MATERIALS & METALLURGICAL ENGINEERING | 13-Aug   |
| 23  | GAMBARI-AMBALI RABIAT OLARONKE | MICROBIOLOGY                          | 13-Aug   |
| 24  | OLAWUYI EMMANUEL TEMITOPE      | DIRECTORATE OF CORPORATE AFFAIRS      | 13-Aug   |
| 25  | ADAM MOHAMMED                  | VETERINARY PATHOLOGY                  | 13-Aug   |
| 26  | AKANJI TOLULOPE PAUL           | GEOGRAPHY & ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT  | 13-Aug   |
| 27  | ABUBAKAR MUSA IDI-OGEDE        | AQUACULTURE & FISHERIES               | 14-Aug   |
| 28  | ABUBAKAR HUSSAIN OLANREWAJU    | GEOPHYSICS                            | 14-Aug   |
| 29  | AGHALINO SAMUEL OUVETE         | HISTORY & INTERNATIONAL STUDIES       | 14-Aug   |
| 30  | SABONKUDI SULEIMAN SADIQ       | HUMAN KINETICS & HEALTH EDUCATION     | 14-Aug   |
| 31  | OBAFEMI MICHEAL OJO            | REGISTRY                              | 14-Aug   |
| 32  | AJISAFE COMFORT MODUPE         | REGISTRY                              | 14-Aug   |
| 33  | WURAOLA OLUWABUSAYO TEMITOPE   | PRIVATE & PROPERTY LAW                | 14-Aug   |
| 34  | MEJABI HASSAN TAIWO            | LIBRARY                               | 14-Aug   |
| 35  | DAUDA ABDULFATAI               | DIRECTORATE OF CORPORATE AFFAIRS      | 14-Aug   |
| 36  | OKOJI OLUFEMI ONWEAZU          | ADULT & PRIMARY EDUCATION             | 15-Aug   |
| 37  | TOMORI RAHEED ADEKOLA          | WEB SUPPORT SERVICES                  | 15-Aug   |
| 38  | ADAM IBRAHIM KAYODE            | BUSINESS LAW                          | 15-Aug   |
| 39  | JAIYEGBA MICHAEL OLAWALE       | SECURITY DIVISION                     | 15-Aug   |
| 40  | WAHEED AZEEZ                   | SECURITY DIVISION                     | 15-Aug   |
| 41  | TAIWO ISAAC TOYIN              | CHEMISTRY                             | 15-Aug   |
| 42  | BABALOLA RISIKAT OLADUNNI      | REGISTRY                              | 15-Aug   |
| 43  | EMMANUEL SABASTINE             | WORKS: WORKS/MAINTENANCE OFFICE       | 15-Aug   |
| 44  | SHITTU ADIJAT FOLASHADE        | PHYSICS                               | 15-Aug   |
| 45  | MOHAMUDU AFUSAT ARIKE          | REGISTRY                              | 15-Aug   |
| 46  | AGBOOLA OLAYINKA MICHAEL       | REGISTRY                              | 15-Aug   |
| 47  | ATATA JAMILA ABDULHAMID        | VETERINARY PATHOLOGY                  | 15-Aug   |
| 48  | NURUDEEN RUKAYAT               | PHARMACOGNOSY & DRUG DEVELOPMENT      | 15-Aug   |
| 49  | AJALA MARY ADEJOKE             | CHEMICAL ENGINEERING                  | 16-Aug   |
| 50  | KOLAWOLE FAUSAT LOLA           | HOME ECONOMICS & FOOD SCIENCE         | 16-Aug   |
| 51  | OMOPUPA KAMAL TUNDE            | LIBRARY & INFORMATION SCIENCE         | 16-Aug   |
| 52  | SALMAN TOYIN MOHAMMED          | PHYSIOLOGY                            | 16-Aug   |
| 53  | AJAYI FELICIA ARINOLA          | REGISTRY                              | 16-Aug   |
| 54  | SALAWU KEHINDE OSENI           | WORKS: MECHANICAL                     | 16-Aug   |
| 55  | ADISA MOHAMMED                 | SECURITY DIVISION                     | 16-Aug   |
| 56  | POPOOLA ALICE BUKOLA           | REGISTRY                              | 16-Aug   |
| 57  | AMALI KABIRU INALEGWU ONCHE    | REGISTRY                              | 16-Aug   |
| 58  | MUFTAU TAOFIQ TAYO             | REGISTRY                              | 16-Aug   |
| 59  | QUADIR SIMBIAT OMONIKE         | REGISTRY                              | 16-Aug   |
| 60  | DAODU SEGUN SAMUEL             | REGISTRY                              | 16-Aug   |
| 61  | SULEIMAN FATIMA BOLAJI         | REGISTRY                              | 16-Aug   |
| 62  | YUSUF ABDULRASAQ               | RELIGIONS                             | 16-Aug   |
| 63  | AGBEDE JOSEPH UAIKHUGBA        | REGISTRY                              | 16-Aug   |
| 64  | AKINSOLA ISMAILA OLAWALE       | COMSIT DIRECTORATE                    | 16-Aug   |

