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Egbewole canvasses international collaboration at 4th D-8 Summit

By Abubakar Imam



■ The representative of the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Onireti Ibraheem (right), with the Vice Chancellor of the Universiti Teknologi Malaysia, Prof. Dr. Bin Mohammed Rahim, on the sidelines of the Summit

The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has, again, canvassed collaboration and institutional linkages among universities in D-8 Countries.

Prof. Egbewole made the appeal last Tuesday (October 7, 2025) while speaking at the 4th Summit of the D-8 Network of Pioneers for Research and Innovation (D-8 NIPR) held at the Universiti Teknologi Malaysia (UTM), Johor, Malaysia.

The Summit, which was attended by chief executives of universities and policy makers from member-countries, was held between 6th and 9th October, 2025. (Contd. on page 3)

Speak indigenous languages to your children, VC tasks parents

By Tajudeen Babamale

The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has called on parents to deliberately communicate with their children in Yoruba and other indigenous languages, especially at home, to preserve and promote Nigeria's rich linguistic heritage.

Prof. Egbewole made the appeal last Tuesday (October 7, 2025) when he received members of the National Executive Committee of the Yoruba Studies Association of Nigeria (YSAN), who paid him a courtesy visit ahead of their 2025 Annual Conference. (Contd. on page 3)



■ Prof. Egbewole

UNILORIN @ 50, a generational celebration -Mokuolu



■ Prof. Mokuolu

By Abubakar Imam

The Chairman of the University of Ilorin 50th Anniversary Planning Committee, Prof. Olugbenga Ayodeji Mokuolu, has described the upcoming anniversary as "a generational celebration", which must not be missed by anyone who has anything to do with the University in the last five decades.

Prof. Mokuolu stated this last Monday (October 6, 2025) while speaking on the maiden edition of "Countdown to UNILORIN @ 50", a special interview programme put together by UNILORIN 89.3 FM to mark the University's Golden Jubilee. The programme was anchored by Ms Bimbo Durojaiye. (Contd. on page 4)



VCN, NVMA laud UNILORIN for upholding excellence in veterinary training ... as varsity produces 33 new vet doctors

By Tajudeen Babamale
and Isaac Lewu

The Veterinary Council of Nigeria (VCN) and the Nigerian Veterinary Medical Association (NVMA) have commended the University of Ilorin for her firm commitment to excellence in veterinary education and for producing professionals who continue to make remarkable impacts within and outside the country as the University produces a new set of 33 new Veterinary doctors.

The two bodies gave the commendation last Monday (October 6, 2025), when their leaders visited the Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin ahead of their participation at the 7th Induction and Oath-Taking Ceremony for the 2024/2025 graduating class of the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine.

The President of the Veterinary Council of Nigeria (VCN), Prof. Mathew Adamu, represented by the Vice President, Prof. Halima Idrissa Gambo, applauded the quality of veterinary doctors produced by the University, describing them as a reflection of effective institutional support and academic dedication. He urged the University management to sustain its backing for the Faculty in order to further strengthen professional standards and growth in the field.

Similarly, the President of the Nigerian Veterinary Medical Association (NVMA), Dr Moses Arokoyo, praised the University for maintaining a legacy of academic excellence and discipline. He used the occasion to extol two distinguished scholars of the institution,

Prof. S. F. Ambali and Prof. S. O. Salami, who, he said, played instrumental roles in shaping his career and those of many others.

While describing the University as a hub of great minds and international scholars whose dedication to mentorship and research continues to enrich the profession, the President of NVMA said the University of Ilorin stands tall among institutions offering veterinary education in Nigeria.

He added that quality abounds in Unilorin, and expressed satisfaction that the institution continues to produce professionals who are contributing meaningfully to national development.

Welcoming the visiting team to the University, the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, reaffirmed the strategic importance of the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine to the University's vision of academic excellence and societal impact. He stated that, although the Faculty is relatively young, it has achieved impressive milestones within its short period of existence.

Represented by the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Management Services), Prof. Adegboyega Adisa Fawole, the Vice Chancellor said the Faculty's achievements are evident in the quality of its graduates and staff, noting that it has produced personalities who have served as Vice-Chancellor, Deputy Vice Chancellor, and members of the University Council within few years of its establishment.

Prof. Egbewole, who commended the academic and professional competence of the teaching staff of the Faculty, added that the consistent positive reports about the

Faculty reassured the management that students are receiving sound training from capable hands.

The Vice Chancellor further emphasised that the quality of teaching and mentorship in the Faculty is reflected in the outstanding performance of its students and alumni, who are making waves nationally and internationally.

He expressed optimism that the Veterinary Council of Nigeria would consider increasing the University's admission quota to enable more students to benefit from the Faculty's excellent training environment.

Addressing the graduands, Prof. Egbewole congratulated them on the successful completion of their training at the University as he encouraged them to nurture their skills, build on their knowledge and contribute positively to the nation's agricultural and health development.

He reminded them that the University expects its alumni to support its continuous growth through collaboration, donations, and initiatives aimed at improving infrastructural facilities and academic rankings.

Prof. Egbewole expressed appreciation to the President and members of the Veterinary Council of Nigeria for their continued efforts in regulating and standardising veterinary practice in the country. He noted that the University was delighted by the Council's commendation of the quality of its graduates, describing it as a testament to the institution's commitment to academic excellence and global relevance.

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Egbewole canvasses international collaboration at 4th D-8 Summit

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The Vice Chancellor, who was represented by the Director, Centre for International Studies, Prof. Lateef Onireti Ibraheem, said that the envisaged collaboration is the engine that would propel higher education and foster greater development in the South-South.

Prof. Egbewole added that sustainable development in the Global South must be knowledge-driven and collaboratively achieved as he said that the University of Ilorin would be particularly interested in joint research, staff and students exchanges, policy dialogue and technological transfer that can directly impact communities.

While saying that "we should move beyond dialogue to co-creation where universities in the D-8 become engines of inclusive growth, innovation and South-South cooperation, Prof. Egbewole commended the organisers for convening the forum and urged all participants to use the opportunity to build lasting frameworks for collaboration.

Prof. Egbewole, who thanked all those who participated in the 3rd edition of the Summit hosted by the University of Ilorin, enjoined participants to attend the upcoming 50th anniversary of the University, which, he said, would hold between 23rd and 28th November, 2025.

The Vice Chancellor, who is also

the Vice President (West Africa) of the Association of African Universities (AAU), said that the ceremonies will reflect the University's pride in the production of leaders, generation of transformative knowledge and meaningful contribution to national and regional development in the last five decades.

On the sideline of the Summit, the representative of the Vice Chancellor also held interactions with the Vice Chancellor of the Universiti Teknologi Malaysia, Prof. Dr Mohammed Shafry Bin Mohammed Rahim in the course of which Letters of Intent for collaboration between the two Universities were also exchanged.

Speak indigenous languages to your children, Egbewole tasks parents

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Represented by the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Management Services), Prof. Adegboyega Adisa Fawole, the Vice Chancellor explained that language is a

vital component of cultural identity and a major vehicle for transmitting values from one generation to another.

He, therefore, urged YSAN to step up their advocacy to encourage parents to ensure that their children understand and

appreciate their mother tongues as a way of safeguarding national culture.

Speaking earlier, the President of YSAN, Prof. Temitope Olumuyiwa, expressed appreciation to the management of the University for accepting to host the Association's 2025 Annual Conference.

Prof. Olumuyiwa also commended the University's support for Yoruba Studies in the institution, noting that such backing has strengthened its reputation as a leading centre for the study and promotion of the Yoruba language.

Earlier, the Dean of the Faculty of Arts, Prof. Ibrahim Jawondo, lauded the University administration for its consistent encouragement and support, which he said have greatly contributed to the successful hosting of academic and cultural events within the Faculty.



VCN, NVMA laud UNILORIN for upholding excellence in veterinary training

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In his address, the Dean of the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, University of Ilorin, Prof. Saliu A. Ameen, charged the new veterinary doctors to uphold the virtues of compassion, integrity, and service to humanity as they embark on their professional journey.

The Dean described the occasion as a defining moment of transition from learning to service, urging the graduands to see their calling as one that safeguards not just animal health but the nation's food security and public wellbeing.

Prof. Ameen noted that the veterinary profession occupies a strategic place in national development, contributing immensely to public health, agricultural productivity, and biomedical advancement.

He lauded the unwavering support of the University management under the leadership of the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Egbewole,

SAN, whose commitment, he said, has kept the Faculty's programmes nationally and internationally competitive.

The Guest Speaker, Dr Bala Mohammed, a specialist in small animal orthopedic surgery from the College of Veterinary Surgery, Nigeria, spoke on the significance of the One-Health approach.

