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'Oloyede, a total Unilorite', says Egbewole

By Tajudeen Babamale
and Bashir Dawodu

The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has described the 8th Vice Chancellor of the University and current Registrar of the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB), Prof. Emeritus Is-haq Olanrewaju Oloyede, as a man who symbolises the University of Ilorin in every sense.

Prof. Egbewole made this remark last Thursday (December 18, 2025) while declaring open the maiden Prof. Emeritus Is-haq Olanrewaju Oloyede Annual Humanities Lecture organised by the Faculty of Arts at the Science Lecture Theatre.

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Prof. Alabi

Egbewole hails CoPD as pillar of UNILORIN's progress

By Tajudeen Babamale

The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has commended the Committee of Provost and Deans (CoPD) in the University for being a reliable and dependable partner in the continuous advancement of the University.

Prof. Egbewole made this remark last Tuesday (December 16, 2025) while speaking at a Get-Together Lunch organised by the CoPD in honour of members who recently concluded their tenures of office.

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Design your future now, Egbewole tells new students

By Mustafa Abubakar and
Tajudeen Babamale

The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has urged newly matriculated students of the University to deliberately set clear goals and clearly define what they intend to achieve with the admission

opportunity they have secured.

Prof. Egbewole made the call while delivering his address titled "Design, Invest and Win Your Future Now" at the Matriculation Ceremony for newly admitted students of the University, held last Tuesday (December 16, 2025) at the Multipurpose Hall.

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Prof. Egbewole

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Egbewole lauds Akanbi's legacy

By Tajudeen Babamale
and Abubakar Abdulquadri

The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has commended the institution's Faculty of Law for sustaining the annual Hon. Justice M. M. A. Akanbi Public Lecture, describing it as a valuable academic tradition that continues to enrich legal education in the University.

Prof. Egbewole, who made the remarks last Thursday (December 18, 2025) while speaking at the 2025 edition of the lecture, held at the Faculty of Law Moot Court, described the late Justice Akanbi as a jurist of uncommon honour and integrity, whose exemplary life and career justified the decision of the Faculty to institutionalise an annual public lecture in his memory.

The Vice Chancellor said that he was proud to be associated with the programme, which he described as a signature event of the Faculty of Law. He expressed appreciation to the Faculty for its consistency in sustaining the lecture over the years, noting that such programmes play a critical role in preserving institutional memory and celebrating role models within the legal profession.

Prof. Egbewole explained that Justice Akanbi was deliberately chosen as the personality to be honoured through the lecture because of his well-known reputation for integrity, discipline and ethical conduct on the bench, saying, these qualities remain timeless values that the legal profession must continue to uphold.

According to him, the annual public lecture provides a unique platform for students and young scholars to learn directly from the experiences, insights and wisdom of seasoned jurists and legal practitioners as he expressed the hope that students of the Faculty would fully appreciate the opportunity to be exposed to practical perspectives that complement classroom learning.

The Vice Chancellor challenged members of the University community, particularly students, to reflect on the question of legacy, asking how they would be remembered when they are no longer on the planet. He stressed that programmes such as the



Hon. Justice M. M. Akanbi Public Lecture serve as reminders that character, service and integrity ultimately define how individuals are remembered.

In a lecture titled “Federal vs State Security Powers: The Role of the Judiciary in Resolving Security-Related Jurisdictional Conflicts”, Hon. Justice Semiu Oloyede Oyediran of the High Court of Justice, Ibadan, highlighted the pivotal role of the judiciary in resolving security-related jurisdictional disputes between federal and state authorities.

The Judge commended the judiciary for courageously navigating complex legal challenges, noting that it has largely fulfilled its mandate in adjudicating matters that have significant implications for national security and the rule of law.

While observing that there remains room for improvement, Justice Oyediran pointed out that the courage and independence of the judiciary must be more consistently demonstrated to ensure that adjudication is both effective and credible.

He stressed that judges must be equipped to confront emerging and rapidly evolving security threats, including cybercrime, technological surveillance, terrorism, and sophisticated international criminal networks.

According to him, the judiciary must continually adapt to the changing security landscape to protect the rights of citizens while upholding national stability.

While saying that judicial independence is essential for delivering

fearless and impartial judgments, he added that, governments at all levels have a responsibility to respect and implement judicial decisions. He said that without this, the rule of law cannot be maintained.

Earlier in a welcome address, the Dean of the Faculty of Law, Prof. Bashiru Adeniyi Omipidan, stated that the lecture provided an opportunity to critically examine the foundation of Nigerian federalism, particularly the adequacy of its legal and institutional framework in addressing societal needs, including security.

Prof. Omipidan commended Justice Oyediran for his insights, noting that the lecture offered valuable guidance for understanding complex security challenges and the judiciary's central role in mediating conflicts between federal and state powers.

Supporting the discourse, the Chairperson of the occasion, Hon. Justice Fatima Folorunsho AbdulRazaq, advocated the implementation of state policing as a measure to address rising insecurity, reflecting ongoing debates about the best mechanisms for ensuring public safety in Nigeria.

Justice Sulyman Akanbi, who spoke on behalf of the family of the late Justice Mustapha Akanbi, appreciated the University management, the Faculty of Law, and friends for their support. He also encouraged students to emulate the virtues of the late Justice, particularly his commitment to integrity, public service, and legal excellence.

"Oloyede, a total Unilorite", says Egbewole

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The Vice Chancellor, who described the honouree as a man of many parts with an uncommon and lifelong attachment to the University of Ilorin, said the personality lecture in honour of Prof. Emeritus Oloyede was a well-deserved recognition of a scholar and administrator whose contributions to the growth and reputation of the University remain enduring.

According to the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Emeritus Oloyede's deep affection for UNILORIN is evident in his thoughts, speeches, conducts, and general lifestyle, noting that he takes particular pride in the University's achievements.

He added that the former Vice Chancellor's passion is especially noticeable whenever he renders the University anthem, which reflects the special place the institution occupies in his life.

Prof. Egbewole stressed that academic programmes such as the Annual Humanities Lecture are vital to the mission of the University, as they help to bridge the gap between the gown and the town. He explained that academic activities must have visible impact on the wider society to remain meaningful and relevant.

The Vice Chancellor commended the Faculty of Arts for initiating the lecture as he gave special recognition to the Vice Chancellor of the African School of Economics (The Pan-African University of Excellence), Abuja, Prof. Mahfouz Adedimeji, who, despite being on leave, remained actively involved in the initiation, planning and successful execution of the programme.

He also thanked the Faculty for its vision and commitment in honouring a scholar whose legacy continues to inspire the University community.

In his lecture, titled "Widening the Aperture: The Humanities and Global Uncertainties", a Professor of African History, Peace and Conflict Studies at the University of Ibadan, Prof. Isaac Olawale Albert, called on scholars in the humanities to deliberately engage scientific theories and interdisciplinary methods in order to meaningfully address the growing global uncertainties confronting humanity.

Prof. Albert argued that contemporary challenges ranging from economic instability, environmental degradation and technological disruption to social fragmentation are too complex and unpredictable to be resolved through single-discipline approaches. He added that addressing these uncertainties, alongside the ethical deficits that drive them, requires flexible, integrated strategies that cut across disciplinary boundaries and are sensitive to multiple, often hidden, risks.

The scholar, who is the founding Director of the Centre for Peace and Strategic Studies (CPSS), University of Ilorin, explained that integrated research teams perform better when humanities



scholars play a central role in translating between disciplinary languages and paradigms.

Drawing from history, philosophy, literature and the arts, Prof. Albert noted that the humanities provide critical frameworks for understanding change, resilience and the human condition, elements that are indispensable for developing adaptive strategies, shaping public understanding and educating diverse stakeholders.

While lamenting that policymakers across the world, particularly in developing countries, appear overwhelmed and confused by the array of problems confronting their societies, he warned that the increasing manufacture of fear and suspicion is destabilising communities, citing examples where parents now describe neighbours as enemies to their children, an outlook that shapes future generations negatively and contrasts sharply with earlier periods when people of diverse cultures, religions and traditions coexisted peacefully.

