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## UNILORIN agog for 50th anniversary grand finale

By Abubakar Imam

It is now set for the final and most significant leg of activities marking the 50th Anniversary of the University of Ilorin this week. The Golden Jubilee events formally kicked off on January 13, this year with the unveiling of the Anniversary Logo by the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN.

Several preliminary events had earlier been held to mark the milestone since the beginning of the year. These include an international conference, themed "Globalising Education: Strategies, Challenges and Sustainability", organised by the Centre for International Education (CIE) between April 15 and 17, 2025, and the investiture of 65 eminent Nigerians, most of whom are alumni of the University, as UNILORIN Ambassadors, Distinguished Alumni, and Award of Excellence on July 16, 2025.

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## Egbewole pledges support

### for FONTOX 3rd biannual conference

By Tajudeen Babamale

The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has assured the University's Chapter of the Forum of Nigerian Toxicologists (FONTOX) of his Administration's support for the successful hosting of the Forum's 3rd

biannual conference, scheduled for February 2026.

Prof. Egbewole made this pledge last Monday (November 17, 2025) when he received members of the Executive Committee of the Forum in his office. The FONTOX EXCO came to inform the Vice Chancellor of the award of hosting rights to the University of Ilorin Chapter.

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■ Prof. Egbewole

## UNILORIN, a trailblazer in medical simulation, says Wale Sulaiman

By Tajudeen Babamale

The Ministerial Implementation and Monitoring Committee on Medical Simulation Centres, led by the renowned neurosurgeon and academic, Prof. Wale Sulaiman, CON, has commended the University of Ilorin on its foresight in establishing one of Nigeria's first skills laboratory and simulation centres in 2013.

Prof. Sulaiman made the remarks last Monday (November 17, 2025) when his team visited the University of Ilorin College of Health Sciences to inspect the University's Medical Simulation Centre, as part of the Federal Government's initiative, through the Ministry of Education, to establish state-of-the-art medical simulation centres in selected universities across the country.

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■ Prof. Sulaiman

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## AT 50th ANNIVERSARY CHURCH SERVICE ON SUNDAY, 23rd NOVEMBER, 2025



## UNILORIN chaplain lauds University leadership, celebrates interfaith harmony

By Adewole Muizdeen

**T**he Chapel of Light, University of Ilorin, has reaffirmed its commitment to fostering a culture of peace, unity, and harmony among people of different faiths in the University.

Dr. Olasupo Osaji, Chaplain of the Chapel of Light, who made this statement last Wednesday, (November 19, 2025), while featuring on "Count Down to Unilorin @50", co-anchored by Mr. Idris Alooma and Mr. Temitope Olawuyi, praised the University Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, for creating an environment conducive to academic excellence and spiritual growth.



Dr. Osaji

Dr. Osaji also commended the alumni of the University on their exemplary conduct and academic achievements, noting that they have

brought pride to the institution.

The Cleric said, "There is nowhere in the world where you won't see our products; they are all excellent and making us proud."

Looking ahead, Dr. Osaji expressed optimism that the University of Ilorin will rank among the 50 best universities globally within the next 20 years, crediting the Chapel of Light's significant contributions to the University's academic and spiritual development.

The Chaplain's remarks underscore the University's commitment to interfaith dialogue and cooperation, as well as its focus on holistic education that nurtures both the mind and spirit.



## UNILORIN agog for 50th anniversary grand finale

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The grand finale rolled off the ground on Sunday (November 23, 2025) with special church services at St. Thomas Aquinas Chaplaincy and the Chapel of the Light at the Main Campus of the University.

The Church services were graced by several members of staff and students of the University led by the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Management Services), Prof. Adegbeyega Adisa Fawole, and the Chairman of the Anniversary Planning Committee, Prof. Olugbenga Ayodeji Mokuolu.

A copy of the programme schedule made available to *UNILORIN Bulletin* revealed that, the special church services will be followed on Monday (November 24, 2025) by the Anniversary Walk to be embarked upon by staff and students of the institution from the University Roundabout into the town.

The walk, according to the Chairman of the Committee, Prof. Mokuolu, is designed as a means of generating additional awareness for the anniversary and it will begin from 7:00am while an interactive session between the Vice Chancellor and all the surviving past Principal Officers will hold on the same day at the University Dam Site by 1:00pm.

The Day Two of the ceremonies will be rounded-off with the premiere of "Son of Iron", a film put together by alumni of the University's Department of the Performing Arts and Film Studies. It will hold at 4:00pm at the University Auditorium.

On Tuesday, November 25, 2025, the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, will brief the press on the

activities lined up and other relevant issues pertaining to the University beginning at 10:00am. He will also perform the commissioning of the Space Research Centre at the University.

The Vice Chancellor will, thereafter, lead a delegation of Principal Officers of the University on courtesy visits to the Governor of Kwara State, Mallam AbdulRahman AbdulRazaq, CON, at the Government House, Ilorin; and the Emir of Ilorin and Chairman, Kwara State Council of Chiefs, Alhaji(Dr) Ibrahim Sulu-Gambari, CFR, at his palace. The day will be rounded-off with a corporate social responsibility visit to Ilorin Motherless Babies Home and the School For Special Needs, Ilorin, where gifts worth millions of naira will be donated to the inmates and students of the two institutions, respectively.

The Alumni Colloquium and presentation of awards to selected distinguished alumni and friends of the University will take the centre stage on Wednesday, November 26, 2025 at the University Auditorium beginning at 10:00am. This programme, which will be presided-over by a distinguished alumnus of the University and Chairman of the Senate Committee on Aviation, Dr Abdulfatai Buhari, will also involve fundraising and presentation of papers by the immediate past Governor of Kwara State, Dr Abdulfattahi Ahmed, CON; a former Nigeria's envoy to Netherlands, Dr Nimota Nihilola Akanbi, OON, and the former Medical Director of the Federal Medical Centre, Ebute-Metta, Lagos, Dr Ademola Dada.

This will be followed by the commissioning of the National Secretariat of the University of Ilorin Alumni Association

by the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Egbewole.

On the same day, a luncheon will be held in honour of alumni at the University Multipurpose Hall by 2:00pm while an anniversary play will also be staged at the Performing Arts Theatre of the University by 6:00pm.

The grand finale of the ceremonies comes up on Thursday, November 27, 2025 with a lecture to be delivered by a renowned African public intellectual and lawyer, Dr P. L. O. Lumumba. The event would also be highlighted with the conferment of an award of honour on the First Lady of Nigeria, Senator Oluremi Tinubu and the launching of ₦50 billion endowment fund for the construction of Innovation and Transcript Hub for the University. The event will also witness the public presentation of a special anniversary book on UNILORIN @ 50. On the same day, the newly completed JAMB Hostel will also be commissioned as well as the pilot building of the Innovation Hub, which will also be commissioned for use.

