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Post-UTME Screening

Monitor JAMB CAPS for admission updates --- Bakare-Odunola tells candidates



By By Mustafa Abubakar and Tajudeen Babamale

s the University of Ilorin concluded its 2025/2026 Post-UTME screening, the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic) of the University, Prof. Moji Taibat Bakare-Odunola, has advised all candidates who participated in the exercise to regularly check the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB)'s Central Admission Processing System (CAPS) for updates on their admission status.

Prof. Bakare-Odunola gave the advice last Thursday (September 4, 2025) while speaking with UNILORIN Bulletin shortly after the end of the exercise, which was held at the University Computer-Based Test (CBT) Centre.

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UNILORIN Post-UTME, a huge success, says CBT Director

By Idris Alooma

he University of Ilorin has once again set the pace for other institutions in Nigeria, showcasing its exceptional capacity to organise large-scale Computer-Based Tests (CBT).

The Director of the Directorate of Computer Based Test (CBT), University of Ilorin, Prof. Kamilu Rauf, stated this last Tuesday (September 2, 2025) on a popular Yoruba programme on UNILORIN FM radio, titled 'Oro to n lo', anchored by the General Manager of the station, Mr Idris Akintola Ibrahim (Alooma).

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Prof. Rauf

Unilorin Library matches global standards — Egbewole



Prof. Egbewole

By Tajudeen Babamale

he Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has reaffirmed that the University Library stands shoulder-to-shoulder with leading libraries across the world.

Prof. Egbewole stated this

penultimate Friday, (August 29, 2025), when he received a delegation from the Nigerian Army Institute of Science Education and Technology (NAISET), who paid him a visit after concluding weeks of practical session at the University of Ilorin Library.

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UNILORIN EV team wins N2 Million NADDC research grant

By Mustafa Abubakar

The University of Ilorin Electric Vehicle (EV) Bus Competition Team has received a N2 million research support grant from the National Automotive Design and Development Council (NADDC) in recognition of its outstanding performance during the Maiden 8-Seater Electric Vehicle (EV) Campus Shuttle Bus Development Competition.

In a notification letter to the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole (SAN), the Team Lead, Prof. A. T. Ajiboye of the Department of Computer Engineering, stated, "I wish to notify you that a research support grant has been received from the National Automotive Design and Development Council (NADDC) in recognition of the team members' dedication, sensitivity, and teamwork during the design phase of the Electric Vehicle (EV) Campus Shuttle (8-Seater) Bus Competition."

According to him, the sum of Two Million Naira (N2,000,000) research support grant was received to compensate for all the diligent sacrifices and to further help the team advance its EV research.

Prof. Ajiboye thanked the University management for giving members of the team the opportunity to serve.

In a separate correspondence from the NADDC, addressed to the Vice Chancellor, the NADDC Director-General, Engr A. N. Ayinde, congratulated the University "for its active participation in the Maiden 8-Seater Electric Vehicle (EV) Campus Shuttle Bus Development Competition, a landmark initiative fostering indigenous innovation, clean mobility solutions, and engineering excellence across Nigeria's tertiary institutions."

The letter, dated 11th August, 2025 and signed by the Director, Department of Vehicle Electrification, on behalf of the Director-General said, "In recognition of the dedication, creativity, and teamwork of your students and academic advisors during the Design Phase, the NADDC has awarded your University's EV Bus Competition Team a Research Support



Prof. Olaoye

Grant of N2,000,000. This has been directly disbursed to the designated Team Lead to both compensate for all the diligent sacrifices made over the past four months, including expenses incurred, and to further help the team advance their EV project strides."

The NADDC further urged the University Management to continue to support the team, stressing, "We kindly seek your continuous support for the team in other regards to help motivate and preserve the momentum they have built, and also sustain their readiness for other research collaborations relating to Electric Vehicle technology. The NADDC is again grateful for your institution's commitment to nurturing talent and strengthening government-academia-industry collaboration, and we look forward to celebrating even greater achievements together."

While receiving the notification, the Vice Chancellor congratulated the Dean and the EV Team, urging them to sustain the spirit of innovation and excellence that has brought recognition to the University.

In his remarks, the Dean of the Faculty of Engineering and Technology, who presented the award notification to the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Joshua Olaoye, expressed appreciation for the encouragement of the University Management on the project.

The UNILORIN EV competition team comprised Dr K. O. Abdulrahman of Mechanical Engineering, who is the Project



Prof. Ajiboye

Manager and academic advisor; Prof. J. K. Odusote of Materials and Metallurgy Engineering; Dr I. I. Aun of Business Administration; Dr S. A. Olaniyan of Architecture; and Emmanuel Okunlola of Velhect Limited, Gwarinpa, Abuja, who served as Industry Expert.

Other members, are Engr Ganiyu Adedokun of Mechanical Engineering; Engr Ariyo Bashiru Olalekan of Electrical and Electronics Engineering; Engr V. T. Ologbonsaiye of Mechanical Engineering; and Engr. R. A. Yahya of Materials and Metallurgical Engineering.

Student members of the team are Adedoyin Adekunle D., Mechanical Engineering (300 Level); Abdulkareem Aminat O., Mechanical Engineering (300 Level); Oluwagbemiga Olajumoke, Mechanical Engineering (300 Level); Chukwujekwe Magnify Chibundu, Mechanical Engineering (300 Level); Sarumi Abdulsomod, Electrical and Electronic Engineering (500 Level); Ibrahim Azeez Olanrewaju, Electrical and Electronic Engineering (300 Level); Ogunjimi Olumide D., Materials and Metallurgical Engineering (300 Level); Aduloju Oluwanifemi Elizabeth, Materials and Metallurgical Engineering (300 Level); Abajara Nicholas Ozovehe, Computer Engineering (300 Level); and Abdulrahman Abdullateef, Computer Engineering (400 Level).



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Monitor JAMB CAPS for admission updates --- Bakare-Odunola tells candidates

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A total of 20,590 candidates participated in the exercise.

The Deputy Vice Chancellor explained that the admission process at the University of Ilorin commenced immediately after the screening and stressed the need for candidates to frequently monitor their JAMB CAPS portals in order to promptly accept admission offers once recommended.

She stated that the University remains committed to following JAMB's directives strictly, in line with its tradition of compliance with regulatory guidelines, adding that candidates who see their names on JAMB CAPS had been offered admission through the recommendation of the University.

Prof. Bakare-Odunola said that the exercise provided an opportunity for parents who accompanied their children to observe the University environment first-hand, noted that many parents commended the high level of discipline, organisation, and care demonstrated by staff. She added that even candidates who required medical attention were well attended to before being allowed to complete their examinations.

