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UNILORIN agog for 40th Convocation Ceremonies ... Tinubu, Fashola, other dignitaries to grace events

By Abubakar Imam

As the 40th Convocation Ceremonies of the University of Ilorin get underway, the University management has released the programme of activities for the event that formally kicks off today (Monday, October 20, 2025) with the Vice Chancellor's World Press Conference.

Already, the entire University campus is wearing a new look with tasty decorations dotting the main University road and especially the main Convocation arena, the

University Auditorium.

A statement by the Registrar of the University, Mr Mansur Adeleke Alfana, disclosed that the programme would run from Friday, 17th October to Sunday, 26th October, 2025

A major highlight of the event is the Convocation Lecture to be delivered by a former Governor of Lagos State and former Minister of Works and Housing, Mr Babatunde Raji Fashola, SAN, on Wednesday, October 22, 2025.

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Address citizenship issues for national integration, Ojo tasks stakeholders

By Abubakar Imam

A former Head of the Department of Political Science, University of Ilorin, Prof. Emmanuel Olugbade Ojo, has encouraged political leaders and other stakeholders across Nigeria to critically reconsider the issue of citizenship in the country once and for all in order to enhance national integration.

Prof. Ojo, who is also a former Chief of Staff to a Former Governor of Oyo State, late Senator Isiaka Abiola Ajumobi, stated this last Thursday (October 16, 2025) while delivering the 291st Inaugural Lecture of the University titled, "The Worship of An Unknown Deity", at the University Auditorium.

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■ Prof. Ojo

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Oyetola canvasses closer marine industry-varsities relationship

By Abubakar Imam
and Isaac Lewu

The Minister of Marine and Blue Economy, Alhaji Adegboyega Isiaka Oyetola, CON, has canvassed effective collaborations between blue economy and the academia in order to ensure the efficient transformation of the nation's economy, saying that bridging the gap between academia and industry remains a cornerstone for innovation and job creation.

Alhaji Oyetola stated this last Thursday (October 16, 2025) while delivering the maiden Personality Lecture of the Centre for Advancement, University of Ilorin, titled "The Nexus Between Blue Economy And Higher Education For Sustainable Development in Nigeria", at the University Auditorium.

He said that higher education is essential to drive Nigeria's blue economy through innovation, research and



workforce development.

Alhaji Oyetola said that by aligning educational priorities with national development goals, it can help maximise the blue economy's potential for economic resilience, environmental conservation and inclusive growth.

The Minister said that institutions of higher learning must play a central role in shaping the envisaged transformation by

equipping graduates with specialised knowledge, fostering interdisciplinary research and collaborating with industry stakeholders to develop innovative solutions to economic challenges.

Alhaji Oyetola, who is also a former Governor of Osun State, said that universities and research centres must prioritise marine-focused curricular, invest in capacity-building programmes and establish partnerships with international institutions to facilitate knowledge exchange and technology transfer.

He added that such collaborations will be invaluable in strengthening Nigeria's knowledge base and innovative ecosystem in the marine and blue economy.

Alhaji Oyetola also said that the collaboration will significantly enhance public understanding of the blue economy and encourage local participation in its sustainable management.

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Egbewole urges students to harness creativity for societal impact

By Bashir Dawodu

The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has urged students, particularly those of the Centre for Cultural Studies and Creative Arts (CCSCA) to embrace creativity and harness their hidden potential as a means of building personal capital and contributing meaningfully to the growth of the society.

Prof. Egbewole made this charge last Thursday (October 9, 2025) during the opening ceremony of a two-day Creative and Cultural Festival organised by the CCSCA in collaboration with MySweetStories as part of the University Tour 2025 initiative. The event took place at the University Auditorium.

The Vice Chancellor, who was represented by the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Management Services), Prof. Adegboyega Adisa Fawole, encouraged students to focus on the arts, noting that while university life marks the beginning of their journey, their creative potentials will propel them far beyond its walls.

He commended the CCSCA for organising what he described as an inspiring event that showcases students' talents and brings the vibrancy of the arts itinerary.

Prof. Egbewole also appreciated MySweetStories for selecting the University as the first stop among ten Nigerian universities on its tour.

Delivering her keynote address, Ms Perpetual Love Ndume, Founder and Growth Lead of MySweetStories



Initiative, said the project aims to "catch the youth young" and empower them to be useful to themselves and to the nation.

"We have to be creative to solve our own problems. Knowledge must be useful," she emphasised, urging students to "own their stories" and pursue their dreams with determination.

Also speaking, Ms Chisomaga Njemanze, Co-founder and Story Development Lead at Afritoon, highlighted the organisation's mission to transform authentic African stories, saying it is into global experiences through animation, comics, audio dramas, and print media while ensuring that African writers gain visibility and fair compensation.

"Never downgrade yourselves," she advised, telling the students to "believe that the sky is your starting point."

In his remarks, the Director of the CCSCA, Prof. Raymond Olutoyin Ogunade, described the initiative as part of the Centre's commitment to nurturing disciplined, creative, and future-ready youth.

"Today, we are not merely launching a programme; we are inaugurating a vision, one that seeks to position Nigeria as the cultural and creative hub of Africa and a force in the global knowledge economy," Prof. Ogunade stated.

He added that Nigeria's creative sector holds vast potential to become a significant source of income for individuals, groups, and the nation as a whole.

In his vote of thanks, the Secretary of the Centre, Mr Olumayowa Oyedepo, congratulated the students for seizing the opportunity to showcase their talents and expressed appreciation to the guests for honouring the invitation.

The festival, which brought together Principal Officers, Deans, Heads of Departments, and students, was designed to empower young storytellers, writers, and cultural innovators across Nigeria, Africa, and beyond.

Egbewole reaffirms UNILORIN's commitment to academic excellence

By Tajudeen Babamale

The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has reaffirmed the University's commitment to sustaining excellence in its academic programmes through continuous investment in modern teaching and research facilities.

Prof. Egbewole stated this last Tuesday (October 14, 2025) while receiving members of the National Universities Commission (NUC) accreditation team for the Food Engineering Programme in his office.

The accreditation team, led by Prof. Ngozi Arisa, was at the Vice Chancellor's office to present the report of its findings to him and his management team.

The Vice Chancellor expressed delight that the visiting team acknowledged the quality of equipment and infrastructure available for the programme, noting that the University takes pride in ensuring that its students are trained with cutting-edge tools that meet global standards.

Prof. Egbewole, who is also the Vice President (West Africa) of the Association of African Universities (AAU), noted that the University is dedicated to producing graduates who are well-grounded academically and equipped with practical skills to contribute meaningfully to national development and global advancement.

On the composition of the Department, the Vice Chancellor explained that the presence of many senior academics is a strength, as their experiences and mentorship play a crucial role in guiding younger lecturers, thereby sustaining academic excellence.

Speaking earlier, the leader of the NUC accreditation team, Prof. Ngozi



Arisa, commended the University of Ilorin for its foresight in establishing the programme, describing it as a rare and forward-looking initiative within the Nigerian university system.

Prof. Arisa noted that the team was impressed by the level of institutional support and the quality of equipment available for teaching and research in the Department.

She added that the facilities observed during the visit demonstrated the University's commitment to producing highly skilled graduates.

According to her, the team inspected several laboratories and workshops, including the general Engineering workshop, where they found modern equipment such as lathes, parts, and machines necessary for second-year Engineering courses.

She also expressed satisfaction with the presence of a Computer Numerical Control (CNC) machine, describing it as one of the most advanced in the country.

The team leader added that the CNC machine, if effectively utilised, could serve not only as a valuable training tool for students but also as a potential source of revenue for the University.

In a related development, the NUC

accreditation team to the Materials and Metallurgical Engineering programme also commended the institution for providing state-of-the-art equipment, particularly the availability of CNC machines, for the training of its students.

Speaking during the team's exit visit to the Vice Chancellor, the leader of the delegation, Prof. Christopher Mbah, explained that accreditation exercises are not intended to witch-hunt institutions but to assess and support universities in strengthening the quality of their academic offerings.

While highlighting the significance of the CNC machines to Engineering education, Prof. Mbah explained that the Department boasts two CNC machines, a CNC lathe machine and a CNC mini machine, noting that one of them is capable of performing the functions of over 50 conventional lathe machines.

Prof. Mbah lauded the University for such a remarkable investment, stating that only a few universities in Nigeria possess such advanced equipment. Prof. Mbah urged the University management to ensure the effective utilisation and maintenance of the machines to maximise their academic and industrial value.

Awokoya Foundation Scholarship calls for nominations

By Abubakar Abdulquadri

The Stephen Oluwole Awokoya Foundation for Science Education has called on the management of the University of Ilorin to send nominations for its 2026 Post Graduate Scholarship Award in Science fields. The scholarship is expected to commence in January 2026.

This was contained in a memo signed by the Dean, Postgraduate School, Prof. Nwosu, and made available to UNILORIN Bulletin last Friday (October 17, 2025).

The memo explained that the Board of Trustees of the Awokoya Foundation Scholarship has asked the University to forward to them, the names of its best

graduating students in Agriculture, Engineering, Medicine, Pharmacy, Sciences, Science Education and Veterinary Medicine, who are known to have an intention to pursue a Postgraduate degree in their various fields.

According to the Memo, "the nominees should not be students who graduated before 2025, or those who are currently Graduate Teaching Assistants in your Departments, as they will not qualify for the scholarship. Also, they should be the latest graduating student from the University."

The memo requested that "each nominee to the scheme should have a reputation for hardwork and good behaviour. His /Her University Transcript

should be forwarded to the Board of Trustees together with a letter of recommendation from the Dean of the relevant Faculty.

"Also, each nominee should fill the enclosed form. The form is to be sent directly to the Foundation by the nominee together with his/her write-ups. The forms can also be downloaded at <https://www.awokoyafoundation.org/applicationform2026.pdf> or <http://sv6.trivaluehost.com/-awokoyaf/applicationform2026.pdf>."

