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By Abubakar Imam



The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has said that the University's upcoming Golden Jubilee celebration is designed to change higher education narrative in Nigeria. Activities for the anniversary would run from Sunday, November 23 to Friday, November 28, 2025.

Prof. Egbewole stated this last Friday (November 14, 2025) while featuring on *Countdown to UNILORIN @ 50*, a special personality interview programme of UNILORIN 89.3FM. The programme was jointly anchored by the trio of Mr Idris Akintola Ibrahim (Alooma), Mr Temitope Olawuyi and Mr Bunmi Obafemi. (Contd. on page 3)

UNILORIN, a beacon of research, gender inclusion, says OAU's ex-VC

By Tajudeen Babamale

A former Vice Chancellor of Obafemi Awolowo University (OAU), Ile-Ife, Prof. Michael Oladimeji Faborode, has commended the University of Ilorin on its visionary initiatives in advancing research, technology and innovation, as well as gender inclusion, describing the institution as a model of excellence in Nigeria's higher education system.

Prof. Faborode gave this commendation last Monday (November 10, 2025) when the National Executive Committee members of the Nigerian Institute of Agricultural Engineers (NIAE), paid a courtesy visit to the Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, ahead of the Association's 25th International Conference and 45th Annual General Meeting held at the National Centre for Agricultural Mechanization (NCAM), Ilorin. (Contd. on page 4)



■ Prof. Faborode

50th Anniversary: We are poised for a great celebration, Egbewole assures stakeholders



■ Prof. Egbewole

By Abubakar Imam

The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has said that the University is prepared to host a fantastic Golden Jubilee.

Prof. Egbewole stated this last Tuesday (November 11, 2025) while speaking at a meeting the University management team held with the

Anniversary Planning Committee at the Vice Chancellor's Committee Room.

The Vice Chancellor, who commended the Chairman and members of the Committee for working tirelessly towards delivering a memorable anniversary, urged the Committee to ensure that no stone is left unturned for the anniversary to be truly groundbreaking. (Contd. on page 4)

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Collaboration, key to higher education growth–Egbewole

By Isaac Lewu

The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has reaffirmed that collaboration is key to the development of higher education globally, noting that meaningful partnerships remain central to advancing teaching, research, and innovation.

Prof. Egbewole stated this last Wednesday (November 12, 2025) while declaring open the 3rd International Conference of the Environmental Sciences (ICES 2025) jointly-organised by the Faculty of Environmental Sciences, University of Ilorin and the Tallinn University of Technology (TalTech), Estonia, held at the University Auditorium.

The Vice Chancellor, who is also a Board Member of the African Consortium for Law and Religious Studies (ACLARS), noted that the synergy between the University of Ilorin and the Tallinn University of Technology shows that the relationship between the Global South and the Global North is gaining strength and improving through purposeful cooperation.

Prof. Egbewole disclosed that both institutions had, a day before the conference, signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) aimed at deepening cooperation in research, academic exchange, and staff and student development.

He expressed optimism that the collaboration would improve the future of learning in both universities and open new opportunities for students and staff to engage meaningfully with the global academic community.

Speaking on the theme of the conference, “Evolving Technologies for Sustainable Futures: Integrating Construction Vocational Training and Workforce Development for the Built



■ Prof. Witt

Environment” Prof. Egbewole described the conference as timely and reflective of the global educational shift towards technology-driven learning and sustainable development.

In his welcome address, the Dean of the Faculty of Environmental Sciences, Prof. Ganiyu Amuda-Yusuf, University of Ilorin, described the conference as a milestone in the Faculty's quest to strengthen global partnerships and enhance capacity building.

He explained that the synergy between UNILORIN and TalTech will foster new perspectives in environmental research, vocational education, and construction workforce development.

Prof. Amuda-Yusuf noted that the Faculty of Environmental Sciences has remained a pacesetter in bridging theory and practice in the built environment disciplines.

The Dean expressed optimism that the deliberations at the Conference would generate implementable solutions to the challenges facing construction technology, sustainable infrastructure, and workforce competency in Nigeria and beyond.

Prof. Amuda-Yusuf added that the conference is strategically positioned to enhance the University's visibility and to

encourage transnational collaboration in research, technology transfer, and professional training within the environmental sciences.

While delivering the keynote address, Prof. Emlyn Witt of Tallinn University of Technology, Estonia, provided deep insights into emerging global technologies that promote resilient, energy-efficient, and environmentally conscious construction practices.

His presentation, as a distinguished scholar known for his pioneering research in sustainable environmental design, strengthened participants' understanding of the link between technological advancement and sustainability in the built environment.

Prof. Witt's participation further reflects the University's growing ties with leading international institutions committed to environmental and technological innovation.

The Guest Speaker, Prof. Henry Agboola Odeyinka of Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife who is also a renowned authority in Construction Economics, discussed evolving paradigms in construction workforce training and their implications for sustainable national development.

The Conference attracted distinguished researchers, industry professionals, and policy makers from across the built environment disciplines.

Also present at the event were the Registrar, Mr Mansur Adeleke Alfa; the Dean, Faculty of Life Sciences, Prof. Rotimi Olusanya Arise; the immediate past Dean of Environmental Sciences, Dr N. A. Bello; the Director, Centre for International Education, Prof. Lateef Onireti Ibraheem; the Kwara State Commissioner for Housing & Urban Development, Dr Segun Ogunsola; and the Rector International Vocational & Entrepreneurship College (IVTEC), Ajase-Ipo, Dr Yaru Swanru Salihu, among several others.



The Vice Chancellor, Prof. Egbewole (middle), flanked by the Director of Corporate Affairs, Mr Kunle Akogun (2nd left); the Unilorin FM Station Manager, Mr Idris Alooma (2nd right); the Station's Head of Programmes, Mr Temitope Olawuyi (1st right); and Mr Bunmi Obafemi (1st left), shortly after the special interview

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The Vice Chancellor, who was accompanied to the studio by the University's Director of Corporate Affairs, Mr Kunle Akogun, said that the University is celebrating because it has become quite synonymous with integrity and quality service delivery.

He said available and verifiable evidence confirmed that the institution has achieved so much in the realms of human capital development and innovation as well as research and community development.

Prof. Egbewole explained that the anniversary would witness the raising of ₦50 billion towards the building of an Innovation and Transcript Hub that would be a place dedicated for effective service delivery. He also said that a globally renowned scholar and pan-Africanist, Prof. P. L. O. Lumumba, has accepted to be the Guest Speaker at the anniversary main event.

The Vice Chancellor, who is also the Secretary-General of the Association of West African Universities, explained that the anniversary would permanently change service delivery in the University as such would be emulated by its peers across the country.

The renowned legal luminary said that the upcoming Golden Jubilee represents a unique milestone in the life of the University as he thanked the leadership

and members of the Ilorin Emirate community for serving as good hosts of the University in the last 50 years.

Prof. Egbewole, who commended the *UNILORIN 89.3 FM* for being a darling of listeners from far and near, said that one of the major highlights of the anniversary is the conferment of an award on the President of Nigeria and Visitor to the University, Asiwaju Bola Ahmed Tinubu, GCFR and the First Lady of Nigeria, Senator Oluremi Tinubu, CON, among others who have exerted positive influence on the University.

The multiple award-winning Professor of Jurisprudence and International Law said that the upcoming anniversary would celebrate alumni of the University who he said represent the past, present and future of the University as he confirmed that a special day has been set aside for alumni of the University across the world.

He also said that the anniversary would also celebrate all the past Principal Officers whose efforts brought about the achievements the University is celebrating.

Prof. Egbewole equally said that a programme would also be organised for current students of the University, who he described as very responsible and resilient.

He explained that his Administration always carries students along in its policies and programmes as he said that the students are the greatest beneficiaries of whatever the University does.

Prof. Egbewole said that all the

University does is to ensure that students are responsible for their lives, hence the series of innovations being put in place by his Administration not only to ensure that their sojourn in the University is meaningful but also to ensure that they are far ahead of their contemporaries at global level.

While saying that staff of the University represent the best anywhere in the world, the Vice Chancellor thanked them for their understanding and cooperation, saying that the success being recorded by the University would have been impossible without their cooperation and dedication.

Responding to a question, Prof. Egbewole promised to sustain the legacy of his predecessors for the University to maintain its reputation and status.

Prof. Egbewole confirmed that he has been enjoying the fraternity and cooperation of all his surviving predecessors who he said have remained very close to the University.

The Vice Chancellor enjoined members of the public to always avail the University of their suggestions for better service delivery.