Prof. Albert, moreover, paid glowing tributes to the honouree, whom he described as a distinguished scholar and accomplished administrator whose impact on higher education in Nigeria remains profound and enduring.

Prof. Albert said that Prof. Emeritus Oloyede's support was instrumental to his academic development and praised his transformative leadership at the University of Ilorin, where innovations such as Computer-

Based Examinations helped to reposition the institution among Africa's leading universities.

He also commended Prof. Emeritus Oloyede's reforms at the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB), including technology-driven admission processes, enhanced transparency, financial accountability and inclusive policies for candidates with disabilities. According to him, the numerous honours bestowed on Prof. Oloyede reflect his lasting commitment to education, innovation and public service.

In his welcome address, the Dean of the Faculty of Arts, University of Ilorin, Prof. Ibrahim Abdulganiyu Jawondo, commended Prof. Emeritus Oloyede on his significant contributions to the growth and development of the Faculty and the University.

He described the honouree as an outstanding leader whose tenure brought remarkable transformation, enhanced the prestige of the Faculty of Arts, and laid a solid foundation for its sustained progress, noting that his impact as a teacher and mentor will forever be appreciated.

In their goodwill messages, a former Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Abdulganiyu Ambali, OON; President of the Muslim Ummah of South West Nigeria (MUSWEN), Alhaji Rasaq Oladejo; the pioneer Vice Chancellor of Ahman Pategi University, Prof. Mahfouz Adedimeji, and the Spokesperson of JAMB, Dr Fabian Benjamin, praised the honouree's exemplary leadership and dedication as they offered prayers for greater achievements.

Responding, the honouree, Prof. Emeritus Oloyede, expressed gratitude to the Faculty of Arts and the University community for the honour, describing the Faculty as central to shaping his service to the institution and beyond.

While saying that the recognition should be shared with members of the Faculty and all who supported his efforts, the JAMB Registrar urged participants to uphold integrity, faithfulness and sincerity for them to be remembered for good in the nearest future.



Design your future now, Egbewole tells new students

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Describing the matriculation as a defining moment in the lives of the students, the Vice Chancellor congratulated them on securing admission into what he referred to as a highly competitive and prestigious institution. He noted that their presence in the University was the product of hard work, resilience, and determination, stressing that the opportunity must be valued and maximised.

The Professor of Jurisprudence and International Law disclosed that out of 34,177 candidates who were prequalified for admission, only 10,166 were eventually admitted, meaning that, just one out of every three candidates secured a place. According to him, this statistics affirmed the rarity of the opportunity and the need for the students to approach their academic journey with seriousness and purpose.

The Vice Chancellor further urged the students to acknowledge the role of divine grace in their success, noting that students being admitted into the University of Ilorin may once have

seemed like a distant dream. He said the present moment calls for deliberate thinking about the kind of future they desire and conscious efforts to turn long-held dreams into reality.

Prof. Egbewole explained that his message to the students was anchored on three critical elements: setting goals right, investing meaningfully in one's vision, and taking decisive action. He observed that while many people think about the future, only a few take intentional steps to control and shape it, adding that clear distinctions would emerge among students by the end of their programmes based on the choices they make.

He urged the students to explore the power of setting clear goals and defining what they intend to achieve, both academically and in life generally. According to him, the University provides several platforms for students to excel and express themselves fully, beyond classroom activities.

While highlighting some of the value-added initiatives of the University, Prof. Egbewole mentioned U-INSPIRE and structured training in the use and

application of Artificial Intelligence, designed to equip students with relevant skills for the future. He advised the students to prioritise their goals based on importance, align them with their core values, and focus on those that would have the greatest impact on their lives.

The Vice Chancellor also stressed the importance of mentorship and positive influence, urging the students to carefully select their circle of friends and be deliberate about the groups, clubs, and associations they join. He cautioned them against postponing excellence, advising that they should not wait until their final year to aspire for a first-class degree but should begin tracking their academic progress from their first day in the University.

As he welcomed the students to the University of Ilorin, Prof. Egbewole expressed optimism that he would see them on graduation day, fulfilled, successful, and celebrating their achievements. He encouraged the students to seize the moment, take control of their lives, and turn their dreams into reality.



Egbewole hails CoPD as pillar of Unilorin's progress

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Represented by the former Dean of the Faculty of Agriculture, Prof. Oluyemisi Fawole, the Vice Chancellor said the University Management fully understands and appreciates the critical role played by the Deans in the governance and day-to-day administration of the institution, noting that they serve as the representatives of the Vice Chancellor in their respective Faculties, the Postgraduate School and the Student Affairs Division.

He, however, reaffirmed Management's commitment to providing increased support to the Committee of Provost and Deans, stressing that Management has always been happy to work with the body in pursuing the University's vision and mission.

He thanked the outgoing Deans for their sacrifices, commitment, love and passion in making the University of Ilorin better, and assured them that Management would continue to work closely with the CoPD to further position the University for greater achievements.

In his welcome address, the Provost of the College of Health Sciences and Chairman of the Committee of Provost and Deans (CoPD), Prof. Biodun Sulyman Alabi, appreciated the Vice Chancellor, for providing an enabling environment, which allows the Committee to function effectively in advancing the goals of the University.

Prof. Alabi noted that the confidence reposed in the CoPD by the Vice Chancellor and Management has strengthened the Committee's role as a critical link between the University Administration, Principal Officers, staff

and students.

The Provost paid special tribute to the immediate past Deans, whom he described as pillars of support to the University in critical areas such as the preparation of the academic calendar, effective functioning of the Welfare Committee, and contributions to the CCMAS Technical Support Group. He noted that members of the Committee worked tirelessly, selflessly and without any personal agenda, always responding promptly to Management whenever called upon.

Prof. Alabi, however, used the occasion to make several requests, including the sustenance of support and confidence in the CoPD, sponsorship of at least one academic conference for each CoPD member within their two-year tenure, replacement of project vehicles across all Faculties, recruitment of both academic and non-teaching staff, and the provision of dedicated IT support staff for all Faculties.

Earlier in his remarks, the Chairman of the Welfare Sub-Committee of the (CoPD), Prof. Rotimi Olusanya Arise, paid glowing tributes to the former Deans, describing them as architects of excellence in their respective Faculties and mentors who have positively shaped the lives of countless students.

Prof. Arise commended both the current members and the immediate past members of the Committee for their collective commitment to academic leadership and institutional development, noting that their contributions have laid a solid foundation upon which others can continue to build.

He specifically appreciated the Chairman of the CoPD, Prof. Biodun

Sulyman Alabi and the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, for fostering a collegial and inclusive environment where ideas are encouraged, nurtured and celebrated. He said that such an atmosphere had strengthened teamwork and effectiveness within the Committee.

Responding on behalf of his colleagues, the immediate past Dean of the Faculty of Education, Prof. Lasiele Alabi Yahaya, expressed appreciation to the Chairman and all current members of the CoPD for considering them worthy of celebration after their years of service to the University as he described the honour as a rare and meaningful gesture, noting that it reflects a culture of recognition and appreciation within the University community.

He applauded all academic and non-teaching staff across the various Faculties for their unwavering support, cooperation and understanding throughout the tenures of the outgoing Deans.

According to him, the achievements recorded in the Faculties would not have been possible without the collective efforts and sacrifices of staff members who worked diligently behind the scenes.

Prof. Yahaya also paid special tributes to the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, who he described as a visionary leader. He commended the Vice Chancellor's inclusive leadership style, support for academic leadership and firm belief in teamwork, which, he said, created an enabling environment for the Deans to discharge their responsibilities effectively.