It added that "not more than one nominee should be recommended from one department except the nominees have the same CGPA and no final year student yet to graduate is to be nominated."

Address citizenship issues for national integration, Ojo tasks stakeholders

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While saying that 'statism' may not be completely abrogated, Prof. Ojo said that there is the need to properly conceptualise citizenship both legally and sociologically for national integration and development to be achieved.

He suggested that once a Nigerian citizen resides in any part of the country for a minimum of ten years, such a person should not be discriminated against in any guise at such a place and should enjoy all rights and privileges available to all those who were born at such a place.

Prof. Ojo also proposed that Nigerians should imbibe a 'federal spirit' in all ramifications. He said that doing so will, no doubt, enhance the principle of justice and equity, and not necessarily equality.

He explained that the embrace of the 'Federal Spirit' will surely truncate ethnic chauvinism and ensure that Nigerians see themselves as one and the same people.

The Inaugural Lecturer, however, said that the principle of federal character must be strengthened both in job opportunities and infrastructure provisions to enhance spatial development.

Prof. Ojo also proposed the repeal of the Land Use Act to allow communities naturally endowed with mineral resources to maximally benefit from them rather than the extant system that is known to be, robbing Peter to pay Paul as he said that royalty should be paid into the federal purse rather than federal government taking over solid minerals in state domains.

Prof. Ojo equally said that a

properly restructured federal architecture is of essence for development and national integration, particularly in a heterogeneous country like Nigeria.

He also suggested that power must be properly devolved to both the states and localities for an efficient federal system. He explained that the earlier this is done, the better for the polity as he said that local governments should also be

reanimated for them to discharge their responsibilities effectively.

Prof. Ojo also suggested the drafting of a brand new Federal Constitution for the country as he said that "the extant ground norm is essentially defective and an imposition by the military oligarchy, which has led to what he called "federal immobilism".

To achieve this, Prof. Ojo proposed that Nigeria should organise a Referendum or Constitutional Convention or Constituent Assembly, whose membership may have to be elected.

He also canvassed tinkering with the present contentious revenue allocation formula in order to make more resources available to subnational units and complement power devolution to the lower tiers of government.



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

The renowned political scientist also said that Nigeria needs a non-centralised federal system in which state governments are politically virile, legislatively strong, and financially resilient and, indeed, constituted into self-confident and self-assertive centres of respect by the political loyalty from the citizens they serve and over whom they exercise authority.

The Inaugural Lecture, which was presided-over by the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, represented by the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic), Prof. Moji Taibat Bakare-Odunola, was also attended by colleagues, friends, relations and students of Prof. Ojo from far and near.

UNILORIN agog for 40th Convocation ceremonies

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Titled "The Gen-Z Playbook: Navigating Work and the Real World", the Convocation Lecture would hold at the University Auditorium beginning at 9:00 a.m.

President Bola Ahmed Tinubu, GCFR, is also billed to commission some newly completed projects of the University as part of the activities marking the 40th convocation ceremonies.

The Registrar disclosed that the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, will on Monday, October 20, 2025 address a World Press Conference where he would reel out the achievements recorded by the University in the last one year.

Mr Alfanla explained that on Tuesday, October 21, 2025, the Convocation Play, titled "Joromi," will be staged at the University Performing and Film Arts Theatre between 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. and from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

He also noted that the convocation for graduands who undertook 4 Year programmes and Diplomas will be held at the University Auditorium immediately after the Convocation Lecture on Wednesday, October 22, 2025.

The Registrar further said that on Thursday, October 23, 2025, the convocation of graduands of 5 and 6 years programmes, as well as postgraduate graduands will hold.

This will be followed immediately

by the investiture of Emeritus Professors.

Commissioning of projects by President Bola Ahmed Tinubu after the convocation on the same Thursday would take place at the various project sites at 1:30 p.m. followed at 4.00 p.m. by Staff Merit Awards and Convocation Luncheon.

Mr Alfanla said that the week-long ceremonies will be concluded with a Special Jumaat Service on Friday, October 24, 2025 at the University Central Mosque by 1:30 p.m. and Thanksgiving Service at St. Thomas Aquinas Chaplaincy on Sunday, October 26, 2025 beginning at 9:00 a.m.

Egbewole celebrates NILDS's Chief Executive @ 60

By Latifat Raji

The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has congratulated the Director-General of the National Institute for Legislative and Democratic Studies (NILDS), Prof. Abubakar Olanrewaju Sulaiman, on his 60th birthday, last Thursday (October 16, 2025).

Prof. Egbewole, who was represented at the birthday ceremony held in honour of the Director-General at the NICON-NOGA Hilton Hotel, Abuja, by the immediate past Dean of the Faculty of Law, Prof. Nimah Modupe AbdulRaheem, eulogised Prof. Sulaiman for his

remarkable contributions to academia, public service, and national development.

The Vice Chancellor described Prof. Sulaiman as “a distinguished scholar, administrator, and patriot whose dedication to national service continues to inspire many.”

He commended Prof. Sulaiman, who equally served as the Minister of National Planning and Deputy Chairman of the National Planning Commission, for his exceptional leadership qualities, intellectual excellence, and unwavering commitment to advancing knowledge and good governance in Nigeria.

The Vice Chancellor prayed to Allah for continued divine blessings on Prof. Sulaiman as he wished him many more years



Prof. Sulaiman

of good health, wisdom, and impactful service to the nation and humanity.



Be change agents, Egbewole urges UNILORIN graduating engineering inductees

By Mustafa Abubakar, Issac Lewu, Eunice Ajayi and Toluwani Bamigboye

The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has charged the 550 graduating Engineering students to see themselves as change agents who will help transform Nigeria through innovation, professionalism, and ethical conduct.

Prof. Egbewole made the call last Wednesday (October 15, 2025), at the 2024/2025 Graduate Membership Induction Ceremony of the Faculty of Engineering and Technology.

The occasion also showcased 10 first-class students from each of the Departments, had Kayode Elizabeth Omolara of the Civil Engineering Department emerging with a 4.95 CGPA.

The Vice Chancellor commended the inductees for their hard work and determination throughout their academic journey.

He congratulated them for burning the midnight candle and successfully meeting the requirements for induction into the Nigerian Society of Engineers (NSE).

Prof. Egbewole expressed delight at the milestone and urged the

inductees to reflect on three important questions: why they chose to study Engineering, what they have done to get to this point, and what their future goals are.

He said the time had come for them to be practical problem-solvers who will change the narrative of the nation.

The Vice Chancellor emphasised that Nigeria is faced with numerous challenges and that the engineering profession remains central to the nation's development.

“If the narrative must be changed, the change must begin with you. You must see yourselves as professionals permanently seeking solutions to societal problems,” he said.

Prof. Egbewole added that he had no doubt the graduating engineers would excel in their chosen fields.

In his presentation, the Guest Speaker, Dr Michael Ayodele Omodara, who is also an alumnus of the Faculty and the Assistant Director, Research and Head, Post-Harvest Engineering Research Department, Nigerian Stored Products Research Institute (NSPRI), Ilorin, reminded the new engineers that their journey requires passion, dedication, and continuous self-development.

He outlined pathways for engineering careers in academia, industry, and public service, emphasising that success

depends on competence, innovation, and ethics.

“Becoming the engineer you want to be is a journey, not a destination. Professional development is the key to unlocking the peak of your engineering career,” he said.

Earlier in his welcome address, the Dean of the Faculty, Prof. Joshua Olanrewaju Olaoye, congratulated the graduating engineers for reaching a defining milestone in their academic and professional journey.

He appreciated the unwavering support of the Vice Chancellor and commended the Nigerian Society of Engineers for its enduring partnership with the University in shaping young professionals.

Prof. Olaoye noted that the day's theme was both timely and significant, urging the graduates to embrace adaptability, innovation, and continuous learning.

He advised them to uphold the eight core ethics of the profession; competence, integrity, public safety, sustainability, confidentiality, respect, accountability, and commitment to excellence.

Adhere strictly to official titles, Alfania urges Unilorites

By Abubakar Imam

The Registrar of the University of Ilorin, Mr Mansur Adeleke Alfania, has reminded members of the University community, particularly staff and students, to adhere strictly to the use of official titles in addressing one another and most especially in their official communications.

Mr Alfania stated this last Friday (October 17, 2025) while featuring on *Countdown to UNILORIN @ 50*, a special personality interview of UNILORIN 89.3 FM. The programme was jointly anchored by the Head of the Station, Mr Idris Akintola Ibrahim (Alooma) and the Station's Head of Programmes, Mr Temitope Olawuyi.

The Registrar said that staff and students of the University should restrict themselves to titles like Professor, Doctor, Mister and Miss as appropriate instead of Alhaji, Alhaja, Reverend, Deacon, Barrister and so on.

Mr Alfania, who said that the



■ Mr Alfania

University deserves to be celebrated for its contributions in the last 50 years, commended members of the University community for consistently upholding

dignity, diligence and integrity.

He recalled that the University of Ilorin was the first Nigerian University that introduced dress code for staff and students of the University, saying that it is truly Better By Far.

Mr Alfania described the University as the best of its peers that were founded in 1975 as he urged staff, students and other stakeholders to support the efforts being made by its current management under the leadership of the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN.

With 15,000 hectares of land, the Registrar said that the University stands among those with the largest physical territories in Nigeria.

He said that with expansive landmass coupled with growing human and material resources; the University has prospects for more accomplishments as time progresses.

Mr Alfania, therefore, called for more support from its alumni and friends as well as others for the University to maintain its leadership position.

Gender advocates hail Egbewole on CGS

By Tajudeen Babamale

Scholars and gender advocates have commended the Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, for establishing the Centre for Gender Studies (CGS), describing it as a bold and progressive step towards promoting inclusivity, equity, and empowerment within the academic community and beyond.