Drawing from his experience, which included the performance of nearly 200 surgical procedures, including minimally invasive surgeries, Dr Mohammed emphasised the need for collaboration across medical disciplines, noting that animal and human health are deeply intertwined.

He reflected on his professional journey, recalling how his late mentor pushed him beyond conventional veterinary boundaries, exposing him to plastic surgery techniques and interdisciplinary learning at Shika.

Dr Mohammed further stressed that, with about 60% of emerging infectious diseases in humans originating from animals, the world must

embrace integrated health systems.

Citing global examples such as mass dog vaccination campaigns in Asia and improved pasture management in the Sahel, he underscored how veterinary expertise continues to shape public health outcomes.

The highlight of the event was the presentation of awards to Dr Faith Seun Ajani, who emerged best graduating student and received a cash prize of ₦300,000. She also bagged 10 different other awards, while Dr Karimot Abisola Babalola followed closely with five awards.

In attendance were the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Research, Technology and Innovation) Prof. Mukhtar Adeiza Etudaiye; the Registrar, Mr Mansur Adeleke Alfanla; the University Librarian, Prof. Kamaldeen Tunde Omopupa; the Bursar Mr Abiodun Lawal; and the immediate past Deputy Vice Chancellor (Management Services), Prof. S. F. Ambali, among others.

UNILORIN @ 50, a generational celebration -Mokuolu

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The Chairman explained that the celebration would not only be a historical landmark for the alumni and staff of the University but could also be a monumental anniversary in the life of every stakeholder to celebrate a key feature of their relationship with the University.

Prof. Mokuolu added that the celebration will be marked in a grand style as he recalled that the celebration was kicked off on Monday, January 13, 2025 with the unveiling of the anniversary billboard by the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN.

He further stated that the University decided to celebrate the milestone because of its various accomplishments and its desire to maintain its greatness as it marches forward.

Prof. Mokuolu said that the University is deeply rich in alumni considering its production of numerous stars in various professions and the high quality of its staff.

The Chairman thanked the various units of the University for

embracing the anniversary as he recalled that several Faculties and Centres have organised different programmes and invited dignitaries to the campus such as the Nobel laureate, Prof. Wole Soyinka; a former Chairman of the Independent National Electoral Commission, Prof. Attahiru Jega and the Chairman of the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Production Services and Rural Development, Senator Saliu Mustapha, among others, as a way of celebrating the milestone.

He also thanked the management and staff of the radio station and the Directorate of Corporate Affairs at large for their contributions so far, saying that the publicity provided has been quite stimulating.

Prof. Mokuolu, who spoke to the lineup of activities of the anniversary, said that invitation has been sent out to several dignitaries within and outside Nigeria to attend the event.

He added that The Presidency, members of the National Executive Council, the National Assembly as well as the Governor of Kwara State and members of his administration would be at the ceremony. He also said that a globally

renowned public speaker, Prof. P. L. O. Lumumba, would be the Guest Speaker.

He also explained that a renowned businessman, Ambassador Abdulatai Yahaya Seriki, MFR, has accepted to be the Chief Launcher at the ₦50 billion fundraising for the building of an iconic Innovation and Transcript Hub and expansion of learning facilities.

Prof. Mokuolu, who thanked the Governing Council, Principal Officers and staff the University for their cooperation so far, appealed to the alumni, staff and students of the University to see the anniversary as theirs by participating actively.

While calling on governments, corporate organisations and individuals to support the University with funds, Prof. Mokuolu appealed to everyone, particularly the alumni to make their impact felt by donating their widow's mite towards the betterment of the University.

He added that no amount is either too small or too much for one's alma mater as he said that none of the leading universities in the world attain eminence in infrastructure and service delivery without the support of their alumni.

Yusuf Ali fetes Adekilekun on career progression

By Abubakar Imam

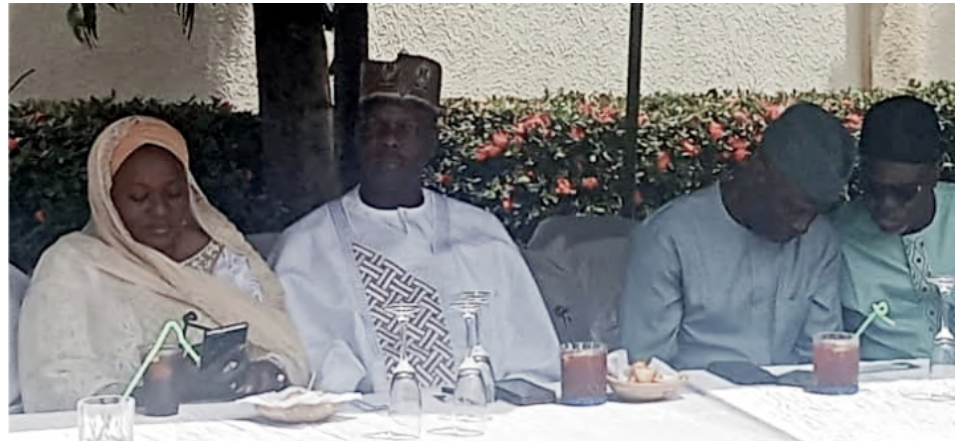
The recent conferment of the prestigious rank of Senior Advocate of Nigeria (SAN) on a Professor at the Department of Business Law, University of Ilorin, Mubarak Tijani Adekilekun, by the Legal Practitioners Privileges Committee (LPPC) has been described as “meritorious and well-deserved”.

This assertion was made penultimate Sunday (October 6, 2025) by an Ilorin-Based Senior Advocate of Nigeria, Mr Adebayo Oba Adelodun, while speaking at a prayer/luncheon organised by the Kuliya of Ilorin and former Chairman of the Committee of Pro-Chancellors of States-Owned Universities, Prof. Yusuf Olaolu Ali, SAN, at his Adewole Estate residence in Ilorin.

Mr Adelodun, who is a former Chairman of the Ilorin Branch of the Nigerian Bar Association (NBA), said that from the trajectories of the career of Prof. Adekilekun, coupled with his professionalism and integrity, the law teacher really deserved the elevation.

The Chairman, who congratulated Prof. Adekilekun for attaining the peak of his careers as a law teacher and legal practitioner, urged him to maintain his characteristic exemplary dispositions for him to record more accomplishments in life.

In his lecture at the event, a former Deputy Chief Imam of the University of Ilorin, Dr Yusuf Kolawole Jimoh, urged



Prof. Adekilekun to always show gratitude for the divine favour he has been enjoying right from birth.

While urging legal practitioners to pursue issues and projects that would enhance national development, the cleric-don encouraged the honouree to mentor others as he was mentored by illustrious elders of the profession.

Responding, the honouree thanked Prof. Ali and his law firm, Ghalib Chambers, for organising the event as he also thanked all those who honoured him with their presence.

The event was attended by the Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN; the Vice Chancellor, Al-Hikmah University, Ilorin, Prof. Lateef Folorunsho Oladimeji; the father of the honouree and Mufti of Ede in Osun State, Shaykh Abdulateef Tijani

Adekilekun; the Director, Linguistics Immersion Centre, University of Ilorin, Prof. Badmas Olanrewaju Yusuf; the Director, Centre for Research, Development and In-House Training (CREDIT), Prof. Abdulkareem Oloyede; and the Dean, Faculty of Management Sciences, University of Ilorin, Prof. Taiwo Olaniyi.

Also in attendance were the President of the Ilorin Emirate Descendants Progressive Union (IEDPU), Alhaji Abdulmumini Ayo Abdulmalik; a former Speaker of the Osun State House of Assembly and ex-Nigerian Envoy to Mexico, Ambassador AbdulRafiu Adejare Bello; the Timi of Ede, Oba Munirudeen Lawal, who was represented by one of his wives, Mrs Aisha Lawal; and the Commissioner of Police, Kwara State Command, Mr Adekanmi Ojo; among several others from far and near.

Embrace academic culture, Omotesho urges lecturers

By Abubakar Abdulquadri
and Bashir Dawodu

The immediate past Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic), University of Ilorin, Prof. Olubunmi Abayomi Omotesho, has urged lecturers to embrace academic culture in the discharge of their responsibilities to achieve optimal outcomes, particularly career progression.

Prof. Omotesho gave the charge last Monday (October 6, 2025) while speaking at a Workshop on Level Advisement and Academic Culture organised by the Faculty of Life Science at the Faculty of Physical Sciences Boardroom.

In his presentation, Prof. Omotesho emphasised that the roles of Level Advisers in any Faculty are crucial, noting that they play vital roles in guiding students to excel in their careers. He outlined the qualities of a good Level Adviser as including punctuality, constant consultation, good listening skills, equity, and personal integrity.



Prof. Omotesho advised students to familiarise themselves with their Level Advisers, adhere to their instructions, pay school fees on time, and complete registrations as scheduled.

