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Egbewole commends ORIDSAN on promoting research-based solutions

By Tajudeen Babamale

The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has commended the Operations Research Institute for Decision Sciences & Analytics of Nigeria (ORIDSAN) on its efforts in advancing the use of operations research as a tool for development, particularly in developing countries, to solve complex problems.

Prof. Egbewole gave this commendation last Tuesday (November 4, 2025) while receiving members of the Institute who paid him a courtesy visit in his office ahead of the Association's conference hosted by the University. *(Contd. on page 3)*



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UNILORIN partners foreign scientists on alternatives to antibiotics

By Tajudeen Babamale



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The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has expressed delight over the ongoing collaboration between Dr Ismail Odetokun of the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, University of Ilorin, and a consortium of scientists from the United Kingdom and Spain. The collaboration is aimed at developing safe and locally produced alternatives to antibiotics for

livestock and aquaculture.

The innovative research project, named BAC4RumA, is funded by Canada's International Development Research Centre (IDRC) and the UK's Global AMR Innovation Fund (GAMRIF) and it seeks to produce bacteriocin-rich extracts from specially engineered lactic acid bacteria-natural substances capable of effectively replacing antibiotics in treating diseases in cattle and fish. *(Contd. on page 3)*

Okoro seeks ban on importation of antifouling-coated ships

By Abubakar Imam

Professor at the Department of Industrial Chemistry, University of Ilorin, Hussein Kehinde Okoro, has urged the Federal Government to ban the importation and use of ships coated with antifouling agents in the country's marine ecosystem in order to reduce the level of organotin pollution.

Prof. Okoro gave this advice last Thursday (November 6, 2025) while delivering the 292nd Inaugural Lecture of the University, titled "Leveraging The Expertise of Chemists in Environmental Management: A Focus on Analytical, Environmental and Material Fields", at the University Auditorium. *(Contd. on page 4)*



■ Prof. Okoro

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Egbewole commends UNILORIN alumni peace promotion efforts

By Tajudeen Babamale
and Bashir Dawodu

The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has commended the University Alumni Association on sustaining peace and unity among its members.

Prof. Egbewole gave this commendation last Wednesday (November 5, 2025) while declaring open the public lecture and award ceremony organised by the Association in commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the University. The colourful event was held at the Banquet Hall, Opposite Government House, Ilorin.

Represented by the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic), Prof. Moji Taibat Bakare-Odunola, Prof. Egbewole congratulated the Alumni Association on its efforts in fostering harmony among its members, describing unity as the bedrock of development.

While observing that Alumni Associations play crucial roles in the life of any university, serving as a strong network engine that connects students, graduates, and the institution itself, the Vice Chancellor said the body is an important source of financial support through fund-raising initiatives, as well as a key player in promoting the global image and reputation of the University.

Prof. Egbewole urged members of the Association to remain proud ambassadors of the University and to continue mentoring new graduates.

He appreciated the Association for its steadfast support to his administration and for consistently upholding and promoting the University's "Better by Far" image.

In his welcome address, the National President of the Association, Prof. Abdulrasaq Olubusiye Kilani, appealed to all alumni of the University across the globe to contribute generously towards the institution's N50 billion endowment fund, which is aimed at driving strategic infrastructural and developmental projects.

According to Prof. Kilani, the endowment fund is targeted at critical projects that will enhance the University's growth and global competitiveness, which include the establishment of a Transcript Hub to provide a one-stop transcript processing system, the development of an Innovation Hub to serve as an iconic 50th-anniversary legacy project, the construction of a Solar Farm to make the University self-sufficient in energy generation, the expansion of the water



supply system through upgraded infrastructure, the improvement of the University's transport system, and the upgrading of teaching and learning facilities to maintain Unilorin's leadership position among Nigerian universities.

Prof. Kilani noted that the 50th anniversary of the University represents more than just a commemoration of physical growth; as it symbolises the spirit, resilience, and excellence that define the University of Ilorin community.

He added that the milestone offers an opportunity for reflection on past achievements, appreciation of present successes, and commitment to an even brighter future.

In his address, the Keynote Speaker and Vice Chancellor of the Federal University, Lokoja, Prof. Olayemi Akinwumi, urged alumni of the University of Ilorin to remain united beyond religious and ethnic differences in order to contribute meaningfully to the transformation of Nigeria.

Prof. Akinwumi stressed that unity among graduates of the institution is crucial for national development.

He said that all his achievements in life could be traced back to the University of Ilorin, which he described as an inclusive institution with competent management, a culture of embracing people with physical challenges and foreigners, and home to the largest man-made forest in Nigeria.

"Let us not expand only in numbers but also in excellence. UNILORIN is ready to transform individuals and the nation," he said.

In her own address, the Vice Chancellor of the Kwara State University of Education, Ilorin, Prof. Medinat Folorunso Salman, who spoke on the theme "The

Impact of Education: How University Education Shaped Our Lives and Careers," said that the University of Ilorin is more than a place of learning, it is an institution that produces graduates who embody transformation wherever they go.

Prof. Salman, who is also an alumna of the University, reminded fellow alumni of their "three sacred commitments", to themselves, to their alma mater, and to the nation and the world at large.

She urged them to give back by establishing scholarships for struggling students, funding research that addresses national challenges, and creating global opportunities for the younger generation.

In his remarks, the Vice Chancellor of Al-Hikmah University, Ilorin, Prof. Lateef Folorunsho Oladimeji, who was represented by a former Deputy Vice Chancellor of the University, Prof. A.O. Raji, encouraged alumni to be exemplary figures for current students.

He also advised them to reconnect with their alma mater and to build meaningful networks, describing networking as one of life's most essential tools.

The event also featured the presentation of awards to distinguished alumni, including Dr Ahmed Yinka Aluko, a Deputy Inspector General of Police, Mr Adebola Ayinde Hamzat; the Speaker of the Kwara State House of Assembly, Rt. Hon. Yakubu Danladi Salihu; the House Leader, Hon. Oba Magaji Abdulkadir; and the Ag Chief of Staff to the Kwara State Governor, Mrs Adebukola R. Babalola.

Dignitaries at the event included Principal Officers of the University, Deans, Vice Chancellors of sister universities, alumni, and well-wishers.

Egbewole commends ORIDSAN on promoting research-based solutions

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Represented by the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic), Prof. Moji Taibat Bakare-Odunola, the Vice Chancellor described the Institute's work as highly relevant to contemporary global needs, noting that operations research plays a vital role in supporting data-driven decision-making in both academic and non-academic settings.

He explained that decision-making is an integral part of daily life, from simple household activities to complex research endeavours, and that operations research provides the analytical framework necessary for achieving precision, efficiency, and impactful results.

Prof. Egbewole encouraged the Association to collaborate with the University's Postgraduate School to engage postgraduate students in operations research activities and mentorship. He stated that such

partnerships would help strengthen the students' research capacity and broaden their exposure to problem-solving approaches that align with global best practices.

Speaking during the meeting, the Vice President of the Association Latino-Iberoamericana de Investigación Operativa (ALIO), Dr Fernando Camacho, expressed his organisation's commitment to strengthening collaboration between IFORS, his home institution, and the University of Ilorin.

Dr Camacho, who represented IFORS during the visit, said the global body is dedicated to improving the capacity of national operations research societies around the world. With more than 55 member countries, he noted, IFORS continues to support the growth of operational research in Africa, encouraging participation through initiatives such as the Unilorin-hosted conference.

He stated that the federation is exploring new opportunities to support

African institutions and researchers to integrate fully into the global operations research network and leverage collaborative research for sustainable development.

Also speaking, the Director of the UNILORIN Business School, Prof. Ismaila Bolarinwa Kadiri, stated that the Association brings together professionals from both the Sciences and Management disciplines, saying that any field that applies quantitative or mathematical techniques for decision-making naturally falls within the scope of operations research.

Prof. Kadiri explained the importance of precision in modern decision-making, noting that contemporary challenges require accuracy and analytical insight rather than guesswork. He described operations research as a vital tool for organisations and governments seeking to make data-driven and impactful decisions.

Egbewole excited as UNILORIN partners foreign scientists on alternatives to antibiotics

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Receiving the international research team in his office, Prof. Egbewole described the collaboration as a proud moment for the University and a testament to its growing relevance in global scientific innovation.

He lauded Dr Odetokun and his partners for positioning the University on the world map of impactful research, noting that the initiative underscores Unilorin's commitment to addressing critical health and agricultural challenges through science-driven solutions.

The Vice Chancellor also explained the need for continuity in research, stressing that each phase of inquiry should inspire future innovations capable of tackling emerging global problems in agriculture and health.

Speaking with *UNILORIN Bulletin*, the leader of the University's research team, Dr Ismail Odetokun,

explained that the team had engaged with farmers and researchers across various locations to understand antibiotic use patterns and incorporate their experiences into developing practical solutions. He revealed that preliminary surveys had yielded promising results to be published soon.

Dr Odetokun said, "Farmers are showing strong interest and are willing to participate in trials. Some are already requesting the product for use on their farms. While we still have more research to do before commercialisation, the enthusiasm is very encouraging".

Earlier in his remarks, a Lecturer in Global Health at the Department of Health Studies, Royal Holloway, University of London, Dr Mahmoud Eltholth, stated that the partnership is designed to promote sustainability by empowering Nigerian scientists and institutions to develop animal health innovations locally, to reduce dependence on imported drugs.

Dr Eltholth explained that the transdisciplinary project brings together experts from Spain, the UK, and Nigeria to develop and validate bacteriocin extracts as viable alternatives to antibiotics. He added that the goal of the team is to provide solutions to the global challenge of antimicrobial resistance through locally developed innovations for use in livestock and aquaculture.

Also speaking, the representative of the International Development Research Centre (IDRC), Canada, Dr Najete Safini, stressed the importance of indigenous solutions in combating antimicrobial resistance.

