

Legislature sustains Nigeria's democracy- Jibrin

By Tajudeen Babamale

The Deputy President of the Senate, Senator Barau Jibrin, has reaffirmed the central role of the legislature in sustaining Nigeria's democracy since the country's return to civil rule in 1999.

Delivering a lecture, titled "The Role of Legislature in Strengthening Democratic Governance in Nigeria" last Monday (December 1, 2025) at a Distinguished Personality Lecture organised in his honour by the Department of Political Science, University of Ilorin, Senator Jibrin described the legislature as the heartbeat of democratic governance and the institution that best represents the will of the people.

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■ Prof. Bakare-Odunola

UNILORIN inducts 63 Physiotherapists

By Tajudeen Babamale

The University of Ilorin has inducted 63 new physiotherapists into the profession, marking another milestone in its commitment to strengthening Nigeria's healthcare workforce.

In his opening remarks at the event held last Wednesday (December 3, 2025) at the University Multipurpose Hall, the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, congratulated the inductees and urged them to uphold the highest standards of professionalism and ethics as they begin their careers.

Represented by the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic), Prof. Moji Taibat Bakare-Odunola, the Vice Chancellor charged the new physiotherapists to embrace continuous learning, demonstrate compassion in patient care, and contribute meaningfully to the nation's health sector.

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Fight societal barriers on your way up, Adekeye tasks women

By Abubakar Imam

Professor at the Department of Sociology, University of Ilorin, Deborah Shade Adekeye, has encouraged women to fight challenges that may constitute barriers to their progress.

Prof. Adekeye stated this last Thursday (December 4, 2025) while delivering the 293rd Inaugural Lecture of the University,

titled "Breaking The Glass Ceiling For African Women: Insights From Gender Studies" at the University Auditorium.

The Inaugural Lecturer, who acknowledged the rising profile of Nigerian women over the years, said that more could be achieved when women tighten their belts towards wrestling encumbrances.

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■ Prof. Adekeye

Don't japa, Egbewole urges new Optometry inductees

By Tajudeen Babamale
and Abubakar Abdulquadri

The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has appealed to newly inducted optometrists produced by the institution to resist the growing urge to leave the country, noting that Nigerians need their professional expertise now more than ever.

Prof. Egbewole made the call last Friday (December 5, 2025) in his keynote address at the oath-taking and induction ceremony of the 2024/2025 Optometry and Visual Science graduands held at the Science Lecture Theatre of the University.

Represented by the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic) Prof. Moji TaibatBakare-Odunola, the Vice Chancellor congratulated the graduating students, urging them to serve humanity with integrity and dedication.

Prof. Egbewole cautioned them against prioritising financial gains over service, stressing that the country requires their skills to strengthen the health sector.

The Vice Chancellor commended parents and guardians for supporting their children throughout their academic journey, acknowledging their sacrifices and prayers that contributed to the success celebrated at the ceremony.

Meanwhile, the Registrar and Chief Executive Officer of the Optometrists and Dispensing Opticians Registration Board of Nigeria (ODORBN), Dr Obinna Edwin Awiaka, advised the newly inducted optometrists from the University of Ilorin to place professional knowledge above the pursuit of financial gains as they begin their careers.

The Registrar, who was represented by the body's Deputy Registrar, Dr Igbo Okafor, noted that the true value of

the profession lies not in monetary rewards, but in the ability to transform lives through competent and compassionate eye care.

He urged the new professionals to treat patients with respect, dignity, and empathy,

reminding them that their conduct reflects the training and values they received from their alma mater. According to him, humility remains one of the strongest markers of a true healthcare professional, and the graduates must strive to sustain this virtue throughout their practice.

The Registrar further admonished them not to forget the University of Ilorin, their academic home, which played a vital role in shaping their professional foundation. He encouraged them to stay connected, contribute to the growth of the department, and uphold the reputation of the institution wherever they find themselves.

In his welcome address, the Dean of the Faculty of Life Sciences, Prof. Rotimi Olusanya Arise, charged the new graduates to uphold the highest ethical standards as they begin their professional journey.

Prof. Arise reminded the inductees that the oath they took signified much more than a formal requirement, as he described it a solemn commitment to serve humanity with compassion, integrity, and professionalism. He urged them to approach their careers with a strong sense of responsibility, empathy, and dedication to improving the visual health of the



society they are trained to serve.

Emphasising the rapidly evolving nature of the profession, the Dean advised the new optometrists to remain committed to continuous learning, encouraged them to engage in research, attend conferences, and embrace modern technologies to stay ahead in the field. He noted that this would enable them deliver the highest quality of care to their future patients and position themselves as leaders within the profession.

Prof. Arise further celebrated the collective success of the graduating class, noting that all 37 candidates who sat for the professional examinations passed.

He said that the achievement reflects both the hard work of the students and the exceptional mentorship of the faculty.

While highlighting the progress within the Department, the Dean commended the leadership of the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, whose administration, has continued to strengthen the Department of Optometry and Visual Science through improved infrastructure, enhanced learning environments, and dedicated staff.

UNILORIN, a bastion of discipline- MTRBN's Registrar

By Abubakar Imam

The Registrar and Chief Executive Officer of the Medical Rehabilitation Therapists Board of Nigeria (MRTBN), Prof. Rufai Yusuf Ahmad, has described the University of Ilorin as a bastion of discipline and excellence, which deserves to be emulated by all.

Prof. Ahmad made this assertion last Wednesday (December 3, 2025) while speaking with *UNILORIN Bulletin* on the sidelines of the induction of the second set of physiotherapists produced by the University of Ilorin.

The Registrar said that he was amazed seeing students of the University conducting themselves orderly at the institution's new Motor Park. He said that despite their large presence at the park, he was extremely delighted that the Unilorites formed themselves into a very long and organised queue while awaiting transportation into the campus.



■ Prof. Ahmad

Prof. Ahmad said that such a level of orderliness is not only rare in this part of the world but also somehow uncommon among youths who are always in a hurry.

The MTRBN Registrar also said that the timely commencement of the induction

programme also surprised him as he had initially hesitated to leave his hotel room on time, thinking that he would experience the usual late commencement.

He explained that with his experiences from other places and events, he had anticipated that the programme would commence beyond the announced time, but he was happy that the event kicked-off at the exact time as previously advertised.

The MTRBN Registrar said that with what he experienced at the University of Ilorin, Nigerians should be hopeful of a better future as exemplified in the conduct of the University.

Prof. Ahmad thanked the authorities of the University for instilling discipline not only among students but also in its staff, who are evidently among the best he has seen.

He enjoined other universities and organisations to emulate the University of Ilorin for Nigeria to experience the much-anticipated rebirth.

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According to him, through its core mandates of lawmaking, oversight, representation, and budgetary authority, the National Assembly and state legislatures have shaped the country's democratic trajectory and ensured the protection of the rule of law.

He noted that the legislature remains indispensable in checking executive excesses, promoting accountability, and strengthening public institutions.

Senator Jibrin, who represents Kano North at the Senate, acknowledged that despite progress recorded over the last 25 years, several structural and institutional constraints still impede legislative effectiveness.

He stressed that deepening democratic governance will require sustained reforms aimed at enhancing legislative independence and capacity.

He outlined key reforms necessary for strengthening the legislature, including full financial autonomy for legislative bodies, strengthening committee systems, improving access to research and policy analysis, and promoting open parliament initiatives such as live-streaming plenary sessions and publishing committee reports for public scrutiny.

The Deputy Senate President further called for the reinforcement of ethical standards, deeper engagement between the legislature, civil society, and the academic community, as well as constitutional and electoral reforms that will protect legislative powers and promote functional local government administration.

Declaring the Public Lecture open, the Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, said that the Lecture was timely and significant, noting that discussions on strengthening democratic governance could not have come at a better moment in Nigeria's political development.

Speaking through the Deputy



Vice-Chancellor (Academic), Prof. Moji Taibat Bakare-Odunola, Prof. Egbewole explained that universities have a critical responsibility to provide platforms for informed dialogue on national issues, particularly those that shape governance, institutional stability, and civic participation.

While affirming that the University of Ilorin remains committed to fostering such engagements as part of its mandate to contribute meaningfully to national development, the Vice Chancellor commended the Department of Political Science for sustaining the tempo of intellectual discourse through its Distinguished Personality Lecture series.

According to him, the Department has consistently demonstrated leadership in presenting lectures that address pressing and emerging national issues and in hosting eminent personalities whose insights contribute to public understanding.

Prof. Egbewole also noted that the choice of Senator Jibrin as the speaker was fitting, describing him as a figure whose stature aligns with the importance of the theme of the event.

He expressed confidence that the Lecture would enrich students' understanding and broaden public discourse on the role of the legislature in democratic consolidation.

In his welcome address, the

Head of the Department of Political Science, Dr Abdulkareem Jimoh Edun, described the Distinguished Personality Lecture as a vital platform for intellectual engagement between academia and public office holders.

Dr Edun noted that the Lecture provides students and scholars with an opportunity to bridge theoretical knowledge with practical governance realities, especially at a time when Nigeria faces multifaceted political, economic, and security challenges.

The don, who stated that the Distinguished Personality Lecture series serves as a unique avenue for robust institutional dialogue and national reflection, commended Senator Jibrin for being a distinguished legislator and statesman whose contributions to national development, institutional reforms, and youth empowerment align with the leadership ideals the Department aims to showcase to its students. He reaffirmed the Department's commitment to promoting political education, legislative literacy, and civic consciousness, adding that hosting the Deputy Senate President underscored the dedication of the University to academic excellence, national visibility, and sustained relevance in national discourse.

