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40TH CONVOCATION CEREMONIES

FG Committed to quality education, innovation, says Tinubu



■ President Tinubu

By Abubakar Imam and Isaac Lewu

President Bola Ahmed Tinubu, GCFR, has reaffirmed his administration's commitment to strengthening tertiary education and promoting innovation in Nigerian universities.

The President stated this last Thursday (October 23, 2025) while speaking at the 40th Convocation Ceremonies of the University of Ilorin.

He stated that his government would intensify investments in research, digital skills, and entrepreneurship to prepare students for the challenges of a knowledge-driven economy.

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Beware of consequences of your actions, Fashola warns UNILORIN graduands

By Abubakar Imam

A former Minister of Works and Housing, Mr Babatunde Raji Fashola, SAN, has warned youths, particularly new graduates of the University of Ilorin, to always be mindful of the consequences of their actions, saying that appropriate reactions always follow actions.

Mr Fashola sounded this

warning last Wednesday (October 22, 2025) while delivering the 40th Convocation Lecture of the University of Ilorin, titled, "The Gen-Z Playbook: Navigating Work And The Real World", at the University Auditorium.

The former Minister said that youths must be very careful with their choices as they progress, enjoining them to avoid the get-rich-quick syndrome.

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Oloyede, Adeniyi, 8 others inaugurated as Emeritus Professors



■ Prof. Egbewole

By Abubakar Imam

Two former Vice Chancellors of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Adeoye Adeniyi, and Prof. Is'haq Olanrewaju Oloyede, CON, were among ten eminent scholars and seasoned administrators that were last Thursday (October 23, 2025) formally inaugurated as Emeritus Professors by

the authorities of the University.

While Prof. Adeniyi, a renowned medical scholar, headed the University from 1985 to 1992, Prof. Oloyede, a distinguished scholar of Islamic Jurisprudence and current Registrar and Chief Executive of the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB), served between 2007 and 2012. (Contd. on page 11)

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Five years enough for VCs-Egbewole

By Abubakar Imam

The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has said that a single term of five years is enough for Vice Chancellors of Nigerian universities to make their marks.

Prof. Egbewole stated this last Monday (October 20, 2025) while answering a reporter's question during a Press Briefing that heralded the activities marking the institution's 40th Convocation Ceremonies.

The Vice Chancellor said that five years is long enough for any Chief Executive of either a State or Federal University and even privately-owned ones to leave lasting legacies on the sand of time in their respective institutions. He said that anyone who could not make his marks within five years in office may not be able to make a remarkable difference even in a



■ Prof. Egbewole

prolonged tenure.

Prof. Egbewole, who has spent three years as the Chief Executive of the University, said that the responsibilities of the Office of Vice Chancellor are too demanding and energy-sapping for such a tenure to be extended for another term.

He said that he would be delighted to end his tenure and return to the warm embrace of his family after the completion of his tenure in 2027.

The Vice Chancellor appealed to his colleagues across the nation to maximally utilise the privileges entrusted on them and make do with one term, saying that those who worked hard would neither wish nor pray for a second term in office.

Speaking on other issues, the Vice Chancellor said that the University of Ilorin would continue to relate effectively with its staff members.

Prof. Egbewole said that fraternity with staff members and students of the University would ensure continuous industrial harmony that would facilitate the maintenance of its strict adherence to its academic calendar for the benefit of students and their parents and the nation at large.

Fashola hails Oloyede's national service

By Abubakar Imam

The contributions of the 8th Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin and current Registrar, Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB), Professor Emeritus Is-haq Olanrewaju Oloyede, CON, to national and human development have again been commended.

This commendation was made by a former Minister of Works and Housing, Mr Babatunde Raji Fashola, SAN, CON, who also praised the University of Ilorin's sustainable good image. Mr Fashola made the remarks while delivering the 40th Convocation Lecture of the University last Wednesday October 22, 2025.

Mr Fashola, who is also a former Governor of Lagos State, recalled the numerous innovations and contributions of Prof. Oloyede as the Chief Executive of the University of Ilorin between 2007 and 2012 as he also assessed his current role as JAMB Registrar, saying that the Professor Emeritus has done very well.

He said that the history of the University of Ilorin cannot be complete without adequate mention of the personality and contributions of the JAMB Registrar.

Mr Fashola described Prof. Oloyede as a remarkable alumnus and

...praises UNILORIN's good reputation



L-R: Prof. Oloyede, Surv. Aluko, and Fashola

outstanding staff member of the University of Ilorin who will always occupy a pride of place in the annals of the institution.

Speaking on the University of Ilorin as an institution, Mr Fashola said that the University have been in the news for good, particularly in recent times.

He observed that the preparations and activities heralding the Golden Jubilee of the University has occupied the front burner of national discourse.

The renowned senior lawyer and politician commended the Vice Chancellor

of the University, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, and his management team for their efforts in promoting the greatness of the University.

While commending the staff and students of the University for their patriotism to the institution as exemplified in their joyous rendition of the University Anthem, Mr Fasola also saluted the University management for ensuring judicious use of resources, saying that what he saw on the campus justified his position.

FG Committed to quality education, innovation, Tinubu declares at Unilorin Convocation

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President Tinubu, who was represented by the Vice Chancellor of the Federal University of Technology, Akure (FUTA), Prof. Temidayo Oladiji, commended the University on its stimulating record of discipline and academic excellence, describing it as a model for other institutions.

“As the University of Ilorin approaches its 50th anniversary, it continues to stand out as a centre of excellence. Nigeria must produce Nobel laureates, and I believe UNILORIN can lead that charge,” the President stated.

President Tinubu also announced that the University had been chosen as one of the host centres for the National Universities Commission (NUC) Digital Innovation Hubs, which, he said, are designed to nurture creativity and entrepreneurship among students.

He said, “This hub will position Ilorin as a leading centre for innovation in Nigeria's knowledge economy.”

The President also disclosed that UNILORIN is among 18 universities benefiting from a ₦110 billion national intervention fund to expand medical training facilities nationwide. He explained that the decision to suspend the creation of new tertiary institutions was a deliberate move to consolidate and strengthen the existing ones.

“We must prioritise quality over quantity. Adequate resources will, therefore, be channelled to existing institutions to enhance their capacity and impact,” he stated.

President Tinubu further noted that earned allowances and part of the previously withheld salaries of academic



L-R: Prof. Oladiji, Prof. Egbewole, and Mr. Alfanla

and non-teaching staff had been paid, while a loan scheme for tertiary institution workers had been introduced to cushion economic pressures. “This initiative is a genuine empowerment effort, not a burden,” he said.

Addressing the broader economic reforms, the President appealed for public understanding, assuring Nigerians that the temporary hardships being experienced were transitional.

He said, “I acknowledge the challenges Nigerians face today, but these are short-lived. The foundation we are laying will build a stronger and more inclusive economy.”

He also urged alumni, individuals, and the private sector to complement government efforts in improving education, saying education is too important to be left solely to the government.

“The partnership of all stakeholders is vital in building a prosperous and knowledge-driven nation,” he said.

The President congratulated the graduands and reminded them of the fact that their degrees represent a call to leadership and responsibility.