Friday, November 28, 2025 will mark the end of the one-week events with a special prayer at the University Central Mosque beginning at 1:00pm. The prayer session, which will be led by the Chief Imam of the University, Prof. Nasir Abdussalam, will also be attended by members of the University Muslim community to be led by the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Egbewole.

In addition to those previously mentioned, the anniversary is also expected to be graced by political leaders, royal fathers, prominent professionals, religious leaders, captains of industries, Vice Chancellors of sister universities and other categories of dignitaries from far and near.

## Egbewole pledges support for FONTOX 3rd biannual conference

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The Vice Chancellor congratulated the Association for securing the hosting rights as he also accepted the role of chief host.

Prof. Egbewole noted the importance of engaging in events that enhance the University's visibility and impact. While noting that toxicology spans many disciplines, Prof. Egbewole expressed his expectation that the Forum's proposal would clearly outline the anticipated collaborations across these areas.

Speaking earlier, the Chairman of FONTOX, University of Ilorin Chapter, Prof. Musa Toyin Yakubu, explained that the event is expected to bring together toxicologists from Nigeria and Europe who will discuss emerging issues in toxicology and related disciplines.

In addition to the conference, Prof. Yakubu explained the need to establish an Institute of Toxicology and Environmental

Health at the University, to position the institution as a leading centre of excellence in toxicological research and environmental health. He noted that if approved, UNILORIN would become the first University in Nigeria to host such a centre.

The Chairman of FONTOX opined that

the institute is intended to address critical gaps in Nigeria's capacity to manage environmental health challenges, including heavy metal contamination from mining and pesticide exposure. He added that it will also provide policy guidance to government and other stakeholders, enhance academic excellence, strengthen research leadership, and offer solutions to societal challenges in

toxicology and environmental health.

Prof. Yakubu further stated that the initiative is expected to generate revenue through consultancy services, attract international recognition for the University, and contribute directly to public health protection through research-driven interventions.





## UNILORIN @ 50: We 'll welcome all participation-Egbewole

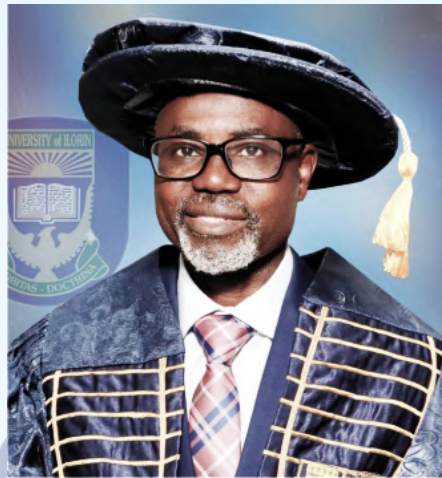
By Abubakar Imam

**T**he Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has said that the authorities of the University will welcome the participation of every stakeholder in the 50th anniversary of the University.

Prof. Egbewole stated this penultimate Friday (November 14, 2025) while receiving a delegation of the Ilorin Emirate Staff Association (IESA), University of Ilorin, which paid him a courtesy visit in his office.

The Vice Chancellor said that the celebration is for everybody, particularly members of the University's host community, who have been very fraternal and supportive to the University since its establishment.

He explained that the decision of the IESA to key-in to the anniversary programme is not only thoughtful but



■ Prof. Egbewole

would make the celebration meaningful and colourful.

Prof. Egbewole used the opportunity of the visit to thank the people of Ilorin for being a wonderful host,

saying that it is not always like this in other places.

Speaking earlier, the Chairman of the IESA, Prof. Ibrahim Kayode Adam, said that the purpose of the visit is to apprise the Vice Chancellor of the desire of the body to play prominent roles during the anniversary.

Prof. Adam, who is also the Director of the Joint Universities Preliminary Examinations Board (JUPEB) Foundation School, said that the IESA was prepared to roll out the drum in the celebration of the University, which has popularised the Ilorin community more than any other Federal Government establishment.

The Chairman assured the Vice Chancellor that IESA would mobilise the people of Ilorin towards effective participation in the anniversary as he assured that the body would make the whole anniversary colourful and memorable.

## UNILORIN, a trailblazer in medical simulation, says Wale Sulaiman

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Prof. Sulaiman, who is also the Pro-Chancellor of the Federal University of Health Sciences (FUHSI), Ila-Orangun, said University of Ilorin's early investment in medical simulation has positioned it ahead of many institutions in Nigeria.

The neurosurgeon explained that medical simulation is essential for training medical, nursing, pharmacy, and allied health students to international standards and ensure they can compete globally and at the same time provide high-quality patient care. He said simulation improves patient safety and care quality by allowing students to practice clinical procedures on mannequins rather than real patients, helping to prevent errors and enhance continuous learning.

On curriculum and programme of the new initiate, he stressed that registrars of the Medical and Dental Council of Nigeria (MDCN), Nursing and Midwifery Council of Nigeria, Pharmacy Council of Nigeria (PCN) and other regulatory bodies will have to collaborate to integrate simulation fully into student training.

Looking ahead, he observed the role of technology and innovation in the future of medicine, predicting that artificial intelligence will reduce manpower requirements in healthcare. He added that medical simulation is a critical step towards a more efficient and technologically driven medical practice.

Meanwhile, the Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab



Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has lauded the Federal Ministry of Education and its committee on medical simulation for their initiative, describing it as a timely intervention that will enhance learning experiences and improve the quality of professionals graduating from the University.

Prof. Egbewole, who stated that the University has independently strived to provide quality training for its medical, pharmacy, nursing, and allied health students, expressed optimism that the federal initiative will scale up these efforts and offer opportunities for even better learning experiences.

The Vice Chancellor, who is also the Secretary-General of the Association of West African Universities (AWAU), however, appealed for special waivers to

facilitate the recruitment of additional medical lecturers, noting that promptly filling this gap would maximise the benefits of the simulation centres and other investments.

According to him, achieving high-impact training for medical, pharmacy, nursing, and dentistry students required the implementation of deliberate policies to improve staffing in the College of Health Sciences.

Prof. Egbewole urged the committee to recommend to the Ministry of Education the approval for employment of more medical trainers. He opined that addressing the staffing shortfall quickly will ensure that the envisioned "Eldorado" of advanced medical education becomes a reality, benefiting the University, the students, and the nation's healthcare sector.



## Egbewole advises fresh students to begin early if they aspire to graduate with First Class

By Tajudeen Babamale

The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has advised newly admitted students of the University to begin serious academic work from their first day on campus if they aspire to graduate with a First-Class degree.

Prof. Egbewole gave the counsel last Monday (November 17, 2025) during the Orientation Programme held at the University Auditorium for the fresh students.

While urging the new students to understand that academic excellence is built from the onset and not postponed until the final year, the Vice Chancellor explained that purposeful living is driven by timeliness, and that students who desire outstanding results must approach their studies with immediate commitment and long-term focus.