This commendation was jointly expressed by Erelu Bisi Adeleye-Fayemi of the Amandia Institute for Policy and Leadership Advancement; Prof. Katarina Popović of the Department of Andragogy, University of Belgrade, Serbia; and Dr. Olufunmilayo O. Banjo, immediate past Ag. Director of the Centre for Gender and Social Policy Studies (CGSPS), Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife, when they paid a courtesy visit to the Vice Chancellor as part of a week-long programme organised by the Centre to unveil its mandate, vision, and mission.

Erelu Adeleye-Fayemi, who is also a former First Lady of Ekiti State, expressed her satisfaction with the growing recognition of gender studies in Nigerian higher institutions, noting that, gender studies, which was once dismissed decades ago, had now become a crucial area of scholarship.

While observing that women have made remarkable progress in academia, whether in teaching and administrative positions, serving as role models for younger generations, She commended the Vice Chancellor Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, on his strong political will



in supporting the establishment of the Centre, describing it as a demonstration of the institution's commitment to full and equal participation of women in national development.

In her remarks, Prof. Katarina Popović of the Department of Andragogy, University of Belgrade, Serbia, expressed delight at the establishment of the CGS at the University of Ilorin, describing it as a concrete and commendable step towards achieving gender equality in academia.

She noted that through her extensive work with the United Nations and UNESCO on the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), particularly Goal 5 on gender equality, she had observed that while many countries engage in rhetoric about gender inclusion, a few take tangible actions. According to her, the University of Ilorin has demonstrated a practical commitment by integrating gender studies into academic and institutional frameworks.

Prof. Popović opined that grassroots organisations working to support

women play an important role, but sustainable change requires integration into academic structures where knowledge production and policy direction are shaped. She described Unilorin's initiative as a model that would resonate across Africa and beyond, noting that gender equality is not merely an act of benevolence but a fundamental element of social, political, and economic development.

On her part, a former Director of the Centre for Gender & Social Policy Studies (CGSPS), Obafemi Awolowo University, (OAU), Ile Ife, Dr Olufunmilayo O. Banjo, also commended the University administration for supporting the establishment of the Centre, noting that it reflects a genuine commitment to addressing the challenges faced by women in academia. She urged the leadership of the Centre to remain resolute in confronting gender-related issues among staff and students.

UNILORIN dons listed among Stanford/Elsevier top 2% leading global scientists ... Egbewole rejoices

By Temitope Omoniye

Seven academic staff members of the University of Ilorin have been named among the 2025 Stanford/Elsevier top 2% of leading scientists in the world.

In an article published on <https://elsevier.digitalcommonsdata.com/datasets/btchxktzyw/8>, sighted by **UNILORIN Bulletin**, the seven scholars include an Associate Professor at the Department of Chemical Engineering, Dr Adewale George Adeniyi; Dr Mufutau Opeyemi Bello and Dr Folorunso Monsuru Ajide, both of the Department of Economics.

Others are Dr Joseph Bamidele Awotunde of the Department of Computer Science; Prof. Adeyinka Tella of the Department of Library and Information Sciences; the Director of the Institute of Medical Research and



■ Prof. Egbewole

Training (IMRAT), Prof. Oladimeji Akeem Bolarinwa; and Dr Oluwatoyin Adenike Fabiyi of the Department of Crop Protection.

The website noted that “the selection is based on the top 100,000 scientists by c-score (with and without self-citations) or a percentile rank of 2% or above in the sub-field”.

“This version (7) is based on the August 1, 2025 snapshot from Scopus, updated to end of citation year 2024”, it added.

Commenting on the development, the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, expressed pleasure at the positive ratings.

Prof. Egbewole, who spoke through the University's Director of Corporate Affairs, Mr Kunle Akogun, congratulated the academics, adding, “All members of the University community should continue to play a part in advancing the University's excellence.”

Egbewole welcomes exchange students from Torino University

By Tajudeen Babamale

The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has received students from Torino University, Italy, as part of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed by the two institutions to promote academic cooperation and enhance the global visibility of the University.

Speaking while receiving the students in his Office last Wednesday (October 15, 2025), Prof. Egbewole said the arrival of the exchange students was a clear affirmation that the internationalisation agenda of his administration was yielding the desired results.

Prof. Egbewole encouraged the visiting students to participate actively in University programmes and events, interact with the Students' Union leadership as well as the general student body, and remain open to the diverse cultures and traditions within the University community.

In a chat with the **UNILORIN Bulletin**, one of the visiting students, Mr Tonnaso Caratti, expressed excitement about being in Nigeria and particularly at the University of Ilorin. He said, “We are very pleased to be here. It's a pleasure to see the University and meet new people. We look forward to learning about the Nigerian culture,



interacting with students, make new friends and attending our lectures. I am particularly looking forward to eating Nigerian food”.

Meanwhile, the Director of the Centre for International Education (CIE), Prof. Lateef Onireti Ibraheem, who led the delegation that presented the students to the Vice Chancellor, explained that they would spend four weeks at the Department of Jurisprudence and International Law, University of Ilorin.

Prof. Onireti noted that their arrival at the University would benefit not only the visiting students but also their Unilorin counterparts who would have the opportunity to share ideas and

experiences. He added that the exchange scheme would further strengthen the University's reputation as an institution that continues to attract international collaborations and foreign students.

Also speaking, the Dean of the Faculty of Law, Prof. Bashiru Adeniyi Omipidan, expressed delight at the arrival of the visiting students, describing it as a valuable opportunity for academic and cultural exchange. He assured that the Faculty would facilitate meaningful interactions between the visiting students and their Nigerian peers to promote mutual understanding and learning.

Egbewole tasks retired, serving dons on mentorship

By **Mustafa Abubakar**
and **Tajudeen Babamale**

The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has charged Professors who retired from the services of the institution to continue to contribute to the growth and development of the University through mentorship and active engagement with current students and Faculty members.

Prof. Egbewole made the call last Monday (October 13, 2025) while speaking at a Special Reunion with past Deans and Directors organised by the Faculty of Education as part of activities marking the University's Golden jubilee celebrations.

Describing the honourees as “astute academics whose experiences cannot be bought in the market,” the Vice Chancellor emphasised the need for the institution to continually tap into their wealth of knowledge, noting that their insights could greatly shape and refine the University's academic culture.

He said, “It is my hope that you will continue to give us opportunities to benefit from your wealth of experience. We must design programmes, projects, or processes that will bring you back once in a while to interact with our current students because your experiences are invaluable.”

Earlier in his welcome address, the Dean, Faculty of Education, Prof. Olukunmi Lanre Olaitan, expressed appreciation to the Vice Chancellor and his management team for their support and participation in the event. He



The Vice Chancellor (middle) with Principal Officers and the honorees

described the retreat as a “moment of reflection, reconnection, and recommitment” coinciding with the institution's Golden jubilee celebration.

Speaking on the theme, “They Were Like Us, Tomorrow We Shall Be Like Them,” Prof. Olaitan reminded participants of the cyclical nature of leadership and legacy, urging the academic community to uphold the enduring values of discipline, service, excellence, and integrity. He called for a renewal of moral and professional standards amid emerging challenges in higher education, stressing that “as educators, we are called to teach not only what to know, but how to live.”

The highlight of the event was the recognition of 28 distinguished professors both retired and serving, who have contributed immensely to the Faculty's legacy and to educational development in Nigeria.

Those honoured included three former Deputy Vice Chancellors at the University, Prof. R. A. Lawal (Academic), Prof. N. Y. S. Ijaiya (Academic) and Prof. A. Y. AbdulKareem (Management Services);

The honourees also include Prof. A.

A. Adeyinka, Prof. A. Abdullahi, Prof. Segun Ogunsaju, Prof. A. D. Olutola, Prof. A. I. Idowu and a former Minister of State, Ministry of Niger Delta Development, Prof. C. O. Daramola.

Others were Prof. M. O. Fajemidagba, Prof. I. O. Abimbola, Prof. A. S. Olorundare, Prof. D. O. Durosaro, Prof. A. G. A. S. Oladosu, and Prof. Felicia A. O. Olasehinde-Williams.

Also celebrated were Prof. O. O. Obiyemi, Prof. O. E. Abdullahi, Prof. A. A. Adesoye, Prof. Esther O. Omosewo, Prof. S. H. Umoh, Prof. A. E. Talabi, and Prof. N. B. Oyedeji.

The honourees also included Prof. Medinat F. Salman, the pioneer Vice Chancellor, Kwara State University of Education (KWASUED) Ilorin; Prof. A. A. Adegoke, Prof. M. O. Yusuf, Prof. L. A. Yahaya, Prof. R. A. Shehu, the Executive Chairman, Kwara State Universal Basic Education Board (SUBEB); and Prof. A. Yusuf, who is the Director, Institute of Education, University of Ilorin.

I am proud of UNILORIN, ex-VC hails varsity @ 50

By **Abubakar Imam**

The 6th Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Shuaibu Oba AbdulRaheem, OFR, has said that he would continue to be proud of the University and its achievements as he described the institution as “one of the nation's second generation citadel of learning favourably competing with older ones.”

Prof. AbdulRaheem stated this last Monday (October 13, 2025) while featuring on *Countdown to UNILORIN @ 50*, a special personality interview programme of *UNILORIN 89.3 FM* designed to celebrate the Golden jubilee of the University. The programme was anchored by Ms Bimbo Durojaiye.

The former Vice Chancellor, who held the position between 1997 and 2002, said that the University needed to be celebrated for its numerous achievements,



■ **Prof. AbdulRaheem**

particularly for maintaining a regular academic calendar for half of its existence.

Prof. AbdulRaheem also praised the University for producing exceptionally brilliant and upright alumni who are doing very well in various places and roles across

the world.