“Be creative, innovative, and resilient—the future belongs to you, and it is your generation that must transform Nigeria into a nation of our dreams,” he declared.

Meanwhile, the Executive Secretary of the NUC, Prof. Abdullahi Ribadu, represented by Prof. AbduLateef Oladimeji, Vice Chancellor of Al-Hikmah University, Ilorin, commended the University of Ilorin for attracting more than ₦12 billion in research grants from both local and international partners over the last two years.

He said that it was stimulating that the University continues to demonstrate that with vision and commitment, world-class achievements are possible in the nation's University system.

On his part, the Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, described the 40th convocation ceremonies of the University as a milestone in the University's journey and urged the graduands to uphold the institution's values of integrity and discipline.

He said that at 50, the University has matured as he stated that the University is beginning another future, urging graduands to be deliberate in shaping their destinies.



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Beware of consequences, Fashola warns UNILORIN graduands

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He urged the graduands to run away from those who flaunt flamboyant and exotic lifestyle from money they can neither disclose nor explain its sources.

Mr Fashola, who also served as Governor of Lagos State between 2007 and 2015, said that the road to prosperity is often long, predictable and requires someone to prove himself not only by hardwork but also by character.

While declaring that there is no easy and fast money anywhere without consequences, Mr Fashola warned that consequences always lead to misery, regret and sometimes irredeemable damage.

The Convocation Lecturer also urged the graduands to discover and develop their innate and unique talents so that they can quickly transform to their best version.

He added that once they discovered their talents, navigating present and future challenges would be easy.

Mr Fashola also urged them to deploy social media appropriately, saying that social media should be used to reach people for causes, work and business or showcase whatever positive things they undertake.

While encouraging the graduands to use social media to advertise the positive part of their personalities and concerns, he warned them not to advertise

their body parts. He encouraged them not to use foul, abusive or hate language on social media as he warned that the internet will forever credit them with whatever they write or say.

In his address, the Pro-Chancellor and Chairman of the Governing Council of the University, Surv. Abiodun Jacob Aluko, said that the University has improved tremendously in service delivery.

Surv. Aluko commended the Federal Government for its investment on the University over the years as he also urged the graduands to join the team of alumni who are making the University proud in all areas of human endeavour.

The Governing Council Chairman, who is also a former Deputy Governor of Ekiti State, advised the graduands to ensure that the nation's investment on them is not wasted, saying that much is expected from them by their families, alma mater, the nation and the world at large.

In his address, titled 'The Man is the Style and the Style is the Man', the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, charged the graduands to become the embodiment of the University style.

Prof. Egbewole urged them to allow the University's mantra of Better By Far to become part of their identities wherever they find themselves as they go into the real world.

The Vice Chancellor, who expressed pride that the University graduated fully prepared young men and

women, urged the graduands to ensure that their lives and careers are marked by intelligence and integrity, coordination and success, humility and resourcefulness, smart goals, ethical conduct, and professional wisdom.

Among the highlights of the event were the presentation of First Class graduands to the Chancellor of the University, the Emir of Katsina, Alhaji Abdulmumini Kabir Usman, CFR, who was represented by the Vice Chancellor, and presentation of gift to the Convocation Lecturer as well as the admittance of the graduands to the University of Ilorin Alumni Association by its National President, Prof. AbdulRasaq Olubusiye Kilani after the oath-taking.

The ceremony was witnessed by the Governor of Kwara State, Mallam AbdulRahman AbdulRazaq, CON, who was represented by the Commissioner of Youth Development, Ambassador Ndanusa Shehu; the Registrar of the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB), who is also the eighth Vice Chancellor of the University, Prof. Emeritus Is'haq Olanrewaju Oloyede, CON; the Commissioner of Police, Kwara Command, Mr Adekunmi Ojo; members of the University Governing Council, serving and former Principal Officers of the University; a Kadi of the Kwara State Sharia Court of Appeal, Justice AbdulRaheem Sayi, parents, guardians and graduands, among several others from far and near.

Always give gratitude to Allah, AbdusSalam advises parents, students, others

By Abubakar Abdulquadri

The Chief Imam of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Nasir AbdusSalam, has urged Muslim faithful, particularly parents and fresh graduates, to express gratitude to Allah for their successes and remain humble.

Prof. AbdusSalam made the call last Friday, October 24, 2025) while delivering a sermon, titled "Success and Gratitude: Recognising Allah's Favour." at a Special Juma'at Service to mark the end of the 40th Convocation Ceremonies.

The renowned scholar emphasised that gratitude is obligatory upon achieving success, pointing out that those who thank Allah will be rewarded with more.

He also stressed the importance of appreciating others' kindness, warning that



failing to do so may lead to ingratitude towards Allah.

Prof. AbdusSalam expressed gratitude to Allah for the successful completion of the University's 40th Convocation Ceremonies without any

negative incident.

The Chief Imam advised graduands to utilise their knowledge to serve humanity as he urged them to be contented with what Allah blessed them with.



Oloyede, Adeniyi , 8 others inaugurated as Emeritus Professors

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The investiture of the seasoned intellectuals, which marked the highpoint of the 40th Convocation Ceremonies of the University, took place at the University Auditorium.

Others were two former Deputy Vice Chancellors of the University, Prof. Moses Oyeleke Fawole, a specialist in Microbiology and father of the current Deputy Vice Chancellor (Management Services), Prof. Adegboyega Adisa Fawole; and Prof. Luke Ekundayo Edungbola, who is a globally renowned medical parasitologist.

Others were a former Vice Chancellor of the Federal University of Technology, Minna, Prof. Musibau Adewunmi Akanji; the pioneer Dean of the Faculty of Education, Prof. J. O. O. Abiri, and the founding father of the Department of Religions, Prof. Ismail A. B. Balogun, as well as Prof. Theophilus Olatunde Aro.

The list also includes a former Pro-Chancellor and Chairman of the Governing Council of the Federal University of Technology, Minna, Prof. Olu Obafemi, and Prof. Olawoye Soladoye Adegboye, a distinguished statistician.

Speaking on the investiture, the Registrar of the University, Mr Mansur

Adeleke Alfania, said that the appointment of the distinguished scholars was made in appreciation of their contributions to the expansion of human knowledge.

Mr Alfania further said that the academics who had retired from the services of the University, were appointed at various times between 2021 and 2025.

The Registrar, who is also the

Secretary to the Senate, added that the appointment of the celebrated eggheads, was approved by the Senate of the University in order to encourage hardwork and academic integrity.

While most of the surviving dons attended the event in person, some of them were represented by their relations who were delighted with the recognition.





END-OF-CONVOCATION SERVICE The Chairman of the Ceremonials Committee, Prof. Adegboyega Adisa Fawole (middle), his wife (by his left side), the Vicar, and other dignitaries at St Thomas Aquinas Catholic Chaplaincy, University of Ilorin, after the Special Church Service to formally round off the 40th Convocation Ceremonies on Sunday

Kayode emerges UNILORIN 2025 Best Graduating Student

By Abubakar Imam

....as Kopada shines with 20 prizes

A graduate of the Department of Civil Engineering, University of Ilorin, Miss Elizabeth Omolara Kayode, has emerged the institution's Best Graduating Student for the 2024/2025 academic session.