The Vice Chancellor expressed confidence in the potential of the new students and stated that he looks forward to celebrating their academic achievements at their convocation ceremonies, even after his tenure.

While telling the students that the University's motto, *Probitas Doctrina* (Learning and Integrity), should guide their journey, Prof. Egbewole reiterated that a life of purpose must be grounded in integrity, honesty, and positive values, which will help shape their future beyond the University walls.

He urged the students to embrace service as a core part of their



development, saying that graduating with a First Class should not be their only ambition. Instead, they should also seek to impact the University community by volunteering, supporting peers, and contributing to faculty and campus activities.

Speaking earlier, the Students' Union President, Comrade Adelu Idris Ayomo, advised the fresh students to set their priorities right, noting that the environment they are stepping into will present diverse choices, some exciting and others demanding. He urged them to always remember their primary purpose of becoming innovative and truly Better by Far students.

Comrade Adelu added that their university experience should not be confined to lectures alone, describing the campus as a landscape of possibilities. He encouraged them to explore these opportunities positively and to engage only in constructive

activities that will enhance their growth and development.

On his part, the Ag. Dean of Student Affairs, Dr Alex Morenikeji Akanmu, said the orientation programme was designed to sensitise newly admitted students on the dos and don'ts of campus life to ensure their stay is both positive and memorable.

Dr Akanmu, who explained the competitiveness of admission into the university, said of the over 50,000 candidates that chose UNILORIN, nearly 30,000 qualified for the post-UTME, but fewer than 11,000 were ultimately admitted. He stressed that admission into the institution is a privilege that should not be taken lightly, urging students to do everything humanly possible, within the law, to excel academically and graduate in flying colours.

## Excellence is UNILORIN's promise, says Bakare-Odunola

By Adewole Muizdeen

The Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic), University of Ilorin, Prof. Moji Taibat Bakare-Odunola, has reaffirmed the University's commitment to excellence.

In an interview co-anchored by the Station Manager, *Unilorin 89.3FM*, Mr. Idris Alooma and Mr Bunmi Obafemi last Tuesday, (November 18, 2025) on a special programme tagged "*Countdown to Unilorin @50*", Prof. Bakare-Odunola highlighted the University's achievements, including its strong focus on academic excellence, research, and community

service.

She noted that the University has produced leaders and scholars who have made significant impacts globally and nationally, and has contributed to the development of Kwara State and the host community.

The Deputy Vice Chancellor also emphasised the University's commitment to innovation, citing the adoption of digital technologies, including a paperless system, to enhance academic processes.

Prof. Bakare-Odunola urged students to prioritise good character and academic excellence, while urging parents to invest in their children's education and treat girls and boys equally.



■ Prof. Bakare-Odunola



## Alfanla urges UNILORIN staff to uphold discipline

By Abubakar Abdulquadri  
and Isaac Lewu

The Registrar of the University of Ilorin, Mr Mansur Adeleke Alfanla, has called on staff members particularly those in the Executive Cadre, to remain disciplined in the discharge of their responsibilities and to ensure that their contributions to the institution are greatly felt.

Mr Alfanla made the call penultimate Wednesday (November 12, 2025) while speaking at the 2025 maiden meeting of the Executive Cadre Forum held at the University Auditorium Basement.

He said Executive Officers are a component part of the University who play a significant role in the running of the day-to-day activities of the institution, pointing out that the difference between them and other staff in terms of service delivery is minimal.

Mr Alfanla, therefore, urged them to remain relevant by contributing their own quotas to the growth and development of the University.



■ Mr Alfanla

The Registrar, however, warned against truancy as he urged them to embrace teamwork.

In his presentation, titled "The Purpose of Creating Executive Officers in the University system", the Deputy Registrar, Academic Support Services, Mr M. A. Opaleke, advised them to be upright in the discharge of their responsibilities.

He laid emphasis on capacity and career building as it is very essential in the University system because the University

appreciates self-development.

Mr Opaleke told the Executive Officers, "Avoid work in isolation, prioritise team work to excel, refrain from any fraudulent act that can lead to loss of jobs."

Earlier in his opening remarks, the Chief Executive Officer at the Human Resources Unit of the UNILORIN Registry, Mr R. S. Abegunde, encouraged Executive Officers to stand firmly and display their potentials by putting in their best.

He also acknowledged the support of the University management for the approval given to the Executive Cadre to rise up to CONTISS 14 as their terminal level, as he congratulated them for living to witness the achievement.

The event was attended by the Chairman of the National Association of Academic Technologists (NAAT), Mr Paul Olufemi Awolola, the Chairman of the Non-Academic Staff Union of Educational and Associated Institution (NASU), Comrade Haruna Ibrahim Zubair and the Chairman of the Senior Staff Association of Nigeria Universities (SSANU), Mr Naheem Folowo, among others.

## Omopupa calls for creation of Library and Cultural Development Ministry

By Abubakar Imam

The University Librarian, University of Ilorin, Prof. Kamaldeen Tunde Omopupa, has called for the establishment of a Ministry of Library and Cultural Development at both federal and state levels across Nigeria.

Prof. Omopupa made the appeal last Wednesday (November 19, 2025) while speaking at the 50th Conference and Annual General Meeting of the Kwara State Chapter of the Nigerian Library Association (NLA) at the Federal Polytechnic, Offa. The Conference was themed "Librarianship in the Fifth Industrial Revolution (5IR) Era".

The University Librarian, who is also a former Head of the Department of Library and Information Sciences, said that the creation of such a Ministry has become necessary in order to strengthen the nation's knowledge infrastructure, promote information literacy, and preserve Nigeria's cultural heritage.

Prof. Omopupa stressed that libraries remain critical to national development and must be given dedicated attention through appropriate government structures.

The conference also witnessed paper presentations from experts and stakeholders who all discussed various aspects of the evolving role of librarians in the 5IR era.



■ Prof. Omopupa

## Akanbi hails UNILORIN's dedication to academic excellence

By Adewole Muizdeen

The President of the Association of Nigerian Authors (ANA) and a Senior Lecturer at the Department of Agricultural Economics and Farm Management, University of Ilorin, Dr Shehu-Usman Oladipo Akanbi, has praised the University's dedication to academic excellence and research.

Dr Akanbi gave this commendation in an interview anchored by Mr Idris Aloom and Idayat Hassan on UNILORIN 89.3 FM's "Countdown to UNILORIN @50", last Tuesday



■ Dr Akanbi

(November 18, 2025).

The ANA President, who attributed

his success to the values instilled in him during his time as a student of the University, cited the University's unique approach to education as a key factor in producing accomplished individuals across various fields.

He noted that the University has grown remarkably over the past 50 years, producing notable alumni in virtually every field of human endeavor.

Dr Akanbi highlighted the University's impact on the community, emphasising its role in promoting cultural harmony and producing leaders.