According to her, "The world is running out of new antibiotics, and resistant bacteria are spreading fast. This makes it crucial for countries like Nigeria to develop homegrown alternatives. That's why projects like this, led by Nigerian researchers, are vital for sustainable health and food systems."

Alaro urges unity against threat of external invasion

By Abubakar Imam

The Director of the Quality Assurance Unit, University of Ilorin, Prof. AbdulMajeed AbdulRazaq Alaro, has urged Nigerians to be united and speak with one voice against the threat of external invasion of the country.

Prof. Alaro made the call penultimate Sunday (November 1, 2025) while speaking at a public event held in Ilorin.

The cleric-don said that the threat

of military intervention against Nigeria, which was issued by the President of the United States, Mr Donald Trump, should be taken seriously.

Prof. Alaro, who is a former Head of the Department of Islamic Law, University of Ilorin, explained that the threat was not rooted in religious purity but purely based on economic interests.

He added that beneath the threat are political and economic issues, which must be pointedly and swiftly addressed by the Federal Government and other stakeholders to ward off the threatened invasion.



Prof. Alaro

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He said that the suggestion is necessitated by the need to ensure a safer environment for all.

Prof. Okoro, who is also the Editor-in-Chief of *U6+ Multidisciplinary Journal for African Development*, similarly encouraged Federal Government agencies such as the National Environmental Standards and Regulations Enforcement Agency (NESREA); the National Water Research Institute (NWRI), and the Federal Ministry of Environment to step up the regular monitoring of these endocrine-disrupting chemicals and other potential toxic chemicals present within the surface, marine and groundwater bodies of the nation.

He also said that both the Federal and State Governments, through their Ministries of Environment, need to put in place adequate control measures to ensure compliance with national and international regulations on the protection of water systems.

The Inaugural Lecturer, who is a former Deputy Director of the Centre for Research, Development and In-House Training (CREDIT), also stressed the need for adequate surface, groundwater and marine water and sediment quality guidelines for Nigeria as a nation.

He also enjoined universities managements to support graduate and undergraduate students through the provision of University Research Fund as it applies in other climes such as South Africa, India and other European countries.

According to Prof. Okoro, both Federal and State Governments, through their Ministries of Water Resources, should build wastewater treatment plants (WWTP) that must be designed and planned properly to ensure the safety and health of our communities and protect our environment from water pollution.

He said that when planning a WWTP, adequate considerations must be given to factors such as population density, projected growth, water usage, regulations and available treatment technologies.

Prof. Okoro said that though waste water treatment facilities have been installed and improved upon over the years in many countries, the reverse is the case in Nigeria.

He also suggested that the Federal Government should establish well-equipped research laboratories with state-of-the-art facilities in different geopolitical zones, pointing out that this will ease the problems and challenges being faced by researchers when they



■ **The representative of the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Bakare-Odunola (right), receiving the lecture notes from Prof. Okoro (left), last Thursday**

need to analyse their samples.

The don lamented that majority of doctoral students, who are in the area of Analytical-Environmental Chemistry find it difficult to recognise not to talk of operating analytical instruments because these are not provided. He said that they used to send samples abroad for analysis after their sample preparations.

Prof. Okoro, who is a former Head of the Department of Industrial Chemistry, also appealed to the Nigerian government to provide state-of-the-art facilities in our universities to avoid the eradication of this type of subject in the tertiary institutions, owing to lack of facilities.

He also appealed to the Federal Government to allow researchers to place order for chemicals needed for their research and charge relevant organisations such as he charged the Standard Organisation of Nigeria (SON), the Institute of Chartered Chemists of Nigeria, and the Chemical Society of Nigeria to champion this course.

Prof. Okoro, who is currently supervising seven doctoral candidates, implored the Federal and State Governments not to neglect the postgraduate students because they are the heartbeats of any University in terms of research outputs.

He suggested that

bursary/scholarship should be made available to support postgraduate students to reduce the Japa syndrome that the nation is currently facing.

The Inaugural Lecturer also suggested that government agencies like the Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFUND) should create the idea of rewarding researchers who publish their research findings with high impact journals. This practice, he said, has started at the University of Ilorin as he urged the management of the University not to relent so as to continue to motivate researchers to do more.

Drawing inspiration from his experiences and dispositions, Prof. Okoro enjoined established academics to make it a point of duty to mentor younger ones for them to become accomplished too.

The Inaugural Lecture, which was presided-over by the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, represented by the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic), Prof. Taibat Moji Bakare-Odunola, was also attended by Principal Officers of the University, Professor Emeritus Is-haq Olanrewaju Oloyede, mentors, traditional rulers, friends, relations, colleagues and students of Prof. Okoro from far and near.

Egbewole greets Emir on 30th coronation anniversary

By Abubakar Imam

The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has congratulated the Emir of Ilorin, Alhaji(Dr) Ibrahim Sulu-Gambari, CFR, on the occasion of his 30th coronation anniversary. The anniversary coincides with Tuesday, November 11, 2025.

In a statement issued by the University's Director of Corporate Affairs, Mr Kunle Akogun, the Vice Chancellor described the reign of the Emir as hugely remarkable and a blessing to the people of the Ilorin Emirate and Kwara State at large.

Prof. Egbewole added that the Emir has always acted and proven to be a father of all, saying that the foremost traditional ruler has been an advocate of peace and development.

The Vice Chancellor specifically thanked the Emir for his love, support and prayers for the University before and since he mounted the stool in 1995.

Prof. Egbewole, who is also the Secretary-General of the Association of West African Universities (AWAU), said that one of the most significant episodes in the reign of the Emir is the exponential growth in the number of universities



■ Prof. Egbewole

operating in Ilorin and Kwara State at large.

The renowned legal luminary, who said that the Emir had had a very fascinating career as a jurist before his accession to the throne, recalled that more than ten universities have since been established within Ilorin and across Kwara State to complement the University of Ilorin in providing university education for the people of the state and their counterparts from other parts of the country and beyond.

The Vice Chancellor said that he is delighted that the coronation anniversary is



■ Alhaji Sulu-Gambari

taking place at the time the University is also marking its 50th anniversary.

Prof. Egbewole promised that in addition to strengthening its Centre for Ilorin Studies(CILS) for better service delivery, the University will continue to support the Ilorin community towards making it a better place to learn and live.

The Vice Chancellor, on behalf of the Council, Management and staff of the University, wished Alhaji Sulu-Gambari a continuous peaceful and more rewarding reign.

Omotesho bags CIBN Fellowship

By Temitope Omoniye

The Ag Head of the Department of Agricultural Extension and Rural Development, University of Ilorin, Dr Kemi Funmilayo Omotesho, has been conferred with the prestigious title of Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Bankers of Nigeria (CIBN).

A distinguished academic with a strong background in the banking sector, Dr Omotesho had demonstrated exceptional leadership and proficiency in banking operations, rising through the ranks at UBA to become a Branch Manager before joining the services of the University of Ilorin.

Reacting, the Vice Chancellor of the University, Prof. Wahab Egbewole, SAN, welcomed Dr Omotesho's investiture as he commended her for the remarkable achievement.

Prof. Egbewole, who spoke through the University's Director of Corporate Affairs, Mr Kunle Akogun, noted that the investiture was a recognition of her significant contributions to both the financial industry and the academic sphere.

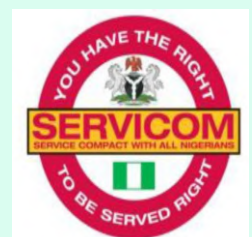
Prof. Egbewole said that the entire University community is proud of "this well-deserved recognition of her commitment and excellence".



■ Dr Omotesho

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VC, two UNILORIN scholars bag ORIDSAN Fellowship Awards

By Mustafa Abubakar

The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, and two other distinguished academics of the University have been honoured with the prestigious Fellowships of the Operations Research Institute for Decision Sciences and Analysis of Nigeria (ORIDSAN).

The awards were conferred on the trio during the 2025 International (Hybrid) Conference on Operations Research and Globalisation, held last Tuesday (November 4, 2025) at the University Auditorium, and hosted by the Ilorin Business School.

While Prof. Egbewole received an Honorary Fellowship in recognition of his exemplary leadership and commitment to academic development, the Director of the Computer-Based Test

Centre, Prof. Kamilu Rauf, and the immediate past Sub-Dean (Student Affairs), Dr Mohammed Kabir Garba, were decorated with the Fellowship Award of the Institute for their contributions to scholarship, service, and University advancement.

In his remarks at the ceremony, Prof. Egbewole appreciated the Institute for the Fellowship award, emphasising the University's readiness to support global trends that improve scholarship and professional practice.

Represented by the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic), Prof. Moji Taibat Bakare-Odunola, the Vice Chancellor, who expressed appreciation to the international collaborators and ORIDSAN, urged members of the Institute to be vanguards of change globally as the trend moves towards data applications and digitisation.

Speaking on the awards, the President of ORIDSAN, Dr Umar

Muhammad Modibbo, commended the honourees for their commitment to advancing research and Decision Sciences, noting that the awards reflect excellence, dedication, and impactful scholarly contributions.

Dr Modibbo said that the Institute would continue to partner with academic institutions like the University of Ilorin to promote data-driven innovation and national development.

In his remarks, the Registrar of ORIDSAN, Dr Joseph Olusegun David, congratulated the recipients and applauded the University for providing an enabling environment that nurtures academic excellence and professional growth.

He encouraged the awardees to sustain their commitment to research excellence and to continue contributing to the development of the nation through knowledge and service.





Geology, Geophysics students donate N3m workstation laboratory to Physical Sciences

By **Mustafa Abubakar**
and **Felicia Samuel**

Students of the Departments of Geology and Geophysics, University of Ilorin, have donated two advanced workstation systems valued at approximately ₦3 million to enhance teaching, research, and industry-based training for undergraduates in the Faculty of Physical Sciences.