IEDPU hails Akogun, Alooma, Alabi's professionalism

By Tajudeen Babamale

The umbrella sociocultural organisation of the people of Ilorin Emirate, the Ilorin Emirate Descendants Progressive Union (IEDPU), has commended the trio of the Director of Corporate Affairs of the University of Ilorin, Mr Kunle Akogun; the Station Manager of **UNILORIN FM 89.3**, Mr Idris Akintola Ibrahim (Alooma); and the Deputy Director (Protocol), Office of the Vice Chancellor, Mr Segun Alabi, for their exceptional mastery of their respective callings and their outstanding contributions to strengthening the relationship between the University of Ilorin and its host community.

The commendation, conveyed in separate letters to the trio, dated December 8, 2025, and signed by the National President of the Union, Alhaji Abdulmumini Ayo Abdulmalik, recognised the three officials for their professionalism, dedication and distinctive styles, which the Union said have continued to project the University positively.

The Union lauded Mr Akogun for the decorum, commitment and elegance with which he has been discharging his responsibilities as Director of Corporate Affairs and as the official liaison between the University and members of the public.

According to the IEDPU, it has remained consistently impressed by Mr Akogun's fascinating service delivery since his assumption of office over a decade ago.

The Union specifically highlighted the improving contents and quality of the weekly **UNILORIN Bulletin** and the robust programming of **UNILORIN FM 89.3**, both under Mr Akogun's supervision, noting that the



Mr Akogun

platforms regularly beam their searchlights on issues concerning the University and its host community. The Union also observed that this deliberate engagement has contributed significantly to sustaining a harmonious "gown-and-town" relationship over the years.

Similarly, the IEDPU commended the Station Manager of **UNILORIN FM 89.3**, Mr Alooma, describing his leadership of the station as marked by uncommon devotion and dedication. The Union stated that through what it termed his "Midas touch," Mr. Ibrahim has transformed the station into a must-listen-to radio outlet, effectively fulfilling its mandate to inform, educate and entertain.

According to the Union, the quality of programming and teamwork under Mr Ibrahim's leadership has positioned **UNILORIN FM** as an outstanding bridge-builder between the University and the Ilorin Emirate community, thereby encouraging the steady growth of mutual understanding and cooperation.

The IEDPU also showered encomiums on the Deputy Director (Protocol), Mr Segun Alabi, for his brilliant and exciting style in the discharge of his



Mr Alooma

duties, particularly his outstanding performance as Master of Ceremonies at University events. The Union praised Alabi's professionalism, confidence and captivating delivery, noting that his conduct at official functions has consistently enhanced the public image of the University.

The Union further described Mr Alabi as a master image-maker and an effective bridge-builder between the University and the Ilorin Emirate, adding that his deep understanding of institutional protocol and commitment to excellence have continued to endear him to the University stakeholders.

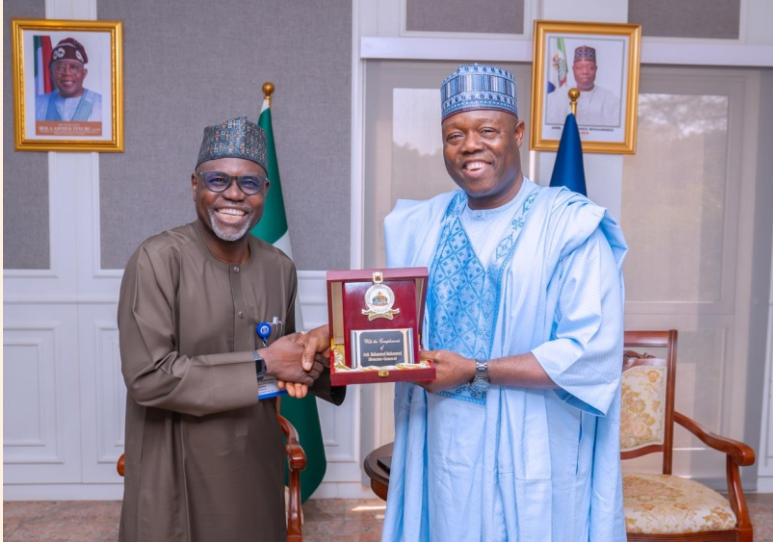
While expressing confidence that the recognitions would further motivate the three officials to sustain their high standards, the IEDPU reaffirmed its commitment to supporting initiatives that promote the greatness of the University of Ilorin and strengthen cordial relations between the institution and its host community. The Union also extended its warm regards to the University Management for fostering an environment that encourages professionalism, excellence and community engagement.



Mr Alabi



Prof. Job Atteh (right) presenting a copy of his book to the Durectir of Academic Planning, Prof. AbdulRasheed Adeoye (left), last Wednesday



■ The Director-General of NIA, Ambassador Mohammed (right), presenting a souvenir to Prof. Egbewole



■ L - R: The Provost of SIMI, Ambassador Jadesola Adesuyi; The Vice Chancellor, University of Ilorin, Prof. Wagab Egbewole; the Director General of NIA, Ambassador Mohammed Mohammed; and the Director, CPSS, Prof. Gbemisola Animasawun, after the meeting.

UNILORIN, SIMI partner on knowledge-driven national security solution

Last Friday, the Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Egbewole, was hosted by the Director-General of the National Intelligence Agency (NIA) at a meeting, in Abuja, to deepen talks on the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the University's Centre for Peace and Strategic Studies (CPSS) and the Strategic Intelligence Management Institute (SIMI), an agency of NIA.

The meeting came on the heels

of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed recently between SIMI and CPSS on co-creation of knowledge through research, and training leading to the award of MA in Strategic Intelligence & Global Security for participants of SIMI. The MoU, signed on December 8, 2025, marks a transformative shift that is consistent with the character of the transformational leadership of the two institutions.

During the visit, Prof. Egbewole, who was accompanied by the Director of the CPSS, Prof. Animasawun,

commended Ambassador Mohammed for his knowledge-driven, disciplined and impactful leadership.

On his part, Ambassador Mohammed also lauded the consistency of UNILORIN in producing high quality graduates, a validation of its better by Far appellation.

The NIA DG also described the SIMI Provost, Ambassador Jadesola Adesuyi, as a "goal getter", given the landmark achievements that SIMI has recorded under her leadership.

Special Invitation

We The Family Of
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 EMEWHAHERAI IKIBE.
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Friday 26th Dec. 2025
 8:00am: Bodies Leave Owhe Memorial Clinic, Oleh, To Their Hometown, Okpara Community Irri
 10:00am: Lying In State.
 Reading Of Tributes And Funeral Oration At Irri Primary School Field, Irri Town.
 12:00noon: Interment At Pa Odio Ikibe's Compound Beside
 GKS Service Hall, Opposite Irri Town Hall Irri.
 Entertainment Of Guests Follows Immediately At Irri Primary School Irri.

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 9:00am: Memorial/thanksgiving Service At GKS Service Hall, Opposite Irri Town Hall, Irri.

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Egbewole commends Career Services Unit's employability drive

By Bashirat Omotosho
and Bashir Dawodu

The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has commended the Career Services Unit of the University by repositioning themselves as strategic hubs for producing globally competitive graduates.

The commendation was made last Tuesday, (December 16, 2025) during the first capacity building workshop organised by the University's Career Services Unit, themed “Strengthening University Career Centres for Global Employability: A Comprehensive Capacity Building Masterclass for Career Officers.”

Represented by the Dean of the Faculty of Life Sciences, Prof. Rotimi Onasanya Arise, the Vice Chancellor, while declaring open the workshop, noted that effective career services are no longer optional but central to the University's mandate of teaching, research and community service.

He stressed that in a rapidly changing global labour market, universities must equip students with relevant skills, guidance and exposure that extend beyond academic knowledge, adding that the workshop is in line with the Vision 1:10:500.

The Vice Chancellor charged Faculty Officers and Career Advisors to embrace innovation, global best practices and collaboration, adding that the University management would continue to support initiatives that enhance graduate employability and institutional reputation.

In his welcome address, the Director of the Career Services Unit, Prof. Kajogbola Rasaan Ajao, expressed appreciation to the University management and participants for their commitment to strengthening career services. He described the workshop as timely, noting that the demands of students, employers and the global workforce require career officers to constantly update their knowledge and skills.