## UNILORIN hosts global operations research conference

By Mustafa Abubakar

...VC calls for strong analytical skills

The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has stressed the importance of developing strong analytical and decision-making skills to improve accuracy and efficiency in critical aspects of personal and professional life.

Prof. Egbewole stated this recently at the 2025 International (Hybrid) Conference on Operations Research and Globalisation organised by the Operations Research Institute for Decision Sciences and Analysis of Nigeria (ORIDSAN), and hosted by the Ilorin Business School, University of Ilorin. It was held at the University Auditorium.

Prof. Egbewole, who was represented by the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic), Prof. Moji Taibat Bakare-Odunola, noted that decisions are made constantly in human life at home, in the workplace, in research environments, markets, and administrative settings, and therefore must be approached using analytical processes for optimal outcomes.

The Vice Chancellor also appreciated the coordinator of the international collaboration from Mexico for identifying the University of Ilorin as a credible partner, saying that the recognition strengthens the University's global partnerships and academic visibility.

Also speaking, the President of ORIDSAN, Dr Umar Muhammad Modibbo, commended the University of Ilorin for its hospitality and commitment to academic advancement.

He disclosed that the Association, founded in 2011, has been championing research, knowledge exchange, and professional development across sectors in Nigeria.

Dr Modibbo further revealed plans to collaborate with the University to introduce a Diploma Programme in Operations Research, explaining that the initiative will enable students to pursue certification and diploma-level qualifications that are relevant both locally and internationally.

Delivering a keynote lecture, titled "Operations Research and Globalisation:



■ Prof. Omotesho

Optimising Decisions in an Interconnected World", the immediate past Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic), Prof. Olubunmi Abayomi Omotesho, highlighted the crucial role of operational research in driving intelligent, fair, and sustainable global systems.

According to him, "Operations Research is not just about optimisation; it is about transforming data into wisdom and wisdom into impact."

The Professor of Agricultural Economics and Farm Management identified global collaboration, evidence-based policy design, and cross-disciplinary partnerships as emerging opportunities, while pointing to digital transformation, AI integration, resilience, and ethical decision-making as defining trends shaping the future of the discipline.

Also speaking, the representative of IFORS, Tecnológico de Monterrey, Mexico, Dr José-Fernando Camacho-Vallejo, stressed the importance of global knowledge exchange in solving modern-day challenges.

In their separate remarks, the Registrar, Dr Joseph Olusegun David and the former Registrar of the Institute, Chief Abdulfatahi Lawal, who also praised the University for hosting the conference, urged participants to translate research outcomes into practical solutions for society.

The programme also featured global academics and industry experts who explored contemporary advances in Operations Research, Artificial Intelligence, and Decision Science, including, IFORS President, Prof. Hector Cancela from Uruguay, and AFROS Vice President, Prof. Dave Evans from the United States.

Presentation of diverse research works from participants include study on multi-criteria decision-making for combating smuggling in Northeast Nigeria by Barma Modu, John Justice Emmanuel and Aliyu Huzaifa Babando, while linear programming for optimal production planning in Minna was presented by Fesojoye M.O. and Micheal V.A., Also, paper on critical path scheduling in Abuja construction projects came from Usman B. Danfulani, Tukur Halima and Hassan Musa; works on transportation cost minimisation using OR techniques and product mix optimisation using linear programming were presented by Abogunrin Q. O., Garba M.K., Noah R.O. and Yahya W. B., and Noah R.O., Garba M.K., Abogunrin Q.O. and Bolakale A., respectively.

Imam Akeyede and Shakirudeen A. Yusuf discussed optimising daily nutrition at minimum cost in Lafia, while Odiakosa Osita, Prof. Iwundu M.P. and Prof. Orumie U.C. presented a redesigned super-convergent algorithm for quadratic programming, while a bakery profit maximisation model was shared by Vic's Delight case team; and a machine-learning dropout prediction model was presented by Mijinyawa M. and Alim Lukman Ibrahim. Library security and theft prevention solutions were proposed by Mohammed Sule; big data applications in transport company performance by Ofobruku Sylvester Abomeh and Otuedon Blessing Peter, ODE solvers for AI by Favour O. Oloruntoba, and AI and business efficiency in banking by Ofobruku S. Abomeh, Godspower Oyor and Omorodion Davidson Empress Ivie.

Dignitaries present included the Registrar of the University, Mr Mansur Adeleke Alfanla, the Bursar, Mr Abiodun Lawal, who was represented by Mr Muhammad Akanbi, Deans and Heads of Departments, Professors and senior academic staff, administrative officers, and students.



## UNILORIN @ 50, a celebration of excellence-Abdussalam

By Abubakar Imam

.....UNILORIN muslims to join in celebration

The Chief Imam of the University of Ilorin Muslim Community, Prof. Nasir Abdussalam, has said that the Golden Jubilee of the University goes beyond merry-making as it is a celebration of excellence.

Prof. Abdussalam made this assertion last Monday (November 17, 2025) while featuring on *Countdown to UNILORIN @ 50*, a special personality interview programme of *UNILORIN 89.3 FM*.

The Chief Imam, who was represented by the immediate past Dean of the Faculty of Communication and Information Sciences, Prof. Lukman Adesina Azeez, said that the University's growing reputation, excellence and service to humanity makes it a leading citadel of learning in Nigeria, particularly among the second generation of universities in Nigeria.

The cleric-don acknowledged the impacts of the University on national and human capital development, considering the number and quality of products of the University who are doing well across the world.

Prof. Abdussalam said that the history of the University cannot be told without adequate reference to the contributions of members of the University Muslim Community.



■ Prof. AbdusSalam

The Chief Imam said that members of the University Muslim Community have contributed greatly to the prevailing harmony in the University, which makes it the most peaceful campus in Nigeria, recalling that it was the administration of Prof. Is'haq Oloyede that established the University Interreligious Harmony Committee..

He said that the University Muslim community has by providence produced the largest percentage of chief executives of the University.

Prof. Abdussalam also said that the University of Ilorin Muslim Community has also produced several members who have

done very well in national spheres such as Prof. Ishaq Olanrewaju Oloyede, Prof. AbdulRasheed Na'Allah and Prof. Mahofuz Adebola Adedimeji.

He added that the University of Ilorin Muslim Community has been doing so well that muslim communities of other sister universities are understudying it.

On what the University Muslim Community is doing to celebrate the milestone, Prof. Abdussalam said that the community would organise a public lecture to be delivered by a Professor of Islamic Studies, Badmas Olanrewaju Yusuf on Sunday, November 23, 2025 at the University Auditorium beginning at 10 a.m.

He added that all the past Muslim Principal Officers, members of the Muslim community who have served as Vice Chancellors of sister universities and all past Chief Imams of the community as well as prominent members like Prof. Yasir Anjola Qadir, among others are expected at the programme.

The cleric-don, who commended the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, for raising the bar in service delivery, promised that the Muslim staff, students and alumni of the University would continue to make the institution very proud.