The workstation units, designed to run high-end petroleum and subsurface interpretation software, were commissioned last Monday (November 3, 2025) during a brief ceremony at the office of the Dean.

Speaking at the presentation by the representatives of the Students' Association, the Dean of the Faculty of Physical Sciences, Prof. O. A. Adekeye, congratulated the students and emphasised the importance of sustainable, student-driven development.

The Dean said, "This is a model for others. You have demonstrated unity, academic priority, and vision. You did not wait for the University; you created value yourselves."

He explained that the new workstation facility is expected to support reservoir modelling and interpretation, geological mapping and structural modelling, subsurface data analysis for oil and gas exploration, capacity building for research and internships, and student access to industry-grade software and workflow.

According to Prof. Adekeye, the facility will significantly enhance practical exposure and position the University competitively among geoscience-training institutions in Nigeria.

He also commended the outgoing executive committee of the

Association for their dedication and commitment to mentorship.

"We believe this gift will keep preparing future students. Leadership is not about the time you spent; it is about the traces you leave behind," he said.

In his remarks, the Head of the Department of Geophysics, Prof. Saminu Olatunji, described the project as "rare and exemplary."

Prof. Olatunji said, "There are departments that apply for this kind of facility and wait months for approval. Yet these students made it happen through grit and foresight. They achieved two key things: uniting two departments academically and investing in learning tools instead of entertainment. This is exceptional."

Similarly, the Head of the Department of Geology, Dr Mumin Yusuf, commended the initiative and acknowledged the role of the Assistant Faculty Advisor to the student Associations, Dr Omolaye Gabriel, for guiding the students and mobilising alumni and industry partners.

Dr Yusuf said, "The vision was theirs, but direction, commitment, and mentorship were key. Dr Gabriel followed up with industry contacts, travelled with them to Lagos, and supported the dream with his goodwill. The result is a practical laboratory that will strengthen our academic-industry handshake."

He added that the equipment will support undergraduate projects, practical sessions, and research-driven innovation.

In his own remarks, Dr Gabriel described the development as "evidence of responsible student leadership."

According to him, "This is what student unionism should be: service, impact, and legacy. These systems will make our graduates globally competitive.

The next administration must not relax. They must do more."

The President of the Geology Students' Association, Joseph Akindoye, said the project was conceived to address a long-standing gap in geoscience training, noting that the systems were procured from funds raised during the 2024/2025 Geoscience Week, jointly organised by the two associations.

According to him, it is the first time in the University's history that both Departments hosted a unified Geoscience Week and executed a joint capital Development project without institutional funding.

"Our curriculum is strong, but our practical exposure needed reinforcement. These workstations run the same software used in Chevron, Mobil, Shell, and NNPC for subsurface interpretation. We wanted to ensure that students gain industry-ready experience even before graduation. It is our legacy to the Department and future students," he said.

Akindoye noted that merging the annual student week was strategic, attracting greater industry attention, alumni support, and resource pooling.

"The project demonstrates what student leaders can achieve through cooperation and clear vision. We did not receive a single kobo from the Departments. Everything came from our planning, fundraising, late-night meetings, calls, and industry visits. We believe student leadership should build systems, not just host parties, he said."

He encouraged incoming executives to sustain and improve the initiative, stressing that innovation and continuity are essential to academic progress.

UNILORIN VC mourns ex-presidential CoS, Gen. Mohammed

By Abubakar Imam

The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has expressed sadness over the demise of the former Chief of Staff to former Presidents Olusegun Obasanjo and Umaru Musa Yar'Adua, Major-General Abdullahi Mohammed, GCON, describing him as one of the founding fathers of the University.

General Mohammed, a distinguished son of Ilorin, died in the early hours of last Wednesday (November 5, 2025) in Abuja after old-age related illness.

Prof. Egbewole, in a statement issued by the University's Director of Corporate Affairs, Mr Kunle Akogun, said that the management, staff and students of the University received the news of the death of the statesman with profound sadness, considering his roles in the take-off of the University and his several contributions to national development.

The Vice Chancellor, who also described the late General as an illustrious son of Nigeria, recalled that the nucleus of the University began in a building belonging to the late General



■ Late Gen. Mohammed

at G.R.A, Ilorin, where its pioneer Vice Chancellor lived.

He added that the same building was also used as the interim operational office of the University, pointing out that the leasing of the building to the University at that point-in-time by the late General rescued the University, which was desperately in need of a roomy dual-purpose accommodation for its take-off.

Prof. Egbewole also recalled the

administrative support the deceased gave the University, particularly in the early 2000s, saying that as the Chief of Staff to President Olusegun Obasanjo, General Mohammed was quite supportive of the efforts of the administration of Prof. Shuaibu Oba AbdulRaheem, OFR, in ensuring uninterrupted academic activities.

The Vice Chancellor said that the late General played a great role in ensuring that the University remained open to teaching, learning, research and community service despite the machinations by certain external influences.

Prof. Egbewole expressed regret that General Mohammed died at a time the University was preparing for its Golden Jubilee, saying that the University and the nation would miss him sorely.

The Vice Chancellor commiserated with the Governor of Kwara State, the Emir of Ilorin, the Ilorin Emirate Descendants Progressive Union (IEDPU), and the Alfanla Adangba family of Ilorin over the loss of this elder statesman.

He prayed to Allah to overlook his shortcomings and reward his good deeds with Aljanat Fridaus.

50th Anniversary: Adedimeji charges Unilorin community to uphold character, competence

By Adewole Muizdeen

The Vice Chancellor of the African School of Economics (the Pan-African University of Excellence)(ASE), Abuja, Prof. Mahfouz A. Adedimeji, has called on members of the University community to always uphold character, competence, and courage as the institution celebrates its 50th anniversary.

Speaking on a UNILORIN FM's programme "Countdown to Unilorin @50", co-anchored by the Station Manager, Mr Idris Alooma, and the Head of Programmes, Mr Temitope Olawuyi, penultimate Wednesday, (29th October, 2025), Prof. Adedimeji described the milestone as "very significant" and praised the University's remarkable growth and transformational impact on humanity.

He noted that "50 years in the life of an institution is a significant



■ Prof. Adedimeji

achievement, and it's exciting that the University of Ilorin has performed marvelously beyond its age, representing a momentous period of growth, development, and impact on humanity."

Prof. Adedimeji credited the University for shaping his character and

learning, saying, "When you remove UNILORIN from my trajectory, I think there will be nothing left."

He urged the University community to celebrate the anniversary by deepening the 3Cs: character, competence, and courage. "Character is sacrosanct; we must do the right thing, at the right time, and in the right way," he said.

Prof. Adedimeji stated that competence is key to academic excellence and that courage will drive the community to do what is right despite many challenges.

The Vice Chancellor, who has served the University in various capacities including as Head of the Directorate of Corporate Affairs, emphasised the reason why alumni should give back to the University through good representation, financial contributions, and mentoring.

Lawal advocates use of translation arts to achieve SDGs

By Tajudeen Babamale
and Bashir Dawodu

A former Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic) of the University of Ilorin and renowned scholar of Applied Linguistics, Prof. Raheem Adebayo Lawal, has said that translation and interpretation arts can play pivotal roles in achieving the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) adopted by all United Nations member-states.

Prof. Lawal made this advocacy last Thursday (November 6, 2025) while delivering a keynote address, titled “Leveraging Translation for National Development in the 21st Century: Strategies, Challenges and Prospects” at the 21st Annual Conference of the Nigerian Institute of Translators and Interpreters (NITI) held at the University Auditorium.

He described translation as a vital tool for advancing education, governance, healthcare, agriculture, commerce, and religion, stressing that it enables nations to build bridges across linguistic and cultural divides.

Linking his argument to the UN's SDGs, Prof. Lawal identified Goal 4 (Quality Education) as central to achieving all others, explaining that literacy, promoted through translation into indigenous languages, remains a cornerstone of national progress.

While asserting that translation fosters inclusivity, expands access to education, supports economic growth, facilitates effective governance, and preserves cultural heritage, the don cautioned against the risks of mistranslation, distranslation, and untranslatability, which, he said, could distort meaning or undermine communication.

Prof. Lawal identified untranslatability as the greatest challenge in translation, describing it as the inability to convey the exact meaning of certain words, phrases, or expressions in another language. Using examples from Yoruba, such as *àmọ̀là*, *gbègiri*, *àkàrà*, and *móin-móin*, he referred to these linguistic gaps as “lexical lacunae”.

The renowned academic and pioneer Vice Chancellor of the University of Offa noted that personal names are particularly difficult to translate because they are deeply embedded in cultural and cosmological worldviews.

Citing his own middle name, Adébáyò, he argued that literal or idiomatic translations often fail to capture its full cultural meaning, and recommended that names be preserved in their original linguistic form to maintain cultural and linguistic integrity.

On education, Prof. Lawal stated



■ Prof. Lawal

that instruction in the mother tongue enhances comprehension, retention, and academic success, adding that translation across exogenous and indigenous languages increases access, enrolment, and performance while preserving cultural heritage and promoting multicultural education.

He also commended the University of Ilorin, through its Centre for Supportive Services for the Deaf, for facilitating access to quality education for scores of hearing-impaired students who have graduated from various programmes over the past three decades.

While discussing the healthcare sector, Prof. Lawal mentioned the role of translation in bridging communication gaps between medical professionals and patients. He explained that translation improves patient understanding, reduces errors, and enhances health literacy.

To address challenges such as cultural barriers and shortages of interpreters, Prof. Lawal advocated for cultural competence training for healthcare providers, reliable translation software, and community health outreach initiatives.

While declaring the conference open, the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, who was represented by the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic), Prof. Moji Taibat Bakare-

Ogunola, explained the critical importance of translation and effective communication in addressing global and national challenges.