While reflecting on the processes, the Deputy Vice Chancellor described the four-day exercise, which commenced on Thursday, August 28, 2025, and ended on Thursday, September 4, 2025, as highly successful. She praised the discipline of both supervisors and candidates, noting that examinations started as scheduled at 8 a.m. each day

She further revealed that a mopup session was organised for candidates who missed their scheduled examinations due to illness, lateness, or other challenges. "We were able to attend to them before resuming with the final day's scheduled candidates. After this exercise, we will review cases of candidates who, for reasons best known to them, did not show up," she added.

The Deputy Vice Chancellor, however, expressed gratitude to God for the hitch-free conduct of the exercise and reaffirmed the University's commitment to due process and excellence in its admission procedures.

On his part, the Director of the Unilorin Directorate of Computer-Based Test (CBT) Centre, Prof. Kamilu Rauf, attributed the seamless conduct of the exercise to the provision of modern facilities and strong administrative support.

Providing statistical details, Prof. Rauf disclosed that in the underage category, 29 candidates sat for the examination. On Day One, 6,540 turned up while on Day Two, 6,676 sat the examination. On Days Three and Four, 6,584 and 761 turned up respectively.

Prof. Rauf said, "We are impressed with the turnout of candidates for this year's Post-UTME. For the underage category, 30 candidates were expected, 29 sat the examination while only one was absent. On Day One, out of 6,999 candidates scheduled, 6,540 were present while 459 were absent. On Day Two, 7,016 candidates were expected,

6,676 sat while 340 were absent. Similarly, on Day Three, 6,982 candidates were expected, 6,584 were present while 398 were absent. For Day Four, a total of 824 candidates were expected but 761 turned up while 63 were absent.

Prof. Rauf explained that the University deployed upgraded state-of-the-art computers and ensured a stable, high-speed internet connection throughout the period, which prevented any technical glitches. He said, "Unilorin will never use anything that could embarrass the administration. Our computers were upgraded to ensure efficiency, and the internet service was very stable and superb throughout the entire exercise. That was why there was no single hitch."

The CBT Director further expressed appreciation to the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, and his management team for their consistent support and responsiveness to the needs of the Centre. According to him, the administration's proactive approach was central to the success of this year's Post-UTME screening exercise.

He also commended the conduct of candidates, describing them as disciplined and orderly, while also acknowledging the professionalism of the invigilators, security personnel, and health workers who were diligent and efficient in their duties.



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Unilorin Library matches global standards — Egbewole

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Represented by the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Research, Technology and Innovation), Prof. Muhtar Adeiza Etudaiye, the Vice Chancellor explained that recent assessments of libraries in some of the oldest universities in Asia showed that facilities and services at the University of Ilorin compare favourably with international standards. He added that the skills acquired by NAISET participants during their training were globally relevant.

Prof. Egbewole described the programme as a platform that strengthens interdisciplinary exchanges and fosters knowledge sharing in a democratic academic setting.

The Vice Chancellor also appreciated the long-standing relationship between the University of Ilorin and the Nigerian Army, noting that collaborations between both institutions predated the establishment of NAISET and had

consistently advanced academic and professional development.

Speaking earlier, the University Librarian, Prof. Kamaldeen Tunde Omopupa, commended members of staff of the University Library for their commitment during the just-concluded practical training programme for NAISET officers.

Prof. Omopupa, who acknowledged the dedication of the library staff throughout the exercise, stated that their professionalism ensured a conducive environment for learning. The University Librarian also praised the NAISET staff for their discipline and collegial spirit, which contributed to the overall success of the programme.

According to him, the collaboration, which started some years ago, has continued to expose successive cohorts of NAISET officers to comprehensive practical knowledge in various aspects of librarianship, including technical services, reader services, e-library operations, and other components of modern library practice.

In his remarks, the representative of NAISET, Mr. Adeola John Niyi, lauded the University system for its long-standing collaboration with the Army institute. He expressed gratitude to the University Library management for facilitating a seamless and impactful training experience, describing the sessions as rigorous, enriching, and highly beneficial to the professional growth of the participants.

Speaking on behalf of the participants, Major A. Shuaibu described the internship as a turning point in their academic journey. He explained that the training helped bridge the gap between classroom theory and practical experience, particularly in areas not yet covered in their formal curriculum.

Major Shuaibu expressed appreciation to the University Library and the management of the University of Ilorin for providing a welcoming atmosphere and for sustaining a relationship that has long benefited NAISET.

Ajao, ex-UNILORIN ASUU Chairman, appointed Provost, KWASU Medical School

By Abubakar Imam

he immediate past Chairman of the Academic Staff Union of Universities (ASUU), University of Ilorin Branch, Prof. Salihu Moyosore Ajao, has been appointed the pioneer Provost of the College of Health Sciences, Kwara State University, Malete.

The appointment was contained in a letter sent to him by the Registrar of the University, Dr Wasilat Kikelomo Salle, on September 3, 2025.

The appointment was earlier announced by the KWASU Vice Chancellor, Prof. Sheikh Luqman Jimoh, during a meeting of the University Senate last Tuesday (September 2, 2025).

The former ASUU Chairman, who is also a Professor of Anatomy and immediate past Dean of the Faculty of Basic Medical Sciences, University of Ilorin, has since assumed duties.

In a chat with UNILORIN



Prof. Ajao

Bulletin, Prof. Ajao, who is currently on sabbatical leave at KWASU, thanked the authorities of the State University for the opportunity given him to make an impact on the institution.

He recalled that as a Visiting Dean, he had helped in the establishment of the KWASU Medical School and that he would use his new position to take the school to the next level.

Meanwhile, the Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has welcomed Prof. Ajao's appointment as the pioneer Provost of KWASU Medical School.

In a statement issued on his behalf by the University's Director of Corporate Affairs, Mr Kunle Akogun, the Vice Chancellor said that he was convinced that Prof. Ajao would discharge his duties diligently in a way that every stakeholder would be proud of.

He, therefore, encouraged Prof. Ajao to deploy his characteristic energy, charisma and professionalism to ensure that the KWASU Medical School is given a sound footing for it to complement the effort of the UNILORIN Medical School in the production of worthy, tested and trusted medical professionals.

Prof. Egbewole, who is also the Vice President (West Africa), Association of African Universities (AAU), wished Prof. Ajao a very peaceful and successful tenure.

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UNILORIN Post-UTME, a huge success, says CBT Director

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Prof. Rauf said that the University is "far ahead of other institutions" in conducting CBTs, and this year's Post UTME screening exercise was a resounding success.