## US firm donates books to UNILORIN LIS Dept

By Abubakar Imam

An American publisher, Householder Books, has donated 20 different children books to the Department of Library and Information Science, University of Ilorin.

Presenting the books on behalf of the firm last Wednesday (November 19, 2025), a lecturer at the Department, Dr Oluyemisi Olubukola Ajayi, said that the books were donated to encourage learning among youngsters who would be visiting the Department from time to time.

Dr Ajayi, who facilitated the donation, said that the support was also done in honour of Mr Jacob Aina Ajayi.

She explained that the firm was further encouraged to donate the books based on its conviction that it would enhance service delivery and also eradicate ignorance and illiteracy.

Receiving the books, the Head of the Department, Dr Musediq Tunji Bashorun, thanked the donor and the



facilitator for the gesture.

Dr Bashorun, who is an Associate Professor at the Department, assured the

donor and Dr Ajayi that the books would be appropriately deployed for the purpose they were donated.



## The Criterion honours Egbewole

By Abubakar Imam

**T**he Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, was penultimate Saturday (November 15, 2025) honoured with an award by The Criterion at an event in Lagos. The Criterion is an organisation peopled by distinguished female Muslim professionals from all over Nigeria.

The event was the highlight of the organisation's 13th National/4th International Conference, which took place between November 12 and 16, 2025.

Prof. Egbewole, who is also the Vice President (West Africa) of the Association of African Universities (AAU), was honoured for his exemplary leadership qualities and contributions to human development.

The Vice Chancellor, according to the organisers, was also singled out for the honour because of the sensitivity of his Administration to gender issues.

Receiving the award, the Vice Chancellor, who was represented by his wife, Mrs Muibat Egbewole, thanked the Muslim organisation for the honour.

Prof. Egbewole, who is also the Secretary-General of the Association of West African Universities (AWAU), assured that he would continue to



■ Mrs Egbewole (middle) receiving the award from Mrs Ghali (second right) while others look on

discharge his responsibilities to the University, his profession and the society at large with fairness and candour.

The event was attended by several dignitaries including the President of the

Association, Mrs Zainab Ghali; the Dean of the Faculty of Communication and Information Sciences, Prof. Saudat Salah Abdulbaqi; and a former Deputy Rector of the Kwara State Polytechnic, Ilorin, Dr Habeebat Nike Adam, among others.

## Ojuade lauds Egbewole's leadership qualities

By Adewole Muizdeen

**T**he Vice Chancellor of Ojaja University, Eyenkorin, Ilorin, and Chairman of the UNILORIN FM Board, Prof. Jeleel Olasunkanmi Ojuade, has commended the leadership qualities of the Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, describing him as "a plain, truthful and superb administrator".

Prof. Ojuade made this remark during an interview on *Unilorin FM's "Countdown to UNILORIN @50"*, anchored by the Station's Manager, Mr Idris Alooma, and Mr Bunmi Obafemi last Tuesday (November 18, 2025).

He highlighted Prof. Egbewole's exceptional leadership qualities and commitment to excellence, noting that his plain and truthful nature has earned him respect and admiration from his peers and colleagues. "Egbewole is a leader of integrity, and his commitment to excellence is evident in



■ Prof. Ojuade

all aspects of his work," Prof. Ojuade said, adding that Egbewole's superb administrative skills have been instrumental in driving the University of Ilorin's growth and development, making it one of the premier institutions of higher learning in Nigeria.

Prof. Ojuade also commended the University of Ilorin's commitment to excellence and its impact on the nation's educational landscape.

He emphasised that "all projects in the University of Ilorin are Legacy projects" and affirmed that the University has contributed immensely to his career and continues to contribute.

Prof. Ojuade also urged stakeholders to prioritise funding for universities, citing the UNESCO recommendation of allocating 26% of a country's budget to education. He lamented that Nigeria currently allocates only 7.5% of its budget to education, emphasising that this is insufficient to meet the country's educational needs.

Addressing students of the University, Prof. Ojuade emphasised the importance of upholding the University's core values, saying, "Let the spirit and culture of University of Ilorin be with you for life, and it will open doors to different goals for you".



## UNILORIN committed to Innovation, capacity development - Egbewole

By Isaac lewu

The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has disclosed that the University has, despite the challenge of inadequate funding for public universities, continued to think “outside the box and without the box” to pursue alternatives that support sustainable growth.

Prof. Egbewole stated this penultimate Friday (November 14, 2025) while featuring on the “Countdown to Unilorin @ 50”, a personality interview programme of UNILORIN 89.3 FM.

The Vice Chancellor explained that achieving high-quality manpower training, ensuring accreditable academic programmes, and articulating a clear five-year development direction remain central to the University's vision.

He highlighted the University's fully automated admissions-to-graduation processes and improved communication channels that allow memos to be addressed from any location, and the ongoing expansion of the Faculty of Health Sciences as evidence of the institution's progressive reforms.

Prof. Egbewole commended



■ Prof. Egbewole

the alumni body and other philanthropists for their unwavering support as he acknowledged the contributions and full funding of a Centre for Marine and Blue Economy by the Minister of Marine and Blue Economy, Mr. Adegboyega Oyetola and many other contributions, which includes the upgrading of facilities.

He assured students that no decision affecting them would ever be

made without due consultation with them.

He further emphasised that UNILORIN maintains one of the most affordable fee structures in the country, noting that over 8,000 newly admitted students have already been onboarded into NELFUND. He added that the U-Inspire programme has also equipped hundreds of students with essential skills.

According to the Vice Chancellor, the University cannot operate as an island but must continue to innovate, collaborate, and build on its achievements to attain global relevance.

Prof. Egbewole reiterated that if students are properly trained, they will be well positioned to contribute to Nigeria's growth. He referenced the counsel of former Lagos State Governor, Mr. Babatunde Fashola, during the 40th Convocation, that graduates must strive to solve societal problems as they progress in their careers and also shun all dubious ways of making quick money.

## UNILORIN Biomedical Engineering graduates excel at Ilorin Innovation contest

By Mustafa Abubakar

Three graduates of the Department of Biomedical Engineering, University of Ilorin; Yinusa Oluwatofunmi Ayomide, Arowosegbe Khadijah Olabisi, and Momoh Abdullateef Onimisi, have emerged first runner-up at the just concluded Ilorin Innovation Challenge & Hackathon.

The event, organised by the Ilorin Innovation Hub in partnership with Co-Creation Hub (CcHub), was held at the Innovation Hub on Wednesday (November 6, 2025).

The team, which was guided by Dr Sulaiman Yahaya and Engr Idris Munir, developed “Nqosi,” an innovative medical robot designed to enhance medication adherence and real-time health monitoring, to clinch the position.

The team leader, Yinusa Oluwatofunmi Ayomide, said the solution integrates alarms and smart reminder features to support elderly patients and individuals on complex medication plans, helping them manage treatment schedules



seamlessly and maintain better health outcomes.