The Vice Chancellor said the theme of the conference could not have come at a better time, given the increasing need for accurate information dissemination and effective communication in solving the world's pressing problems. He noted that in a world faced with complex issues such as conflict, climate change, and cultural misunderstanding, the ability to communicate across linguistic and cultural boundaries has become more crucial than ever.

Prof. Egbewole commended NITI for choosing the University of Ilorin as host and for its continued commitment to promoting professional excellence in translation and interpretation. He also reaffirmed the University's readiness to support initiatives that foster knowledge exchange, global understanding, and sustainable development.

In his welcome address, the National President of NITI, Dr Aliy Abdulwahid Adebisi, expressed appreciation to the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin for approving the hosting of the conference.

Dr Adebisi, who is also the Acting Director of the Institute of Translation Arts, University of Ilorin, said that within a year of his leadership, the Institute had achieved notable milestones, including the establishment of a new scholarly journal dedicated to Translation Studies, the *Ilorin Journal of Translation Studies*. The first two volumes of the journal were formally presented during the conference.

Some of the highlights of the conference were the conferment of the Honorary Fellowship of the Institute on the Vice Chancellor in recognition of his remarkable contributions to the growth of translation in Nigeria. Additionally, the Secretary-General/Registrar of NITI, Mrs Adejoke Yewande Oluwajobi, inducted two new fellows and sixty-four new members into the fold of the Association.

Adeboye calls for united action to build peaceful, prosperous Nigeria

By Mustafa Abubakar

The Head of the Department of Paediatrics and Child Health, University of Ilorin, Prof. M.A.N. Adeboye, has called for a united national effort to end insecurity in Nigeria, describing peace as Nigeria's greatest untapped resource and the key to unlocking her true destiny.

Prof. Adeboye made the call last Monday (November 3, 2025), while speaking with *UNILORIN Bulletin* in his office.

He said that progress in the country remains limited not because of lack of resources or talents, but due to persistent insecurity, mistrust and violence across several regions.

The Professor of Paediatrics urged citizens and leaders to imagine a Nigeria where no gunshots echo in the night, no families flee their homes, and no child learns the sound of gun before learning the alphabet.

He said, "Peace is not just the absence of war; it is the presence of progress. A peaceful Nigeria would unleash its full potential, attract investment, create jobs, and give every citizen the dignity and opportunity they deserve."

Prof. Adeboye pointed out that the resources currently devoted to military operations and emergency responses could be redirected to critical sectors if peace prevails.

According to him, the billions now spent on securing communities could build modern schools, equip hospitals, expand power infrastructure



■ Prof. Adeboye

and support agriculture, technology and industrialisation.

"Every naira lost to conflict is a school not built, a clinic not equipped, a job not created, and a dream delayed," he said.

Prof. Adeboye emphasised the economic promise within each state, pointing out that peace in Zamfara State could turn gold deposits into jobs and exports; peace in Benue could expand food production; and stability in Kano and Kaduna could revive the once-vibrant industrial corridors.

He noted that Plateau, Cross River and Taraba could reclaim their tourism potential, while Borno and Yobe could restore agriculture and rebuild resilient communities.

According to him, Rivers and Bayelsa States would benefit from responsible oil sector growth and diversification, while Lagos, Ogun and

Oyo States could expand manufacturing and global competitiveness.

Prof. Adeboye added that peace is also essential for public health, arguing that hospitals would provide better services if they focused on preventive care rather than emergency trauma cases.

"When hospitals are treating malaria and maternity needs instead of gunshot wounds and trauma, life expectancy rises and communities thrive," he stated.

He warned that persistent violence drains hope and creativity from the youth, "who should be building apps and farms, not burying friends."

While calling for collective responsibility, the don urged political leaders, traditional institutions, religious bodies, youth organisations and citizens to embrace dialogue, fairness and justice as pathways to national unity.

He said peace building should not be left to government alone, stressing that Nigeria will rise from every community, every school, every place of worship, and every home.

"Nigeria will not rise from Aso Rock alone. She will rise from every home, every farm, every street corner, every mosque and every church, every school and every marketplace," he said.

Prof. Adeboye urged Nigerians to choose cooperation over conflict and shared progress over suspicion.

"Violence has never built a nation. Only peace can. Imagine a peaceful Nigeria, then rise to build it. For greatness is not a slogan; it is a duty," Prof. Adeboye said.

Be committed to your duties, Badmos urges UNILORIN staff

By Abubakar Abdulquadri

Professor at the Department of Animal Production, University of Ilorin, Prof. AbdulHameed Abiodun Badmos, has called on staff members of the University to show more dedication to their duties.

Prof. Badmos made the call penultimate Saturday (November 1, 2025) while speaking with *UNILORIN Bulletin*.

The renowned scholar explained that staff members are expected to be committed to his responsibilities, saying that it is only by doing so that Allah will bless their

earnings.

Prof. Badmos commended the Prof. Egbewole-led administration for doing its best and also prayed for Allah's continuous support to overcome its challenges to ensure a more successful tenure.

The don expressed gratitude to Almighty Allah for the successful completion of the 40th Convocation ceremonies of the University and also sought Allah's intervention to make the forthcoming 50th Anniversary of the University a successful one.



■ Prof. Badmos

Akanbi re-elected ANA President

By Abubakar Imam

An Associate Professor at the Department of Agricultural Economics and Farm Management, University of Ilorin, Dr Usman Ladipo Akanbi, has been re-elected as President of the Association of Nigerian Authors (ANA).

The re-election of Dr Akanbi took place penultimate Saturday (November 1, 2025) in Abuja.

Dr Akanbi, who is also a former President of the University of Ilorin Students Union, was first elected into the prestigious ANA position in November, 2023. The position was first occupied by the renowned African



■ **Dr Akanbi**

novelist, Prof. Chinua Achebe.

Meanwhile, the Vice Chancellor,

Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has welcomed Dr Akanbi's re-election, describing it as the genuine affirmation of his fascinating leadership qualities.

In a statement by the University's Director of Corporate Affairs, Mr Kunle Akogun, the Vice Chancellor said that he was happy that Dr Akanbi was reelected to hold such a lofty position among literary giants in Nigeria.

Prof. Egbewole urged Dr Akanbi to continue to make his family and alma mater proud by leading the body of the Nigerian authors to greatness.

The Vice Chancellor wished Dr Akanbi a more remarkable and rewarding tenure.

Egbewole excited as UNILORIN Warriors win maiden Monieball Tournament

By Tajudeen Babamale

The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has commended the "Better by Far" spirit exhibited by the University's male football team, the UNILORIN Warriors, for emerging champions of the maiden Nigeria's national university 5-a-side football tournament, which was sponsored by Moniepoint MFB.

Prof. Egbewole gave the commendation last Monday (November 3, 2025) when he received the victorious team in his office. The players were accompanied by the Chairman of the UNILORIN Sports Council, Prof. Mashood Abiola Raji; the Director of Sports, Prof. Tajudeen Olanrewaju Ibraheem; and other officials of the Sports Unit, who presented the trophy to the Vice Chancellor.

Represented by the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic), Prof. Moji Taibat Bakare-Odunola, the Vice Chancellor congratulated the team on their outstanding performance, describing the victory as a reflection of the University's commitment to excellence in both academics and sports. He assured the athletes of the University management's continued support to further strengthen sporting activities and participation in national competitions.

Speaking earlier, the Chairman of the UNILORIN Sports Council, Prof. Mashood Abiola Raji, expressed delight over the team's remarkable performance, noting that the victory underlined Unilorin's dominance in University sports. He also acknowledged the Vice Chancellor's support, particularly in the provision of financial assistance that

enabled the team to participate successfully in the tournament.

The Team Captain, a 400-level student of the Department of Telecommunication Science, Mr Habeeb Abdulsabur, appreciated the Vice Chancellor and his management team for their unwavering support throughout the tournament.

Mr Abdulsabur attributed the team's success to the collective efforts of the players, coaches, and the entire Sports Unit, noting that the resources provided by the university were instrumental in helping the team reach the finals and ultimately secure victory.

Also speaking, the Director of Sports, Prof. Tajudeen Olanrewaju Ibraheem, explained that the competition was organised by Monieball, sponsored by Moniepoint, and ultimately won by the University of Ilorin.

He noted that one of the two preliminary stages of the tournament was hosted at Unilorin and it featured four universities. He said that the Unilorin Warriors later advanced to the finals, where they defeated the University of Calabar by two goals to nil in what was described as a highly competitive encounter.

