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For four events-packed days last week (Monday, 24th – Thursday, 27th November, 2025), the University of Ilorin went abuzz, as dignitaries from all walks of life turned the Better by far campus to a Mecca of sort, all for the 50th anniversary celebration of the University.

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LUMUMBA TASKS NIGERIA ON AFRICAN RENAISSANCE

By Abubakar Imam
and Isaac Lewu

The expansive campus of the University of Ilorin was turned into a beehive of activities last week, as dignitaries from all over the world converged on its tastefully decorated campus for the series of activities organised to mark the University's Golden Jubilee.

The anniversary, which was kicked off penultimate Sunday (November 23, 2025) with special Church services, was highlighted with an Anniversary Lecture and Fundraising for an iconic project for the University held at the University Auditorium last Thursday (November 27, 2025), while a special Jumaat service was held last Friday (November 28, 2025) at the University Central Mosque to bring the action-packed anniversary to an end.

Delivering the Anniversary Lecture a distinguished Pan-Africanist and renowned public speaker, Prof. P. L. O. Lumumba, called on the Nigerian government and the country at large to brace-up to lead other African countries to greatness.

Prof. Lumumba noted that Nigeria, as a country, must not think about herself alone but always think about the rest of Africa with a view to providing leadership for the entire continent.

The Anniversary Speaker said that Nigeria is endowed with all the resources it would require to lead African renaissance, saying that with its population and material and human resources, the country must not shy away from this responsibility.

According to him, the continent of Africa is currently facing food insecurity, political instability, and crises in some countries like Sudan, saying this is the time for Nigeria to lead the rest of the continent to prosperity.

Prof. Lumumba, who is also a seasoned legal practitioner and former Head of the Kenyan Anti-Corruption Agency, highlighted some of the areas Nigeria is spectacularly blessed with, including mineral and natural resources, as well as human resources. "If you look at the human resources that Nigeria has, you will be amazed," he said.

The multiple award-winning scholar highlighted the fact that many Nigerians are doing wonders and making meaningful impacts in many developed nations as professionals, and that there is hardly any nation in the world one will visit without any Nigerian professional making a positive impact in that area. "When you travel outside this country, whether in Europe or America, whether in Africa, you will find Nigerian doctors,

engineers, or professors in that country," he added.

Prof. Lumumba called on African countries to work together and create a visa-free movement for African citizens. "I look forward to the day African citizens can move freely without visas. I look forward to that day when African citizens can visit African nations without signing an exit or entry form," he said.

He advised that citizens must decolonize their minds and mentality if Africa is to be great. He explained that they must do away with complacency, and do the right thing now.

Prof. Lumumba also called for cultural emancipation through the teaching of various African languages, such as Hausa, Yoruba, Igbo, Swahili, and Afrikaans, among others, to save their culture.

He also

canvassed for a pride of place for intellectuals across the continent. According to Prof. Lumumba, Africa can only be great when the intellectuals and academics are given their rightful place. He lamented that many conferences organised on education and health in Africa have failed to yield positive results because Africans have failed to implement most of the resolutions of such summits.

Prof. Lumumba said that it is time the Nigerian government and governments in other African countries recognise the rightful place of universities and their intellectuals as agents of research, innovation, and development.

Speaking on the University of Ilorin, Prof. Lumumba acknowledged the acclaimed better by far status of the University considering its size, reputation and edifying accomplishments of its alumni who are doing well all over the world.

He congratulated the University on attaining the age of 50, saying that UNILORIN has not only come of age but it is also endowed with the potentials to rule the world.

Prof. Lumumba encouraged the University to introduce more programmes that would make it the springboard of African renaissance.

The highlights of the event included the presentation of an



Anniversary book and the conferment of award on the visitor to the University, President Bola Ahmed Tinubu, GCFR; the First Lady of Nigeria, Senator Oluremi Tinubu, CON; the Governor of Zamfara State, Dr Dauda Lawal and Prof. Lumumba, among others. Institutional awards were also conferred on the National Universities Commission (NUC); the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB); the Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFUND), and the Nigerian Education Loan Fund, (NELFUND) among several others.

About ₦1,000,000,000 was also raised at the event with ₦500,000,000 coming from friends and associates of the Executive Chairman of the Federal Inland Revenue Service (FIRS), Dr Zach Adedeji while the Chairman of KURSHI Investment Limited, Ambassador Abdulfatai Yahaya Seriki, MFR, donated ₦200,000,000 and the Waziri of Ilorin and former President of the Senate, Dr Abubakar Bukola Saraki, CON, donated ₦100,000,000. The Governor of Zamfara State, Dr Dauda Lawal, and a prominent businessman, Alhaji Sheriff Shagaya also donated ₦50,000,000 each as Mallam AbdulHakeem Mustapha, SAN, Hon. Tunji Olawuyi and Zenith Bank also donated ₦10,000,000 each.

Egbewole tasks students on centenary vision

By Tajudeen Babamale

The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has challenged students of the institution to strive for excellence in their various disciplines as a vital step towards building a strong foundation for the institution's centenary celebration in 50 years' time.

Prof. Egbewole gave this charge last Tuesday (November 25, 2025) during an interactive session with student leaders, themed "Laying the Foundation: From the 50th Anniversary to the Centenary". The interactive session was one of the key activities that marked the University's Golden Jubilee.

Speaking on the theme, the Vice Chancellor stated that the future of the University of Ilorin depends significantly on the quality of students it produces today. He pointed out that to prepare for the next 50 years, students must excel in their various disciplines, adding that it is only when they excel that they would be able to tell the institution's story in the next half-century.

Prof. Egbewole urged the students to acquire the best possible training during their stay in the University, equip themselves with all the necessary abilities they will need after their studentship and present themselves as worthy ambassadors of the University, just as exemplified by the Ag. Dean of Student Affairs, Dr Alex Akanmu, and a former UNILORIN Student Union's President, Ambassador Lukman Shobowale.

While encouraging the students to remain connected to the University even after graduation by building strong networks among themselves, he explained that such networks are essential for personal growth, institutional development, and future collaborations. As an example, he cited how a single phone conversation between Dr. Akanmu and Ambassador Shobowale resulted in the donation of 250-bed space hostel to the University.

Explaining the importance of the interactive session, the Vice Chancellor said the student leaders own the celebration as representatives of the student body, and the engagement is expected to lay the foundation for the University's centenary celebration. He noted that while many members of the current administration may not be present in the next 50 years due to the natural progression of life, many of today's



students will likely be around to witness and lead the centenary celebration. He said this underscores the importance of their roles in shaping the University's future.

Speaking earlier, the Ag. Dean of Student Affairs, Dr Alex Morenikeji Akanmu, appreciated the Vice Chancellor for the opportunity to host the interactive session with the student leaders as part of the University's 50th anniversary celebrations.

Dr Akanmu described the occasion as both unique and historic, noting that despite having participated in several milestone celebrations of the University including the 25th, 30th, 40th, and now the 50th anniversaries, this is the first time a sitting Vice Chancellor has held a direct interactive engagement with students during an anniversary celebration.

He said this gesture by the Vice Chancellor underscores the Administration's commitment to inclusiveness, student development, and shared ownership of the institution's future.

Meanwhile, a former Student Union President and CEO/Co-Founder of Dukiya Investment, Lukman Shobowale, challenged the students to cultivate a global mindset and strive for excellence beyond local boundaries. He said that true scholarship is measured not by one's environment or nationality, but by the ability to excel on a global stage.

Mr Shobowale urged the students to ensure that whatever they do, whether proposal writing, public speaking, innovation, entrepreneurship, or any other skill, must be refined enough to appeal to people across continents. He added that the world has become a global village where students must compete not only

with peers in Nigeria but also with counterparts in Bangkok, Rio de Janeiro, London, and other major cities.

Reflecting on his personal journey, Shobowale said his days in the Student Union at the University of Ilorin ignited his passion for leadership and significantly boosted his confidence. This confidence, he revealed, played a crucial role in his success during his visa interview and subsequently in his international engagements.

Also speaking at the event, a former Sub-Dean of Student Affairs and current Director of the Institute of Education, Prof. AbdulRaheem Yusuf, urged the student leaders to commit themselves to nurturing a University of Ilorin that will not only attain its centenary but will do so with pride and distinction.

As the University transitions from its 50th anniversary toward the next 50 years, Prof. Yusuf challenged the student leaders to become the generation that strengthens the institution's foundation, by being one that will be remembered for discipline, innovation, responsibility, and a commitment to impactful leadership. He encouraged them to rise above the usual focus on elections and student politics by choosing projects, programmes, and policies that build enduring legacies and uplift those who will come after them.

Drawing from his experience as a former Sub-Dean of Student Affairs, Prof. Yusuf added that the next chapter of the University of Ilorin belongs to all stakeholders. He said that collective success is only possible when individuals commit themselves wholeheartedly to the growth and development of their institution.

First Lady, Oluremi Tinubu, lauds Unilorin's Legacy of Excellence

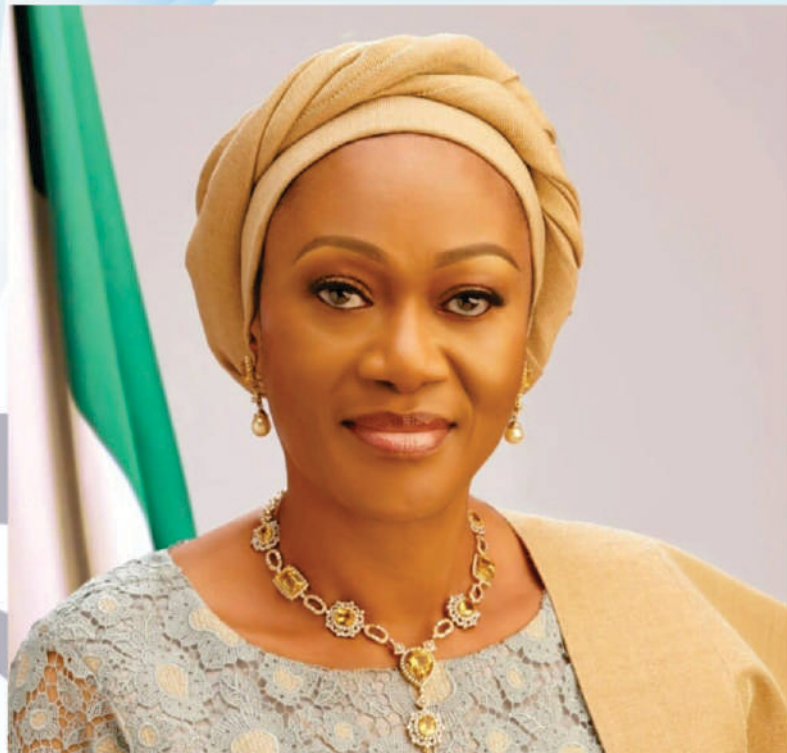
By Tajudeen Babamale

The First Lady of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, Senator Oluremi Tinubu, CON, has praised the University of Ilorin for its commitment to quality education over the past five decades, describing the institution as a shining model of academic excellence and national development.