Some listeners who called-in during the programme described the University as truly the best in the country in terms of service delivery and other parameters as they also congratulated the Vice Chancellor and the entire University community on the milestone.

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He confirmed that invitations had been sent to President Bola Ahmed Tinubu, GCFR, and the First Lady of Nigeria, Senator Oluremi Tinubu, CON, as well as the Governor of Kwara State, Mallam AbdulRahman AbdulRazaq, CON, and other Governors.

Prof. Egbewole, who is also the Secretary-General of the Association of West African Universities (AWAU), also said that he has held consultations with some other high profile personalities being expected, saying that the event would be a talk of the town.

Speaking on alumni participation, the Vice Chancellor expressed delight with what the University Alumni Association has done so far. He explained that he was extremely impressed with what the Association put up at an event recently held in Lagos. He explained that the Lagos event was a harbinger of what would happen at the main event.

He enjoined alumni of the University to ensure maximum

participation, pointing out that the Golden Jubilee is a significant episode that no alumnus of the University should miss.

Prof. Egbewole also expressed profound optimism with the participation of students. He said that the programme is for the current students as it is for the alumni and staff of the University.

He also charged the Planning Committee to ensure that only extremely outstanding persons are recommended for award during the anniversary as he advised that nominees for the award should not only be credible individuals but should also be true and worthy representations of their professions and whose selection must cut across all delineations.

Speaking earlier, the Chairman of the Anniversary Planning Committee, Prof. Olugbenga Ayodeji Mokuolu, thanked the Vice Chancellor for his deep interest in the activities and success of the Committee.

Prof. Mokuolu recalled the activities of the Committee so far as he expressed the hope that the anniversary will turn out to be more colourful than

expected.

He also took the Vice Chancellor and other Principal Officers of the University through the activities lined up for the anniversary as he expressed optimism that stakeholders would work with the Committee to ensure very successful outings.

The Chairman, who thanked his colleagues on the Committee for their commitment and cooperation so far, assured the Vice Chancellor that his Committee would ensure that everything worth doing is done to ensure a fantastic celebration.

In attendance at the meeting were the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Management Services), Prof. Adegboyega Adisa Fawole; the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Research, Technology and Innovation), Prof. Mukhtar Adeiza Etudaiye; the Registrar, Mr Mansur Adeleke Alfanla; the Bursar, Mr Abiodun Lawal; and the Managing Director of the UNILORIN Holdings, Prof. Bashiru Ademola Raji; and the Director of COMSIT, Prof. Rasheed Gbenga Jimoh.

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The team was led on the courtesy visit by the Dean of the Faculty of Engineering and Technology, University of Ilorin, Prof. Joshua Olanrewaju Olaoye.

The former OAU Vice Chancellor praised the University of Ilorin for creating the Office of the Deputy Vice Chancellor, Research, Technology and Innovation (RTI). He described the initiative as a bold and strategic step that aligns with international best practices in higher education, which underscores UNILORIN's commitment to innovation-driven research and technology transfer.

Prof. Faborode said that he was glad to hear that the University of Ilorin has three Deputy Vice Chancellors with one of them specifically focusing on research. He said, "I was happy when the Deputy Vice Chancellor, Research, Technology and Innovation was introduced, given Nigeria's longstanding debate that universities can't have more than two Vice Chancellors."

The former Vice Chancellor, who is equally a former Secretary-

General of the Committee of Vice Chancellors in Nigeria, also, said that NIAE, NCAM, WABEN and other groups are very proud to have Prof. Joshua Olanrewaju Olaoye as the National Chairman and Global President of the African Society of Agricultural Engineering (ASAE).

Also speaking during the visit, the Chairperson of Women in Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering (WABEN) and teacher of Food Engineering at OAU, Prof. Kehinde Taiwo Adekunbi, lauded the University of Ilorin for its remarkable efforts in promoting gender inclusion and equality across academic and administrative structures.

She expressed satisfaction with the high level of female participation and leadership within the University, describing it as a reflection of the institution's progressive values and inclusive orientation.

Prof. Adekunbi explained that WABEN, the women's arm of the Nigerian Institute of Agricultural Engineers, was established to empower and support women in Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering, and that the group continues to advocate for gender perspectives in

technology and machine design to enhance women's productivity in agriculture.

Responding, the Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, appreciated the recognition and commended the visiting delegation for acknowledging UNILORIN's efforts.

Represented by the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic), Prof. Moji Taibat Bakare-Odunola, the Vice Chancellor explained that the establishment of the DVC (RTI) Office was part of the University's broader vision to strengthen research capacity, expand global partnerships, and drive innovation-led development.

Prof. Egbewole added that gender inclusion has long been part of the University of Ilorin's culture, which has just been reinforced through the establishment of the Centre for Gender Studies which will promote women's participation and equity across all levels of the University.

The Vice Chancellor reaffirmed that the institution remains committed to fostering an environment built on innovation, inclusion, and excellence.

Relief in sight as UNILORIN expects 100 electric vehicles to boost campus transportation

By **Abubakar Imam and Tajudeen Babamale**

The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has confirmed that the University is making arrangements for at least 100 Electric Vehicles (EVs) to ease students' movement across the campus, following the recent relocation of the University Park.

Prof. Egbewole, in a message he personally signed and addressed to the students last Thursday (November 13, 2025), said that the vehicles, along with additional buses, are expected to be delivered within days, as part of urgent steps to resolve the current transportation difficulties.

He said, "Because of our empathy for you, our beloved students, the University is making arrangements for at least 100 Electric Vehicles, which we hope will be delivered within the next few days".

The Vice Chancellor commended the students for their resilience, maturity, and calmness amid the challenges that followed the Park relocation, describing their conduct as "responsible and exemplary."

He also praised the spirit of volunteering and orderliness displayed by many students, noting that their cooperation had greatly assisted the



■ **Prof. Egbewole**

University in managing the transition process.

According to him, the decision to relocate the Park was driven by safety and security concerns, and not intended to inconvenience students, adding that the move would yield long-term benefits for the University community.

Prof. Egbewole assured the students that the University administration is working tirelessly to address the situation and restore normalcy as soon as possible. While acknowledging that every extra day of difficulty is costly, he expressed confidence that relief was near.

He, however, appreciated the teeming students of the University for being worthy ambassadors of the

Institution, and reminding them that "after every hardship, there is ease."

Meanwhile, the Vice Chancellor monitored development at the new Park to see things for himself.

Prof. Egbewole was at the Park on a daily basis between 6:30am and 9:00am from Tuesday (November 14, 2025) to Friday (November 13, 2025).

Speaking with *UNILORIN Bulletin* at the Park last Thursday (November 13, 2025), the Vice Chancellor commended students and staff of the University for maintaining orderliness and decorum.

He explained that for three days that he had been coming to observe situations at the Park by himself, everything has been going smoothly.

The Vice Chancellor also commended the Works Department and the Security Unit for working assiduously with others to make the new policy work.

He explained that the cooperation of the students and other stakeholders would continue to go a long way in ensuring the success of the new policy and other Programme of the University.

Prof. Egbewole, who said that he saw the light at the end of the tunnel, expressed hope that the new CNG buses would soon arrive to ease campus transportation.

UNILORIN is for all— Jawondo

By **Muizudeen Adewole**

The Dean of the Faculty of Arts, University of Ilorin, Prof. Ibrahim Abdulganiyu Jawondo, has said that the University belongs to everyone.

Prof. Jawondo made this assertion last Tuesday (November 11, 2025) while featuring on "Countdown to Unilorin @ 50", a special interview programme on *UNILORIN 89.3 FM*. The programme was co-hosted by the Station Manager, Mr Idris Aloom and Mr Bunmi Obafemi.

The Dean who is a former Director of the Centre for Peace and Strategic Studies (CPSS) traced the University's rise from a modest campus of three Faculties to a nationally-ranked institution with 16 Faculties and over 30,000 student population.

Prof. Jawondo highlighted how



■ **Prof. Jawondo**

the University's steadfast commitment to academic rigour, research, and community service has produced graduates now serving

Nigeria, Africa and beyond.

The Dean, who is an alumnus of the University, said that the upcoming Golden Jubilee of the University "belongs to us all."

Prof. Jawondo noted that as the University prepares to mark its 50th anniversary, members of the University community and the nation need to be reminded that the institution's strength lies in its people and that the golden jubilee is not just a celebration of past achievements, but a call to all stakeholders to recommit themselves to the values that have made Unilorin a beacon of learning, research, and service.