Fight societal barriers on your way up, Adekeye tasks women

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Prof. Adekeye, who is the Editor-in-Chief of *Ilorin Journal of Business and Social Sciences*, expressed delight with the fact that over ten women are currently Managing Directors of various banks and financial institutions in the country, a development, which he said, is a remarkable improvement compared with previous developments.

While she said that the University of Ilorin has been doing very well in ensuring that women in its services are not denied their rights and privileges, Prof. Adekeye said that the University currently has no fewer than 76 Professors across various academic Departments.

The don also noted that the University of Ilorin currently has three of her female Professors who are currently serving as Vice Chancellors in some Nigerian universities and beyond.

Prof. Adekeye said that this trend would improve and more women would attain eminence in life if they fight barriers such as poor level of education, low self-esteem, and time management that may be militating against their aspirations and motive for success.

Prof. Adekeye, who is a former Acting Head of the Department of Criminology and Security Studies, University of Ilorin, said that this can only be achieved through proper education, training, and mentoring that would assist individuals to reach the top of their careers or achieve success in their chosen fields.

The Inaugural Lecturer said that all organisations or work settings should do away with such cultures as negative working environment, gender discrimination, biased corporate policies, and leadership style that are detrimental to the advancement of women in the organisations.

She said that every organisation



must give room for a work-balance environment that will allow women to perform their responsibilities at home and at work.

Prof. Adekeye also encouraged the Federal Government to encourage female education, especially in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics, because access to education, especially in those areas, will improve opportunities for girls and close the gap in higher education enrolment.

She also said that there should be conscious efforts by all members of the society to reduce all the obnoxious norms under the patriarchy system in African countries.

She said that deliberate efforts should be made to eradicate gender-based violence and harmful traditional practices such as genital mutilation, child marriage, and widow inheritance.

Prof. Adekeye also called on the Federal, State, and Local Government Councils to implement the 35% affirmative action for Nigerian women like their counterparts in other African countries like Rwanda and South Africa.

This, she hoped, would ensure more women participation in politics. She encouraged women to be focused and determined as she said that there is no limit to which they can go in any field of their choice.

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

AbdulRaheem to deliver 294th Inaugural Lecture, Dec. 11

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-fourth (294th) Inaugural Lecture of the University, scheduled as follows:

Lecturer: Professor Ibraheem Shola AbdulRaheem MBBS (Ilorin), MPH (Lagos), M.Sc. (Ibadan), MPA (Ilorin), MD (NPMCN), Ph.D (Nicaragua), FRSPH (UK), FRIPH (Lond.), FMCPh (Nigeria), Cert. (Harvard)

Department: Epidemiology and Community Health

Faculty: Clinical Sciences

Topic:

Date:

Time:

Venue:

Chairman:

“Multifaceted Complexity of Ageing: The Need for Strengthening Geriatric Care”

Thursday, 11th December, 2025

5.00 p.m.

Multipurpose Hall, Main Campus, University of Ilorin

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

Mr Mansur Adeleke Alfanla
Registrar



Prof. AbdulRaheem

VC charges new physiotherapists to uphold professional excellence

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He noted that their training at the University of Ilorin had equipped them with the skills and character required to excel both locally and globally.

In his welcome address, the Provost of the College of Health Sciences, University of Ilorin, Prof. Biodun Alabi Sulyman, congratulated the 63 newly inducted physiotherapists and urged them to step confidently into their professional journey with diligence, versatility, and an unwavering commitment to excellence.

Prof. Alabi noted that they represent only the second cohort of physiotherapy graduates produced by the College, a testament to the rapid progress and rising profile of the programme.

He described the induction as the beginning of an exciting yet demanding career path that requires not just academic knowledge, but also refined clinical skills, mature professional attitudes, and adaptive strategies suitable for today's fast-paced and ever-evolving healthcare landscape.

The Provost reminded the inductees that physiotherapy is a vital component of modern healthcare delivery, saying that society looks up to them as competent practitioners capable of assessing, diagnosing, planning, and implementing rehabilitative programmes tailored to improve or restore human motor functions.

While highlighting the wide range of therapeutic techniques and interventions within the physiotherapy profession, which include prescribed exercises, ultrasound, heat therapy, laser therapy, manipulation, as well as programmes designed for screening and preventing physical disorders, the Provost stressed that beyond these interventions, physiotherapists are professionally mandated to offer expert consultations within their scope, identify when patients require referral to other health professionals, evaluate treatment outcomes, and guide clients in appropriate self-management practices.

He encouraged the inductees to uphold professionalism, broaden their competencies, and contribute meaningfully to improving healthcare delivery in Nigeria and beyond.

The Provost expressed confidence that the training received at the University of Ilorin had adequately prepared them to excel in the global health space.

Before administering the professional oath on the 63 new physiotherapists, the Registrar and Chief Executive Officer of the Medical Rehabilitation Therapists Board of



■ Prof. Alabi

Nigeria (MRTBN), Prof. Rufai Yusuf Ahmad, commended the University of Ilorin for its consistency in producing well-trained physiotherapists to meet the growing healthcare needs of the Nigerian population.

Prof. Ahmad noted that although many universities across the country have applied to mount physiotherapy programmes, several are unable to meet the stringent requirements set by the Board.

He explained that this makes UNILORIN's steady progress particularly commendable, as the institution has continued to demonstrate capacity, compliance, and a firm commitment to quality training.

He urged the University not to relent in its efforts, stressing that the sustainability of physiotherapy education in Nigeria depends on strong institutions that uphold high academic and professional standards.

The MRTBN Registrar also appealed to the University authorities to deepen their focus on postgraduate training, noting that producing more advanced-degree holders is essential for grooming future trainers who will support and sustain physiotherapy programmes across the country.

Speaking directly to the inductees, Prof. Ahmad charged them to enter the workplace with a mindset centered on service and societal improvement.

He reminded them that physiotherapists are regarded as problem-solvers in the healthcare system, and their success will depend on how well they prioritise meeting the needs of their patients and communities.

Delivering a lecture titled "Expanding the Scope of Physiotherapy in Nigeria: Hallmark of True Professionalism," a specialist in orthopaedic rehabilitation, Prof. Ayodele Teslim Onigbinde, challenged the newly inducted physiotherapists to take responsibility for their professional growth by embracing continuous learning and active mentorship.

While explaining that the future of physiotherapy lies in knowledge expansion, innovation, and adaptability, the guest lecturer encouraged the inductees to take advantage of the vast resources available on the internet to deepen their expertise, keep up with global best practices, and stay informed about emerging developments in the field.

According to him, modern physiotherapy practice demands lifelong learning, and those who fail to continuously upgrade their skills risk becoming obsolete in a rapidly evolving healthcare landscape.

Prof. Onigbinde, who is the Dean of the Faculty of Medical Rehabilitation, University of Medical Sciences, Ondo, also stressed the importance of mentorship as a core hallmark of professionalism.

He urged the new practitioners to not only seek mentors but to consciously mentor others as they progress in their careers, saying that mentorship helps build confidence, strengthen clinical competence, and sustain the profession across generations.

JAMB Hostel, a symbolic project for UNILORIN'S academic excellence -Jimoh

By Abubakar Abdulquadri

The Director of the Physical Planning Unit, University of Ilorin, Mr Abdulrahman Toyin Jimoh, has described the newly commissioned JAMB Merit Award Hostel in the University as a symbolic project that would boost student accommodation on campus.

Mr Jimoh stated this last Wednesday, (December 3, 2025), while speaking during the handing over of the project held at the project site. "The provision of the hostel was based on a merit award, considering the University of Ilorin as the most sought-after university, in terms of academic excellence and stability in academic activities, paved the way for the realisation of this symbolic project on our campus," he said.

The Director thanked the management of the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB) headed by a former Vice Chancellor of the University, Prof. Emeritus Is-haq Oloyede, for facilitating this project. He said that the project would encourage more collaborations between the University and JAMB for mutual benefits.

The Director commended the contractor, Ayeloja Engineering Limited, for a good job well done, describing him

as a very passionate and committed man.

Mr Jimoh assured the contractor that the use of the hostel will be test-run from December 2025 to June 2026, and in



July during the rainy season, to confirm if there are any leakages in any room of the hostel. He stated that the contractor will be responsible for restoration if any issues arise.

He warned the students against using heavy equipment that could trigger electrical sparking and tampering with any electrical fault detected. Instead, they should report to the Dean of Students, who would call the contractor for necessary action.

In his remarks, the Dean of Student Affairs, Dr. Alex Morenikeji Akanmu, who was represented by a Sub-Dean, Dr. Oluwatosin B. Igbayiloye, thanked JAMB for the provision of the project, which, he said came at the right time, particularly now that the students have just resumed. This, she said, would

help address accommodation issues on campus, stressing that it is not just a room but self-contained accommodations that are satisfactory.

"The provision of the solar panel, pump machine, fire extinguishers, with this magnificent building, the management of the University under the leadership of the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, thanked Emeritus Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, whom Allah has used to get this done," he said.

He stressed that this standard will encourage others to partner with the University and ease accommodation problems on campus. The Dean assured the University that the project will be well managed and the students would make proper use of it.

Emulate Azeez and others, Abdulbaqi tasks FCIS staff

By Abubakar Imam

The Dean of the Faculty of Communication and Information Sciences (FCIS), Prof. Saudat Salah Abdulbaqi, has charged staff members of the Faculty to emulate the industry, devotion and fraternity of her immediate past predecessor, Prof. Adesina Lukman Azeez and a former Sub-Dean of the Faculty, Dr Amos Bajeh, as well as the former Faculty Officer, Mrs Rotimi Titilope Bamidele.