He praised the candidates for their law-abiding mien and obedience to the University rules and regulations, which, he said, contributed to the seamless execution of the exercise.

The screening, which began on August 28, 2025, for underage candidates and officially started on September 1, 2025, concluded on Thursday, September 4, 2025, with a mop-up session for those who missed their scheduled dates.

Prof Rauf said that the

University of Ilorin has demonstrated its commitment to providing state-of-the-arts infrastructure, with six halls equipped with 250 computers each to facilitate the screening process. Out of the 21,971 candidates that applied, approximately 13,000 (59%) are expected to be admitted, in line with the National Universities Commission (NUC) guidelines. Prof. Rauf noted that although the University has the capacity to admit more, it must adhere to the NUC's directives.

The success of the exercise is attributed to the hard work and dedication of all stakeholders, including the candidates, CBT staff, security personnel, health workers, and ad-hoc staff.

The CBT Director expressed his gratitude to the Vice Chancellor, Prof.

Wahab Olasupo Egbewole SAN, and the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic), Prof. Odunola -Bakare, for the support of all stakeholders. He also commended the technical support team and health facilities for their superb services.

Prof Rauf said that the smooth execution of the Post UTME screening exercise is a testament to the commitment of the University to maintaining high standards in its academic programmes. He said, "As a pacesetter and goal-getting institution, UNILORIN has once again demonstrated its capacity to host large-scale examinations efficiently, setting a benchmark for other institutions to follow."

Onireti canvasses greater internationalisation

By Abubakar Abdulquadri and Bashir Dawodu

he Director of the Centre for International Education, University of Ilorin, Prof. Lateef Onireti Ibrahim, has called on both staff and students to support the University policies and programmes designed to enhance its internationalisation.

Prof. Onireti made this call last Tuesday (September 2, 2025) during a courtesy visit to the Faculty of Communication and Information Sciences (CIS).

The Director emphasised that a university without internationalisation policies or programmes cannot be considered a true university as he said that the Centre for International Education serves as a gateway for students and scholars to engage with the global community.

He explained that the Centre facilitates student and staff exchange programmes, student and staff mobility, joint publications and research and international conferences.

Prof. Onireti said that the Centre is envisioned to make every University of Ilorin student an international scholar. He highlighted various opportunities available to students to achieve this goal.

Responding, the Dean of the Faculty of Communication and Information Sciences, Prof. Saudat Salah Abdulbaqi, noted that the Faculty



was not unaware of international education opportunities but appreciated the additional insights gained from the visit.

Also speaking, the Assistant Director, Centre for International Education, Dr Samuel Bolaji Oladimeji, urged lecturers, particularly those from the CIS, to take advantage of available international conferences and programmes facilitated by the Centre.

Dr Oladimeji also appealed to Faculties across the University to support the Centre in recruiting more international students, stressing that such efforts would contribute to the growth and global standing of the University.

In her remarks, a visiting Professor at the CIE, Prof. Bola Simeon Fayomi, highlighted the importance of the Centre in expanding global opportunities for students and staff of the institution.

Prof. Fayomi noted that the Centre plays a critical role in visa processing, handling of international passports, immigration procedures, and facilitating other cross-border academic engagements.

She revealed that CIE is working on the Erasmus project and seeking more collaborations with foreign universities to enhance academic mobility. According to her, the initiative would enable students and lecturers to study and conduct research abroad while also strengthening staff capacity.

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"We are interested in making our staff more visible internationally. I encourage everyone across all faculties to build their capacity, and I assure students that they will not regret choosing the Centre. There are many opportunities and courses waiting for you," Prof. Fayomi said.



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Zakariyah urges enrolment in CODL

By Abubakar Imam

he Deputy Registrar, Centre for Open and Distance Learning (CODL), University of Ilorin, Mrs Maymunat B. Zakariyah, has encouraged admission seekers to consider enrolling in the distance learning programme of the University because of its numerous and peculiar advantages.

Mrs Zakariyah gave this advice last Monday (September 1, 2025) while featuring on 'Registry Half Hour', a weekly programme of UNILORIN 89.3 FM. The programme, which provides illuminations on the activities of the Registry Unit of the University of Ilorin, was anchored by Miss Bimbo Durojaiye.

The Deputy Registrar enumerated the several comparative advantages of open and distance learning, saying that it is affordable, accessible and flexible.

She said that students do not need to have perpetual physical contact with their lecturers as they can remain in their various homes and offices to receive qualitative and transformative learning.

Mrs Zakariyah also noted that learning through the CODL could be desirable, palatable and attractive, particularly among members of the working class.

She described the Centre and the services it renders as the future of



■ Mrs Zakariyah

education in Nigeria as learning across the world is tilting towards virtual means as witnessed during the unfortunate COVID-19 pandemic.

Mrs Zakariyah added that the "subjects requirements" expected of prospective enrollees in distance learning is the same as those of students who intend to enroll in regular programmes.

She noted that while the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board. (JAMB) regularises admissions into the Centre, candidates do not need to sit for either UTME or Post-UTME screening before they can be admitted.

Mrs Zakariyah, who had also served as the Secretary of the University Resources Management and Development Board (URMDB), said that the Centre is currently running a B.Sc. degree programme in Computer Science.

She said that the quality of

services offered by the Centre is the same as those obtainable by regular students adding that the certificate to be issued would also be the same as the one to be earned by regular students because they are being exposed to the same quality and magnitude of learning.

Mrs Zakariyah, who has been the Deputy Registrar of the Centre since 2023, said that efforts are currently going on to increase the number of programmes of the Centre so that more people can embrace and benefit from the system without stress.

Pointing out that the target is to increase the number of the programmes to ten in the shortest possible time, the Deputy Registrar said that efforts have almost been concluded to raise the number of courses to be run by the Centre to five in no distant future.

Mrs Zakariyah, who had equally served as the University Admission Officer, assured the students of the Centre of the readiness of its management to provide them with all that is needed to ensure efficient and effective learning. She said that she and her colleagues are there to provide solutions to the challenges students may face from their matriculation to graduation.

Speaking on other issues, Mrs Zakariyah urged administrative staff of the University to be innovative, committed and disciplined for them to remain relevant.

Olaniyan assumes duties at NIALS

By Abubakar Imam

he immediate past Financial Controller of the College of Health Sciences, University of Ilorin, Mr AbdulGaniyu Olaniyan, last Monday (September 1, 2025) assumed duties as the new Bursar of the Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies (NIALS), Abuja.