The Dean expressed hope that stakeholders would come together to shape the next half century for the University to be more renowned for excellence.

Lead with integrity and accountability, Olaitan charges Deans

By Bashir Dawodu

The Dean of the Faculty of Education, University of Ilorin, Prof. Olukunmi Lanre Olaitan, has urged Deans and others in leadership positions within the University and across the country to uphold integrity and accountability in the discharge of their duties, stressing that leadership is a responsibility, not a privilege.

Prof. Olaitan made this call last Monday (November 10, 2025), during an interview with *UNILORIN Bulletin* in his office.

The Dean emphasised that integrity and accountability remain the core values every leader must embody to ensure credible and effective leadership.

"We must lead by example, remain accessible, and make decisions that promote the collective good. Collaboration rather than competition should define our leadership culture. When we work together with openness and mutual respect, the entire University community benefits," he said.

Prof. Olaitan further advised leaders to prioritise the well-being of those they lead, noting that leadership



■ Prof. Olaitan

goes beyond administrative duties.

"It's not always about work, work, work. It's also about being human, a true leader leads through service, not by seeking to rule", he added.

Highlighting some of the Faculty's recent initiatives, Prof. Olaitan mentioned the Faculty Talk Show Series, Faculty Retreat and Reunion, Annuity Sensitisation Programme, patching and filling of the Faculty entrance road, and general renovation of the Faculty Complex as part of ongoing efforts to enhance academic delivery

and improve infrastructure.

The Dean also disclosed that the Faculty is planning a Pedagogical Excellence Workshop for academic staff as it is also partnering with the Kwara State Universal Basic Education Board (SUBEB) to conduct structured pedagogy training for teachers across the state.

Preparations, he said are also underway for the first University of Ilorin Education Summit, pointing out that "Our ultimate goal is to produce graduates and educators who are not only competent but also innovative, adaptable, and globally competitive".

Prof. Olaitan expressed appreciation to the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, and the University management team for their unwavering support for the initiatives of the Faculty and their commitment to the University's Vision 1-10-500.

The Dean urged staff to continue to give their best by upholding the University's values and embracing innovation in their work, while advising students to make the most of every learning opportunity and serve as ambassadors of excellence wherever they find themselves.

UNILORIN's 50th anniversary, a blueprint for sustainable growth- Abiodun

By Adewole Muizdeen

The Bursar of the University of Ilorin, Mr Abiodun Lawal, last Wednesday (November 12, 2025) described the upcoming 50th anniversary of the University as not just a commemoration of its past achievements but also a blueprint for sustainable growth.

Mr Lawal stated this while featuring on a special personality interview programme, titled "Countdown to UNILORIN @ 50" on *UNILORIN 89.3 FM*. The programme was co-hosted by the Station Manager, Mr Idris Alooma, and Head of Programmes, Mr Temitope Olawuyi.

The Bursar outlined how the institution's golden jubilee will be a catalyst for long-term, sustainable development.

Mr Lawal, who has served the



■ Mr Lawal

University in different capacities, emphasised that the 50th anniversary is more than just a celebration. He

described it as a strategic opportunity to embed financial prudence, expand critical infrastructure, and deepen alumni engagement. "We are using this milestone to fast-track projects that would otherwise take a decade," he said.

The Bursar highlighted the commitment of the University to cutting expenditure without compromising quality, noting strict adherence to procurement and payment procedures.

Mr Lawal also praised the leadership style of the Vice Chancellor and the management team for maintaining a stable academic calendar and fostering a "God-fearing, servant-leadership" ethos.

He noted that Unilorin is always willing and ready to ensure transparency and participation, reinforcing a culture of accountability and innovation in financial management.

Egbewole advocates street children empowerment

By Abubakar Imam

The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has called on philanthropists, industry leaders, and development partners to collaborate with the institution in order to effectively tackle the rising challenge of street-connected children through skills-based empowerment programmes.

Prof. Egbewole made this call penultimate Friday (November 7, 2025) while speaking during the presentation of the CyberCatch Initiative, a Senate Grant Project designed to rehabilitate vulnerable children using digital literacy and vocational training. The event was held at the Faculty of Education E-Library.

Prof. Egbewole, who was represented by the Deputy Registrar, Vice Chancellor's Office, Mrs Azeezat Q. Ibrahim, praised the research team behind the CyberCatch initiative for its commitment to community-focused development.

He noted that the University is prepared to expand the programme as he emphasised that supporting vulnerable children would contribute directly to reducing poverty and strengthening national productivity.

In his address, the immediate past Dean of the Faculty of Education, Prof. Lasiele Alabi Yahaya, explained that universities play an important role in generating solutions to societal



problems through entrepreneurship and innovation.

He stated that the CyberCatch Initiative demonstrates how academic research can lead to meaningful social transformation.

Also speaking, Prof. A. S. Omosidi remarked that expanding programmes like CyberCatch could significantly reduce crime, youth idleness, and long-term dependency.

Prof. Omosidi, who teaches at the Department of Educational Management, described the initiative as a pathway to restoring dignity and hope among disadvantaged young people.

In her welcome address, the Principal Coordinator of the programme, Dr Nimota Jibola Kadir-Abdullahi, outlined the project's achievements since its commencement.

Dr Kadir-Abdullahi explained that 12 children were selected and trained

in digital literacy, life skills and vocational skills such as shoe-making, and soap and perfume production.

She noted that several of the shoes worn by participants at the event were produced by the trainees.

Dr Kadir-Abdullahi, who is a Senior Lecturer at the Department of Educational Management, University of Ilorin said that to ensure sustainability, each of the beneficiaries of the training was empowered with various production tools needed for continuation.

"These children are living testimonies that every young person can thrive when given the right opportunity," she said.

Other stakeholders who attended the event expressed strong support for sustaining and expanding the initiative across the country.

Abdulkareem, UNILORIN LIS don, passes on

By Abubakar Imam

The death has been announced of a Senior Lecturer at the Department of Library and Information Sciences, University of Ilorin, Dr Mulikat Yetunde Abdulkareem.

Dr Abdulkareem, who died last Wednesday (November 12, 2025) after a brief illness, was aged 57.

The remains of the deceased have since been buried in accordance with Muslim rites.

Reacting, the Head of the

Department, Dr Musediq Tunji Bashorun, described Dr Abdulkareem as a quiet and diligent academic.

Dr Bashorun explained that Abdulkareem, who joined the services of the University in 2008, would be sorely missed by staff and students of the Department.

He prayed to Allah to forgive her shortcomings and reward her good deeds with Aljanat Fridaus.

Dr Abdulkareem was survived by her aged father and three children.



■ Dr Abdulkareem

Oniye tasks stakeholders on UNILORIN @ 50 celebration

By Abubakar Imam

The Dean of the Graduate School, University of Kigali, Rwanda, Prof. Abdulrazaq Olayinka Oniye, has called on all those who passed through the University of Ilorin at one point or the other to join hands with its management, staff and students as the University celebrates its Golden Jubilee.

Prof. Oniye gave this advice last Wednesday (November 12, 2025) in a telephone chat with *UNILORIN Bulletin*.

The don said that the institution has come a long way in every aspect and, therefore, deserves to be warmly celebrated by all and sundry, particularly by its beneficiaries.

Prof. Oniye, who is also a former Director of the University's Centre for Counselling and Human Development, explained that the 50 years old citadel of learning has produced thousands of alumni who are doing well at local, regional and international levels.

He explained that from his base in Kigali he has been following with keen interest the preparations for the anniversary, saying that he expected the anniversary to be used as an opportunity to relaunch the greatness of the University.

Prof. Oniye, who is an expert in Counsellor Education, recalled the early days of the University, saying that as a primary school pupil then he was among the youngsters of the University's host community who watched the institution grow from the scratch to the level it has



■ Prof. Oniye

attained today.

He appealed to alumni of the University and its ex-staff wherever they are to ensure that they find one reason or the other to be parts of the anniversary.

On how those who are beyond the shores of Nigeria can participate in the anniversary, Prof. Oniye, who is also an alumnus of the University, said that they should support the University with funds and materials. He added that no amount of money would be too much to be given to one's alma mater.

Prof. Oniye equally said that alumni

and ex-staff of the institution who are in the diaspora can also demonstrate their patriotism to the University by following the proceedings of each of the events lined up for the anniversary virtually.

He also maintained that such alumni can also hang the memorabilia of the University in their various homes and offices and should also pray for the smooth and successful conduct of the anniversary.

The don also suggested the authorship and publication of writeups on various aspects of the University, which they find fascinating for the education of others.