Prof. Abdulbaqi stated this last Monday (December 1, 2025) while speaking at a reception held in honour of the trio at the Faculty Board Room. The Dean described the former Dean as a workaholic teacher and a man who worked for the greatness of the Faculty before, during and since the completion of his tenure as Dean of the Faculty.

Prof. Abdulbaqi recalled that Prof. Azeez competently combined administrative responsibilities with his core duties of teaching, research and community service throughout his tenure as she described him as an ideal

academic and administrator. She thanked Prof. Azeez, who is also a former Head of the Department of Mass Communication, for serving competently for two consecutive terms as Dean of the Faculty.

Prof. Abdulbaqi also recalled the contributions of the other two honourees, saying

that they did very well and that the Faculty would remain immensely grateful to them.

Speaking on other issues, the Dean urged her colleagues, academic and non-teaching, to continue to see students of the Faculty as their children who should be properly treated, guided and moulded for them to become responsible citizens.

Others who spoke appreciated the



various contributions of the honourees. They urged them to keep up their good works for them to remain shining examples to other members of the Faculty and the University at large.

The event was attended by the immediate past University Librarian, University of Ilorin, Prof. AbdulWahab Olanrewaju Issa and several staff members of the Faculty.

ILUMSA organises medical outreach in Ilorin

By Abubakar Imam

Medical students of the University of Ilorin in collaboration with the Ayegbami Community, Alagbado, Okelele in Ilorin East local Government Area of Kwara State, last Tuesday(December 3, 2025) conducted free medical screening for the residents of Ayegbami community.

The organisers also provided medication for 500 beneficiaries and recommended referral to health facilities where necessary.

The well attended medical outreach was part of activities marking the 40th anniversary of Ilorin University Medical Students Association (ILUMSA).

Flagging off the outreach, the Senior Advisor/Counselor to the Kwara State Governor, Alh Saadu Salahudeen, said primary healthcare should remain one of the topmost priorities of every community.

Alhaji Salahudeen, who is a veteran journalist and Fellow of the Nigerian Institute of Public Relations, commended the medical students for choosing Ayegbami for the all- important medical outreach.

He also praised the residents of the community for turning out enmasse for the programme.

He commended the University of Ilorin "for complementing efforts in delivering primary healthcare to our people."



Also speaking, the President of ILUMSA, Mr Toheeb AbdulGaniyu, who expressed delight over the impressive turn out of the people for the programme, said the programme is an annual event aimed at improving the wellbeing of the residents of the benefitting communities.

The Vice President of ILUMSA, Adu Samuel said the medical outreach was organised to mark the 40th anniversary of the association.

The team lead of the medical outreach, Oreoluwa Adeniyi, thanked the Senior Adviser/Counselor for his huge support for the students, which ensured the success of the event.

She also thanked the leaders of Ayegbami community for mobilising their

people for the event, expressing satisfaction about the turn out and the conduct of the beneficiaries.

The event was attended by several dignitaries including the Alangua Ibagun, Alh Sakariyahu Ilufemiloye; the Senior Special Assistant on Religion(Islam) to the Kwara State Governor, Alh Ibrahim Danmaigoro; the Chairman of Ilorin East Local Government Area, Malam Lukman Agbelere, who was represented by his Deputy, Hajia Nafisat AbdulRaheem; the Supervisor for Health in Ilorin East LGA, Alhaja Bolaji Sanni; and the Regional Editor of LEADERSHIP Newspapers, Alh Abdullahi Olesin, among several others.

COMSIT's ex-Director, Afolabi, bags NCS award

By Mustafa Abubakar

A former Director of the University of Ilorin Computer, Information Management and Technology Centre(COMSIT), Dr Monisoye Sola Afolabi, has been honoured by the Nigeria Computer Society (NCS) in recognition of his many years of visionary guidance, exceptional leadership, and meritorious contributions to the growth of the Society and the IT profession in Nigeria. Dr Afolabi headed the Centre between 1982 to 1989.

The award ceremony, which formed part of the 2025 Nigeria



■ Dr Afolabi

Information Technology Merit Awards (NITMA), was recently held at the MUSON Centre, Onikan, Lagos.

Dr Afolabi, who also served as the pioneer Director of the ECOWAS Community Computer Centre, Lome, Togo, from 1989 to 2010, and National President of the Omupo Descendants Union(OMU), was celebrated for his extensive professional achievements.

Speaking on the development, Dr Afolabi expressed gratitude to the Nigeria Computer Society for the recognition, describing the award as an honour for decades of humble service to the IT profession in Nigeria and West Africa.



UNILORIN experts lead national call for action at AMR prevention summit

By Mustafa Abubakar

Experts from the University of Ilorin have raised strong concerns over the rising threat of Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) in Nigeria, calling for urgent reforms in agricultural, pharmaceutical, veterinary, and public health practices.

The submission was made on Wednesday (November 19, 2025) at the Anti-Microbial Resistance Prevention Summit held at the University Auditorium.

The summit was organised by the AMR Club, SDGs Club, Planetary Health Club, and Students Livestock Estate Club in partnership with the Thriving Youth Leadership Network, founded and facilitated by Gobir Ibrahim Musa, an alumnus of the University.

In her submission, the immediate past Dean of Agriculture, Prof. Olujemisi B. Fawole, warned that Nigeria's food system is increasingly endangered as antibiotic residues continue to damage soil health. She said many farmers rely excessively on antibiotics, which accumulate in the soil and promote the emergence of resistant microorganisms, eventually finding their way into food chains.

She stressed that sustainable agricultural practices such as crop rotation, composting, bio-fertilizers, integrated pest management, and improved livestock hygiene remain the most reliable approach to reducing antibiotic dependence. She urged universities, especially UNILORIN, to invest more in soil microbiology laboratories and surveillance systems to strengthen the country's food safety framework.

Also speaking, Dr AbdulMalik Aliyu, who is the Head of Pharmaceutical Microbiology and Biotechnology at the University, described antibiotic misuse as the primary driver of resistance. He said improper use, such as incomplete dosage, sharing drugs, or using leftover antibiotics gives bacteria the opportunity to mutate.

He insisted that pharmacists must serve as gatekeepers by ensuring that antibiotics are dispensed strictly on prescription, while laboratory testing should always guide treatment decisions. Strengthening laboratory capacity and drug stewardship training, he noted, is vital to reducing AMR nationwide.

In the same vein, Dr Oluwafemi Daodu, the Head of Veterinary Microbiology, explained that resistant microorganisms spread rapidly through poorly managed farms where overcrowding, unhygienic conditions, and uncontrolled drug use are common. He advised livestock keepers to adopt vaccination, routine diagnostic testing, and professional veterinary consultation before administering drugs.

He called for increased investment in research to develop safe local alternatives to antibiotics and urged government agencies to support veterinary institutions with stronger surveillance systems.

In her remarks, the Kwara State Commissioner for Health, Dr Amina Ahmed El-Imam, noted that AMR now threatens public health more urgently than ever, with hospitals witnessing rising treatment failures due to antibiotic-resistant infections. She said the Kwara State Government is strengthening surveillance, enforcing responsible drug use, and promoting community enlightenment to curb AMR.

She commended UNILORIN students for initiating a summit that aligns with global health priorities, assuring them that the state government would continue to collaborate with researchers and institutions to reduce drug misuse across Kwara communities.

Representing the President of the Nigeria Veterinary Medical Association (NVMA), Dr Musa Imam Abubakar outlined national strategies for AMR prevention, stressing the One Health approach, improved laboratory networks, and effective regulation of antibiotic sales.

In her remarks, the Kwara State Commissioner for Livestock Development, Hon Oloruntoyosi Ayobola Thomas, warned that AMR undermines livestock productivity, leading to major economic losses. She however reaffirmed government support for the newly launched Students Livestock Estate, describing it as a model for youth-led agricultural practice in the state.

The President of the Association of Fish Farmers in Kwara (AFFAK), Brig Gen Tayo Olasupo, who spoke on the misuse of antibiotics in fish farming, explained that resistant bacteria from ponds often contaminate water bodies, and urged farmers to adopt safer aquaculture practices.

Also speaking, an environmental advocate and Co-Founder of the Adun Group, Dr Bola Yusuf, described the environment as a "hidden reservoir" of resistant organisms due to untreated pharmaceutical waste, farm runoff, and contaminated water systems, calling for investment in waste treatment and environmental regulation.

CML to host 2026 leadership summit

By *Mustafa Abubakar*

The Ag. Director of the Centre for Management and Leadership Ilorin (CMLI), Dr Adeola A. Odeode, has disclosed that arrangements are underway to host major leadership development programmes scheduled for 2026.

Dr Odeode, who spoke with **UNILORIN Bulletin** last Monday (December 1, 2025), explained that the initiatives are aimed at strengthening leadership capacity, promoting workplace harmony, and enhancing the University's national profile.

She revealed that the 2026 Leadership Summit, planned for May 2026 and themed "Transformational Leadership for National Development in a Changing World," is expected to provide a high-level platform for meaningful conversations on leadership and national development.

According to her, the event is projected to attract between 500 and 700 participants, including policymakers, senior administrators, corporate



Dr Odeode

executives, academics, development partners, and postgraduate students, alongside distinguished personalities who will serve as keynote contributors.

