

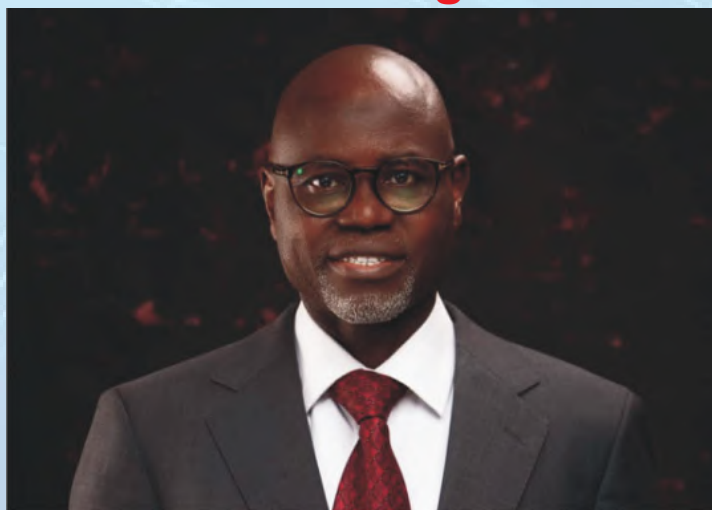
Africa must showcase its herbal wealth-Egbewole

By Tajudeen Babamale

The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has charged the African Centre for Herbal Research (ACHRI), Ilorin, a flagship institution of the U6+ Consortium, to strengthen its activities and reposition herbal research for greater impact across the continent and beyond.

Prof. Egbewole gave the charge last Monday (September 29, 2025) when he received the Director of ACHRI, Prof. Learnmore Kambizi, who visited him in his office ahead of his engagement at the University.

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■ Prof. Egbewole

NELFUND urges UNILORIN students to embrace loan scheme

By Tajudeen Babamale

The Managing Director of the Nigerian Education Loan Fund (NELFUND), Mr. Akintunde Oluwale Sawyerr, has urged financially-challenged students of the University of Ilorin to take advantage of the education loan scheme as a lifeline to complete their studies with ease.

Mr Sawyerr gave this advice while addressing students of the University at an interactive session last Thursday (October 2, 2025) at the University Auditorium.

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■ Mr Sawyerr (left) and Prof. Egbewole at the event

Adepoju canvasses free eye care for senior citizens

By Abubakar Imam

A former Head of the Department of Ophthalmology, University of Ilorin, Prof. Feyi Grace Adepoju, has called on the Federal Government and other stakeholders to ensure the introduction of a policy that will guarantee free eye care services for

senior citizens from the age of 60.

Prof. Adepoju made the proposal last Thursday (October 2, 2025) while delivering the 290th Inaugural Lecture of the University, titled "The Quest And Conquest of Community Eye Care: Minding The Gaps", at the University Auditorium.

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■ Prof. Adepoju



UNILORIN inducts 89 new nurses as VC harps on professionalism, innovation

By Mustafa Abubakar
and Tajudeen Babamale

Eighty-nine new graduands from the Department Nursing Sciences, University of Ilorin, were last Thursday (October 2, 2025) inducted into the profession, with the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, urging them to uphold professionalism, discipline, and innovation as they step into the world of healthcare delivery.

The ceremony, which marked the 8th professional and induction admission ceremony of the Department, took place at the University Auditorium.

In his address, Prof. Egbewole reminded the graduands that they had been found worthy in both character and learning, charging them to demonstrate that they are truly products of the “Better by Far” University.

He encouraged the new nurses to embrace innovations, particularly Artificial Intelligence (AI), to improve healthcare delivery and professional growth. He further advised them to live by the ideals of the Nursing Anthem, which emphasises service to humanity, care, integrity, discipline, and compassion as sources of hope for the sick.

Making emphasis on the Nursing Anthem, the Vice Chancellor admonished the nurses to ensure that the messages of the professional anthem create positive changes in their lives, saying that they should avoid fatigue, anger, or discomfort interference with patient care while also prioritising their personal health as they care for others.

In her keynote lecture, titled “Artificial Intelligence (AI): Opportunities and Challenges for Future Nursing Care”, Dr Christiana Olanrewaju Sowunmi of the Babcock University, Ilishan, traced the history of nursing from Florence Nightingale to present-day complexities, noting that nurses remain the constant companions of patients from the beginning

to the end of life.

She stressed that technology, especially AI, is reshaping nursing education, research, practice, and administration.

On opportunities, she highlighted how AI enhances simulations in nursing education, real-time data analysis in research, early detection of complications in practice, and efficiency in administration.

She, however, pointed out challenges, including workforce readiness, limited AI tools tailored for nursing, digital literacy gaps, and risks of dehumanising care.

Dr Sowunmi urged the new nurses to embrace ethical innovation, resilience, and continuous learning, saying that while AI is a powerful tool for efficiency, the compassion and empathy of nurses remain irreplaceable.

Earlier, in his welcome address, the Provost of the College of Health Sciences, University of Ilorin, Prof. Biodun Sulyman Alabi, advised the graduands to strive for mastery, avoid mediocrity, and remain teachable in the face of new research breakthroughs.

He emphasised that patients must always be treated with dignity, compassion, and love, without bias of class, creed, or colour. He encouraged teamwork as the foundation of nursing practice.

Prof. Alabi expressed gratitude to the Vice Chancellor for his unprecedented support to the College, noting that the Department of Nursing Sciences has consistently recorded 100% success rate in national professional examinations conducted by the Nursing and Midwifery Council of Nigeria (NMCN).

He announced that the 2024/2025 set, tagged AD Astra, produced 21 distinctions, equivalent to First Class honours in the University's grading system, describing the feat as record breaking.

The Provost revealed that since its establishment, the Department has graduated 397 nurses between 2015 and 2025, consolidating its reputation for excellence.

The Ag. Registrar of the Nursing

and Midwifery Council of Nigeria, Mr Ndagi Alhassan, congratulated the new graduates on their diligence and resilience.

Represented by Mallam Umar Gambo, the Director, Registration Unit, Nursing and Midwifery Council of Nigeria, Abuja, the Registrar noted that the Bachelor of Nursing Science programme is designed to produce polyvalent nurses equipped with scientific knowledge, clinical competence, and professional intelligence for holistic health care delivery.

He encouraged the inductees to embrace continuous learning, seek mentorship, and pursue advanced qualifications.

He charged them to uphold the ethics of nursing by practising with humility, empathy, and honesty, stressing that these values will enable them to grow into seasoned professionals.

Representing the Chief Medical Director of the University of Ilorin Teaching Hospital (UITH), Prof. S. Abdullahi D. Yusuf, the Chairman, Medical Advisory Committee (CMAC), Prof. A. Biliaminu, congratulated the graduands on their milestone achievement.

He commended their resilience and urged them to uphold excellence, dedication, and compassion as they begin their professional journey.

The induction ceremony also featured presentation of awards recognising excellence in leadership, character, academics, and research.

Present at the event were the Registrar, Mr Mansur Adeleke Alfanla; Prof. Kolawole Wasiu, Dean of Clinical Sciences; Prof. Hannah O. Olawumi, Dean of Basic Clinical Sciences; Prof. Lukman A. Olayaki, Dean of Basic Medical Sciences; College Secretary, Mr Ahmed Rufai Sidique; College Librarian, Mr Usman A. Saliu; Finance Controller, Mr A. Olaniyan; Controller of Works, Engr S. Aloga; Prof. S.K. Olubiyi, Prof. E. E. Anyebe, Dr J. O. Aluko, Dr O. A. Onasoga, Mrs Halimat Olorooba, and Mrs Halimat Shittu as secretary, among others.

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The Vice Chancellor stressed the need to document the diverse applications of herbal medicine in various African countries, noting that such knowledge could be used to promote health, manage chronic conditions, and enhance the well-being of the people.

Prof. Egbewole, who is also the Secretary-General of the Association of West African Universities (AWAU), added that with global communication now seamless, Africa must showcase its rich herbal resources to the world as both a healthcare solution and an avenue for economic development.

In a chat with *UNILORIN Bulletin* shortly after the meeting, the Director of ACHRI, Prof. Learnmore Kambizi, said his mission to the University of Ilorin was to assess areas requiring improvement in ACHRI with the aim of reviving the activities of herbal research in Africa.

Prof. Kambizi, who is from the



Cape Peninsula University of Technology, Cape-Town (CPUT), South Africa, said the U6+ Consortium, comprising more than six universities across Africa, had mandated him to reposition the Centre for greater relevance with the vision of moving beyond the operational approaches of the past five years and taking herbal research to the next level.

Speaking on the importance of

translating research into tangible products that can be taken to the market while also involving local communities, Prof. Kambizi pointed out that communities remain the custodians of indigenous knowledge, and their active participation would ensure mutual benefits as traditional wisdom is integrated into modern research.

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The Managing Director lamented that many undergraduates in Nigeria often drop out of school after several years due to financial difficulties, which ultimately wastes their academic efforts.

He, however, explained that NELFUND was birthed by the administration of President Bola Ahmed Tinubu, GCFR, to prevent such setbacks and to support students in attaining their full potential in various professions.

The NELFUND's Chief Executive explained that education remains a foundation for national growth, adding that countries regarded as advanced only achieved such status because their citizens are well-educated. "This is a serious conversation because the consequences of not being able to complete your education, or attain education at this level, are not just a problem for you as an individual but for us as a nation. Most of the countries we refer to as advanced are only advanced because their people are educated, knowledgeable, and certified. When you look at the countries people migrate to, they go there because things work. Why do things work? It is because the populace is well educated and able to apply that education to improve the situation for their people."