Aside from the above, Prof. Oniye said that the greatest honour alumni could do to their alma mater is by conducting themselves with absolute integrity and honour, saying that such actions would promote the University more than words of mouth.

Prof. Oniye commended all the previous leaders of the University for their various efforts, which, he said, culminated in what is being celebrated today.

He particularly congratulated the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, for invigorating the internationalisation drive of the University since he assumed the position.

Prof. Oniye further congratulated the Vice Chancellor and other Principal Officers on being in charge of the University as it attains the golden age. He encouraged all stakeholders to support the University for it to maintain its leadership position among its peers.

Oloyede nominated NigeriaLics Secretary-General

By Temitope Omoniye

The Director, Centre for Research Development and In-House Training (CREDIT), University of Ilorin, Prof. Abdulkarim Oloyede, has been nominated as the Secretary-General of Nigerian Network for Economics of Learning, Innovation, and Competence Building Systems -NigeriaLics- (<https://nigeriaLics.ng/>)

NigeriaLics is the Nigerian hub of AfricaLics (<https://africalics.org/>), the African Network for Economics of Learning, Innovation and Competence Building Systems. It serves as a platform that brings together scholars, researchers, policymakers, and practitioners interested in innovation and development research in Nigeria and across Africa.

In a letter addressed to Prof. Oloyede dated October 4, 2025, a copy of which was sighted by *UNILORIN Bulletin*, the President of NigeriaLics Scientific Board, Dr Maruf Sanni, remarked that "following a rigorous review process of the applications and



■ Prof. Oloyede

curricula vitae of all shortlisted candidates, your credentials, professional achievements, and demonstrated commitment to the values and objectives of NigeriaLics and AfricaLics stood out prominently".

Dr Sanni added that "the Committee

is convinced that your leadership as Secretary-General will advance the mission of NigeriaLics in nurturing the next generation of scholars, deepening research collaboration, and supporting innovation for development in Nigeria and beyond".

One of the central objectives of NigeriaLics is to build and strengthen the careers of young scholars in the fields of innovation, science, technology, and development studies, thereby contributing to national and continental capacity for inclusive and sustainable development.

Prof. Oloyede, who teaches at the Department of Telecommunications, University of Ilorin, is a Wireless and Internet Governance specialist with over a decade of academic and industry experience.

In 2021, Prof. Oloyede was appointed a Consultant by the African Telecommunications Union (ATU) to the World Telecommunication Development Conference (WTDC).

Discipline makes UNILORIN unique-Ambali

By Abubakar Imam

The 9th Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. AbdulGaniyu Ambali, OON, has identified discipline among staff and students of the University as one of the most significant attributes that make the institution unique.

Prof. Ambali made this assertion last Monday (November 3, 2025) while featuring on *Countdown to UNILORIN @ 50*, a special personality interview programme on *UNILORIN 89.3FM*.

The former Vice Chancellor, who started his teaching and administrative career at the University of Maiduguri, which was founded along with the University of Ilorin in 1975, said that successive administrations of the institution succeeded in stimulating and instilling discipline in members of the University community, particularly staff and students, which make them stand out among their peers.

He explained that parents and families as well as members of the general public often admired remarkable positive differences in their children as soon as they are matriculated.

Prof. Ambali, who is the founding Dean of the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, University of Ilorin, said these changes range from dressings, manners and general dispositions to life compared to what was visible in them before becoming Unilorites.

The former Vice Chancellor said that the University does not only impart knowledge but also inculcate virtues in its students for them to become responsible members of the human community.

Prof. Ambali, who headed the University from 2012 to 2017, said that the University is also unique because of its strict adherence to its academic calendar, noting that it is the only public



■ Prof. Ambali

University that ran its academic calendar for more than two decades without any form of disruption.

He said that the University, for more than two decades, had no record of either industrial unrest from staff or rampage by students for any reason. Prof. Ambali, therefore, suggested that the University should be rewarded for consistently keeping its gate open for teaching, learning, research and community services.

He also noted that the green and clean environment of the University also makes it attractive and admirable to all visitors as he recalled that not a few dignitaries from within and outside Nigeria often expressed their love for the University's exciting and friendly nature.

Prof. Ambali, who is currently the Pro-Chancellor and Chairman of the Governing Council of the Kwara State University, Malete, said that the University of Ilorin Golden Jubilee deserves to be greatly celebrated in view of its remarkable achievements.

The former Vice Chancellor said that the University has produced thousands of alumni who are doing very well for themselves and the nation as well as humanity.

He, therefore, charged the alumni

to support the University towards the celebration of the institution's golden age and more especially towards repositioning the University for better service delivery.

Speaking on other issues, Prof. Ambali commended the incumbent Vice Chancellor of the University, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, for being in charge at the period it is marking its 50th anniversary.

He also commended Prof. Egbewole for working very hard for the University to maintain its leadership positions at regional, national and international levels.

He said that he has been following the fascinating actions of Prof. Egbewole since his assumption of office and believed that he is doing very well as an academic and administrator.

Responding to a question, Prof. Ambali said that there is no statutory body comprising former Vice Chancellors of the University. He said that there is no such body in any Nigerian University.

The former Vice Chancellor said that he and Prof. Egbewole sometimes discuss the progress of the University at informal level, which enables him to offer suggestions.

Prof. Ambali said that having a forum of ex-Vice Chancellors formalised would be a fantastic idea as he said that such a forum would give its members greater privilege of offering suggestions to the incumbent Administration in the interest of the University.

Prof. Ambali said that while university autonomy might be a fantastic idea, it would, however impact negatively on ordinary people who may find it difficult to get their children and wards enrolled into such institutions.

The former Vice Chancellor said that it is better that the University autonomy remains as it is for the benefit of ordinary citizens of the country.

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Environmental Sciences Faculty honours Egbewole

By Tajudeen Babamale

The Faculty of Environmental Sciences, University of Ilorin, has presented an Award of Excellence to the Vice Chancellor of the institution, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, in appreciation of his assistance towards the growth and advancement of the Faculty.

The honour was conferred on the Vice Chancellor last Wednesday (November 12, 2025) shortly after the successful conclusion of the 3rd International Conference of Environmental Sciences (ICES 2025).

The conference, which was jointly organised by the Faculty and the Tallinn University of Technology (TalTech), Estonia, was held at the University Auditorium and attracted several participants from within and outside Nigeria.

Presenting the award, the Dean of the Faculty, Prof. Ganiyu Amuda-Yusuf, lauded Prof. Egbewole for his continuous encouragement, institutional support, and visionary leadership, which have enabled the Faculty to thrive academically and administratively.

He noted that the Vice Chancellor's interest in research collaboration and international partnerships has placed the Faculty on the global academic map as evidenced by the successful hosting of the ICES 2025 Conference in partnership with TalTech, Estonia.



■ Prof. Amuda-Yusuf (right) presenting the award to the Vice Chancellor last Wednesday

Prof. Amuda-Yusuf was joined in presenting the award by the conference's keynote speaker, Prof. Emlyn Witt of the Department of Civil Engineering and Architecture, Tallinn University of Technology, and the Chairman of the Local Organising

Committee, Dr. Theophilus Olowa.

commended the Faculty's leadership for its dedication to academic innovation and international collaboration, which, he said, align perfectly with the University's strategic vision of becoming a globally competitive institution.

The Vice Chancellor particularly lauded Prof. Amuda-Yusuf and his team for successfully hosting the international conference, which, he said, further demonstrates UNILORIN's commitment to advancing research and knowledge exchange in environmental studies.

Prof. Egbewole also used the occasion to urge Prof. Witt to ensure the full implementation of the recently signed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the University of Ilorin and the Tallinn University of Technology (TalTech), Estonia, noting that the agreement should yield tangible benefits for both institutions, especially in joint research, academic exchange, and capacity development.

Prof. Egbewole





Torino University students laud Unilorin's hospitality, academic culture

... Egbewole commends students' resilience

By Tajudeen Babamale

Students from the University of Torino, Italy, who participated in a four-week academic exchange at the University of Ilorin have expressed their deep appreciation and desire to return to UNILORIN, describing their stay as enriching, memorable, and culturally fulfilling.

The students made these remarks last Thursday (November 13, 2025) during a farewell visit to the University Management following the successful completion of their exchange programme at the Department of Jurisprudence and International Law.

The leader of the team, Alessandro Dafama, who adopted the Nigerian name, Olusegun, thanked the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, and the entire Unilorin community for what he described as “a big, friendly, and very hospitable community”.