The First Lady, who was represented by the wife of the Governor of Kwara State, Ambassador Olufolake AbdulRazaq, who was further represented by the wife of the Chief Judge of Kwara State, Mrs Janet Olufunke Adebara, delivered the commendation in her goodwill message at the Grand Finale of the University's 50th Anniversary Celebration held at the University Auditorium last Thursday (November 27, 2025).

Senator Tinubu noted that since its establishment in 1975, the University of Ilorin has remained dedicated to nurturing bright minds and producing graduates who continue to contribute meaningfully to national growth. She congratulated the University community on the milestone and applauded the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, for sustaining the institution's enviable legacy.

The First Lady, who reechoed the Renewed Hope Agenda of President



■ First Lady, Oluremi Tinubu,

Bola Ahmed Tinubu, GCFR, reaffirmed the Administration's commitment to expanding access to education as a fundamental pillar of national development.

She stated that the National Students Loan Scheme was designed to support students in tertiary institutions and ensure they complete their academic journeys without financial barriers.

While stressing that nation-building is a collective responsibility that

involves families, communities, and institutions, she encouraged all stakeholders to create an environment where education can thrive and drive sustainable national growth.

Senator Tinubu urged students of the University of Ilorin to remain focused, work diligently, prepare to contribute to the nation's future, and reinforce the University's vision of shaping capable leaders for Nigeria and beyond.

We should always be grateful for divine grace, Chief Imam tasks Unilorites

By Abubakar Abdulquadri

The Chief Imam of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Nasir Abdus-Salam, has enjoined members of the University Community to be grateful to Allah for the success of the just-concluded 50th anniversary of the institution.

Prof. Abdus-Salam stated this last Friday, (November 28, 2025), while delivering a special sermon, titled "At 50: University's Record Success Deserves Gratitude", at the University Mosque.



Prof. Abdus-Salam

The Chief Imam explained further that every blessing upon an

individual is a test to know whether he will be grateful to Almighty Allah or not. "The more grateful you are, the more you will be blessed and rewarded," he said.

The renowned scholar, who congratulated the entire University community on the success of the anniversary, prayed to Allah to uplift the University and its constituents to greater heights.

The Chief Imam later led the congregation in two-raka'at prayer.

Make UNILORIN better, Egbewole urges alumni

By Mustafa Abubakar
and Bashir Dawodu

The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has called on alumni of the institution to join hands to uplift and build the ivory tower and make it better than they met it.

Prof. Egbewole made this call last Wednesday (November 26, 2025), while speaking at the 50th Anniversary Alumni Colloquium Day and Award Presentations, held at the University Auditorium.

In his address, titled “We Shall Build the Tower, UNILORIN,” the Vice Chancellor encouraged the alumni of the University to move from a traditional alumni approach to an integrated partnership model, stressing that alumni must enter into a dynamic and mutually beneficial relationship with the University.

According to him, alumni should take upon themselves part of the day-to-day life of the institution, serving as reputation and prestige managers, fundraisers, initiators of lifelong projects, mentors of current students, providers of scholarships and sponsorships, volunteers, career-guidance advisors, and connectors to professional opportunities and global linkages.

Prof. Egbewole said, “Across the world, Alumni Associations are not only pressure groups advocating standard delivery and quality control; they are also major stakeholders in adding value to their institutions. Alumni bodies are expected to drive programmes that enhance employability, create opportunities, stimulate endowments, and facilitate scholarships and grants for the University, its members, and future graduates.”

Also speaking at the event, former Governor of Kwara State, Dr Abdulfatah Ahmed, charged the alumni to partner with colleagues across the world. He urged students to be bold, saying that UNILORIN graduates are known not by what they accumulate but by how many people succeed through them.

“Your degree is a valuable credential, but ultimately, your character and tangible contributions will define your lasting legacy,” Dr Ahmed said.

In his remarks, the Chairman of the Colloquium Day, Senator Abdulfatah Omotayo Buhari, noted that UNILORIN has remained true to the third stanza of its



■ Prof. Kilani

anthem — “In Unity We Grow.”

He stressed that the bond among alumni remains strong, adding that “whatever you do to your school, you are actually investing in yourself.”

Senator Buhari advised current students of the University to take their education seriously and never forget their alma mater.

In his welcome address, the President of the UNILORIN Alumni Association, Prof. A. O. Kilani, described the 50th Anniversary celebration as a homecoming of excellence that reunited old classmates and colleagues. He urged alumni never to lose connection with their alma mater while also encouraging current students to build networks that would take them beyond their imagination.

The Chairman of the 50th Anniversary Committee, Prof. Olugbenga A. Mokuolu, commended all guests for honouring the invitation and praised the committee members for their dedication and commitment to the success of the programme.

In her goodwill message, Ambassador Nimota Nihilola Akanbi, OON, expressed gratitude to the University for shaping her life. She encouraged the University authorities to continue entrenching discipline while ensuring excellent service delivery to students, whom she described as vital stakeholders deserving to be treated like kings.

“We should endow prizes and projects in the University, attract partnerships, and make the institution attractive to our children, grandchildren, and their friends,” she said.

The Pro-Chancellor and Chairman of the Governing Council,



■ Prof. Egbewole

Surveyor Abiodun Aluko, in his remarks, congratulated the alumni for sustaining the culture of excellence that the University is known for. He emphasised that alumni are the living testimonies to the University's impact, urging them to keep projecting UNILORIN's good name globally. He reaffirmed the Council's commitment to supporting initiatives that will make the University stronger, more competitive, and more globally visible.

The day also featured the commissioning of the newly completed Alumni Secretariat, a project that symbolises the growing strength and institutional presence of the alumni body.

After the formal activities, guests were treated to a luncheon, where alumni, staff, and dignitaries interacted in a relaxed atmosphere.

This was followed by a captivating stage drama performance by the University's Performing Arts Department, which celebrated UNILORIN's history, values, and national contributions over five decades.

Highlights of the Alumni Day of the anniversary included the presentation of awards to 17 outstanding individuals. Among the recipients are Dr Zacch Adedeji, Prof. Jacob Folorunso Olorunfemi, Prof. Muritala Awodun, Senator Abdulfatah Omotayo Buhari, HE Alhaji Dr Abdulfatah Ahmed, Dr Adedamola Adejuwon Adedayo Dada, Ambassador Nimota Nihilola Akanbi, Dr Joe Okei Odumakin, Dr Kayode Opeifa, DIG Rhoda Adetutu Olofu, Dr Emmanuel Babatunde Olusunle, Hon. Abayomi Sheba, DIG Adebola Ayinde Hazmat, Dr Opeoluwa S. Sotonwa, Major Dr Yakubu Musa Sukam, Amb. Demenongu Apollonius Agev, and Prof. Philip E. Egbe.

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Anniversary Walk



Visit to the Emir's Palace



VC's Dialogue with former Principal Officers



Son of Iron Premiere



At the Alumni Colloquium



At the Award



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At the Commissioning of Space Research Centre



At the Dinner



At the JAMB Hostel Commissioning



At the Luncheon



At the Special Recognitions Awards



UNILORIN at 50: VC hails massive turnout, as POGSASS congratulates Unilorites

By Mustafa Abubakar

The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has described the massive turnout at the institution's 50th Anniversary celebration as "very impressive."

Prof. Egbewole, who said this in an interview with the *UNILORIN 89.3 FM* last Monday (November 24, 2025), expressed appreciation to staff, students, supporters, and particularly the Chairman of the University Governing Council, Surv. Abiodun Aluko, for their presence at the historic event.

He added that the University community had witnessed visible manifestations of excellence throughout the anniversary week.

He appealed to the populace to continue supporting the institution in all

its endeavours so it can achieve its set goals.

On the choice of the Anniversary Speaker, Prof. Egbewole explained that Prof. P. L. O. Lumumba was selected because of his vast expertise in University governance, higher education, and matters affecting African societies.

He emphasised that the selection was intentional and aligned with the core theme of the University's Golden Jubilee.

In a related development, the Postgraduate Students' Association (POGSASS), University of Ilorin, in a statement jointly signed by its President, Hakeem Abiodun Kuranga; General Secretary, Lawal Ibrahim Anigilaje; and Public Relations Officer, Ogundoro Kehinde Joshua, congratulated the University on its 50th Anniversary.

The Association described the Golden Jubilee as a historic moment marking five decades of sustained

academic excellence, administrative stability, institutional expansion, and contributions to national development.

It noted that since its establishment in 1975, the University has grown into a respected citadel of learning admired for its discipline, continuity, and competitive scholarship.

According to the statement, "POGSASS celebrated the visionary leadership of the Vice Chancellor, Professor Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, under whom the University has recorded advancements in academic innovation, infrastructural development, global partnerships, postgraduate research support, and institutional strengthening.

The trio commended the Vice Chancellor's commitment to maintaining the University's legacy of peace and an uninterrupted academic calendar.