He added, "I'm talking about competitiveness. Competition is what makes people excel. Human beings compete with one another, institutions compete with one another, and nations compete with one another. Without an educated populace, our country cannot compete. If our country cannot compete, our standard of living will not improve. When the standard of living remains low,

crime rates increase, which leads to more victims, and the cycle continues".

Mr Sawyerr also used the occasion to provide clarifications on the operations of the scheme, including eligibility, upkeep allowance, repayment, and institutional processes.

He explained that the scheme also covers 100-level students who applied. In cases where applicants had not yet been issued matriculation numbers, he said NELFUND communicated with their institutions to allow them to use their JAMB registration numbers pending the issuance of matriculation numbers.

On upkeep allowance, he stated that beneficiaries who apply at the beginning of a new academic session will continue to receive the allowance until the session ends, even during breaks, adding that, ₦240,000 was budgeted per student per session for the upkeep package.

Addressing concerns about disparities between actual school charges and amounts allocated by NELFUND, Mr Sawyerr said that the figures are based on information supplied by the institutions, adding that differences sometimes arise due to variations across sessions or levels, but schools are expected to refund students in cases where they had earlier paid before NELFUND settled their fees.

On National Identification Number (NIN) challenges, the Managing Director assured that the issues would be resolved before the portal reopens in the second week of October, to enable concerned students to apply. He further explained that the fund currently prioritises support for first-degree students before extending coverage to postgraduate students.

While applauding the management

of the University of Ilorin for its approach to the scheme, the NELFUND boss also commended the institution for its advanced technological processes, noting that its high level of automation has made disbursement smoother.

He explained that NELFUND is still an evolving system and that many institutions are yet to fully meet the technical requirements. He added that efforts are ongoing to streamline operations so that beneficiaries' portals will automatically reflect new sessions as schools resume.

Speaking earlier, the Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, expressed deep appreciation to the Federal Government and the Nigerian Education Loan Fund (NELFUND) for extending the education loan scheme to students of the institution and for coming for the sensitisation programme.

Prof. Egbewole described the initiative as a landmark intervention that will significantly ease the financial challenges faced by many students, reduce dropout rates, and guarantee uninterrupted learning. He noted that the scheme aligns with the Federal Government's vision of expanding access to higher education and building a knowledge-driven economy.

The Vice Chancellor further commended the leadership of NELFUND for its proactive engagement with the University community and for providing clarifications that will help students maximise the opportunities presented by the loan. According to him, the initiative will not only empower individual students but will also strengthen the nation's human capital and enhance competitiveness on the global stage.

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She explained that it was high time that the policy was adopted in Nigeria for members of the ageing population in order for them to have access to quality and adequate eye care services as obtainable in other climes across the world.

Prof. Adepoju, who noted that most of those who are suffering eye challenges reside in the rural areas, said that economic and social development of rural communities should be decentralised to make life in rural areas more attractive to health workers.

Prof. Adepoju suggested that since local government councils are closer to the people, they should be empowered to lead developmental efforts, particularly in the realm of health care delivery. She said that while planning can be national, the execution must be local in order for such efforts to be effective.

She also said that every educational and service institution should adopt one or two nearby communities and be intentional about their development and service delivery, particularly as it has to do with eye care.

Prof. Adepoju, who is also a former Chairman of the Medical and Dental Consultants Association of Nigeria, also suggested the integration of primary eye care into the existing primary healthcare system, saying that doing so is non-negotiable.

For inclusivity and comprehensive primary health care delivery at the community level, Prof. Adepoju said that primary eye care should remain integrated into community health services. While the theoretical groundwork for this initiative has been completed, she said that its implementation is still lagging and must be prioritised.

Prof. Adepoju, who is also a



The Vice Chancellor, Prof. Egbewole (right), receiving the lecture notes from Prof. Adepoju (left), last Thursday

Fellow of the International College of Surgeons, said that robust campaigns should be intensified. This, she said, would enable the public to be properly educated on eye health and reduce the tendency of developing eye problems.

She also called for effective collaboration of all sectors in order to assist proper eye care delivery services. She said that the government, the governed, the media, corporations, private organisations, and individual philanthropists must work together to improve eye care services for the citizenry.

The award-winning medical expert also called for continuous training and retraining of eye care workers, saying that this is very essential. She explained that the curriculum should include community eye care and be integrated at all levels of education, from primary to tertiary levels of health care services.

Prof. Adepoju also said that individual philanthropy must be encouraged to support eye care through the organisation of screenings and sponsoring care for indigent persons.

She said that the celebration of milestones or honouring of loved ones could be done by sponsoring sight-restoration activities rather than being

limited to traditional social ceremonies, which often have minimum impacts.

Prof. Adepoju also suggested legislation against couching, which should also include the moderation and regulation of other harmful traditional eye practices, saying that stakeholders must key in to this for the good of all.

Drawing from personal experiences, the Inaugural Lecturer encouraged students to always show determination in the pursuit of academic excellence. She said that no condition would limit the progress of a determined learner.

She also enjoined teachers to show more interests in the careers and well-being of their students, saying that teachers who go the extra mile in encouraging quality learning among his or her students would definitely stimulate them to be the best they can.

The Inaugural Lecture, which was presided-over by the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, was also attended by relations, friends, colleagues, patients and students of Prof. Adepoju from far and near.

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Highlighting the potentials of herbal research in Africa, the ACHRI Director cited products like the popular “sobo” drink, which can be commercialised, as well as numerous medicinal plants historically used by African forebears to treat ailments.

While advocating the need for collaborative efforts among pharmacists,

medical doctors, biochemists, chemists, foresters, and agricultural scientists to unlock the potential of herbal products, the Director of ACHRI noted that Africa has enormous opportunities in drug discovery through such collaboration.

He, however, called for stronger partnerships with universities in Nigeria and beyond, stressing that coordinated efforts are key to harnessing Africa's rich biodiversity for health, wellness, and

sustainable development.

Joining Prof. Kambizi on the visit were the Coordinator, African Centre for Herbal Research, Ilorin (ACHRI), Dr Olubunmi Atolani; the Deputy Director, Centre for International Education, who is also the International Coordinator, U6+ Consortium, Dr Bilqis A. Lawal; and a Member of the African Centre for Herbal Research, Ilorin (ACHRI), Dr Stanislaus Njinga.

Boost to campus transportation, as UNILORIN signs MoU for CNG buses

By Tajudeen Babamale

The University of Ilorin has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Presidential CNG Initiative (PI-CNG) Limited and Yasin Express Logistics Limited to facilitate the conversion of Premium Motor Spirit (PMS)-powered vehicles to Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) and deploy CNG buses within the institution. The agreement was formalised last Thursday (October 2, 2025) at the Vice Chancellor's Office.

With this development, the Federal Government, through the CNG SPROUT initiative, will provide Compressed Natural Gas (CNG)-powered vehicles and establish CNG infrastructure at the University of Ilorin to reduce transportation costs and promote cleaner energy.

While the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, and the Registrar, Mr. Mansur Adeleke Alfania, signed on behalf of the University, the Managing Director and Executive Chairman of Yasin Express Logistics Limited, Alhaji Najeem Usman Yasin, signed on behalf of the PI-CNG Limited.

Speaking with *UNILORIN Bulletin* after the signing ceremony, the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, expressed confidence that the deployment of CNG buses would go a long way in relieving students and staff of the burden of transportation, especially following the recent relocation of the University's Motor Parks.

According to him, the buses will make commuting cheaper and more convenient than the current situation.

While appreciating the Federal Government under the stewardship of

President Bola Ahmed Tinubu, the Vice Chancellor stated that the Federal Government has consistently demonstrated its commitment to the welfare of Nigerian students, and the provision of CNG buses is part of efforts targeted at alleviating the challenges of mobility on campuses.

On his part, the Chairman of Yasin Express Logistics Limited, who is equally the operator of the UNILORIN CNG Centre, Alhaji Yasin, commended the Federal Government for the initiative, describing it as part of Mr President's efforts to support University staff and students and enhance the welfare of the academic community.

Alhaji Yasin further stated that the Federal Government would provide the University with additional CNG buses to complement the existing fleet, thereby reducing transportation challenges for both staff and students.

While announcing that the University of Ilorin is among the first batch of five universities selected to benefit from the scheme, the operator of the UNILORIN CNG Centre said that the Federal Government will also supply conversion kits to the institution and establish a CNG conversion centre within the University. He explained that the kits would be subsidised by 50 percent, making it easier for staff members of the University who wish to



■ Prof. Egbewole (right) with Alhaji Yasin (left) last Thursday

convert their vehicles at the Centre to benefit directly from the subsidy.

Adding his voice, the Dean of Students' Affairs, Dr Alex Akanmu, hailed the project as a timely and strategic intervention that would directly benefit the student population. He observed that since the initiative is a Federal Government project with an appointed operator, it carries strong assurances of delivery.

Dr Akanmu said though the University had requested between 50 and 100 CNG buses under the scheme, the final number to be approved for the institution was yet to be determined. He added that five universities are currently on board with the project, expressing optimism that the buses would soon be deployed on UNILORIN roads.

Independence anniversary: Yusuf urges national renewal

By Mustafa Abubakar

The Director of the Linguistics Immersion Centre, University of Ilorin, Prof. Badmas Olanrewaju Yusuf, has advised Nigerians to see the nation's independence not just as a celebration but as an opportunity for sincere national renewal.

Speaking with *UNILORIN Bulletin* last Tuesday (October 1, 2025), Prof. Yusuf explained that the nation's situation calls for critical reflection rather than mere festivity.

The scholar also urged the government to urgently address the plight of Nigerian workers, stressing that their welfare and conditions should

be improved to make them comparable with their peers across West Africa.