He said the experience at UNILORIN was rewarding both academically and socially. “We enjoyed a lot, especially the food and academic experience. The class here is very interactive, unlike ours where we mostly listen to Professors. Here, students are deeply involved in problem-solving. We learned about common law, which opens international opportunities.”. Dafama, however, said he had also fallen in love with the University of Ilorin's anthem, which he now proudly sings on his own.

Another student, Tartaguno Ilaria, who adopted the Nigerian name (Abike), admitted that though adapting at first was challenging, the warmth of the people and the city made her stay

enjoyable. She said with a smile that “Now, we really like our stay. Everybody was so kind to us. Amala is my favorite Nigerian food”.

Also speaking, Anita Robboli (Ajoke), said the academic experience at Unilorin was inspiring. She noted that being exposed to courses like Islamic Law and the Nigerian Constitution, which are not taught at Torino, gave her a new understanding of Nigeria's legal pluralism.

Similarly, Tonnaso Caratti (Olawale) described the visit as an eye-opener as he praised Nigeria's peaceful coexistence and cultural diversity. He said witnessing how people of different faiths live harmoniously was remarkable, and that he particularly enjoyed “poundo”, which he found unique in taste.

On his part, Giacomo Caviglia (Akanbi) on behalf of his colleagues appreciated the hospitality of Unilorin students, whose support through teamwork, sports, and friendship made the experience memorable. He added that “suya” stood out as his favorite local delicacy.

Meanwhile, the Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, commended the visiting students for their resilience, large-heartedness, and seamless integration into the Unilorin community during their four-week exchange programme.

The Vice Chancellor recalled with delight how the visiting students joined in singing the University Anthem during the convocation ceremony, noting that their enthusiasm and sense of belonging were impressive. He

commended them for following through the academic and cultural activities of the exchange with dedication and adaptability.

According to Prof. Egbewole, the essence of collaboration between universities across borders lies in the exchange of ideas and experiences that help identify collective strengths and weaknesses, thereby promoting mutual growth and development. He noted that the visiting students had clearly embodied this principle by embracing new perspectives while sharing their own.

While sharing his recent experience when he visited Italian institutions in Teramo, L'Aquila, and Rome, where he observed that the supposed differences between civil law and common law systems are less divisive than often perceived, the Professor of International Law and Jurisprudence noted that when viewed holistically, both legal traditions reflect legal pluralism, which recognises the peculiarities of different communities and broadens the understanding of Law in its cultural context.

Prof. Egbewole, however, lauded the Faculty of Law and the Department of Jurisprudence and International Law for ensuring that the visitors' stay was both academically productive and socially memorable as he expressed hope that the friendships formed during the exchange would extend beyond the academic setting and evolve into lifelong relationships. He urged the students to continue cherishing their experiences in Nigeria, which he described as invaluable and lasting.



UNILORIN holds 2025/2026 SIWES pre-placement orientation for Agric. students

By **Mustafa Abubakar**
and **Cecilia Samuel**

The Director of the Students' Industrial Work Experience Scheme (SIWES) Directorate, Prof. Roland Kayode, has disclosed that a total of 547 students from the Faculty of Agriculture would be participating in the 2025/2026 pre-placement orientation programme.

Prof. Kayode disclosed this last Thursday, (November 13, 2025), while speaking during the second edition of the SIWES Pre-Placement Orientation Programme for students of the Faculty.

Welcoming the students and outlining the objectives of the programme, Prof. Kayode said, "A total of 547 students are participating in the orientation, comprising 404 B. Agriculture students, 68 B.Sc. Aquaculture and Fisheries students, and 37 B.Sc. Forestry students. Students from B.Sc. Food Science and B.Sc. Home Economics are expected to join the main pre-orientation training next year."

He explained that SIWES was established in 1973 by the Industrial Training Fund (ITF) to bridge the gap between theoretical learning and practical industrial exposure.

Prof. Kayode explained that the scheme began at the University of Ilorin in 1979 as a coordinating unit for Engineering students and it attained full Directorate status in August 1999. Today, the Directorate coordinates SIWES activities across 50 Departments in 12 Faculties.

Prof. Kayode outlined the

SIWES structure within the Faculty, saying that B. Agriculture students would undertake three months of Farm Practical Training (FPT) followed by three months of industrial training while those pursuing B.Sc. Home Economics would engage in three months of Practicum and three months of industrial training as those in B.Sc. Aquaculture & Fisheries would go for industrial training #during the first semester.

Acknowledging past challenges such as unsupervised students and FPT calendar disruptions due to the rainy season, he said the Faculty has largely overcome these difficulties, noting that over 95% of students were physically supervised last year, with the remainder supervised virtually.

Declaring the programme open, the Dean of the Faculty, Prof. Israel Ogunlade, represented by Dr Oluwasoye I. Alli, commended the SIWES Directorate and encouraged students to approach industrial training with seriousness and responsibility, emphasising that the programme is a key pathway to professional development.

The SIWES Coordinator, Mr Olayinka Oseni, in his presentation on the "Use of SIWES Documents," urged students to take industrial training seriously. He explained that many students lose direction when transitioning from academics to practical industry work and highlighted the programme's role in closing this gap.

Mr Oseni announced that the Faculty had significantly improved SIWES performance, with over 95% of

last year's students excelling and receiving the Science Excellence Award from delegated supervisors. He detailed proper logbook usage, emphasising weekly records, supervisor signatures, and correct completion of forms such as the End-of-Programme Form and the Student Commencement (Staff Attachment) Form.

He also guided students on report preparation, including title pages, table of contents, overviews, weekly activity logs, summaries, conclusions, and recommendations, stressing adherence to departmental formats.

Highlighting SIWES supervision, Mr Oseni explained the three categories—Institution-based, Industry-based, and External—and stressed their importance in evaluating performance.

In his presentation on "Roles of SIWES Stakeholders," Engr Oluwaseyi Victor Obasa commended the SIWES unit for organising the programme and encouraged students to leverage the opportunity to develop professional skills.

Prof. Felix Takim, in a brief address, reiterated the importance of SIWES in bridging theory and practice and praised the Faculty for ensuring adequate supervision.

The orientation was attended by Faculty staff, Departmental Coordinators, and all participating students, who expressed optimism about applying the skills acquired during SIWES to their future careers.

Etudaiye calls for research collaboration

By Tijani Adewoyin

As the University of Ilorin prepares to mark its 50th anniversary, the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Research, Technology and Innovation), Prof. Mukhtar Adeiza Etudaiye, has urged students, staff and alumni of the University to deepen collaboration with the University management for the purpose of advancing research, technology and innovation.

Prof. Etudaiye made this plea last Thursday, (November 13, 2025), while featuring on "Countdown to UNILORIN @ 50", a special anniversary interview programme of UNILORIN 89.3 FM, which was jointly anchored by the Station Manager, Mr Idris Akintola Ibrahim (Alooma) and Mr Bunmi Obafemi.

He said that with constant and positive collaborations among stakeholders, the University would be able to impact positively on humanity.

Speaking on the significance of his Office, the Deputy Vice Chancellor



■ Prof. Etudaiye

recalled that the DVC-RTI portfolio was created in 2011, making it the youngest of the Offices of the three Deputy Vice Chancellors.

He explained that the Office superintends more than 20 units, Committees and Centres, ranging from research institutes to technology incubators, a situation, which he said, allows the University to focus on each area with clarity.

Prof. Etudaiye disclosed that through partnership, the University has generated roughly \$50 million in internally funded research grants over the past two years.

In addition, the Deputy Vice Chancellor explained that the University has attracted more than \$2 billion in external research grants during the same period, a surge, which he attributed to the growing strength of its research community.

Prof. Etudaiye acknowledged that power supply had been a longstanding challenge, prompting the University to adopt modular power solutions. "We are now seeing that power is less of a barrier than it was a few years ago, and this opens up new possibilities for research and innovation," he said.

He further explained that funding remains a critical concern for higher education institutions as he said that the United Nations' recommendation that 26 % of a nation's annual budget be allocated to education has not been met.

Babatunde tasks African countries on green energy

By Abubakar Imam

Professor at the Centre for Peace and Strategic Studies (CPSSS), University of Ilorin, Abosede O. Babatunde, has called on African countries to take the adoption of green energy more seriously.

Prof. Babatunde stated this while making remarks at a Conference on "Climate Crisis Adaptation, Local-Level Resilience And Conflict Dynamics, Trends and Pattern", which was held from November 11 to November 13, 2025 at the Institute of African Studies, University of Ghana. She was one of Co-Conveners of the Conference that was funded by the German Research Foundation.