Prof. Ajao advised participants to approach the masterclass with an open mind, urging them to “listen attentively, learn, unlearn and relearn” in order to remain effective in their roles.



According to him, the workshop was designed to provide practical insights that would empower Career Advisors and Faculty Officers to better support students in making informed career decisions.

He further noted that the Career Services Unit is committed to building a functional, responsive and globally aligned career centre that meets the needs of students and stakeholders. He expressed confidence that the knowledge gained from the workshop would translate into improved service delivery across faculties and departments of the University.

Delivering the keynote address, the Country Director of the Canadian Education Council, Dr Adeniyi John, provided an in-depth exposition on the foundations of career services in modern universities. He explained that effective career centres are built on clear structures, trained personnel and a strong understanding of student development and labour market dynamics.

Dr John emphasised the importance of career advising skills, noting that career officers must go beyond giving information to providing personalised guidance that aligns students' interests, abilities and values with career opportunities. He stressed that empathy, active listening and ethical practice are essential competencies for career advisors.

Speaking on employability development, the keynote speaker

highlighted the need for universities to intentionally embed employability skills such as communication, problem-solving, teamwork and adaptability into academic and co-curricular activities. He noted that career centres play a critical role in bridging the gap between academic learning and workplace expectations.

Dr John also underscored the value of partnerships with industry, alumni and international organisations, describing collaboration as a key strategy for exposing students to real-world experiences. He encouraged career centres to leverage internships, mentorship programmes and employer engagement to enhance students' career readiness.

On running a functional career centre, he explained that data-driven planning, continuous staff training and the use of digital tools are essential for effectiveness. He added that career centres must regularly assess their impact through feedback from students and employers to ensure continuous improvement.

In her closing remarks, the Chairman of the occasion, Prof. Yidiat Aderinto appreciated the University management for their continued support for the Centre and urged participants to put the training into practice.

Present at the events were staff members of the Centre and Faculty Career Advisors, amongst others.

UNILORIN INSU celebrates Akogun, Abubakar's new status

By Mustafa Abubakar

The Igbomina National Students' Union (INSU), University of Ilorin Chapter, has congratulated two distinguished members of the Igbomina community on their remarkable achievements and recognitions.

In a statement jointly signed by the Union's Executive President, Moshood Olanrewaju Ajibaye, and the Public Relations Officer, Mubaraq Ibukunoluwa Titiloye, and made available to **UNILORIN Bulletin** last Friday (December 19, 2025), the Union stated: "Mr Kunle Akogun, our esteemed Grand Patron, has been appointed Chief Akogun of Oke-Ode and assumes the pivotal role of Secretary to the Eles-a-in-Council. This prestigious appointment recognises his unwavering dedication, exemplary leadership, and invaluable contributions to the growth, unity, and development of the Igbomina community."

The statement further noted that, "Known for his integrity, wisdom, and commitment to service, Mr Akogun continues to inspire students and community members alike."

The Union said, "As he embarks on this new chapter, we pray for greater wisdom, strength, and success for Mr Akogun," expressing optimism that his tenure will bring



Mr Akogun

progress, peace, and prosperity to Oke-Ode and the entire Igbomina land.

The Union also congratulated Mr Mustafa Muhammad Abubakar, Assistant Director (Information) at the Directorate of Corporate Affairs, University of Ilorin, on his induction as a Member of the International Press Institute Nigeria (IPI Nigeria).

It said, "This recognition underscores Mr Abubakar's dedication, professionalism, and outstanding contributions to media practice, communication excellence, and institutional representation."

"His consistent commitment to truth, integrity, and accurate information



Mr Abubakar

dissemination has earned him respect within the University and across the global press community. His achievement serves as an inspiration to students, communication practitioners, and the wider Igbomina community," it added.

The statement stressed that INSU celebrates both Mr Akogun and Mr Abubakar for their achievements and contributions, affirming that their dedication, service, and leadership continue to reflect the values and aspirations of the Igbomina community.

KWSG to strengthen ties with UNILORIN

By Idris Alooma
and Adewole Muizdeen

The Chief Press Secretary to the Governor of Kwara State, Mr Rafiu Ajakaye, has reaffirmed the government's commitment to collaborating with the University of Ilorin in various areas, including personnel, intellectualism, facilities, and industrial relationships.

Mr Ajakaye gave this assurance while featuring on a popular Yoruba programme on "Oro to n lo" hosted by Mr. Idris Alooma, the General Manager of **UNILORIN FM** radio station, last Tuesday, (December 16, 2025).

The veteran journalist highlighted several initiatives undertaken by the Kwara State Government, including the Innovation Hub, Sugar Film Arts, Garment Factory, and Smart City, among others. He noted that the government has leveraged the expertise of University of Ilorin lecturers in training



Mr Ajakaye

and retraining state staff.

The Chief Press Secretary commended the University's contribution to the state's educational development, citing Kwara's victory in the National

Champion Debate as a testament to the government's commitment to education. He revealed that the state allocated 16.2% of its 2025 budget to education, surpassing allocations by many states to education.

He opined that the government has empowered youths in technology, Artificial Intelligence, and entrepreneurship, with many beneficiaries now gainfully employed. Mr Ajakaye assured that the government has a zero-tolerance policy on drug abuse and is working to ensure 100% security in the society.

Mr Ajakaye expressed government's appreciation for the partnership with journalists and media houses in the state, stating that the collaboration has yielded great synergy and progress. He promised that the government will continue to prioritise security, welfare, infrastructure, health, education, and other key areas in the coming year.

Raheem hails UNILORIN on U-Inspire initiative

By Adewole Muizdeen

The Director of the Technical and Entrepreneurship Centre (TEC), University of Ilorin, Prof. Usman Adebimpe Raheem, has praised the management of the University for launching the Unilorin-Inspire (U-Inspire) initiative and the Tech Innovation Summit, saying that the platforms have enabled young innovators to showcase their talents and equip graduates with skills needed to succeed in today's fast-paced world.

Prof. Raheem who made this observation while taking part in a UNILORIN FM programme last Thursday (December 18, 2025, noted that the initiative has helped many young Nigerians become job creators rather than job seekers.

He emphasised that no government can create jobs for all its citizens, but that a lot can be achieved



Prof. Raheem

through Public Private Partnership (PPP)

Since its inception 17 years ago, Prof. Raheem said that TEC has trained over 204,000 individuals in 83 professional courses, focusing on practical skills and entrepreneurial mindset.

Prof. Raheem attributed this achievement to the Centre's approach, which enables graduates to become job creators.

Despite the magnitude of progress, Prof. Raheem acknowledged that limited funding remains a major challenge and called on individuals and organisations to partner with the Centre. He highlighted the effort of the University of Ilorin to empower graduates, including U-Inspire and the Tech Innovation Summit.

The Director projected that the University of Ilorin will emerge as Nigeria's leading University, rank among Africa's top 10, and feature among the world's top 500 universities within the next decade. He advised students to acquire skills and knowledge, saying, "Ensure that you're loaded; for you to be needed."

Oloyede charges youths on positive changes

By Adewole Muizdeen

A former Head of the Department of Information Technology, University of Ilorin, Dr Muhtahir Oluwaseyi Oloyede, has called on Nigerian youths to leverage technology for national development and positive changes.

Speaking at the Amazon Web Services Day 2025, organised by the AWS Student Community, Unilorin Chapter penultimate Saturday, (December 13, 2025) at Ilorin Innovation Hub, GRA, Ilorin, Dr Oloyede emphasised the importance of acquiring technological skills to drive innovation, entrepreneurship, and solutions to societal challenges.

With the theme "Igniting The Next Generation of Builders: Cloud, AI and Community Innovation for a Smarter Future," Dr Oloyede stressed that technology has the potential to revolutionise various sectors, including education, healthcare, agriculture, and governance.

He encouraged young Nigerians to explore technology's possibilities, acquire skills in emerging areas, and remain relevant in the digital age. Dr Oloyede also warned against technology



Dr Oloyede

misuse, emphasising responsible and ethical application.