He called on the government to do more to restore safety and security across the country. "In our student days, one could travel freely even at night. But today, the situation is different," he said.

The Professor of Islamic Studies emphasised the need for leaders to listen to patriotic advice and also charged opinion leaders across sectors to rise to their moral responsibilities.

Prof. Yusuf urged Nigerians not to lose hope, stressing, "I do not lose hope in Nigeria as a country. Despite the challenges, with discipline, sincerity, and collective effort, Nigeria will return to the path of peace and progress."



■ Prof. Yusuf

MESSAGE FROM THE VC ON RELOCATION OF SCHOOL PARK

My dear colleagues,

Let me again congratulate us all on the 65th Anniversary of our dear nation. In spite of the challenges, we are hopeful that we will get round the bend and arrive at the promised land.

In our bid to make life better for our staff and students of this great University, in line with global best practices, and in order to ensure the safety and security of all, we decided to relocate the park to the gate.

This decision was not to inflict pains or economic stress on the students and staff. It is our hope that the goals of the

relocation will be achieved with minimum disruption to our individual programmes or the entire system.

We have received a number of complaints on the implementation of the relocation of the park and Administration is willing to have a critical look at the implementation and come up with a more enduring and more sustainable implementation of the policy.

This review will be done in a way to ensure that we achieve our goals as a University as well as ensure that our staff and students get the best from this policy.

Please be assured that

Administration is willing to review this process with a view to ensuring that we get the best from this idea.

While appreciating you all for your support for our University, we will continue to do our best to make life better for staff and students of this great university. We seek your understanding on this issue.

Professor Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN
Vice-Chancellor,
University of Ilorin,
Ilorin, Nigeria.



■ Prof. Adekilekun



■ Prof. Egbewole



■ Mr Oredola

Two Unilorites sworn-in as silksEgbewole, Dean express joy

By Abubakar Imam

Two distinguished Unilorites, Prof. Mubarak Tijani Adekilekun and Mr Habeeb Oredola, were last Monday (September 29, 2025) sworn in as Senior Advocates of Nigeria (SAN) by the Chief Justice of Nigeria, Hon. Justice Kudirat Motomori Kekere-Ekun, GCON, at the Supreme Court Complex, Abuja.

The two gentlemen were among 57 seasoned legal practitioners from all over Nigeria elevated to the prestigious rank by the Legal Practitioners Privileges Committee (LPPC) chaired by the Chief Justice of Nigeria as earlier announced by the Registrar of the Supreme Court of Nigeria, who is also the Secretary of the LPPC, Mr Kabir Eniola Akanbi.

While Prof. Adekilekun is not only a 2003 alumnus of the University but also a teacher at the institution's Department of Business Law, Mr Oredola, a son of a retired Justice of the Court of Appeal, Justice Moshood AbdulRahman Oredola, is a private legal practitioner based in Lagos. Mr Oredola graduated from the University in 2005.

With this development, the rank of alumni and staff members of the University granted the title since the reestablishment of its Law Faculty three decades ago has risen to over 20.

Reacting, the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, said that the investiture was not only a proud moment for him but also for the entire members of the University Community.

In a statement signed by the University's Director of Corporate Affairs, Mr Kunle Akogun, the Vice Chancellor said that he was delighted that the two gentlemen were found to be worthy of the honour, particularly at the time when the University is preparing to celebrate its Golden Jubilee anniversary.

The renowned Professor of Jurisprudence and International Law and Secretary-General of the Association of West African Universities (AWAU), who was granted the honour about a decade ago, described the two new silks as pride of the University.

While he encouraged the duo to

continue to serve as role models to others, particularly alumni and students of the University, Prof. Egbewole urged students of the University to emulate the dignity and integrity of the two new silks.

Also commenting, the Dean of the Faculty, Prof. Bashiru Omipidan, said that he was happy that the Faculty has added two new silks to its feather, saying that he was "super proud of the duo".

He explained that from "the sitting Vice Chancellor, who got his own alongside the late Prof. Muhammad Mustapha Akanbi in 2018, the Faculty has refused to look back."

Prof. Omipidan added that "the investiture was unique as it came when I am combining the Deanship of the Faculty with being the National President of the UNILORIN Law Alumni Association. So, it was a double victory for me, and my joy knows no bounds."

The Dean, who is also a former Director of the Centre for Open and Distance Learning, prayed to Allah to continue to bless the duo while praying for more to come.



Egbewole backs AI literacy curriculum push

By Mustafa Abubakar

The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has described the ongoing efforts to design Nigeria's Artificial Intelligence (AI) Literacy Curriculum as “a timely intervention that will shape the future of the nation's education sector.”

Prof. Egbewole stated this penultimate Wednesday (September 24, 2025), while declaring open the AI Literacy Curriculum Validation Workshop, organised by Brain Builders Youth Development Initiative (BBYDI) at the University of Ilorin.

The Vice Chancellor, who was represented by the Director of Academic Planning, Prof. AbdulRasheed Abiodun Adeoye, noted that the world is moving rapidly towards an AI-driven future, and Nigeria must not lag behind.

“Artificial Intelligence is no longer a luxury or a distant possibility. It is already redefining how societies learn, communicate, and solve problems. As a University, we will continue to support forward-looking projects like this one, which prepares our young people not just to consume technology, but to shape and drive it responsibly”, he said.

The Vice Chancellor further urged stakeholders to ensure that the curriculum speaks directly to Nigeria's realities, stressing that localisation and inclusivity should not be negotiable.

Prof. Egbewole added that if the content does not reflect our

environment, our languages, and our peculiar challenges, then it will not serve the purpose for which it is designed.

In his keynote address, a former Head of the Department of Information Technology at UNILORIN, Dr Mukhtar Oloyede, emphasised that AI is fast transforming societies across the globe and Nigeria must not be left behind.

He observed that the draft curriculum already provides a useful framework but needs more practical orientation.

According to him, “We must move from rhetoric to action by creating practical learning tools that are tailored to our communities. Our children should not only be told what AI is, they should be guided on how to use it ethically, creatively, and in ways that solve our local problems.”

In his welcome remarks, the Executive Director of BBYDI, Mrs Nurah Jimoh-Sanni, Esq., explained that the exercise was part of the long-standing commitment by the organisation, to empowering young people with transformative knowledge.

She stressed that AI literacy should not be regarded as an elite affair but as a civic right for every Nigerian child.

The BBYDI's Communications Director, Mr Sanni Alausa Issa, provided an overview of the draft curriculum, explaining that it was designed to cover ethical considerations, responsible usage, and practical applications of AI in everyday life, while also creating advanced pathways for those pursuing careers in Information Technology.

Also speaking, the Kwara State Commissioner for Education and Human Capital Development, Dr Muhammad-

Lawal Olalekan Olohungbebe, commended BBYDI for its foresight, affirming government's commitment to policies that will make technology education inclusive and responsive to local realities.

Similarly, Mrs Bello Rekiyat, an Assistant Director of Child Services, who represented the Kwara State Commissioner for Women Affairs, also underscored the importance of adapting the curriculum to Nigeria's unique cultural and developmental context.

Adding further perspective, Dr Musibau Lawal of the Department of Arts Education, University of Ilorin, advised that stronger teaching methodologies and evaluation mechanisms be incorporated, to ensure the programme does not remain theoretical.

Mrs Adeagbo Rukayat of UNILORIN Secondary School stressed that children between ages five and twelve should not be excluded.

“They are already exposed to technology at home, and this curriculum must address that reality,” she suggested.

Other participants, however, expressed concern over the short timeframe allotted for the curriculum review, describing it as “too short and unrealistic” for a thorough assessment. They recommended the development of a broader National AI framework to guide the final curriculum, ensuring alignment with Nigeria's educational and technological priorities.

Highlights of the workshop included the formation of a five-member committee to collate and consolidate all feedbacks within two weeks.



Alfanla advises journalists to uphold professional ethics

By Yinka Magaji-Nda

The Registrar of the University of Ilorin, Mr Mansur Adeleke Alfania, has advised media practitioners in Nigeria to adhere strictly to the ethics of their profession in the discharge of their duties.

Mr Alfania gave this advice last Thursday (October 2, 2025) while receiving a delegation of the Radio, Television, Theater and Arts Workers Union of Nigeria (RATTAWU), University of Ilorin Chapter, led by its Chairman, Mr Yinka Soliu Magaji-Nda, in his office.

He emphasised the importance

of diligence, discipline, and accuracy in reporting to ensure national security.

Mr Alfania described RATTAWU as a long-standing union and urged the newly elected Executive Committee of the Union to be good ambassadors of the University and the union.

The Registrar also advised the RATTAWU's Executive Committee to work collaboratively with the University management while advocating for development, rather than engaging in actions that could lead to chaos or unrest on campus.

As a former union leader, Mr Alfania urged the Executive Committee members to represent their members well

and develop programmes and policies that would enhance the growth of the University.

He expressed appreciation to the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, and other Principal Officers for recognising RATTAWU as a union on campus.

The RATTAWU delegation included its Vice Chairman, Mrs Oluyemisi Olayemi; Treasurer, Mrs. Jelilat B. Adedimeji; Secretary, Mr. Nasr Dhikrillah Bolarinwa; Mr Idrees Lukman Kehinde, Mrs. Adekitan Oluwafunmilayo Ekundayo and the Head of Programmes of *UNILORIN 89.3FM*, Mr Temitope Olawuyi.

Alooma Appointed into Yoruba language preservation group

By Abubakar Imam

The General Manager of *UNILORIN 89.3 FM*, Mr Idris Akintola Ibrahim (Alooma), has been appointed as a member of the Yorùbá Language Preservation Initiative's Brain Trust in Africa. The project is designed to safeguard the Yorùbá language and cultural heritage by promoting language proficiency, creative expression, and cultural pride among young people aged 15-18 across Yorùbá-speaking regions of Nigeria.