Celebrating Excellence, Sustaining Greatness

Adekeye to deliver 293rd Inaugural Lecture, Dec. 4

The Vice Chancellor, University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, invites members of the University community and the general public to the Two hundred and ninety-third (293rd) Inaugural Lecture of the University, scheduled as follows:

Lecturer: Professor Deborah Shade Adekeye
B. Sc. (Hons), M. Sc., MPA.,
Ph. D. (Ilorin), PGDE (Kaduna)

Department: Sociology,

Faculty: Social Sciences,

Topic: "Breaking the Glass Ceiling for African Women: Insights from

Date: Thursday, 4th December, 2025
Time: 5.00 p.m.
Venue: Multipurpose Hall,
Main Campus, University of Ilorin
Chairman: Professor Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN
Vice-Chancellor, University of Ilorin

Mr Mansur Adeleke Alfanla
Registrar



50th anniversary: Emir of Ilorin praises UNILORIN's quiet achievements

By Abubakar Imam
and Tajudeen Babamale

The Emir of Ilorin and Chairman of the Kwara State Council of Chiefs, Alhaji (Dr) Ibrahim Sulu-Gambari, CFR, has commended the University of Ilorin on its culture of excellence built on humility, noting that the institution does not make noise, its achievements do.

The Emir made the remarks last Monday (November 24, 2025) while receiving the Chairman of the Governing Council of the University of Ilorin, Surveyor Jacob Abiodun Aluko; the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN; members of the Governing Council; Principal Officers; alumni; staff and students of the University during a courtesy visit to his palace. The visit was part of activities marking the University's 50th anniversary celebrations.

The Emir acknowledged the University's consistent progress over the decades and described his guests as a group of forward-looking and progressive individuals. He observed that knowing how the University began and seeing the level it has attained today brings him tremendous pride, particularly its reputation as a respected institution in Nigeria and beyond.

He also noted the University's long-standing stability, especially its record of uninterrupted academic calendar, which has given students confidence in the certainty of their graduation timelines, adding that this stability has enhanced the prestige of both the University and the Ilorin community at national and global levels.

Reflecting on Ilorin's rich intellectual heritage, the Emir recalled the scholarly legacy of Sheikh Alimi, the founder of the Ilorin Emirate, whose depth of knowledge and character continue to define the city's identity as he reaffirmed that knowledge remains one of the strongest attributes historically associated with the Ilorin community.

The Emir extended his congratulations to the University on reaching its golden jubilee and expressed his delight at the institution's accomplishments. He emphasised that both the University and the Ilorin Emirate merit the honour and recognition that the 50th Anniversary represents.

Speaking earlier, the Chairman



of the Governing Council of the University of Ilorin, Surveyor Jacob Abiodun Aluko, congratulated the Emir on his 30th anniversary on the throne, describing the milestone as a blessing not only to the Ilorin Emirate but also to the University community.

Surv. Aluko noted that it was a pleasant coincidence for the University to be celebrating its golden jubilee at the same time the Emir was marking three decades of impactful leadership. He said that the double celebration symbolises harmony, growth, and divine favour for both institutions.

The Council Chairman lauded the Emir for his continuous support, emphasising that the University bears the name of the Emirate with pride because Ilorin has given it a reputable identity grounded in peace, hospitality, and cultural dignity. He stated that Ilorin remains one of the most peaceful and accommodating cities in the country, making it an ideal environment for academic excellence.

Surv. Aluko explained that the University is proud to be associated with the Ilorin community and acknowledged the Emir's pivotal role in ensuring that the institution enjoys a serene and supportive host environment. He added that Ilorin is home to everyone, irrespective of origin, and that this spirit of inclusiveness has strengthened the bond between the town and the gown.

Surv. Aluko reaffirmed the University's aspiration to become the number one institution in Nigeria, noting that the goal is achievable through the cooperation of the Emir, the Ilorin Emirate community, and the collective efforts of staff and management.

He commended the Vice Chancellor Prof. Wahab Olasupo

Egbewole, SAN, and his team for their dedication to projecting the University positively and ensuring that it remains in the news for the right reasons.

On his part, the Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, expressed gratitude to Almighty Allah for preserving the Emir and granting him the privilege to mark 30 years on the throne of his forefathers. He described the Emir's reign as one that has brought peace, dignity, and steady progress to the Ilorin Emirate.

The Vice Chancellor reflected on the historical relationship between the University and the Emirate, noting that UNILORIN was established on a land graciously allocated by the 9th Emir of Ilorin, Sheikh Sulu Gambari, CFR, who was the father of the current Emir, Alhaji Ibrahim Sulu-Gambari, CFR. He stated that the institution continues to enjoy the goodwill, hospitality, and protection of the Ilorin community, which has made its growth over the past 50 years possible.

Prof. Egbewole pointed out that this foundational support created a stable environment that has enabled the University to thrive academically, administratively, and socially. He noted that the University remains grateful for the continuous accommodation and cooperation it has enjoyed from the Emirate.

The Vice Chancellor added that as UNILORIN celebrates its golden jubilee, it remains determined to strengthen its partnership with the Ilorin community and ensure that every effort capable of advancing the Emirate's growth and prestige is pursued with dedication.

Egbewole charts lofty future for UNILORIN

By Tajudeen Babamale

The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has unveiled an inspiring and ambitious roadmap for the institution's next fifty years as he called on all stakeholders to recommit to excellence, innovation, and global leadership.

Prof. Egbewole declared this ambition last Thursday (November 27, 2025) in a welcome address, titled "From a Sturdy Past to a Lofty Future: Sustaining UNILORIN's Niche in the Global Academia", delivered during the grand finale of the University's 50th Anniversary celebrations, held at the University Auditorium.

He declared that although the University's past is sturdy, its future must be even loftier as he restated his Administration's commitment to ensuring that UNILORIN remains "Better by Far". He expressed confidence that succeeding administrations will uphold the mantra as the University continues its ascent toward greater global impact and excellence.

Prof. Egbewole, who is also the Secretary-General of the Association of West African Universities (AWAU), stressed that the next era demands creative, digital, and AI-aligned approaches to teaching and learning,

pointing out that the University has already developed a responsible academic AI policy to guide this evolution.

While stating that sustaining UNILORIN's niche in the global academic landscape requires intentional and strategic focus, the Vice Chancellor highlighted plans to scale up research impact through enhanced grant-writing support, increased seed funding, and expanded interdisciplinary platforms addressing pressing global challenges such as renewable energy, climate change, sustainable development, digital health, and food security. He added that the University will intensify efforts to incentivise patents, spin-offs, and commercialisation to convert research outputs into real-world solutions.

Prof. Egbewole, who also serves as the Vice President (West Africa) of the Association of African Universities (AAU), stated that global partnerships remain central to the next phase of UNILORIN's development. He said, the University intends to deepen international collaborations through expanded exchange programmes, joint research laboratories, and centres of excellence with highly ranked institutions worldwide. He noted that, these efforts will enhance the University's visibility and strengthen its global diversity.

The Vice Chancellor urged all stakeholders including students, staff, alumni, partners, and the host

community—to join hands in shaping a bold future for the University. While encouraging alumni to return, invest, mentor, and strengthen their ties with the institution, He urged the students to dream big and lead courageously; as he called on staff and faculty to continue nurturing innovation and excellence. He also appealed to government, industry, and development partners to help bridge the gap between research outputs and practical societal needs as a collective effort in driving progress.

On his part, the Pro-Chancellor and Chairman of the Governing Council of the University of Ilorin, Surveyor Jacob Abiodun Aluko, noted with pride that the institution, which began in 1975 with only 200 pioneer students, has grown into a thriving academic community of more than 50,000 learners.

While reflecting on the institution's remarkable transformation, the Pro-Chancellor recalled that the vast space that was once thick bush five decades ago has evolved into a vibrant community of intellectuals and nation builders.

Surveyor Aluko, however, said those that are privileged to be at the helm of affairs during the golden jubilee are exceptionally fortunate, as their names will be etched in history in gold for stewarding the University at such a defining moment.



Stylish Anniversary Walk heralds UNILORIN's 50th anniversary celebrations

By Tajudeen Babamale

The week-long Golden Jubilee celebrations of the University of Ilorin kicked off on Monday (November 24, 2025) with a stylish Anniversary Walk that drew an impressive turnout of staff, students, alumni, and friends of the institution.

Flagging off the event at the Main Gate of the University, the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, expressed appreciation to members of the University community for coming out in large numbers, describing their participation as an affirmation of their commitment to the growth and ideals of the institution.

He noted that the Golden Jubilee is designed to highlight the University's

impact, draw attention to its achievements over the past five decades, and reaffirm its readiness for future innovations.

Prof. Egbewole explained that the Walk also symbolised the University's strong bond with its host community, emphasising that the institution remains an active and proud participant in the socio-

economic development of Ilorin and Kwara State.

The Vice Chancellor also extended gratitude to development partners and friends of the University from across the world for their consistent support, which he said has contributed

tremendously to the University's growth and the success of the anniversary programme.

The Walk climaxed with a courtesy visit to the Emir of Ilorin, Alhaji (Dr.) Ibrahim Sulu-Gambari, CFR, in his palace.



VC appreciates staff for unprecedented support during 50th anniversary celebrations

By Tajudeen Babamale

The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has extolled the members of staff of the institution for their exceptional support towards the success of the just-concluded 50th Anniversary of the University.

In a message sent to members of the University community last Friday (November 28, 2025), Prof. Egbewole described the collective effort demonstrated by staff as "uncommon support" that played a pivotal role in the resounding success of the golden jubilee activities. He acknowledged the various forms of contributions received, ranging from donations to the commitment of time, passion, and active participation in all scheduled events.

The Vice Chancellor noted that the remarkable achievements recorded during the week-long celebration would not have been possible without the dedication and collaborative spirit of the

University workforce.

He, however, assured staff members that his administration remains committed to giving its best to advance the institution while prioritising the welfare of all employees.

In the same vein, the Chairman of the 50th Anniversary Committee, Prof. Olugbenga A. Mokuolu, expressed gratitude to the entire University community for their roles in the resounding success of the celebration, describing the week-long series of events as a grand carnival of excellence.

Prof. Mokuolu said the impressive turnout, dedication, and unity demonstrated by staff, students, alumni, and partners were the true drivers of the celebration's overwhelming success.