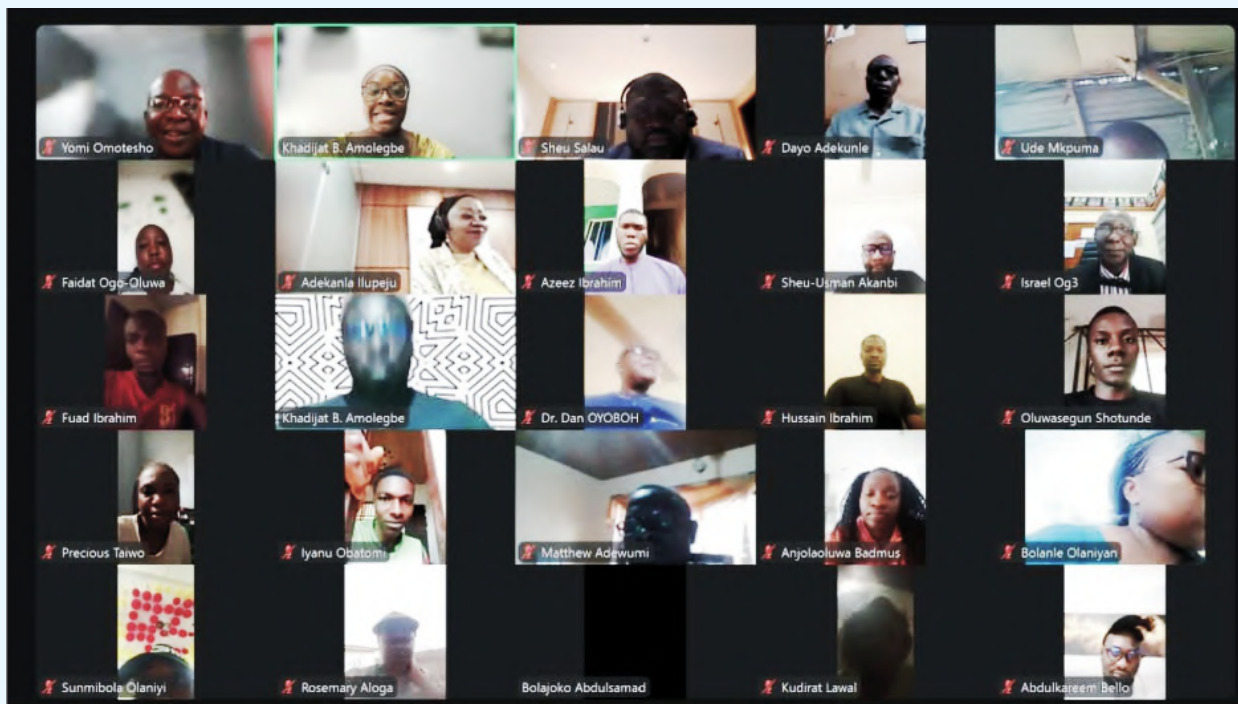
In addition to winning the gold



■ **Mr Abdulsabur (right) with the representative of the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Bakare-Odunola**

medal, the Director said that the Unilorin team also earned individual honours, as Mr Hanafi Mashood, a 400 level students of the Department of Human Kinetic Education, who won the Best Player of the Tournament award and Mr Funsho Funto Samson, a 300 level students of the Department of Human Kinetic Education, who won the tournament's Best Goalkeeper awards.

Prof. Ibraheem said that, these achievements represent the University's determination to maintain its reputation for sporting excellence.



■ *Participants at the Webinar*

UNILORIN alumni, global experts urge students to embrace emerging career in Agriculture

*By Mustafa Abubakar
and Felicia Samuel*

Global agricultural experts and alumni of the University of Ilorin have urged students and young academics of the University to fully embrace emerging career pathways in agricultural finance, agribusiness, Artificial Intelligence, trade policy, and international development.

The call was made last Thursday (November 6, 2025) during the maiden Agricultural Economics Career Pathways Webinar organised by the Department of Agricultural Economics and Farm Management of the University.

The webinar, themed “Exploring Career Pathways with Agricultural Economic Skills for the Future,” sought to inspire students and recent graduates to think beyond traditional career routes, particularly banking roles, and position themselves for high-impact opportunities in global food systems and digitally driven agriculture.

Welcoming participants, the Head of the Department, Dr Khadijat Busola Amolegbe, described the event as a landmark initiative designed to equip students with clarity, exposure, and confidence to thrive in modern agricultural industries.

In his opening speech, the Dean of the Faculty of Agriculture, Prof. Israel Ogunlade, commended the speakers, all proud alumni of the Faculty, for their commitment to giving back to their alma mater.

Prof. Ogunlade appealed for deeper alumni involvement to bridge resource gaps that hinder world-class academic and research delivery, stressing that a stronger alumni network is essential to institutional excellence.

In the first presentation, Prof. Olubunmi Abayomi Omotesho, the immediate past Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic) of the University, traced the evolution and global relevance of agricultural economics.

Prof. Omotesho emphasised the discipline's role in sustainable food systems, policy development, and rural transformation, urging students to maintain intellectual curiosity and commit to continuous knowledge advancement.

Dr Michael Adeoye of the Nigeria Incentive-Based Risk Sharing System for Agricultural Lending (NIRSAL Plc.), speaking proudly as an alumnus, explored opportunities in agricultural finance, investment, policy, and agri-tech. He stressed the need for value-chain analysis skills, digital literacy, data analytics, strong communication capability, and continuous professional growth. He encouraged students to pursue impact-driven careers and leverage professional platforms like the Association of Agricultural Economists.

Representing Afreximbank, Mrs Adepeju Ilupeju highlighted Africa's projected trillion-dollar food sector by 2030 and emphasised the importance of trade, value addition, regional market intelligence, and technology use.

She encouraged young economists to explore grants, development funding, and cross-border agribusiness opportunities,

sharing a personal example of missed opportunities to reinforce the value of timely action and informed decision-making.

Mr Yinka Iyinolakan, founder of CDIAL AI, discussed the role of Artificial Intelligence in transforming agriculture through precision farming, automation, and predictive analytics.

He shared insights on his company's work in developing African language AI systems and tools like StakeStack for lifelong learning, reminding participants that AI is an enabler, not a substitute for human capacity.

He called for digital agility and proactive skill development.

Dr Sheu Salau, Senior Agricultural Economist at the World Bank, focused on global development and policy-driven career pathways.

He highlighted the importance of strong quantitative skills, effective policy communication, and specialised technical competencies.

He encouraged students to pursue internships, fellowships, and certifications to build globally competitive profiles and contribute meaningfully to national and international development efforts.

The session collectively agreed on the need for sustained mentorship, continuous knowledge building, and deeper alumni engagement to support the Department's vision.

They also reaffirmed their commitment to nurturing the next generation of agricultural leaders capable of driving innovation and transformation within Africa's food systems.

Bursary staff hold prayer session to mark Lawal's 365 days in office

By Mustafa Abubakar

Staff of the Bursary Department of the University of Ilorin penultimate Friday (October 31, 2025) organised a surprise prayer session in honour of the University Bursar, Mr Abiodun Lawal, as he marked his first 365 days in office.

The brief but profound event, held at the Bursary Department, was attended by staff across all units of the department. The initiative, according to the organisers, led by the Deputy Bursar, Mr Muhammad Akanbi, was to thank God and acknowledge the remarkable leadership strides recorded within the Bursar's first year in office.

Mr Akanbi recalled the early days of the administration, noting that the Bursary team embraced the responsibility of building a strong and united internal management culture.

"I told him at our first meeting that this is our administration. For years, we had Bursars from outside, but now leadership has returned home. If we do well, we benefit together; if otherwise, it reflects on us. By God's grace, after five years, I will proudly say I was part of this success," he stated.

Mr Akanbi emphasised the need for unity and dedication among staff, adding, "We spend most of our active hours here—eight to ten hours daily. If we make this place better, our lives will be

better. Everyone desires progress, and God will bless our efforts. When blessings come, none of us will miss our portion."

He also thanked God for a smooth leadership transition in the Bursary and prayed for continued peace, understanding, and progress in the department.

Responding, the Bursar, Mr Lawal expressed

deep gratitude to the staff for the surprise honour.

"As you have surprised me today, God will surprise you all for good. I am deeply touched. Whatever good I have been doing before, I will multiply it from today," he said.

He appreciated the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo and, SAN and other Principal Officers, and staff members for their support, loyalty and cooperation over the past year and prayed for greater accomplishments.

Mr Lawal said, "I am sincerely



grateful for your support. I pray that the coming years will be even greater. May God bless us, protect us, and grant us long life and success. And when my time here ends, may my successor be better than me."

The prayer session featured both Islamic and Christian prayers, for divine guidance, protection, and continued success for the Bursar and the University at large.

The event ended with goodwill messages from staff, who expressed optimism for sustained growth, harmony, and excellence in the Bursary Department of the University of Ilorin.

Babatunde harps on unity in African states

By Abubakar Imam

Professor at the Centre for Peace and Strategic Studies (CPSS), University of Ilorin, Prof. Abosede Omowunmi Babatunde, has emphasised the need to build internal unity in African countries to facilitate rapid development across the continent.

Prof. Babatunde made this call recently while speaking on the sideline of this year's edition of Tana High Level Forum, tagged "Africa in an Evolving Global Order", held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

The renowned peace scholar said that building internal unity in African countries will be a pathway to building unity among nation-states and across the continent.

She added that this will also lead to the building and strengthening of solidarity across nation-states.

To achieve this, Prof. Babatunde suggested that more attention should be paid to issues affecting African



■ Prof. Babatunde (right) and Prof. Gambari (left) at the event

democratisation and the place and roles of the youths in nation-building.

She also emphasised the significance of gender sensitivity as well as technological and infrastructural gaps in Africa in promoting peace and understanding across the continent.

Prof. Babatunde equally suggested the revival of critical African values, which promote justice, equity, fairness and human

rights, empathy, and reciprocity.

A major highlight of the event was the granting of a book launch award to a publication titled "Managing Violent Religious Extremism in Fragile States: Building Capacity in Nigeria and Kenya", which was jointly written by Prof. Babatunde and two of his colleagues from the University of Ilorin, Prof. Mahfouz Adebola Adedimeji and Dr Shittu Raji as well as two Kenya scholars, Dr Jacinta Mwende Maweu and Dr John Miwangi Githigaro. The award-winning book is the product of a research grant of the Council for the Development of Social Science Research in Africa won by the Centre when Prof. Adedimeji was its Director.

The event was attended by many dignitaries including the Ghanaian President, Mr John Mahama; a former President of Malawi, Joyce Banda; a former President of Mozambique, Joaquim Chissano and Prof. Ibrahim Agboola Gambari, a former Chief of Staff to ex-President Muhammadu Buhari, among several others.

We are proud of UNILORIN, says IEDPU President

By Abubakar Imam

The National President of the Ilorin Emirate Descendants Progressive Union (IEDPU), Alhaji Abdulmumini Ayo Abdulmalik, has said that the University of Ilorin has become an essential part of the Ilorin Emirate, describing it as an institution that the host community is always very proud of.