Dr Odeode noted that their participation would significantly enrich the conversation and elevate the University's visibility at both national and international levels.

She added that the Summit is expected to contribute to national conversations, support institutional partnerships, attract potential grants and consultancies, and further strengthen the

visibility of CMLI's academic programmes.

Dr Odeode also confirmed that the Centre will host a One-Day Staff Development Workshop during the year, designed for all members of staff, both academic and non-teaching. She emphasised that the training aligns with the University's longstanding commitment to excellence in teaching, research, administrative efficiency, and community service.

She stated that the workshop will feature presentations, interactive discussions, case reflections, and question-and-answer engagements.

The expected outcomes, she said, include improved leadership capacity, strengthened ethical competence, enhanced emotional intelligence, better communication, and a more harmonious and productive working environment.

Dr Odeode expressed confidence that the 2026 Leadership Summit and the One-Day Staff Development Workshop will further position the University of Ilorin as a leading institution in leadership development, capacity building, and national discourse.

UNILORIN commissions NASRDA/DSA space research centre

By *Mustafa Abubakar*
and *Dorcas Akintoye*

The University of Ilorin National Space Research and Development Agency/Defence Space Administration (NASRDA/DSA) Research Centre, has been commissioned, marking a major step forward in the institution's commitment to innovation, scientific advancement, and national development.

The building, which was facilitated by AVM Lanre Ibrahim Olohuntoyin (rtd), was among the projects commissioned to mark the Golden Jubilee of the University penultimate Tuesday (November 25, 2025).

Speaking at the event, the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, described the centre as a significant milestone that reinforces the position of the University as a hub for cutting-edge research. He noted that the NASRDA/DSA Centre will enhance training, data analysis, satellite technology, and space-related studies across various disciplines.

He added that the partnership



with the National Space Research and Development Agency and the Defence Space Administration demonstrates the University's commitment to building capacity in national security, environmental monitoring, communication technology, and climate research.

While appreciating the donors, the Dean of the Faculty of Engineering and Technology, Prof. Joshua Olaoye,

represented by Prof. M. O. Sunmonu, appreciated all partners who contributed to the realisation of the project, expressing confidence that the Centre would become one of the University's most impactful research hubs in the coming years.

The newly established Centre is expected to support research, foster collaborations with global space agencies, and provide essential data for agriculture, security, climate change,

Make the Best of Distance Learning, VC Tells CODL Students

By Tajudeen Babamale
and Bashirat Omotosho

The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has charged students of the Centre for Open and Distance Learning (CODL) of the University to maximise the opportunities offered by the programme and remain committed to excellence throughout their academic journey.

Prof. Egbewole gave the charge last Tuesday (December 2, 2025) during the four-day orientation programme for newly admitted CODL students held at Hall D of the Mini Campus, where he noted that learners under the distance learning mode are not in any way inferior to their counterparts at the University's permanent site.

Speaking through the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic), Prof. Moji Taibat Bakare-Odunola, the Vice-Chancellor said the only distinction lies in the mode of delivery, with about 70 percent of the programme conducted virtually for the CODL students, while the quality of knowledge, academic standards, and learning outcomes remain the same.

He urged the students to take the CODL initiative seriously and not treat the flexible learning model as an excuse for complacency. Instead, he encouraged them to make the best of the resources, support systems, and digital learning tools provided by the University.

Reaffirming the institution's commitment to discipline and character development, the Vice Chancellor noted that the University of Ilorin is known for nurturing students who are worthy in learning and character, adding that no student will be allowed to graduate without meeting these fundamental standards.

Prof. Egbewole expressed confidence that with dedication and proper engagement, CODL students will excel and contribute meaningfully to the University's enduring legacy of quality education.

On his part, the University Librarian, Prof. Kamaldeen Tunde Omopupa, encouraged the newly admitted students to take full advantage of the University's extensive digital resources by using their mobile phones and other devices to access the wealth of e-materials available in the institution's e-library.

Prof. Omopupa explained that the University of Ilorin has invested significantly in a wide range of academic databases, journals, and online learning platforms to support students across all modes of study, including those in the Centre for Open and Distance Learning (CODL).

He noted that these subscriptions were made specifically to enhance students' research capabilities, broaden their academic exposure, and ensure they enjoy the same level of access to scholarly materials as their counterparts on campus.

He urged CODL students to make the best use of these facilities, stressing that



the ease of accessing high-quality academic resources from anywhere places them at a great advantage.

Prof. Omopupa advised them to cultivate robust reading and research habits, describing the e-library as an essential tool that can significantly enrich their learning experience and improve their academic performance.

In her opening remarks, the Director of the Center, Prof. Modinah Adeleke Abdulraheem, urged the newly admitted students to "embrace the future through Open and Distance Learning."

She described ODL as a transformative platform that breaks traditional educational barriers, offering learners the flexibility, accessibility, and digital competence needed to thrive in a rapidly evolving world.

Prof. Abdulraheem emphasized that the future of education is no longer confined to physical classrooms, and students who take advantage of the ODL system are positioning themselves for greater opportunities in an increasingly technology-driven world.

The Director reminded the students that succeeding in this mode of learning requires commitment, discipline, and a willingness to adapt to innovative learning tools.

She encouraged them to see themselves as pioneers of a new academic culture, one where self-motivation, digital literacy, and independent inquiry play central roles.

While assuring them of the Centre's continuous support, she charged the students to stay focused, remain engaged, and make the best use of the numerous resources CODL offers, noting that their journey through open and distance education is a significant step toward a brighter and more empowered future.

Also speaking, Mr. Raheem Adetunji from the Security Unit emphasised the growing need for students to be conscious of both their physical and digital safety, noting that the rise of online learning environments also increases exposure to cyber threats.

Mr. Adetunji urged the CODL

students to protect their personal information, use strong passwords, avoid suspicious links, and remain vigilant when interacting on social media and academic platforms.

He also highlighted the importance of staying aware of one's surroundings, especially when studying in public spaces or commuting.

According to him, students must take proactive steps such as sharing their movements with trusted contacts, avoiding isolated areas, and prioritizing emergency contacts and campus support systems.

Mr. Adetunji stressed that security is a personal responsibility, and adopting simple preventive measures can significantly reduce risks while enhancing students' confidence and well-being throughout their academic journey.

Speaking on "The Benefits and Challenges of Open and Distance Learning," Dr. Olawale Sunday highlighted the flexibility, accessibility, and cost-effectiveness of the mode, while noting that students must overcome challenges such as digital distractions and limited face-to-face engagement.

Also addressing the fresh students, Dr. Jimoh Raheem discussed the "Expectations and Responsibilities of Open and Distance Learners," emphasising discipline, consistent logging into the learning platform, active participation, and timely completion of assessments as key to academic success.

In his presentation on "Time Management and Self-Regulation Skills," Dr. Hussein Musa urged students to develop personal study schedules, minimise procrastination, and adopt effective learning strategies to cope with the unique demands of distance learning.

He stressed that self-discipline remains the foundation of achievement in a virtual academic environment.

Present at the event were the Secretary of the Centre, Mrs. Maymunat Zakariyah, and the Director of the Center for Leadership and Management, Dr. Odebo Aminat, among others.

Adekeye hails Alafara's leadership style

By Abubakar Imam

The Dean of the Faculty of Physical Sciences, University of Ilorin, Prof. O. A. Adekeye, has commended the leadership style of his immediate past predecessor, Prof. Abdullahi Alafara Baba.

Prof. Adekeye gave this commendation last Monday (December 1, 2025) while speaking at a reception organised by the Faculty in honour of Prof. Alafara and a few others at the Faculty Board Room.

Others who were honoured along with Prof. Alafara are the immediate past Sub-Dean, Dr Omolayo A. Omorinoye; the Faculty Accountant, Mr. Femi A. Ogunsanya; the Caretaker, Mr. Kola S. Adekeye; the Senior Executive Officer, Mr. Bamidele Akinsola, and Alhaja Ajibike S. Onaolapo, the Chief Secretarial Assistant, as well as Mr. Abdul Sallam Abdulrasaq, the Dean's Driver.

Prof. Adekeye described the former Dean as a hardworking scholar and administrator who dedicated his time and resources to the growth of the Faculty.

The Dean recalled the several achievements of the Faculty under the



leadership of Prof. Alafara, saying that the former Dean was able to lead the Faculty to the status of being the best in the University.

Prof. Adekeye also commended other honourees for their individual and collective contributions to the success of the Faculty.

Prof. Adekeye assured the audience that he would lead other Faculty Members and students towards building on the fascinating legacy left behind by Prof. Alafara to ensure that the Faculty remains on top.

Responding, Prof. Alafara

thanked the management and staff of the Faculty for honouring him and others.

He said that the humble achievements recorded while he was in charge were made possible through the support of every staff member and student of the Faculty.

He urged Faculty members and students of the Faculty to support Prof. Adekeye for the Faculty to remain a pride of all.

The highlight of the event was the presentation of souvenirs to Prof. Alafara and other honourees.

KWASUED don hails UNILORIN support for new Kwara varsities

By Abubakar Imam

A Lecturer at the Department of Educational Management Kwara State University of Education (KWASUED), Ilorin, Mrs Nusirat Omofolake Oniyeye, has commended the University of Ilorin for supporting new universities within and outside Kwara State to grow.

Mrs Oniyeye gave this commendation last Wednesday (December 3, 2025) in a chat with UNILORIN Bulletin. She explained that the University of Ilorin, which is the premier University in Kwara State, has been supporting younger institutions to stand the test of time.