Miss Kayode, who bagged a First Class degree in Civil Engineering at the end of her five years programme at the University, earned a CPGA of 4.95.

The highly elated Miss Kayode was consequently presented with concomitant prizes by the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, who stood in for the Chancellor of the University and Emir of Katsina, Alhaji Abdulmumini Kabir Usman, CFR.

The presentation was performed amidst thunderous applause and spontaneous standing ovation from dignitaries and others who converged on the University Auditorium for the highpoint of the 40th Convocation Ceremonies of the University last Thursday (October 23, 2025).

Another cynosure of all eyes at the event was Dr Ameenah Abiola Kopada, who graduated with Distinction in Bachelor of Medicine and Surgery. She emerged the Best Graduating Student of the College of Health Sciences, University of Ilorin.

Dr Kopada proved her brilliance by winning 22 different prizes endowed



■ Miss Kayode

by several individuals, groups and organisations as she was also honoured with spontaneous standing ovation by all those who graced the ceremony.

In addition to the two, several other graduands also bagged different prizes to the applause of their fellow graduands and well-wishers from far and near.

Speaking on the development, the Director of Corporate Affairs, University of Ilorin, Mr Kunle Akogun, described the two honourees as proud products of the University as he congratulated them on making themselves, their families and womanhood proud.

Mr Akogun, who expressed gratitude to God for the smooth conduct of



■ Dr Kopada

the one-week ceremonies, paid glowing tributes to the two ladies and other graduands who did well for justifying the quality of training they received at the University.

While saying that Unilorites are generally brilliant and hardworking, Mr Akogun encouraged students of the University to face their studies squarely and ensure that they organise themselves in such a way that the essence of their being in school will be justified as exemplified by the two ladies.

He expressed the conviction that more students of the University would record ground-breaking performances at the end of their programmes at the University going by the quality of staff and facilities the institution is blessed with.

Egbewole greets ex-UNILORIN VC, AbdulRaheem, @ 78

By Abubakar Imam

The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has congratulated one of his predecessors, Prof. Shuaibu Oba AbdulRaheem, OFR, NOPM, on the occasion of his 78th birthday, which fell due last Wednesday (October 22, 2025).

In a statement signed by the University's Director of Corporate Affairs, Mr Kunle Akogun, Prof. Egbewole described Prof. AbdulRaheem as one of the highly-impactful former helmsmen of the University.

Prof. Egbewole recalled the fascinating tenure of the former Vice Chancellor at the University, saying that it was truly phenomenal, considering all the institution achieved under his watch.

The Vice Chancellor said that the stability of the University's academic calendar, which has continued to



■ Prof. AbdulRaheem

distinguish it from its peers, began during Prof. AbdulRaheem's administration.

He added that the impact of Prof. AbdulRaheem's Administration is further admired by the fact that 23 years after the completion of his tenure, the management, staff, students and alumni of the University

still celebrate some of its achievements, including the slogan, Better By Far, that was adopted by the institution when he was in charge.

Prof. Egbewole thanked the retired Professor of English for consistently doing the University of Ilorin proud with fantastic performances in all the offices he has held over the years, particularly as the Executive Chairman of the Federal Character Commission (FCC) and his current simultaneous roles as the Pro-Chancellor and Chairman of the Governing Councils of three universities.

The Vice Chancellor said that the Management, staff and student of the University were happy that Prof. AbdulRaheem, whose tenure marked the institution's Silver jubilee, is hale and hearty as the institution marks its Golden Jubilee in a few weeks time.

Prof. Egbewole wished the former Vice Chancellor more years of sound health and happiness.

Ajao hails UNILORIN's impact on medical education in Kwara State

By Abubakar Imam

The pioneer Provost of the College of Health Sciences, Kwara State University (KWASU), Malete, Prof. Salihu Moyosore Ajao, has acknowledged the impressive positive impacts of the University of Ilorin on the growth and development of medical and allied training and practise in Kwara State and beyond.

Prof. Ajao, who is also the immediate past Dean of the Faculty of Basic Medical Sciences, University of Ilorin, made this assertion last Monday (October 20, 2025) in a chat with UNILORIN Bulletin.

The renowned medical scholar observed that since 1977 when the UNILORIN Medical School was founded, the story has not been the same considering the calibre and number of medical doctors and trainers the University had produced who are exerting great influence on medical practice in Kwara and other neighbouring states and beyond.

Prof. Ajao said that most of those who have served as Chief Medical Directors of the University of Ilorin Teaching Hospital and Medical Directors of other Hospitals across Kwara State were trained at the University.

He also said that the establishment of Medical Colleges by sister universities in Kwara State such as KWASU, Thomas Adewunmi University (TAU), Oke; and Al-Hikmah University, Ilorin, were mostly facilitated by medical teachers from the University of Ilorin who



■ Prof. Ajao

played one significant role or the other in bringing them to light.

The Provost added that it was a former Director of Academic Planning of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Sulyman Alege Kuranga who midwived the Committee that birthed the establishment of the KWASU and TAU Medical Schools.

He also recalled that the founding Provost of the College of Medicine of the Federal University of Health Sciences, Ila Orangun, Prof. Aishatu Ahmed Gobir, is a staff member of the University of Ilorin as he also noted that the pioneer Chief Medical Director of TAU Teaching Hospital in Omu-Aran, Prof. Ademola Popoola, is also a staff member of the Better By Far University.

Prof. Ajao, who also recalled the pioneering research of a former Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic), University of Ilorin, Emeritus Professor Luke Edungbola, which led to the eradication of guineaworm disease in Nigeria and attracted global applause as well as the award-winning

rollback Malaria efforts of a former Director of the Centre for International Education, University of Ilorin, Prof. Olugbenga Ayodeji Mokuolu, as two of the several groundbreaking researches enabled by staff members of the University of Ilorin Medical School.

The former UNILORIN ASUU Chairman commended the Governor of Kwara State, Mallam AbdulRahman AbdulRazaq, CON, for his love and support for the expansion of medical education and practice in the state as he also hailed the Kwara State Commissioner for Health, Dr Aminat Ahmed El-Imam, who is a staff member of the University of Ilorin, for her impacts on the development of medical practice across the state.

Prof. Ajao added that the establishment of three additional medical schools in Kwara State would lead to the production of more medical practitioners who would help the state and humanity. He enjoined proprietors of those universities to ensure proper funding of the schools to enable them produce high quality medical manpower and greater access to quality health care and service delivery to the people. He said that their functional existence would reduce pressure on the University of Ilorin Medical School and the University of Ilorin Teaching Hospital.

He assured that the KWASU Medical School, which he currently runs, would not only be modelled after that of the University of Ilorin but would also produce outstanding medical doctors whose impacts would be felt across the globe.

Ajimotokan bags NIMechE's Fellowship

By Abubakar Imam

The Head of the Department of Mechanical Engineering, University of Ilorin, Prof. Habeeb A. Ajimotokan, has been conferred with the prestigious Fellowship of the Nigerian Institution of Mechanical Engineers (NIMechE).