Mr Olaniyan, who is also a former Treasurer of the University of Ilorin Branch of the Senior Staff Association of Nigerian Universities (SSANU), was received by some members of staff of NIALS.

It will be recalled that the Governing Council of the Institute under the chairmanship of the Chief Justice of Nigeria, Hon. Justice Kudirat Motomori Olatokunbo Kekere-Ekun, GCON, at its extraordinary meeting held on Friday, 9th May, 2025, confirmed and ratified the



Mr Olaniyan

appointment of Mr Olaniyan.

Mr Olaniyan, a Deputy Bursar at the University Bursary Division, joins another distinguished Unilorite and former Director of the University's School of Preliminary Studies, Fufu, Prof. Abdulqadir Ibrahim Abikan, who was last year appointed by President Tinubu as the Director-General of the Institute.

Meanwhile, the Chairman of UNILORIN SSANU, Mr Naheem Falowo, has congratulated Mr Olaniyan on his appointment and assumption of duties.

In a statement, the Public Relations Officer of the Union, Mrs Damilola Afelumo, quoted Mr Falowo as urging the new NIALS' Bursar to give his new role his characteristic hardwork, integrity and humility, saying that he should continue to see himself as an ambassador of the University of Ilorin.

The SSANU Chairman wished Mr Olaniyan a very peaceful and successful tenure.



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We'll support you, POGSASS President assures DCA

By Abubakar Imam

he President of the Postgraduate Students Association (POGSASS), University of Ilorin, Mr Hakeem Abiodun Kuranga, has assured the management and staff of the Directorate of Corporate Affairs (DCA) of the Association's readiness to work with them towards projecting and preserving the alluring image of the University.

Mr Kuranga gave this assurance last Tuesday (September 2, 2025) when he led members of the newly constituted Executive Council of the Association on a courtesy visit to the Director of Corporate Affairs, Mr Kunle Akogun.

The POGSASS President, who explained that the purpose of the visit was to introduce the new EXCO members to the management and staff of the Directorate, said that his tenure would be characterised by a very good relationship with the Directorate and the University management.

He added that his team would work towards ensuring that the tranquility of the campus is not disturbed by anything, particularly students' unrest as he said that peace on campus would always enable the students to complete their academic programmes as scheduled.

Mr Kuranga, who is a doctoral student at the Department of Agronomy, said that the Association would work with the leadership of the Student Union on the need to maintain peace and orderliness on campus.

He, therefore, requested for a slot on the programme schedule of the **UNILORIN 89.3 FM** for a weekly programme to be aired by the Association.



Mr Kuranga also expressed the desire of some members of the Association to be trained on programme presentation on the radio and other forms of media practice.

While thanking the *UNILORIN Bulletin* and *UNILORIN FM* for the adequate coverage of the Association's electioneering activities, Mr Kuranga appealed to the two media outfits for similar coverage of its activities for members and other stakeholders to be kept informed.

Responding, the Director of Corporate Affairs, Mr Akogun, congratulated Mr Kuranga and his colleagues on their election and inauguration.

Mr Akogun, who was represented by the Deputy Editor, *UNILORIN Bulletin*, Mr Abubakar Imam, welcomed the desire of the Association to work with the Directorate.

The Director assured his guests that the management of the radio station would critically consider the resuscitation of the Association's programme, saying that the proposed programme would

enhance interactions among postgraduate students of the University and between them and the University authorities and the rest of the public.

Mr Akogun reminded the POGSASS EXCO of the need to always promote peace on the campus, saying that the University will not take its reputation of "no attraction for distraction" with levity.

Other members of the POGSASS delegation were Miss Omoleye Odewummi, Vice President; Mr Ibrahim Anigilaje Lawal, General Secretary; Mr Kehinde Victor Ogundoro, Public Relations Officer; Mr AbdulWarith Alubarika Akanbi, Financial Secretary; and Mr Abdulbasit Olamilekan Aliu, Welfare Director 1.

Others were Mr Kehinde Muhammad, Social Director; Mr Ayomide Ajepe, Welfare Director; Mr Kamaldeen Ayodeji, Sports Director; Mr Seun Afolabi, Assistant General Secretary and Mr Hanafi Kehinde, Journal Director.

UNILORIN students excel at NAPE/NMGS mini-conference

By Bashir Dawodu

he University of Ilorin has once again demonstrated its academic strength as students from the Departments of Geology and Geophysics shone brightly at the 12th Mini-Conference for Tertiary Institutions in Nigeria, which was jointly organised by the Nigerian Association of Petroleum Explorationists (NAPE) and the Nigerian Mining and Geo-Sciences Society (NMGS).

The event, which brought together students from over 30 universities across the country, was held at the Kwara State University, Malete, from August 28 to 30, 2025.

UNILORIN's Geology team emerged champions in the highly competitive quiz contest, securing the first position and receiving a trophy along with a cheque of ₹300,000.





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I'll always be proud of UNILORIN - Saliu

By Abubakar Imam

2003 medical graduate of the University of Ilorin, Dr Rasaq Oyelami Saliu, has said that he would continue to be proud of the institution for making him what he has become.

Dr Saliu, who stated this last Tuesday (September 2, 2025) in a chat with *UNILORIN Bulletin*, said that he has always been very proud to say that the University of Ilorin was the institution "where we were baked and served to the world."

The alumnus, who accompanied a close relation of his to the University campus to participate in the just concluded Post-UTME screening, said that he was delighted that the University has remained a bastion of excellence, discipline and vision.

He added that the history of the University has been consistently characterised by wonderful and memorable episodes in the realm of service delivery and exciting intellectual outputs.

Dr Saliu, who is the Chief Medical Director of Shifauk Group of Hospitals in Osun and Ondo States, said that the University slogan of "Better by far" is not just a slogan, but a summary of the descriptions of all its distinguished



Dr Saliu

alumni, saying that his postulation is obvious in all walks of life.

According to him, "If you see any Nigerian graduate who is practically worthy in character and learning anywhere in the world, consider him trained in Ilorin until otherwise proven."

On the emerging physical attributes of the University, he said that it is nothing but impressive, exciting and inviting."

Dr Saliu, who said that he had driven round the University for sight-seeing, pointed out that the difference is clear compared to what it was when he visited last.

He commended the patriotism, professionalism, vision and commitment of the successive leaderships of the University, saying that their cumulative efforts have impacted positively not only on the physical development of the campus but also on its soaring image among Nigerians.

Speaking on the upcoming 50th anniversary of the University, Dr Saliu said that the University deserves to be honoured and celebrated for what it

represents among its peers.