The renowned scholar commended the University of Ilorin for embracing technology, noting that the

establishment of the UNILORIN Innovation Hub, where students can share ideas and receive guidance to turn their ideas into reality, is timely. Dr Oloyede advised students to continually learn, upskill, and engage with relevant ecosystems to succeed in technology.

The Captain of the AWS Student Community, University of Ilorin, Mr Abolaji Abdulrahman, expressed gratitude to the University management under the stewardship of Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, for providing an enabling environment. He acknowledged the support of Prof. Rasheed Gbenga Jimoh, the Director of COMSIT, and Dr Amos Bajeh, patron of the community, for their guidance and support.

Mr Abdulrahman stated that the community aims to integrate cloud knowledge into the University as it has been organising trainings and workshops for students since its inception in 2023.

He announced plans for a 3-month AWS certification programme for students to learn about cloud computing, further solidifying the university's commitment to technological advancement.

UNILORIN CBT praises students' adaptability

By Idris Alooma

The Director of the Computer-Based Test (CBT) Centre at the University of Ilorin, Prof. Rauf Kamilu, has commended the newly matriculated students of the University for their quick adaptation to the institution's culture, particularly its zero-tolerance policy on examination malpractice.

In an interview with **UNILORIN Bulletin**, Prof. Kamilu described the continuous assessment exercise, which commenced on December 2, 2025, as a huge success. He revealed that the exercise was seamless, with results sent to course lecturers and HODs for moderation, and subsequently to the CBT centre for record purposes.



Prof. Kamilu

The Director praised the new students for learning fast and adapting to the system and environment, which made them to shift from using matric numbers

instead of JAMB registration numbers for tests. He commended the COMSIT team for their efforts in sending the new students' details to the Senate for approval and subsequently to their email addresses.

Prof. Kamilu announced that all tests would be concluded by December 22, 2025, allowing students to go on Christmas break. He also revealed plans to collaborate with the student union leadership to organise mock exams for the new intakes, aimed at familiarising them with computer usage.

The Director expressed his appreciation to the University management, led by Vice Chancellor Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, lecturers, and staff of the CBT Centre for their relentless support.

Alumni donate special equipment to Department

By Mustafa Abubakar

Members of the Year 2000 of the Department of Mechanical Engineering, Faculty of Engineering and Technology Alumni of the University of Ilorin have donated assorted engineering materials to the Department as part of activities marking their 25th anniversary of graduation.

The donation was presented during a homecoming programme organised by the alumni to celebrate their silver jubilee and to reaffirm commitment to the growth and development of the Department last Wednesday (December 16, 2025) at the Departmental Seminar Room.

In his welcome remarks, the Dean of the Faculty, Prof. Joshua Olaoye, represented by Prof. A. S. Akinkunle, welcomed the alumni and commended their spirit of remembrance, noting that the Faculty remains proud of their individual and collective achievements. He encouraged them to sustain their bond with the Department and continue contributing to its academic and infrastructural advancement.

Speaking during the visit, the alumni took turns to express their happiness and appreciation for the opportunities the Department provided for them beyond the walls of the classroom.

Speaking, Mr Tajudeen Jimoh said that he was grateful to the University of Ilorin for the solid academic foundation and discipline instilled in him during their undergraduate years, noting that the values acquired in the Department of Mechanical Engineering continue to shape their professional

lives; he described the donation as a mark of appreciation and encouraged current students to remain focused, hardworking, and worthy ambassadors of the University.

On his own, Mr Olodan Salami reflected on the rigour of the Mechanical Engineering



programme, describing it as a defining experience that prepared graduates for professional challenges; he stated that the donation symbolised responsibility and commitment, stressing that sustained alumni engagement would strengthen academic development and industry relevance.

Mr Olufowobi Adekunle commended the University Management for the remarkable infrastructural and academic improvements witnessed within the Faculty, describing the transformation since 2001 as impressive; he reaffirmed the alumni's commitment to supporting the Department through mentorship, donations, and professional guidance.

Appreciating the members of the "Millennium 2000" set, the President of the UNILORIN Alumni Association, Prof. Abdulrazaq Olubusuyi Kilani, who was represented by the Association's National Organising Secretary, Dr Hussein Dasilva, expressed delight to have them back on campus.

He urged them to join the train of the Alumni and be part of the commendable

steady academic and infrastructural progress in the University.

While commending the alumni, the Head of the Department of Mechanical Engineering, Prof. Habeeb Ajimotokan, expressed deep appreciation to the "Millionaire 2000" Engineering graduates for the generous donation and sustained commitment to the Department, describing the gesture as timely and impactful, and noting that the donated items would enhance teaching, learning, and practical training for students.

He assured the alumni that the items would be judiciously utilised and calling for continued collaboration in mentorship, research support, and industry linkage to further strengthen the Department as he added that the Department remains committed to producing highly skilled engineers who will excel on global platforms.

The highlight of the event was the interactions between alumni and students, lecturers and friends of the alumni, and a renewed pledge to strengthen the bond between the University and its Mechanical Engineering alumni.

Egbewole hails Kolade-Otitoju's appointment as TVC News Director

By Abubakar Imam

The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has welcomed the appointment of a renowned investigative journalist and distinguished alumnus of the better by far University, Mr Babajide Kolade-Otitoju, as the Director of News, Television Continental (TVC).

In a statement signed by the University's Director of Corporate Affairs, Mr Kunle Akogun, the Vice Chancellor described the appointment of the veteran journalist as befitting and well-deserving.

Prof. Egbewole added that the appointment reflects Mr Babajide-Otitoju's years of experience, editorial leadership, and commitment to credible



Mr Kolade-Otitoju

and impactful journalism.

The Vice Chancellor, who is also the Secretary-General of the Association of West African Universities (AWAU), said

that the elevation, no doubt, marked a very significant milestone in Mr Babajide-Otitoju's distinguished media career.

Prof. Egbewole urged the veteran journalist, who was earlier in the year honoured by the University for his contributions to national development as part of activities marking its Golden Jubilee, to continue to discharge his responsibilities with his characteristic courage, finesse, and professionalism.

Mr Babajide-Otitoju, who has over three decades of exciting experience in the media industry, graduated from the University's Department of History in 1989.

The Vice Chancellor wished Mr Babajide-Otitoju a more successful and rewarding career.

Be relentless in your dream pursuit, Abdulbaqi urges youth

By Abubakar Imam

The Dean of the Faculty of Communication and Information Sciences, University of Ilorin, Prof. Saudat Salah Abdulbaqi, has encouraged youths to always be relentless in the pursuit of their dreams, particularly those that have to do with their careers.

Prof. Abdulbaqi gave this charge last Thursday (December 18, 2025) while speaking at a one-day workshop organised in her honour by the UNILORIN Television on Media Workshop on Audio and Sound Editing Software at the Laboratory Room of the Department of Computer Science.

The Dean said that it is important for youths to be resilient, determined and courageous for them to achieve their desires in life, saying that with determination they can attain any level.

Prof. Abdulbaqi, who is also a Council Member of the Nigerian Institute of Public Relations (NIPR), commended the trio of Mr Lukman Idris, Mr Yusuf Tajudeen and Miss Ganiyat



Prof. Abdulbaqi

Aderinoye for organising the event in her honour, which he said would be beneficial to participants.

Also speaking, the Chairman of the occasion and Head, Department of Mass Communication, University of Ilorin, Dr Patrick Udende, described editing as a practise that has a lot of significance in media profession.

Dr Udende described editing as every effort deployed towards improving

the quality of products to be presented to the public.

He, therefore, advised media professionals to always attach utmost seriousness to editing for they and their works to be free of errors and respected.

In his presentation, Mr Lukman Idris urged participants to always be armed with quality equipment and must have the presence of minds at all times.

He took the participants through the different kinds of microphones and other every day broadcast implements as he said that equipment used can either add or reduce the quality of presentations.