Prof. Ajimotokan was conferred with the Fellowship at the 38th NIMechE International Conference, Exhibition and Annual General Meeting, tagged EKO 2025, held in Lagos from October 14 to 16, 2025.

At the well-attended event, which brought together Mechanical Engineers, industry leaders, researchers, and policymakers from across the country and the diaspora, Prof. Ajimotokan was described by its organisers as “a visionary academic and mentor whose career bridges generations, disciplines, and continents.”

The organisers added that Prof. Ajimotokan's election as a Fellow represents a significant



■ **Prof. Ajimotokan receiving the Fellowship Certificate**

recognition of more than two decades of steadfast dedication to the growth and modernisation of Mechanical Engineering in Nigeria.

Prof. Ajimotokan, who began his academic career in 2006 as a Graduate Assistant at the Department of Mechanical Engineering, University of Ilorin, and rose through the ranks to become a Professor of Mechanical Engineering in 2023, is also a prolific author and outstanding

innovator.

The honouree, who is also the Chairman of the University of Ilorin Environmental Maintenance Committee and a Member of the Board of Postgraduate School, served as a Council and Senate Member at Cranfield University, United Kingdom from 2013 to 2014 and was also President of the Cranfield University Students' Association during the same period, where he championed cross-cultural academic collaborations and student welfare.

In a chat with *UNILORIN Bulletin* on the award, Prof. Ajimotokan expressed gratitude to NIMechE for the honour granted him, describing it as a call for stronger national service.

“This Fellowship is not just a personal milestone; it is also a collective recognition of the efforts of my colleagues, students, and collaborators who share a vision of building a sustainable and innovative engineering ecosystem for Nigeria,” Prof. Ajimotokan remarked.

Aliagan, ex-DDI, bags 2025 ANA's Fellowship

By Abubakar Imam

A former Head of the Directorate of Information, University of Ilorin, Prof. Isiaka Zubair Aliagan, has won this year's Fellowship Award of the Association of Nigerian Authors (ANA).

This was contained in a letter sent to him by the President of ANA, Dr Usman Oladipo Akanbi and the General Secretary, Dame Joan Oji, a copy of which was sighted by *UNILORIN Bulletin*.

The letter explained that the honour is in recognition of Prof. Aliagan's outstanding efforts and achievements in the propagation of literature in the service of humanity.

The letter added that the investiture of the renowned journalist and media scholar will be held on Friday, October 31, 2025, at



■ **Prof. Aliagan**

the Chinua Achebe International Conference Centre, Mamman Vatsa Writers' Village, Abuja.

Prof. Aliagan, who joined the services of the University of Ilorin in 1999 as Deputy Director, Information, is currently the Dean of

the Faculty of Information and Communication Technology, Kwara State University, Malete.

Reacting to the development, the Director of Corporate Affairs, University of Ilorin, Mr Kunle Akogun, congratulated Prof. Aliagan as he described the award as an honour well-deserved.

The Director explained that Prof. Aliagan's reputation was greatly accentuated by his role as the Head of the Directorate of Information, University of Ilorin, a position he held for almost a decade.

Mr Akogun, who is the first substantive Director of the Directorate, wished Prof. Aliagan a more successful and rewarding career.

Kwara SWAN honours UNILORIN's Best Female Accounting graduand

By Abubakar Imam

The Kwara State Chapter of the Society of Women Accountants of Nigeria (SWAN) has celebrated Miss Shukurat Opeyemi Abdullahi for emerging as the 2025 Best Female Graduating Student of the Department of Accounting, University of Ilorin.

Miss Abdullahi made a CCGP of 4.78 at the end of her four years training at the University.

Presenting an award to Miss Abdullahi last Monday (October 20, 2025) at the Office of the Head of the Department of Accounting, University of Ilorin, the Chairperson of the Kwara State Chapter of SWAN, Mrs Bilikisu Bola Lawal, said that the annual award was aimed at encouraging academic and professional excellence among female accounting students of the University.

Mrs Lawal, who described SWAN as an affiliate of the Chartered Institute of Accountants of Nigeria (ICAN), congratulated Miss Abdullahi for her encouraging brilliance and astonishing integrity as She urged her to continue to be committed to career growth, personal and community development.

In his remarks at the event, the Dean of the Faculty of Management Sciences, Prof. Olaniyi Taiwo Azeez, expressed delight with the performance of the honouree.

Prof. Azeez, who is also a



chartered accountant, urged Miss Abdullahi to always be humble and maintain her integrity, saying that if she does the sky would not limit her career progression.

Also speaking, a former Chairperson of Kwara SWAN and erstwhile Head of the Department of Accounting, Prof. Khadijat Adenola Yahaya, congratulated Miss Abdullahi on doing her family and gender proud.

Prof. Yahaya, who is the current Chairperson of the Kwara State Chapter of the Society for Women in Taxation (SWIT) and ex-Officio Member of SWAN, encouraged Miss Abdullahi to adhere strictly to all the advice given to her and never allow her success to derail her from deserving and enjoying an enviable future.

Responding, Miss Abdullahi thanked the Kwara SWAN for the honour,

which, she said, "was unexpected but extremely exciting".

Miss Abdullahi, who hails from Igbaja in the Ifelodun Local Government Area of Kwara State, thanked all her lecturers, particularly her Level Adviser, Dr A. O. Aliu, for their positive impacts on her since her first day as a student of the Department.

The honouree, who has also qualified as a chartered accountant, promised to continue to be a pride to the Department, the University of Ilorin, SWAN and the accounting profession.

The event was witnessed by several dignitaries including the Head of the Department of Accounting, Dr E. A. Adigbole and the Assistant General Secretary of Kwara SWAN, Mrs Afusat Ibrahim, among others.

Lagos Chief Imam salutes UNILORIN @ 50

By Abubakar Imam

The Chief Imam of Lagos, Shaykh Sulaiman Oluwatoyin Abou-Nollah, has joined other alumni and stakeholders in assessing the progress of the University of Ilorin since its establishment five decades ago, saying that the University has done quite well to justify its existence.

Shaykh Abou-Nollah, who graduated with a Bachelor degree in Electrical Engineering from the University, made this assertion last Tuesday (October 21, 2025) in a telephone chat with *UNILORIN Bulletin*.

The renowned cleric explained that the University is worthy of being celebrated by all considering its production of countless professionals



■ Shaykh Abou-Nollah

who are working tirelessly towards leaving worthwhile and enduring

legacies on the sand of time.

Shaykh Abou-Nollah, who recalled his days as a student of the University, said that his five years sojourn at the institution was characterised by life-changing exposure coupled with quality academic and professional training.

As an illustrious and proud alumnus, the Chief Imam promised to attend some of the activities lined up to mark the anniversary both in Lagos and Ilorin.

The spiritual leader congratulated the Vice Chancellor, management, staff and students as well as alumni and other stakeholders of the University on the Golden Jubilee as he wished the University more years of quality service delivery to the nation and humanity.



■ Dr Beki



■ Miss Moshood



■ Mr Akinsika



■ Miss Bamigbola



■ Dr Adedeji

We are happy studying at UNILORIN- 2025 graduands

By Abubakar Imam

Fresh alumni, who were recently despatched to the real world following their graduation from the University of Ilorin, have expressed happiness with their attendance of the University, and particularly for graduating at the time the institution is marking its Golden Jubilee.