In a letter dated September 29, 2025, signed by the Project Coordinator, Mr Olusola Macaulay, a copy of which was sighted by *UNILORIN Bulletin*, it was stated that the project seeks to reverse the decline in indigenous language use among young people and ensure that Yorùbá language remains vibrant and relevant for future generations.

Mr Macaulay said Mr Alooma was appointed based on his versatility, which is needed to make a significant impact on the preservation of Africa's rich



■ Mr Alooma

cultural heritage.

He stressed that the project's goals include enhancing fluency and proficiency in Yorùbá, showcasing cultural expressions,

and instilling a sense of pride and ownership in Yorùbá identity and heritage. He added that by working together, the project's organisers hope to create a model for indigenous language revival that can be replicated across Nigeria and beyond.

Mr Macaulay opined that the Brain Trust, which comprises experts and influencers, will provide strategic guidance and support to deliver the programme successfully. He emphasised that members will contribute to planning sessions, provide guidance on programme development, leverage their networks to enhance the project's reach, and participate in quarterly review meetings.

The appointment is another notable achievement for Mr Alooma, who is also a Deputy Director at the Directorate of Corporate Affairs, University of Ilorin, and a seasoned broadcaster with three decades of experience.

Mr Alooma is a recipient of about 90 national and international awards, including the UNESCO, World Royal Award (WORA), and YOMAFA Global Award.



Omopupa hails UNILORIN-NAISET partnership

By Abubakar Imam

The University Librarian, University of Ilorin, Prof. Kamaldeen Tunde Omopupa, has commended the quality of partnership between the University and the Nigerian Army Institute of Education, Science and Technology (NAISET), Ilorin.

Prof. Omopupa gave this commendation recently while speaking at the graduation ceremony of students of Basic Certificate in Library Science of the Institute at the Sobi Cantonment, Ilorin.

The University Librarian commended the students for displaying discipline and excellent performance in the course of their two-week internship at the University.

Prof. Omopupa, who was

represented at the event by a Principal Librarian, Dr Aminat Abdulssalam, expressed conviction that with the quality of training inculcated in them the graduands are fully prepared to impact positively on the service delivery that would be attainable in the Nigerian Army libraries.

Speaking earlier, the Provost of NAISET, Brigadier-General Emmanuel Chidi Echebiwe, thanked the University for its partnership and support to the Nigerian Army over the years.

Brigadier-General Echebiwe, who was represented by the Deputy Provost (Administration), Lt. Colonel Veli Goje Burak, congratulated the graduands for recording another milestone in their careers.

He also encouraged them to apply

their newly acquired knowledge and skills to bring positive changes to their units, the Nigerian Army and the nation at large.

Speaking on behalf of the graduating students, Lt. Colonel Kabir Abdul, expressed gratitude to the University of Ilorin for its support in seeing them through the programme, particularly in the course of their internship at the UNILORIN Library. He also thanked the management and staff of NAISET for their mentorship and guidance as he assured that the knowledge gained would be deployed in line with the Nigerian Army standards.

The representative of the University Librarian was accompanied to the event by a Senior Librarian, Mr Usman Ajisafe Saliu and Mr Almansoor Bakare of the Technical Services Division of the University Library.

Sanusi hails Yusuf Ali's ₦2 Million donation to CILS

By Abubakar Imam

The Director, Centre for Ilorin Studies (CILS), University of Ilorin, Prof. Issa Olarongbe Sanusi, has commended the Kuliya of Ilorin, Prof. Yusuf Olaolu Ali, SAN, on his generous donation to the CILS over the years.

Prof. Sanusi gave this commendation in a memo dated October 3, 2025, and addressed to the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, a copy of which was made available to *UNILORIN Bulletin*.

In the memo, the Director specifically acknowledged the receipt of a cheque of ₦2,000,000 recently donated by the prominent lawyer to CILS to enable it acquire relevant Arabic and Islamic manuscripts written by eminent and



■ Prof. Ali

notable Islamic scholars to equip the Centre's library.

Prof. Sanusi explained that the donation was made as a fulfilment of Prof. Ali's earlier promise to assist the CILS when its management and staff paid him a congratulatory visit, following his appointment as the Kuliya of Ilorin, by His Royal Highness, the Emir of Ilorin and Chairman, Kwara State Council of Chiefs, Alhaji (Dr) Ibrahim Sulu-Gambari, CFR.

Speaking with *UNILORIN Bulletin* on the issue, Prof. Sanusi appreciated the patriotic gesture of the foremost legal practitioner as he urged other well-to-do indigenes and friends of Ilorin to emulate Prof. Ali by supporting the Centre with funds and relevant materials to enhance its service delivery capacity.



Education must be prioritised for national development –Balogun

By Bashir Dawodu

The Chairman of Enact Foundation and Member Representing North Central on the Board of the Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund), Engr Nurudeen Adeyemi Balogun, has stressed that prioritising education is fundamental for any nation aspiring to attain global development status.

Engr Balogun made this assertion last Tuesday (September 30, 2025) while delivering a Distinguished Personality Lecture, titled "TETFund as a Catalyst for Transformative Educational Outcomes: A Paradigm Shift Towards Achieving the Renewed Hope Agenda's Objectives in Nigerian Tertiary Institutions", organised by the Department of Political Science, University of Ilorin, at the University Auditorium.

According to him, countries that fail to give adequate attention to education risk gradual decline and eventual extinction.

"Education is the right of every nation that seeks development. Any country that does not prioritise it is dying gradually," he said.

Engr Balogun commended President Bola Ahmed Tinubu, GCFR, for making education a priority, noting that Tinubu administration believes that no knowledge should be wasted.

He added that TETFund shares this vision, investing significantly in staff training and student support to foster innovation and entrepreneurship.



■ Engr Balogun

The Guest Speaker urged lecturers to "teach with purpose," by producing critical thinkers who will not only seek jobs but also create opportunities for others.

"We must equip our students with entrepreneurial skills to earn while they learn. Say no to cultism, say no to cybercrime," he charged.

Highlighting TETFund's recent interventions, Engr Balogun revealed that the agency allocated ₦4 billion each to 18 universities in the North-Central zone — including the University of Ilorin in order to strengthen medical training through the provision of simulation laboratories and hostels.

He said the initiative was designed to discourage the mass emigration of Nigerian professionals abroad, popularly known as the "Japa syndrome."

Earlier, the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, who was represented by the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Research, Technology and Innovation), Prof. Mukhtar Etudaiye, praised the guest speaker's insights, describing TETFund as "the lifeblood upon which higher education in Nigeria rests."

Also speaking, the Ag. Head of the Department of Political Science, Dr Abdulkareem Edun, lauded TETFund's impact on infrastructure, research, and academic development.

Dr Edun commended Engr Balogun for his leadership, both at Enact Foundation and within TETFund, noting his dedication to improving access, quality, and equity in education.

Also speaking, a Lecturer at the Department of Political Science, University of Ilorin, Dr A. A. Ishaq, expressed gratitude to all the guests for attending as he urged staff and students to put the lecture's lessons into practice.

Major highlights of the event were the donation of ₦5 million to the Department of Political Science by Engr Balogun and presentation of gifts to the donor by the Department.

Dignitaries present included the Registrar of the University, Mr Mansur Adeleke Alfa, senior academic and administrative staff of the University as well as several other people from outside the University, particularly from Igbominaland.

UNILORIN Counsellor explains varsity registration procedure for freshers

By Idayat Hassan

A Chief Counsellor at the Counselling and Human Development Centre, University of Ilorin, Dr Aminullahi Salman Alawaye, has urged newly-admitted students of the institution to meticulously follow the registration procedures and prioritise their mental well-being as they begin their academic journey.

Dr Alawaye gave this advice last Monday (September 29, 2025) while featuring on *"Meet the Counselor"* a weekly programme of *UNILORIN 89.3 FM*.

The Counsellor identified the acceptance of admission on the JAMB CAPS portal as the non-negotiable first step for all new students.

He also emphasised the importance of document organisation, as he identified the JAMB admission letter, O'level results, birth certificate, and payment receipts as essentials that must be kept ready in a file for ease of Faculty and Departmental clearance.

"After celebrating your admission, action begins. The first step is online acceptance on the JAMB CAPS portal. Without this, the



■ Dr Alawaye

admission is not complete," Dr Alawaye stated while responding to a question on where students should begin.

Addressing the core of registration procedure, the Counsellor detailed the key stages: Faculty clearance, course registration, and biometric capture.

He highlighted consultation with assigned Level Advisers as a critical step, which is needed to be taken to avoid the common mistake of registering for incorrect courses.

"Your Level Adviser is there to help you. Don't be shy; ask questions," he advised. "Ensure you finalise and print your course form after selection. Don't just select and log out."

Dr Alawaye acknowledged the possibility of the occurrence of common challenges like homesickness, academic pressure, and time management, urging students to see these as normal parts of the adjustment process.

To overcome these hurdles, Dr Alawaye recommended joining clubs and societies to build social networks and creating a personal study timetable. He further reassured students that the Counselling and Human Development Centre is available for support.

"Please know that the Counselling Centre is here for you. If you feel overwhelmed, anxious, or just need someone to talk to, our doors are open. We provide confidential support to help you thrive, not just survive," Dr Alawaye assured.

He advised the freshers to be open-minded, build positive relationships, and start their academic journey on a focused and organised note as he welcomed them to the UNILORIN community.