The don explained that African countries are placed in a precarious situation because of low technological and financial capacities and the limited access to global climate funding.

Prof. Babatunde lamented that African countries, which are mineral-resourced, are also endangered to emission because of weak adherence to environmental regulations by transnational corporations.

She highlighted the need for the global community to meet the 1.5 degree benchmark for global warming as she called for greater drive towards diversifying from fossil fuel to renewable energy in order to meet the green energy transition agenda.



Prof. Babatunde equally pointed out that every effort must be made to reduce the risk of environmental and socio-economic harms from climate change, which was a key theme in the 2023 UN Climate Change Conference (COP28).

She also said that the institutional, financial and technological gaps in African countries necessitate efforts to develop and strengthen existing local climate adaptation strategies that can enhance and build the capacities of affected communities to cope and adapt to the effect of climate change that drives and exacerbates conflicts across the continent.

Prof. Babatunde said that climate-related conflict also exacerbate the effect of climate changes in ways that fuel a vicious cycle and undermines environmental sustainability.

She, therefore, urged experts from academia, civil society and government agencies from participating countries to dialogue on these critical issues and suggest ways to strengthen African local-level climate adaptation strategies drawing on indigenous knowledge and capacities and strengthening global, continental, regional, national and local collaboration.

An Associate Professor at the CPSSS, Dr Shittu Raji, who also participated at the workshop, presented a well-applauded paper, titled "Adaptation And Local Resilience to Farmers-Herder Conflict in Nigeria".

The conference drew experts from North America, Europe, Australia and several African countries, including Nigeria, Ghana and Morocco, among others.



■ **Prof. Alafara**



■ **Dr Aremu**



■ **Dr Olaoluwa**

3 UNILORIN scholars win TMS international energy best paper award

By **Mustafa Abubakar**

Three scholars from the University of Ilorin, Prof. Alafara Baba, Dr Daud Olaoluwa, and Dr Adeniyi Saheed Aremu, have emerged winners of the prestigious TMS Light Metals (LMD) and Extraction & Processing Divisions (EPD) Energy Best Paper Award, Professional Category, alongside their international collaborators.

Their nomination was approved by the Energy Committee of The Minerals, Metals & Materials Society (TMS), USA.

This was contained in separate letters sent to each of the trio, by the Executive Director of TMS, Mr James J. Robinson, and made available to *UNILORIN Bulletin* last Thursday (November 13, 2025).

Their award-winning paper, titled “Development of Optimal Extraction Conditions of Indigenous Lepidolite Ore as Raw Material for Lithium-Ion Batteries,” was published in the TMS 2025 154th Annual Meeting & Exhibition Supplemental Proceedings.

The research provides innovative scientific and technological solutions to

practical energy-related challenges, especially in the extraction of indigenous lepidolite ore for lithium-ion battery production, a resource of increasing global strategic importance.

Mr Robinson commended the trio for producing an exemplary scientific paper that demonstrates technological innovation and presents new and significant contributions to global energy research, noting that the award celebrates outstanding scientific application towards solving real-world energy problems.

According to the notification, the formal presentation of the award will take place at the Light Metals Division (LMD) Luncheon during the TMS 2026 Annual Meeting & Exhibition scheduled for Wednesday, March 18, 2026, in San Diego, California.

Meanwhile, in a congratulatory message on behalf of the University Management last Thursday (November 13, 2025), the Registrar of the University of Ilorin, Mr Mansur Adeleke Alfania, praised the scholars for earning such a distinguished international honour.

He described their achievement as a “well-deserved recognition” that reflects their

dedication to impactful research, commitment to academic excellence, and contribution to advancing sustainable energy solutions.

The Registrar pointed out that the paper's scientific merit and technological relevance demonstrate the University of Ilorin's growing influence in global research and innovation.

He noted that the award has brought “great pride and recognition to the University of Ilorin and the Nigerian academic community”, adding that such accomplishments reinforce the institution's reputation as a centre of cutting-edge research and intellectual leadership.

Mr Alfania reaffirmed the University Management's support for scholarly excellence and encouraged the award recipients to sustain their pace in conducting world-class research with both national and global impacts.

The Registrar expressed confidence that the team's work in lithium-ion raw material development would contribute meaningfully to Nigeria's quest for energy sustainability and technological advancement.

Egbewole tasks new medics on technology as UNILORIN produces 150 fresh medical graduates

By Tajudeen Babamale
and Bashir Dawodu

The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has charged newly inducted medical doctors of the institution to embrace modern technological skills that will enable them to become better professionals capable of saving lives and transforming healthcare delivery in Nigeria and across the globe.

Prof. Egbewole gave the charge last Friday (November 14, 2025) at the University Auditorium during the 40th induction and initiation ceremony of the Batch A class 2023 of the College of Health Sciences, where 150 new doctors were formally admitted into the medical profession.

While noting that technology is reshaping every profession globally, including the medical profession, Prof. Egbewole urged the inductees to deliberately acquire new digital competencies and equip themselves with tools required for effective and efficient patient care.

The Vice Chancellor highlighted the significance of the ceremony, stating that with the new inductees, the University of Ilorin has produced 5,082 medical doctors, a feat he described as a remarkable contribution to the nation's healthcare system.

Prof. Egbewole also described the graduates as a "golden set," as they were inducted during the University's 50th anniversary. He encouraged them to go into the field with the confidence, compassion and capability that their training has instilled in them, adding that they possess the potential to change the medical narrative in Nigeria and beyond.

He reminded the new doctors that the realities of the field differ from classroom and laboratory experiences, stressing the need for continuous learning as they begin to make independent decisions previously made for them by consultants during their training.

Prof. Egbewole also underscored the importance of teamwork, urging the inductees to value other health professionals and contribute meaningfully to collaborative care as team leaders.

He charged them to uphold the reputation of the College and the University by ensuring that every patient under their care leaves feeling better, insisting that they must demonstrate the competence and character expected of Unilorin-trained doctors.

Earlier in his address, the Provost of the College of Health Sciences, University of Ilorin, Prof. Biodun



Sulyman Alabi, advised the newly inducted medical doctors to remain committed to the nobility and core values of the medical profession. He stressed that the profession stands on the pillars of service to humanity, ethical conduct, non-discrimination and confidentiality, urging them to embody these principles as they begin their careers.

Prof. Alabi reminded them that medicine is globally regarded as one of the most noble professions, and as such, demands practitioners who are distinguished, disciplined and above reproach. He explained that historically, nobles were considered next to God and were treated with reverence, noting that doctors must therefore reflect honour in their words, actions and professional conduct.

He encouraged them to listen attentively to their patients, give them adequate time and commit themselves to their healing with sincerity and devotion. Drawing a parallel with divine care, he noted that doctors must strive to reflect the qualities of attentiveness and mercy, aligning their service with the healing mandate that defines the profession.

The Provost expressed confidence that the new doctors have been sufficiently equipped by the College and charged them to uphold the dignity, values and high standards that the medical profession demands.

In his lecture, the Guest Speaker and an alumnus of the University of Ilorin, Dr Festus Odunayo Oshoba, speaking on the topic titled "From Gown to Town: The Medical Profession Provides a Great Opportunity", charged the new medical doctors to uphold professionalism and ethical standards as they begin their careers.

Dr Oshoba congratulated the

inductees as he praised them for graduating "in peace and not in pieces," but reminded them that the profession ahead is demanding and requires discipline, empathy and commitment.

"Medicine is not just a profession; it is a calling, a covenant and a journey of service. You are entering a sacred trust between you and humanity," he said.

He urged them to avoid unethical practices, embrace lifelong learning, and let their impact be measured by the lives they touch rather than titles or material achievements.

Also speaking at the ceremony, the Chairman of the Nigerian Medical Association (NMA), Kwara State chapter, Prof. A. O. Afolabi, welcomed the new professionals to the medical Community. He encouraged them to serve with humility and contribute to nation-building.

"Walk into the world as servants, not masters. Make your country great and never forget the soil that nurtured you," he said, noting that the responsibility they now carry is lifelong.

Highlights of the ceremony included the oath-taking session conducted by the Registrar of the Medical and Dental Council of Nigeria (MDCN), Dr Fatima Kyari, who was represented by the Deputy Registrar, Dr Enejo Abdul, as well as the presentation of awards and prizes to outstanding graduates.

The event was graced by principal officers of the University, former Vice Chancellors, Deans, Heads of Departments, traditional rulers, family members, and other well-wishers.