The graduands, who spoke with *UNILORIN Bulletin* during the 40th Convocation Ceremonies, which took place between Wednesday (October 22, 2025) and Thursday (October 23, 2025) at the University Auditorium, said that it was a privilege for them studying at a frontline ivory tower like the University of Ilorin.

First to speak was Dr Ibukunoluwa Adedeji, who graduated from the Department of Agronomy. She said that the University made her resilient and agile, pointing out that anyone who survived the academic rigour of the University of Ilorin would survive anywhere.

Dr Adedeji, who said that she had earlier obtained her first degree in the same field of learning from the University of Ilorin in 1995 and worked at the Nigerian Sugar Research Institute, Ilorin, noted that the University has really prepared her and her colleagues for the world of work and life at large.

She, therefore, thanked her lecturers and other staff of the University who made her academic stint at the institution less stressful and positively memorable.

Dr Dahood Owolabi Beki, a Chief Lecturer at the Kwara State Polytechnic, Ilorin, who graduated with a doctorate degree in Statistics, said that his graduation was a proud moment for him and his family.

Dr Beki said that his attendance

of the University was a dream come through as it had been his desire to hold a credential issued by the University.

While he disclosed that he obtained his first and second degrees from Usmanu Danfodiyo University, Sokoto, Dr Beki said that he felt fulfilled that he has finally become a proud alumnus of the University of Ilorin.

Mr Ayooluwa Akinsika, who graduated with a Bachelor degree in Electrical Engineering, said that though passing through the University was not easy because of the rigorous training he and his coursemates were exposed to, he was delighted that he finally graduated.

Mr Akinsika said that he would not hesitate to encourage his children and younger relations and their friends to consider enrolling at the University of Ilorin for them to also benefit from the excellent service delivery for which the University is renowned.

On her part, Miss Gift Bamigbola said that she was delighted that she is ultimately a proud holder of the degree of the University of Ilorin.

Miss Bamigbola, who graduated from the Department of Materials and Metallurgical Engineering, said that the University offered her experiences that she would never forget for the rest of her life.

Also speaking, Miss Salamat Moshood said that her attendance at the University for her first degree course in Biochemistry was a unique opportunity for her.

Miss Moshood said that she was not the first member of her family that would attend the University, pointing out that several members of her family, including her elder sister, had at one time or the other graduated from the University.

She said that she had already concluded to come back to the University

for subsequent degrees to make her a prouder alumnus of the University.

On her part, Miss Aramide Mohammed said that she was very grateful that her academic sojourn at the University has finally ended in joy.

Miss Mohammed expressed gratitude to Allah for enabling her to successfully conclude her programme which she did at the Department of Agricultural Economics at a monumental episode in the annals of the University.

Also speaking, Miss Zeenat Lawal, who graduated from the Department of Physiotherapy, said that she was very proud of the fact that she has become a proud alumnus of the University.

Miss Lawal described her graduation as a continuation of a history as her family has produced many Unilorites, saying that her mother obtained all her three degrees from the University of Ilorin.

The freshly minted graduate said that she would not hesitate to come back to the Better By Far University for higher degrees as she recalled that she also attended the University of Ilorin Secondary School for her Senior Secondary School Certificate programme.

The new graduates promised to serve as good ambassadors of the University anywhere they might find themselves in the course of time.

They said that the University has done well for them and that they would reciprocate by contributing their quotas to the greatness of the University by giving back in various ways.

They also wished the University well as it continued to promote learning and character for national and human development.

■ **Mrs Nagode-Adeyi**■ **Mr Oladimeji**■ **Mrs Maiyaki-Assayouti**

Parents commend UNILORIN's smooth 40th Convocation Ceremonies

By **Abubakar Imam**

Some of the parents who accompanied their children, wards and relations to the just concluded 40th Convocation Ceremonies of the University of Ilorin, which held between last Wednesday, October 22 and Thursday, October 23, 2025, have commended the management of the University for perfectly organising the ceremonies.

The parents, who spoke to *UNILORIN Bulletin* on the sidelines of the ceremonies, said that the way the events went clearly confirmed the status of the University as truly "Better by far".

Mr James Folorunsho Atoyebi said that the University deserves to be commended for deploying adequate human and material resources for the event.

Mr Atoyebi, who is a Lagos-based entrepreneur, said that the way the ceremonies held was worthy of being emulated and replicated by other institutions of higher learning.

He added that he witnessed the convocation ceremonies with great pleasure, saying that he was marveled with the traffic control and security management put in place on each day of the events.

Mrs Sikirat Maiyaki-Assayouti said that she was extremely impressed

with the way the ceremony went without any problem whatsoever.

Mrs Maiyaki-Assayouti, who is a senior tutor, said that she had attended quite a number of convocation ceremonies within and beyond Kwara State over the years, pointing out that what she experienced at the University of Ilorin was quite encouraging and stimulating.

To Mrs Hadiza Nagode-Adeyi, the style adopted to ensure crowd control during the ceremonies was quite fantastic. She said that despite the huge number of vehicles that thronged the University campus, traffic was not too hectic as she had feared.

Mrs Nagode-Adeyi, who retired from the defunct Power Holding Company of Nigeria (PHCN), encouraged the University to maintain this style to encourage more of its friends to attend future programmes by the institution.

Mr Ismail Oladimeji, who is a staff of the Quality Assurance Bureau, Kwara State Ministry of Education and an alumnus of the University, also praised his alma mater for delivering great convocation ceremonies.

He said that he was impressed that despite the huge number of graduands the programme was "hitch free and comforting".

Mr Oladimeji, who came all the way from Adanla in the Ifelodun Local Government Area of Kwara State, urged the

■ **Mrs Kayode**

authorities of the University to devise a method by which all the award-winning graduands would be seated inside the Auditorium.

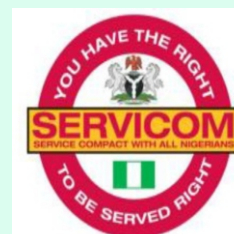
He said that he was not delighted that some of the winners of prizes were not in the Auditorium as at the time their names were called during the ceremony.

Mrs Grace Omolayo Kayode also expressed joy with the quality of most of the programmes she attended.

Mrs Kayode who came from Ekiti State, said that with the quality service delivery she experienced during the convocation ceremonies, she would continue to be proud of the University.