Reacting to the achievement, the Head of the Department, Dr Sani Saminu, said that the groundbreaking project reflects the rising capacity of UNILORIN's Biomedical Engineering programme in producing forward-thinking innovators who apply technology to solve pressing

real-world healthcare.

Dr Saminu commended the team members for their outstanding performance, urging them to continue striving for excellence.

He encouraged them to “keep the banner of the University flying”, as they advance in their professional and research pursuits.



## Alaro emerges Nigerian Islamic Finance Person of the Year

By Abubakar Imam

The Director, Quality Assurance Unit, University of Ilorin, Prof. AbdulRazzaq AbdulMajeed Alaro, has been named the Nigerian Islamic Finance Person of the Year 2025 by *Muslim News Nigeria*, the country's most authoritative Islamic newspaper.

The choice of Prof. Alaro, who is also a former Head of the institution's Department of Islamic Law, was announced penultimate Friday (November 14, 2025) after a careful selection from the list of six distinguished personalities drawn from across Nigeria by a committee of experts on Islamic finance from both Nigeria and Malaysia.

Prof. Alaro is a lawyer, teacher and cleric who was trained in Islamic Law at the Islamic University, Madinah, Saudi Arabia, and Omdurman University, Sudan.

Speaking with *UNILORIN*



■ Prof. Alaro

*Bulletin* on the development, Prof. Alaro said that he never saw the award coming as he has always been doing all he does without the expectation of any reward from anyone or body except Allah.

Prof. Alaro thanked the authorities of the University of Ilorin for their support to

him as he promised to continue to do his best in giving the University fascinating representation everywhere he goes.

Reacting, the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, said that the choice of Prof. Alaro for the award is well-deserved going by his numerous contributions to the understanding and progress of Islamic Finance in Nigeria and beyond.

In a statement signed by the University's Director of Corporate Affairs, Mr Kunle Akogun, Prof. Egbewole said that the award is also timely as it came at the time the University is celebrating its Golden Jubilee.

The Vice Chancellor, while thanking Prof. Alaro for always bringing honour to the University, urged other staff members, students and alumni of the University to emulate the cleric-don by remaining relentless in their career advancement.

## UNILORIN congratulates Daudu on Senior Fellowship Award

By Mustafa Abubakar

The University of Ilorin has congratulated Dr Abdulrazaq Kamal Daudu of the Department of Agricultural Extension and Rural Development on his selection for a prestigious Senior Fellowship at the College for Advanced Studies, University Alliance Ruhr, Essen, Germany.

Dr Daudu, whose six-month fellowship will run from September 1, 2026 to February 28, 2027, was announced as a Senior Fellow following a competitive process.

His research project will focus on digital extension services and their influence on wealth distribution among Nigerian households, with particular attention to gender gaps.

He will work with Prof. Jakob



■ Dr Daudu

Kapeller of the University of Duisburg-Essen as his academic tandem partner.

In separate congratulatory

messages, the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, and the Registrar, Mr Mansur Adeleke Alfaola, described the award as a remarkable achievement that highlights Dr Daudu's dedication to scholarship and international research collaboration.

The Dean, Faculty of Agriculture, Prof. Isreal Ogunlade and the Acting Head of Department, Dr Kemi F. Omotesho also commended the Fellowship as a significant opportunity for academic growth.

In her letter of confirmation, Prof. Julika Griem, Founding Director of the College for Social Sciences and Humanities, outlined the benefits attached to the fellowship, including office space, library services, event support, a monthly research budget of €1,250, and a monthly grant of €3,050.

## NCAM's ED commends UNILORIN @50

By Mustafa Abubakar

The Executive Director of the National Centre for Agricultural Mechanization (NCAM), Ilorin, Dr Abdulgafar Rasheed Kamal, has praised the University of Ilorin for its immense impact on his professional journey.

Speaking with *UNILORIN Bulletin* last Tuesday (November 18, 2025), Dr Kamal described UNILORIN as "better by far," noting that the University laid the solid foundation for his academic and engineering career, having earned both his first and second degrees there before proceeding to the University of Ibadan for

his third degree.

The Executive Director, whose grandfather, Shaykh Muhammad Kamaldeen Al-Adabiyy, was honoured by the University with an honorary doctorate degree in 1998, also reaffirmed the long-standing collaboration between NCAM and the University of Ilorin, stating that students from Mechanical, Electrical, and Agricultural Engineering Departments regularly undertake industrial training and final-year projects at the Centre.

According to him, the practical exposure they receive at NCAM complements their academic learning and strengthens their professional development.



■ Dr Kamal



## UNILORIN Geosciences record outstanding feat at NAPE 43rd annual conference

By Mustafa Abubakar

Staff and students of the Department of Geophysics, University of Ilorin, have recorded exceptional achievements at the 43rd Annual International Conference and Exhibition (AICE) of the Nigerian Association of Petroleum Explorationists (NAPE), where they shone brilliantly among top geoscience professionals and institutions.

The conference, held recently in Lagos, also featured the induction of the Dean, Faculty of Physical Sciences, Prof. Bisi Adekeye, and Dr Gabriel Omolaiye of the Geophysics Department into the prestigious NAPE-UAP Hall of Fame.

In the same outing, three Geophysics students; Akanbi Abdulquddus Moyosoreoluwa, Olorunniyi Israel Oluwakorede, and Adeyemo Ayodeji Gabriel, distinguished themselves by presenting cutting-edge research outputs that drew the attention of participants and industry experts.

Speaking with *UNILORIN Bulletin* last Wednesday (November 19, 2025), Prof. Adekeye explained that the students' presentations explored advanced themes such as combining well logs and seismic attributes for porosity prediction, applying Machine Learning and Physics-



Informed Neural Networks (PINN) to predict missing well logs, and utilising integrated petrophysical analysis with supervised Machine Learning for lithology classification and reservoir zonation.

According to him, a major highlight of the conference was the recognition of the second paper jointly authored by Olorunniyi Israel Oluwakorede, Dr Gabriel Omolaiye, and Dr Rasaki Salami of TotalEnergies, which emerged as the Best

E-Poster Presentation at the event.

These accomplishments, he added, reflect the University's strong commitment to academic excellence, research innovation, and quality mentorship.

He said that these also demonstrate the growing competitiveness of UNILORIN students on national and international geoscience platforms.

## UNILORIN set to host NECO's maiden CBT exam- Rauf

By Adewole Muizdeen

The University of Ilorin is set to make history as it prepares to host the National Examinations Council (NECO) first-ever Computer-Based Test (CBT) examination, marking a significant milestone in the institution's pursuit of academic excellence.

In an exclusive interview on UNILORIN FM last Wednesday, (November 19, 2025), the Director of the CBT Centre, University of Ilorin, Prof. Kamilu Rauf, disclosed that the University has implemented state-of-the-art security measures, including biometric verification and AI-powered proctoring, to ensure the integrity of the examination process.