Omojasola advocates gender equality

By Abubakar Abdulquadri

The Director of the Centre for Gender Studies, University of Ilorin, Prof. Patricia Folake Omojasola, has advocated gender equality among staff and students as she emphasised equal treatment and opportunities regardless of gender differences.

Prof. Omojasola made this call last Tuesday (September 30, 2025) while participating in the maiden edition of *"Gender Lens"* on *UNILORIN 89.3 FM*, jointly anchored by Miss Bimbo Durojaye and Mrs Damilola Afelumo.

The Centre, a new initiative approved by the University Senate in August, 2024, is aimed at promoting fairness, inclusivity, and equal opportunities. The Director explained that the Centre's benefits extend beyond the University community, focusing on research, education, and policies that eliminate gender stereotyping and discrimination.

Prof. Omojasola emphasised that a bias-free environment enables staff and students to work together effectively, and contribute positively to society, stressing that the Centre would



■ Prof. Omojasola

ensure that there is fairness and inclusivity for both male and female.

The Director appreciated the support of the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, which facilitated the success of the Centre's grant application that has been found to be crucial for the execution of its programmes.

The Centre is set to be launched on October 15, 2025, with plans to engage the community, promote its vision, and collaborate with stakeholders.

"We hope to introduce a topic in General Studies where 100 or 200-level students can learn about the importance of gender and bias-free decision-making," she said.

She also disclosed that the Centre would organise training programmes for students and the community as well as seminars and conferences at national and international levels.

Furthermore, "We intend to host community outreaches, recognising that impactful advocacy and community engagement are crucial for maximising our impact," she added.

The don highlighted that the Centre would address gender disparities in tertiary institutions, where both males and females face discrimination in accessing certain professional career opportunities.

Prof. Omojasola also noted that the Centre would offer training for women in politics, women in legislatures and interact deeply with members of the Ilorin community and beyond as well as offer academic and professional postgraduate courses.

UNILORIN Law Library ranks among the nation's best-Yahaya

By Abubakar Imam

The Head, Faculty of Law Library, University of Ilorin, Mr Ibrahim Olarewaju Yahaya, has said that the Library ranks among the best Law Libraries in the Nigerian University system.

Mr Yahaya, who is also a lawyer and professional librarian, made this assertion last Monday (September 29, 2025) while speaking with *UNILORIN Bulletin* in his office.

He described the library as a true warehouse of knowledge as he also said that the library is being operated by well-trained and self-motivated professionals who are always eager to assist users in achieving the essence of their visit.

The Faculty Librarian said that the library contains relevant books, law reports, journals and other periodicals that students of the Faculty and other related courses need to update their knowledge.

He also said that the library has a functional e-library with databases such as LexisNexis and Law Pavilion as it is located in an environment that is conducive for adequate learning.



■ Mr Yahaya

Mr Yahaya added that the library can accommodate 350 readers at a time, saying that the library is also open to other users from outside the University community as he urged students, lecturers and researchers to take advantage of the existence of the library to improve their intellectual and professional wherewithal.

He encouraged returning and old students of the Faculty to feel free to use the library, saying that students who used the library are more likely to excel in their studies compared to those who do not.

The law librarian, who said that

the library has a long history dating back to the 1980s, commended the Vice Chancellor of the University, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, for facilitating the construction of the new library building, which, he said, would definitely improve the service delivery of the Faculty.

Mr Yahaya equally commended the University Librarian, Prof. Kamaldeen Tunde Omopupa, for ensuring that the library is well-stocked and properly staffed.

He also praised the immediate past Dean of the Faculty, Prof. Nimah Modupe AbdulRaheem, and the new Dean, Prof. Bashiru Omipidan; as well as previous Deans, particularly Prof. Ibrahim Kayode Adam, Prof. Abdulmumini Adebayo Oba and Prof. Hakeem Ijaiya, for their cumulative support to the library.

Mr Yahaya also appealed to alumni of the Faculty and their friends to assist the library with new books, Law reports and latest journals as he noted that their support would enhance the service delivery capacity of the library.

UNILORIN FM unveils programme for 50th anniversary

By Abubakar Imam

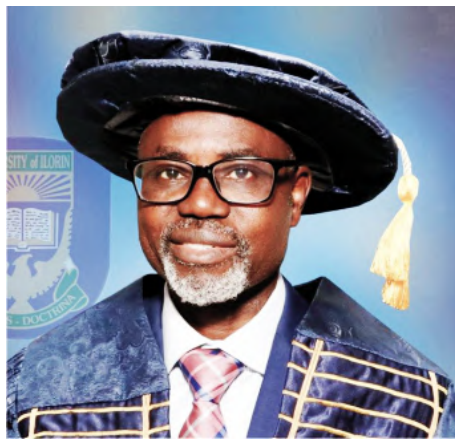
As the Golden Jubilee of the University of Ilorin draws nearer, the management of *UNILORIN 89.3 FM* has disclosed its resolve to give the celebration the best of publicity with the introduction of a special programme titled "Countdown to UNILORIN @ 50".

The General Manager of the Station, Mr Idris Akintola Ibrahim (Alooma), stated this last Thursday (October 2, 2025) while speaking with *UNILORIN Bulletin* in his office on the preparation of the Station for the anniversary.

The General Manager said that the programme, which would be daily and with one hour duration, is targeted at enlightening the general public on the achievements and prospects of the University, which the celebration is all about.

He explained that as "the official electronic mouthpiece of the University," the station and its staff are prepared to market the anniversary and the institution more than ever before.

In addition to the daily special interview programme, Mr Alooma said that the station would also be running special news commentaries, special news reports, special magazine programmes, vox pops and live coverages, among others, that would be targeted at the



■ Prof. Egbewole

anniversary celebration.

Mr Alooma said that the programme would feature important stakeholders like the Vice Chancellor of the University, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, and his predecessors as well as current and past Principal Officers.

He added that the Chairman of the Anniversary Planning Committee, the Chairmen of various Sub-committees the President of the University Alumni Association, the President of the Student Union, the leaderships of the various campus trade unions and selected leaders of the University's host community, among others, would also be featured on the programme.

The ace broadcaster, who congratulated the Vice Chancellor,



■ Prof. Mokuolu

management, staff and students of the University for the scintillating successes recorded by the institution in the last five decades, said that the maiden edition of the radio programme that will feature the Chairman of the Anniversary Planning Committee, Prof. Olugbenga Ayodeji Mokuolu, will come up on Monday, October 6, 2025 at 10:00am.

Mr Alooma encouraged members of the University community and the general public to always tune to the station and particularly to the programme, which promises to be stimulating, for them to know more about the institution and the upcoming anniversary.

Adedokun-Shittu named Innov8 Hub ambassador

By Isaac Lewu

The University of Ilorin has recorded yet another landmark achievement as Prof. Nafisat Afolake Adedokun-Shittu of the Department of Educational Technology, has been appointed a Community Ambassador by Innov8 Hub, Abuja.

Her appointment was announced in a statement dated September 2, 2025, issued by Innov8 Hub, a TETFund partner in intellectual property development innovation, and professional excellence, where the programme is being hosted.

The appointment, which is for a three-month pilot programme effective from September 2025, further consolidates the University's reputation as a breeding ground for innovators and change-makers across the Nigerian academic landscape.

Prof. Adedokun-Shittu's selection followed her remarkable representation of the University at the Research for Impact (R4i) Cohort 14 in 2023 and the TETFund Alliance for Innovative Research (TETFAIR) in 2024, where she distinguished herself as a leading voice in educational technology and capacity building.



■ Prof. Adedokun-Shittu

With an evaluation score of 265 out of 400, the erudite scholar emerged among the pioneering ambassadors chosen from across Nigeria for the prestigious programme, reflecting her sustained excellence and commitment to innovative academic practices.

As a Community Ambassador, Prof. Adedokun-Shittu will serve as a key liaison between Innov8 Hub's leadership and the wider academic community, representing both her institution and the R4i initiative with integrity and vision.

According to Innov8 Hub's

Community Growth Officer, Thelma Agada, the pilot programme is designed to deepen academic and research capacity, nurture leadership, and strengthen collaboration across Nigeria's innovation ecosystem.

In her acceptance note, Prof. Adedokun-Shittu expressed profound gratitude for the opportunity, describing it as "a great pleasure to connect with the community through Innov8." She pledged her readiness to leverage the platform to drive sustainable impact, strengthen academic collaboration, and mentor emerging researchers.

Prof. Adedokun-Shittu, who equally serves as the Principal Researcher of Project GLOCALISE, has built a robust academic and research profile over the years, mentoring students and colleagues while contributing significantly to the growth of educational technology in Nigeria.

Her appointment as a Community Ambassador not only attests to her personal achievements but also reflects the enviable status of the University of Ilorin as a hub of academic excellence, innovation, and research impact.

Probitas society holds 26th Ordinary General Meeting

By Bashir Dawodu

The Probitas Multipurpose Cooperative Society of the University of Ilorin has held its 26th Ordinary General Meeting (OGM). The event, which took place last Thursday (October 2, 2025) at the NASU Secretariat, brought members of the Society together to review progress, strengthen accountability, and discuss strategies for the society's growth.

In his address, the Chairman of the society, Mr Toyin Muhammed Alabi, expressed gratitude to God as he congratulated members for witnessing another OGM.

He noted that the cooperative society had recorded significant progress, citing the society's functioning hostels and other investments that are yielding positive returns.

Mr Alabi urged members to take the society's meetings seriously, pledging to remain accountable in his leadership.

He also acknowledged the University's Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, for



commissioning the society's 20-unit shopping complex in February 2023, which he revealed, generated ₦2.4 million in 2024.

In her remarks, the Kwara State Commissioner for Business, Innovation and Technology, Mrs Damilola Yusuf, encouraged members to safeguard and monitor their investments to avoid financial losses.