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



- The immediate past Dean of the Faculty of Communication and Information Sciences (CIS), University of Ilorin, Prof. Lukman Adesina Azeez, has completed his two terms Deanship, leaving not just an office but a legacy that will remain woven into the very fabric of the Faculty, the University and Nigeria's wider communication scholarship for generations to come. ("Professor Lukman Adesina Azeez Bows : Unilorin's First Professor of Mass Communication Completes His Tenure -A Rare Legacy of Scholarship, Service and Integrity", <https://dailylinks.ng>)
- The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has congratulated the Chairman/Chief Executive of BUA Groups, Alhaji AbdulSamad Rabi'u on his 65th Birthday. ("UNILORIN VC, Egbewole Hails AbdulSamad Rabi'u On his 65th Birthday", <https://dailytopic.com.ng>; "UNILORIN VC, Felicitates BUA Chairman, AbdulSamad Rabi'u at 65", <https://dailylinks.ng>; "Egbewole hails AbdulSamad Rabi'u on 65th", <https://peoplevoiceng.blogspot.com>)
- Speaking at the 288th Inaugural lecture of the University, titled "The Pandemic of Antimicrobial Resistance and the Experience of a Clinical Microbiologists", Prof. Ajibola Akanbi 11 of the Department Medical Microbiology, University of Ilorin, has raised concerns over the escalating threat of Antimicrobial resistance (AMR), warning that the misuse of antibiotics could soon render modern medical ineffective in treating common infections. ("Antibiotic misuse threatens modern medicine UNILORIN Professor warns ", <https://www.westernpost.ng>; "Antibiotic Misuse Can Spark Global Pandemic Nigeria Doctor", <https://dailytrust.com>; "Unilorin Don Tasks National Assembly to Promulgate law against indiscriminate sale of Antibiotics", <https://www.vanguardngr.com>; " Medical Expert Warns of looming Health Crisis from Rampant Antibiotic Misuse", <https://thereporters.com.ng>; "Don Raise Alarm Over Antibiotics Resistance", <https://dailyinfolink24.WordPress.com>; "Ilorin Professor Warns: Misuse of Antibiotics Could Spark Global Health Catastrophe", <https://www.boardroom.vip>; "Medical Expert Warns of Looming Health Crisis from Rampant Antibiotic Misuse", <https://thereporters.com>; "Antimicrobial Resistance Threatens Public Health, Needs Urgent National Action-Unilorin Professor Warns", <https://rulersworldtv.com>; See also, "Unilorin Prof Warns Nigerians against misuse of antibiotics ", The Graphic, Wednesday, August 6, 2025, P.15, "Don seeks end to unprescribed antibiotics sale", The Nation, Thursday, August 7, 2024, p.18)
- A group photograph of the Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, and some other Unilorites has been published "Nigerian Pilot, Wednesday, August 4, 2025, P.5)
- During the recent Investiture of 65 individual who were honoured by the University of Ilorin, including 10 distinguished alumni and two others who were recipients of Award of Excellence for their dedications and support to the "Better by Far University". ("Unilorin's 50th Anniversary: Rewarding Excellence", <https://telegraphing.com>)

*westernpost.ng*; "Antibiotic Misuse Can Spark Global Pandemic Nigeria Doctor", <https://dailytrust.com>; "Unilorin Don Tasks National Assembly to Promulgate law against indiscriminate sale of Antibiotics", <https://www.vanguardngr.com>; " Medical Expert Warns of looming Health Crisis from Rampant Antibiotic Misuse", <https://thereporters.com.ng>; "Don Raise Alarm Over Antibiotics Resistance", <https://dailyinfolink24.WordPress.com>; "Ilorin Professor Warns: Misuse of Antibiotics Could Spark Global Health Catastrophe", <https://www.boardroom.vip>; "Medical Expert Warns of Looming Health Crisis from Rampant Antibiotic Misuse", <https://thereporters.com>; "Antimicrobial Resistance Threatens Public Health, Needs Urgent National Action-Unilorin Professor Warns", <https://rulersworldtv.com>; See also, "Unilorin Prof Warns Nigerians against misuse of antibiotics ", The Graphic, Wednesday, August 6, 2025, P.15, "Don seeks end to unprescribed antibiotics sale", The Nation, Thursday, August 7, 2024, p.18)