Alhaji Abdulmalik made this assertion last Wednesday (November 5, 2025) while participating on "Countdown to UNILORIN @ 50", a special personality interview programme on UNILORIN FM 89.3, dedicated to celebrate the University's Golden Jubilee. The programme was jointly anchored by the Head of the Station, Mr Idris Alooma and its Head of Programmes, Mr Temitope Olawuyi.

The community leader said that the people of Ilorin Emirate are always stimulated by the fantastic contributions of the University and its products to national and human developments.

He described the University as one of the highly respected ones in the country, particularly because of its strict adherence to maintenance of its academic calendar, saying that the prevailing peace in the host community is impacting positively on the University.

Alhaji Abdulmalik said that the University and Ilorin community have



■ Alhaji Abdulmalik

been enjoying good relationships since its establishment most especially with the present leadership of the University.

He described the current Vice Chancellor of the University, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, as a fantastic lawyer, passionate teacher and gifted administrator who has been running the affairs of the institution with competence.

Alhaji Abdulmalik, who is a retired Assistant Comptroller-General of the Nigeria Immigration Service, commended the Vice Chancellor for his exciting fraternity with every stakeholder, saying that he has never seen the always-smiling legal luminary frowning his face.

He recalled that the Ilorin community always rallies round the University whenever there is the need to do

so, as he assured that the Ilorin community would continue to support the University as it progresses.

Alhaji Abdulmalik, who is also an alumnus of the University, said that the people of Ilorin Emirate are prepared to join the University and other stakeholders in celebrating its 50 years of existence, pointing out that the University deserves to be celebrated.

While noting out that the University has been a blessing to Ilorin in so many positive ways, particularly in providing employment opportunities and access to University education, the community leader said that the people of Ilorin Emirate anticipate more support from the University.

Alhaji Abdulmalik recalled the roles played by the community in establishing the University, saying that the people of Ilorin have no regret whatsoever over the location of the University in their domains.

He explained that his organisation has also been offering support to the University with the most recent one being an endowment of the sum of ₦2,000,000 for an annual prize to be awarded to the best graduating student of the University.

Speaking on the University service delivery, Alhaji Abdulmalik encouraged the staff of the University to continue to work hard, saying that whatever one does is for oneself.

Sambo calls for urgent judicial reforms

By Abubakar Imam

Professor at the Department of Public Law, University of Ilorin, Abdulfatai Oladapo Sambo, has called for urgent reform of the nation's judiciary in order to restore public confidence in the sector.

Prof. Sambo gave this advice in a lecture, titled "Navigating the Grey Areas in Nigeria's Judicial System: Inculcating Front Loading in Inferior Courts", which he delivered at a retreat organised penultimate Thursday (October 30, 2025) by the Ilorin Branch of the Nigerian Bar Association (NBA).

The renowned Law teacher also said that Nigeria needs to engage in purposive constitutional alterations, saying that the nation's constitution is ripe for amendment to meet contemporary realities.

Prof. Sambo also called for closer monitoring and checks by the

National Judicial Council to ensure that those who interpret the laws are carrying out their responsibilities as enshrined in the Constitution.

The event was attended by legal practitioners and other members of the public as well as several staff members and students of the University of Ilorin.

The highpoint of the event was the presentation of an "Award of Appreciation" to Prof. Sambo by the Solicitor-General and Permanent Secretary, Kwara State Ministry of

....bags NBA award



■ Mrs Grillo (right) presenting the award to Prof. Sambo

Justice, Mrs S. K. Grillo, on behalf of the Ilorin Branch of the NBA.



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GOLDEN JUBILEE CELEBRATION PROGRAMME

Sunday 23rd Nov., 2025	ANNIVERSARY SERVICE AND THANKSGIVING	St Thomas Aquinas Chaplaincy and Chapel of The Light, main Campus	10:00am
Monday 24th Nov., 2025	UNILORIN @ 50 WALK WITH BRANDED T-SHIRTS (STAFF AND STUDENTS)	Starting from University Roundabout	7:00am
	VC'S INTERACTION WITH FORMER PRINCIPAL OFFICERS	Dam site	1:00pm
	MOVIE PREMIERE (SON OF IRON)	Auditorium	4:00pm
Tuesday 25th Nov., 2025	VICE CHANCELLOR'S PRESS BRIEFING	Auditorium and other sites	10:00am
	COURTESY VISITS & CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY VISITS		1:00pm
	VICE CHANCELLOR'S MEETING WITH STUDENTS' UNION LEADERSHIP	Auditorium	4:30pm
Wednesday 26th Nov., 2025	ALUMNI COLLOQUIUM & SPECIAL PRESENTATION FROM NOTABLE ALUMNI	Auditorium and other sites	10:00am
	▪ Presentation of Awards ▪ Fund Raising for Special Anniversary Project (Innovation and Transcript Hub)		
	ALUMNI LUNCHEON	Multipurpose Hall	2:00pm
Thursday 27th Nov., 2025	ANNIVERSARY PLAY – PERFORMING ARTS	Performing Arts Theatre	6:00pm
	50TH ANNIVERSARY GRAND FINALE CEREMONY	University Auditorium	10:00am
	▪ Anniversary Lecture by Professor PLO Lumumba ▪ Book presentation Unilorin@50 ▪ Special recognition Awards ▪ Special Launching for the Anniversary Project and N50billion Endowment Fund		
Friday 28th Nov., 2025	ANNIVERSARY DINNER	Multi-purpose Hall	5:00pm
	ANNIVERSARY JUMA'AT PRAYER	Unilorin Mosque	1:30pm

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- (x) Artificial intelligence and economic development
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Submission deadline: 20th October 2025

Main Conference: 9th-11th December 2025

REGISTRATION

Early registration (ends on 31st
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- International: \$100; International student: \$80
- Nigeria: N40,000; Student: N20,000

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- International: \$150; International student: \$100
- Nigeria: N50,000; Student: N30,000

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Egbewole hails NiWARD's commitment to agric research, gender inclusion

By Tajudeen Babamale

The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has commended the Nigerian Women in Agricultural Research for Development (NiWARD) on its firm commitment to advancing agricultural innovation, gender inclusion, and food security in Nigeria.

Prof. Egbewole gave the commendation last Tuesday (November 4, 2025) when the President of NiWARD, Dr Ebinimi J. Ansa, led other members of the Association on a courtesy visit to his office ahead of the 13th NiWARD Hybrid Conference and Exhibition in Ilorin.

Also in the team was the Founder of the Association, Prof. Stella William; the immediate past President of the Association, Prof. Oluyemisi Bolajoko Fawole, and the Dean of the Faculty of Agriculture, University of Ilorin, Prof. Israel Ogunlade, among others.

The Vice Chancellor, who was represented by the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic), Prof. Moji Taibat Bakare-Odunola, commended the Association on its laudable initiatives and alignment with national and global agricultural development goals.

He described the theme of the conference, "Transforming Agriculture through Innovation for Enhanced Food Security in Nigeria," as highly relevant and timely, given the current challenges in the agricultural sector.

While appreciating the founder of NIWARD for her foresight, the Vice Chancellor noted that initiating impactful ideas and seeing them blossom brings joy and pride to the academic community. He assured the Association that members of staff of the University would actively participate

and collaborate with NiWARD during the conference and beyond.

Earlier, the President of NiWARD, Dr Ebinimi J. Ansa, explained that the visit was to formally announce and invite the University community to the Association's 13th Hybrid Conference and Exhibition scheduled to take place at the National Space Research and Development Agency (NSPRI), Ilorin.

She described the University of Ilorin as a leading institution of learning and research in the agricultural belt of Nigeria and an invaluable pillar in achieving agricultural transformation in the country.

The NiWARD President also stated that the choice of Ilorin, the "State of Harmony," as host city was deliberate, describing it as a peaceful and conducive environment that provides comfort and inspiration for intellectual engagement. She added that the conference would discuss pressing national issues such as postharvest losses, food insecurity, and the need for innovative solutions to enhance productivity and sustainability in Nigeria's agricultural landscape.

Dr Ansa noted that the conference would feature distinguished global speakers, including the Vice Chancellor of Fountain University, Osogbo, Prof. Olayinka Ramota Karim FNIFST, alongside other experts from across the world.

She further explained that NiWARD is committed to strengthening women scientists, researchers, and professionals across the agricultural value chain in Nigeria. The Association's mission focuses on leveraging research and innovation to ensure national food security and sustainable development in the sector.