She congratulated them for being part of what she described as a "thriving cooperative society" and urged them to continue to make wise investment decisions.

Also speaking, the society's secretary, Mr S. A. Afolabi, appreciated the Hon. Commissioner for honouring the society's invitation and prayed for the continued commitment and unity of members.

The highlight of the meeting was the inauguration of the Electoral Committee ahead of the 2026 elections of new executive members.

The committee is chaired by Mr Kabiru O. Amali, with Dr Hafsat Alabi, as Secretary. Other members are Mr Tajudeen Sulyman, Mr Babalola D.A and Mr Ilesanmi Alowolodu.

Credible traditional leadership, key to peace-building- Babatunde

By Tajudeen Babamale

A Professor of Peace and Conflict Studies at the University of Ilorin, Abosede Omowumi Babatunde, has said that credible traditional leadership is critical in promoting localised peace-building and managing resource-related conflicts in Nigeria.

Prof. Babatunde stated this penultimate Saturday (September 27, 2025) while delivering a keynote address, titled "Reenvisioning the Local Turn in Peacebuilding: Traditional Leadership, Community Resilience and the Management of Resource Conflicts in Nigeria", at the Inaugural National Seminar of the African University Seminar Series Nigeria (AUSS-N), Department of History, University of Abuja.

She explained that the resilience of traditional institutions is rooted in cultural values, norms, and customs, saying, such institutions can play significant roles in strengthening community governance and fostering sustainable peace.

The renowned scholar said that findings from several studies revealed that traditional leadership practices in some communities have equally contributed to



■ Prof. Babatunde

conflict escalation.

She said that local authorities, while positioned as peace-builders, often perpetuate exclusionary systems, privileging relatives and associates in the distribution of oil benefits, contracts, compensations, scholarships, and land allocations, saying, these practices, particularly in oil-producing and agrarian communities, frequently generate tensions and grievances.

While lamenting how security vacuums undermine the capacity of traditional leaders, the peace scholar stated

that in many cases, local chiefs and elders rely on coercive measures, instigation of youth to intimidate opponents, silencing of aggrieved members, or attack on neighboring communities.

Prof. Babatunde noted that some traditional authorities are also implicated in divisive practices, including identity politics, ethno-religious conflicts, and cattle theft cartels while others remain passive in addressing pastoralist-farmer clashes, partly due to protection from security agents.

Drawing from case studies in the Niger Delta and North-Central Nigeria, Prof. Babatunde noted that localised peace-building efforts are shaped by socio-cultural realities and political dynamics. While they hold potential for positive transformation, such initiatives often replicate the exclusionary and hierarchical structures of liberal peace models.

She, however, added that successful peace-building requires strengthening of the credibility, accountability, and inclusiveness of local institutions, saying, without these, localised efforts risk reproducing inequalities and undermining long-term peace, justice, and social transformation in communities affected by resource conflicts.

FET's community outreach programmes hailed

By Abubakar Imam

The Faculty of Engineering and Technology (FET), University of Ilorin, has been commended for always impacting positively on the larger society, particularly through its Community-Based Experience Service (COBES).

This commendation was made recently by the Principal of the Ansarul Islam Senior Secondary School, Kuntu, Ilorin, Mrs Kuburat Omolara Abdul, while receiving some instructional materials donated to the school by members of the Group 6 2025 FET COBES, who participated in the programme in Adewole community, Ilorin.

Mrs Abdul said that she was delighted that the Group deemed it fit to donate science equipment to the school.

She also said that the management, staff and students of the school as well as parents and guardians would remain grateful to the participants for ensuring the renovation of some classrooms and the laboratory in the school.

The Principal said that the donated materials would motivate students not only to learn but also aim higher as the action of the benefactors would also ensure greater productivity and better service delivery among the teaching staff of the school.



Speaking on behalf of the Coordinator of the Faculty of Engineering and Technology's COBES, Prof. Lanre Yusuf-Babaita, a Senior Lecturer at the Department of Materials and Metallurgical Engineering, Dr Kabiru Suleiman Ajao, said that the programme was designed to enable final year students of the Faculty to learn beyond the classroom.

He added that COBES was also institutionalised to encourage graduating students to learn how to share knowledge among related professionals and transfer the knowledge to the greater society as well as

for the participants to serve as role-models to younger ones from within and outside the host community.

Prof. Yusuf-Babaita thanked the management of the school for the opportunity given to the Unilorites to impact knowledge and learn from the society.

The event was witnessed by many dignitaries including the Chairman of the School's PTA, Mr Mahmood Loke Yunus, as well as several members of the COBES Group.

Tela earns continental recognition, emerges Africa's topmost Librarian

By Isaac Lewu

A former Head of the Department of Library and Information Science, University of Ilorin, Prof. Adeyinka Tela, has emerged as the African Librarian of the Month of September, courtesy of the Librarian Spotlight Africa (LSA).

Prof. Tela's recognition was based on his cumulative academic enterprise in the field of Library and Information Science with over 200 scholarly publications and several global recognitions that place him at the very top of his field.

The honouree, who sits on the editorial boards of highly rated international journals, is also former University of Ilorin's Researcher of the Year.

In addition to the above, Prof.



■ **Prof. Tela**

Tela is currently the 28th most productive scientist in Nigeria, the first at the University of Ilorin and the most cited

Library and Information Science scholar in Africa since 2015, according to Webometrics.

Reacting to the development, the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, described Prof. Tela as a pride to the University.

In a statement signed by the University's Director of Corporate Affairs, Mr Kunle Akogun, the Vice Chancellor thanked Prof. Tela for always bringing honour to the University.

While congratulating the African Librarian of the Month, Prof. Egbewole urged other members of the University's academic community to emulate the multiple award-winning scholar for the University to take its pride of place among its peers at national and international levels.

Open Ph.D. Theses Defence

S/N	NAME	FACULTY/DEPARTMENT	TITLE	DATE&TIME	VENUE
1	NWEZE-AKPA, Stella Ekwuchukwu	Physical Sciences/Chemistry	Synthesis, Characterization, and Biological Potency of some Novel Transition Metal Carboxylate Complexes with Selected Nitrogen-Donor Ligands	Monday 6 th October, 2025/10 am	Board Room, Department of Chemistry, University of Ilorin
2	BUSARI, Hassan Kehinde	Physical Sciences/Chemistry	Synthesis, Characterization X-Ray Crystallographic Analysis and Biological Activity of Some 3d Block Metal Ions-Quinoliny Imidazole Complexes	7 th October, 2025/10am	Board Room, Department of Chemistry, University of Ilorin
3	SAADU, Haizat Ojuolape	Physical Sciences/Chemistry	Mixed-Ligand Metal Complexes of Metformin and Co-Ligands: In Vitro, InVivo, and Silico Antimicrobial and Antihyperglycemic Activities	Wednesday 8 th October, 2025/ 10 am	Virtual Room, Postgraduate School, University of Ilorin
4	AMUSAN, Oluwagbemiga Tayo	Physical Sciences/Chemistry	Chemical processes for Validation of High Utility potentials of Low-Grade Sugarcane Bagasse.	Thursday 9 th October, 2025/ 10am	Virtual Room, Postgraduate School, University of Ilorin

New Appointments

NAME	FACULTY / DEPARTMENT	APPOINTMENT	EFFECTIVE DATE
Prof. Mashood A. Raji	Veterinary Medicine/Veterinary Microbiology	Chairman, Sports Council	1 st August, 2025
Dr. I. K. Ayinla	Physical Sciences/Industrial Chemistry	Sub-Dean, Faculty of Physical Sciences	1 st August, 2025



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40th CONVOCATION CEREMONIES

INFORMATION TO GRADUANDS

A) This is to inform all graduands of the 2024/2025 Academic Session of the University that the 40th Convocation Ceremonies of the University for the award of First and Higher Degrees, Diplomas, Certificates, and presentation of Prizes will hold from **Friday, 17th to Sunday, 26th October, 2025** on the Main Campus of the University.

Details of the activities are as highlighted below:

Friday, 17th October, 2025

Event: Special Juma'at Service
Venue: Unilorin Central Mosque
Time: 1:30 p.m. prompt

Sunday, 19th October, 2025

Event: Interdenominational Services
Venue: Chapel of the Light
Time: 9:00 a.m. prompt

Monday, 20th October, 2025

(a) **Event:** Vice-Chancellor's Press Briefing and Media Chat
Venue: University Auditorium
Time: 10:00 a.m. prompt

(b) **Event:** Rehearsals on logistics by Principal Officers and other Stakeholders
Venue: University Auditorium
Time: 3:00 p.m. prompt

Tuesday, 21st October, 2025

Event: Convocation Play
Title: *Joromi*, written by Steve James, Choreographed by Felix Akinsipe
Venue: Performing and Film Arts Theatre
Time: 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.; and 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, 22nd October, 2025 Convocation Lecture and Convocation Day I

(a) **Event:** Convocation Lecture
Title: 'The Gen-Z Playbook: Navigating Work and the Real World'
Lecturer: His Excellency, Babatunde Raji Fashola, *SAN, CON* Former Governor, Lagos State and former Honourable Minister, Federal Ministry of Works and Housing
Venue: University Auditorium
Time: 9:00 a.m. prompt

(b) **Event:** Graduation for "4 Year" Programmes and Diplomas. Award of Prizes, Diplomas, Certificates, and First Degrees for the Faculties of Arts, Basic Medical Sciences, Communication & Information Sciences, Education, Environmental Sciences, Life Sciences, Management Sciences, Physical Sciences and Social Sciences.
Venue: University Auditorium
Time: Immediately after the Convocation Lecture

(c) **Event:** Cocktail for Convocation Lecturer
Venue: Multipurpose Hall
Time: 12:30 p.m. prompt

Thursday, 23rd October, 2025 (Convocation Day II)

(c) **Event:** Graduation for "5" & "6" Year Programmes and Postgraduate Degrees.
i. Award of Prizes, and First Degrees for the Faculties of Agriculture, Engineering & Technology, Environmental Sciences, Basic Clinical Sciences, Clinical Sciences, Law, Pharmaceutical Sciences, Physical Sciences (OP), and Veterinary Medicine.
ii. Award of Postgraduate Degrees.
iii. Investiture of Emeritus Professors.