The former Vice Chancellor, who is also the Talba of Ilorin, expressed joy with the fact that most of those employed as staff members during his tenure as Chief Executive of the institution are now running the University, saying that he is proud of their contributions to the University.

Answering a question, Prof. AbdulRaheem urged parents to assist the school's authorities in moulding the characters of their children, saying that many of today's undergraduates are very young people who still needed to be closely monitored for them to become responsible citizens.

Prof. AbdulRaheem, who simultaneously serves as Pro-Chancellor and Chairman of the Governing Councils of three universities, thanked the Federal Government for its huge investment in the University as he called for more funding for the nation's ivory-towers to live up to expectations.



Oyetola canvasses closer marine industry-varsities relationship

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The Minister said that institutions of higher learning can also help Nigeria to unlock the vast economic opportunities within its blue economy by embracing their role as catalysts for knowledge, innovation and sustainable growth.

He added that this would be to the advantage of the products of the nation's tertiary educational institutions as it will drive job creation and economic empowerment, especially in coastal and inland communities.

He added that the envisaged collaboration between the universities, marine research institutes and private agricultural enterprises would improve fish breeding techniques, feed formulation and disease control. He said that such efforts will not only enhance food security and nutrition but also create jobs, particularly for coastal youths and women, while conserving Nigeria's aquatic ecosystems.

In his address, titled "In Pursuit of Excellence", the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, said that the University is fully committed to aligning academic mission with Nigeria's developmental priorities.

He said that, in realisation of the fact that universities must do more than teaching that encouraged the University to establish specialised

centres designed to be hubs of ideas, engagement and tangible innovation.

While thanking the Minister for honouring the University's invitation, Prof. Egbewole suggested a strategic partnership between the Ministry, the Minister and the University of Ilorin. He said that the partnership would be dedicated to fostering research, shaping policy and building human capital required for the nation's blue economy to thrive.

Earlier in his welcome address, the Director of the Centre, Prof. Waheed Babatunde Yahaya, said that the event was the first personality lecture organised by the Centre since its creation in 2011.

Prof. Yahya, who teaches at the Department of Statistics, said that the programme was organised to enlighten the public on the imperative of collaborations needed to promote the blue economy for national development.

He, therefore, thanked the Vice Chancellor and his management team for their support as he thanked Alhaji Oyetola for honouring the Centre and the University with his presence.

In his brief remarks at the event, the Pro-Chancellor and Chairman of the Governing Council of the University, Surv. Abiodun Jacob Aluko, described Alhaji Oyetola as a hardworking and refined gentleman who is also a man of his words.

Surv. Aluko, who led a few other

members of the Council to the event, invited the Minister to the upcoming 50th anniversary of the University holding next month as he also congratulated him on the Fellowship conferred on him at the event.

The highlights of the event were the unveiling of the ₦250,000,000 iconic Centre for Blue Economy at the University of Ilorin by the Minister who also promised that his Ministry and agencies under it would undertake completion and conferment of honorary Fellowship award on the Minister and the Kwara State Governor, Mallam AbdulRahman AbdulRazaq, CON, by the Centre for Management and Leadership, Ilorin.

The event was attended by all the Principal Officers of the University, the Senior Special Assistant to the President on Marine and Blue Economy, Prof. Busayo Fakinlede; the Executive Secretary/ CEO of the Shippers Council, Dr Pius Alute; the Director, Planning, Research and Statistics, Ministry of Marine and Blue Economy, Hajiya Katumeh; the Rector, Nigerian Institute of Marine and Oceanography, Prof Abiodun Sule; the Executive Director, Operations, NIMASA, Mr Adeyemi; and the Technical Advisor to the Honorable Minister of Marine and Blue Economy, Dr Charles Okaga, among several others.



■ Prof. Oladimeji



■ Prof. Yusuf



■ Prof. Aremu

IEMF honours three Unilorites

By Mustafa Abubakar

The Igbomina-Ekiti Muslim Forum (IEMF) has honoured three distinguished Unilorites for their remarkable contributions to education, leadership, and community development.

The honourees were Prof. Lateef Folorunsho Oladimeji, a graduate of the Department of Islamic Studies and Vice Chancellor of Al-Hikmah University, Ilorin; Prof. Noah Yusuf, a lecturer at the Department of Sociology and immediate past Vice Chancellor of Al-Hikmah University, Ilorin; and Prof. Mukaila Ayanda Aremu, a lecturer at the Department of Marketing and incumbent Provost of the Kwara State College of Education, Oro.

The colourful ceremony took place penultimate Sunday (October 12, 2025) at the Forum's Secretariat in Ilorin and it attracted academics, Islamic scholars, and community leaders.

In his opening remarks, the President of the Forum, Alhaji Nasiru Ibrahim, said the event was organised to

appreciate the honourees' long-standing commitment to the IEMF and to encourage younger members to emulate their dedication to scholarship and service.

"These are men who have served humanity with humility and knowledge. Their achievements continue to inspire the next generation to blend faith with excellence in every sphere of life," Alhaji Ibrahim said.

Responding on behalf of the honourees, Prof. Oladimeji thanked the Forum for the recognition and pledged to continue supporting community development, particularly in youth training and empowerment.

"Empowerment is central to building a stronger and more productive society. We must create opportunities that allow our youths to be useful and proud of their heritage," he noted.

Also speaking, Prof. Yusuf expressed gratitude to the Forum and urged members to revive and strengthen its structure to ensure it continues to promote unity and moral guidance within the Igbomina-Ekiti Muslim community.

"We must sustain this bond of brotherhood. Our strength lies in our shared faith, culture, and commitment to community service," he said.

On his part, Prof. Aremu described the Igbomina-Ekiti Muslim Forum as a body built on sincerity, vision, and sacrifice.

"The Forum stands for Islamic enlightenment, educational advancement, and human capital development. We must continue to nurture those ideals for the next generation," he said.

Earlier in his address, the Chairman of the occasion, Justice Abdulrahim Ibrahim, who retired from the Kwara State Sharia Court of Appeal, Ilorin, commended the Forum for honouring deserving individuals and urged Muslims to emulate the Prophet Muhammad's (SAW) teachings of compassion, justice, and hard work.

"Our faith teaches us to add value to society wherever we find ourselves," he said, adding, "These honourees have lived those values through education, mentorship, and service to their people."



Accreditation team hails Unilorin's efforts in producing globally competitive graduates

By Tajudeen Babamale

The National Universities Commission (NUC) accreditation teams to the University of Ilorin have expressed satisfaction with the quality of the Primary Education Studies programme in the Department of Adult and Primary Education, the Educational Technology programme; as well as the Estate Management programme in the University.

During their separate exit visits to the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, last Tuesday (October 14, 2025) at the Vice Chancellor's Committee Room, the teams commended the University management for its sustained commitment to academic excellence and for investing resources to ensure the production of highly skilled graduates.

Speaking on behalf of the team for the Primary Education Studies, Prof. Esther Oduolowu commended the Department for integrating entrepreneurship training into its curriculum. She noted that the inclusion of such skills would not only enhance the students' teaching careers but also equip them to address the nation's economic challenges.

Prof. Oduolowu further stated that sampled students demonstrated clear evidence of competency and practical skills acquired through the programme. She added that the students attested to the University's conducive learning environment, which has greatly contributed to their academic development. According to her, the objectives and philosophy of the programme align with the NUC's Benchmark Minimum Academic Standards (BMAS).

For the Educational Technology programme, the accreditation team led by Prof. Odu Oji Kennedy observed that the Department possesses functional and modern instructional equipment that support effective teaching and learning. He added that, while the acquisition of additional equipment would further enhance the programme, the Department's overall performance was impressive and encouraging.

Prof. Kennedy also commended the Department's



innovative course offerings and the wealth of experience among its academic staff, describing the entire accreditation exercise as a successful and rewarding outing for his team and the University.

On its part, the team for the Estate Management programme, led by Prof. Victoria A. Bello, commended the institution's management for its firm commitment to producing qualified and globally competitive graduates.

Prof. Bello noted that the Department's curriculum is robust and up-to-date, while students' enrolment meets the requirements prescribed in the Benchmark Minimum Academic Standards (BMAS), Core Curriculum and Minimum Academic Standards (CCMAS), and Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB) guidelines.

While highlighting that course evaluations were of a good standard, the accreditation panel team leader reported that students of the Department demonstrated a commendable blend of hard and soft skills necessary for professional practice.

According to her, the staff-student ratio complies with NUC guidelines, the Departmental library is adequately equipped with relevant and current learning resources, and funding for the programme is considered sufficient for its smooth operation.

Prof. Bello, however, noted that the essence of the accreditation exercise was not merely to assess compliance, but to ensure that graduates of the University are globally competitive. She urged the institution to sustain its positive strides and address all identified areas for improvement to further enhance programme quality.

In his remarks, the Vice Chancellor

of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, expressed appreciation to the NUC accreditation teams for their objective and constructive assessment of the University's programmes.

The Vice Chancellor, who is also the Secretary-General of the Association of West Africa Universities (AWAU), described the accreditation exercise as a vital component of the University's commitment to continuous improvement, noting that such evaluations provide valuable feedback that helps the institution strengthen its academic delivery and operational efficiency. He added that the University views accreditation not as a fault-finding mission but as a collaborative process aimed at enhancing programme quality and sustaining academic excellence.

Prof. Egbewole assured the teams that the University would engage closely with the concerned Departments and Faculties to address all observations and effect necessary corrections in the identified areas.

He also reaffirmed the University's unwavering commitment to quality assurance, saying that the ultimate goal is to produce graduates who are well-rounded, competent, and capable of representing the University of Ilorin positively anywhere in the world. Prof. Egbewole added that graduates who are properly trained and adequately equipped will continue to make the University proud through their outstanding performance, innovation, and contributions to the development of the society.