He explained that after 50 years of academic leadership, mentoring and moulding the future, nation building and guiding generations, the University of Ilorin deserves a special anniversary.

Dr Saliu, who is also a political leader in Osun State, added, "I congratulate the Vice Chancellor of the University, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, and the entire members of staff and students of the University as well as all its products on the milestone.

While he promised to be part of the celebration, he urged other alumni of the University to participate in the anniversary, saying that beyond the scheduled anniversary programmes, the institution should be perpetually celebrated by its alumni through hardwork and exemplary dispositions as inculcated in them by the University during their student days.

English Dept gets 400-seater Drama Studio

By Isaac Lewu and Bashir Dawodu

he Faculty of Arts, University of Ilorin has formally taken possession of the newly completed 400-seater Drama Studio for the Department of English and Literary Studies.

The facility, which inaugurated on Tuesday, September 2, 2025, was handed over to the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, during a ceremony attended by other Principal Officers, Faculty members, and the project contractor, Engr Rasaq Adi.

Representing the Vice Chancellor, the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic), Prof. Moji Taibat Bakare-Odunola, said the project was conceived to enhance teaching, research, and creative practice in the humanities. She noted that the facility would also promote cultural expression and strengthen the University's reputation for academic excellence.

Prof. Egbewole emphasised that the project reflects the administration's drive to provide world-class facilities across Faculties, assuring Nigerians that Unilorin will continue to prioritize infrastructural development that supports both staff and students.

The Dean of the Faculty, Prof. Ibrahim AbdulGaniyu Jawondo, described the theatre as a landmark achievement and pledged that the Faculty would ensure its sustainability. He explained that the facility would not only serve English students but would also benefit other Departments interested in performance, literature, and cultural studies.

Prof. Jawondo further noted that the Drama Studio would bridge the gap between theory and practice in the arts, positioning the Faculty as a hub for creativity and innovation. He called on staff and students to take ownership of the project while urging management to provide all necessary support for its full utilisation.

Also speaking, the Head of the Department of English and Literary Studies, Prof. Abdullahi Kadri Ayinde, described the studio as a dream come true, saying that it would enrich students' experiences and attract global collaborations.

In his remarks, the Director of the Physical Planning Unit, Mr. Abdulrahman



Toyin Jimoh, explained that the facility was built to international standards with modern acoustics, stage lighting, and flexible performance spaces.

The contractor, Mr Adi, disclosed that the Drama Studio is a facility with front and back stages as well as a dedicated drama and dance studio. He said that durable materials and fittings were used to guarantee long-term use.

Dignitaries at the event included the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Management Services), Prof. Adegboyega Adisa Fawole, the Director of Works, Engr. Ramoni Kolawole Amoo, several Heads of Department in the Faculty, and other staff members.

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The Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Egbewole (middle), flanked by Dr. Nico Elema, Director Centre for Collaboration in Africa, Stellenbosch University (left), and Dr Ayinde Usman (right), during discussions on Letter of Intent between the University of Ilorin and Stellenbosch University, South Africa



Ojuade Bags SONTA Fellowship The Vice Chancellor of Ojaja University, Eiyenkorin, Prof. Jeleel Olasunkanmi Ojuade (right), receiving the SONTA Fellowship Award from the President of the Society of Nigeria Theatre Artists (SONTA), Prof. Doki Ama Gowon, during the 38th International Conference/39th AGM of SONTA at the Buba Marwa Hall, Lagos State University last Wednesday

Animal Production Dept renovates building for FPT

By Mustafa Abubakar and Ishaya Joshua

he Department of Animal Production, University of Ilorin, has presented its 1985 departmental building, which was renovated for Farm Practical Training (FPT) in broiler production, to the University management to enhance teaching, research, and hands on training.

Receiving the facility located at the University Farm on behalf of the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, the Dean of the Faculty of Agriculture, Prof. Israel Ogunlade, described the event as "a glorious and memorable day." He commended the Head of the Department and her team for their initiative and commitment to student development.

Prof. Ogunlade said, "This is my first official outing as Dean, and I am delighted that the Department of Animal Production is taking the number one position by achieving this transformation. Today, we now have a facility where students can develop their skills and graduate not just as degree holders but as entrepreneurs."

While congratulating the Department, the Dean urged both staff and students to maintain the facility with utmost discipline.

"We always talk about biosecurity. What you teach in class must be practiced here. Visitors should be able to see that we not only preach cleanliness and order but live it out. We will also be visiting unannounced to ensure that standards are maintained", he added.

Prof. Ogunlade prayed for the sustainability of the project, asking that the work done there should never be hindered by climate change or human factors, and that "every effort will yield abundant results."

In her goodwill message, the immediate past Dean of Agriculture, Prof. Oluyemisi Fawole, expressed delight at witnessing the

realisation of what she described as a long held dream.

Prof. Fawole said, "This was a dream, and today that dream has come true. Administration is a continuum. I thank God I handed over to the present Dean, and I am confident that under his leadership the Faculty will continue to progress."

She also urged students to seize the opportunity the renovated facility provides. "For years, many students only endured this programme, but from now on we want it to be different. You are here to practice what farming truly entails and to enjoy it. We are grateful to God for this change, and I wish you all the best."

Earlier, the Head of the Department of Animal Production, Prof. Foluke Eunice Shola-Ojo, explained that the poultry pen had played a vital role in training students, supporting research, and producing published works in reputable journals.

She said, "For a long time, the facility was in poor condition dusty, cobwebbed, and without basic conveniences such as toilets for lecturers and students during training sessions,"

Prof. Shola-Ojo noted, "When we



began preparations for this year's Farm Practical Training, I presented the case at a departmental meeting that the building urgently needed renovation. The Department supported the idea, the Dean recommended it, and the Vice Chancellor graciously approved it. Today, by God's grace, we are here to present the renovated building back to the Department."

According to her, "the upgraded facility now features a lecture wing with a Marker Board for interactive teaching, two toilets (male and female), electricity, water reticulation, and fans for proper ventilation. The Pen itself has been restructured into five main units; UNILORIN A, B, C, D, and E and further subdivided into seven compartments. These are allocated to lecturers based on their areas of specialisation, covering poultry breeding, physiology, nutrition, and product processing."

The Head of the Department emphasised that the improved facility will not only enhance teaching and learning experience but it will also prepare students for entrepreneurship in poultry and livestock production.