The event was attended by the Director, General Studies Division, University of Ilorin, Prof. Mustapha Kayode Lambe; a Lecturer at the Department of Mass Communication, Dr Aishat Imam-Omoloshio and a former Sub-Dean, Faculty of Communication and Information Sciences, Dr Amos Bajeh; and the Director of Corporate Affairs, University of Ilorin, Mr Kunle Akogun, who was represented by the Deputy Editor of *UNILORIN Bulletin*, Mr Abubakar Imam; among others.

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Ijaiya emerges JBU's pioneer Vice Chancellor

By Bashirat Omotosho

A former Dean of the Faculty of Management Sciences and Member of the Governing Council, University of Ilorin, Prof. Muftau Ijaiya, has been unveiled as the pioneer Vice Chancellor of Jimoh Babalola University (JBU), Ilorin.

Prof. Ijaiya was officially presented as the first Chief Executive of the University by its founder, Alhaji Jimoh Babalola, last Thursday (December 18, 2025) at the premises of the University.

Speaking at the event, Alhaji Jimoh Babalola described the appointment as a significant milestone in the history of the newly established University as he noted that Prof. Ijaiya's academic experience and leadership qualities would lay a solid foundation for



Prof. Ijaiya

the institution.

In his response, the new Vice Chancellor expressed gratitude to the founder of the University for the confidence reposed in him and assured stakeholders of his commitment to excellence, integrity, and innovation.

Prof. Ijaiya called on members of the academic community, the host community, and other stakeholders to work collectively towards the success of the new University.

The event was attended by several dignitaries including (the former Vice Chancellor of Al-Hikmah and Federal University of Technology, Minna, Prof. Musbau Akanji; the former Vice Chancellor of Fountain University, Osogbo, Prof. A. B. Oloyede; and former Dean of Social Sciences, University of Ilorin, Prof. Ijaiya; a former Dean of Law, University of Ilorin, Prof. Gafar Ijaiya; several other professors and lecturers from the University of Ilorin, the Director of Corporate Affairs, University of Ilorin, Mr Kunle Akogun; the Kwara State Commissioner for Health, Dr El-Imam, as well as the Chairman of Ilorin West Local Government, among several others.

SSANU Chairman urges Unilorin staff to study Varsity's conditions of service

By Bashir Dawodu
and Bashirat Omotosho

The Chairman of the Senior Staff Association of Nigerian Universities (SSANU), University of Ilorin Branch, Mr Naheem Falowo, has urged members of the Association and their colleagues to familiarise themselves with the institution's Conditions of Service to avoid violating established rules and regulations.

Mr Falowo made the call last Monday (December 15, 2025) while addressing the SSANU Congress meeting held at the Union's Secretariat Complex.

He stressed that understanding the University's Conditions of Service should be a priority for every staff member, particularly newly employed personnel, to prevent actions that could lead to disciplinary measures or termination of appointment.

Mr Falowo warned staff against all forms of gratification within the University community, advising them to shun bribery and be cautious of gifts that could compromise their integrity.

According to him, maintaining personal and professional integrity is essential to sustaining a successful career in the university system.

The SSANU Chairman further appealed to members to conduct themselves responsibly in order to avoid appearances before disciplinary committees, urging strict adherence to the university's rules and regulations at all times.

Speaking on the theme "Know Your Limit," Mr Falowo also advised members to live within their means,



cautioning against financial decisions that exceed their income.

"Don't put your wards in schools you can't afford, don't buy a car you can't afford, watch your movement and know your limit", Mr Falowo advised.

He encouraged staff to be mindful of their spending habits, noting that financial pressure could lead to stress and depression.

The SSANU Chairman

commended members for their turnout at the Congress and called for renewed commitment to Union activities, urging them to respond positively to the Union's clarion call.

Mr Falowo reaffirmed his commitment to leading the Union with integrity and pledged to continue advocating for the development of SSANU and the welfare of its members.



UNILORIN WEEKLY FINANCIAL DIGEST

FUND SOURCES AND UTILIZATION REPORT FROM 11TH TO 18TH DECEMBER 2025

RECEIPTS:		
Academic Transcript		200,000.00
Sundry & Other Fees Student Charges		207,300.00
Sundry Other Incomes		1,437,000.00
Income from Verification /Screening		575,000.00
Staff I.D Cards		3,000.00
Student I.D Card		1,000.00
Contractors' Regiatration Fees		7,000.00
Utility Income		26,500.00
Convocation Souvenir		203,700.00
Administrative Charges Income		3,000.00
Capitation NHIS		20,300.00
CCSCA- Application Fees		25,200.00
Departmental Income		6,000,000.00
Hire of University Property		5,000.00
Tender Fees		1,000.00
Others		13,000.00
Refund (Salary)		443,405.49
Refund of Unspent Staff Personal Advance		6,500,000.00
CODL- Clearance Charges		251,000.00
CODL- Form Processing Charges		15,200.00
CODL-Undergraduate Charges		5,007,980.00
Undergraduate Transcript Payment		860,700.00
Undergraduate School Charges		1,314,402.00
Undergraduate Convocation Charges		208,500.00
Postgraduate School Charges		27,086,020.00
Postgraduate School Transcript Payment		185,000.00
Postgraduate Verification of Results		40,400.00
Postgraduate Application Form		25,200.00
Postgraduate Acceptance Payment		40,200.00
Remedial Application Form		30,400.00
Remedial Acceptance Payment		30,400.00
Remedial School Charges		581,000.00
Ilorin Business School Charges		767,700.00
Ilorin Business School Application Form		100,800.00
Ilorin Business School Verification of Results		20,200.00
Institute of Education Hostel Accommodation		222,200.00
Institute of Education School Charges		604,567.00
Institute of Education Application Form		15,200.00
JUPEB Application Form		25,200.00
JUPEB Acceptance Payment		75,600.00
JUPEB School Charges		2,572,600.00
Total Receipt for the Period		₦55,751,874.49
PAYMENTS		
PAYMENT TO CONTRACTORS/SUPPLIERS:		
Bawatech Nig Ltd	Rehabilitation of Lecture Theatre	12,873,139.06
(CBNTETFUND)		
One-Step Pharmacy Ltd	Supply of Laboratory Reagents	6,459,500.00
Olaiya Technical Services Ltd	Supply and Installation of Office	
Equipment		5,440,000.00
Zendox International Services Limited	Renovation of Central Research Laboratory	87,046,204.75
(CBNTETFUND)		
Watdev Engineers Ltd	Renovation of new Senate Chamber	55,577,348.01
(CBNTETFUND)		
Noab Global Concept Ltd	Supply of Battery and Servicing of	274,770.00
Generator		
Cyteck Engineering Construction & Technology	Construction and Furnishing of	94,478,056.73
International Hostel		
Ayeloja Engineering Ltd	Construction of Fence and drainage at	15,870,465.80
JAMB Hostel Building		
Silver Gate Hotels and Suites	Accommodation of Guests	336,300.00
Yasbam Royal Global Consults	Construction of Collapsed Fence	4,816,426.78
Printxel Global Services Limited	Production of Souvenirs for 50 th	
Anniversary		3,762,500.00
Ade-Con Nig Ltd	Upgrade of College of Health Sciences Boardroom	27,754,350.00
Chairs		
A Cube Engineering Company Ltd	Servicing of Generator	3,493,750.00
OTHER PAYMENTS:		
Various	Various i.e DTA, IMPREST, REFUND e.t.c	78,439,892.93
Purchase Advance	Various	8,491,317.25
Unilorin Petrol Station	Supply of Fuel	2,557,250.00
NYSC	Allowance for November 2025	1,030,000.00
Total TSA Charges	Various	86,000.00
Total payment for the period		₦408,787,271.31