He stressed that Level Advisers guide students in course selection, subject to approval of the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic).

He noted that Level Advisers are expected to guide students through their academic journey, provide academic excellence, and demonstrate integrity, justice, commitment, and teamwork, emphasising that academic culture encompasses shared values with adequate commitments.

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Egbewole, others honour Omopupa at Special Thanksgiving Prayer

By Abubakar Imam

The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, penultimate Saturday (October 4, 2025) led dignitaries from all walks of life to a Special Thanksgiving organised by the Omopupa family of Alanamu Quarters, Ilorin, in honour of the University Librarian, Prof. Kamaldeen Tunde Omopupa, on his promotion to the exalted rank of Professor.

Speaking at the event held at the Balogun Alanamu Mosque, Ilorin, a renowned cleric, Dr Ibrahim Kareem Arilomo, said that Prof. Omopupa truly deserved the honour considering the trajectory of his career.

He recalled that Prof. Omopupa has always been a hardworking and enterprising academic who started his career as a lecturer at the Kwara State College of Arabic and Islamic Legal Studies, Ilorin, about 25 years ago.

He added that the University Librarian has always exhibited exemplary humility and patriotism.

Also speaking, the Imam Balogun Alanamu Mosque, Imam Shehu Miqdad Alfa Adama, explained that Prof. Omopupa has always been a role model to younger ones before and since his emergence as a Principal Officer of the University of Ilorin over three years ago.

He urged Prof. Omopupa to maintain his fantastic dispositions by continuing to be the best he could be to his family, University and society at large.



In a chat with *UNILORIN Bulletin* on the sideline of the event, Prof. Omopupa said that he was humbled by the magnitude and calibre of individuals that attended the event.

He was particularly grateful to the Vice Chancellor for his fatherly support as he also thanked the organisers for finding him worthy of the celebration.

Prof. Omopupa assured all that he would continue to make them proud by discharging his responsibilities to the best of his ability.

Others who attended the event were the Registrar, Mr Mansur Adeleke Alfania; the Bursar, Mr Abiodun Lawal; the Director, Joint Universities Preliminary Examination

Board(JUPEB), Prof. Ibrahim Kayode Adam; a former Dean, Faculty of Basic Clinical Sciences, Prof. Aliyu Ajibola Akanbi II; a former Dean of the Faculty of Arts, Prof Shehu Ahmad Abdussalam; a retired Assistant Commandant-General of Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps (NSCDC), Alhaji Taiye Ayinla Olowo; Mr Mohammad Abubakar of the State House, Abuja; a retired senior military officer, Col Muhammed Adisa kareem; a prominent community leader, Alhaji Ayuba Danmusa, and a retired Permanent Secretary in Kwara State, Hajia Habibat Salman-Saidu among several others from far and near.

Embrace academic culture, Omotesho urges lecturers

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He also called on lecturers to always provide clear advice to the students, create a general WhatsApp platform to reach out to them with useful and correct information, and avoid dominating conversations with them, as it could be counterproductive.

The Dean of the Faculty, Prof. Rotimi Olusanya Arise, thanked Prof. Omotesho for his insightful lecture and contributions, which, he said, would enhance the Faculty's responsibilities

and achieve greater success.

The Director of the Centre for Computer Services and Information Technology (COMSIT), Prof. Rasheed Gbenga Jimoh, represented by a System Analyst at the Directorate, Mr Bakare Ridwan, advised students to study diligently and reach out to their Level Advisers whenever they encounter challenges in their academic activities.

He commended the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, for his visionary

leadership and commitment to the University's digital transformation.

Also speaking, the Chairman of the Faculty Mentorship Committee, Prof. M. O. Nafiu, appreciated the Dean for the opportunity to gain innovative knowledge, ideas, and techniques in dealing with students. He commended Prof. Omotesho for his excellent lecture and participants for their attention.

Unilorite wins AFCONE awardEgbewole rejoices

By Abubakar Imam

A 1983 alumnus of the Department of Physics, University of Ilorin, Prof. Sunday Jonah, has won the African Nuclear Energy Outstanding Performance award.

The award was conferred on Nigeria's leading Nuclear Energy Scientist by the African Commission on Nuclear Energy (AFCONE) recently in Pretoria, South Africa, during the 16th anniversary celebration of 'Pelindaba Treaty'. It was the first of its kind conferred on any African Nuclear Energy Scientist.

AFCONE, which was formed in 2009, is to the African Union what the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) is to the United Nations. It is the nuclear energy watchdog of the African Union Commission.

Prof. Jonah, who is also the Director of Ahmadu Bello University's Centre for Energy Research and Training (CERT), is the lead author of 117 Journal articles and co-author of 130 others. With the current citation of 1828 h-index of 22 and i-10 index of 64 on Google Scholar, Prof. Jonah has been recognised twice – in 2024 and 2025 at the Ahmadu University, Zaria, as one of its most cited authors.

This award-winning Unilorite would also be remembered for being the brain behind the design and



■ Prof. Jonah

development of a Neutron Reflection Set Up for the determination of Hydrogen content and C+O/H in different materials, which is a project that was recognised as the best material in a 2010 Science Innovation Fair, and continues to be a vital tool for teaching neutron Physics.

Aside from the above, Prof. Jonah is also a contributor to the Oxford Handbook on Nuclear Security (2025) where his incisive and detailed perspective on the conversion of a Research Reactor from HEU to LEU in Nigeria was published, an achievement that earned him recognition and commendation of the Department of Energy of the National Nuclear Security Administration, Washington DC, in December, 2018.

For several years and in different capacities, Prof. Jonah also played frontline roles in the effective

utilisation of NIRR-1 at the Centre for Energy Research and Training, where, as the Director, from 2021 to date, his leadership provided a new momentum for the Centre's achievements of its mandate of research and education in nuclear Science and Technology.

Prof. Jonah is a winner of several outstanding awards including Outstanding Contributions Award by First Nigerian Universities Research and Development Fair.

A 2021 Senior Member of the Institute of Nuclear Materials Management, Prof. Jonah was recognised and awarded the Fellowship of the Nigerian Institute of Physics in 2013.

Reacting to the development, the Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, welcomed the award, saying that it is a good development as the honouree's alma mater celebrates its Golden jubilee.

In a statement signed by the University's Director of Corporate Affairs, Mr Kunle Akogun, the Vice Chancellor described the honouree as a pride to his alma mater.

Prof. Egbewole, who is also the Secretary-General of the Association of West African Universities (AWAU), expressed optimism that other alumni, staff and students of the University would continue to make the institution very proud.

Oyetola to deliver UNILORIN Advancement Centre's maiden personality lecture Thursday

By Abubakar Imam

The Minister of Marine and Blue Economy, Alhaji Adegboyega Oyetola, CON, will on Thursday, October 16, 2025, deliver the maiden Personality Lecture organised by the Centre for Advancement, University of Ilorin.

A statement signed by the Director of the Centre, Prof. Waheed Babatunde Yahya, said that the event, themed "Nexus Between Blue Economy and Higher Education for Sustainable Development in Nigeria," will hold at the University Auditorium beginning at 10:00a.m.

Prof. Yahya, who is the Chairman of the Alumni Day Sub committee of the University of Ilorin's

Golden Jubilee Planning Committee said that the Governor of Kwara State, Mallam AbdulRahman AbdulRazaq, CON, will be the Special Guest of Honour while the Emir of Ilorin, Alhaji (Dr) Ibrahim Sulu-Gambari, CFR, will be the Royal Father as the Vice Chancellor of the University, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, will be the Chief Host.

The statement explained that Prof. Yahya will be the Host while the Director, Centre for Management and Leadership, Ilorin, Dr Adeola Aminat Odebode, will be the Co-Host.

While saying that other dignitaries from far and near are also expected to attend the event, the statement added that the lecture promises to be an opportunity for participants to gain fresh insights into the blue economy and how it can be used to



■ Alhaji Oyetola

transform the nation's economy.

Members of the University community and the general public are, therefore, invited to attend punctually.



Scholars advocate mentorship, leadership, ethical values in academia

By **Mustafa Abubakar and Toluwani Bamigboye**

Scholars from the Faculty of Education, University of Ilorin, have emphasised the need for mentorship, ethical conduct, and responsible leadership as the foundation of academic excellence and professional integrity in Nigerian universities.

The call was made last Tuesday (October 7, 2025) at the Faculty of Education Talk Shop held at its New Education Lecture Theatre.

In his presentation entitled “Mentorship and Allied Academic Leadership Functions in the University,” a former Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic), University of Ilorin, Prof. Raheem Adebayo Lawal, underscored the vital role of mentorship in developing effective academic leaders.

He described mentorship as a lifelong relationship that enables experienced lecturers to guide younger ones towards professional competence and personal growth.