The Chairman extended special recognition to the institution's Ilorin Emirate Staff Association, the Alumni body, student leaders, Unions and Associations, the Technical Entrepreneurship Centre, Unilorin Holdings, and several other collaborators for their invaluable

contributions.

While appreciating members of the 50th Anniversary Committee and their families for their sacrifices and dedication, Prof. Mokuolu recounted instances of family members giving full support to committee members, underscoring the deep commitment that powered the success of the celebration.

Prof. Mokuolu commended the Vice Chancellor and Principal Officers for their visionary leadership and constant engagement with the Committee, saying that their steady guidance, encouragement, and commitment provided the foundation for the successful execution of the anniversary plans.

He also praised members of the University's Governing Council for their unprecedented involvement, noting that their presence and participation from the beginning to the end strengthened the bond between the Council and the University community.

You are behind UNILORIN's success, Aluko tells Ilorin people

By Abubakar Imam

The Pro-Chancellor and Chairman of the Governing Council, University of Ilorin, His Excellency, Surv. Abiodun Jacob Aluko, has commended the people of the Ilorin Emirate for seeing and treating the University as their own.

Surv. Aluko gave this commendation last Tuesday (November 25, 2025) while receiving the National President of Ilorin Emirate Descendants Progressive Union (IEDPU), Alhaji Abdulmumini Ayo Abdulmalik and some members of the Union's National Executive Council in his office.

The Chairman said that his experiences as a member of the Governing Councils of a few other universities across the country before his current appointment showed that the people of the Ilorin Emirate are fantastic hosts who do not have any problem whatsoever with the University.

Surv. Aluko, who is a former Deputy Governor of Ekiti State, said that the prevailing peace of the University and the magnitude of its achievements cannot be divorced from the fraternity of its host community.

He specifically thanked the people of the Ilorin Emirate for always supporting the University as he also thanked the management of the Ilorin Central Jumaat Mosque for its decision to build a 250-bedspace hostel at the University, among other wonderful supports.

The former Deputy Governor said the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, and the Registrar, Mr Mansur Adeleke Alfanla, as well as other Principal Officers have been leading staff and students of the University towards greatness.



Surv. Aluko (3rd left flanked by the IEDPU leaders

The Pro-Chancellor, who spoke glowingly of His Royal Highness, the Emir of Ilorin, Alhaji(Dr) Ibrahim Sulu-Gambari, CFR, assured IEDPU, which is the umbrella sociocultural organisation of the people of the Ilorin Emirate, that the Council and management of the University would continue to work with the institution's host community for mutual benefits.

Speaking earlier, the National President of the IEDPU, Alhaji Abdulmumini Ayo Abdulmalik, thanked Surv. Aluko for working harmoniously with the University Administration since he assumed the position.

Alhaji Abdulmalik, who is also an alumnus of the University, congratulated the institution on its Golden Jubilee anniversary and commended the University's management under the leadership of the Vice Chancellor, Prof Egbewole, for the achievements recorded by his Administration.

The community leader recalled that several indigenes of the community worked with other stakeholders from the old Kwara State and across Nigeria

towards the establishment of the University and ensuring that it has one of the biggest landmass among its peers.

He pointed out that the Union had always been eager to work with successive administrations of the University to ensure a prevailing peaceful environment for the institution to operate; in addition to maintaining continuous harmonious relationship between the gown and town. He explained that the Union had earlier written a congratulatory letter to the Chairman shortly after his appointment.

The community leader said that the people of the University's host community would always support the University in order for it to achieve its corporate objectives as he urged the University to continue to show more concern to the yearnings of its host community.

Alhaji Abdulmalik was accompanied on the visit by his Deputy, Alhaji AbdulRauf Babatunde Issa; the National Secretary, Mr Abubakar Imam; the National Auditor, Mr Adam Olumide Alabere and Mr Habeeb Atanda.

UNILORIN's training shaped my career -- Mamman

By Mustafa Abubakar

An alumnus of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Eli Mamman, has lauded the institution for the exceptional academic foundation that shaped his rise to professorship

Speaking with *UNILORIN Bulletin* last Wednesday (November 26, 2025), Prof. Mamman recalled his journey to earning a Ph.D. at UNILORIN in 2000, a feat that made him the only doctoral graduate from his Department that year.

Prof. Mamman, who became a

Professor at the University of Maiduguri in 2009, stated that several scholars from the North have since followed in his footsteps, breaking previous misconceptions and benefitting from UNILORIN's high academic standards.

He urged the University to continue to uphold neutrality, fairness, and quality scholarship.

"I still go there as an external examiner, and I can say they have maintained their momentum. UNILORIN accommodates everyone without sentiment. That is why it has remained one of the best in Nigeria," he said.



Prof. Mamman

UNILORIN ICT, backbone driving global competitiveness-Jimoh

By Mustafa Abubakar

The Director of the Directorate of Computer Services and Information Technology (COMSIT), University of Ilorin, Prof. Rasheed Gbenga Jimoh, has reaffirmed the institution's commitment to becoming a fully digitised and globally competitive 21st-century University as he described Information and Communication Technology (ICT) as the engine of its transformation.

Prof. Jimoh, who specialises in Information and Cyber Security, disclosed this penultimate Thursday (November 19, 2025) while speaking with *UNILORIN Bulletin* in his office.

The Director described COMSIT as "a strategic nerve centre that powers every digital process in the University of Ilorin."

According to him, one of the misconceptions among students and staff is the belief that COMSIT only attends to student ICT issues.

He said, "COMSIT is far beyond a student-support unit," adding, "When I assumed office, we restructured the entire Directorate and created 12 separate units with clear mandates. COMSIT is the whole ICT ecosystem of this University."

Speaking on the University's improved ranking, Prof. Jimoh explained that the sharp rise was the outcome of deliberate digital visibility and system reforms.

"When this Administration came in, UNILORIN was ranked 28th in Nigeria. Today, we are 7th in Webometrics and 6th in the Higher Education Ranking," he stated.

He noted that compelling academic staff to maintain updated online profiles greatly enhanced the University's visibility.

"Our scholars have patents, grants, global publications and



■ Prof. Jimoh

innovations that were previously invisible to the ranking bodies. Visibility changed everything," he said.

He added that the University has set ambitious targets. "Our goal is to be number one in Nigeria, among the top ten in Africa, and among the top 500 in the world. It is a long-term project, but we are on the right path."

Prof. Jimoh also highlighted COMSIT's central role in the Golden Jubilee celebrations. He explained that the University now operates a fully integrated, enterprise-grade, scalable portal system that has eliminated the past challenges of disjointed platforms.

He said, "We have about 15 portals fully integrated into one. A lecturer who works across different faculties can switch roles without logging out. This University now runs a modern, digital platform that matches global standards."

He added, "Today, transcript requests, student clearance, inter-university and intra-university transfers, elections, balloting, and several other processes are automated end-to-end. This is the University of the future."

He disclosed that for the first time, the University has also established a pilot Innovation Hub as part of the commissioned projects during the 50th anniversary.

The Director described the Hub as a major leap for student creativity.

According to him, "We now have an innovation hub that can accommodate 40 innovators working 24 hours daily. Our students are brilliant; they only need an enabling environment. This hub will help UNILORIN produce global innovators."

Prof. Jimoh revealed that there are ongoing discussions with Huawei to further transform UNILORIN's digital infrastructure, saying, "Huawei is set to help us upgrade multimedia systems and digital infrastructure. Once concluded, it will completely transform the University's digital landscape."

He said that the University has also introduced an e-ticketing system that has ended the long queues formerly seen at COMSIT offices.

"Today, staff and students do not need to come physically. You can raise your ticket online, and dedicated staff will resolve it. How many public universities in Nigeria have that kind of support system?" he stated.

Prof. Jimoh emphasised that the University's achievements have attracted national recognition.

"The Federal Government has already identified the University of Ilorin as a model for some of its ICT programmes," he revealed, stressing the need for students to embrace change.

According to Prof. Jimoh, "We are no longer in a pre-digital world. ICT will not replace people, but it will replace those who refuse to accept change."

He explained that most university units now manage their digital processes independently.

He said, "Admissions now do their entire process themselves. Senate manages suspension and resumption digitally. CBT generates its own data. Hostels are allocated directly by Student Affairs. Our role is to train them and give them access."

UNILORIN alumnus shines @ Nigerian Radio Award

By Abubakar Imam

An alumnus of the University of Ilorin, Mrs Khadijat Eytanwa Lawal, has won the 2025 Best Female On-Air Personality award at the prestigious Nigerian Radio Awards held penultimate Sunday (November 23, 2025) in Abuja.

Mrs Lawal, one of Kwara's standout broadcast voices who plies her trade at *Sobi 101.9 FM*, Ilorin, edged out other contestants to clinch the coveted award in recognition of her exceptional on-air presence, professionalism, and growing influence in the radio industry.

The ceremony, which brought together top media personalities, broadcasters and industry leaders from across the country, celebrated excellence in radio journalism and entertainment.

The ex-Unilorite's win was met with excitement from colleagues and fans who described the honour as a well-deserved and testament to her consistency and impact in the media space.

Mrs Lawal, who is a 2012 graduate of the Faculty of Law, University of Ilorin, dedicated the award to her listeners and supporters, noting that the recognition will further inspire her to keep raising the bar in broadcasting.



■ Mrs Lawal

OOGSOSA honours Akogun, others at 2025 Reunion

By Mustafa Abubakar

The Director of Corporate Affairs, University of Ilorin, Mr Kunle Akogun, has been conferred with the prestigious Award of Excellence by the Oke Ode Grammar School Old Students' Association (OOGSOSA), in recognition of his outstanding contributions to public communication, institutional development, and community advancement.

The honour was presented to Mr Akogun penultimate Saturday (November 22, 2025) during the Association's annual gathering where distinguished alumni and stakeholders celebrated notable achievements among alumni of the School.

Mr Akogun is one of the 33 distinguished old students of the School honoured at the 2025 Reunion of the Association.

According to the organisers, the award is reserved for individuals who have demonstrated remarkable leadership, professional excellence, and impactful service to the society. Mr Akogun, a seasoned journalist, public relations expert, and administrator, was described as a shining example of integrity and commitment in the discharge of his duties.