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UNILORIN WEEKLY FINANCIAL DIGEST

FUND SOURCES AND UTILIZATION REPORT FROM 16th TO 23rd OCTOBER 2025

RECEIPTS:	AMOUNT
Transcript Charge	10,000.00
Income from Fitness Centre	5,000.00
Sundry & Other Fees Student Charges	191,450.00
Sundry Other Incomes	943,000.00
Staff I D Cards	5,000.00
Student I D Cards	1,000.00
Convocation Souvenir	147,350.00
Convocation Undergraduate Charges	14,457,100.00
Contractors Registration Fees	13,000.00
Income from Verification /Screening	1,010,000.00
CCSCA Clearance Charges	20,200.00
CODL Clearance Charges	150,600.00
CODL Form Processing Charges	60,800.00
Clinic Registration (staff charges)	10,000.00
Capitation NHIS	34,800.00
Remedial Acceptance Payment	532,000.00
Remedial Application Form	243,200.00
Refund (Salary)	296,589.30
University of Ilorin	10,000.00
Utility Income	26,500.00
Undergraduate Hostel Accomodation	54,538,465.00
Undergraduate Change Course	173,400.00
Undergraduate School Charges	711,059,167.00
Undergraduate Transcript Payment	666,900.00
Undergraduate Post UTME	100,800.00
Undergraduate Clearance Charges	38,873,400.00
Postgraduate School Charges	27,400,620.00
Postgraduate School Transcript Payment	175,000.00
Postgraduate Acceptance Payment	522,600.00
Postgraduate Verification of Results	4,119,000.00
Ilorin Business School Application Form	25,200.00
Ilorin Business School Charges	353,100.00
Ilorin Business School Verification of Results	1,252,400.00
Institute of Education Hostel Accomodation	2,610,800.00
JUPEB Application Form	1,562,400.00
JUPEB Acceptance Payment	1,486,800.00
JUPEB School Charges	14,310,600.00
Total Receipt for the Period	877,398,241.30
PAYMENTS	
PAYMENT TO CONTRACTORS/SUPPLIERS:	
Zendox International Services Ltd Office Equipment for Dep of Chemical Engineering	22,690,293.80
Oakland Construction Concept Company Ltd Procurement for Furnishing of Career Service (CBNTETFUND)	21,493,309.95
Holat Engineering Company Repairs Air Conditioners	4,436,793.75
Noab Global Concept Ltd Supply of Battery and Servicing of Generator	867,775.00
Dangatta Services Nig Ltd Renovation of NSLT for Accreditation	247,400.37
Cyteck Engineering Construction and Technology Construction and Furnishing of JAMB Merit Award Hostel	61,860,574.70
Jiyoda International Ltd Renovation of Biomedical Engineering Dept Building	14,898,833.27
Julierion Enterprises Overlaying of Technical Entrepreneurship Centre	14,648,634.00
OTHER PAYMENTS:	
Various Various i.e DTA, IMPREST, REFUND e.t.c	70,355,722.19
Purchase Advance Various	5,374,934.00
Unilorin Petrol Station Fuel and Lubricant	2,241,787.00
Unilorin Guest House Hotel Expenses	4,685,870.00
Stonebridge Engineering Ltd University Cllinic Building	3,454,412.26
Total TSA Charges Various	78,045.00
Total payment for the period	227,334,385.29

Signed

Abiodun Lawal (FCNA)

Bursar



S/N	NAME	DEPARTMENT	BIRTHDAY
1	BOJUWOYE MATTHEW OLUMUYIWA	MEDICINE	26-Oct
2	AREMU MARIAM	HEALTH SERVICES	26-Oct
3	MAHMOUD RILWAN FUNSHO	PUBLIC LAW	26-Oct
4	ABDULLAHI ADAM	AQUACULTURE & FISHERIES	26-Oct
5	DANIEL OREOLUWA MOYOSORE	CENTRAL RESEARCH LABORATORIES	26-Oct
6	AKINLEYE TAIBAT ADEOLA	WORKS: WORKS/MAINT. OFFICE	26-Oct
7	GIMBA AMINA ONYI	REGISTRY	26-Oct
8	AYINLA MARYAM TAYO	PHYSIOLOGY	27-Oct
9	USMAN IDIAT BOLA	REGISTRY	27-Oct
10	ABDULLATEEF ATIKU ABIODUN	SOCIAL WORK	27-Oct
11	OLASEHINDE SAMUEL GBENGA	CENTRE FOR ARCHIVES & DOCUMENTATION	27-Oct
12	ALWAJUD-ADEWUSI MARIAM BUKOLA	COUNSELLOR EDUCATION	27-Oct
13	OLOGBONSAIYE VICTOR TAIYE	MECHANICAL ENGINEERING	27-Oct
14	ABOLARIN ABOSEDE TOLUWASE	BIOCHEMISTRY	27-Oct
15	FADIPE-JOSEPH OLUBUNMI ABIDEMI	MATHEMATICS	28-Oct
16	AFODUN ABDULKADIR OBA	SECURITY DIVISION	28-Oct
17	OBARO SUBAIRU IBRAHIM	SECURITY DIVISION	28-Oct
18	POPOOLA FEMI JOSHUA	REGISTRY	28-Oct
19	SALAMI SEGUN OJO	REGISTRY	28-Oct
20	OBADARE IFEDOLAPO GBOLASERE	GEOPHYSICS	28-Oct
21	AYANLERE TOLULOPE RUKAYAT	GEOLOGY & MINERAL SCIENCE	29-Oct
22	ORE AMINAT JOKE	REGISTRY	29-Oct
23	AYINDE SHAKIRAT	REGISTRY	29-Oct
24	ELAGRONDI MAHMOUD GAMAAN	VETERINARY THERIOGENOLOGY & PRODUCTION	29-Oct
25	SANUSI ISSA OLARONGBE	LINGUISTICS & NIGERIAN LANGUAGES	30-Oct
26	ADEWARA ADEDAYO AMOS	STATISTICS	30-Oct
27	OWOLABI AMUDALAT MONISOLA	INSTITUTE OF EDUCATION	30-Oct
28	AYINDE TAOFEK OLANREWaju	PHYSIOLOGY	30-Oct
29	SALAUDEEN TAOFEK LEKAN	TECHNICAL & ENTREPRENEURSHIP CENTRE	30-Oct
30	AFOLABI FOLASHADE OLANIKE	LIBRARY	30-Oct
31	ADEPOJU AZEEZAT DAMILOLA	BURSARY	30-Oct
32	BAKARE NATHANIEL OLATUNDE	LINGUISTICS & NIGERIAN LANGUAGES	31-Oct
33	SOLIU KAZEEM ADEBAYO	WORKS: WORKS/MAINT. OFFICE	31-Oct
34	BAKARE RIDHWAN OPEYEMI	COMSIT DIRECTORATE	31-Oct
35	ABDULKAREEM ZAINAB OLORUNBUKADEMI	TELECOMMUNICATION SCIENCE	01-Nov
36	ATOLAGBE MOTUNRAYO	REGISTRY	01-Nov
37	YUSUF MEDINAT AJIBOLA	SECURITY DIVISION	01-Nov
38	SULEIMAN ZAKARI ALIYU	ANAESTHESIA	01-Nov
39	OYENIRAN SAHEED	EDUCATIONAL MANAGEMENT	01-Nov
40	MUSTAPHA ADEDAYO SAHEED	INTERNAL AUDIT UNIT	01-Nov
41	BELLO KAMAL ASOLA	MARKETING	01-Nov
42	AJIBOYE OLUFUNKE SARAH	VETERINARY MICROBIOLOGY	01-Nov