Recounting a personal encounter with a junior colleague who sought his mentorship, Prof. Lawal said the episode illustrated the power of guidance and influence. He noted that every young lecturer requires a mentor who can serve as a role-model, guide, and protector.

He explained that mentorship is both a professional and moral duty that promotes belonging, collaboration, and continuous learning within the academic community.

The Professor of English Language Education, who identified different models of mentorship, such as traditional, team, and group mentoring, urged Departments to adopt structures

suited to their staff composition.

Prof. Lawal, who also served as Vice Chancellor of the University of Offa, described mentorship as the pinnacle of leadership in academia, preparing younger scholars to take on greater responsibilities.

He stressed that when junior lecturers are properly mentored, they become effective advisers and role models to their students.

Highlighting the importance of student advisement, Prof. Lawal noted that lecturers must help students make informed decisions about their academic progress and career goals.

He added that the Faculty is already working on a paper to ensure that the mentorship drive is institutionalised and sustained within the University system.

Prof. Lawal urged lecturers to show empathy, maintain regular communication with their students, and integrate technology to strengthen advisory relationships.

Presenting another paper, entitled “Upholding Ethics and Professional Conduct in Academia,” Prof. Alfred Akinbo Adegoke of the Department of Guidance and Counselling urged university lecturers to uphold integrity, fairness, and accountability in the discharge of their academic responsibilities.

He described the University as a moral community committed to the pursuit of truth and the development of responsible citizens.

According to him, academics have two major responsibilities: to generate and safeguard reliable knowledge, and to educate future professionals with integrity and moral purpose.

Prof. Adegoke, who identified honesty, fairness, respect, and professional competence as the moral pillars of ethical

conduct, warned that unethical practices such as plagiarism, data falsification, and abuse of power undermine public trust and the quality of scholarship.

The scholar called on universities to strengthen their codes of conduct and establish independent offices to oversee research integrity, staff discipline, and ethical compliance.

He further urged institutions to provide regular ethics training for lecturers and supervisors and to design transparent evaluation and supervision systems.

“Ethical behavior is shaped by everyday actions, leadership examples, and shared values within the university community,” he said.

Prof. Adegoke also called on administrators to reward good conduct, promote open discussions about ethics, and involve students in integrity education.

While describing ethical leadership as a moral vocation rather than a legal obligation, Prof. Adegoke said, “We must renew our commitment to truth, fairness, respect, and service. The true scholar must have the courage to do what is right, even when it is difficult,” he said.

Declaring the event open, the Vice Chancellor of the University, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole (SAN), represented by the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Management Services), Prof. Adegboyega Adisa Fawole, commended the Faculty for organising an intellectually-stimulating and morally-significant programme.

He described the Talkshop as a timely initiative that aligns with the strategic vision of the University of producing graduates and scholars who are not only intellectually sound but also ethically upright.

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UNILORIN @ 50 celebration is for you, Yahya tells alumni

By Abubakar Imam

The Director, Centre for Advancement, University of Ilorin, Prof. Waheed Babatunde Yahya, has said that the upcoming 50th anniversary celebration of the University is for the alumni and students of the University as it is for its current and past staff members.

Prof. Yahya stated this last Tuesday (October 7, 2025) while featuring on the second edition of "Countdown to UNILORIN @ 50" on UNILORIN 89.3 FM. The programme, which was designed to provide illuminations on the University's 50th anniversary, was anchored by Ms Bimbo Durojaiye.

The Director said that alumni of the University cannot be indifferent to their alma mater, particularly at this point in time, as he said that their stories would be incomplete without adequate reference to their sojourns at the University.

Prof. Yahya, who is also the Chairman of the Sub-Committee on the Alumni Day of the UNILORIN @ 50 Anniversary Planning Committee, said that it was in the realisation of the significance of the alumni of the University that a day was specifically set aside to celebrate them.

He said that deserving alumni



■ Prof. Yahya

are currently being identified for honour in appreciation of their contributions not only to the University but also to humanity at large.

Prof. Yahya said that only those who have truly distinguished themselves in different careers would be honoured on the "Alumni Day" scheduled for Wednesday, November 26, 2025 at the University Auditorium.

While saying that his Sub-Committee is working with the University Alumni Association, the Chairman urged other alumni of the University across the world not only to participate in the upcoming event but also begin to challenge

themselves with what they would do for the University for them to stand out in its history.

The Director, who is also an alumnus of the University, said that the programme would also witness the conferment of awards on past Principal Officers of the University whose sweat led to the production of all the alumni.

He also said that some distinguished personalities who are neither alumni nor ex-staff of the University but whose contributions impacted positively on the University would also be honoured.

Prof. Yahya, therefore, encouraged Deans and Directors as well as Heads of various Departments in the University to recommend deserving staff members of their units who are alumni of the University for honour.

Answering a question on the number of individuals to be honoured, Prof. Yahya said that the list is being compiled and that only the management of the University would determine the exact number.

Prof. Yahya, who teaches at the Department of Statistics, thanked the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, and his team for their support. He also thanked the Chairman of the Anniversary Planning Committee, Prof. Olugbenga Ayodeji Mokoulu, for his guidance and leadership.

Scholars advocate mentorship, leadership, ethical values in academia

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Prof. Egbewole noted that in an era where universities are facing moral, technological, and professional challenges, there is an urgent need for renewed focus on mentorship and ethics as the bedrock of institutional excellence. He reaffirmed the University administration's commitment to supporting programmes that promote staff development, responsible scholarship, and student-centred learning.

In his opening remarks, the Dean of the Faculty, Prof. Olukunmi Lanre Olaitan, said the Talkshop represents a journey of intellectual exploration, collaboration, and innovation. He reaffirmed the Faculty's shared commitment to shaping the future of education and advancing the mission of the University.

"As we convene, we are reminded of the pivotal role educators play in building a knowledge-driven economy and

fostering sustainable national development. Our Faculty remains deeply committed to producing competent, ethical, and visionary professionals who will drive positive change in society," he said.

Prof. Olaitan explained that the Faculty carefully selected distinguished scholars with integrity and experience to lead discussions on critical issues, share best practices, and propose innovative strategies for improving teaching, research, and community service. He appreciated the participants for their engagement and expressed hope that the Talkshop would reaffirm a shared commitment to professional ethics, moral excellence, and academic distinction.

Also speaking, the Chairman of the Talkshop, who is also the Sub-Dean of the Faculty, Dr Abdullateef Omotosho Adegboyega, commended the dedication and teamwork of the planning committee.

The talkshop provided an avenue

for intellectual reflection and reaffirmed the Faculty of Education's commitment to nurturing a generation of ethical, competent, and visionary academics who will uphold the enduring values of the University.

Also in attendance were the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Research, Technology and Innovation), Prof. Muktar Adeiza Etundaye; the Registrar, Mr Mansur Adeleke Alfanla; the Director, Centre for Management and Leadership, Dr Adeola Aminat Odebode; the immediate past Dean of the Faculty, Prof. Lasiele Alabi Yahya; the Director, Institute of Education, Prof. Abdulraheem Yusuf; the Director of Sports, Prof. Tajudeen Olarewaju Ibraheem; Prof. Hassanat Ambali; Deputy Registrar/Faculty Officer, Mrs Ebinoluwa Osagbemi; Prof. Afusat Alabi; Heads of Departments; Faculty staff; and students, among others.

Embrace AI for relevance, Abdulbaqi tasks staff, students

By Abubakar Imam

The Dean, Faculty of Communication and Information Sciences, University of Ilorin, Prof. Saudat Salah Abdulbaqi, has encouraged staff members and students of the Faculty and the University at large to embrace Artificial Intelligence(AI) in all their academic and professional endeavours for them to remain relevant.

Prof. Abdulbaqi gave this advice last Tuesday (October 7, 2025) while speaking at the closing ceremony of a two-day workshop titled "AWS Cloud and Generative AI For Teaching and Research" at the Laboratory Room of the Faculty. The workshop was jointly organised by the Faculty and Arthurite Integrated.

The Dean, who is also a Council Member of the Nigerian Institute of Public Relations(NIPR), said that AI has become an indispensable phenomenon in contemporary life, particularly in the academic field.

Prof. Abdulbaqi explained that



■ Prof. Abdulbaqi

the fear that AI will displace humans as being circulated in some quarters, is unfounded, saying that it is only those who are indifferent to it that would be eventually displaced.

The scholar of Mass Communication said that the Faculty would organise more of such training for all to be conversant with AI and how it

can be effectively and positively deployed.

Presenting a paper at the event, an Information Technology expert, Mr Goodluck Adiole, urged participants to ensure that they acquire and develop the ability to control AI, saying that they should never allow it to control them.