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Emulate Nagode, Dean urges UNILORIN alumni

By Abubakar Imam

he Dean of the Faculty of Management Sciences, University of Ilorin, Prof. Taiwo Azeez Olaniyi, has urged alumni of the University, particularly those of the Faculty, to emulate the philanthropic dispositions of the Dan Amana Gari of Ilorin Emirate, Dr Abdulkadir Tunji Nagode, for the University to remain on top.

Prof. Olaniyi gave this advice last Wednesday (September 3, 2025) while taking delivery of the renovated library of the Faculty and some equipment donations by Dr Nagode at the Faculty premises.

The Dean explained that Dr Nagode has demonstrated an uncommon large-heartedness through his donations, which he described as timely, exciting and encouraging.

While saying that the support was the first of its kind that the Faculty would receive since his assumption of duties, the Dean thanked Dr Nagode, who is also a topnotch of the Nigerian National Petroleum Company (NNPC), for deeming it fit to give back to the Faculty from where he received his postgraduate training.

Prof. Olaniyi added that with the comprehensive renovation and provision of equipment running into millions of naira, students of the Faculty would have a place where they can read and access critical information on their various



courses of study.

The Dean, who said that there are several other areas in which assistance of the alumni are needed, assured the donor that the facilities and resources provided would be judiciously utilised to improve teaching and learning.

Also speaking, the President of the Management Sciences Students Association, University of Ilorin, Mr Abraham Edem Edidiong, expressed gratitude to Dr Nagode for giving back to the Faculty.

Mr Edidiong, who is a 300 Level student of the Department of Business Administration, urged other well-to-do alumni to support the Faculty to enable it provide quality services to its students.

Earlier in his remarks, Dr Nagode said that he was motivated by the need to ensure that the library of the Faculty is as decent and well-equipped as possible as

part of the preparation towards the upcoming Golden Jubilee of the University.

Dr Nagode, who was represented by Mr Taiye Alaya, said that the renovation and equipment gulped about N4,000,000 and that he would do more as time progresses.

The donor urged the management and staff of the Faculty to make effective use of the materials so as to encourage assistance from others.

The event was witnessed by staff members of the Faculty, including a former Dean, Prof. Mufutau Adeniyi Ijaiya; a former Director of Ilorin Business School, Prof. Ismaila Bolarinwa Kadiri; Prof. Yusuf Ismail Mustapha and the Ag. Head of the Department of Business Administration, Dr. Ganiyu Taiwo Oladipo.

Alumnus donates ₩4m solar power system to Physical Sciences Faculty

By Bashir Dawodu

n alumnus of the University of Ilorin, Mr Cletus Idiagbor, has donated a 5kVA solar power system worth N4 million to the Faculty of Physical Sciences as part of his commitment to supporting his alma mater.

Mr Idiagbor, who graduated from the Department of Geology and Mineral Sciences in 1983 and was the first student of the Department to graduate with a first-class degree, made the donation penultimate Monday, (August 25, 2025).

The donor congratulated the new Dean of the Faculty, Prof. O.A. Adekeye, and explained that the gesture was motivated by the need to address the challenge of unstable electricity supply on campus.





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- The University of Ilorin Chapter of the Academic Staff Union of Universities (ASUU) has staged a peaceful rally to press home its long-standing demands from the Federal government.
 - ("Agreement: UNILORIN ASUU Protests, Says we are running out of patience", https://blueprint.ng; "Tell FG to address demands to avert looming strike -ASUU urges Nigerians", https://dailypost.ng; "ASUU's protest disrupts academic activities on campuses nationwide", Vanguard, Wednesday, August 27, 2025, p.8; "Activities in varsities grounded", The Nation, Wednesday, August 27,2025, p.4; "ASUU Accuses FG of Delay Tactics over 2009 ASUU-FGN Agreement, Warns of Strike Action", Thisday, Tuesday, August 26,2025, p.12; "ASUU protests rocks campuses ahead of FG talks", The Punch, Wednesday, August 27, 2025, p.29; "ASUU Protests Govt's 'Wicked Neglect' of Universities Ahead of Threats of Strike", Thisday, Wednesday, August 27, 2025, p.28; "Agreement: UNILORIN ASUU Protests, says we are running out of patience", Blueprint, Wednesday, August 27, 2025, p.9)
- The Nigeria Union of Journalists (NUJ) University of Ilorin Chapel, has announced plans to hold a two-day capacity building workshop on Journalism in the Age of Artificial Intelligence Challenges and Opportunities".
 - (NUJ UNILORIN TO HOLD 2 DAY WORKSHOP ON AI AND JOURNALISM ", https://globalcrownnews. com. ng;"NUJ Unilorin Chapel to Hold 2-Day Workshop on AI and Journalism", https://dailylinks.ng)
- The University of Ilorin has expressed deep sorrow over the death of Hajia Khadijat Abdulmumini Chancellor and Emir of Katsina, Alhaji Abdulmumini Kabir Usman.
- ("UNILORIN mourns with Katsina Emir Over Daughter's Passing", https://thegraphicnews.ng; "Unilorin sympathises with varsity Chancellor, Katsina Emir over daughter's death", https://decency.home.blog;"Unilorin mourns passing of varsity Chancellor's daughter", https://holisticinfos.com.ng;"UNILORIN mourns with Katsina Emir Over Daughter's Demise", https://dailylinks ng;" Unilorin VC sympathises with Chancellor, Katsina Emir over daughter's death ", https://www.vanguardngr.com;" UNILORIN sympathises with varsity Chancellor, Katsina Emir over daughter's death ", https://rectitudenewsng. worddpress.com;" Egbewole sympathises with UNILORIN Chancellor, Katsina Emir over daughter's death", https://thereflection.cim.ng;"UNILORIN Mourns Over Katsina Princess", https://dailyinfolink24.wordpress.com; "UNILORIN Mourns with Katsina Emir over Daughter's Passing",