Other old students who were similarly honoured include the first Head Girl of the 56 year-old school, Alhaja Wosilat Romoke Jimoh; Alhaji Azeez K. Olawuyi, Chief Kayode Awotunde,

Alhaji Lateef Audu; Hajia Afusatu Bola Mahmoud; Oba Prof. Stephen Billy Olajide, Prof. Rotimi Ogidan, Mallam Nuraini Olatunji, Prof. Oladipo Ajiboye, Akogun Tunde Ibrahim, and Prof. Sikiru Lanre Nurudeen, among others.

In his remarks, the President of OOGSOSA, Sheik Ismail Aremu Abdulsalam, praised Mr Akogun's long-standing record of excellence, noting that his contributions at the University of Ilorin have continued to elevate the institution's public image and strengthen its communication strategy.

"Mr Akogun has consistently demonstrated professionalism, dedication, and passion. He remains an inspiration to many within and beyond our alumni community," he said.

Sheik Abdulsalam specifically noted that Mr Akogun facilitated the donation of a fully equipped ICT Centre to the school by the Nigeria Communication Commission (NCC) in 2018.

Colleagues and friends of the awardee also expressed delight over the recognition, describing it as well-deserved. They highlighted his decades-long career marked by innovation, mentorship, and unwavering commitment to institutional growth.

In his remarks, Mr Akogun, who thanked the Association for the honour, reaffirmed his commitment to excellence and service.

He thanked the President of the Supreme Pacesetters Club and former NCC Commissioner, Barrister Bayo Atoyebi for facilitating the ICT Centre



■ Mr Akogun

donation.

He dedicated the award to his colleagues at the University of Ilorin, noting that "any achievement is always a product of collective effort."

Ex-Unilorite emerges Al-Azhar University's best graduand

By Abubakar Imam

An ex-student of the University of Ilorin, Mr Muhammadul-Awwal Babatunde, has emerged as the best graduating student of the Al-Azhar University, Cairo, Egypt, for the year 2025.

Mr Babatunde, who studied Arabic at the famous University, graduated with the "Excellent First Class With Highest Honours".

The achievement of the ex-Unilorite is quite historic as it was the first time a Nigerian would leave the over 1000 years old Al-Azhar University as its best graduating student.

He was found to be the best



■ Mr Babatunde

graduate from among thousands of students who hailed from Egypt and over 40 other countries across the

world.

Mr Babatunde was earlier admitted into the Department of Food Engineering, University of Ilorin, where he was trained for about three academic sessions before departing for Al-Azhar University on full scholarship.

Speaking with *UNILORIN Bulletin*, Mr Babatunde said that he would never forget the period of his studentship at the University of Ilorin.

The award-winning ex-Unilorite said that the knowledge he acquired and the lessons of life he was exposed to at the University of Ilorin did not only help him to succeed at Al-Azhar University but would also remain useful to him forever.

UMC honours 64 members to mark 50 years of faith, leadership, service

By Mustafa Abubakar

The University of Ilorin Muslim Community (UMC) has honoured 64 of its members for their service to Allah and the University in the spirit of the institution's 50th Anniversary.

The awards ceremony, which held penultimate Sunday (November 23, 2025) at the University Auditorium of the, hosted a memorable special lecture and discussions, an event filled with reflection, gratitude, history, and celebration of remarkable individuals who have shaped the community over the past five decades.

The colourful gathering, with award categories for former Vice Chancellors, former Chief Imams, former Principal Officers, former Chairmen of the Muslim Community, Leaders and Friends of the Community, Ladies' Circle, and Posthumous Awards, reflected the theme "Celebrating 50 Years of Academic Excellence: The Role of Islamic Values in Shaping the Unilorin Community."

In his address, the Vice Chancellor of the University, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole (SAN), charged the Muslim Community to sustain the legacies left behind by the founding fathers of the University and to ensure they bequeath worthy values to future generations.

Recalling the positive impact of past leaders on the moral, academic, and spiritual growth of the University, Prof. Egbewole described the community's 50-year journey as one rooted in deep faith and purposeful leadership.

"For us in the University of Ilorin Muslim Community, it has been 50 years of iman (faith), 50 years of achievements, and 50 years of impactful leadership in this great University," he said.

Prof. Egbewole urged members of the Muslim Community to critically examine the heritage they intend to leave behind and to work deliberately towards sustaining a legacy of excellence.

In his opening address, the Chairman of the Muslim Community, Prof. M. O. Yusuf, said that the anniversary symbolised more than a celebration, as it was an opportunity for the community to reassess its leadership role in the University's development.

According to Prof. Yusuf, "It is a way of reflecting on the Muslim Community's contribution to the trajectory and growth of the University to the enviable height it occupies today in the Nigerian university system."

In his opening lecture, the Chief Imam of the University Mosque, Prof. Nasir AbdusSalam, recalled a time when there was only one Muslim professor on the entire campus.

He praised Allah for transforming the community from humble beginnings to



its present strength, which now includes four Juma'at Mosques across campuses.

"Look at us today, Allah has done for us what we could never have imagined. From one Professor to many. From no mosque to four Juma'at Mosques on campus. How do we thank Allah enough?" Prof. AbdusSalam asked, urging all members to continue supporting the Muslim Community.

In his remarks, Prof. Abdulrasheed Ajani Raji, the first Chief Imam of the community, recounted how the late 9th Emir of Ilorin, Alhaji Sulu-Gambari Ayelabowo I, approved the establishment of the first UNILORIN Central Mosque, which held its maiden Juma'at prayer on October 6, 1976, at the mini campus.

He noted that this historic approval paved the way for the establishment of many central mosques across Ilorin and its environs.

Adding to the reflection, Alhaji Wahab Falowo, the first student Chief Imam of the University, highlighted the pioneering efforts and initiatives put in place by the community to assist students and members in need.

He recounted how early leaders worked tirelessly to provide spiritual guidance, mentorship, and practical support to students, ensuring their academic, social, and moral development.

Alhaji Falowo said, "The Muslim community has always extended help to its members, from providing counseling to aiding in financial and educational needs. These efforts have strengthened our unity and sustained our faith."

Another elder, Alhaji Mustapha Adeleke Olawuyi, praised the pioneer Muslim staff for their sacrifices, noting that although they faced many challenges, they remained steadfast until the community grew

into what it is today.

The Vice Chancellor of Al-Hikmah University, Prof. Lateef Oladimeji, who is also the State Coordinator of the University Muslim Ladies Circle from his student days till date, thanked Allah for granting the opportunity to share their stories, emphasising that the past fathers and mothers played critical roles in shaping individuals who now bear the responsibility of sustaining the community's future.

The former Amirah of the University Muslim Ladies Circle, Prof. Sadiqat Nike Ijaya, expressed gratitude to Allah and highlighted the important role of women within the community.

She said the group had upheld the University's reputation through several humanitarian activities, including outreach to prisons and the School for Persons with Special Needs.

The climax of the event was the recognition of 64 distinguished honourees carefully selected for their remarkable contributions to the spiritual, academic, and social development of the Muslim Community.

Explaining the need for the awardees, the Chairman of the Organising Committee, Prof. Adesina Lukman Azeez, said the awards were reserved for individuals who played significant roles in nurturing the Muslim community, strengthening the University, and advancing its growth over the past 50 years.

As the hall echoed with applause, reflections, and gratitude, one thing became clear: the story of the Unilorin Muslim Community is one of resilience, faith, and teamwork, 50 years strong and still standing.

COMMENTARY

UNILORIN FM Radio - 50 Days, 50 Voices: The Grand Countdown to Unilorin @ 50



By Idris Alooma

From the crack of dawn on the first day of a meticulously planned 50-day countdown, **UNILORIN 89.3 FM** launched its historic marathon, "Echoes of Excellence" — tagged *Countdown to Unilorin @50* — a daily live feature that, for seven weeks, brought the University's five-decade journey to life. Under the stewardship of ace broadcaster Idris Alooma, the General Manager of **UNILORIN FM**, the radio station turned its studios into a vibrant amphitheatre where town met gown, and the echoes of 50 distinguished guests reverberated across Nigeria and beyond.

The countdown was stamped and endorsed by the man at the helm of destiny, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin. A former Chairman of NBA-Ilorin, former Secretary General of ASUU, Unilorin, former Chairman of ASUU, Unilorin, Secretary General of the Association of West African Universities (AWAU), Vice President (Western Africa) of the Association of African Universities, and Chairman of the KU8+ Consortium, Prof. Egbewole delivered an electrifying address that traced the University's humble genesis in 1975 to its present status as a multi-faculty citadel of over 50,000 students. He announced the ambitious ₦50 billion Endowment Fund, a cornerstone project to fund scholarships, research chairs, and world-class infrastructure.

Chairman of the Unilorin at 50th Anniversary Committee, Prof. Olugbenga Ayodeji Mokuolu, detailed the strategic roadmap — smart-campus initiatives, heritage projects, and community outreach — setting the stage for a celebration that would be both grand and inclusive.

All the Principal Officers of the University — Prof. Taibat Odunola-Bakare, Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic); Prof. Adegboyega Adisa Fawole, Deputy Vice Chancellor (Management Services); Prof. Mukhtar Adeiza Etudaiye, Deputy Vice Chancellor (Research, Technology & Innovation); Mr. Monsur Adeleke Alfanla, Registrar; Mr. Abiodun Lawal, Bursar; and Prof. Kamaldeen Babatunde Omopupa, University Librarian — all highlighted the robust Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiatives, painting a picture of an institution that balances academic rigour with social responsibility and digitisation of Registry services.

Former Vice Chancellors, Prof. Shuaib Oba Abdulraheem, Prof. Abdulganiyu Ambali, and Prof. Suleiman Age Abdulkareem, shared nostalgic anecdotes of the early years, recalling the transition from temporary sheds to iconic lecture halls, and praised the current

leadership for turning vision into visible monuments such as the Innovation Hub and Smart-Campus Infrastructure.