Mr Adiole said that users of AI should also learn how to converse and ask the machine the right questions to ensure that appropriate responses are provided.

He said that users must always converse with the AI in a desirable context, saying that the context in which questions are asked would determine the quality of responses to be generated.

The workshop attracted staff and students of the Faculty including a former Sub-Dean of the Faculty, Dr Amos Bajeh; an Associate Professor at the Department of Information Technology, Dr Rofiat Oyekunle and a Senior Lecturer at the Department of Mass Communication and Member, *UNILORIN Bulletin* Editorial Board, Dr Abdulkadir Oba Laaro, among others.

Be familiar with varsity's rules, Alawaye urges new students

By Idayat Hassan

Deputy Director at the Counselling and Human Development Centre, University of Ilorin, Dr Aminullahi Salman Alawaye, has urged new students of the institution to learn the university's rules, utilise available support systems, and engage in campus life to ensure a successful and balanced academic journey.

Dr Alawaye gave this advice last Monday (October 6, 2025) during the "Meet the Counselor", a weekly counselling programme of *UNILORIN 89.3 FM*. The programme was anchored by Mrs Idayat Hassan.

The guest explained that knowing the rules would empower individuals to avoid unnecessary pitfalls and focus on their growth as he said that ignorance would never be taken as an excuse.

Addressing the need for a robust support system, the Deputy Director outlined the network of help available to students, including course advisors for academic issues, the University Health Centre, the Dean of



■ Dr Alawaye

Student Affairs' office, and the Counselling and Human Development Centre, for psychological and emotional support.

"Seeking help is a sign of strength and self-awareness, not weakness," Dr Alawaye noted as he reassured students who might feel stigmatised about seeking counselling. "You see a doctor for a physical cough, you see a counsellor for emotional or

mental distress."

On the value of extracurricular activities, Dr Alawaye pointed out that student organisations are crucial for developing the soft skills employers seek. He advised students to follow their passions and start with one or two clubs to avoid burnout while building meaningful networks and experiences.

"Your degree will get you the interview, but your soft skills leadership, teamwork, communication often get you the job. These are honed outside the classroom," he counseled.

Responding to a listener's question on confidentiality, Dr Alawaye firmly assured members of the university community that it is the cornerstone of counselling services, guiding students through reporting processes with their safety and consent as the top priority.

Dr Alawaye, therefore, called on students to be intentional in exploring all the opportunities the university offers, reminding them that the institution is structured for their holistic development and success.



Saliu Mustapha empowers 110 UNILORIN students with scholarship

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

The Senator representing Kwara Central Senatorial District, Saliu Mustapha, has reaffirmed his commitment to educational development through his Turaki Scholarship Scheme, which has empowered 110 students of the University of Ilorin with full scholarships.

While addressing the beneficiaries, the Registrar, Mr Mansur Adeleke Alfaola, commended Senator Mustapha for his laudable initiative, describing it as a genuine investment in human capital and a model worth emulating.

Mr Alfaola noted that the University of Ilorin has always cherished productive partnerships that advance the welfare of its students, adding that Senator Mustapha's intervention aligns perfectly with the institution's vision of producing well-rounded, responsible, and financially supported graduates.

The Registrar said education remains the best form of empowerment, and what Senator Mustapha has done is a clear testimony of his belief in the transformative power of learning.

According to him, by taking responsibility for these students' education from their first year till graduation, the Senator is not only easing their financial burden but also shaping a generation of focused and motivated youths who will contribute meaningfully to national development.

Mr Alfaola further encouraged the beneficiaries to remain disciplined, focused, and committed to their studies, saying that the best way to appreciate such support is to excel and give back to society in the future.

In his remarks, the Dean of Student Affairs, Dr Alex Akanmu, appreciated the Senator for his sustained support for students, noting that the scholarship has "not only eased the



■ **Mr Alfaola**

financial burden of many families but also inspired students to pursue academic excellence with renewed commitment."

Dr Akanmu lauded Senator Mustapha's approach to youth empowerment, describing it as practical, impactful, and sustainable. He observed that the Senator's education-based interventions have become a source of motivation for many students, particularly those who might otherwise have struggled to continue their studies due to financial constraints.

"This kind of support goes beyond paying tuition fees; it restores hope, builds confidence, and reinforces the belief that hard work and determination are rewarded. We, as an institution, are proud of this partnership and the positive impact it has on our students and their families," he said.

The Dean also encouraged the beneficiaries to serve as worthy ambassadors of the University and the scholarship scheme by maintaining excellence in their academics and conduct.

Speaking with *UNILORIN Bulletin* last Monday (October 6, 2025), the Secretary to the Senator Saliu Mustapha Education Committee and a key member of the Scholarship Scheme Committee, Mr Yakubu Ishowo, explained that the initiative currently supports 200 students across tertiary institutions in Kwara State, with 110 beneficiaries drawn from the University of



■ **Dr Akanmu**

Ilorin alone.

"This scholarship covers tuition fees from 100 level till graduation, irrespective of the students' courses of study. We have paid for their first year, and preparations are ongoing to pay for their second year. The exercise will be repeated at the beginning of every academic session until graduation," Mr Ishowo explained.

He added that the committee had evaluated the performance of the beneficiaries after their 100 level to encourage academic excellence.

"Beyond this, a new set of 300 beneficiaries will join the scheme in the 2025/2026 academic session. These new students, like the first batch, will also have their tuition covered from admission to their final year," he stated.

Mr Ishowo emphasised that the scholarship should be regarded as an investment in the students' future, not as free money, urging the beneficiaries to make the opportunity count. He also commended the management of the University of Ilorin for its continued cooperation, which has contributed to the smooth implementation of the programme.

Several beneficiaries expressed gratitude to Senator Mustapha for his generosity.

Item7 donates three motorcycles to UNILORIN to boost campus security

By Mustafa Abubakar

The University of Ilorin has received three new motorcycles from Item7, a food delivery company, to enhance security operations within the campus.

Speaking during the presentation last Monday (October 6, 2025), the Operational Manager of Item7go, Mr Daniel Moses, said the gesture was part of the company's commitment to giving back to the society where its business journey began.

"For us as a company, we feel it is the right thing to do to give back to the society. This is where we started, and no matter how big we grow, we will always remember home. We will keep supporting the University community whenever we can, by God's grace," he stated.

He urged the users of the donated motorcycles to deploy them strictly for security purposes, noting that safety remains a collective responsibility.

"Security is everyone's business. We all know the situation in the country, and we must remain vigilant. The motorcycles should be used for their intended purpose to strengthen campus security," he added.

The Director of Security Services at the University, Mr Paul Bamidele Ogidi, expressed deep appreciation to Item7 Go, describing the



■ **Mr Moses (6th left) presenting keys to the motorcycles to Mr Ogidi (5th right) supported by Dr Akanmu, other security personnel and the student union president, Mr Adelu (1st right)**

donation as a valuable contribution to the institution's safety efforts.

Mr Ogidi said, "We are very grateful for what you have done for this University, especially in enhancing security coverage.

This is not the first time Item7go is supporting us. About two or three years ago, you also donated two new motorcycles.

"It is a continuous exercise, and we pray that God continues to

reward and uplift your business," he remarked.

The Dean of Student Affairs, Dr Alex Akanmu, commended the company for its thoughtful and consistent support to the University community, describing the donation as a reflection of genuine corporate social responsibility and lasting partnership.

"This gesture from Item7 shows that the company understands the value of giving back to the environment that nurtured its growth. It is not just an act of generosity but one of responsibility, partnership, and community building," he said.

Dr Akanmu further noted that the donation would go a long way in complementing the University's ongoing efforts to maintain a safe and conducive environment for learning, research, and social development.

He said, "We are deeply grateful for this kind gesture. It will improve mobility for our security personnel and strengthen surveillance on campus. Safety is central to our vision for a peaceful and productive university environment. We look forward to sustaining this collaboration with Item7 Go and other partners in progress."

He added that "the University administration deeply appreciates this kind donation. We consider this not just as a gift but as a reaffirmation of shared responsibility for the safety of lives and property within our campus."



■ **Mr. Ogidi test-riding one of the motorcycles**

UNILORIN scholars advocate ethical leadership for national progress

By *Mustafa Abubakar and Eunice Babalola*

Two University of Ilorin dons have urged Nigerians to embrace ethical leadership as the foundation for national progress and sustainable development.

Speaking with *UNILORIN Bulletin* in separate interviews last Wednesday (October 8, 2025), Prof. Mikhail Nofiu of the Department of Biochemistry and Dr AbdulWahab Danladi Shittu of the Department of Religions observed that a country's greatness is defined not by its geography or wealth but by the moral values of its people.