Venue: University Auditorium
Time: 9:00 a.m. prompt

(b) **Event:** Commissioning of Projects by the Visitor
Venue: Various Sites
Time: 1:30 p.m. prompt

(c) **Event:** Convocation Luncheon and Staff Merit Awards
Venue: Multipurpose Hall
Time: 4:00 p.m. prompt

Friday, 24th October, 2025

Event: Special Juma'at Service
Venue: Unilorin Central Mosque
Time: 1:30 p.m. prompt

Sunday, 26th October, 2025

Event: Thanksgiving Service
Venue: St. Thomas Aquinas Chaplaincy
Time: 9:00 a.m. prompt

B) BRIEF FOR GRADUANDS

Graduands are kindly requested to note the following important information that:

i) The 2024/2025 Academic Session commenced on Monday, 14th December, 2024 and ended on Monday, 15th September, 2025. All graduands who fall within the above dates are advised to check their names and graduation status on the list of graduands displayed on the University Website – www.unilorin.edu.ng.

ii) It is mandatory for all graduands to pay for the following items irrespective of whether or not they attend the Convocation Ceremonies, except otherwise indicated:

A) Undergraduate Degrees:		N
1	Student's Copy of Transcript	10,000
2	Certificate	10,000
	TOTAL	20,000
3*	Hiring of Academic Gown (Non-refundable)	
4*	Order of Proceedings	
5*	Muffler	
6*	Student ID Card (NYSC)	
7*	T-shirt	
8*	Administrative Charges	

B) Master's and other Postgraduate Degrees:		N
1	Student's Copy of Transcript	10,000
2	Certificate	10,000
	TOTAL	20,000
3*	Hiring of Academic Gown (Non-refundable)	
4*	Order of Proceedings	
5*	Muffler	
6*	T-shirt	
7*	Administrative Charges	

C) Ph.D. Degrees:		N
1	Certificate	10,000
	TOTAL	10,000
2*	Muffler	
3*	T-shirt	
4*	Order of Proceedings	
5*	Administrative Charges	

Please note that asterisk items are to be coordinated by Unilorin Holdings Limited.

iv) Order of Proceedings, Convocation gowns etc. will be available for collection from **Monday, 20th October, 2025** in the respective Faculties and the Postgraduate School on presentation of evidence of payment of appropriate charges. While certificates shall be distributed from the Convocation Day based on the return of academic gowns at the various Faculties and the Postgraduate School.

v) Graduands are expected to attend a rehearsal of the Academic Procession, which will hold at **3.00 p.m. on Monday, 20th October, 2025** at the University Auditorium after the Vice-Chancellor's Press briefing.

vi) It is compulsory for all graduands who will attend the Convocation Ceremony to participate in the Academic Procession and wear the approved academic outfits.

vii) All graduands are expected to be formally dressed in full English wear (i.e. suit, shirt and tie for men and skirt suit/skirt and blouse or gown for ladies) **OR** full national dress.

viii) All hired gowns should be returned by the graduands to their respective Faculty Officers not later than **Monday, 27th October, 2025**. Gowns returned after that date will attract a fine of Five Thousand Naira (N5,000) only per day.

C) MODE OF PAYMENT

i) Graduands should make their payments with Automated Teller Machine (ATM) cards. The ATM cards acceptable for use are **Master** and **Visa** cards. Each graduand should ensure that the amount in their accounts is up to the value of the required convocation charges and prevailing bank charges before logging into "Unilorin Convocation Portal" for payment.

D) PROCUREMENT OF ACADEMIC GOWNS

Please note that purchase of the University's academic gown is mandatory for Ph.D. graduands only and are expected to contact the office below for the purchase of academic gowns:

Technical Entrepreneurship Centre (TEC), University of Ilorin - +2348033598639.

E) OTHER REQUIREMENT

All graduands are expected to download from the University website the Google Form of the University of Ilorin Alumni Association, save evidence of the filled form on their phones as compliance.

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M.A. Alfanla

Registrar & Secretary to Council



UNILORIN WEEKLY FINANCIAL DIGEST

FUND SOURCES AND UTILIZATION REPORT FROM 25TH SEPTEMBER TO 2ND OCTOBER 2025

RECEIPTS:	AMOUNT
Boarded Property	435,250.00
Sundry & Other Fees Student Charges	1,111,350.00
Sundry Other Incomes	71,145,200.00
Convocation Souvenir	56,200.00
Income from Verification /Screening	260,161.25
Staff I.D Cards	2,500.00
CCSD Application fee	25,200.00
CCSCA-Clearance charges	20,200.00
University of Ilorin Fees	533,504.00
Tender Fees	250,000.00
Rent on University Property	142,605.04
CODL Form Processing Charges	15,200.00
Contractors' Registration Fees	1,000.00
General Donation To Unilorin	2,774,400.00
Undergraduate Transcript Payment	495,900.00
Undergraduate School Charges	33,042,102.00
Undergraduate Post UTME Registration	125,400.00
Undergraduate Clearance Charges	104,278,800.00
Undergraduate Convocation Charges	10,199,600.00
Postgraduate School Charges	6,326,130.00
Postgraduate Acceptance Payment	1,286,400.00
Postgraduate Transcript Payment	125,500.00
Postgraduate Verification of Results	1,616,050.00
Remedial Application Form	349,600.00
Ilorin Business School Application Form	75,400.00
Ilorin Business School Charges	1,630,000.00
Institute of Education Hostel Accommodation	341,600.00
Institute of Education School Charges	1,092,803.30
JUPEB Application Form	1,108,800.00
JUPEB Acceptance Payment	579,600.00
JUPEB School Charges	10,233,600.00
Total Receipt for the Period	₦249,680,055.59
PAYMENTS	
PAYMENT TO CONTRACTORS/SUPPLIERS:	
Digma Integrated Services Ltd Construction & Furnishing of Faculty of Social Sciences (CBNTETFUND)	10,166,279.04
Deen Aleem General Merchant Ltd Construction of Home Economics & Food Science Building (CBNTETFUND)	8,132,221.30
Meem Solar Solutions Installation of Solar System at Radio Station	12,487,624.32
Ola Dancy Tailors And Co Convocation Gowns	71,790,697.67
OTHER PAYMENTS:	
Various Various i.e DTA, IMPREST, REFUND e.t.c	77,490,945.93
Purchase Advance Various	1,586,910.00
Advertising Practitioners Council of Nigeria ARCON Training Course	160,000.00
Total TSA Charges Various	43,376.25
Total payment for the period	₦181,858,054.51