Signed
Abiodun Lawal (FCNA)
Bursar



1	EKUNDAYO ATINUKE ABOSEDE	REGISTRY	21-Dec
2	KAMALDEEN SIDIKAT ARINOLA	LIBRARY	21-Dec
3	OLORUNYOMI IBIKUNLE JAMES	BURSARY	21-Dec
4	OLORUNSHOLA ISAAC DAYO	VETERINARY MICROBIOLOGY	21-Dec
5	IMAM IBRAHIM	PUBLIC LAW	22-Dec
6	ABDULKADIR BOLAJI ABDULKADIR	PUBLIC LAW	22-Dec
7	SALIU HASSAN AJISAFE	POLITICAL SCIENCE	22-Dec
8	ALABI SULYMAN ABIODUN	OTORHINOLARYNGOLOGY	22-Dec
9	OPAWOYE FLORENCE OLUFEMI	BURSARY	22-Dec
10	ELETTA OMODELE ABIODUN ABOSEDE	CHEMICAL ENGINEERING	22-Dec
11	YUSUPH DAUDA GAMBARI	RELIGIONS	22-Dec
12	DARAMOLA DORCAS SOLA	SOCIAL SCIENCE EDUCATION	22-Dec
13	SANNI ABDULKAREEM KUNLE	REGISTRY	22-Dec
14	ADEGOKE MARY CHISOM	REGISTRY	22-Dec
15	ISSA SALAMI BOLANLE	SURVEYING & GEO-INFORMATICS	22-Dec
16	TOMILAYO RUTH BUKOLA	MICROBIOLOGY	22-Dec
17	OYEWO ABIDEEN TEMITAYO	MATERIALS & METALLURGICAL ENGINEERING	22-Dec
18	AWOTUNGASE PATIENCE ILEKUKPE	REGISTRY	23-Dec
19	YUSUF MOHAMMED KABIR BABATUNDE	BURSARY	23-Dec
20	ADERIBIGBE ADEBIYI BUNMI	SURGERY	23-Dec
21	AMUSA TAJUDEEN OKEKUNLE	FOREST RESOURCES MANAGEMENT	23-Dec
22	ONIYE MASUD IBRAHIM	ARTS EDUCATION	23-Dec
23	SIDIQ KABIR	TECHNICAL & ENTREPRENEURSHIP CENTRE	23-Dec
24	AKAJE AMEEN ASMAU	REGISTRY	23-Dec
25	ODETOKUN ISMAIL AYOADE	VETERINARY PUBLIC HEALTH & PREVENTIVE MEDICINE	23-Dec
26	OJUOLAPE ADEBAYO MOHAMMED	ECONOMICS	23-Dec
27	SALIHU NAFISAT TITILAYO	LIBRARY	23-Dec
28	IBRAHIM MARIAM OLORUNTOYIN	BURSARY	23-Dec
29	FOLORUNSHO ROSE ADESOLA	REGISTRY	24-Dec
30	ETUDAIYE MUHTAR ADEIZA	JURISPRUDENCE & INTERNATIONAL LAW	24-Dec
31	AKINOLA OLUWAKEMI AGNES	REGISTRY	24-Dec
32	OLALEYE OLUBUNMI ABIODUN	REGISTRY	24-Dec
33	AJETUNMOBI TAJUDEEN	REGISTRY	24-Dec
34	OKUNLOYE ROTIMI WILLIAM	SOCIAL SCIENCE EDUCATION	24-Dec
35	AKPATA BILIKISU AINA	REGISTRY	24-Dec
36	AKANBI KHAIRAT OLUWAKEMI	BUSINESS LAW	24-Dec
37	ABDULRAHAMAN MUSBAU DOGO	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	24-Dec
38	ALIYU ABDULMALIK	PHARMACEUTICAL MICROBIOLOGY & BIOTECHNOLOGY	24-Dec
39	ABDULRAHEEM KUBURAT NIKE	REGISTRY	24-Dec
40	AMEEN ABDULLATEEF	PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION	24-Dec
41	OGBONNA LOVINA	REGISTRY	24-Dec
42	BABATUNDE YUSUF OLAWALE	CIVIL ENGINEERING	25-Dec
43	ADEDOYIN THEOPHILIUS	WORKS: PARKS & GARDENS	25-Dec
44	ALABI SUNDAY	WORKS: PARKS & GARDENS	25-Dec
45	SADIKU HAMMED AKANI	UNILORIN ZOO	25-Dec
46	OMOWONUOLA AGNES	WORKS: PARKS & GARDENS	25-Dec
47	WILLIAMS SANUSI	WORKS: PARKS & GARDENS	25-Dec
48	AMAO JULIUS ABIODUN	WORKS: MECHANICAL	25-Dec
49	IBRAHIM LAMIDI	SECURITY DIVISION	25-Dec
50	SAIDU ADELODUN	SECURITY DIVISION	25-Dec
51	OGUNLADE FUNMI ALICE	SECURITY DIVISION	25-Dec
52	AMUDA YISA	SECURITY DIVISION	25-Dec
53	JAIYEOLA SUNDAY	SECURITY DIVISION	25-Dec
54	LUKMAN UMAR	SECURITY DIVISION	25-Dec
55	RAHEEM TOYIN	SECURITY DIVISION	25-Dec
56	SULEIMAN ISHOLA	SECURITY DIVISION	25-Dec
57	ZUBAIR HUSSEIN TAIWO	REGISTRY	25-Dec
58	RAHEEM SALIMON	SECURITY DIVISION	25-Dec
59	APEH SAMUEL	SECURITY DIVISION	25-Dec
60	AROSANYIN TOYIN	SECURITY DIVISION	25-Dec
61	SA'ADU BILIKISU AKANKE	REGISTRY	25-Dec
62	DUROSARO IRENE ABIODUN	COUNSELLOR EDUCATION	25-Dec
63	KOMOLAFE DEJI	RELIGIONS	25-Dec
64	AGBOOLA EUNICE OMOLARA	REGISTRY	25-Dec
65	AKANBI MEMUDU DIKKO	SECURITY DIVISION	25-Dec
66	AFOLAYAN ABIODUN ENOCH OLAKOJO	PATHOLOGY	25-Dec
67	GIDEON RUFUS ROTIMI	SECURITY DIVISION	25-Dec
68	OMOLERE ODUNAYO JOSEPHINE	VETERINARY TEACHING HOSPITAL	25-Dec
69	OLANREWaju GANIYU TOYIN	BEHAVIOURAL SCIENCE	25-Dec
70	AROWOSAIYE TAJUDEEN YUSUF	WORKS: WORKS/MAINT. OFFICE	25-Dec
71	WAHAB KAZEEM	REGISTRY	25-Dec
72	OGUNBAYO OLUBISI ODUNOLA	REGISTRY	25-Dec
73	OLANIYI ABIODUN JUBRIL	ARTS EDUCATION	25-Dec
74	JAMES ODUNAYO ABIGAIL	REGISTRY	25-Dec
75	AKIODE MOFOLUKE OMOBONI	MARKETING	25-Dec
76	BOLU STEPHEN ABIODUN	ANIMAL PRODUCTION	26-Dec
77	OWOEYE JOSHUA FOLUSO AYODELE	OPHTHALMOLOGY	26-Dec
78	EGBEWOLE WAHAB OLASUPO	JURISPRUDENCE & INTERNATIONAL LAW	26-Dec
79	OMEIZA OMOLOLA KARIYETU	BURSARY	26-Dec
80	EKE UCHE BASIL	CHEMISTRY	26-Dec
81	SAMUEL TAIWO STEVENAH	REGISTRY	26-Dec
82	ALUKO JOEL OJO	NURSING SCIENCE	27-Dec
83	SELEKERE RUTH ADEDOYIN	REGISTRY	27-Dec
84	JOSEPH ROSE	LIBRARY	27-Dec
85	ISIACA SULU BABAITA	BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION	27-Dec
86	AMBALI ABDULLAHI AGBOJULOGUN	LIBRARY	27-Dec
87	ABDULKADIR SHAKIRAT ODUNAYO	HOME ECONOMICS & FOOD SCIENCE	27-Dec
88	SALAUDEEN KAZEEM OLAWALE	BIOMEDICAL ENGINEERING	27-Dec
89	IBRAHIM JAMIU AKANNI	LIBRARY	27-Dec
90	SALAWU OLUWATOBI SHERIFAT	HOME ECONOMICS & FOOD SCIENCE	27-Dec
91	LAWAL AHMED ABIODUN	REGISTRY	27-Dec
92	HAMMED MUTALUB ABIODUN	REGISTRY	27-Dec

Alumnus to facilitate electric vehicles' deployment to UNILORIN

By Abubakar Imam

An alumnus of the College of Health Sciences, University of Ilorin, Dr Olugbenga Faleye, has promised to facilitate the deployment of electric vehicles to the University as a way of easing its transportation challenges.