Prof. Nofiu stated that “a state is not only defined by borders and bureaucracy,” emphasising that history teaches that no nation can attain greatness without justice and moral discipline. He cited the Qur'anic verse; “We sent Our messengers with the Book and the Balance, that mankind may stand forth in justice” (Surah al-Hadīd, 57:25).

Commenting on the global dimensions of governance, the Professor of Biochemistry urged Nigeria to redefine its sovereignty through self-reliance in education, economic stability, and moral vision.

He further maintained that moral



■ **Prof. Nofiu**

leadership and personal responsibility are the key drivers of reform.

“If we want a just Nigeria, we must cultivate justice in our hearts. If we want responsible leadership, we must nurture responsibility in our homes,” he added.

On his part, Dr Shittu stressed that true national development can only be achieved when justice, fairness, and citizens' welfare become the central focus of governance.

“A country can only be called successful when the wellbeing of its people is guaranteed,” he said.

Dr Shittu urged the citizens to uphold compassion, fairness, and sincerity



■ **Dr Shittu**

in their daily dealings, noting that leadership success is measured by the comfort and welfare of citizens.

“If we truly believe in the teachings of our religion, care and concern for citizens should be paramount,” he emphasised, calling on government officials to make justice their guiding principle.

The scholars reaffirmed their commitment to moral renewal, justice, and purposeful leadership, calling on Nigerians to rebuild the nation on the enduring principles of accountability, equity, and faith-based ethics.





NIFST inducts UNILORIN's 82 Food Science graduates

By Mustafa Abubakar

The University of Ilorin, last Wednesday, (October 8, 2025), marked a historic milestone as 82 graduates of its Department of Home Economics and Food Science were inducted into the Nigerian Institute of Food Science and Technology (NIFST).

The maiden induction ceremony, held at the Agricultural Lecture Theatre (AGLT), formally welcomed the 2025 graduates into the professional body.

Delivering the keynote address on behalf of the NIFST President, Dr Bola Osiniwo, the Vice Chancellor of Fountain University, Osogbo, Prof. Ramota Karim, described the induction as a landmark achievement in the University's quest to produce industry-ready professionals.

She told the graduands, "You are not merely graduating; you are being inducted into a noble profession. Uphold integrity, innovation, and service to humanity as your guiding principles. As the first set, you are the foundation of a legacy that will stand the test of time."

Dr Osinowo commended the Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, for his visionary leadership, which continues to strengthen the institution's academic reputation and professional relevance.

She also lauded the Dean of Agriculture, Prof. Israel Ogunlade, and the Head of Department, Dr Adeshola A. Babayeju, for their foresight and commitment to excellence.

Also speaking, the Western Chapter Chairperson of NIFST, Prof.



■ Prof. Karim

Bolanle A. Akinwande, praised the University for institutionalising the professional induction, noting that it would bridge the gap between academic training and industrial application.

"The food sector needs thinkers and innovators. You must be at the forefront of ensuring food quality, nutrition security, and sustainable production," she advised.

In his address, the Dean of the Faculty of Agriculture, Prof. Ogunlade, congratulated the Department and the inductees, describing the event as a proud moment in the Faculty's history.

Earlier in her welcome address, the Head of Department, Dr Adeshola A. Babayeju, described the ceremony as "the fulfilment of a long awaited dream" and a major step in aligning the Department's training with global professional standards.

She said, "This first induction marks the birth of a proud legacy. It is a testament to our resilience and the hard

work of our staff and students who made this moment possible."

She charged the inductees to remain ethical, innovative, and community driven as they embark on their professional journey.

The Student Adviser, Prof. Mutiat A. Balogun, congratulated the graduates, describing them as "trailblazers of excellence and pride of the Faculty."

Prof. Balogun said, "As you go into the professional world, remember that integrity, creativity, and discipline are your greatest assets. You are our first fruits. Go and make us proud wherever you find yourselves."

She also appreciated the Department's staff for their teamwork and dedication, noting that the milestone would inspire future generations of students.

In his goodwill message, the Director of SIWES, University of Ilorin, Prof. Kayode Rowland, expressed delight at the success of the induction.

He said, "By the grace of God, your education and preparation have brought you to this defining moment. Leadership is not about position; it is a call to serve, inspire, and make lasting impact. Let unity, integrity, and purpose guide your actions as you work toward your goals."

One of the inductees, who spoke on behalf of her colleagues, Miss Sofiyyah Abdulquadir, expressed appreciation to the University for the impactful training received as she pledged to uphold the ethics of the profession and to promote the name of the University of Ilorin with pride.



UNILORIN JAC urges FG to honour agreements

By Mustafa Abubakar

The Joint Action Committee (JAC), which comprises the Senior Staff Association of Nigerian Universities (SSANU) and the Non-Academic Staff Union of Educational and Associated Institutions (NASU), has urged the Federal Government to urgently address all pending welfare issues and pay withheld salaries in order to sustain the peaceful atmosphere currently pervading the nation's University system.

The call was made last Thursday (October 9, 2025) during a peaceful rally held at the University of Ilorin as members of the unions joined their counterparts across the country to demand the implementation of outstanding agreements and arrears of allowances.

The JAC members, who gathered at the NASU Secretariat, expressed concerns over what they described as the government's snail-speed reaction to their plight.

Addressing the rally, the SSANU Chairman, Comrade Olushola Naheem Falowo, said the action was a moral appeal to the government to act before the situation snowballs into a strike that could disrupt academic activities nationwide.

"We have always maintained that SSANU and NASU members are law-abiding citizens who do not love to go on strike. We don't want a situation when we are left with no option other than that. We are calling on the National Assembly, the Minister of Education, and all well-meaning Nigerians to



■ Comrade Falowo

intervene before it degenerates further," Comrade Falowo stated.

He explained that the Unions' grievances include the non-payment of withheld two-month salaries from the 2022 strike, failure to remit third-party deductions, and government's delay in paying arrears of the 25% and 35% salary increments approved for University workers.

"From 2009 to 2025, everything in this country has changed; food, transportation, energy, and hospital bills have all skyrocketed. Government must act and review our conditions of service," Comrade Falowo added.

Also speaking, the NASU Chairman, Comrade Ibraheem Zubair, expressed dissatisfaction with the method adopted in the sharing of the ₦50 billion released for non-teaching staff allowances, noting that only 20% was allocated to their Unions while some universities and inter-university centres were excluded entirely.



■ Comrade Zubair

"We are demanding the release of our share of the ₦50 billion earned allowance and full payment of one-year arrears of salary increments," he said.

The Union leaders also urged the Federal Government to renegotiate the 2009 agreement, which they described as outdated and unreflective of current economic realities.

They further decried the hardship faced by retired members who have been unable to access their pension funds due to unremitted contributions, calling on the government to treat non-teaching staff with dignity as critical stakeholders in the university system.

The peaceful rally, which was held simultaneously across universities nationwide, ended with a renewed appeal to the Federal Government to honour its commitments and ensure lasting industrial harmony in Nigeria's tertiary education sector.





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University of Ilorin

Official Launch
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Seminar



Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole
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Director,
Centre for Gender Studies
Host



Her Excellency Erelu Bisi Adeleye-Fayemi
Amandia Institute for Policy
and Leadership Advancement
Keynote Speaker



Prof. Katarina Popović
Department of Andragogy,
University of Belgrade,
Serbia
Lead Paper Presenter

Theme

Advancing Gender Equity for Inclusive Development

Highlights

- Keynote Address by Distinguished Guest Speaker
- Unveiling of the Centre's Vision & Mission
- Stakeholder Engagement & Partnership Opportunities
- Cultural Presentation & Networking Sessions

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UNILORIN WEEKLY FINANCIAL DIGEST