UNILORIN WEEKLY FINANCIAL DIGEST

FUND SOURCES AND UTILIZATION REPORT FROM 30TH OCTOBER 6TH NOVEMBER 2025

RECEIPTS:	AMOUNT
Sundry & Other Fees Student Charges	413,050.00
Sundry Other Incomes	93,500.00
Convocation Souvenir	161,700.00
Income from Verification /Screening	360,000.00
Income from Fitness Centre	15,000.00
Staff I.D Cards	6,000.00
Capitation NHIS	11,600.00
Others	47,405,378.14
CCSCA Clearance Charges	20,200.00
CCSCA General Payment Fees	182,200.00
CODL- Clearance Charges	753,000.00
CODL- Form Processing Charges	531,600.00
CODL- Undergraduate Charges	76,000.00
Rent on Staff Accommodation	118,000.00
Refund (Salary)	264,716.87
Undergraduate Transcript Payment	855,000.00
Undergraduate School Charges	595,732,595.00
Undergraduate Change of Course	30,600.00
Undergraduate Clearance Charges	13,869,000.00
Undergraduate Hostel Accommodation	39,107,717.00
Undergraduate Convocation Charges	1,231,000.00
Postgraduate School Charges	21,002,810.00
Postgraduate School Transcript Payment	190,215.00
Postgraduate Verification of Results	293,400.00
Postgraduate Acceptance Payment	120,600.00
Postgraduate Application Form	126,000.00
Remedial Application Form	364,800.00
Remedial Acceptance Payment	364,800.00
Remedial School Charges	1,984,400.00
Ilorin Business School Application Form	75,600.00
Ilorin Business School Verification of Results	141,400.00
Ilorin Business School Charges	394,300.00
Institute of Education Hostel Accommodation	2,403,000.00
JUPEB Application Form	1,486,800.00
JUPEB Acceptance Payment	1,159,200.00
JUPEB School Charges	9,583,000.00
Total Receipt for the Period	₦740,928,182.01
PAYMENTS	
PAYMENT TO CONTRACTORS/SUPPLIERS:	
Kings Guards Nig Ltd Security Services	2,265,025.00
Rehoboth Bama Associates Land Building (CBNTETFUND)	725,120.13
Amas Delight Catering Services Committee Services	2,732,650.00
Zaamb Integrated Services Ltd Supply of Laboratory Equipments	23,023,000.00
Lush Tech Engineering Co Ltd Repair of Roof Leakage	4,093,267.63
Suleiman Success Global Concept Replacement Damaged doors and Windows	787,856.75
Topmark System Consultants Ltd Renewal of Annual License	1,021,250.00
Hollywood Interior Deco Supply of Office Furniture	3,310,700.00
Lantox Electronics Nig Ltd Supply of Office Equipments	2,485,600.00
Monar Tech Computer Technology Purchase of Laptop Computer	1,666,250.00
Rallek Modern Printer Production of Faculty Journal	4,584,800.00
Kings Guards Nig Ltd Security Services Rendered for October 2025	10,535,000.00
OTHER PAYMENTS:	
Various Various i.e DTA, IMPREST, REFUND e.t.c	59,234,776.28
Purchase Advance Various	2,951,000.00
Unilorin Petrol Station Supply of Fuel	6,677,154.00
Unilorin Press Faculty Journals and Printing of Tetfund Advocacy	7,012,566.40
Staff Training Learned Conference Oversea (CBNTETFUND)	25,782,153.02
Nigeria Legion Salary for October 2025	450,000.00
Total TSA Charges Various	58,587.50
Total payment for the period	₦159,396,756.71

Signed

Abiodun Lawal (FCNA)

Bursar



S/N	NAME	DEPARTMENT	BIRTHDAY
1	IBRAHIM FATIMA	REGISTRY	09-Nov
2	USMAN ABDULATEEF DAMILOLA	VETERINARY TEACHING HOSPITAL	09-Nov
3	ABDULRSAQ RISIKAT JUMAI	DIRECTORATE OF GENERAL SERVICES/REGISTRY	09-Nov
4	ADERIGBIGBE FASILAT YETUNDE	MATHEMATICS	09-Nov
5	OMOLABI ISSA	BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION	09-Nov
6	AFOLABI TAOFEEQ	SECURITY DIVISION	09-Nov
7	BADMUS SHUAIB OLANREWAJU	VETERINARY MEDICINE	09-Nov
8	ADEBAKIN TAIBAT OLAOLUWA	COMPUTER SCIENCE	09-Nov
9	OGUNDEJI EMMANUEL NIYI	REGISTRY	10-Nov
10	BAKARE BELLO TAJUDEEN	DIRECTORATE OF GENERAL SERVICES/REGISTRY	10-Nov
11	OMOTUNDE OLUWASOLA JANET	REGISTRY	10-Nov
12	ABDULKAREEM NASIRUDEEN OLATUNJI	REGISTRY	10-Nov
13	OWA JOKE	REGISTRY	10-Nov
14	JIMOH ABDULRSAQ TAIYE	FINANCE	10-Nov
15	AMIGUN BAMIDELE OYEWUMI	HEALTH SERVICES	10-Nov
16	ENIAYEWU OLUWASEGUN IBRAHIM	PHARMACEUTICAL & MEDICINAL CHEMISTRY	10-Nov
17	OGUNSAKIN GABRIEL OLAJIRE	WORKS: MECHANICAL	10-Nov
18	ABUBAKRE SAMIAT OLOBUNMI	LINGUISTICS & NIGERIAN LANGUAGES	11-Nov
19	ARINDE TAYO SIMEON	THE PERFORMING ARTS	11-Nov
20	AJAYI OMOTAYO	REGISTRY	11-Nov
21	SADIQ ABDULMUMINI OZOVEHE	ZOOLOGY	11-Nov
22	AREMU OLUWASOLA ISAAC	PHARMACEUTICS & INDUSTRIAL PHARMACY	11-Nov
23	OMOGOYE OLUWASHOLA ABOSEDE	REGISTRY	11-Nov
24	OLATUNJI ABDULAH GANIYU	SOCIOLOGY	11-Nov
25	NJAN ANOKA AYEMBE	PHARMACOLOGY & THERAPEUTICS	11-Nov
26	AJIKOBI ZEENAT KEHINDE	REGISTRY	11-Nov
27	BOLAJI-ADI MOBISOLA ENIITAN	REGISTRY	11-Nov
28	ADESUA AJOKI CAROLINE	PHYSICS	11-Nov
29	WOLEOLA AKEEM ADEOLU	BURSARY	11-Nov
30	AGAVA HALIM YUSUF	ESTATE MANAGEMENT	11-Nov
31	DAUD-HUSSAIN FAIDATH ADESOLA	UNILORIN STAFF SCHOOL	12-Nov
32	AKANBI II ALI AJIBOLA	MEDICAL MICROBIOLOGY & PARASITOLOGY	12-Nov
33	OLAYAKI LUQMAN ARIBIDESI	PHYSIOLOGY	12-Nov
34	AGBOLUAJE YEMISI SERAH	TEACHING & RESEARCH FARM	12-Nov
35	ONAH CHRISTANA FOLASADE	REGISTRY	12-Nov
36	OLAYEMI TITILAYO DEBORAH	REGISTRY	12-Nov
37	SURAJUDEEN-BAKINDE NAZMAT TOYIN	ELECTRICAL & ELECTRONICS ENGINEERING	12-Nov
38	ADEDOKUN-SHITTU NAFISAT AFOLAKE	EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY	12-Nov
39	AMOS A JIMOH RAFIU	BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION	12-Nov
40	BELLO ABDULWAHAB	REGISTRY	12-Nov
41	BABATUNDE KHADIJAT BUKOLA	CENTRE FOR COUNSELLING & HUMAN DEVELOPMENT	12-Nov
42	OYEWU SEGUN OYELEKE	THE PERFORMING ARTS	12-Nov
43	SAMBO ABDULFATAI OLADAPO	PUBLIC LAW	13-Nov
44	KOLADE ISIAKA OYENIYI	SIWES UNIT	13-Nov
45	OSAGBEMI EBUNOLUWA OMOTAYO	REGISTRY	13-Nov
46	AGARRY RACHAEL OJIMA	ADULT & PRIMARY EDUCATION	13-Nov
47	SHUAIB SULEIMAN BATURE	SCIENCE EDUCATION	13-Nov
48	OLORUNYOMI SUNDAY	REGISTRY	14-Nov
49	TOLORUNLEKE FUNKE ALICE	REGISTRY	14-Nov
50	BELLO OLAYIWOLA WASIU	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	14-Nov
51	AKINSOLA WASIU ADEWALE	WORKS: WORKS/MAINT. OFFICE	14-Nov
52	YUSUF MOHAMMED SANUSI	SOCIAL WORK	14-Nov
53	MAHMOUD ABDULRAHEEM OLARONGBE	OPHTHALMOLOGY	15-Nov
54	DADA MOSES SUNDAY	MATHEMATICS	15-Nov
55	MURTALA ABDULYAQIN TUKUR	EDUCATIONAL MANAGEMENT	15-Nov
56	GANIYU SURAJUDEEN ADEYEMI	REGISTRY	15-Nov
57	LEWU SUSAN FOLASHADE	ANATOMY	15-Nov
58	ABUBAKAR ABDULRAHMAN	POLITICAL SCIENCE	15-Nov
59	ALABI OLADIMEJI MOHAMMED	HISTORY & INTERNATIONAL STUDIES	15-Nov
60	AKANDE ABOSEDE MARGARET	REGISTRY	15-Nov

COMMENTARY



UNILORIN's golden age, Egbewole's golden marks By Idris Alooma

On this eve of its golden jubilee, the University of Ilorin stands not merely as a survivor of five turbulent decades but as a beacon of what audacious scholarship, vision driven leadership and unflinching integrity can forge. To say that this is a celebration of 50 years of impact is to understate, for the narrative that now unfolds is far more dramatic: it is the golden age of Unilorin, catalysed by the tenure of Vice Chancellor *Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, whose imprint on the institution reads like a manifesto of intellectual renaissance.

From its founding in 1975 as a second generation Nigerian university, Unilorin has grown into a national brand synonymous with “Excellence, Integrity and Innovation”. The great long list of achievements—Guinness-world-record-breaking mathematics lessons, pioneering open-heart surgeries at UITH, a N50 billion endowment fund, and over a hundred active MOUs with global partners—already constitutes a formidable corpus of evidence. Yet, the present moment is defined not by a static catalogue but by a confluence of three forces: *the legacy of five decades, the high impact three-year score-card of Egbewole, and a suite of gigantic, future-shaping projects that he has championed.

Prof. Egbewole is not a newcomer to leadership. A distinguished Prof. of Law at Unilorin, he comes with a résumé that is as highly-loaded and highly-experienced as it is rare. He has served as former Chairman of the Nigerian Bar Association, Ilorin Branch, former Secretary and Chairman of Unilorin ASUU, Secretary of the West Africa Universities Vice Chancellors' Forum, Vice President of the African Universities Vice Chancellors' Forum, and is a Senior Advocate of Nigeria. Now, as Vice Chancellor, he is the initiator and Chairman of KU8+ in Kwara—a consortium that unites over eight universities for collaborative research and development. He is a prolific scholar: publisher of numerous intellectual articles in national and international journals, author of many books, a “teacher of teachers, professor of professors, and mentor of mentors”—a leader whose intellectual footprint spans continents.