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- Distribution of HIV and Hepatitis C Self-Testing kits

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NIAE can drive mechanisation revolution that Nigeria needs, says Olaoye

By Mustafa Abubakar

The National Chairman of the Nigerian Institution of Agricultural Engineers (NIAE), Prof. Joshua Olaoye, has underscored the Institution's pivotal role in transforming Nigeria's agricultural landscape through mechanisation, innovation, and home-grown technologies aimed at boosting food security, creating jobs, and promoting national prosperity.

Prof. Olaoye, who is also the Dean of the Faculty of Engineering and Technology, University of Ilorin, gave the assurance last Tuesday (November 18, 2025) while speaking at the opening ceremony of the 25th International Conference and 45th Annual General Meeting of NIAE at the National Centre for Agricultural Mechanization (NCAM), Idofoan, Kwara State. He emphasised the Institution's commitment to solution-driven engineering that translates research into implementable technologies for smallholder farmers, who constitute the bulk of Nigeria's farming population.

He said, "As we celebrate 50 years of dedicated service to the agricultural sector, let this gathering mark the dawn of a new era of purposeful engineering; one that translates ideas into implements, research into results, and technology into transformation. Together, we shall drive the mechanisation revolution that Nigeria needs for food security, job creation, and national prosperity."

Prof. Olaoye highlighted the maiden National Agricultural Machinery Exhibition, organised in collaboration with NCAM, as a platform for bridging the gap between innovation and adoption.

According to him, "This exhibition showcases home-grown and field-tested technologies; tractors, planters, threshers, harvesters, dryers, and processing machines developed by Nigerian engineers and fabricators to enhance productivity, reduce drudgery, and strengthen food security. It demonstrates our readiness to transition from theoretical research to tangible engineering solutions that empower farmers and agripreneurs across the country."

The NIAE National Chairman also reaffirmed the Institution's commitment to several strategic objectives, including strengthening collaboration between research institutions, government agencies, and the private sector to accelerate mechanisation.

He disclosed that the Institution plans to promote capacity building and technology transfer for young engineers and artisans, supporting policy advocacy for local fabrication and standardisation of agricultural machinery, and ensuring that agricultural mechanisation remains central to Nigeria's food security strategy.

In his own remarks, the Vice



Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, emphasised the importance of collaboration between academia, industry, and government in advancing mechanisation and agricultural research.

Represented by the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Research, Technology, and Innovation), Prof. Muhtar Etudaiye, the Vice Chancellor said, "Agriculture remains a cornerstone of Nigeria's economy", adding that "at the University of Ilorin, we are committed to supporting research and fostering innovation that drives agricultural transformation. Through our initiatives and collaborations, we empower the next generation of agricultural engineers to address the challenges facing the sector."

In his remarks, the Minister of Agriculture and Food Security, Sen. Abubakar Kyari, announced that the Federal Government would establish Agricultural Mechanisation Service Centres in each of Nigeria's six geopolitical zones.

According to him, the centres are designed to provide training, equipment repairs, and coordination of agricultural technologies, ensuring farmers have access to high-quality support and services across the country.

Sen. Kyari said, "Beyond acquisition, our focus remains on

standardization, local assembly, and maintenance systems, ensuring that every machine deployed is fit for purpose and supported by skilled technicians."

The Governor of Borno State, Prof. Babagana Umara Zulum, commended the conference and exhibition for promoting collaboration, innovation, and mechanisation, and reiterated his administration's commitment to supporting initiatives that deploy affordable, locally manufactured machinery for smallholder farmers.

"Our government remains committed to initiatives that empower smallholder farmers, who are the backbone of Nigeria's agricultural economy," he said, emphasising the importance of standardisation, innovation, and technological advancement in sustainable agriculture.

Also addressed the gathering, the Kwara State Governor, Mallam AbdulRahman AbdulRazaq, stressed the importance of leveraging agricultural engineering and innovation to drive mechanisation across Nigeria.

He said, "We recognise the vital role of local engineers, innovators, and institutions in transforming agriculture. With collaborations such as this, and platforms like the National Agricultural Machinery Exhibition, we can drive the mechanisation revolution Nigeria needs for sustainable food production and economic growth."

The exhibition further showcased local innovations, fostered partnerships, and provided an avenue to accelerate mechanisation, encouraging young engineers and entrepreneurs to embrace practical agricultural technologies.

The gathering brought together leading experts, policymakers, researchers, and innovators from across the world, including researchers from the University of Ilorin, providing a platform to demonstrate technologies, share best practices, and chart a path toward climate-smart, youth-inclusive, and mechanised agriculture across Nigeria.



UNILORIN WEEKLY FINANCIAL DIGEST

FUND SOURCES AND UTILIZATION REPORT FROM 6TH TO 13TH NOVEMBER 2025

RECEIPTS:	AMOUNT
Academic Transcript	10,000.00
Sundry & Other Fees Student Charges	899,150.00
Sundry Other Incomes	818,011.75
Convocation Souvenir	134,500.00
Income from Verification /Screening	430,000.00
Insurance Claims/Others	266,751.84
Staff I.D Cards	4,000.00
Capitation NHIS	23,200.00
Student I.D Cards	2,000.00
Others	13,000.00
Utility Income	44,200.00
CCSCA Clearance Charges	40,400.00
CCSCA General Payment Fees	182,400.00
CCSCA Application Fees	50,400.00
Electricity Charges from Shop, Kiosk	17,130,850.00
CODL- Clearance Charges	903,800.00
CODL- Form Processing Charges	440,400.00
Income from Diagnostic Centre	139,638.75
Rent on University Property	338,000.00
Refund of Unspent Staff Personal Advance	6,500,000.00
Clinic Registration (Staff)	5,000.00
Contractors' Registration Fees	2,000.00
Income from Dental Clinic	291,638.75
Income from Fitness Centre	15,000.00
Undergraduate Transcript Payment	832,200.00
Undergraduate School Charges	235,473,124.00
Undergraduate Change of Course	20,400.00
Undergraduate Clearance Charges	4,670,800.00
Undergraduate Hostel Accommodation	10,074,335.00
Undergraduate Convocation Charges	794,500.00
Postgraduate School Charges	18,606,800.00
Postgraduate School Transcript Payment	165,000.00
Postgraduate Verification of Results	161,600.00
Postgraduate Acceptance Payment	321,600.00
Postgraduate Application Form	25,200.00
Remedial Application Form	197,600.00
Remedial Acceptance Payment	273,600.00
Remedial School Charges	2,220,800.00
Ilorin Business School Application Form	50,400.00
Ilorin Business School Acceptance Payment	35,200.00
Ilorin Business School Charges	259,800.00
Institute of Education Hostel Accommodation	1,117,500.00
Institute of Education School Charges	89,040.40
JUPEB Application Form	1,537,200.00
JUPEB Acceptance Payment	1,612,800.00
JUPEB School Charges	10,769,000.00
Total Receipt for the Period	₦317,992,840.49
PAYMENTS	
PAYMENT TO CONTRACTORS/SUPPLIERS:	
Badaj Steel Structures Nig Ltd Supply of Digital tools	5,858,870.00
Interbiz Deep Concept Ltd Construction and Furnishing of English Drama Studio (CBNTETFUND)	1,072,985.13
Charlotte Projects Concepts Limited Construction and Furnishing of English Drama Studio(CBNTETFUND)	24,634,835.55
Loat Nig Ltd Rehabilitation of Solar Grid	35,875,467.62
PGC Cleaners and Merchants Waste Collection	60,000.00
Rock Field Petroleum Products Ltd Supply of Fuel	648,000.00
OTHER PAYMENTS:	
Various Various i.e DTA, IMPREST, REFUND e.t.c	51,281,171.16
Purchase Advance Various	8,063,779.37
Unilorin Petrol Station Supply of Fuel	17,752,124.30
Staff Training Learned Conference Overseas(CBNTETFUND)	3,422,000.00
NYSC Allowance for October 2025	1,480,000.00
Staff Training Special Reasearch Grant (CBNTETFUND)	2,658,362.00
Staff Training Research Grant	1,520,306.79
Staff Training Learned Conference (CBNTETFUND)	15,100,481.25
Total TSA Charges Various	60,092.50
Total payment for the period	₦169,488,475.67

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Abiodun Lawal (FCNA)