FUND SOURCES AND UTILIZATION REPORT FROM 2ND TO 9TH OCTOBER 2025

RECEIPTS:	AMOUNT
Academic Transcript	10,000.00
Administrative Charges Income	3,000.00
Sundry & Other Fees Student Charges	456,350.00
Sundry Other Incomes	1,150,175.00
Staff I D Cards	18,200.00
Convocation Souvenir	157,000.00
Convocation Undergraduate Charges	14,165,700.00
Income from Verification /Screening	380,000.00
CCSCA Clearance Charges	20,200.00
CODL Clearance Charges	350,400.00
CODL Form Processing Charges	60,000.00
Clinic Registration (staff charges)	20,000.00
Electricity Charges from Shop, Kiosk	8,928,788.00
Insurance Claims/Others	61,196.00
Games Fee	250,000.00
Capitation NHIS	21,750.00
Remedial Acceptance Payment	516,800.00
Remedial Application Form	425,600.00
Refund (Non Salary)	45,638.98
Others	2,900.00
University of Ilorin Fees	225,000.00
Undergraduate Change Course	1,186,400.00
Undergraduate School Charges	785,342,820.00
Undergraduate Transcript Payment	752,400
Undergraduate Post UTME	175,400.00
Undergraduate Clearance Charges	75,455,400.00
Postgraduate School Charges	6,952,660.00
Postgraduate School Transcript Payment	190,000.00
Postgraduate Acceptance Payment	1,005,000
Postgraduate Tuition Fees	263,500.00
Postgraduate Verification of Results	9,123,350.00
Ilorin Business School Application Form	226,800.00
Ilorin Business School Charges	400,400.00
Ilorin Business School Acceptance Payment	35,200.00
Institute of Education School Charges	876,208.62
Institute of Education Hostel Accomodation	1,244,200.00
JUPEB Application Form	1,638,000
JUPEB Clearance Charges	30,200.00
JUPEB Acceptance Payment	1,738,800.00
JUPEB School Charges	19,126,400.00
Total Receipt for the Period	933,031,816.60
PAYMENTS	
PAYMENT TO CONTRACTORS/SUPPLIERS:	
Animals Hope Veterinary Solution Supply of Drug and Laboratory Consumables	8,707,427.28
Commandulux Nig Ltd Supply os Security Equipments	24,999,750.00
Raib G. Nig Ltd Supply of Machine	9,450,000.00
Network Associates Ltd Supply of Electric Vehicle Workshop Equip	6,011,410.00
Kings Guards Nigeria Ltd Security Services for September 2025	12,800,025.00
Tell Communications Advertisement	700,000.00
Ribodek Integrated Services Ltd	160,799.09
Favour Covenant AND Upholstery Works	7,600,250.00
Habiboy Nig Ltd Supply andInstallation of Air Conditioners	9,213,881.84
Fatrem Link Ltd Refurbishing of JUPEB labortatory	398,962.19
Henry George Hotel Ltd Accomodation of JUPEB Official and Supervisors	1,429,000.00
TESBAQ Electrical Technologies Repair of Fcaulty Transformer	1,701,725.00
OTHER PAYMENTS:	
Various Various i.e DTA, IMPREST, REFUND e.t.c	78,661,198.62
Unilorin Petrol Station Fuel and Lubricant	1,808,375.00
Utas Associates Ltd Professional Fees (CBNTETFUND)	412,413.63
Precept Technical Multilinks Services Renovation of NLNG Research Building	26,358,065.23
PGC Cleaners and Merchants Waste Collection	60,000.00
Beachnut Nigeria Ltd Maintenance of Public Building (CBNTETFUND)	10,358,714.40
Stoneedge Premium Services Ltd Procurement of Public Building	9,814,979.56
Macay Construction Ltd Professional fees (CBNTETFUND)	280,759.74
Interbiz Deep Concept Ltd Consultancy Fees (CBNTETFUND)	823,000.00
Total TSA Charges Various	85,462.50
Total payment for the period	211,437,236.89

Signed

Abiodun Lawal (FCNA)

Bursar



S/N	NAME	DEPARTMENT	BIRTHDAY
1	OYINLOYE GRACE AYODELE	REGISTRY	12-Oct
2	ALABI JACOB OLUWATOYIN	DIRECTORATE OF GENERAL SERVICES/REGISTRY	12-Oct
3	ABOLARIN LAWRENCE OLADELE	REGISTRY	12-Oct
4	ADUNMO GODWIN OLAWOYIN	MEDICAL LABORATORY SCIENCE	12-Oct
5	ADEWARA JANET OLUSEYI	LIBRARY	12-Oct
6	SALAWU ABDULLAHI ENESI	WORKS: WORKS/MAINTENANCE OFFICE	12-Oct
7	YAHAYA JAMIU IDOWU	INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS & PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT	12-Oct
8	BELLO-OCHEDE MARGARET UNOIZA	MECHANICAL ENGINEERING	12-Oct
9	ALIYU ISHOLA NASIRU	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	12-Oct
10	JOHNSON WINNIFRED OLUWASEYI	HOME ECONOMICS & FOOD SCIENCE	12-Oct
11	KANU ABEDNEGO CHIBUZO	SCIENCE EDUCATION	12-Oct
12	AMBALI FATAI	MECHANICAL ENGINEERING	12-Oct
13	IBRAHIM AMINAT OMOTAYO	BIOCHEMISTRY	12-Oct
14	ADEBOYE TUNDE ADEGBENGA	UNILORIN STAFF SCHOOL	13-Oct
15	BAKARE ADEBOLA RAFIU	POLITICAL SCIENCE	13-Oct
16	OLOGE FOLUWASAYO EMMANUEL	OTORHINOLARYNGOLOGY	13-Oct
17	AGBOOLA OLAJUMOKE BOLAJI	REGISTRY	13-Oct
18	EZEKE GRACE GWAZACHI	OBSTETRICS & GYNAECOLOGY	13-Oct
19	AKANBI ABDULRASAQ OLADIMEJI	SCIENCE EDUCATION	13-Oct
20	ABOLARIN TEMITOPE MARY	MICROBIOLOGY	13-Oct
21	SADIQ MASHOOD ADESHINA	REGISTRY	13-Oct
22	FAGBENRO DARE AZEEZ	PSYCHOLOGY	13-Oct
23	MOHAMMED IBRAHIM AYINDE	REGISTRY	14-Oct
24	AJIBADE LANRE TAJUDEEN	GEOGRAPHY & ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT	14-Oct
25	ZUBAIR ABDULKABIR JAMIU	SECURITY DIVISION	14-Oct
26	OBA ISIAKA	SECURITY DIVISION	14-Oct
27	ABDULAZEEZ OKENE HAMZA	PUBLIC LAW	14-Oct
28	ANIMASAHUN RIDWAN	REGISTRY	14-Oct
29	MAS'UD SALIU IBRAHIM	UNILORIN STAFF SCHOOL	15-Oct
30	ATTAH FRANCIS - ALFRED UNUAGBE	PHARMACOGNOSY & DRUG DEVELOPMENT	15-Oct
31	ANOFI ABDULFATAI OLANREWaju	URBAN & REGIONAL PLANNING	15-Oct
32	OLORUNMAIYE KEHINDE STEPHEN	PLANT BIOLOGY	15-Oct
33	GBODOFU KHALIL MOHAMMAD USMAN	ARABIC	15-Oct
34	IDRIS BABATUNDE	WORKS: MECHANICAL	15-Oct
35	OLOTU OLUWOLE	REGISTRY	15-Oct
36	ATANDA LAMIDI AJADI	BURSARY	15-Oct
37	ODIRI CHRISTY IYABO	REGISTRY	15-Oct
38	IYANDA SUNDAY ELIJAH	RELIGIONS	15-Oct
39	FATOYINBO BOSEDE BEATRICE	HEALTH SERVICES	15-Oct
40	SULEIMAN ALIYU DAGBO	REGISTRY	15-Oct
41	KOLAWOLE ISRAEL KAYODE	ANAESTHESIA	15-Oct
42	OLAWOYIN LUKMAN ABIODUN	TELECOMMUNICATION SCIENCE	15-Oct
43	AWOYEMI ALFRED OLATAYO	COUNSELLOR EDUCATION	15-Oct
44	SALMAN IYABO MUNIRAT	UNILORIN ZOO	15-Oct
45	OBAFEMI OLUWABUNMI OLAMIDE	DIRECTORATE OF CORPORATE AFFAIRS	15-Oct
46	DUROSINLORUN AKEEM OPEYEMI	WORKS: WORKS/MAINTENANCE OFFICE	15-Oct
47	OYENIYI GBADEBO MAROOF	MEDICAL LABORATORY SCIENCE	15-Oct
48	SHOWUNMI ABDULAZEEZ ABIODUN	EDUCATIONAL MANAGEMENT	15-Oct
49	AKANJI KHADIJAT OLUBUKOLA	RELIGIONS	15-Oct
50	AJIDE DAVID ADEBOLA	REGISTRY	16-Oct
51	MAHAMOOD RASHEEDAT MODUPE	MECHANICAL ENGINEERING	16-Oct
52	EJIEJI CHUKWUEMEKA JOACHIN	AGRIC. & BIOSYSTEMS ENGINEERING	16-Oct
53	IWALAIE DOCAS FOLASHADE	REGISTRY	16-Oct
54	DAUDA RAMOTA	SECURITY DIVISION	16-Oct
55	OYEDEPO OLUMAYOWA JOSEPH	REGISTRY	16-Oct
56	MAHMUD ABDULLAHI	CENTRE FOR COUNSELLING & HUMAN DEVELOPMENT	16-Oct
57	MOSHOD IBRAHIM	WORKS: WORKS/MAINTENANCE OFFICE	16-Oct
58	HARUNA SIKIRAT SHITTA	REGISTRY	16-Oct
59	EGBEWOLE HALIMAH OLAYINKA	AGRIC. EXTENSION & RURAL DEVELOPMENT	16-Oct
60	AJAYI OLALEKAN RAYMOND	HISTORY & INTERNATIONAL STUDIES	16-Oct
61	ALLIU SADIAT IYABODE	PSYCHOLOGY	16-Oct
62	BASAMBO ZAINAB AJIBADE	CENTRE FOR COUNSELLING & HUMAN DEVELOPMENT	17-Oct
63	ADEBAYO SIJUWADE ADEBUKOLA	AGRIC. EXTENSION & RURAL DEVELOPMENT	17-Oct
64	OBAFEMI OLUWATOSIN ADEKUNLE	WORKS: ELECTRICAL/TELECOM	17-Oct
65	OLAJOYE JOSHUA OLANREWaju	FOOD & BIOPROCESS ENGINEERING	17-Oct
66	JAJI ZUBAIR	VETERINARY ANATOMY	17-Oct
67	SULEIMAN ANIFAT OYEBOLA	WORKS: ESTATE	17-Oct
68	ZUBAIR HAJARAT OYINLOLA	URBAN & REGIONAL PLANNING	17-Oct
69	MOHAMMED FATIMA ALABA	CENTRAL RESEARCH LABORATORIES	17-Oct
70	DAMILARE FAUSAT SHADE	URBAN & REGIONAL PLANNING	18-Oct
71	ALIYU ASIATA JOKE	CHEMISTRY	18-Oct
72	OSUNBIYIDE GRACE OMOLADE	REGISTRY	18-Oct
73	EMELOGU CHUKWUEMEKA CHIMA	BURSARY	18-Oct
74	OGUNLOLA OMOLAYO DUROTADE	LINGUISTICS & NIGERIAN LANGUAGES	18-Oct
75	BAMIDELE FUNKE IDOWU	REGISTRY	18-Oct
76	AINA OLAWUMI LYDIA	REGISTRY	18-Oct
77	AKANBI GBENLE MARGARET	REGISTRY	18-Oct
78	AZOBU LUCKY EWERE	WORKS: ELECTRICAL/TELECOM	18-Oct
79	AYINLA WAHEED ADISA	REGISTRY	18-Oct
80	ADENIJI SAIDAT MORENIKE	SCIENCE EDUCATION	18-Oct
81	ABDULWAHAB HAFSAT MOTUNRAYO	REGISTRY	18-Oct
82	ATTEH FEMI YINKA	THE PERFORMING ARTS	18-Oct
83	AMEEN MUHAMMED MURTALA	REGISTRY	18-Oct