Adam emerges IESA new Chairman

By Tajudeen Babamale

The Director of the Joint Universities Preliminary Examinations Board Foundation School (JUPEB), University of Ilorin, Prof. Ibrahim Kayode Adam, has been elected as the new Chairman of the Ilorin Emirate Staff Association (IESA), University of Ilorin.

Prof. Adam, who succeeds a former Deputy Vice Chancellor (Management Services), Prof. Suleiman Funsho Ambali, was elected alongside other new officials to steer the affairs of the Association for the next three years.

The inauguration of the new IESA leadership was held penultimate Sunday (October 12, 2025) at the National Secretariat of the Ilorin Emirate Descendants Progressive Union (IEDPU), Geri-Alimi, Ilorin.

Other officers elected include a Deputy Director at the Academic Planning Unit and Member of the University Governing Council, Mr Abdurashheed Gidado, Vice Chairman I; the Head, Department of Physics, Dr Taofeeq Olanrewaju Lawal, Vice Chairman II; Mr Iyanda Abubakar Elewure of the Registry, Secretary; and

Mallam Galadima Mohammed Jamiu a staff member of the Office of the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Management Services), Assistant Secretary.

Also elected were Mrs Abdulrahman Hafsat, Social Welfare Officer I; Mrs Aremu Adama Bolajoko, Social Welfare Officer II; Mr Ibrahim Olarewaju Yahaya, Legal Adviser II; Mrs Sherifat Jimoh-Jibril, Auditor; Mr Mustapha Kabiru Kayode, Financial Secretary; and a Principal Information Officer, Mr Tajudeen Abdulwahab Babamale, Public Relations Officer.

The immediate past Chairman and Secretary of the Association, Prof. Suleiman Funsho Ambali and Mr Abubakar Imam, respectively, emerged as ex-officio members.

In his acceptance speech, Prof. Adam advocated unity, cooperation, and collective responsibility among members to advance the progress of the Association and the University as a whole.

Prof. Adam urged members to remain steadfast in their commitment to the growth and development of the University of Ilorin, describing the institution's success as a reflection of the dedication of its staff.

The new Chairman also encouraged members to uphold integrity and diligence in the discharge of their duties, urging them to work for the University as though it were their own enterprise.

Prof. Adam expressed deep appreciation to members of the Association for entrusting him and his team with the leadership mandate, pledging to justify the confidence reposed in them through selfless service, teamwork, and transparency.

In his valedictory address, the immediate past Chairman of the Association, Prof. Ambali, expressed gratitude to members for their unwavering support and cooperation throughout his tenure.

He acknowledged the collective efforts that contributed to the achievements recorded by his administration and urged members to extend the same level of commitment and solidarity to the new Executive Council.

Prof. Ambali also enjoined the new leadership to build on the gains of the previous administrations while promoting inclusiveness, harmony, and unity among members.

He wished the new team a successful tenure marked by progress, cohesion, and greater accomplishments for both the Association and the University community.

UNILORIN alumnus, bags M.Sc. with distinction from McGill University

By Mustafa Abubakar

A distinguished alumnus of the University of Ilorin, Ameen Gegele Hammed, has brought pride to his alma mater by earning a Master of Science degree in Bioresource Engineering with Distinction from McGill University, Sainte-Anne-de-Bellevue, Quebec, Canada.

This was disclosed by the Head, Department of Food Engineering, University of Ilorin, Dr Saheed Mayowa Sanusi, in a chat with *UNILORIN Bulletin* last Wednesday (October 15, 2025).

Dr Sanusi explained that Ameen's recent accomplishment at one of the world's top universities stands as a testament to his resilience, brilliance, and commitment to sustainable development in the field of Food Engineering.



■ Dr Sanusi

A 2021 graduate of Food Engineering, University of Ilorin, Ameen has continued to distinguish himself through academic excellence and passion for

innovation.

Speaking further, Dr Sanusi described Ameen as a diligent scholar and a forward-thinking engineer whose work reflects the growing global relevance of Nigerian-trained professionals in science and technology.

In his comment, the Dean of the Faculty of Engineering and Technology, Prof. Joshua Olanrewaju Olaoye, extended heartfelt congratulations to Ameen, commending him for being an inspiration to current students and fellow alumni.

As he continues to pursue excellence, Ameen's story reinforces the University's reputation for producing globally competitive graduates who contribute meaningfully to the advancement of society.



Olawuyi advocates overhaul in teaching practice supervision

By Mustafa Abubakar

A Professor of Special Education at the University of Ilorin, Prof. Olabisi Olawuyi, has called for the adoption of innovative and technology driven approaches to supervising and mentoring students during their teaching practice exercise.

Prof. Olawuyi made the call penultimate Thursday (October 9, 2025) while delivering a lecture entitled, “Innovative approaches to supervising and mentoring students on teaching practice” at the Faculty of Education 2025 Staff Orientation programme on Teaching Practice and Peer Teaching exercise.

The seasoned scholar emphasised that effective supervision in the 21st century must go beyond routine classroom visits and checklist assessments to incorporate inclusive and reflective strategies that respond to the diverse learning needs of today's students.

She explained that modern-day classrooms are becoming increasingly heterogeneous, with learners exhibiting varying cognitive, physical, and emotional profiles.

According to her, supervisors must, therefore, equip student-teachers with adaptive teaching skills and innovative tools to manage these differences effectively.

Prof. Olawuyi identified some of the challenges faced by persons with special needs in traditional educational environments, including the rigidity of curriculum, insufficient teacher training,



■ Prof. Olawuyi

limited instructional resources, social isolation, and accessibility barriers.

She noted that addressing these challenges requires teachers who are not only professionally competent but also empathetic, creative, and technology-savvy.

Earlier in his welcome address, the Sub-Dean of the Faculty, Dr Lateef Omotosho Adegboyega, who represented the Dean, Prof. Olaitan, said that the orientation programme was a crucial preparatory step toward ensuring a successful and impactful Teaching Practice exercise.

He explained that Teaching Practice remains one of the most important components of teacher education, serving as the bridge between theoretical knowledge and practical classroom experience.

Dr Adegboyega reminded

participants that the quality of teacher supervision directly influences the competence and confidence of student-teachers.

In his opening remarks, the Chairman of the Teaching Practice Committee, Dr Murtala Tukur, described the orientation as an opportunity for professional renewal and collective reflection.

He stated that Teaching Practice goes beyond a mere graduation requirement; it is the heart of teacher education and the practical test of all pedagogical theories learned in the classroom.

“As teachers and mentors, we play a pivotal role in shaping the next generation not just through what we teach, but through how we guide, support, and model professional excellence,”

Dr Tukur said, “Teaching Practice is a critical bridge between theory and classroom reality. Our role as supervisors is to ensure that this experience is rich, reflective, and constructive for every student-teacher.”

He encouraged supervisors to approach the exercise with patience, fairness, and a spirit of mentorship, adding that the way lecturers handle supervision has lasting effects on how their students will, in turn, manage their own classrooms.

The event was attended by Professors, Heads of Departments, Lecturers, and members of the Faculty Teaching Practice Committee, all united by a shared resolve to strengthen mentorship, embrace innovation, and sustain quality teacher preparation at the University of Ilorin.

UNILORIN, an amazing institution – Fayemi

By Abubakar Imam

A former First Lady of Ekiti State, Mrs Bisi Adeleye Fayemi, has described the University of Ilorin as an amazing institution of learning.

Mrs Fayemi made this remark last Wednesday (October 15, 2025) while featuring on a special edition of 'Table Talk', a current affairs programme of UNILORIN 89.3 FM, which was anchored by the duo of the General Manager of the Station, Mr Idris Akintola Ibrahim (Idris Alooma) and the Station's Head of Programme, Mr Temitope Olawuyi (Karikataalk).

The former First Lady, who was at the University for the launch of the institution's Centre for Gender Studies (CGS), said that the University has been very peaceful, productive and supportive of the nation's developmental strides.

Mrs Fayemi commended the University for its deliberate promotion of gender equality and sensitivity, saying that the University has done very well with the creation of the Centre.



■ Mrs Fayemi (middle) flanked by Prof. Popovic (left) and Prof. Omojasola (right) last Wednesday

The former First Lady equally congratulated the University on its upcoming Golden Jubilee as she wished the University a more productive and peaceful future that would be marked by efficient service delivery to the nation and humanity.

Mrs Fayemi was accompanied to the Station by the Director of the Centre, Prof. Patricia Omojasola and a Visiting Professor from the University of Belgrade, Katarina Popovic.

Azeez heads UMC's committee on UNILORIN 50th anniversary

By Mustafa Abubakar

The Unilorin Muslim Community (UMC) has appointed the immediate past Dean of the Faculty of Communication and Information Sciences, Prof. Lukman Adesina Azeez, as the Chairman of a committee to organise its programmes commemorating the University's Golden Jubilee.

The Chairman of the UMC, Prof. Mudathir Olalere Yusuf, disclosed this in a statement, made available to UNILORIN Bulletin.

Other members of the committee, according to the statement, are the immediate past Sub-Dean, Student Affairs, Dr Mohammed Kabir Garba, Vice Chairman; Mr Abubakar Mustafa Muhammad, Publicity Secretary; and Dr Rafiat Ajibade Oyekunle.

The Committee also include Mr Murtala Oyinloye, Dr Abdulazeez Abiodun Showumi, while Mr Is-haaq Abdussalam, will serve as its Secretary.

The terms of reference of the



Prof. Azeez

Committee, according to Prof. Yusuf, include overseeing the design, scheduling, and coordination of anniversary programmes that reflect Islamic values, educational advancement, and institutional development.

The Committee will also liaise with the University administration, students, and external Muslim organisations to ensure broad participation and support.