- https://rulersworldtv.com; "UNILORIN sympathises with varsity Chancellor, Katsina Emir over daughter's death", https://midlandpost.ng/index.php/ features and-interviews/98-recent-news/9732;"UNILORIN Sympathises with Varsity Chancellor, Katsina Emir Over Daughter's Death", https://www dailytopic.com.ng; "Egbewole Sympathises With UNILORIN Chancellor O v e r D a u g h t e r ' s D e a t h ", https://sharegoogle/Oa7tuhwOLOILfyMnx; See also," UNILORIN VC condoles Katsina Emir over daughter's death", NigerianNewsDirect, Wednesday, September 3, 2025, P. 12;"UNILORIN sympathizes with Katsina Emir over daughter's death", Blueprint, September 4, 2025, p.13)
- A total of 21,971 admission seekers have applied for the 2025/2026 Post -UTME screening exercise of the University of Ilorin.
- ("Post-UTME:21,971 candidates jostle for 13,000 UNILORIN admission slots", https://blueprint. ng/post;"21,971 write Unilorin's 2025/2026 Post -UTME Exam", https://guardian.ng/features/education; "21,971Candidates Compete for 13,000 Admission Slots as UNILORIN Begin 2025 Post -UTME ", https://Midlandpost.ng/index.php/narrow.blacknews/973;" Post-UTME:21,971 candidates jostle for 13,000 Unilorin admission slots ", https://blueprint.ng/;See also,"Post-UTME:21,971 candidates jostle for 13,000 Unilorin admission slots ", StandardTime, Tuesday, September 2,2025,P. 6) The University of Ilorin Alumni Association (Lagos State Chapter) has commiserated with the Managing Director of the Nigeria Railway Corporation (NRC) Dr Kayode Opeifa, over the recent train derailment incident. ("Opeifa's Promptness on derailment" https://thenationonline.net)
- The 12th All-Nigerian Universities Debating Championship (ANUDC), has ended with the emerging overall champions in public speaking and winner of the Novice Debate stream.
 - (" Unilorin Wins 12th Nigerian varsities debating championship", https://wp.me/p7ZDOE-4NN7) In a memorable show of commitment in education and agricultural development, Prof. Sidiqat Aderinoye Abdulwahab of the Department of Agricultural Extension and Rural Development, University of Ilorin, has endowed a N1.5 million prize for outstanding male and female graduating students in agriculture at the institution.
- (" UNILORIN don endows #1.5m Prize for top agric students ", *The Guardian*, Thursday, September 4, 2025, p.25)









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UNILORIN WEEKLY FINANCIAL DIGEST FUND SOURCES AND UTILIZATION REPORT FROM 28TH AUGUST TO 4TH SEPTEMBER 2025

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RECEIPTS:	
Sundry & Other Fees Student Charges	1,500,550.00
Sundry Other Incomes	28,202,116.47
Convocation Souvenir	69,000.00
Income from Verification /Screening	630,000.00
Staff I.D Cards	6,000.00
Capitation NHIS	10,150.00
Others	10,000.00
CCSD Application Fee	25,200.00
Clinic Registration (Staff)	5,000.00
Electricity Charges from Shop, Kiosk	9,858,777.00
Tender fees	50,000.00
Contractors' Registration Fees	19,000.00
Utility Income	38,500.00
Undergraduate Transcript Payment	490,200.00
Undergraduate School Charges	118,426.00
Undergraduate Post UTME Registration	780,200.00
Undergraduate Convocation Charges	13,080,900.00
Postgraduate School Charges	4,325,210.00
Postgraduate School Transcript Payment	70,000.00
Postgraduate Acceptance Payment	1,969,800.00
Postgraduate Application Form	131,850.00
Remedial Application Form	45,600.00
Ilorin Business School Application Form	25,200.00
Ilorin Business School Acceptance Payment	70,200.00
Ilorin Business School Charges	2,923,400.00
Institute of Education Application Form	35,200.00
Institute of Education Hostel Accommodation	282,600.00
Institute of Education School Charges	26,762,910.73
Institute of Education Acceptance Payment	55,600.00
JUPEB Application Form	957,600.00
JUPEB Acceptance Payment	75,600.00
JUPEB Clearance Charges	30,200.00
Total Receipt for the Period	₩92,654,990.20
PAYMENTS	
PAYMENT TO CONTRACTORS/SUPPLIERS:	
Innovet AMR International Development Research Centre	51,901,081.36
Ibadan Electricity Distr. Coy Electricity bill for July 2025	565,283.74
Fofun Consult Ltd Rehabilitation of Faculty building block 7	
(CBNTETFUND)	3,711,663.50
Y-EL Associates Renovation of JUPEB Laboratory	21,900,191.09
ARCOCON Ltd Repairs in the Faculty of Agricultural Building	2,701,313.75
Honestech Engineering Ltd Renovation works at school of Basic School GRA	
Sabo Oke	1,164,321.75
PGC Cleaners and Merchants Waste Collection	120,000.00
Habraib Global Resources Ltd Renovation of Estate MGT Building	5,822,585.92
OTHER PAYMENTS:	-,,
Various Various i.e DTA, IMPREST, REFUND e.t.c	34,367,505.41
Purchase Advance Various	4,514,088.00
Unilorin Petrol Station Supply of Fuel	548,064.00
Staff Training Staff Development Award (CBNTETFUND)	1,500,000.00
Staff Training Senate Research Grants	53,057,202.58
Nigerian Legion Salary for August 2025	5,406,000.00
Faculty and Departmental Staff Salary for August 2025	13,245,000.00
Total TSA Charges Various	104,167.50
Total payment for the period	₩200,628,468.60
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Signed Abiodun Lawal (FCNA) Bursar