"We've implemented robust security measures, including biometrics verification and AI-powered proctoring, the Director said, adding "Our processes are regularly updated to ensure compliance with world best practices."

According to him, the NECO Board has designated the University of



■ Prof. Rauf

Ilorin as a major centre for Kwara state, and almost all candidates from the state will be directed to the institution for the examination.

"The Board has agreed with our MoU with them to bring their first-ever CBT examination to the University of

Ilorin as a major centre for Kwara state. Almost all NECO candidates in Kwara state will be directed to Unilorin, except those that live in very far distances," he explained.

Prof. Rauf noted that the examination is scheduled to commence on Wednesday, November 26, 2025, and expressed confidence that the University's CBT centre is well-equipped to handle the challenge.

The Director expressed the hope that the University of Ilorin would soon become the number one University in Nigeria, Africa, and one of the top 10 in the world within the next 20 years.

"I envisioned Unilorin in the next 20 years to be the number 1 in Nigeria, 1 in Africa, and one of the 10 in the world. The speed of development of the University of Ilorin is marvellous," he said.

Prof. Rauf praised the current administration of the University for its commitment to excellence, stating that Unilorin is poised to become the best university in all ramifications.



## Al-Burhan holds AGM, inaugurates new executives

By Bashir Dawodu

The Al-Burhan Multipurpose Cooperative Society, University of Ilorin, held its Annual General Meeting (AGM) last Tuesday (November 18, 2025) at the Society's Secretariat.

The event provided a platform for members to deliberate on the Cooperative's developmental strides, accountability measures, and investment prospects.

In her address, the Acting President of the Society, Prof. Modinah Abdul-Raheem, expressed gratitude to God and congratulated members for witnessing what she described as a long-awaited AGM.

She highlighted significant progress made by the Cooperative Society, noting that many of its investments are now yielding positive returns.

Prof. Abdul-Raheem urged members to take cooperative affairs seriously and reaffirmed her commitment to transparent and accountable leadership.

Also speaking, the External



■ **Prof. Abdul-Raheem**

Auditor, Mr Jimoh Adegboyega Alimi, encouraged members to safeguard and monitor their investments to prevent financial losses.

He commended the Cooperative Society for being a "thriving society" and advised members to remain prudent in financial decision making.

Delivering a brief sermon at the event, the 2025 UNILORIN Researcher of the Year, Dr AbdulGafar O. Fahm, urged members to demonstrate transparency in

their dealings, avoid ribah (interest), and protect their wealth through halal means.

A major highlight of the AGM was the inauguration of the newly elected executive council to steer the affairs of the cooperative.

The new leadership includes: Prof. Modinah Abdul-Raheem, Chairperson; Dr Muritala A. Tukur, Vice Chairman; Prof. Habeeb Ajimotokan, General Secretary; Mr Isaq Abiodun Abdul-Salam, Assistant General Secretary; Mrs Zabir Ramat Abdul-Salam, Treasurer; and Mr Mustapha Adebayo, Internal Auditor.

Others were Dr Lukman Abioye Oyewole, Public Relations Officer; Prof. Jamiu Kolawole Odusote, Ex Officio I; and Prof. Lukman Aribidesi Olayaki – Ex-Officio II.

In his remarks, Prof. Lukman Ayinla of the Faculty of Law, charged the new executives to serve selflessly and uphold integrity, reminding them that leaders will ultimately give account of their actions.

The AGM ended with renewed commitment to collective progress and financial transparency among members of the Society.

## Katibi charges postgraduate students to embrace research opportunities, uphold ethics

By Mustafa Abubakar

The Director of the Central Research Laboratories (CRL), University of Ilorin, Prof. Ibraheem Adeola Katibi, has urged postgraduate students of the University to take full advantage of the institution's world-class research facilities while upholding the highest standards of research ethics and integrity.

Prof. Katibi made the call last Thursday (November 20, 2025) while speaking with *UNILORIN Bulletin* in his office.

He described the CRL as the heartbeat of research at the University, noting that the facility established in 2008 and made fully operational in 2020, was designed to provide functional, state-of-the-art, and cost-intensive equipment to support high-quality scientific investigation.

"CRL is more than a building; it is where innovation meets excellence. We support research to advance humanity," the Director said.

Highlighting the vision and mission of the CRL, Prof. Katibi explained that the centre aims to strengthen cutting-edge research and contribute significantly to the University's aspiration of becoming a world-class



■ **Prof. Katibi**

institution.

He added that the laboratories, equipped with facilities worth over ₦2.5 billion, offer multidisciplinary platforms for researchers in science, engineering, and health-related fields.

He listed CRL's core laboratories to include Molecular Biology, Microbiology, Chemistry, Physics, Tissue Culture, and Instrumentation, all designed to meet international standards, including ISO 17025 compliance.

On research opportunities, Prof. Katibi noted that the CRL provides fertile

ground for collaboration with units such as ACHRI, UREC, LABTOP, as well as with industry players, TETFund, and international partners.

He further encouraged students to explore both internal and external grant opportunities, with the CRL offering technical support for proposal development and project execution.

Speaking on laboratory ethics, the Director emphasised honesty, professionalism, respect for participants, confidentiality, adherence to safety protocols, and responsible data handling as non-negotiable pillars of credible research.

He cautioned students against misconduct such as falsification of data, misuse of research funds, and violation of ethical or safety standards, stressing that integrity remains central to sustainable scholarship.

Prof. Katibi also outlined the step-by-step process for accessing CRL services, which includes registration, submission of sample or project request forms, obtaining cost estimates, and scheduling analyses or training with laboratory officers.

He urged the new postgraduate students to explore the CRL, maintain ethical conduct, and leverage available facilities responsibly to drive innovation and impactful research.



## Ojo urges Nigerians to prioritise regular eye test

By Bashir Dawodu

**T**he Coordinator of the Department of Optometry and Vision Sciences, University of Ilorin, Dr Oluwasola Michael Ojo, has urged members of staff, students and Nigerians across the country to prioritise their eye health by undergoing comprehensive eye examinations at least once every year.

Dr Ojo made the appeal last Wednesday, (November 19, 2025) during an interview with *UNILORIN Bulletin* in his office.

Describing the eyes as “the father of the whole body,” the Optometrist emphasised the need for proper eye care and protection from strain, dryness and infections.

He explained that caring for the eyes requires environmental adjustments, proper hygiene and regular breaks from visual stress.

He cautioned the public to



■ Dr Ojo

watch out for early warning signs that should never be ignored, including: sudden changes in vision, flashes of light, increased floaters, severe or sudden eye pain, persistent redness, discharge or swelling, double vision and a dark shadow

or curtain moving across the field of vision.

According to him, several lifestyle habits contribute significantly to poor eyesight and eye diseases. These include smoking, poor diet and obesity, inadequate sleep, excessive ultraviolet exposure and failure to undergo routine eye check-ups.