She particularly commended the impact of the University of Ilorin on KWASUED, saying that apart from producing its Vice Chancellor, Prof. Medinat Folorunso Salman, and its



■ Mrs Oniyeye

University Librarian, Dr Akanbi, she noted that the KWASUED's Pro-Chancellor, Prof. Shuaibu Oba AbdulRaheem, OFR, is also a former Vice Chancellor of the Better By Far

University.

Mrs Oniyeye also explained that many senior academics from the University of Ilorin have also been rendering critical support to the young University while a few of them are currently on sabbatical leave at KWASUED.

She also pointed out that many of the staff of KWASUED are either alumni of the University of Ilorin or those of the universities nurtured by it.

Mrs Oniyeye expressed the hope that the University of Ilorin would offer more support to KWASUED and other young universities in the State in line with the reason behind the formation of the Consortium of Universities in Kwara State (Ku8+).

UNILORIN is a beacon of academic distinction- Adeyinka-Ajiboye

By **Mustafa Abubakar**

A Senior Technologist at the Department of Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering, University of Ilorin, Mrs O. V. Adeyinka-Ajiboye, has described the University as a beacon of academic distinction, whose culture of stability and innovation continues to inspire generations of professionals.

Mrs Adeyinka-Ajiboye stated this last Monday (November 24, 2025) while speaking with UNILORIN Bulletin in her office.

She noted that five decades after the establishment of the University, the institution has maintained a reputation for discipline, dedication, and consistent academic excellence.

She explained that the



■ **Mrs Adeyinka-Ajiboye**

institution has evolved into a major hub of technological and scientific

advancement, especially through the Faculty of Engineering and Technology.

Mrs Adeyinka-Ajiboye also pointed out that the University's agricultural engineers have made significant contributions to community development by supporting farmers through outreach programmes that introduce affordable and efficient technologies aimed at improving productivity and reducing labour.

According to her, these interventions promote food security, environmental conservation, and rural empowerment—values that mirror the University's long-standing motto of being "Better by Far."

While congratulating the University on its Golden Jubilee, she urged engineers and alumni to uphold UNILORIN's legacy by solving societal problems and advancing technologies that will sustain national development.

Alooma tasks UCJ on ethics

By **Abubakar Imam**

The General Manager of **UNILORIN 89.3 FM** Radio Station, Mr Ibrahim Akintola Idris (Alooma), has tasked members of the Union of Campus Journalists (UCJ), University of Ilorin, to uphold the principles of truth, ethics, and professionalism in their reporting, as well as contribute to sustaining peace on campus.

In a lecture delivered at the UCJ induction ceremony held penultimate Saturday (November 15, 2025) at the Faculty Management

Science Faculty Lecture Theatre, Mr Alooma emphasised the importance of truthful reporting, media ethics, and youth engagement in the information space.

He urged the young journalists to be champions of truth, fairness, and balance in their reporting, and to use their platforms to promote peace and unity on campus.

The seasoned broadcaster noted that the University of Ilorin has a rich history of excellence and peaceful coexistence, and that the UCJ members have a role to play in sustaining this peace.

He encouraged them to be responsible, professional in their reporting, and to avoid sensationalism, plagiarism, and bias.

Mr Alooma also highlighted the ample opportunities available to UCJ members and other students at Unilorin FM Radio Station, where they can learn and practice various aspects of radio broadcasting, including programme presentation, newscasting, production, marketing, and news reporting, among others.

He said that after undergoing training, participants will be certified at the end of their academic career in the University.

Oloyede bags NSE Fellowship

By **Temitope Omoniye**

The Director, Centre for Research, Development and In-House Training (CREDIT), University of Ilorin, Prof. Abdulkarim Oloyede, has been conferred with the prestigious Fellowship of the Nigerian Society of Engineers (NSE).

Prof. Oloyede, who teaches at the institution's Department of Telecommunications, is a Wireless and Internet Governance specialist with almost two decades of academic and industry experience.

In October, Prof. Oloyede was nominated as the Secretary-General of the Nigerian Network for Economics of Learning, Innovation, and Competence Building Systems (NigeriaLics).

The Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Egbewole, SAN, expressed profound pride and congratulations following the news of the investiture held last Monday (December 1, 2025) at the International Conference Centre, University of Ibadan.

In a statement signed by the University's Director of Corporate Affairs, Mr Kunle Akogun, Prof. Egbewole commended the achievement, noting that the honour recognises Prof. Oloyede's significant contributions to telecommunications, engineering, and academia.

The African Telecommunications Union (ATU) had earlier named Prof. Oloyede as a Consultant to the World Telecommunication Development Conference (WTDC) in 2021.



■ **Prof. Oloyede**

We'll leverage Golden Jubilee to entice more UNILORIN alumni

By Abubakar Imam

The Director, Centre for Advancement, University of Ilorin, Prof. Waheed Babatunde Yahya, has said that the management and staff of the Centre would work with relevant stakeholders to leverage the experience garnered before and during the just-concluded Golden Jubilee of the University to stimulate more alumni and friends towards supporting the University.

Prof. Yahya made this remarks last Wednesday (December 3, 2025) in a chat with **UNILORIN Bulletin** in his office.

He explained that his Centre is now more prepared than ever to ensure that more support is attracted to the University for it to achieve its desire of being the best in Nigeria, one of the leading ten universities in Africa, and among the 500 most outstanding at the global level.

Prof. Yahya, who served as the Chairman of the Alumni Day Sub-Committee of the Anniversary, said that it is clear that many alumni of the University are willing to give back to the institution towards ensuring its greatness.

The Director said that the way several alumni responded to the invitation of the University at every stage of the anniversary showed that the University is blessed with patriots who meant well for the institution.

Prof. Yahya congratulated the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, and staff, as well as students of the University, for a very successful 50th anniversary.

He said that the anniversary went a long way in advertising the University to the rest of the country and beyond as a leading citadel of learning which also has the prospect of being far better than it is.



■ Prof. Yahya

NIALS to partner UNILORIN Law Faculty

By Idris Alooma

The National Institute of Advanced Legal Studies (NIALS) is set to collaborate with the University of Ilorin's Faculty of Law and other universities nationwide to enhance legal education, research grant boosting, and commercialisation of legal research outputs, the Director-General of the Institute, Prof. Abduquadri Ibrahim Abikan, has pledged.

Speaking on the "Countdown to Unilorin @ 50" radio programme penultimate Tuesday (November 25, 2025) anchored by the General Manager, UNILORIN FM radio station, Mr Idris Alooma, Prof. Abikan reflected on his 24-year association with the University



■ Prof. Abikan

of Ilorin, describing it as pivotal in his academic journey.

He recalled Unilorin's support for his Ph.D. programme abroad, which shaped his growth.

As NIALS DG, Prof. Abikan promised to drive initiatives that would enhance legal education, including a digital repository for law research output nationwide.

He praised the efforts of the UNILORIN Faculty of Law Alumni and emphasised unity and patriotism for nation-building.

He expressed optimism about Unilorin's new Research Centre, saying that it would propel it to top rankings.

Prof. Abikan congratulated the University of Ilorin on its milestones and reaffirmed confidence in its reputation as a leading Nigerian University.

Home-based UNILORIN alumni appreciates members' support

By Idris Alooma

The University of Ilorin Alumni Association, UNILORIN Branch, has expressed appreciation to its members for their unwavering support towards the successful staging of the institution's 50th anniversary.

In a statement signed by the Branch Chairman, Prof. Babatunde Lateef Adeleke, the Association acknowledged the enthusiasm and solidarity displayed by members during the celebration, describing it as "unprecedented".

Prof. Adeleke said, "We greatly



■ Prof. Adeleke

appreciate your effective participation at various levels despite the current economic realities."

He implored members to sustain their spirit of solidarity and togetherness to enhance the branch's visibility.

The Chairman commended members who worked tirelessly in mobilising support for the anniversary, citing them as shining examples to be emulated.

He said the Association is working towards invigorating its subgroups at faculties, units, and centers, and has received assistance from eminent members in this regard.

He urged members to continue to render selfless services to their alma mater, praying that the Almighty reward them abundantly.

Abubakar inducted into IPI Nigeria

By Mustafa Muhammad

An Assistant Director (Information) at the Directorate of Corporate Affairs, University of Ilorin, Mr Mustafa Muhammad Abubakar, has been inducted as a member of the International Press Institute Nigeria (IPI Nigeria), joining a prestigious community of editors, media executives, and journalism advocates committed to upholding press freedom and ethical journalism.

The induction of Mr Abubakar took place last Tuesday (December 2, 2025), during the 2025 IPI Nigeria Annual Conference and General Meeting (AGM) at the NICON-NOGA Luxury Hotel, Abuja, and was attended by top media and government stakeholders.

Mr Abubakar was recognised alongside other seasoned professionals for demonstrating a steadfast commitment to advancing high standards in journalism and contributing to a strong, independent media landscape in Nigeria.

Speaking on the occasion, IPI Nigeria Secretary, Mr Ahmed Ibrahim Shekarau, commended the inductees, stating that their membership represents an important step in promoting ethical reporting, safeguarding journalists' rights, and strengthening democratic accountability across the country.

In his remarks, Mr Abubakar expressed gratitude for the honour, noting that the induction aligns with his longstanding dedication to media excellence and professional development.

"It is indeed a privilege to join IPI Nigeria and contribute to the collective

mission of defending press freedom and ethical journalism," he said.

He also thanked the authorities of the University for their support, promising to continue to represent the institution with distinction at all professional fora.