Additionally, the Committee is tasked with identifying and managing financial, human, and material resources for the effective planning of the event, as well as developing publicity and outreach strategies to promote the anniversary within and beyond the University community.

The highlight of the proposed programme, according to Prof. Yusuf, would be a lecture titled "Celebrating 50 Years of Academic Excellence: The Role of Islamic Values in Shaping the Unilorin Community" as well as the conferment of honours on past leaders and supporters of the institution's Muslim community, including former Imams, Deputy Imams, Chairmen, Principal Officers of the University, MSSN Amirs, and former Ameerahs of the UNILORIN Muslim Ladies Circle as well as Justice Abdulkadir Orire, Chief M.K.O. Abiola and Chief AbdulRaheem Oladimeji.

Prof. Yusuf charged members of the Committee to work tirelessly as he called for regular updates to the UMC Executive Committee.

Justify your elevation, Alfania tasks promoted staff

By Abubakar Imam

Newly promoted academic and non-teaching staff members of the University of Ilorin have been charged to work harder and serve as role-models in their various units and the University at large in order to justify their promotion.

This advice was given by the Registrar of the University, Mr Mansur Adeleke Alfania, while speaking with *UNILORIN Bulletin* in his office last Wednesday (October 15, 2025).

Mr Alfania, who congratulated the beneficiaries on their career progression, said that "to whom much is given much is expected" as he assured all that the management of the University would continue to reward diligence and integrity.

The Registrar said that those who, by the latest promotion, had attained the pinnacles of their careers as staff of the University and others must show that they are worthy of their new positions by remaining hardworking and exemplary.

He added that it would be disappointing to the authorities of the



■ Mr Alfania,

University if those who were elevated to the ranks of Professor or Deputy Registrar and their equivalent in other cadres show a lukewarm attitude to their jobs simply because they have attained the apex.

The Registrar reminded them that there are still other positions within and outside the University that they can be appointed into if they justify their positions, saying that those who are promoted to the rank of Professor can become Deans of their respective Faculties or even Vice

Chancellor at the University or elsewhere.

He added that those promoted to either the rank of Deputy Registrar or Deputy Bursar and Deputy Director are just a step away from the privileged positions of Registrar or Bursar and Director as the case may be.

Mr Alfania commended the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, for ensuring that all those who deserved promotion were not denied the privilege.

He explained that the University does not have a backlog of promotion, saying that more of the qualified and competent staff of the institution would be promptly promoted.

Speaking on other issues, the Registrar decried acts of indiscipline among staff members of the University, saying that it was high time that they purged themselves of lateness, laziness and every form of indiscipline, which he said are inimical to their career growth and the progress of the University.

Mr Alfania warned that the management would not hesitate to deal appropriately with whoever violates the rules and regulations of the University.

UNILORIN Library eager for varsity's 50th anniversary-Omopupa

By Abubakar Imam

The University Librarian, University of Ilorin, Prof. Kamaldeen Tunde Omopupa, has said that the University Library is doing everything within its province to make the upcoming 50th anniversary of the University quite memorable.

Prof. Omopupa stated this last Tuesday (October 14, 2025) while featuring on *Countdown to UNILORIN @ 50*, a personality interview programme of UNILORIN 89.3 FM. The programme was jointly anchored by the Head of the Station, Mr Idris Akintola Ibrahim (Idris Alooma) and Mr Oyakhire Ikhuemein.

As part of the preparation for the anniversary, Prof. Omopupa explained that the Library is currently building a galleria that would house and preserve all the major milestones recorded by the University in the last 50 years.

Prof. Omopupa said the celebration of the establishment of the University is also the celebration of the birth of the institution's Library.

He explained that there is no way the history of the University will be told without adequate reference to the University Library considering the roles it has played in the evolution and sustenance of the University.



■ Prof. Omopupa

He added that the University Library is one of the key segments with which the University started in 1975.

Prof. Omopupa said that the University Library is one of the most resourceful libraries in Nigeria, saying that the Library does not only have up-to-date materials but is also manned by well-trained and committed staff who are prepared to offer its patrons quality services.

He added that the University has no fewer than 31 academic librarians

many of whom possess doctorate degrees in the field of Library and Information Science while about 10 of such staff are currently pursuing the highest academic qualification either in local or foreign universities, saying that only few university libraries could boast of such quality staffing

Responding to a question, Prof. Omopupa explained that the University Library has not only been serving students and staff of the University, it has also been service but members of the public, particularly those from the University host community.

The don said that the University Library has been supporting educational institutions within and around Ilorin with donation of relevant resources in books and journals, among others.

He assured all that the University Library would continue to train staff of educational institutions around Ilorin on efficient library services.

While thanking the management of the Ilorin Central Jumaat Mosque Library for donating some books to the University Library, Prof. Omopupa also thanked the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, and the Tertiary Education Trust Fund for their generous support to the University Library.



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NPA honours Yaru for transformational leadership

By Bashir Dawodu

The Nigerian Psychological Association (NPA) has honoured Dr Muhammed Aminu Yaru with an honorary fellowship award in recognition of his exemplary leadership and outstanding contributions to the growth and transformation of the Department of Psychology, University of Ilorin.

The award ceremony, which was held penultimate Friday (October 3, 2025) at the Faculty of Social Sciences Board Room, celebrated Dr Yaru's tenure as Acting Head of the Department of Psychology from 2022 to 2024.

Speaking at the event, the President of NPA, Prof. Olukayode Afolabi, represented by the Association's General Secretary, Dr Yemi Atibioke, commended Dr Yaru for his dedication, vision and unifying leadership style.

"Coming from the Department of Economics to lead Psychology is not an easy task, but Dr Yaru proved that leadership is about capacity, not background," Dr Atibioke said, noting that over 1,500 registered psychologists across the country joined in celebrating the honouree.

The NPA President further praised Dr Yaru's ability to mobilise and inspire his colleagues, describing him as a leader who "left no stone unturned" in advancing the goals of the Department.

Also speaking, the Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences, Prof. A. Y. Muhammed, described Dr Yaru's administration as "transformative and exemplary," as he commended his reform-



driven approach and unwavering dedication.

"The Department will forever remember his legacy. We will continue to sustain the structures he built," Prof. Muhammed affirmed.

The current Head of the Department, Dr Bankole Agesin, also lauded Dr Yaru's visionary leadership, noting that his tenure was marked by inclusiveness, innovation, and academic excellence.

"Under his leadership, the Department secured full accreditation and improved staff welfare significantly. He nurtured both staff and students, ensuring that the Department remained a beacon of knowledge and professionalism," Dr Agesin said.

Responding, Dr Yaru, who is also an Associate Professor, expressed gratitude

to Almighty Allah and appreciated the collective support of his colleagues in both the Departments of Psychology and Economics.

"This award is not mine alone; it belongs to everyone who supported me. If it were possible to share it physically, I would," he said, urging leaders to serve with sincerity and integrity rather than for personal recognition.

Also speaking, Mr O. A. Popoola appreciated guests, academic staff, and members of the University community for honouring Dr Yaru and celebrating his achievements.

The ceremony was attended by several Heads of Departments within the Faculty of Social Sciences, academic staff, and members of the University of Ilorin community.

Odosote urges students to uphold honesty, accountability in leadership

By Adewole Muizdeen

The immediate past Dean of the Faculty of Engineering and Technology, University of Ilorin, Prof. Jamiu Kolawole Odusote, has urged students of the Faculty to embrace honesty, integrity, and accountability as key pillars of effective leadership.

Prof. Odusote made this charge last Wednesday (October 8, 2025) while addressing participants at a lecture held at the University Auditorium. The event was organised by the National Association of Muslim Engineering and Technology Students (NAMETS) in collaboration with the Muslim Students' Society of Nigeria (MSSN), Faculty of Engineering and Technology, University of Ilorin.

The former Dean opined that successful administration requires strategic and tactical planning, which entails setting clear objectives, defining specific actions, and efficiently managing available resources.



Prof. Odusote

He reminded the students that leadership is not merely about holding positions of power but about taking responsibility, making sound decisions, and remaining accountable to those they lead.

On his part, Dr Imam Kamaldeen Ajijolakewu, an Associate Professor at the Department of Microbiology, University of Ilorin, highlighted the significance of trust in

leadership, which he described as a timeless Islamic principle that emphasises trustworthiness, diligence, and a positive work ethic.

Dr Ajijolakewu noted that, in Islam, leaders are considered trustees of Allāh who are tasked with upholding justice, integrity, and compassion.

In his presentation, Mr Abu Khadijah Shakir Bn Yusuf Assanady emphasised the importance of leading by example. He highlighted that Muslim executives, as role models, must embody Islamic etiquettes and values in their professional and personal lives, which include demonstrating honesty, fairness, and compassion, as well as maintaining strong relationships with colleagues, subordinates, and the community.

He stated that by adopting the Prophet Muhammad's teachings, Muslim executives can inspire others to follow Islamic values, create a positive work environment, and foster strong relationships.