Alumnus and current Vice Chancellor of the African School of Economics (the Pan-African University of Excellence), Abuja, Prof. Mahfouz Adedimeji, who doubles as the Chairman of the **UNILORIN Bulletin** Editorial Board and Prof. Jeel Olasunkanmi Ojuade, the Vice Chancellor of Ojaja University, who also doubles as the Chairman of UNILORIN FM Radio Board, highlighted the ripple effects of UNILORIN's education across Africa. They narrated how their scholarships at the University propelled them to pioneer economic research impacting several West African nations, underscoring the University's impact beyond Nigerian borders.

The Director of the UNILORIN Advancement Centre, Prof. Waheed Babatunde Yahya, unveiled the Town-Gown Unity Fund, a partnership with local government and traditional leaders to fund health clinics and youth skill centres. He emphasised, "When the University thrives, Ilorin thrives," capturing the symbiotic relationship that defines UNILORIN's growth.

The Chairman of the Unilorin Alumni Association (Unilorin Branch), Prof. B. L. Adeleke, recounted historic milestones, from the first graduating class of 1980 to the recent Gold Medal Parade, lauding UNILORIN FM's role in preserving the University's living legacy.

Community stalwarts such as Erelu Bisi Fayemi, former First Lady of Ondo State, and Alhaji Garuba Beki, former Provost of the College of Nursing, Ilorin, narrated personal anecdotes of mentorship and collaborative projects — from free medical camps to scholarship drives — that cemented the University's reputation as a caring citadel.

The marathon continued with a kaleidoscope of voices: Prof. Abayomi Omotosho, former Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic); Prof. Saudat Sallah Abdulbaqi, Dean, Faculty of Communication and Information Sciences (the first female Professor of Mass Communication in North-Central Nigeria); Prof. Ibrahim Abdulganiyu Jawondo, Dean, Faculty of Arts; Dr. Alex Akanmu, Dean of Student Affairs and Chairman, ASUU Unilorin Chapter; Mr. Naheem Olusola Falowo, Chairman, SSANU; Mr. Paul Awolola, Chairman, NAAT; Mr. Ibrahim Suberu, Chairman, NASU; and Mr. M T Balogun, former Registrar Unilorin.

The great community leader Alhaji Abdulmumin Ayo Abdulmalik, President, IEDPU; Dr. Aliy Abdulwahid Adebisi, Director, Centre for Translation & Arts; Mrs. Adejoke Yewande Oluwajobi, Registrar, National Institute Of Translation and Interpretation (NITI); Mr. Adelu Ayomo Idris, Student Union President; Prof. Patricia Omojasola, Director, Centre for Gender Studies; Prof. Nasir AbdusSalam, Chief Imam

(represented by Prof. Lukman Adeshina Azeez); Mr. Ayobami Moshood, fan from Kilanko; Dr. Usman Akanbi, President, ANA; Rev. Kayode Osaji (Chapel of Light); Rev. Father Celestine Emah, St. Thomas Aquinas; Dr. Samiat Abubakre, Department of Linguistics & Nigerian Languages and member of the radio board; Prof. Kamilu Raufu, Director, CBT; Sheikh Ismail Abdulsalam, President, of the Oke-Ode Grammar School Old students' Association.

Also, Prof. Olorunfemi, the man who amazingly renamed Unilorin as "Better by Far"; Mr. Ramoni Amao, Director of Works; Dr. O T Okewande, Linguistics; Prof. Abdulganiyu Giwa, Dean of Pharmaceutical Sciences and Dr. Atunwa Soliu Abiola from Pharmacy; Mariam Bello Oreoluwa & crew, Faculty of Veterinary Medicine; Prof. Mrs. Oluwakemi Abikoye Computer Science Department and Chairman Publicity Sub Committee of the anniversary; Mr. Jide Ibrahim, the producer of Son of Iron movie the Anniversary play and his team; Mr. Emmanuel Olarewaju a fan of the station; Prof. Jacob Oladiipo Ajiboye, an Alumnus and UNILAG lecturer; Dr. Bisi Oyewole, former Director, Kwara State Arts Council, also an Alumnus.

Each episode was peppered with nostalgic music from the 1975-1990 era, archival audio clips of Vice Chancellors' speeches, and fascinating music of appreciation to God Almighty.

Kudos to the UNILORIN FM team for their outstanding work! Apart from conducting real interviews, the majority of the personalities' stories were also featured in the Unilorin FM news, special news commentary, and **UNILORIN Bulletin**. A big shout-out to the Director of Corporate Affairs, Mr. Kunle Akogun; the Deputy Editor, Mr. Imam Abubakar; Mr. Temitope Olawuyi (Head of Programmes); Mrs. Temitope Folorunso (Head of News); and the entire crew for a job fantastically done!

During the 50-year anniversary celebrations, the visionary Vice Chancellor Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, inaugurated the ₦50 billion Endowment Fund, unveiled the Innovation Hub, Transcript Hub, among other milestones.

UNILORIN stands tall as a true giant of knowledge, its legacy etched in research breakthroughs, thousands of alumni leaders, and the indelible impact on Ilorin and Nigeria. Hearty applause to the visionary leadership of Prof. Egbewole, for providing an enabling environment, and to the brilliant UNILORIN FM team, for turning a simple countdown into an unforgettable celebration that will echo for life.

Long live Unilorin @ 50! Long live UNILORIN FM!



UNILORIN WEEKLY FINANCIAL DIGEST

FUND SOURCES AND UTILIZATION REPORT FROM 20TH TO 27TH NOVEMBER 2025

RECEIPTS:		
Academic Transcript		53,500.00
Sundry & Other Fees Student Charges		189,800.00
Sundry Other Incomes		98,500.00
Income from Verification /Screening		560,000.00
Staff I.D Cards		2,000.00
Capitation NHIS		2,900.00
Boarded Property		3,000.00
Contractors' Registration Fees		24,000.00
Income from Fitness Centre		2,000.00
Hire of University Property		21,000.00
University of Ilorin- 1000115 Fees		10,000.00
CODL- Clearance Charges		351,000.00
CODL- Form Processing Charges		121,200.00
CODL-Undergraduate Charges		8,305,280.00
Undergraduate Transcript Payment		729,600.00
Undergraduate School Charges		94,306,296.00
Undergraduate Change of Course		20,400.00
Undergraduate Clearance Charges		858,400.00
Undergraduate Hostel Accommodation		1,997,334.00
Undergraduate Convocation Charges		262,200.00
Postgraduate School Charges		13,115,891.25
Postgraduate School Transcript Payment		30,000.00
Postgraduate Verification of Results		20,200.00
Postgraduate Acceptance Payment		40,200.00
Remedial Application Form		167,200.00
Remedial Acceptance Payment		182,350.00
Remedial School Charges		1,393,400.00
Ilorin Business School Application Form		50,400.00
Ilorin Business School Hostel Accommodation		20,200.00
Ilorin Business School Charges		165,600.00
Institute of Education Hostel Accommodation		160,800.00
Institute of Education Application Form		15,200.00
JUPEB Application Form		75,600.00
JUPEB Acceptance Payment		352,800.00
JUPEB School Charges		8,087,800.00
Total Receipt for the Period		₦131,798,051.25
PAYMENTS		
PAYMENT TO CONTRACTORS/SUPPLIERS:		
Adbliss Innovations	Supply of Identity Card Printing Material	11,615,590.00
Welfare Micrfinance Bank Ltd	Production of Academic Blank Certificate	104,415,000.00
Exculture Nigeria Ltd	Procurement of Test Kit	119,000.00
Sinclair Hospitality Services Ltd	Accommodation of Guests	621,610.00
G-Pinnacle Suites Ltd	Accommodation of Guests	4,460,259.76
Raib Worldwide Interbiz	Earthing and power Protection for Communication Equipment	12,115,905.75
Meem Solar Solutions	Maintenance of Lawn and Ground	929,812.50
Funbas Engineering Nig Ltd	Maintenance of Lawn and Ground	1,380,330.00
Keemsek Global Ventures	Maintenance of Lawn and Ground	1,123,875.00
Rabfak Autofarm	Maintenance of Lawn and Ground	1,242,000.00
Clean Consults Integrated Services	Maintenance of Lawn and Ground	1,335,600.00
Khaajims Heritage Services	Maintenance of Lawn and Ground	1,003,215.00
Gatasuak Nigeria Enterprises	Maintenance of Lawn and Ground	1,218,562.50
Mukbanah Greenlands Ltd	Maintenance of Lawn and Ground	1,197,090.00
All-B Consult Ltd	Maintenance of Lawn and Ground	1,399,440.00
Blessing Fumigation and Pest Control Venture	Maintenance of Lawn and Ground	1,328,100.00
Al-Haqq Model Multir-Investment Ltd	Maintenance of Lawn and Ground	1,307,812.50
Humaj Tafida Enterprises	Maintenance of Lawn and Ground	1,117,800.00
Badaj Steel Structures	Maintenance of Lawn and Ground	1,164,225.00
Bofat Consult Nig Enterprise	Maintenance of Lawn and Ground	1,254,937.50
Oyatoahmed Ventures	Maintenance of Lawn and Ground	1,378,125.00
Rajab and Amid Nig Ltd	Maintenance of Lawn and Ground	1,138,537.50
Okin-Gold Venture Ltd	Maintenance of Lawn and Ground	1,155,420.00
Dabb Contractors and Allied Ventures Ltd	Maintenance of Lawn and Ground	933,450.00
Zaahfat Investment Services Ltd	Maintenance of Lawn and Ground	1,028,700.00
Mafal Associates Ltd	Maintenance of Lawn and Ground	1,106,175.00
Pagers World Global Contruction Ltd	Maintenance of Lawn and Ground	953,100.00
Yasbam Royal Global Consults	Maintenance of Lawn and Ground	1,007,775.00
Messrs Rasimto Nig Ltd	Patching of Senior Staff Quarter Road	25,976,939.62
OTHER PAYMENTS:		
Various	Various i.e DTA, IMPREST, REFUND e.t.c	47,255,375.59
Purchase Advance	Various	800,000.00
Unilorin Press	Printing of Examination Booklets	12,988,750.00
Total TSA Charges	Various	53,750.00
Total payment for the period		₦246,126,263.22

Signed

Abiodun Lawal (FCNA)