Signed
Abiodun Lawal (FCNA)
Bursar



S/N	NAME	DEPARTMENT	BIRTHDAY
1	ADEDAYO SEGUN MATHEW	MECHANICAL ENGINEERING	05-Oct
2	RAUF KAMILU	MATHEMATICS	05-Oct
3	ADEYI MARUF AYINDE	LIBRARY	05-Oct
4	IBRAHEEM HABEEBAT OLABISI	MATHEMATICS	05-Oct
5	AHMED BOLA ABDULKADIR	SURGERY	05-Oct
6	OLORUNOJE LUKMAN OLAREWAJU	QUANTITY SURVEYING	05-Oct
7	BELLO ABDULLATEEF	REGISTRY	05-Oct
8	OLATOKUN GANIYAT MOBOLAJI	PRIVATE & PROPERTY LAW	06-Oct
9	YUSUF MUDASIRU OLALERE	EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY	06-Oct
10	ARUNGBEMI JULIANAH OLUWATOYIN	REGISTRY	06-Oct
11	AJIBOYE TAJUDEEN KOLAWOLE	MECHANICAL ENGINEERING	06-Oct
12	AYINLA IBRAHIM	UNILORIN ZOO	06-Oct
13	GHAZALI MUHAMMAD TAIWO	PHARMACOGNOSY & DRUG DEVELOPMENT	06-Oct
14	JIMOH SHAKIRAT TAIYE	BURSARY	06-Oct
15	AFOLABI ABDULRAHMAN OLUSHOLA	OTORHINOLARYNGOLOGY	06-Oct
16	SHITTU OLALERE	ZOOLOGY	06-Oct
17	ABDULRAHMAN MOHAMMED	NETWORK OPERATING CENTRE	06-Oct
18	BOLAKALE IYABO	REGISTRY	06-Oct
19	ABDULKAREEM ABDULRAZAK KAYODE	PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION	06-Oct
20	MUSTAPHA MARYAM OLUWAKEMI	MASS COMMUNICATION	06-Oct
21	HAMBALI HAMBALI UMAR	CHEMICAL ENGINEERING	06-Oct
22	DAUDA ROFIAT OLUSOLA	HUMAN KINETICS & HEALTH EDUCATION	07-Oct
23	DAUDA ISMAILA	ACADEMIC PLANNING UNIT	07-Oct
24	ALAO RASAK ATANDA	ELECTRICAL & ELECTRONICS ENGINEERING	07-Oct
25	AJIBADE LUKMAN	REGISTRY	08-Oct
26	JIMOH MUSILIYU ADEBOLA	WORKS: CIVIL/BUILDING	08-Oct
27	JOB OBALOWU	STATISTICS	08-Oct
28	ADEMOLA SUSAN KEMI	REGISTRY	08-Oct
29	OBA ALIU	REGISTRY	08-Oct
30	LAWAL MUSILIYU ADEBAYO	NETWORK OPERATING CENTRE	08-Oct
31	OLANIYAN TITILAYO OMOLOLA	TECHNICAL & ENTREPRENEURSHIP CENTRE	08-Oct
32	OGUNDEJI OLATUNDE ABDULAH	PHYSICAL PLANNING UNIT	08-Oct
33	NUHU KEHINDE MURITALA	EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY	09-Oct
34	OKUNUGA AKINTUNDE BABATUNDE	ELECTRICAL & ELECTRONICS ENGINEERING	09-Oct
35	ATOLAGBE ELIZABETH OLUFUNKE	REGISTRY	09-Oct
36	DUROWADE BIDE MI SURURAT	BURSARY	09-Oct
37	YUSUF HAMDALLAT TAIWO	SOCIAL SCIENCE EDUCATION	09-Oct
38	BABATUNDE ABOSEDE RASHIDAT OMOWUNMI	CENTRE FOR PEACE & STRATEGIC STUDIES	09-Oct
39	BAKINDE SURAJUDEEN TOSHO	HUMAN KINETICS & HEALTH EDUCATION	09-Oct
40	HASSAN IDAYAT FOLASHADE	DIRECTORATE OF CORPORATE AFFAIRS	09-Oct
41	KURANGA YUNUS ADEBAYO	ADULT & PRIMARY EDUCATION	09-Oct
42	OLADITI MUIDEEN KUNLE	PHARMACEUTICS & INDUSTRIAL PHARMACY	10-Oct
43	OLAJOYE REUBEN OLAWALE	GEOLOGY & MINERAL SCIENCE	10-Oct
44	FASASI YUNUS ADEBUNMI	EDUCATIONAL MANAGEMENT	10-Oct
45	ADISA RASHID SOLAGBERU	AGRIC. EXTENSION & RURAL DEVELOPMENT	10-Oct
46	ADEBOYE HELEN OMOLAYO	REGISTRY	10-Oct
47	KOLAWOLE OLATUNJI MATTHEW	MICROBIOLOGY	10-Oct
48	JAMES JANET ADEREMI	REGISTRY	10-Oct
49	OLAJOYE MARY OLAYINKA	COMPUTER SCIENCE	10-Oct
50	SAMUEL DEBORAH EYITAYO	BURSARY	10-Oct
51	PHILIP OLUYEMISI OLADUNNI	BURSARY	10-Oct
52	OLADIPO GANIYU TAIWO	BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION	10-Oct
53	MEJABI AISHAT IDOWU	HEALTH SERVICES	10-Oct
54	ABOLARIN SUSAN MAKANJUOLA	REGISTRY	10-Oct
55	IBRAHIM OLAITAN ABDUL-GANIYU	WORKS: WORKS/MAINTENANCE OFFICE	10-Oct
56	IBRAHIM WASIU OLUWATOYIN	FINANCE	10-Oct
57	ELIJAH KEHINDE HASSAN	WORKS: WORKS/MAINTENANCE OFFICE	10-Oct
58	SULAIMAN YUSUF	LIBRARY	10-Oct
59	ABDULSALAM ABDULLAH	CLINICAL PHARMACY & PHARMACY PRACTICE	10-Oct
60	RASAK TUNDE	SECURITY DIVISION	10-Oct
61	YUSUF SULAIMAN MAGAJI	REGISTRY	10-Oct
62	63164B65R66AHIM RASHIDAT OLADOSU	REGISTRY	10-Oct
63	BABAMALE RASAK RAMAT	TEACHING & RESEARCH FARM	10-Oct
64	LAWAL YUSUF	REGISTRY	10-Oct
65	MUBARAK MUSTAPHA TOYIN	REGISTRY	10-Oct
66	OLOBAYO FOLUSHO FRANCIS	REGISTRY	11-Oct
67	OLAJOYE FEMI JOHNSON	HEALTH SERVICES	11-Oct
68	ISSA ABDULWAHAB OLANREWAJU	LIBRARY & INFORMATION SCIENCE	11-Oct
69	YAKUB MUHAMMAD JAMU	WORKS: WORKS/MAINTENANCE OFFICE	11-Oct
70	SALAMI OMAISEYE TOSAN	PHARMACEUTICAL MICROBIOLOGY & BIOTECHNOLOGY	11-Oct
71	MUSTAPHA RAHMAT BOLA	HEALTH SERVICES	11-Oct
72	AJAO KABIRU SULEIMAN	MATERIALS & METALLURGICAL ENGINEERING	11-Oct
73	SAYI-MOHAMMED AMINAT	REGISTRY	11-Oct



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Unilorin: Driving Excellence, Integrity, and Innovation in Higher Education

In any serious conversation about Nigerian universities that embody global excellence, one name consistently rises to the fore: the University of Ilorin. Established in 1975, this iconic institution, fondly known as the “Better by Far University,” has grown into one of Nigeria's most prestigious and sought-after centres of higher learning. Renowned for its culture of discipline, innovation, and academic excellence, the university has built a legacy that resonates far beyond the country's borders.

Nestled in the historic city of Ilorin, Kwara State, the University boasts one of the largest land expanses of any tertiary institution in Africa, over 5,000 hectares of serene landscape dedicated to learning, research, and innovation. Within this vast campus thrives a vibrant academic community; 16 faculties, over 100 departments, and a dynamic student body engaged in programmes that cut across the arts, sciences, engineering, health sciences, law, agriculture, and social sciences. Guided by its enduring motto, Learning and Character, the institution not only imparts cutting-edge knowledge but also instills values that prepare its graduates for leadership and service on the global stage.

Perhaps one of its most distinguishing features is its famed uninterrupted academic calendar, a rarity in Nigeria's higher education space. This consistency has made Unilorin a magnet for some of the brightest students from across the nation and beyond, positioning it as a trailblazer in shaping the future of education, research, and innovation in Africa.

At the helm of this formidable institution is Professor Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, the 11th Vice-Chancellor of the University. A distinguished scholar and astute manager of resources, Prof. Egbewole has brought to bear his wealth of professional, organizational, and academic expertise in advancing the university's mission. His principled leadership, coupled with a bold vision, has continued to raise the bar, reinforcing Unilorin's reputation as a household name in Nigeria's academic space and a model of global relevance.

Speaking on the policies that sustain the institution's culture of excellence, the Vice-Chancellor explained that the university's strength lies in its rigorous processes. “Excellence is always the basis upon which we embark on anything,” he said. From the departmental level to the faculty, curriculum committee, business committee of senate, and finally the senate itself, every programme is subjected to layers of scrutiny. “We also believe in sustainability, which is why everything goes through a number of processes. Our mantra is to put round pegs in round holes, and that has assisted us over time.”

Beyond policies, Unilorin thrives on a set of corporate values that define its character. “Our core values include Integrity, Excellence, and Humaneness. We are not just an educational institution; we are one with a difference in how we relate with students and staff, in how we design enduring curricula, and in the premium we place on values.” This translates into zero tolerance for abandoned projects, corruption, cultism, or misconduct. “These are irreducible for us, because everything we do here must reflect integrity and a drive for

excellence.”

Looking ahead, Prof. Egbewole articulated a bold vision through Vision 110-500, an ambitious roadmap to position Unilorin as number one in Nigeria, among the top 10 in Africa, and one of the best 500 universities globally. “We call it shuttling to the space,” he explained. “That is where we belong, and where we are supposed to operate.”

To achieve this, the university is embracing technology-driven transformation. Processes from admission to graduation are being fully automated, minimizing unnecessary human contact and ensuring efficiency. Classrooms are supported by a homegrown Learning Management System (LMS) that enables students to attend lectures, participate in discussions, pay fees, apply for accommodation, and interact with lecturers from the comfort of their rooms anytime, anywhere. Staff benefit from an enterprise portal that streamlines communication and administration, making physical queues and bureaucratic bottlenecks a thing of the past.

Internationalization is another pillar of Unilorin's global drive. With over 100 active Memoranda of Understanding across continents, the university has established strategic concentric circles of partnerships. Starting with KU8+ (a synergy of all universities in Kwara State), it has expanded into national, regional, and continental collaborations. Today, Prof. Egbewole serves as Secretary-General of the Association of West African Universities, Vice-President of the Association of African Universities, and an active member of U6, a pan-African consortium. Beyond Africa, Unilorin maintains active collaborations with institutions in Asia and Latin America, including Brazil, China, and Malaysia. “We are not doing this for the fun of it,” he emphasized. “We are doing it because collaboration at those levels enriches our processes and impacts the Nigerian higher education system.”

At the infrastructural level, the university is intentional about creating an environment that inspires learning, productivity, and pride. “We want a campus that appeals to students, staff, and visitors alike,” Prof. Egbewole said. True to this vision, Unilorin has nurtured a green campus with manicured lawns and serene landscapes that reflect order and discipline. Ten classrooms are being transformed into world-class smart learning spaces, while sustainability drives innovation across facilities. “As we sit in the Senate building now, we are not on the national grid,” the Vice-Chancellor revealed. “We are powered by solar, and it drives practically all our processes. For the past two and a half years, we have resolved that all new infrastructures in Unilorin will be smart.”

So, from its values to its infrastructure, from local policies to global collaborations, the University of Ilorin continues to live up to its mantra of being Better by Far. With resilience, innovation, and a clear global vision, it stands as a shining model of excellence not just for Nigeria, but for Africa and the world.

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