- The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, is positioning the Better by Far University as a true citadel of learning and character, under his visionary leadership, as it continues to set the pace with cutting-edge research, quality teaching, and impactful community service. ("Unilorin Driving Excellence, Integrity and Innovation in Higher Education Through- Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN", The Guardian, Wednesday, October 1, 2025, p. XXVIII, "PROF WAHAB OLASUPO EGBEWOLE: DISTINGUISHED BY EXCELLENCE", *Tell Magazine* October 13, 2025, p. 72)
- The University of Ilorin has rolled out programme of activities slated for the celebration of the 50th anniversary, which will hold from the 23rd to the 28th November, 2025. ("GET READY TO CELEBRATE 50th WITH US", *TELL* October 13, 2025, p. 74)
- While speaking at the 290th Inaugural Lecture of the University of Ilorin, titled "The Quest and Conquest of Community Eye Care : Minding the Gaps", Prof. Feyi Adepoju of the Department of Ophthalmology, University of Ilorin, has called for inclusivity and comprehensive primary health care delivery at the community level. ("Ophthalmologist calls for inclusivity,

comprehensive health care delivery at community level", <https://decency.home.blog/>; Expert calls for inclusivity, comprehensive primary health care delivery at community level", <https://nannews.com.ng/>; Unilorin don advocates free eye care for persons aged 60 and above in Nigeria", <https://www.vanguaedng.com/>; Prof. Adepoju charts path for inclusive eye care stronger laws against harmful practices", <https://dailylinks.ng/>; How to make health workers stay in rural communities - Ophthalmologist" <https://blueprint.ng/>; See " UNILORIN'S 290th Inaugural lecturer charts new vision for inclusive health delivery" , *The Herald*, Sunday, October 5, 2025, P.7)

- A medical student of the University of Ilorin, Sharon Adesina, has won the Gamaliel Onasode Award for Academic Excellence "(UNILORIN student rewarded for academic excellence", *The Punch*, Tuesday, October 7, 2025, P. 29)
- The Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, University of Ilorin, has inducted 32 new veterinary doctors at its seventh induction oath-taking ceremony. (" Unilorin inducts 32 new veterinary doctors" , *Nigerian Tribune*, Tuesday, October 7, 2025, P. 13, See also; "Council inducts 35 UNILORIN graduates into veterinary medicine", <https://blueprint.ng/>)

Ojo delivers 291st Inaugural Lecture, Oct. 16



■ Prof. Ojo

The Vice Chancellor, University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, invites members of the University community and the general public to the Two hundred and ninety-first (291st) Inaugural Lecture of the University, scheduled as follows:
Lecturer: Professor Emmanuel Olugbade Ojo
B. Sc. (Hons) Pol. Sc. (Ibadan), M. Sc. Pol. Sc., Ph.D. (Comparative Politics), Ibadan
Department: Political Sciences,

Faculty: Social Sciences,
Topic: "The Worship of an Unknown Deity"
Date: Thursday, 16th October, 2025
Time: 5.00 p.m.
Venue: University Auditorium,
Main Campus, University of Ilorin
Chairman: Professor Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN
Vice-Chancellor, University of Ilorin

Mr Mansur Adeleke Alfania
Registrar

New Appointments

NAME	FACULTY /DEPARTMENT	APPOINTMENT	EFFECTIVE DATE
Dr B. O. Abdulmumin	Management Sciences/Finance	Acting Head, Department of Finance	1 st August, 2025
Dr O. J. Ademola	Life Science/Zoology	Sub- Dean, Faculty of Life Sciences	1 st August, 2025
Dr L. O. Adegboyega	Education/	Sub- Dean, Faculty of Education	1 st August, 2025



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Egbewole commends Moniepoint for choosing Unilorin as host of 5-a-side football tournament

By Tajudeen Babamale
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The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has appreciated Moniepoint for selecting the institution as one of the hosts and participants at the maiden edition of the Monieball 5-a-side football tournament.

Prof. Egbewole gave the commendation last Wednesday (October 8, 2025) when he received officials of the UNILORIN Sports Council, the Nigerian Universities Games Association (NUGA), Monieball, and Moniepoint, who visited him ahead of the preliminary stage of the competition that took place at the University last week.

Speaking through the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Management Services), Prof. Adegboyega Adisa Fawole, the Vice Chancellor commended the collaborative efforts between the University and Moniepoint, describing it as a step towards strengthening the institution's long-standing commitment to sports development. He reaffirmed the University's readiness to work closely with the sponsors and ensure the successful hosting of the event.

The Vice Chancellor also lauded the Director of Sports, Prof. Tajudeen Ibraheem, for his dedication and outstanding contributions, which have continued to attract corporate sponsorships to the University. He noted that the administration has great confidence in Prof. Ibraheem's capability and resilience to deliver exceptional results.

Speaking earlier, the Director of Sports, Prof. Ibraheem, announced that out of more than 300 universities in Nigeria, the University of Ilorin and seven others were selected by the sponsors to participate in the maiden edition of the Monieball 5-a-side football tournament.

He explained that the inclusion of UNILORIN was based on its impressive records in university sports, especially in football, which has earned the institution recognition at national and international levels.

Prof. Ibraheem further noted that the University was not only chosen as a participant but also as one of the hosts of the preliminary stage of the competition, a recognition of its excellent sports facilities and organisational capabilities.

The Director also explained that the 5-a-side football tournament was coordinated under three key bodies: the parent body for university sports, the Nigerian Universities Games Association (NUGA); the sponsor, Moniepoint, which funds the 5-a-side football competition; and Monieball, the implementing partner overseeing the tournament.

In his remarks, the NUGA Technical Chairman, Prof. Musa Garba Yakasai, praised the University for its consistency in maintaining high standards in sports. He explained that UNILORIN is the only University from Northern Nigeria selected among the eight participating institutions, a development that underscores its enviable reputation and sporting excellence.

Also speaking, the Kwara State Coordinator of Moniepoint, Mr Olajide Baruwa, said the tournament provides an opportunity for the company to enhance its brand visibility within the University community and to strengthen its partnership with UNILORIN for mutual benefit.

Mr Baruwa added that the Monieball 5-a-side football tournament was aimed at promoting teamwork, sportsmanship, and student engagement while fostering collaboration between the private sector and Nigerian universities in the development of campus sports.