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S/N	Name	Department	Birthday
1	Dauda, Abdulrasheed Gidado	Academic Planning Unit	Sept-07
2	Adekeye, Sunday Oluwaremilekun	Bursary	Sept-07
3	Folorunsho, Ahmad Hussein	Islamic Law	Sept-07
4	Abdulrahman, Yusuf Amuda	Electrical & Electronics Engineering	Sept-07
5	Adeoye, Adenike Adekemi	Unilorin Staff School	Sept-07
6	Oloruntoba, Olumide	Physics	Sept-07
8	Muritala, Hamdalat Folake Bakare, Almonsoor Olasunkanmi	Biochemistry Library	Sept-07 Sept-07
9	Adeoye, Sikiru Adewale	Human Kinetics & Health Edu.	Sept-07
10	Oloruntele, Ibrahim Opeyemi	Electrical & Electronics Engineering	Sept-07
11	Omoniyi, Joseph Olusegun	Library	Sept-08
12	Ogunlade, Rebecca Bosede	Registry	Sept-08
13	Lawal, Sikiru Adetona	Haematology & Blood Transfusion	Sept-08
14	Idris, Yinusa Mayowa	Equipment Maint. Centre	Sept-08
15	Eseyin, Adebayo Sunday Aderinola, Folashade Ismaila	Pathology Registry	Sept-08 Sept-08
17	Adebayo, Olalekan Femi	Computer Engineering	Sept-08
18	Kolade, Samuel Oluwaseun	Civil Engineering	Sept-08
19	Adegboyega, Victoria Olufunso	Registry	Sept-09
20	Alabi, Mathew Olu	Bursary	Sept-09
21	Gbadebo, Emmanuel Obafemi	Registry	Sept-09
22	Adeyemi, Elizabeth Omotayo	Registry	Sept-09
23	Issa, Ahmed Idris Babalola, Abayomi	Educational Technology Security Division	Sept-09 Sept-09
25	Kasum, Abubakar Sadiq	Accounting	Sept-09 Sept-09
26	Sola-Ojo, Foluke Eunice	Animal Production	Sept-09
27	Mohammed, Abdulwaheed	Bursary	Sept-09
28	Adeboye, Adenike Abiola	Counsellor Education	Sept-09
29	Ibrahim, Bashirat Abiodun	Psychology	Sept-09
30	Abdulmajeed, Wahab	Physiology	Sept-09
31	Sinkaiye, Oluwasenun Unini Abdullahi, Saadat	Physical Planning Unit	Sept-09
32	Ayodele, Moyo Jumoke	Centre For Open & Distance Learning Library	Sept-09 Sept-09
34	Oseni, Attamah Joseph	Registry	Sept-10
35	Muhammed, Abdulrasheed Alada	Political Science	Sept-10
36	Alabi, Taofiq Adedayo	English	Sept-10
37	Abdulsalami, Muritala	Works: Works/Maint. Office	Sept-10
38	Abdulrahaman, Nurudeen Olaitan	Coll Of Health Sci - Works Unit	Sept-10
39	Obalowu, Wasilat Tanwa	Security Division	Sept-10
40	Fajonyomi, Ayodele Anthony Agbale, Igunnu Theophilus	Adult & Primary Education Works: Parks & Gardens	Sept-11 Sept-11
42	Idowu, Amos Sesan	Mathematics	Sept-11
43	Audu, Isiaka	Security Division	Sept-11
44	Uthman, Ajape	Registry	Sept-11
45	Popoola, Joshua Olusogo	Computer Engineering	Sept-11
46	Adeshina, Fatima Omowumi	Veterinary Teaching Hospital	Sept-11
47	Yusuf, Mujitaba Bature	Arabic	Sept-11
48	Kareem, Muritala Bolaji Olatunji, Yisa	Home Economics & Food Science Works: Works/Maint, Office	Sept-11 Sept-12
50	Abudu, Zeinab Assake	Arts Education	Sept-12 Sept-12
51	Eyinla, Bolade Michael	History & International Studies	Sept-12
52	Adeyemi, Moshood Folorunsho	Dentistry	Sept-12
53	Audu, Tolorunju Bashir	Works: Works/Maint. Office	Sept-12
54	Shuaibu, Rebecca Onipe	Registry	Sept-12
55	Yunusa, Mohammed	Registry Information & Communication Science	Sept-12
56	Oyekunle, Rafiat Ajibade	Health Promotion & Environmental	Sept-12
57	Jidda, Kafayah Adeola	Health Edu	Sept-12
58	Salman, Abdurasaq	Business Administration	Sept-12
59	Mokuolu, Olusegun Abayomi	Directorate Of Corporate Affairs	Sept-12
60	Mohammed, Shereefdeen Deji	Registry	Sept-12
61	Adegbola, James Obafemi	Materials & Metallurgical Engineering	Sept-12
62	Isaac, Taiye Sunday Omotesho, Funmilayo Kemi	Library Agric Extension & Rural Dev	Sept-12 Sept-13
64	Rasheed, Abdulkadir Shehu	Quantity Surveying	Sept-13
65	Oni, Omotade Oluwafemi	Library	Sept-13
66	Galadima, Jamiu Mohammed	Registry	Sept-13
67	Fori, Kate Anthony	Registry	Sept-13
68	Aliu, Fatima Omotayo	Political Science	Sept-13
69	Olaoye, Ganiyat Omolola	Unilorin Staff School	Sept-13
70	Osuolale-Ajayi, Ibukun Titilayo Jimoh, Jemilat	English Network Operating Centre	Sept-13 Sept-13
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50th Anniversary Honours Awards

UNILORIN Management calls for nomination

By Abubakar Imam

s part of the activities lined up for the 50th anniversary celebrations of the University of Ilorin, the management of the University has called for nomination of deserving individuals for awards to mark the milestone.

The Director of the University Advancement Centre,



Prof. Yahyan memo prioritised.



Prof. Egbewole

Prof. W. R. Yahya, made the request in a memo addressed to the Provost, Deans, and Directors, a copy which was made available to *UNILORIN Bulletin*.

The Director, who teaches at the Department of Statistics, said that the University is in the process of collating the list of distinguished alumni of the institution across the Faculties, Institutes and Centres for the second phase of alumni recognitions and awards.

He said that those to be nominated should be derived from the pool of eminent alumni who have distinguished themselves in their various fields for further processing.

Prof. Yahya, who also chairs a Sub-committee on the Anniversary Alumni Day, said that the nomination should contain the names, phone numbers and designations/status of the proposed honourees.

Other information expected, according to Prof. Yahya, are contact addresses and brief remarks on each of the nominees.

The Director said that Heads of Departments should forward their departmental nominees to the Deans of their various Faculties for central collation. This, according to him, would thereafter be submitted to the Centre through e-mail address: advancement@unilorin.edu.ng on or before Friday, September 19, 2025.

Speaking at a meeting of his Sub-Committee held last Thursday (September 4, 2025) in his office, Prof. Yahya explained that the expected nominees should be those who have kept the flag of the University flying in their respective communities, organisations, states, the nation and even at the international level.

He added that those who have offered one form of support or the other to their various Departments, Faculties and the University at large should be Prof. Yahya also pointed out that the honour is not only for the alumni but also extends to staff members, either serving or retired, with records of monumental contributions as it also covers others who neither attended the University nor worked there but have contributed significantly either through donation of buildings, facilities or endowment.

He added that the upcoming anniversary is for all as everybody is expected to play one role or the other to ensure the success of the anniversary celebration.

To herald the upcoming anniversary, the University had on Wednesday, July 16, 2025, honoured 64 outstanding individuals and groups in appreciation of their individual and collective contributions towards the progress and development of the University.

Among those honoured at the colourful ceremony held at the University Auditorium were distinguished captains of industry, prominent traditional rulers, outstanding professionals, impactful academics and several other categories of individuals from all walks of life.

As encompassing as the beneficiaries of the honour was, the University discovered that many other deserving individuals and groups were unintentionally left out.

The Committee subsequently decided to recommend more of the deserving alumni and benefactors of the University for honour as a way of appreciating their support and contributions, which aided the progress of the University in the last 50 years and made it one of the most influential and impactful institutions of higher learning at national and international levels.