In his reaction, the University's Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wabab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN,

congratulated Mr Abubakar, describing his induction as a well-merited recognition of his outstanding contributions to journalism and media development initiatives in Nigeria.

In a statement by the University's Director of Corporate Affairs, Mr Kunle Akogun, Prof. Egbewole encouraged other staff members, students, and alumni to take inspiration from Mr Abubakar's dedication, urging them to strive for professional excellence while promoting the University's reputation in their respective fields.

In a letter of congratulation by the Chairman of the UNILORIN Chapel of the Nigeria Union of Journalists (NUJ), Mr Tijani Adekola Adewoyin, a copy of which was made available to **UNILORIN Bulletin** last Wednesday (December 3, 2025), Mr Abubakar's long-standing service to journalism and mentorship of young journalists was highlighted.

The statement described him as a



former Vice Chairman of the NUJ Kwara State Council and Assistant Director, who has set a commendable example for his peers.

Mr Adewoyin noted, "We are thrilled to see Mr Abubakar's dedication recognised. His leadership and commitment to the profession make this honour well-deserved."

He added that the induction is not merely ceremonial but a fitting recognition of Mr Abubakar's contributions to journalism.

The Chairman reaffirmed the Chapel's commitment to supporting members who exemplify excellence and to collaborating with IPI Nigeria to promote press freedom, ethical reporting, and the welfare of journalists nationwide.

Lumumba's wife urges women in academia to be proactive

By Mustafa Abubakar
and Dorcas Akintoye

The wife of Prof. L. P. O. Lumumba, the Guest Anniversary Speaker at the just concluded 50th Anniversary of the University of Ilorin, Mrs Celestine Otieno-Lumumba, has urged women in academia to be proactive, insisting that they must not wait for opportunities to be handed to them.

Mrs Lumumba said this while speaking with **UNILORIN Bulletin** penultimate Thursday (November 27, 2025) at the University Auditorium.

She said, "Do not give up. Be in the forefront. Do not wait to be called to the table because nobody is going to call you. Take yourself to the table and make a difference just like the men are doing."

Mrs Lumumba added that while the academic space belongs to everyone, women must organise themselves effectively, as the men organise themselves.



■ Mrs Lumumba

"I am not saying men are better organisers in terms of these things than women. So women should organise themselves and excel in academia just like the men are excelling," she noted.

Reflecting on the University of Ilorin, she said she was "actually very impressed," explaining that the long drive into campus before seeing any buildings gave "this kind of privacy" she had only seen at the Earth University in Costa Rica.

She said UNILORIN reminded her of that institution, which "specialises in agriculture and agriculture alone, and they only have African students, but they do amazing work there."

She encouraged a visit to the University by researchers from the University of Ilorin to see what they do there, stating that it shall be wonderful.

On youth and national development, she said, "There is a lot to do for the youth. You have seen what has happened in Kenya, Madagascar. It is the youth who bring change, not the old people. If you are waiting for change from the old people, you will wait for a very long time. So it is you who have to bring the change that you want, and not by destroying yourself or destroying the country, but by doing the right thing."

UNILORIN NUJ Chairman advises UCJ on professionalism

By Abubakar Abdulquadri

The Chairman of the Nigeria Union of Journalists (NUJ), University of Ilorin Chapel, Mr Tijani Adekola Adewoyin, has advised members of the institution's chapter of the Union of Campus Journalists (UCJ) to uphold the code of conduct of journalism in the discharge of their responsibilities.

Mr Adewoyin gave this advice last Thursday (December 4, 2025) while addressing the Executive members of the UNILORIN UCJ during their visit to the Chapel Secretariat at the Directorate of Corporate Affairs.

The UNILORIN NUJ Chairman explained that journalists are the fourth estate of the realm who play key roles in the existence of any society through information, education, and entertainment. He emphasised that while doing this, it is expected of them to always balance their reports with factual information and abide by the ethics of the profession in order to remain relevant among their counterparts.

The Chairman encouraged them to pursue professional



qualifications in the field of journalism after their first degree programme to enable them operate responsibly.

He also counselled them to focus on their studies and avoid anything that might disrupt their academic programmes.

The President of the UCJ, Miss Waleeyah Ayomide Ambali, said the essence of the visit was to identify areas

where the two bodies can collaborate.

Miss Ambali explained that the UNILORIN UCJ will be celebrating its 30th anniversary next year, which she described as a milestone achievement and worthy of celebration as he called for the cooperation of the UNILORIN NUJ to ensure the success of the event.



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Atteh, ex-UNILORIN Ceremonials Committee Chair, bows-out in style

By Isaac Lewu

The University of Ilorin, last Wednesday (December 3, 2025) held a grand Valedictory Lecture in honour of a former Chairman of the University's Ceremonials Committee, Prof. Job Olutimehin Atteh, who recently retired from the services of the University after attaining the age of 70.

Prof. Atteh, a distinguished scholar of Animal Production, whose career has been defined by uncommon humility, institutional patriotism, and unwavering loyalty to the Better by Far University.

The event, which was held in the University Auditorium, drew eminent scholars, administrators, students, alumni, and friends of the honouree, all gathered to celebrate a professor described as an embodiment of academic excellence and moral fortitude.

The honouree, who taught at the Department of Animal Production, was described as a man blessed with uncommon humility, institutional patriotism, and unwavering loyalty to the Better by Far University.

Speaking during the ceremony, Prof. Atteh recalled his deep belief in the University and affirmed that the name UNILORIN meant more to him than any personal achievement.

Prof. Atteh, who was the longest-serving Chairman of the University's Ceremonials Committee, stated that even when he contested for the position of Vice Chancellor and did not emerge, he never withdrew from contributing to the progress of the institution.

Instead, he intensified his service, insisting that in UNILORIN, winners and losers work together for the greater good of the institution.

He urged political actors in the country to visit the University to learn how harmony, cooperation, and shared purpose can thrive even in competitive terrains.

According to him, the University's culture of collective success remains one of its greatest strengths and a model that the wider society urgently needs.

In his welcome address, the Chairman of the event, Prof. Badmas Olanrewaju Yusuf, described the honouree as a towering academic figure whose contributions have shaped the Faculty of Agriculture and strengthened the University's reputation for excellence.

He noted that Prof. Atteh's retirement marks a significant transition, not of closure, but of a new phase where his wealth of experience would continue



■ Prof. Atteh

to inspire future scholars.

Prof. Yusuf praised the celebrant's exceptional work ethic and commitment to mentoring young academics.

He explained that the large turnout recorded at the event was a proof of Prof. Atteh's far-reaching influence across generations of staff and students.

According to him, few academics have demonstrated such consistency of character, diligence, and institutional loyalty.

Prof. Yusuf said that the committee resolved to make the event memorable because Prof. Atteh represents the true spirit of UNILORIN's discipline, integrity, and service.

He congratulated him for a fulfilling career and wished him greater accomplishments in his post-retirement engagements.

In her address, the Head of the Department of Animal Production, Prof. Eunice Sola-Ojo, commended Prof. Atteh for decades of academic stewardship that shaped the Department into a centre of innovation and high-quality teaching.

She disclosed that many of the Department's current strengths were built on

foundations laid by the honouree.

Prof. Sola-Ojo highlighted Prof. Atteh's scholarly output, record of grantsmanship, and commitment to transformational teaching.

She emphasised that Prof. Atteh's ability to build collaborations and mentor promising academics contributed significantly to the department's prominence within and outside Nigeria.

She stressed that the Department was not merely bidding farewell to a senior colleague but celebrating a mentor, father figure, and pillar of stability.

Prof. Atteh's footprints are indelible, and he has set standards that will continue to guide the University for decades.

In his remarks, the Dean of the Faculty, Prof. Israel Ogunlade, described Prof. Atteh as a scholar whose integrity and dedication enhanced the Faculty's credibility across the national agricultural research landscape.

He noted that the honouree's influence cut across teaching, research, community service, and leadership.

Prof. Ogunlade recalled several milestones championed by Prof. Atteh, including curriculum development, research breakthroughs in Animal Production, and the nurturing of world-class graduates who now hold important positions globally.

He stated that the Faculty's enviable reputation is inseparable from the celebrant's contributions.

The Dean said that the Faculty of Agriculture is proud to celebrate one of its finest exports and reaffirmed that Prof. Atteh's legacy would continue to guide policy formulation, staff development, and student engagement for years to come.

Also speaking, the Vice Chancellor, University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, lauded Prof. Atteh for exemplifying the virtues of loyalty, discipline, and academic excellence that the University cherishes.

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KWASU DVC advocates inclusion for persons with disability

By Bashir Dawodu

The Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic), Kwara State University, Malete, Prof. Olubukola Dada, has called on Nigerians to embrace and meaningfully include persons living with one form of disability or the other in all aspects of society as she urged members of the public to eliminate discrimination, limitations, and attitudinal barriers against them.

Prof. Dada made this call last Wednesday (December 3, 2025), while delivering a keynote address at the 2025 International Day of Persons with Disabilities celebration, organised by the Centre for Students with Special Needs, University of Ilorin.

The event held at the University Auditorium Basement with the theme, “Fostering Disability-Inclusive Societies for Advancing Social Progress.”

Represented by Prof. Kelechi Uchemadu Lazarus of the Department of Special Needs, University of Ibadan, Prof. Dada stressed that discrimination against persons with disabilities could negatively affect their mental health and overall well-being.

She emphasised the need for a society that values inclusion, promotes equal rights, dignity, and access to opportunities.