Bursar



S/N	NAME	DEPARTMENT	BIRTHDAY
1	OLUWALOLA FELICIA KIKELOMO	EDUCATIONAL MANAGEMENT	30-Nov
2	OYEWUNMI FAUSAT AYOBAMI	LIBRARY	30-Nov
3	AYO SUNDAY ADEBANJI	REGISTRY	30-Nov
4	ATTEH JOB OLUTIMEHIN	ANIMAL PRODUCTION	30-Nov
5	OTUOZE ABDULRAHAMAN OKIN	ELECTRICAL & ELECTRONICS ENGINEERING	30-Nov
6	RAHEEM WAKEEL ADEYEMI	URBAN & REGIONAL PLANNING	30-Nov
7	RAJI MARYAM NIKE	REGISTRY	30-Nov
8	SHERIFF FALILAT FUNMILAYO	LEGAL SERVICES UNIT	30-Nov
9	ABIDOYE ABDULMUJEEB ABIOLA	TECHNICAL & ENTREPRENEURSHIP CENTRE	30-Nov
10	AHMED ADIJAT	REGISTRY	30-Nov
11	SHUAIB ABDULRASHEED OMEIZA	REGISTRY	30-Nov
12	ADEDO ALIYU IBRAHIM	MEDICAL BIOCHEMISTRY	30-Nov
13	OSASONA KEHINDE KIKELOMO	AGRIC. ECONOMICS & FARM MANAGEMENT	01-Dec
14	OLADIMEJI ADEJOKE SUSAN	REGISTRY	01-Dec
15	SUNMONU MUSLIU OLUSHOLA	FOOD & BIOPROCESS ENGINEERING	01-Dec
16	AYANDA SAMUEL OLATUNDE	BURSARY	01-Dec
17	AJAYI MICHEAL ADEBAYO	FINANCE	01-Dec
18	MEDAIYESE OLUSEGUN SAMUEL	SECURITY DIVISION	01-Dec
19	OLUBIYI SIMEON KAYODE	NURSING SCIENCE	01-Dec
20	AREMU-ADESHINA SALMAT BOLANLE	HEALTH SERVICES	01-Dec
21	YUSUF HABIBAT ABUBAKAR	EDUCATIONAL MANAGEMENT	01-Dec
22	PAUL ESTHER	REGISTRY	01-Dec
23	YAKUBU MARIAM ADEOLA	WORKS: MECHANICAL	01-Dec
24	OWANIYI REBECCA OMOLOLA	ENGLISH	01-Dec
25	MAGAJI-YUSUF KHADUJAT	CENTRE FOR COUNSELLING & HUMAN DEVELOPMENT	02-Dec
26	YUSUF MARIAM AJIBOLA	REGISTRY	02-Dec
27	HUSSAINI IBRAHIM MUSA	REGISTRY	02-Dec
28	IROYE MOJISOLA VICTORIA	REGISTRY	02-Dec
29	BELLO KAMALDEEN OLAYINOLA	BIOCHEMISTRY	02-Dec
30	OLORUNTOBA-OJU TAIWO	ENGLISH	02-Dec
31	ONI OLUWADAMILARE SOLOMON	REGISTRY	02-Dec
32	ABDUL FAUSAT	UNILORIN STAFF SCHOOL	02-Dec
33	ADEBAYO BUNMI OMOTAYO	REGISTRY	03-Dec
34	AHMED SAKA	SECURITY DIVISION	03-Dec
35	AZEEZ ADESINA LUKUMAN	MASS COMMUNICATION	03-Dec
36	AKANBI SHEU-USMAN OLADIPO	AGRIC. ECONOMICS & FARM MANAGEMENT	03-Dec
37	IBRAHIM TEMILADE KEHINDE	UNILORIN STAFF SCHOOL	04-Dec
38	SHEIDU SALIHU	SECURITY DIVISION	04-Dec
39	OLATUNJI FEMI	SECURITY DIVISION	04-Dec
40	EKWEMUKA BENEDICT CHUKS	ELECTRICAL & ELECTRONICS ENGINEERING	04-Dec
41	SALAMI MARYAM ABIOLA	UNIVERSITY LODGES UNIT	04-Dec
42	CHIDI-EGBOKA NGOZI CHARITY	OPTOMETRY & VISION SCIENCE	04-Dec
43	IMAM ABUBAKAR LEKAN	ANATOMY	04-Dec
44	VETA OGHENECHOJA DENNIS	SOCIAL WORK	05-Dec
45	OLORUNMAIYE JOHN ADESIJI	MECHANICAL ENGINEERING	05-Dec
46	OMEDE ADEDOYIN JOLAADE	POLITICAL SCIENCE	05-Dec
47	JOSEPH OMOLARA OLUYOMI	BURSARY	05-Dec
48	OLOWOSEYE HELEN TITILAYO	REGISTRY	05-Dec
49	ABUBAKAR MULIKAT SULAIMAN	MICROBIOLOGY	05-Dec
50	ABDULRAHMAN MOHAMMED RABIU	EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY	05-Dec
51	ADEMOLA-POPOOLA DUPE	OPHTHALMOLOGY	05-Dec
52	OPEYEMI OLUFUNKE ADENIKE	ZOOLOGY	05-Dec
53	AFOSI AFEEZ BABATUNDE	PHARMACEUTICS & INDUSTRIAL PHARMACY	05-Dec
54	ADENIYI TEMIDAYO DANIEL	MEDICAL LABORATORY SCIENCE	05-Dec
55	OLUMORIN CHARLES OLUBODE	EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY	06-Dec
56	MOKUOLU OLUGBENGA AYODEJI	PAEDIATRICS & CHILD HEALTH	06-Dec
57	OLAWETO RAPHAEL ABIODUN	GEOGRAPHY & ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT	06-Dec
58	ADEOSUN HEZEKIAH OLUFEMI	LINGUISTICS & NIGERIAN LANGUAGES	06-Dec
59	AKINYEMI OLAOLUWA	REGISTRY	06-Dec
60	ABUBAKAR NURUDEEN YAHYA	NETWORK OPERATING CENTRE	06-Dec
61	ANIMASAWUN GBEMISOLA ABDUL-JELIL	CENTRE FOR PEACE & STRATEGIC STUDIES	06-Dec
62	ALAUZA ABDULKADIR	ELECTRICAL & ELECTRONICS ENGINEERING	06-Dec
63	AHMED YUSUF KOLA	BIOMEDICAL ENGINEERING	06-Dec
64	ALIYU ABDULLAHI	VETERINARY SURGERY & RADIOLOGY	06-Dec



- The University of Ilorin Golden jubilee anniversary programme has been published in a national daily highlighting the various programmes, dates, time and venue.
(*Nigerian Tribune* Monday, November 24, 2025, p.7)
- The University of Ilorin Muslim Community hosted a memorable special lecture and awards ceremony to commemorate the institution's 50th anniversary,
("Unilorin Muslim Community celebrates 50th anniversary, honours pacesetters", <https://dailylink.ng>;
"Leave worthy legacies for coming generations, UNILORIN VC charges Muslim community", <https://blueprint.ng>;
"UNILORIN Muslim Community celebrates 50th anniversary, honours pacesetters", <https://dailylinks.ng>;
"Unilorin Muslim Community marks 50th Anniversary with Special Lecture and Awards", <https://justeventonline.com>)
- Former Director of the Kenya Anti- Corruption Commission, and renowned public intellectual, Prof. Patrick Lumumba, is set to deliver the 50th Anniversary Lecture of the University of Ilorin, on Thursday, November 27, 2025.
("Ex- anti corruption czar to deliver UNILORIN 50th anniversary lecture", *The Nation*, Monday, November 24, 2025, p.5; "Lumumba to Deliver UNILORIN's 50th Anniversary Lecture", *New Telegraph*, Monday, November 24, 2025, p.26; "Lumumba to deliver UNILORIN Anniversary Lecture, Thursday", highprofilenews.com.ng;
"Lumumba to Deliver UNILORIN's Golden Jubilee Anniversary Lecture this Thursday", *Curious Television News*;
"Lumumba to deliver UNILORIN's Anniversary lecture", peoplesvoiceng.blogspot.com;
"Lumumba to Deliver UNILORIN's Anniversary Lecture, Thursday" dailytopic.com.ng;
"Lumumba to Deliver UNILORIN's 50th Anniversary Lecture, Thursday", newtelegraphng.com;
"Lumumba to deliver UNILORIN Anniversary Lecture, Thursday", www.vanguardngr.com;
"Prof. Patrick Lumumba to Deliver UNILORIN's 50th Anniversary Lecture on Thursday", solarenews.wordpress.com;
"Lumumba set to Ignite UNILORIN's Anniversary with Landmark Lecture", dailylink24.wordpress.com;
"Lumumba to deliver UNILORIN's Anniversary Lecture, Thursday", rectitudenewsng.wordpress.com;
"Lumumba to Deliver UNILORIN Anniversary Lecture", leadership.ng;
"Patrick Lumumba to deliver Unilorin's 50th anniversary lecture on Thursday", thenigeriaeducationnews.com;
"Prof. Lumumba storms Ilorin for UNILORIN's 50th Anniversary Lecture, Nov 27", dailylinks.ng;
"Lumumba to Deliver UNILORIN Anniversary Lecture", evergreenonlinenews.blogspot.com;
"Lumumba to deliver UNILORIN's 50th Anniversary lecture", <https://share.google/3NW0XUr0Kg7TPAgAO>;
"Lumumba set to Deliver UNILORIN 50th Anniversary Lecture on Thursday", justeventonline.com;
"Lumumba to deliver UNILORIN 50th anniversary lecture", <https://nigeriannewsdirect.com>;
"Lumumba to Deliver UNILORIN Anniversary Lecture, Thursday", <https://gatmash.com>)
- The Vice- Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has led top management staff, alumni, and students of the University on a commemorative walk to kickstart activities marking the institution's 50th anniversary.
("Vice Chancellor leads walk as Unilorin begins Golden Jubilee celebration", *The Herald*, Wednesday, November 26, 2025, p.4; "UNILORIN Flags Off 50th Anniversary Celebrations With Anniversary Walk", <https://www.dailytopic.com>;
"UNILORIN kicks Off 50th Anniversary with Colourful Walk, celebrating five decades of Academic Excellence", <https://Dailyinfolink.wordpress.com>;
"Unilorin flags off golden jubilee celebrations with health walk", <https://dailypost.ng>;
"UNILORIN Flags Off 50th Anniversary Celebrations With Anniversary Walk", <https://dailytopic.com.ng>;
"UNILORIN Flags Off 50th Anniversary Celebrations With a Walk", <https://newnigeriannewspapers.ng>;
"50th anniversary Celebration with a walk", <https://newtelegraph.com>;
"UNILORIN flags off 50th anniversary Celebration with a walk", nationaltrialonlinepaper;
"UNILORIN Flags Off 50th Anniversary Celebrations With Anniversary Walk", <https://choicereporters.com>;
"UNILORIN declare lecture free day, holds anniversary walk show", <https://blueprint.ng>;
"UNILORIN kicks off 50 years of excellence with grand Anniversary walk", thegraphicnews.ng;
"UNILORIN flags off 50th Anniversary Celebrations with Anniversary walk", <https://gatmash.com>;
"Unilorin flags off 50th anniversary with health walk", <https://nannews.com.ng>;
"Unilorin flags off 50th anniversary with health walk", <https://decency.home.blog>.)
- The University of Ilorin on Tuesday marked its 50th anniversary with the commissioning of a new NASRDA/DSA Space Research Centre, a project the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, described as "bold, courageous and innovative"
("UNILORIN targets top 10 Africa, launches space Research Centre as it marks 50th anniversary", <https://dailylinks.ng>;
"50th Anniversary: UNILORIN Unveils New Space Research Centre", <https://newtelegraphng.com>;
"Golden jubilee: Emir of Ilorin wants UNILORIN renamed after Sheu Alimi", <https://blueprint.ng>.)
- The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has pleaded with the American government to assist Nigeria with technology and equipment rather than issuing war threat.
("UNILORIN VC Warns of 'Cobra Effect in Foreign Intervention Debate, urges Nigerians to close ranks", <https://midlandpost.ng>;
"UNILORIN 50th Anniversary: Prof. Egbewole urges Nigerians to support govt to confront, defeat criminals",