**The Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Egbewole (in flowing gown), inspecting some facilities at the Centre for Open and Distance Learning (CODL) last Friday while the Director of CODL, Prof. Modinah AbdulRaheem (1st left), and others look on. The inspection tour was in preparation for the Centre's scheduled post-validation visit by the National Universities Commission (NUC)**



### *(Contd. from back page)*

We hope that you will identify with these projects, contribute directly or through your networks, and help us set a standard for excellence. “We also see this occasion as an opportunity to build bonding platforms among awardees in each category fostering collaboration and dialogue for the university's continued growth and development. We hope that the golden class will remain united and use this platform to support the aspirations of the university. “Let me assure you that we are committed to maintaining strong, enduring relationships with each of you. We also respectfully call on you to serve as mentors to our students, helping to guide them into impactful futures much like your own.”

### **Commendations**

In his remarks, the Chairman of the Award Committee, Prof. Abiodun Adeoye, described the milestone as a celebration of resilience, noting that: “UNILORIN has moved from being a local champion to competing globally. Our graduates are making their mark around the world.” On his part, the Secretary of the Committee, Prof. Olugbenga Mokuolu, disclosed that the main celebration of the 50th Anniversary would hold between November 23 and 28, 2025, with activities such as colloquium, road shows, alumni football matches, and a major fundraising campaign to launch a N50 billion endowment fund.

“Our alumni are not just award recipients; they are Ambassadors of UNILORIN's vision. Let us work together to ensure the next 50 years are even more impactful,” Mokuolu said. In his keynote address titled: 'The Heart of Giving', a leading legal luminary, and philanthropist of note, as well as staunch supporter of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Yusuf Olaolu Ali (SAN), said the gathering was not just to celebrate generosity, but to reflect on the: “Sacred responsibility we carry to invest, sow and contribute to the legacy in the institutions that helped shape who we are today”. He said: “Giving back is not merely about donations or material contributions. It is about showing gratitude, demonstrating responsibility, and building legacies.

It is the recognition that we

are all beneficiaries of sacrifices made by those who came before us and that we too, must plant seeds for future generations. “It is important for me to add that, universities, as temples of learning and innovation, thrive not only on government subsidy or grant, but also on goodwill, generosity, and vision of those who have benefited from their existence, directly or indirectly.”

Buttressing his argument from a religious point of view, Ali, who quoted copiously from the two major religions – Islam and Christianity – said the duo place immense value on the act of giving, adding that they both agree that giving is not optional, but essential and a duty, an act of worship, and a moral imperative.

He added: “Throughout history, we have seen how individuals have transformed societies through giving. One of such individuals was John D. Rockefeller, born in 1839, who was not only America's first billionaire, but also one of the greatest philanthropists in history. “His belief in structured giving led to the establishment of the Rockefeller Foundation, which transformed public health, advanced medical research, and supported countless educational institutions, including the University of Chicago. “He founded Rockefeller University and funded the establishment of Central Philippine University in the Philippines.

His philosophy was simple, yet profound. He demonstrated that wealth is not in what we accumulate, but in what we distribute. “Coming back to Nigeria, Chief MKO Abiola, the celebrated philanthropist and statesman, was a man who gave not only to political causes but also to the cause of education.

He sponsored thousands of Nigerian youths through school and donated generously to universities and research institutions. “Aliko Dangote, through the Dangote Foundation, has invested heavily in education, health, and economic development, from building hostels in ABU Zaria to funding scholarships for indigent students. Tony Elumelu, with the Tony Elumelu Foundation, is planting seeds of entrepreneurship in thousands of young Africans, ensuring that prosperity circulates.

“And among us today, we must honour Chief (Dr) AbdulRaheem Oladimeji Igbaja (OFR), the Founder and Proprietor of AlHikmah University, Ilorin. In a nation where private investment in education is scarce and risky, Chief Oladimeji chose to give back by building an institution grounded in moral and academic excellence. “His vision was not driven by profit, but by purpose to provide quality

education in a faith-conscious environment. Today, Al-Hikmah University stands as a beacon of what a single heart of giving can accomplish.”

### **Appreciation**

Responding on behalf of the honourees, the Registrar of the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB), Prof. Emeritus Is-haq Oloyede, applauded the University of Ilorin for maintaining its integrity by ensuring that only individuals with proven records of excellence are celebrated. Prof. Oloyede, who was a former Vice Chancellor of the university, specifically commended the current leadership of the university led by Egbewole, for its commitment to meaningful and incontrovertible recognition. “Today, honorary awards have become so common that you can practically buy them. But here at the University of Ilorin, we don't give awards for the sake of popularity. We only honour those who have genuinely impacted society,” he said.