This was disclosed by the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Management Services) of the University, Prof. Adegboyega Adisa Fawole, in a telephone chat with **UNILORIN Bulletin** last Thursday (December 18, 2025).

The Deputy Vice Chancellor, who is also the Chairman of the University's Ceremonials Committee, said that Dr Faleye, who is the Chief Executive Officer of an Electrical



Dr Faleye

Assembly Plant, has been talking to the University management on how his company can assist with the provision of the required number of vehicles at the

shortest possible time

Prof. Fawole said by the time the assurance becomes a reality the transportation challenges facing members of the University community, particularly students, would become a thing of the past.

The Deputy Vice Chancellor, who is also an alumnus of the University's College of Health Sciences, thanked Dr Faleye for the interest he is showing in the wellbeing of his alma mater.

He urged other alumni of the University to support the institution in one way or the other for the University to remain one of the leading citadels of learning in Nigeria and beyond, saying that no government can do everything.

Two Africas in one auditorium: Lumumba's moral imagination vs the "Machine" frame

(Cond. from back page)

Where the two frames clash

The tension is not small. It is philosophical.

- 1) Human meaning vs national power
Lumumba's speech is about what Africa should become morally, self-respecting, culturally rooted, intellectually honoured. The Machine frame is about what Africa must acquire strategically, productive capability, technological sovereignty, and bargaining power.
Lumumba asks: Who are we?
The Machine frame asks: What can we build, at scale, before the world leaves us behind?
- 2) Decolonization as identity vs decolonization as capability
For Lumumba, decolonization is partly cultural: languages, self-esteem, refusing to benchmark. For the Machine frame, decolonization is operational: local industrial standards, domestic manufacturing, satellite capacity, code ownership, and the ability to cure diseases without waiting for imported solutions.
The Machine frame distrusts identity politics if it doesn't end in factories and functioning systems. Lumumba distrusts factories without identity if they reproduce a hollow modernity: a people technically busy but spiritually colonized.
- 3) Rhetorical tradition vs scientific precision
Lumumba is a master rhetorician; he uses proverb and moral contrast as instruments of persuasion. The Machine frame demands a colder discipline: numbers, timelines, deliverables, measurable outputs. It is less forgiving of imprecision because bridges collapse, vaccines fail, and grids crash when details are wrong.
This is not simply a stylistic difference. It is two different theories of change: moral awakening versus technical execution.

What the diaspora ear hears in both frames

- From the diaspora, one hears the seduction and the risk in each frame.
- Lumumba can awaken a sleeping civic conscience, but moral awakenings often dissipate without institutional reforms, research funding stability, and hard governance.
- The Machine frame can build discipline and

competitiveness, but it can also flatten human life into metrics and produce a new inferiority complex: not toward Europe as "civilization," but toward technology as "salvation." That too can become a form of dispossession, where Africans feel valuable only when they resemble the machine-strong nations they fear.

A synthesis that keeps Africa whole

UNILORIN's anniversary becomes significant precisely because it is a rare place where the two frames can be held together without contradiction.

Lumumba's insistence, be Ilorin, not Oxford, should not mean "reject global standards." It should mean: meet standards as yourself, in your languages, your problems, your environment, your institutional culture. Meanwhile, the Machine frame's insistence, build or be controlled, should not mean "worship technology." It should mean: treat knowledge as sovereignty, and sovereignty as a moral responsibility.

The university's task, then, is not to choose between moral imagination and machine discipline. It is to produce graduates who can hold both:

- ethically serious enough to reject corruption as normal,
- culturally rooted enough to speak to their people without shame,
- technically competent enough to build systems that work,
- institutionally disciplined enough to measure outcomes and keep promises.

Because the coming century will punish illusion, whether the illusion is that culture alone will save us, or that machines alone will redeem us. The most dangerous dispossession is the one that convinces a people they must abandon either their soul or their science to be modern.

The real victory would be an Africa whose universities can do what Lumumba calls for, restore self-esteem, while also doing what the Machine frame demands, restore capacity. That is not two Africas. That is one Africa, finally insisting on being whole.

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Two Africas in one auditorium: Lumumba's moral imagination vs the “Machine” frame

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Happy 50th Anniversary, University of Ilorin. Since the celebration, I have listened to forwarded Prof Lumumba's speech severally and each time I imagine that there are at least two speeches hiding inside the University of Ilorin's 50th anniversary lecture. One is PLO Lumumba's warmly ceremonial, morally urgent, and anchored in dignity: restore respect for scholars, decolonise the mind, stop begging, rebuild African self-esteem. The other is a harsher voice that often stalks contemporary African debates but is not Lumumba's: a “Machine” frame that measures national worth almost entirely by technical power, microchips, satellites, patents, weapons systems, manufacturing speed, and treats anything else as sentimental delay.

Both frames diagnose Africa's predicament. They just disagree on what Africa is, what Africa needs, and what kind of human being the university must produce next. Follow me, if you would,

Lumumba's moral frame: the university as a factory of dignity

Lumumba speaks like a civic priest of the republic. His first tool is to praise UNILORIN as a giant that grew from modest beginnings, and his second tool is memory: proverbs, repetition, history, and identity. He insists that African greatness is blocked by misordered values: academics underpaid while politicians thrive, institutions seeking validation from former colonizers, societies trained to doubt their own worth. His remedy is moral and cultural reconstruction: restore pride, respect intellectual labour, revive African languages and cultures, and orient science and professional education toward local problems.

In this frame, the university is not simply a technical institution; it is a nation-making institution. Its primary output is not merely engineers, but citizens with a different relationship to themselves, less mimicry, less inferiority, more agency. His best line in this register is the praise of UNILORIN for wanting to be “the Ilorin of Nigeria,” not the Oxford or Harvard of Nigeria. This is a moral argument against imitation as a default posture.

The “Machine” frame: the university as a factory of control

The other frame, common in 21st-century techno-nationalist

commentary, does not begin with dignity. It begins with domination. It says: the countries that design microchips control the countries that buy them; the nations that launch satellites control the nations that rent them; the nations that make weapons control the nations that pray for peace. Here, underdevelopment is not a tragedy of self-esteem; it is a predictable outcome of not mastering the rules of production.

This frame does not trust moral appeals, and it doubts cultural revival unless it converts into industrial capability. It is impatient with what it sees as a continent's habit of metaphysical explanations, demons, curses, miracles, for problems that are actually systemic: planning failures, legal failures, education failures, and incentive failures. Its central commandment is blunt: process before prayer. Not because prayer is mocked, but because prayer is treated as a substitute for work. In this frame, the university is not a temple of identity. It is an engine of competitiveness. Its output is not agency in the abstract, but prototypes, patents, factories, supply chains, and a workforce that can build machines and maintain them.

Where the two frames converge

Despite their different languages, Lumumba and the Machine frame overlap in three important ways.

1. Both reject dependency. Lumumba rejects the “beggar's bowl” and the posture of asking the former master how to be free. The machine frame rejects dependency because it creates vulnerability: you can be switched off, sanctioned, priced out, or technologically denied.
2. Both demand universities that solve local problems. Lumumba wants engineers and agriculturists who fix Africa. The Machine frame wants the same, but with a narrower definition of “fix”: build capacity in energy, manufacturing, health technology, code, and materials processing.
3. Both are anti-theatre. Lumumba criticizes Africa's habit of endless declarations without delivery. The machine frame criticizes the celebration of miracles while children study under trees and hospitals lack oxygen. Different idioms; same contempt for performance.

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