<https://choicereporters.com> , "UNILORIN marks 50th anniversary, vows to remain "Gold that never Rusts", thegraphicnews.ng; "UNILORIN at 50: Vice-Chancellor Celebrates Five Decades of Excellence, Unveils Bold Vision for the future", <https://solaremnews.wordpress.com>; "Egbewole warns against Foreign Interference, Urges National Unity to Tackle Insecurity", *Sobi101.9fm*; "Unilorin marks 50 years as VC highlights achievements, future ambitions", <https://www.westernpost.ng>; "UNILORIN @ 50: 'Gold Never Rusts' – VC, Prof. Wahab Egbewole celebrates University's Golden Age", <https://justeventonline.com>; "Unilorin Has Achieved Greatness Through Innovation- Vice Chancellor", <https://www.dailytopic.com>; "Nigeria needs weapons not war treat, Unilorin VC tells U.S govt", <https://guardian.ng>; "UNILORIN VC calls for Unity on Insecurity", <https://radionigeriaibadan.gov.ng>; "Insecurity Unilorin VC calls for unity to fight criminalities", <https://nannews.com.ng>; "Insecurity: Unilorin VC calls for unity to fight criminalities", <https://decency.home.blog>; "UNILORIN Celebrates 50 years of Innovation", <https://radionigeriakaduna.gov.ng>; "UNILORIN Celebrates 50 years of Innovation", radionigeriakaduna.gov.ng; "Unilorin Has Achieved Greatness Through Innovation- Vice Chancellor", peoplevoiceng.blogspot.com; "50th Anniversary designed to highlight impact, reaffirm readiness for future innovations of UNILORIN, says VC", <https://www.vanguardngr.com>)

- In an opinion article, the Director of Corporate Affairs, University of Ilorin, Mr Kunle Akogun, has chronicled the achievements of the University in the past 50 years ("UNILORIN @59: Exciting story of a golden trailblazer", *The Guardian*, Sunday, November 23, 2025, p.23; "UNILORIN @59: Exciting story of a golden trailblazer", *Nigerian Tribune*, Monday, November 24, 2025; p.9; "UNILORIN @ 50: Exciting story of a golden trailblazer" <https://blueprint.ng>; "UNILORIN @50 ; Exciting story of a golden trail blazer", *The Nation*, Friday, November 28, 2025, p.44; "UNILORIN @59: Exciting story of a golden trailblazer", *New Telegraph*, Friday, November 28, 2025, p.12

- The University of Ilorin 89.3FM launched its historic marathon, echoes of excellence which was tagged Countdown to Unilorin @50, a daily live feature that for seven weeks brought the University's five decades journey to life.

("UNILORIN FM Radio- 50 Days, 50 Voices: The Grand Countdown to Unilorin@50", *The Herald*, Wednesday, November 26, 2025, p.12; "UNILORIN FM Radio- 50 Days, 50 Voices: The Grand Countdown to Unilorin@50", <https://highprofilenews.com.ng>; "UNILORIN FM Radio- 50 Days, 50 Voices: The Grand Countdown to Unilorin @ 50", <https://justeventonline.com>;)

- A photograph of the Vice Chancellor of the University of

Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, briefing journalists during the 50th anniversary of the institution, while the Council Chairman, Surv. Abiodun Aluko and the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic), Prof. Taibat Odunola-Bakare looks on, has been published.

(*The Herald*, Wednesday November 26, 2025,P.6)

- The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin(UNILORIN), Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has urged alumni to take the lead in shaping the next 50 years of the institution, declaring that the University has come of age and must now pursue a future anchored in innovation, global competitiveness, and strengthened alumni partnerships. ("UNILORIN VC To Alumni: Drive Programs To Create Opportunities", *New Telegraph* Thursday, November 27, 2025, P.29, "UNILORIN VC To Alumni: Drive Programs To Create Opportunities", <https://newtelegraph.com>, "50th Anniversary: UNILORIN unveils New Space Resrarch Centre", <https://newtelegraph.com>, "50th Anniversary: UNILORIN unveils New Space Resrarch Centre", <https://the-reflection.com.n>, "UNILORIN marks golden jubilee with Alumni Colloquim.... Ex- Gov Ahmed, VC challenge Alumni to build world- class University", <https://dailylinks.ng>)
- The Emir of Ilorin and Chairman of the Kwara State Council of Chiefs Alh Ibrahim Sulu Gambari, has renewed his call for the university of Ilorin to be renamed after the late Islamic scholar and founder of the Ilorin Emirate, Sheikh Shehu Alimi. ("Emir of Ilorin renews calls for university renaming in honour of Sheikh Shehu Alimi", *The Herald*, Wednesday, November 26, 2025, P.3, "Emir wants University of Ilorin renamed After Sheikh Alimi, Varsity Inaugurates space research centre" , *Leadership* Thursday November, 27, 2025,p.12)
- The Photograph of the Vice Chancellor of University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole , SAN, on 50th Anniversary, has been published ("University of Ilorin, UNILORIN 50th Anniversary", *The Punch*, Friday, November 28,2025P.10)
- While delivering the 50th Anniversary lecture, titled "UNILORIN at 50: Innovation for a Sustainable Development in Nigeria", a renowned public speaker, Prof. Patrick Lumumba, has called for respect and prompt funding of African Universities for continent's development. ("African varsities need respect, support for continent's development - Lumumba", <https://guardian.ng>; "Nigeria Must Lead Continent of Africa to be a True Giant- Prof. Lumumba", <https://high-profile.com>, "Africa's Dev't: Lumumba Harps On Adequate Funding Of Universities", <http://leadership.ng>)



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Oloyede commends UNILORIN, commissions JAMB-funded hostel

By *Mustafa Abubakar
and Dorcas Akintoye*

The Registrar of the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB), Prof. Is-haq Olanrewaju Oloyede, CON, has praised the University of Ilorin for its exemplary compliance record, stating that the institution “has never disappointed” the Board in any regulatory matter.

Prof. Oloyede made this assertion last Thursday (November 27, 2025) while speaking at the commissioning of the JAMB Merit Award International Hostel, a newly completed 29-room, 116-bed facility equipped with solar power, en-suite conveniences, and a common room for students and visitors.

According to him, UNILORIN remains a model of discipline and administrative excellence in Nigeria's higher education sector.

Prof. Oloyede, who is a former Vice Chancellor of the University, added that UNILORIN emerged first among institutions considered for JAMB's ₦500 million intervention fund, making it the second University to benefit from the support.

He applauded the Governing Council and management of the University for sustaining the institution's long-standing reputation for integrity and accountability.

Earlier, the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, acknowledged the importance of the project to students' welfare and commended the contractor, Ayeloja

Nigeria Limited for its commitment and cooperative spirit.

Prof. Egbewole emphasised that the solar-powered system and the layout of the building were designed to ensure sustainability, comfort, and reduced operational costs.

The Director, Physical Planning Unit (PPU) of the University, Mr AbdulRahman Toyin Jimoh, explained that the hostel consists of 29 fully en-suite rooms with kitchens and toilets, and accommodates four students per room, totalling 116 bed spaces with common room for visitors.

He commended the contractor, Ayeloja Nigeria Limited, for delivering the project with exceptional professionalism and minimal supervision.

According to him, the contractor frequently undertook additional tasks beyond the agreed quantities without resistance, reducing the stress typically associated with project supervision.

Mr Jimoh appealed to the Vice Chancellor to formally commend the contractor so that the University could continue to attract partners of such quality.

He further noted that the building is powered by solar energy due to national power challenges, ensuring reduced energy costs, including a common room for receiving visitors without disturbing the students.

In his remarks, the representative of the contractor, Ayeloja Nigeria Limited, Engr Omotosho Lukman, expressed appreciation to the University for the opportunity to handle the project, stating that the tight completion timeline made the work challenging.

“It was tough due to the time frame, but we thank God we are through now. Alhamdulillah,” he said.