Another honouree, who spoke on the sideline of the event, Chief Rafiu Oyeyemi Balogun (SAN), corroborated the JAMB Registrar's comment, lamenting that many institutions across the country, and even beyond, have allowed honorary awards to lose value due to political interference and pecuniary interests. “The truth is, these days, you can get an honorary award just by knowing the right politician or paying the right price. That's why UNILORIN's approach stands out and is commendable because the award still means something here, at the Better by Far University,” Balogun noted.

The golden jubilee celebration comes at a time when Nigerian universities are under pressure to deliver quality education despite dwindling resources. The University of Ilorin, through its ongoing engagement with alumni and strategic partners, hopes to chart a new path of sustainable growth driven by community ownership and visionary giving. As the school continues the countdown to its main anniversary celebrations in November, the message remains unequivocally clear: The legacy of UNILORIN lies not just in its past achievements but in the hands of those willing to build its future.

*Culled from New Telegraph newspaper of Wednesday, August 6, 2025*





## COMMENTARY



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## UNILORIN's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary: Rewarding Excellence

*STEPHEN OLUFEMI ONI reports on the investiture of 65 individuals who were honoured by the University of Ilorin, including 10 distinguished alumni and two others who were recipients of Award of Excellence for their dedication and support to the 'Better by Far University'. The event formed part of the ongoing activities marking the University's Golden Jubilee anniversary:*

It was thrills and pageantry as the University of Ilorin on Wednesday, July 16, 2025, honoured, in one fell swoop, 65 distinguished alumni and other benefactors of the institution, including two persons who were recipients of the Award of Excellence, for their profound dedication and unwavering support to the University at a ceremony that marked part of the Golden Jubilee Anniversary of the school.

### Golden Jubilee

The epoch-making event, according to the Vice Chancellor of the University, Prof. Wahab Egbewole (SAN), was a significant part of the ongoing celebrations marking the 50th Anniversary of the University, with the sobriquet, 'Better By Far University'. Recall that the University commenced the anniversary celebrations on January 6, 2025, with the unveiling of the 50th Anniversary logo, while that historic moment was followed by an engaging International Conference hosted by the institution's Centre for International Education. The auspicious event drew distinguished academics, policy makers, and ambassadors from across the globe. Other major events of the Golden Jubilee Anniversary celebrations have been scheduled to be held between November 23 and 28 this year.

### Awards

In his address at the investiture ceremony titled: 'One Good Turn Deserves Another', Egbewole disclosed that the investiture ceremony covered three categories of honourees, who were selected "for their remarkable contributions to our university and society at large." Leading the pack, he added, were the 50 ambassadors of the university, 10 distinguished alumni, and two recipients of the Award of Excellence.

According to Egbewole, the 50 Ambassadors were nominated by their respective faculties, while the nominations were validated by the Centre for Advancement, stressing that "these individuals have consistently demonstrated loyalty to the values of our university and have given back meaningfully, whether through mentorship, resources, or collaboration." For the Distinguished Alumni, he explained that they had also been carefully selected by the University Management for being exceptional graduates "who have excelled in their respective fields while maintaining an unwavering commitment to their alma mater".

He, however, added that some honourees were added in recognition of their extraordinary acts of generosity and support to the university. For the Award of Excellence, the Vice Chancellor noted that this category was particularly special, adding that it was not exclusive to their alumni, but reserved for



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individuals whose dedication to "our university has been profound and self-initiated". He said, "One such individual is Dr Tunji Olowolafe, a 1984 medical graduate, who this year alone sponsored 40 academic staff to international conferences, supporting each with N5 million, amounting to N200 million in total.

He also donated a brand new Hilux vehicle to enhance our campus security and contributed to the purchase of an anatomage machine through his class set. "Another is Dr Murtadha Ademiju, a proud alumnus of Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife, Osun State, who has supported our university by donating a 90KVA solar power system, drastically reducing our monthly energy bills. Our Senate Building and other offices now benefit from this kind gesture. He also donated a Hilux vehicle to support our transportation needs.

"What is inspiring about these two awardees is their unsolicited support – they gave generously without being asked. Their actions reflect a deep belief in our vision and a personal commitment to advancing the University of Ilorin. It is our hope that others, similarly endowed, will emulate their noble examples. "In the spirit of our golden jubilee, we are also unveiling legacy projects, including the Transcript Hub and Innovation Hub. Looking ahead, we are seeking your support for two other strategic initiatives: the Techno and Industrial Park and the Centre for Stem Cell Research.

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