Under Egbewole's leadership since 2022, the university has moved from incremental growth to a paradigm of transformational development. His *Smart



■ Prof. Egbewole,

Agenda and Vision 1-10-500—a strategic roadmap to amass N50 billion in development by 2030—is not a rhetorical flourish. In just three years, the score-card reads like an intellectual audit of brilliance:

- *Infrastructure of Scale*: A N50 billion endowment launched to fund research, scholarships and state-of-the-art facilities; a 90 KVA solar power system and a donated Hilux vehicle to demonstrate sustainable practice.
- *Research Excellence*: Over N12 billion in research grants, more than a hundred patents, and the establishment of a *Tech-Industrial Park*, a *Stem Cell Centre*, a *Transcript Hub*, and an *Innovation Hub*—all to be unveiled during the jubilee.
- *Internationalisation and Recognition*: Membership of U6+, AAU, ACU, IAU; a 2025 conference on the internationalisation of higher education; and the honouring of 64 distinguished individuals, including Prof. Ishaq Oloyede and former Governor Fatah Funso-Ahmed.

These are not isolated triumphs. They are the tangible outcomes of a golden-mark philosophy: every project must embody high-intellectual reasoning—research that solves local problems while attaining global relevance. The university's recent Guinness-record-breaking feats, the N1.6 billion NELFUND support for 12,983 students, and the N2.56 billion TETFund intervention are manifestations of this philosophy.

But Egbewole's vision stretches beyond the present. He has articulated a set of “gigantic projects” that will define Unilorin's next half century:

- *A Tech-Industrial Park* to drive economic development in the North Central region.
- *A Stem Cell Centre* that positions the university as a leader in regenerative medicine research.
- *Digital infrastructure and AI-driven tools*, aligning with the Smart Agenda to transform teaching and research.

These initiatives answer a fundamental question: What does a university become when it transcends the role of a knowledge disseminator to that of a catalyst for national development? The answer, as Egbewole demonstrates, is a golden age institution where scholarship, innovation and societal impact are inseparable.

In dramatic terms, the Unilorin of 1975-2025 has been a seed; the last three years under Egbewole have been the germination. The projects now on the drawing board are the canopy that will shelter future generations. This is not hyperbole. The data corroborate it: a N12 billion research injection in two years, a N50 billion endowment, and a clear, auditable roadmap. The intellectual reasoning is clear—if a university can marshal such resources in a low-income context, it can redefine the narrative of African higher education.

Thus, “Beyond Celebration: The Golden Age of Unilorin and Egbewole's Golden Marks” captures a narrative of exponential growth. It is a testament that the 50-year legacy is merely a prologue. Under Egbewole, Unilorin is now a living laboratory of what a smart, sustainable, and intellect-driven university can achieve.

As we count the long list of facts, let us also count the three-year impact: a university that has not only kept its promise of “Better by far” but has also laid the epistemic and infrastructural foundation for the next half century.

Unilorin belongs to all of us, and with Egbewole's vision, the golden age is not a fleeting moment—it is an irreversible trajectory.

- While delivering his lecture, titled "Overcoming Economic Crisis and Multidimensional Poverty: Exploring Pathways to Prosperity", at the October edition of the University of Ilorin Muslim Graduates Association (UNILOMGA) the Vice Chancellor of African School of Economics (The Pan-African University of Excellence), Abuja, Prof. Mahfouz Adedimeji, has called on Nigerian youth to embark on measures that will significantly safeguard them from poverty and put them on the path of self-sufficiency. (VC urges Nigerian youth to embark on measures to safeguard their future ", *New Telegraph*, Tuesday, November 4, 2025, p.15)
- In an exclusive interview with *The Herald* Newspaper, the Acting Dean of Student Affairs, University of Ilorin, Dr. Alex Morenikeji Akanmu, has advised both new and returning students to adhere strictly to the Institution's rules and regulations or risk severe disciplinary action, including expulsion. ("Unilorin to Students: Play by the Rules or Face Expulsion", <https://www.theheraldnews.ng>)
- The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has applauded the Correspondents Chapel of the Nigeria Union of Journalists (NUJ), Kwara State, for the peaceful and rancour-free conduct of its recent election. ("Egbewole Commends Kwara NUJ Correspondents Chapel New Leaders ", <https://www.facebook.com/share/16HbLP95e4/>; "UNILORIN VC Congratulates New NUJ Correspondents Chapel Exco ", <https://newtelegraphng.com>;" UNILORIN VC Congratulates New NUJ Correspondents Chapel Exco ... Hails former Chairman Garba on impactful tenure", <https://the-reflection.com.ng>; "Biola Azeez of Tribune Emerges Chairman, Correspondents Chapel Kwara NUJ ", <https://freshnews40.wordpress.com>; "Unilorin VC congratulates new NUJ Correspondents Chapel exco ... hails Garba on impactful tenure", <https://rectitudenewsng.wordpress.com>; "Unilorin VC congratulates new Kwara NUJ Correspondents Chapel exco", <https://justeventonline.com>; "Biola Azeez emerges chairman of Kwara NUJ Correspondents Chapel, as Unilorin VC congratulates new exco", *The Herald*, Sunday, November 2, 2025, p.9)
- The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has explained the critical role of data in academic research and national development. ("UNILORIN VC, Wahab Egbewole speaks on importance of reliable data to national growth academic research", <https://royal-news.com.ng>)
- The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof.

Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has expressed sorrow over the death of General Abdullahi Mohammed, GCON, former Chief of Staff to ex-President Olusegun Obasanjo and Umar Musa Yar'Adua.

("UNILORIN VC MOURNS FORMER COS, GEN. A B D U L L A H I M O H A M M E D ", <https://dailylinks.ng>; "Ex-NSA, Major General Abdullahi Mohammed, dies at 86", <https://wp.me/p7ZDOE-4Vog>;"Kwara Gov, UNILORIN VC. Mourn General Abdullahi Mohammed", <https://daybreak.ng>; "Unilorin VC mourns ex-chief of staff to Obasanjo and Yar'Adua, Gen Mohammed", <https://nannews.com.ng>;"Kwara Gov. UNILORIN VC Mourns Gen. Mohammed", <https://newtelegraphng>;" Unilorin VC mourns ex-Chief of Staff to Obasanjo and Yar'Adua Gen Mohammed", <https://decency.home.blog>; "AbdulRazaq , UNILORIN VC mourns Adangba, Nigeria 's ex-chief of staff ", <https://blueprint.ng>; "Kwara Gov . Ilorin Emir, Varsity Mourn Gen. Abdullahi", <https://leadership.ng>;" Sultan of Sokoto mourns Gen. Abdullahi Mohammed, condoles Ilorin Emir", <https://royal-news.com.ng>)

- The University of Ilorin has over the past five decades, grown from humble beginnings into one of Nigeria's most distinguished citadel of learning. (" Unilorin: 50 years of impact, innovation and excellence", <https://decency.home.blog>)
- At least 64 translators and interpreters have been inducted as members of the Nigeria institute of Translators and Interpreters (NITI) of the University of Ilorin. ("Unilorin host NITI 21st Conference inducts 64 members", <https://peoplevoiceng.blogspot.com>)
- While speaking at the 292nd Inaugural lecture of the University of Ilorin, themed" Leveraging The expertise of Chemist 's in Environmental Management; A Focus on Analytical, Environmental and Material Fields", Prof. Hussein Okoro of the Department of Industrial Chemistry, has called on government to control water system and ensure people's compliance with national and international regulations to stop water pollution. ("Expert Calls on Gov. to control water system against pollution", <https://decency.home.blog>)
- The University of Ilorin Alumni Association is set to conclude its year-long 50th anniversary celebrations with a grand symposium in Lagos. ("UNILORIN alumni set for grand 50th anniversary symposium in Lagos", *Vanguard*, Friday, November 7, 2025, p.53; "50 facts that make UNILORIN fantastic at 50", *The Nation*, Friday, November 7, 2025, p.38)



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Unilorin alumnus ranked among World's Top 2% Scientists

A distinguished alumnus of the University of Ilorin, Mr. Stephen Emmanuel, has been ranked among the world's top 2% most influential scientists in the latest global ranking by Stanford University and Elsevier.

In response to the recognition, Mr. Emmanuel expressed deep appreciation to God, his wife (Ademidun Emmanuel), parents, friends, family, mentors, NELIREF and the University of Ilorin for providing a strong academic foundation that shaped his scientific journey. "This global recognition serves as motivation to continue contributing to science for sustainable development," he said.

Following the announcement, Mr. Emmanuel received a flood of congratulatory messages and calls from notable figures, including the immediate past Dean of the Faculty of Physical Sciences, University of Ilorin, Professor Abdullahi Alafara Baba; the Pioneer Editor-in-Chief of the U6+ Journal and former Head of the Department of Industrial Chemistry, University of Ilorin, Professor Hussein Kehinde Okoro; and the Head of the



■ Mr Emmanuel

Department of Mechanical Engineering, Nile University of Nigeria, Dr. Adekunle Adeleke.

Mr. Emmanuel earned both his B. Sc. and M. Sc. degree with Distinction in Industrial Chemistry from the University of Ilorin, where his academic excellence and research potential became evident early. He has since distinguished himself as a researcher of global repute in the area of materials and environmental chemistry with special interest on advanced materials for water remediation and biomass waste

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Mr. Emmanuel said he is open to international collaborations and research grants aimed at promoting green technologies, circular economy solutions, and sustainable environmental development.

This recognition places Mr. Emmanuel among a select group of scholars making significant contributions to global scientific advancement, while also reaffirming the University of Ilorin's reputation for producing world-class researchers.