According to her, leaders, organisations, communities, government agencies, schools, healthcare providers, and workplaces all have critical roles to play in fostering inclusion.

Prof. Dada commended the Federal Government for establishing the National Commission for Persons with Disabilities (NCPWD) and called for the total elimination of labelling, discrimination, and negative attitudes towards persons with disabilities.



Declaring the programme open, the Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, who was represented by the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academics), Prof. Moji Taibat Bakare-Odunola, congratulated students with disabilities on the celebration.

He encouraged them to believe in themselves, describing disability as another form of ability, and assured them that they could achieve greatness.

Also speaking, the Dean of the Faculty of Education, Prof. Olukunmi Lanre Olaitan, urged Nigerians to create a more conducive environment for persons with disabilities and to empower them in all areas of life.

He charged them never to underestimate their potential.

In her welcome address, the Director of the Centre for Students with Special Needs,

Prof. Taiwo Toyin Ambali, described the centre as one of the foremost university-based disability support centres in Nigeria.

Prof. Ambali revealed that over 150 students with special needs had graduated from the Centre and are contributing meaningfully to national development.

The Director lauded Prof. Egbewole for promoting inclusion as an institutional priority, noting that the University had procured five motorised wheelchairs and two tricycles, sponsored annual in-service training for staff, and supported staff participation in national and international conferences.

Highlights of the event included a sign language workshop and presentations by students with special needs.

Dignitaries at the programme included Principal Officers, Deans, Sub-Deans, and students of the University.

Atteh, ex-UNILORIN Ceremonials Committee Chair, bows-out in style

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Prof. Egbewole, who was represented by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic), Prof. Moji Taibat Bakare-Odunola, commended the honouree for refusing to allow personal setbacks to interfere with his dedication to the institution.

He noted that Prof. Atteh's conduct during and after the Vice Chancellorship contest remains a model of sportsmanship and maturity.

The Vice Chancellor affirmed that UNILORIN owes Prof. Atteh a debt of

gratitude for his long-standing service, contributions to scholarship, and commitment to building the human capital of the University.

He congratulated him on the successful celebration and prayed for greater grace in the years ahead.

The event also featured the presentation of a scholarly book, “POULTGENIUS”, authored by Prof. Atteh, which chronicles his academic journey, research experiences, and reflections on the development of

Agricultural Science in Nigeria.

The publication was warmly received by colleagues and guests as a significant addition to intellectual discourse in the field.

The event was attended by the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Research, Technology, and Innovation), Prof. Mukhtahir Adeiza Etudiaye, the Registrar, Mr Mansur Adeleke Alfa, and the University Librarian, Prof. Kamaldeen Tunde Omopupa, among others.

Unilorin hosts NECO's CBT Exam

By Muizdeen Adewole

The University of Ilorin is currently conducting the National Examination Council (NECO) Computer-Based Test (CBT) Examinations.

In an interview co-anchored by UNILORIN FM Manager, Mr Idris Alooma and Head of Programme, Mr Temitope Olawuyi, last Wednesday (December 3, 2025), the Deputy Director of Programming at NECO, Mr AbdulRasheed Rabana, commended the University's CBT Centre, saying, "We did our feasibility studies and assessed the facilities available, and UNILORIN's CBT Centre stood out."

According to Rabana, the CBT examinations at UNILORIN have a maximum of 250 candidates, and the facility is well-equipped to accommodate them efficiently.

He noted that the examination is hybrid, combining multiple-choice and essay questions, with support available for candidates with special needs or disabilities.

Mr Rabana emphasised that NECO's transition to CBT aims to



improve the examination process, reduce malpractice, and increase efficiency.

"CBT has many advantages, including timely delivery of questions, reduced chance of malpractice, and instant results," he said.

He urged Nigerians to support NECO, saying, "NECO's certificate is one of the most sought-after in Africa, but we still need support to sustain the initiative."

On his part, the Director of

UNILORIN's CBT Centre, Prof. Kamilu Raufu, expressed pride in partnering with NECO to support Nigeria's education sector.

"We're proud to partner with NECO and support the development of our nation's education sector," he said.

Prof. Raufu called on other examination bodies to partner with UNILORIN, saying, "We've demonstrated our capability, and we're ready to support other institutions."

Yahaya, UNILORIN Law Librarian, elected Kwara NLA Secretary,

By Abubakar Imam

The Law Librarian, University of Ilorin, Mr Ibrahim Olanrewaju Yahaya, has been elected as the Secretary of the Kwara State Branch of the Nigerian Librarian Association (NLA).

The election of Mr Yahaya was one of the highlights of the recent Annual General Meeting of the Kwara State NLA, which took place at Federal Polytechnic, Offa.

Others who were elected are Dr Bello Lateef Alhaji, Chairman; Mr Joel O. Afolayan, Vice Chairman; Mrs. Temim Fatimoh Modupe, Treasurer, and Mahammuod Sulyman Olaitan, Financial Secretary.



Mr Yahaya

Also elected are Mr Saadu Yusuf Olanrewaju, Assistant

Secretary; Mr Dere Abiodun, Public Relations Officer; and Dr Florence O. Ajani, ex-officio.

Speaking with UNILORIN Bulletin on his election, Mr Yahaya said that it is an opportunity for him to exert the characteristic probity and learning of the University of Ilorin on the Association.

The Law Librarian, who thanked the authorities of the University for the opportunity given to him to interact with his colleagues from all over the state, specially thanked the University Librarian, Prof. Kamaldeen Tunde Omopupa, for the vital role he played, which ensured his emergence as the Chief Scribe of the Kwara State NLA.



UNILORIN WEEKLY FINANCIAL DIGEST

FUND SOURCES AND UTILIZATION REPORT FROM 27TH NOVEMBER TO 4TH DECEMBER 2025

RECEIPTS:	
Academic Transcript	10,000.00
Sundry & Other Fees Student Charges	101,850.00
Sundry Other Incomes	52,500.00
Income from Verification /Screening	395,000.00
Staff I.D Cards	8,000.00
Student I.D Card	1,000.00
Boarded Property	4,000.00
Contractors' Regiatriation Fees	1,000.00
Utility Income	855,000.00
Rent of University Property	3,475,000.00
Convocation Souvenir	94,200.00
Others	3,000.00
Refund (Salary)	1,146,018.97
CODL- Clearance Charges	150,400.00
CODL- Form Processing Charges	75,600.00
CODL-Undergraduate Charges	6,941,580.00
Undergraduate Transcript Payment	649,800.00
Undergraduate School Charges	135,004,372.00
Undergraduate Post UTME Registration	551,800.00
Undergraduate Clearance Charges	1,049,000.00
Undergraduate Hostel Accommodation	764,800.00
Undergraduate Convocation Charges	160,400.00
Postgraduate School Charges	30,631,688.25
Postgraduate School Transcript Payment	70,000.00
Postgraduate Verification of Results	101,000.00
Postgraduate Application Form	25,200.00
Postgraduate Acceptance Payment	160,800.00
Remedial Application Form	76,000.00
Remedial Acceptance Payment	76,000.00
Remedial School Charges	807,400.00
Ilorin Business School Application Form	50,400.00
Institute of Education Hostel Accommodation	100,400.00
Institute of Education School Charges	214,775.00
Institute of Education Application Form	30,200.00
JUPEB Application Form	75,600.00
JUPEB Acceptance Payment	176,400.00
JUPEB School Charges	5,220,000.00
Total Receipt for the Period	₦189,310,184.22
PAYMENTS	
PAYMENT TO CONTRACTORS/SUPPLIERS:	
Cowriz Intergrated Services Limited Removal , Repair and Fabric Padding of a Seaters Lockers.	7,498,125.00
Prince Bigger Nig Ltd Balance payment for Mobile Tablet	648,000.00
Ibadan Electricity Distribution Coy Electricity bill payment oct 25	110,887,129.75
Jiyoda International Ltd Roofing of Institute of Medical Research	253,858.10
Eworld Atlas Ltd Database Subscription	13,250,000.00
Powereagles Consulting Ltd Renovation of Radiography dept and Installation of Inverter at Vice Chancellor Lodge	15,009,715.99
Noab Global Concept Ltd Supply of Battery	634,250.00
OTHER PAYMENTS:	
Various Various i.e DTA, IMPREST, REFUND e.t.c	52,780,117.70
Purchase Advance Various	2,399,350.00
Unilorin Petrol Station Supply of Fuel	976,500.00
National Universities Commission Accreditation Expenses	2,429,625.00
Staff Training Senate Research Grant (CBNTETFUND)	23,104,800.00
Vigilante Group of Nigeria Salary for November 2025	3,108,000.00
Faculty and Departmental Staff Salary for November 2025	13,120,000.00
Total TSA Charges Various	128,892.50
Total payment for the period	₦246,228,364.04