- The University of Ilorin has graduated 9924 students from the Inaugural Cohort of U-Inspire Programmes, and Initiatives designed to equip final year students with practical skills to solve societal problems and become job creators rather than job seekers. ("U-Inspire 9924 students benefits from entrepreneurship skills in UNILORIN", <https://decency.home.blog>; "UNILORIN Graduates 9924 Students From Inaugural Inspire Programme", <https://newtelegraphng.com>; "UNILORIN graduates 9924 from its U-Inspire Programme", *New Telegraph*, Monday, October, 20, 2025).
- While delivering the 291st Inaugural lecture of the University, a Professor of Political Science at the Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Ilorin, Prof. Emmanuel Olugbade Ojo, has advocated for a brand new Federal Constitution for the country. ("Don Advocates New Federal Constitution For Nigeria" <https://newtelegraphng.com>; "UNILORIN Scholar Calls for a Fresh Federal Framework To Rescue Nigeria Stalled Development", <https://gatmash.com>; "Unilorin Prof Urges FG to scrap Land Use Act", *Vanguard*, Monday, October 20, 2025, p.51)
- The Minister of Marine and Blue Economy, Alhaji Adegboyega Oyetola, has pledged full support of his Ministry for the Adegboyega Oyetola Centre for Blue Economy and Regenerative Economy Complex at the University of Ilorin. ("Oyetola Pledges Full Support For UNILORIN's Blue Economy Centre", <https://newtelegraphng.com>; "Oyetola pledges support for UNILORIN n250m blue economy centre", <https://blueprint.ng>; "Oyetola pledges support for UNILORIN #250m Blue economy centre", *Blueprint*, Monday, October 20, 25, p.10, "UNILORIN honours Oyetola, unveils Centre for Blue Economy", *The Nation*, Friday, October 24, 2025, p.5)
- During the press briefing to herald the University's 40th Convocation ceremonies, the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, said that the University would award degrees and diplomas to 14,682 students across various programmes for the 2024/2025 academic session. ("316 bags First Class at UNILORIN's 40th Convocation", *New Telegraph*, Tuesday, October 21, 2025, P.30; "UNILORIN Produces 316 First Class graduates among 11,886 graduates in 2024/2025; academic session", *Nigerian Tribune*, Tuesday, October 21, 2025, P.27; "UNILORIN graduates over 13,868 as institution marks 40th Convocation, 50 years of academic excellence", *The Daily Monitor*, Tuesday, October 21, 2025, P.8; "UNILORIN 40th Convocation: 316 bag first Class", <https://thereflection.com.ng>; "UNILORIN rakes in 1.596bn from 12,983 students loans"; <https://youtu.be/nZPpeW5heXy?s=KdMRRR.FCIpIojj6>; "Egbewole's Three Years in Office: Unilorin Rolls Out 40th Convocation, Golden Jubilee Plan", <https://solaremmees.wordpress.com>; "Nigeria's Growth Depends On Turning Varsities To Innovation Hubs -Unilorin VC", <https://share.google/IYh6INoFYE3NBkqh8>; "NELFUND Scheme: UNILORIN Gets #1.59bn Lifeline as 13,00", <https://youtu.be/T3rlfgbOR54>; "The Sun is rising again, Unilorin graduates 11,886,316 first class honours at 40th Convocation", <https://midlandpost.ng>; "Pro-Chancellor Tasks President Tinubu, Gov. AbdulRazaq, VC, Graduands at UNILORIN's 40th Convocation", <https://www.factualnaija.com>; "Unilorin Pro-Chancellor Hails Tinubu's Education Reforms, Commends Vice Chancellor at 40th Convocation", <https://gatmash.com>)
- A former Minister of Works, Power and Housing, Babatunde Raji Fashola, SAN, has urged Nigeria youths to enhance hardwork, personal discipline and integrity as they prepare to face the realities of the world beyond school.
- ("Fashola urges youths to embrace hardwork, personal discipline", <https://punchng.com>; "Unilorin 40th Convocation Ceremony", <https://YouTube.be/ojM0d6JXPBs?si=pvvcIXtHNj7tdnV5>; "Ex-Minister Challenges Youths to Redefine success through Hardwork", <https://von.gov.ng>; "Fashola cautions youths against get-rich-quick syndrome", <https://www.westernpost.ng>; "UNILORIN Marks 40 Convocation, Golden Jubilee With Renewed Call For Integrity, Innovation", <https://www.factualnaija.com>; "Fast, Easy Money Comes With Consequences, Fashola Warns Graduating Students", *Daily Trust*", <https://dailytrust.com>; "Shun sudden wealth, Fashola

tells Nigerian Youths", <https://leadership.ng>; "Engage more with the real world than electronic devices, Fashola urges youths", <https://radionigeriaharmonyfm.com>; "Fmr Works Minister, Babatunde Fashola Urges Youths To Embrace Hardwork, Personal Discipline", <https://www.dailytopic.com.ng>; See also; "Fashola Warns youths against pursuit of fast wealth" *The Herald*, Friday, October 24, 2025, p.2)

- President Bola Ahmed Tinubu has restated his commitment to improving the standard of tertiary education and promoting innovation in Nigeria Universities.
- (Tinubu Promises More Funding For Research Digital Innovation in Varsities", <https://leadership.ng>; "Economic Challenges: Tinubu appeals for calm, understanding", <https://guardian.ng/news>; "UNILORIN At 40: Tinubu Reaffirms Commitment To Transforming Tertiary Education", <https://newtelegraphng.com>; "Fed govt stopped new tertiary institution to consolidate existing ones -- President Tinubu", <https://dailypost.ng>; "President Tinubu Promises More Funding For Research, Digital Innovation in Varsities", <https://www.dailytopic.com>; "UNILORIN At 40: Tinubu Reaffirms Commitment To Transforming Tertiary Education", <https://newtelegraphng.com>; "Economic Challenges: Tinubu appeals for calm, understanding", <https://share.google/nlgj7HbZfMn4EA4j>; "Tinubu vows to Deepen Innovation, Skills, Research at UNILORIN 40th Convocation", <https://chiceroorters.com>; "Tinubu pledges economic stability, unveils Unilorin innovation hub", <https://punching.com>; "CLIP FROM UNILORIN @ 40th CONVOCAATION CEREMONIES", <https://www.facebook.com/share/v/1FeF6DE3tt>; "Moments from the University of Ilorin 40th Convocation Ceremonies - Celebrating excellence, resilience, and the future of Nigeria's brightest minds", <https://facebook.com/share/v/1DbbVpD9jj>; "Photos from the University of Ilorin (UNILORIN) 40th Convocation Ceremonies", <https://www.facebook.com/share/p/1EH3hpRZKt>; "Tinubu Promises Stronger Support For Innovation, Research at UNILORIN Holds 40th Convocation", <https://dailylink24.wprdpres.com>; "Unilorin get digital boost as Tinubu pushes varsity reforms", <https://holisticinfos.com.ng>; "President Tinubu Reaffirms Commitment to Stable Academic Calendar in Tertiary Institutions", <https://radionigerianorthcentral.gov.ng>; "You must produce Nobel laureate, Tinubu tells Unilorin, other varsities", <https://Blueprint.ng>; "Tinubu Reaffirms Commitment to innovation, Quality Education at UNILORIN'S 40th Convocation", <https://Midlandpost.ng>; "Tinubu Promises stronger support for research, digital innovation as UNILORIN celebrates 40th convocation", <https://thegraphicnews.ng>; See also; "Tinubu pledges economic stability unveils UNILORIN Innovation hub", *The Herald*, Friday, October 24, 2025, p.2)
- The University of Ilorin has been listed among 18 tertiary institutions selected to benefit from the Federal Government's N110 billion intervention fund aimed at expanding medical training facilities across the country. ("UNILORIN, 17 others Named Beneficiaries of Medical Training Fund", <https://von.gov.ng>)
- A photograph of the Registrar, Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB) who is also a former Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Is-haq Olanrewaju Oloyede has been published in an advertorial congratulating him on his appointment as Emeritus Professor. ("Hearty Congratulation", *The Nation*, Thursday, October 23, 2025, p.10)
- The authority of the University of Ilorin has received over N8 billion funding from various government agencies and initiatives to boost it's educational infrastructure and students support services. ("UNILORIN gets 8 billion funding for students support infrastructure", <https://highprofilenews.com.ng>)