UNILORIN WEEKLY FINANCIAL DIGEST

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

RECEIPTS:	AMOUNT
Academic Transcript	20,000.00
Income from Dental Clinic	477,138.75
Income from Diagnostic Centre	163,638.75
Income from Fitness Centre	6,000.00
Income from Order of Processing	10,000.00
Sundry & Other Fees Student Charges	5,575,385.65
Sundry Other Incomes	3,693,963.50
Staff I D Cards	9,000.00
Convocation Souvenir	182,500.00
Convocation Undergraduate Charges	13,264,100.00
Contractors Registration Fees	11,000.00
Income from Verification /Screening	710,000.00
CCSCA Clearance Charges	20,200.00
CODL Clearance Charges	351,200.00
CODL Form Processing Charges	60,800.00
Clinic Registration (staff charges)	2,000.00
House Rent from Staff	20,000.00
Insurance Claims/Others	61,196.00
Capitation NHIS	3,140,700.00
Rent on University Property	2,530,000.00
Remedial Acceptance Payment	714,400.00
Remedial Application Form	288,800.00
Refund (Salary)	1,031,750.29
Others	82,900.00
Utility Income	47,300.00
Undergraduate Hostel Accomodation	67,761,975.00
Undergraduate Change Course	509,600.00
Undergraduate School Charges	1,721,025,541.00
Undergraduate Transcript Payment	763,800.00
Undergraduate Post UTME	201,600.00
Undergraduate Clearance Charges	67,134,000.00
Postgraduate School Charges	35,449,401.25
Postgraduate School Transcript Payment	232,710.00
Postgraduate Acceptance Payment	1,125,600.00
Postgraduate Tuition Fees	77,460.00
Postgraduate Verification of Results	13,275,700.00
Ilorin Business School Application Form	50,400.00
Ilorin Business School Charges	826,600.00
Ilorin Business School Verification of Results	40,400.00
Institute of Education School Charges	80,069.30
Institute of Education Hostel Accomodation	1,433,600.00
JUPEB Application Form	1,839,600.00
JUPEB Acceptance Payment	1,688,400.00
JUPEB School Charges	21,335,000.00
Total Receipt for the Period	1,967,325,429.49
PAYMENTS	
PAYMENT TO CONTRACTORS/SUPPLIERS:	
Media Trust Ltd Advertisement	1,622,555.56
Ultratech Engineering Consult Ltd Installation of Solar Power	2,463,354.42
Toyes Communication Base Station Equip at College	12,358,092.50
Vivid Capital Nig Ltd Installation of Furniture for Deputy Vice Chancellor Nig Ltd	24,471,300.00
Archworks Nigeria limited Rehabilitation (CBNTETFUND)	7,523,829.00
OTHER PAYMENTS:	
Various Various i.e DTA, IMPREST, REFUND e.t.c	69,762,063.39
Purchase Advance Various	4,558,758.00
Unilorin Petrol Station Fuel and Lubricant	13,140,000.00
Unilorin Press Inaugural	1,719,900.00
The Guardian Newspapers Advertisement	1,497,407.80
Rockfield Petroleum Products Ltd Fuel and Lubricant	657,500.00
Total TSA Charges Various	94,922.50
Total payment for the period	139,869,683.17

Signed

Abiodun Lawal (FCNA)

Bursar



S/N	NAME	DEPARTMENT	BIRTHDAY
1	ABDULKADIR MUHAMMAD KABIR	MEDICAL RADIOGRAPHY	19-Oct
2	AJAPE ABDULLWAHAB AKANBI	SURGERY	19-Oct
3	GOBIR AISHATU AHMED	PAEDIATRICS & CHILD HEALTH	19-Oct
4	AYORINDE ATINUKE MUBO	REGISTRY	19-Oct
5	ILUGBARO MUJIDAT AJOKI ABIO	PROCUREMENT & MAINTENANCE SUPORT	19-Oct
6	FALAIYE OLUWASESAN ADENIRAN	PHYSICS	19-Oct
7	OLOWO FALILAT MUKTHAR	REGISTRY	19-Oct
8	OJO FATIMOH OMENEKE	REGISTRY	19-Oct
9	BELLO HAFIZ OLAKEKAN	PHYSICS	19-Oct
10	OLATUNJI SAMSON OLUSOLA	ARTS EDUCATION	19-Oct
11	SHUAIB AVOSHI KHADJAT	REGISTRY	19-Oct
12	IJI JULIANA	WATER RESOURCES & ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING	20-Oct
13	OWOLABI OLUFEMI DAVID	ZOOLOGY	20-Oct
14	ABODUNRIN FATAI TUNDE	BURSARY	20-Oct
15	IBRAHIM ABDULKADIR	SECURITY DIVISION	20-Oct
16	OLABINTAN ISIAKA GBENGA	SECURITY DIVISION	20-Oct
17	IBRAHIM AMINAT BOLA	REGISTRY	20-Oct
18	LAWAL BABATUNDE BASHIRU	BURSARY	20-Oct
19	AIYEDONA FEMI SIMEON	WORKS: WORKS/MAINT. OFFICE	20-Oct
20	OYEDEJI STEPHEN	PLANT BIOLOGY	20-Oct
21	BAKARE NAIMAT GATTA	MATHEMATICS	20-Oct
22	FASHOLA DAVID ADEYEMI	DIRECTORATE OF GENERAL SERVICES/REGISTRY	20-Oct
23	USMAN ABDULJEMIL BIO	REGISTRY	20-Oct
24	SAHEED KAMARDEEN	SIWES UNIT	20-Oct
25	ADEYANJU OLUWASHOLA ROSELINE	REGISTRY	20-Oct
26	ENIOWOYAN SEGUN SAMUEL	REGISTRY	20-Oct
27	SALIU RABIU	REGISTRY	20-Oct
28	BABATUNDE MARIAM OMOSHALEWA	STATISTICS	20-Oct
29	SODIQ AMINAT ADUKE	REGISTRY	21-Oct
30	EHINMIDUN SAMUEL OLANIYO	REGISTRY	21-Oct
31	AJAYI EDWARD BOLUWADE	PLANT BIOLOGY	21-Oct
32	SALAH MURITALA	ACADEMIC PLANNING UNIT	21-Oct
33	GATTA NUSIRAT FUNMILAYO	STATISTICS	21-Oct
34	OJO ABOSEDE FRANCISCA	LIBRARY	21-Oct
35	SA'AD MAHMUD BAYO	REGISTRY	21-Oct
36	OLOLU BALQEEES TOLUTOPE	CHEMISTRY	21-Oct
37	ALADE OLUWATOYIN SUNDAY	BURSARY	22-Oct
38	YUSUF FADHLURAHMAN OLORUNTOBI	COMSIT DIRECTORATE	22-Oct
39	ALAYANDE KEHINDE ADENIKE	REGISTRY	22-Oct
40	IDRIS ABDULRASAQ OLAWALE	SECURITY DIVISION	22-Oct
41	AYOKU TAIBAT TAYO	REGISTRY	22-Oct
42	OYEDEPO OLUKEMI DAMILOLA MARY	REGISTRY	22-Oct
43	HAMMED ABDULLAHI HENRY	UNILORIN ZOO	22-Oct
44	ABDULRASAQ MUNIRUDEEN	REGISTRY	22-Oct
45	OJO OLUWASOLA MICHAEL	OPTOMETRY & VISION SCIENCE	22-Oct
46	YUSUF IYABO ROSELINE	REGISTRY	22-Oct
47	LAWAL KAFAYAT TINUOLA	SECURITY DIVISION	22-Oct
48	SAYI OLORUNDARE MOSHOOD	CIVIL ENGINEERING	23-Oct
49	IGBEN LUCKY FRANCIS	SECURITY DIVISION	23-Oct
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50	OGUNREMI TOYIN FUNKE	HEALTH SERVICES	23-Oct
51	ASIYANBOLA CALEB	EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY	23-Oct
52	BALOGUN NAEEM ATANDA	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	23-Oct
53	YUSUF QUDIRAT AMURA	REGISTRY	23-Oct
54	ABDUR-RAHEEM MUBARAK OPEYEMI	COMSIT DIRECTORATE	23-Oct
55	SANNI SIAKA OJIVO	REGISTRY	24-Oct
56	MONEKE THERESA OLUCHI	REGISTRY	24-Oct
57	FARUQ MARIM ABIODUN	SECURITY DIVISION	24-Oct
58	ADERINOYE GANIYAT OLAIDE	MASS COMMUNICATION	24-Oct
59	SOLOMON VICTORIA DUPE	REGISTRY	24-Oct
60	AJIBOYE KUNLE ROTIMI	UNIVERSITY LODGES UNIT	24-Oct
61	MOHAMMED NUHU OLA	REGISTRY	24-Oct
62	OLOWO AHMED ABDULGANIYU	MARKETING	24-Oct
63	SULEIMAN YUSUF KOLAWOLE	VETERINARY PHYSIOLOGY & BIOCHEMISTRY	25-Oct
64	OLATUNJI AJAPE JIMOH	SECURITY DIVISION	25-Oct
65	IBRAHIM AZEEZAT QUADRI	REGISTRY	25-Oct
66	ONIYIDE OLADIMEJI	ELECTRICAL & ELECTRONICS ENGINEERING	25-Oct
67	ANIFOWOSHE ABASS TOBA	ZOOLOGY	25-Oct
68	SALMAN-OKE ISMAIL OPEYEMI	REGISTRY	25-Oct
69	JILANTIKIRI LYDIA JOHN	BIOMEDICAL ENGINEERING	25-Oct
70	OGUNGBADE AYODELE RACHEAL	REGISTRY	25-Oct



U-Inspire trains 9,924 graduates as Egbewole commends participants

By Bashir Dawodu

The University of Ilorin has graduated 9,924 students from the inaugural cohort of its U-Inspire programme, an initiative designed to equip final-year students with practical skills to solve societal problems and become job creators rather than job seekers.

The graduation ceremony, which was held last Friday (October 17, 2025) at the University Auditorium, was themed “Empowering Employability, Innovation, and Real-world Problem Solving.”

Speaking at the event, the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, represented by the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Management Services), Prof. Adegboyega Adisa Fawole, congratulated the graduands on their dedication and commitment to the programme.

He charged them to pursue their dreams with determination and creativity, noting that innovation often starts with small ideas that can grow into major breakthroughs.

“A small idea can transform into something big. Have the mindset to make it bigger. Don't drop your dream, nurture it. UNILORIN is here to help you compete globally”, Prof. Egbewole said.

He further encouraged the graduands to take calculated risks and become problem solvers who will contribute meaningfully to global development.

The Vice Chancellor also appreciated the nine partner organisations that collaborated with the University to deliver the U-Inspire training, commending their efforts in producing well-rounded graduates.