Signed
Abiodun Lawal (FCNA)
Bursar



1	ABDULHADI RISIKAT MEDINAT	SECURITY DIVISION	07-Dec
2	LAWAL MUJIDAT ADENIKE	BURSARY	07-Dec
3	ADEWUYI FLORENCE FUNKE	REGISTRY	07-Dec
4	OLOWA THEOPHILUS OLATUNDE	QUANTITY SURVEYING	07-Dec
5	JIMOH TAIBAT BOLANLE	EDUCATIONAL MANAGEMENT	07-Dec
6	ISMAIL RUKAYAT AJIBOLA	REGISTRY	08-Dec
7	ABUBAKAR-HAMID HASSANAT FUNMILAYO	ARABIC	08-Dec
8	OPALEKE MOSES ADEMOLA	REGISTRY	08-Dec
9	AKANBI DAMILOLA MODUPE	REGISTRY	08-Dec
10	BANU BABA MANU	REGISTRY	08-Dec
11	KILANI ABDULRAZIQA ADESHINA	GEOLOGY & MINERAL SCIENCE	08-Dec
12	OGUNNIYI DAVID SUNDAY	CHEMICAL ENGINEERING	09-Dec
13	ABDULKADIR MOHAMMED BABA	PAEDIATRICS & CHILD HEALTH	09-Dec
14	ODETUNDE OPEYEMI	MATHEMATICS	09-Dec
15	BALOGUN OPEYEMI BAMIDELE	REGISTRY	09-Dec
16	OWOADE ABDUL-LATEEF ADEKUNLE	ISLAMIC LAW	10-Dec
17	OLOWU AYODELE EMMANUEL	BURSARY	10-Dec
18	IYANDA DAVID	WORKS: PARKS & GARDENS	10-Dec
19	ADEYEMI GAFAR ADENIYI	WORKS: ELECTRICAL/TELECOM	10-Dec
20	LAWAL ADIJAT	REGISTRY	10-Dec
21	OLOGUNDE ISREAL OLAYIWOLA	SECURITY DIVISION	10-Dec
22	ABDULKAREEM RASAQ LANRE	EDUCATIONAL MANAGEMENT	10-Dec
23	AIYELERO OYERONKE MEDINAT	PHARMACOLOGY & TOXICOLOGY	10-Dec
24	AYINDE ABDULKAREEM	WORKS: WORKS/MAINT. OFFICE	10-Dec
25	YAHAYA ISMAIL ALADA	REGISTRY	10-Dec
26	MAHMUD JEMILAT BOLANLE	DIRECTORATE OF CORPORATE AFFAIRS	10-Dec
27	BABAMALE BODUNRIN SHERIFAT	REGISTRY	10-Dec
28	KAMALDEEN MAJEED DARAMOLA	WORKS: WORKS/MAINT. OFFICE	10-Dec
29	OCHENIKA IBRAHIM	UNIVERSITY LODGES UNIT	11-Dec
30	AYINDE KADIR	REGISTRY	11-Dec
31	INAWOLE ABIODUN ELIZABETH	REGISTRY	11-Dec
32	BOLAJI OMOTOSHO ISHOLA	REGISTRY	11-Dec
33	SULAIMAN MUSIBAWU NAIBI	SECURITY DIVISION	11-Dec
34	MAZADU MARK ELISHA	CENTRE FOR PEACE & STRATEGIC STUDIES	11-Dec
35	SISEKU OLORUNFEMI MONDAY	CENTRAL RESEARCH LABORATORIES	11-Dec
36	ATOYEBI SHERIFAT OLAYINKA	UNILORIN STAFF SCHOOL	12-Dec
37	SAMUEL SUNDAY	WORKS: WORKS/MAINT. OFFICE	12-Dec
38	ISMAIL ADUA MUSTAPHA	BUSINESS LAW	12-Dec
39	BELLO MOHAMMED LAWAL	PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION	12-Dec
40	DUROTOYE IDAYAT ADENIKE	HAEMATOLOGY & BLOOD TRANSFUSION	12-Dec
41	RAHEEM ADEPOJU MOSHOOD	LIBRARY	12-Dec
42	OLASEHINDE ELIZABETH FUNMILAYO	LIBRARY	12-Dec
43	AROKOYO GRACE OMOWUNMI	REGISTRY	12-Dec
44	AYANO SARAH OMYAN	REGISTRY	12-Dec
45	TUNDE-AYINMODE MOSUNMOLA FLORENCE	BEHAVIOURAL SCIENCE	12-Dec
46	RUFAI MURITALA	NETWORK OPERATING CENTRE	12-Dec
47	AJAGBE JAMES ADE	WORKS: WORKS/MAINT. OFFICE	12-Dec
48	LAWAL ISIAKA	SECURITY DIVISION	12-Dec
49	AJAYI YEMISI JOY	REGISTRY	12-Dec
50	ADEYEMI MARY OLUWAREMILEKUN	REGISTRY	12-Dec
51	GARUBA RUKAYAT YEMISI	REGISTRY	12-Dec
52	SULEIMAN IBRAHIM OLAYINKA	TECHNICAL & ENTREPRENEURSHIP CENTRE	12-Dec
53	MUSTAPHA ABU TAIYE	VETERINARY MEDICINE	13-Dec
54	OLUGBAMI GBENGA OMONIYI	WORKS: MECHANICAL	13-Dec
55	SALMAN BABATUNDE ABDULSALAM	WORKS: ESTATE	13-Dec
56	OLOYEDE MUHTAHIR OLUWASEYI	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	13-Dec
57	ISAH ISMAILA	REGISTRY	13-Dec
58	ATANDA FOLUKE MERCY	REGISTRY	13-Dec

- The University of Ilorin has conferred an Award of Excellence on the Governor of Zamfara State, Dr. Dauda Lawal. The award recognises his outstanding leadership, unwavering public service, and notable contributions to national development. ("University of Ilorin honours Governor Lawal for outstanding leadership", Daily Sun, Monday, December 1, 2025, p.19; "University of Ilorin honours Governor Lawal for outstanding leadership, Vanguard, Wednesday, December 3, 2025, p.4;" Governor Lawal Bags Unilorin's Outstanding Leadership Award", Leadership, Wednesday, December 3, 2025, P16)
- The University of Ilorin has honoured the Executive Chairman of the Federal Inland Revenue Service (FIRS), Dr. Zacch Adedeji, for his visionary leadership at the agency. ("UNILORIN honours alumni, others on 50th anniversary", Nigerian Tribune, Thursday, December 4, 2025, p.19)
- While delivering the 293rd Inaugural Lecture of the University, titled "Breaking the Glass Ceiling For African Women: Insight from Gender Studies," Prof. Deborah Adekeye of the Department of Sociology, Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Ilorin, has urged the Federal Government to encourage female education in science technology engineering and mathematics (STEM) to improve opportunities for the girl child in the country. ("FG urged To Encourage Female Education in Science and Technology", <https://peoplevoiceng.blog>)
- The medical students of the University of Ilorin, in collaboration with the Ayegbami Community Alagbado, Okelele in Ilorin East local government area of Kwara State, has conducted free medical screening for the residents of Ayegbami Community. ("UNILORIN Students Organise Free Medical Outreach For Ayebami/Ibagun Residents", <https://eventonline.com>)
- A former Director of the Kenya Anti-Corruption Commission, Prof. Patrick Lumumba, has stressed the need for African universities to be respected and adequately funded if true development is to be achieved on the continent. ("Lumumba Harps On Adequate Funding, Respect for African Universities" <https://von.gov.ng>)
- Former Governor of Kwara State, Alhaji Abdulfatah Ahmed, has called for the establishment of a University Ethics and AI Board at the University of Ilorin to regulate data driven research and ensure transparency, accountability and responsible innovation as the Institution steps into its next 50 years. (Ex- Gov Ahmed Seeks AI power data research at Unilorin, <https://punching.com>)



Alhaji Tareek (right) making his comments at the University's 50th Anniversary Grand Finale, where he donated to the University projects, while Prof. Emeritus Oloyede watches.



Alhaji Yahaya Seriki (left) being decorated by the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Egbewole, after making a donation to the University during the 50th Anniversary Grand Finale penultimate Thursday



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Social Sciences Faculty takes possession of new buildings

By Bashir Dawodu

The Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Ilorin, has formally taken possession of a newly completed administrative block and four additional classroom blocks designed to accommodate 100 students per class.

The facilities were provided as part of efforts targeted at improving the learning and working environment for staff and students of the Faculty.

The official handover ceremony took place at the project sites last Thursday (December 4, 2025).

Speaking at the event, the Dean of the Faculty, Prof. A.Y. Muhammed, described the projects as a reflection of the University Administration's commitment to providing world-class facilities across all faculties.

He assured Nigerians that the University of Ilorin would continue to prioritise infrastructural development that supports teaching and learning.

Prof. Muhammed described the new Administrative Block and classrooms as a landmark achievement and pledged that the Faculty would ensure the proper maintenance and sustainability of the facilities.

He urged staff and students to take collective responsibility for the structures while calling on the University management to provide necessary support for their full utilisation.

The Dean also commended the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, for his unwavering support to the Faculty of Social Sciences and the University in general, noting that the completion of the projects marked a significant

starting point for the continued development of the Faculty.

In his remarks, the Director of the Physical Planning Unit, Mr Abdulrahman Toyin Jimoh, explained that the facilities were constructed to international standards and equipped with modern solar-powered systems, water facilities, and well-positioned fire extinguishers to ensure safety.

He added that the project was initiated to enhance teaching, research, and creative practice in the humanities, stressing that the new facilities would further strengthen the University's reputation for academic excellence.

The consultants on the project, Arc. David Ajayi and Arc. Ajibade Ayodeji, disclosed that quality and durable materials were used in the construction to ensure long-term usage of the buildings.

Also speaking, the Head of the University's Fire Service Unit, Mr Ibrahim O. AbdulRasaq, drew the attention of users to the importance of regular servicing of the fire extinguishers, which he said should be done every six months.

Mr Ibrahim charged students to maintain the buildings and warned against the misuse of safety equipment.

Dignitaries at the event included the Director of Works, Mr Ramoni Kolawole Amoo, who was represented by Mr Robert Emmanuel, Heads of Departments in the Faculty of Social Sciences, and other members of staff.