Egbewole commends staff's dedication as UNILORIN honours 54 outstanding workers

.....Fahm, Folusho receive Researcher and Innovator of the Year Awards

*By Mustafa Abubakar
and Abubakar Abdulquadri*

The management of the University of Ilorin has conferred merit awards on 54 outstanding members of staff in recognition of their selfless services and invaluable contributions to the growth and development of the institution.

The colourful ceremony, which marked the 16th Annual Merit Award and Recognition programme and served as the grand finale of the 40th Convocation Ceremonies, was held last Thursday (October 23, 2025) at the University Multipurpose Hall.

In his opening remarks, the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, lauded both the academic and non-teaching staff of the institution for their dedication, resilience, and sacrifices towards sustaining the University's enviable reputation.

He described the event as a demonstration of management's deep appreciation for the invaluable roles played by staff in the progress of the institution, noting that "to whom much is given, much is expected."

Prof. Egbewole urged the staff to continue to uphold the University's tradition of excellence and hard work, assuring them that the management will remain committed to recognising and rewarding diligence, innovation, and moral integrity.

He also commended the Award Committee for sustaining the initiative, describing the Merit Award as one of the most enduring and inspiring traditions in the University's culture of excellence.

"This is who we are. A

University that values merit, honours dedication, and remains Better by Far," he affirmed.

The award categories covered all sections of the University community, including retired professors, researchers, innovators, and both academic and non-teaching staff, as well as the Overall Best Graduating Student.

Among the honourees are the former Vice Chancellor, Prof. Is-haq Olanrewaju Oloyede, alongside other distinguished scholars and administrators who have left indelible marks on the institution.

They are Prof. Adekunle Bashiru Okesina, Prof. Rhoda Olape Oduwaiye, Prof. Onimisi Ekuh Abdullahi, Prof. Enoch A. Afolayan, Prof. Ayodele Babatunde Omotoso, Prof. Emmanuel Oti Okoro, Prof. Ayodele Jimoh, Prof. Ayotunde Francis Oyelade, Prof. Sidikat Laraba Fola Adeyemi, Prof. Yunus Adebunmi Fasasi, Prof. Chukwuemeka Joachim Ejieji, and Prof. D. O. Durosaro.

Others are Dr AbdulGafar Olawale Fahm of the Department of Religions, who won the Researcher of the Year Award, Dr Folusho Bankole of the Department of Agronomy, who emerged as the Innovator of the Year.

Dr O. M. Alabi and Mrs Hellen Titilayo Olowoseye were recognised as Quality Assurance Ambassadors for their exemplary commitment to standards and service delivery.

Other awardees included members of the University's senior and junior non-teaching categories, Departmental staff, and the Overall Best Graduating Student, Miss Kayode Elizabeth Omolara of the Department of

Civil Engineering, who achieved a CGPA of 4.95.

Earlier in his address, the Pro-Chancellor, and Chairman of Council Surv. Abiodun Aluko, commended the University management for the laudable initiative, describing it as a noble step that promotes diligence and motivation among staff.

He congratulated the awardees and encouraged others to aspire for similar recognition in future editions as the University prepares for its golden jubilee celebrations.

The Registrar, Mr Mansur Adeleke Alfaola, in his remarks, explained that the Merit Award scheme began about 15 years ago as part of management's effort targeted at appreciating long-serving and dedicated staff.

Mr Alfaola noted that the awards recognise excellence among retired professors, top-performing researchers and innovators, as well as outstanding non-teaching staff and students who have excelled academically.

The Chairman of the Ceremonials Committee, Prof. Adisa Adegboyega Fawole, who is also the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Management Services), expressed gratitude to God for the success of both the Merit Award and the 40th Convocation Ceremonies for their efforts.

The event was graced by top University officials, including Principal Officers, Deans, Directors, Heads of Departments, retired professors, and other members of the University community.



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Tinubu commissions seven newly completed UNILORIN projects

By Bashir Dawodu

The President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, Bola Ahmed Tinubu, GCFR, has commissioned seven newly completed landmark projects at the University of Ilorin as part of activities marking the institution's 40th Convocation Ceremonies.

The commissioning ceremony took place last Thursday, (October 23, 2025) at the project sites across the campus.

The projects include the Faculty of Social Sciences Building, a Block of Four Lecture Halls for the Faculties of Social Sciences and Management Sciences, the Department of English Drama Studio in the Faculty of Arts, the Renovated Blocks 1–10, the Renovated Department of Geography and Environmental Management Building, the Remodelled and Developed Unilorin Innovation Hub, and the Technical Entrepreneurship Centre Road.

Speaking at the event, President Tinubu, who was represented by the Vice Chancellor of the Federal University of Technology, Akure (FUTA), Prof. Adenike Temidayo Oladiji, said the newly commissioned projects underscored the essence of a true University system dedicated to the service of humanity.

The President charged the University authorities to ensure proper maintenance and monitoring of the facilities, emphasising that his administration's Renewed Hope Agenda remains committed to advancing education and infrastructural development across Nigeria.

He said, "These projects symbolise the spirit of progress and innovation we envision for our nation. I urge Nigerians to believe in the Renewed Hope Agenda and support efforts to move the country from grass to grace.

President Tinubu also commended the Vice Chancellor of the University, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, and his management team for their dedication to



transforming the University and aligning its vision with national development goals.

Also speaking, the Chancellor of the University and Emir of Katsina, Alhaji (Dr) Abdulmumin Kabir Usman, CFR, who was represented by the Waziri of Katsina, Senator Ibrahim Idah, lauded Unilorin's commitment to academic excellence and a conducive learning environment.

He described the commissioned projects as "worthwhile initiatives" that would enhance teaching, learning, and research, adding that the University's focus on skill development will prepare students for life beyond the classroom.

In his remarks, the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Egbewole, expressed gratitude to President Tinubu for honouring the institution's invitation and supporting its infrastructural growth.

"We remain committed to continuous improvement and will ensure the University grows stronger and better each day," he assured.

Dignitaries present at the ceremony included the University's Pro-Chancellor, Surveyor Abiodun Jacob Aluko; Principal Officers of the University, and well-wishers from within and outside the institution.