Bursar



S/N	NAME	DEPARTMENT	BIRTHDAY
1	AMBALI SIKIRAT ABOLAJI	UNILORIN STAFF SCHOOL	16-Nov
2	MOHAMMED IS'HAQ ALHASSAN	CHEMICAL ENGINEERING	16-Nov
3	ADIO ELIJAH KAYODE	REGISTRY	16-Nov
4	OLANREWAJU RHODA MOJI	GEOGRAPHY & ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT	16-Nov
5	ADEBOYE AKINMADE ATILADE	UNILORIN SUGAR RESEARCH INSTITUTE	16-Nov
6	FARUKU SALIHU TOYIN	WORKS: ELECTRICAL/TELECOM	16-Nov
7	JIMOH ADAMU	INDUSTRIAL CHEMISTRY	16-Nov
8	OWOLABI TAIYE	REGISTRY	16-Nov
9	OLAYANJU SUNDAY AKINWALE	ELECTRICAL & ELECTRONICS ENGINEERING	16-Nov
10	AREMU WALIYAT OMOWUMI	PHYSIOLOGY	16-Nov
11	ABDULKADIR FATIMAH OKUNLOLA	REGISTRY	16-Nov
12	OLOGUNDE OLUWATIMILEYIN ADEPEMI	REGISTRY	16-Nov
13	SOBANDE ELIZABETH OLAJUMOKE	REGISTRY	17-Nov
14	JUBRIL KAMILU SHABAN	CHEMISTRY	17-Nov
15	RAUFU IBRAHIM ADISA	VETERINARY MICROBIOLOGY	17-Nov
16	IBRAHIM LATEEF ADESINA	CHEMISTRY	17-Nov
17	OLOFINLADE SAMUEL OLUWAPELUMI OKE	FINANCE	17-Nov
18	ISHOLA ADEOLA HAWAWU	UNILORIN SUGAR RESEARCH INSTITUTE	18-Nov
19	LAWAL AMUDAT	CHEMISTRY	18-Nov
20	ADEBARA ALAO KEHINDE	PHYSICAL PLANNING UNIT	18-Nov
21	ADEBAYO OLUWATOPE JOSEPH	BIOCHEMISTRY	18-Nov
22	ROBERT EMMANUEL FRANCIS	WORKS: CIVIL/BUILDING	18-Nov
23	ADESANYA EMMANUEL OLORUNLEKE	SCIENCE EDUCATION	18-Nov
24	LAWAL ABUBAKAR ZUBAIR	MEDICAL BIOCHEMISTRY	18-Nov
25	SALIHU ABDULAZEEZ BOLANLE	ARCHITECTURE	18-Nov
26	YUSUF RAFIU OLASUNKANMI	CHEMICAL ENGINEERING	18-Nov
27	AJEIGBE BUKOLA BEATRICE	REGISTRY	19-Nov
28	BABATUNDE OLAREWAJU RAPHAEL	AGRIC. ECONOMICS & FARM MANAGEMENT	19-Nov
29	IDRIS IBRAHIM OLANREWAJU	SECURITY DIVISION	19-Nov
30	ABUBAKAR MUSA	WEB SUPPORT SERVICES	19-Nov
31	SULEIMAN FATIMAH	REGISTRY	19-Nov
32	OLASANMI OLUWATOYIN OLASUNKANMI	PHYSICS	19-Nov
33	BARNABY INIOBONG ETIM	REGISTRY	19-Nov
34	MOGAJI OBALOWU	SECURITY DIVISION	20-Nov
35	EDUNGBOLA OLAYINKA JOHN	SECURITY DIVISION	20-Nov
36	TOYIN TAIBAT	HEALTH SERVICES	20-Nov
37	ALARO ABDULRAZZAQ ABDULMAJEED	ISLAMIC LAW	20-Nov
38	GARUBA TAOFEEQ	PLANT BIOLOGY	20-Nov
39	AYINLA LUQMAN	CENTRAL RESEARCH LABORATORIES	20-Nov
40	AMBALI ABDUS-SALAM BABATUNDE	ARABIC	20-Nov
41	OGUNRINU OLUWASEYI GIDEON	EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY	20-Nov
42	ALEPA VINCENT CEPHAS	GEOLOGY & MINERAL SCIENCE	20-Nov
43	BAKER MARIAM TEMITOPE	CHEMISTRY	20-Nov
44	AFOLABI ABDULRASAQ OLAREWAJU	WORKS: WORKS/MAINT. OFFICE	20-Nov
45	AJAO BABATUNDE HADIYATULLAH	ANIMAL PRODUCTION	20-Nov
46	AWOPEJU OLADELE SUNDAY	SECURITY DIVISION	21-Nov
47	SIYANBOLA SALIHU OLAYINOLA	REGISTRY	21-Nov
48	PIMOR TAREBI	BURSARY	21-Nov
49	DUNMADE OLUFEMI IBUKUN	ENGLISH	21-Nov
50	FAYEMI ADEOLA OLUWASEUN	AGRIC. ECONOMICS & FARM MANAGEMENT	21-Nov
51	IDOWU AOLAT ADEOLA	REGISTRY	22-Nov
52	ADEYELE SAMUEL	SECURITY DIVISION	22-Nov
53	OLATOKE SAMUEL ADEGBOYEGA	SURGERY	22-Nov
54	SALIMAN RASHEED SAHBAN	SECURITY DIVISION	22-Nov
55	AHMED OLATUNJI	ELECTRICAL & ELECTRONICS ENGINEERING	22-Nov
56	SANNI JUBRIL OLAYINKA	NETWORK OPERATING CENTRE	22-Nov



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Unilorin, RTSL, SON collaborate on lead poisoning preventionRTSL donates XRF analyzer to boost research

By Tajudeen Babamale

The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has described the partnership between the University, Resolve to Save Life (RTSL), and the Standards Organisation of Nigeria (SON) on lead poisoning prevention as a significant step towards ensuring a safer and healthier environment for all Nigerians.

Prof. Egbewole made this known last Monday (November 10, 2025), while receiving a team from the RTSL led by its Executive Director, Mrs Nanlop Ogbureke, in his office. The team was at the University to reaffirm the organisation's commitment to supporting UNILORIN's research excellence and Nigeria's public health goals.

The visit also marked the official announcement and release of a portable X-ray Fluorescence (XRF) analyzer to the University for use by the Dr Adewale George Adeniyi-led research team, which is currently conducting an RTSL-sponsored project on lead (Pb) poisoning monitoring and evaluation in cosmetics.

Represented by the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic), Prof. Moji Taibat Bakare-Odunola, the Vice Chancellor said that the University of Ilorin is proud to be part of the collaborative initiative that brings together academia, regulatory agencies, and advocacy groups in the pursuit of a common goal of promoting environmental safety and public health.

The Vice Chancellor observed that the choice of the University of Ilorin as a partner in the initiative reflects its consistent record of excellence and dedication to national development. He added that the collaboration aligns with the University's vision of addressing issues that impact the lives of ordinary citizens through applied research and innovation.

On behalf of the Governing Council, Senate, staff, and students of the University community, Prof. Egbewole expressed appreciation to the team from Resolve to Save Life for their unwavering commitment to improving public health and environmental safety across Nigeria.

He also commended Dr Adewale George Adeniyi, the most ranked researcher from the University on Scopus (h-index)

with 254 documents, and his research team for their leadership in advancing this impactful initiative. He reaffirmed Unilorin's commitment to partnerships that drive innovation, public safety, and sustainable development.

Speaking earlier, the Executive Director of RTSL in Nigeria, Mrs Nanlop Ogbureke, explained that the organisation's decision to partner the University of Ilorin was a deliberate and strategic one. Mrs Ogbureke noted that the University's strong research track record, consistent commitment to public health, and active engagement with local communities and national organisations such as the Standards Organisation of Nigeria (SON) made it an ideal partner for the collaborative initiative.

The RTSL boss explained that effective solutions to complex public health challenges require partnerships that connect academic research, government policy, and development outcomes. She stated that such collaborations create sustainable systems capable of addressing environmental and health concerns through evidence-based actions and innovation.

To support the ongoing research, the Executive Director announced that Resolve to Save Lives is providing a portable X-ray Fluorescence (XRF) analyzer to the University for the duration of the study. She explained that the equipment enables accurate and non-destructive testing of samples, and would empower the University's research team to produce high-quality data that will guide Nigeria's response to lead exposure and contamination.

She further noted that lead poisoning remains one of the most serious yet preventable environmental health challenges in Nigeria. According to her, exposure to lead whether from paints, contaminated soil, dust, or consumer products poses grave risks, particularly to children and women of reproductive age.

Mrs Ogbureke expressed optimism that the engagement would mark the beginning of a long-term and mutually beneficial partnership between RTSL and the University of Ilorin, one that would extend beyond the current study into joint research, capacity building, and broader public health interventions.