In his opening remarks, the Chairman of the U-Inspire

Implementation Committee, Prof. Rasheed Gbenga Jimoh, commended Prof Egbewole and the university management for initiating the U-Inspire programme aimed at equipping final year students with 21st-century employability skills.

Prof. Jimoh, who also serves as the Director of the Directorate of Computer Services and Information Technology (COMSIT), described the U-Inspire programme as a transformative initiative that has come to stay, stressing the importance of students acquiring a “digital driver's license” to remain competitive in the global job market.

He explained that the programme focused on three core skill areas, leadership, web design and graphic design, which participants were trained on during their two-month internship.

Prof. Jimoh also congratulated the project presenters for showcasing their talents and urged them to apply their acquired skills towards solving emerging and existing societal problems as he also commended the nine U-Inspire partner organisations for their commitment to the training's success.

Delivering the keynote address, the Managing Director of Tascon Plastic Industries Limited, Dr Akeem Salawudeen, represented by Mr Ajadi Oladimeji, urged the graduands to focus on building portfolios of problem-solving achievements rather than relying solely on academic transcripts.

“As we empower employability, nurture innovation, and strengthen real-world problem solving, we are not just producing graduates, we are producing builders of our economy and our nation,” he said.

Dr Salawudeen called for stronger collaboration between academic institutions and industries to prepare young people who are not only ready to survive in the 21st

century but to shape it.

Also speaking, the Chief Executive Officer of Zakmad, Mr Zakirdeen Oladotun, emphasised that degrees alone are no longer sufficient to secure employment as he encouraged students to embrace entrepreneurship and digital skills.

“You don't have to know everything, but you must see what others can't. Open your eyes to opportunities around you and your mind to innovation,” he advised.

Also speaking, the Director of the Centre for Research, Development and In-House Training (CREDIT), Prof. Abdulkarim Oloyede, lauded the U-Inspire initiative, noting that more partners would be engaged to expand the learning options available to students.

He emphasised that university certificates alone are no longer sufficient, adding that complementary programmes like U-Inspire provide practical exposure and innovation oriented skills necessary to solve societal problems.

Prof. Oloyede further revealed plans to extend the U-Inspire training to students from 100-level through to graduation, alongside the establishment of an innovation hub to enhance continuous learning.

At the project presentation segment of the event, MC George Consulting Limited Group emerged as the overall winner, receiving a cash prize of ₦550,000. HRsquare Concept took second place and was awarded ₦350,000, while Group 2lead secured third place with a prize of ₦250,000.

The U-Inspire initiative is part of the University of Ilorin's commitment to producing graduates who are globally competitive, innovative, and capable of addressing real-world challenges.



- The University of Ilorin Academic Staff Union of Universities (ASSU) Branch, has joined other Academic Staff Union of Universities across the nation in the ongoing nation wide strike, aimed at pressing for their demands from the federal government.
("FG direct VC's to submit attendance, Compliance reports of varsity strike begins", Vanguard, Tuesday, October 14, 2025, P. 6)
- The University of Ilorin will on Thursday October 16, 2025, host the edition in it's prestigious series of Inaugural lectures, to be delivered by Prof. Emmanuel Olugbade Ojo of the Department of Political Science, Faculty of Political Sciences. The lecture is titled "The worship of an Unknown Diety".
("Ajomobi's ex-Chief of Staff, Gbade Ojo, Deliver UNILORIN'S 291st Inaugural Lecture ", <https://morningstaroptimalnews.com>;" 291st Inaugural lectures of University of Ilorin ", <https://www.facebook.com>;" Expert calls on Nigerians Needs A New Federal Constitution To Overcome Political Stagnation -Prof. Ojo", <https://solaremnews.wordpress.com>)
- During the keynote address, the Founder and Growth Lead of MySweetStories, Mrs Perpetual Love Uduma, has presented The Creative Industry playbook for Nigeria - a roadmap to structure and scale the nation's creative economy into a globally competitive ecosystem.
("MYSWEET STORIES UNVEILS CREATIVE INDUSTRY PLAYBOOK AT UNILORIN", <https://dailylinks.ng>)
- The University of Ilorin has announced that the former Governor of Lagos State, Babatunde Fashola, SAN, will deliver the Convocation Lecture at its 40th Convocation Ceremonies.
("FASHOLA TO DELIVER UNILORIN 40TH CONVOCATION LECTURE , AS PRESIDENT TINUBU COMMISSIONS NEW PROJECTS ", <https://dailylinks.ng>;" Fashola to Deliver UNILORIN Convocation Lecture ",<https://gatmash.com>;" Fashola to Deliver UNILORIN Convocation Lecture ", <https://rectitudenewsng.wordpress.com>;" FASHOLA TO DELIVER WITH UNILORIN CONVOCATION LECTURE ", <https://leadership.ng>;" President Tinubu, Fashola To Attend UNILORIN 40th Convocation ", <https://peoplevoiceng.blogspot.com>;" Babatunde Fashola To Deliver UNILORIN Convocation Lecture ", <https://www.dailytopic.com>;" Tinubu to Commission projects as Fashola Deliver "Gen Z at UNILORIN's 40th Convocation", <https://justeventonline.com>;"Fashola To Deliver UNILORIN'S 40th Convocation Lecture", <https://newtelegraphng.com>;" Tinubu To unveil projects at UNILORIN'S 40th Convocation ", <https://punching.com>;" Tinubu to deliver UNILORIN 40th Convocation Lecture,as President Tinubu commissions, new projects", <https://dailylinks.ng>;" Fashola To Deliver 40th UNILORIN Convocation Lecture ", <https://leadership.ng>;" Tinubu to unveil Projects at UNILORIN'S 40th Convocation ", <https://prudentwatch.com>;" President Tinubu inaugurates Projects, As Fashola delivers UNILORIN 's 40th Convocation Lecture ", <https://choicereporters.com>)
- A student of the University of Ilorin, Dorcas Olayinka,has expressed that the Federal Government should treat education as top national priority, emphasizing that" students are tired of hearing promises that never translate into lasting solution".
(" ASSU Strike:Our frustration, our pain, by students", *The Nation*, Thursday, October 16, 2025, P. 15)
- Nigerian Education Loan Fund (NELFUND),has said that the University of Ilorin is in good standing with the body.
("Unilorin is in good standing says NELFUND"<https://www.vanguardngr.com>)
- UNIVERSITY of Ilorin (UNILORIN) yesterday conferred the Award of Honorary Fellow of the Centre for Management and Leadership on the Minister of Marine and Blue Economy, Adegboyega Oyetola in recognition of his exceptional contributions to national development, public service and visionary leadership.
("UNILORIN honours Oyetola, unveils Centre for Blue Economy", *The Nation* Friday, October 17, 2025, p.5)

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I 'm in love with UNILORIN – ex-Gov Ahmed

By Abubakar Imam

.....promises to grace anniversary event

The immediate past Governor of Kwara State, Alhaji Abdulfatai Ahmed, has said that he is in love with the University of Ilorin because of its positive impacts on his life and humanity at large.

Alhaji Ahmed made this assertion last Tuesday (October 14, 2025) while receiving to a delegation of the UNILORIN Golden Jubilee Planning Committee, which visited him in his GRA residence in Ilorin.

The former Governor, who graduated from the institution's Department of Chemistry in 1986, said that the University played a great role in shaping his life and career.

Alhaji Ahmed recalled his days as a student of the University, explaining that it was the institution, which largely moulded his character and learning and shaped his trajectory of life.

While exploring various fields of learning, Alhaji Ahmed enjoined stakeholders in the nation's education industry to ensure that curriculum of our schools are purposively designed to accelerate envisaged national progress as being done by other countries.

The former Governor, who led Kwara State from 2011 to 2019, thanked the authorities of the University for the visit and for the opportunity extended to him to play a significant role during the upcoming 50th anniversary as he promised to attend the ceremony as invited.

Speaking earlier, the Chairman of the Anniversary Planning Committee, Prof. Olugbenga Ayodeji Mokuolu, said that the visit was paid to formally inform the former Governor of the anniversary scheduled for next month.

Prof. Mokuolu, who was represented by the Chairman of the Sub-Committee on the Alumni Day, Prof. Waheed Babatunde Yahya, said that the management, staff and students of the University are very proud of the achievements of the former Governor.

The Chairman said that Alhaji Ahmed remains the only Governor of a State produced by the University since it

was established and that it was befitting for such a distinguished alumnus to be assigned an appropriate role during the anniversary.

Prof. Mokuolu informed the former Governor that he had been slated to be one of the speakers at the colloquium being planned for the Alumni Day, saying that his wealth of experience in teaching, banking, politics and governance as well as general public service would be beneficial to all.

Also speaking, the Secretary of the Anniversary Planning Committee, who is also the Deputy Registrar (Senate), Mrs Kafilat Taiwo Afolayan, said that the University is delighted to have Alhaji Ahmed as one of its outstanding alumni.

Mrs Afolayan, who used the privilege of the visit to encourage other alumni of the University to find time out of their tight schedules to visit the institution with a view to admire its progress and assess its prospects, assured the former Governor that the Committee would hold more fine-tuning consultations with him ahead the upcoming anniversary.

The Deputy Registrar, who later presented a document containing the lineup of the anniversary programmes to the former Governor, said that the University and its stakeholders would be looking forward to welcoming the ex-Governor to his alma mater.

Other members of the delegation were the Dean, Postgraduate School, Prof. Nwosu; two Deputy Registrars, Mrs Abimbola Ologe and Mrs Elizabelt O. Nnaji; a Senior Assistant Registrar, Mr Abdulkadir Olayinka Kuranga and a Deputy Director at the Directorate of Corporate Affairs, who is also the Deputy Editor, *UNILORIN Bulletin*, Mr Abubakar Imam.