Dr Ojo also advised individuals who spend long hours using digital devices to optimise screen settings and consider using anti-glare screen filters or glasses with anti-reflective coating to reduce harmful visual effects.

He further noted that certain nutrients play a vital role in maintaining healthy vision. “Omega-3 fatty acids, Vitamin C, Vitamin E, Zinc and Vitamin A are essential for promoting good eyesight,” he stated.

Dr Ojo noted that adopting a proactive approach to eye care today would guarantee a clearer and healthier visual future.

## Promote UNILORIN's image, Abdulbaqi urges CISSA students

By Abubakar Abdulquadri  
and Bashir Dawodu

**T**he Dean of the Faculty of Communication and Information Sciences (CIS), University of Ilorin, Prof. Saudat Salah Abdulbaqi, has called on students, particularly new ones, to join other Unilorites in promoting and protecting the image of the Institution and also abide by its rules and regulations in order to ensure timely completion of their academic programmes without hitches.

Prof. Abdulbaqi made this appeal last Thursday (November 20, 2025) while speaking at the Communication and Information Science Students Association (CISSA) Freshers Orientation Day at the Faculty Lecture Theatre.

The Dean advised the new students to map out plans for themselves on how to acquire academic excellence through total commitment and dedication to justify the true picture of the University's slogan of “Better by far”, and guide against any misconduct that can lead to their expulsion from the University.

Prof. Abdulbaqi explained that the keywords behind the slogan of the



University as better by far include, excellence, integrity and discipline, as she called on students to strive to achieve all these through personal commitment and determination. He also urged the students to pursue First Class honours in their various programmes of studies.

The Dean also enjoined the students to join the Federal Government campaign against open defecation, and ensure that the campaign kick starts from them here.

Prof. Abdulbaqi equally commended the management of the University, under the leadership of the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, for providing the needed facilities to ensure that the campaign takes

effect on campus.

Also speaking, the Faculty Officer, Mr Issa Ismail, who was represented by Mrs Aminat Akogun-Jolayemi, called on students to engage in timely registration of their courses to avoid any problem before and after the examination and ensure that their course forms are duly signed.

On her part, the Faculty Counsellor, Mrs Sherifat Tinuke Oniye, spoke extensively on mental health, stressing that good mental health plays a key role in everything we do. She, therefore, advised students to maintain good mental health and stay physically active in the pursuit of their academic programmes.



## 5 industry partners boost UNILORIN Food Engineering Department

By Mustafa Abubakar

**F**ive major industry partners have significantly boosted the Department of Food Engineering, University of Ilorin, through generous donations that strengthened its teaching, research and laboratory capacity.

The partners are Engr Dr Abioye M. Dele of BUA Foods Plc; Alhaji Adejumo Tijani, CEO of Fortunate Bakery; Alhaji Yahaya Rasaki Ademola, CEO of RASMut Multidynamic Enterprise; Mr Obijiaku Charles, CEO of St. Rina Creamy and Confectioneries; and Mr Adeyemo Adewale Kazeem, CEO of Forest Foods Ltd.

Speaking with *UNILORIN Bulletin* on the donations last Tuesday (November 18, 2025), the Head of the Department, Dr Sanusi Mayowa Saheed, disclosed that the collaboration has enabled the provision of several new laboratory resources to support the University's mission of enhancing food engineering education.

According to him, a major highlight is the extensive support from BUA Foods Plc, led by its Managing Director, Engr. Dr Abioye, who donated several laboratory-scale equipment ranging from a food dehydrator, liquid filler, vacuum sealer, precision measurement instruments, industrial and tabletop weighing scales, digital water bath, refractometer, infrared thermometer, and pH meter, greatly



improving the Department's processing and quality assessment capacity.

Dr Sanusi noted that other partners also made key contributions such as Alhaji Adejumo Tijani who donated a 20 kg planetary mixer for dough processing; Alhaji Yahaya Rasaki Ademola, who donated a ZACME dough mixer; while Mr Obijiaku Charles provided a juice extractor and a double-face electric hotplate to support small-scale food processing training.

He added that the Department's Fluidised Bed Dryer was restored to full functionality through the support of Engr Bello Abdulkabir of Charters Communications, USA.

He said that teaching delivery also improved with the donation of an HY320 LCD projector by Mr Tomilade Adeponle John of Imperial Brands UK, while Mr

Adeyemo Adewale Kazeem enhanced the analytical laboratory with a microscope and a spectrophotometer.

Reflecting on these achievements, Dr Sanusi expressed deep appreciation to all donors, noting that their support demonstrates a strong commitment to strengthening Food Engineering education and research in Nigeria, and reaffirmed the Department's resolve to maintain productive industry partnerships aimed at advancing innovative teaching and research excellence.

The Department of Food Engineering is experiencing notable growth in its teaching and research infrastructure through ongoing engagement with industry partners, facilitated by its Industrial Advisory Board.

## Unilorite wins 2025 Adewoye Award

By Abubakar Imam

**A** postgraduate student at the Department of Chemistry, University of Ilorin, Victoria A. Ikudayisi-Ugbe, has emerged as the winner of this year's edition of the annual Prof. O. O. Adewoye Merit Award at the just-concluded 2025 edition of the annual conference of the Materials Science and Technology Society.

The conference, which was held between November 17 and 21, 2025, took place in Auchu, Edo State and recorded the attendance of several members of the Society and students of relevant disciplines from many universities and polytechnics across Nigeria.

Speaking with *UNILORIN Bulletin*, the immediate past Dean of the Faculty of Physical Sciences, University of Ilorin, Prof. Abdullahi Alafara Baba,



expressed satisfaction with the performance of the Unilorite.

He explained that he was delighted that the winner made the University proud, particularly because it happened on the eve of the Golden Jubilee of the University.

The former Dean, who is the President of the Society, urged other students of the University to always work hard to excel in their studies and make the University and their families proud.



## Cleric hails UNILORIN @ 50

By Adewole Muizdeen

As the University of Ilorin celebrates its 50th anniversary, the Chaplain of St. Thomas Aquinas, University of Ilorin, Fr. Celestine Iko-Ojo Emah, has praised the institution's dedication to academic excellence, community, faith development, and its unique approach to education.

In an interview on *UNILORIN 89.3 FM "Countdown to Unilorin @50"*, anchored by the Station Manager, Mr Idris Alooma, and the Head of Programmes, Mr Temitope Olawuyi, last Wednesday (November 19, 2025), Fr. Emah highlighted the University's commitment to fostering an environment where faith and reason converge in perfect harmony, promoting spiritual, intellectual, and moral growth.

He noted that the celebration of the 50th anniversary of the University of Ilorin is a significant milestone, representing fifty years of academic



Fr. Emah

excellence, community service, and holistic development of countless students.

Fr. Emah affirmed that the University's emphasis on character development and pursuit of truth has created a fertile ground for spiritual growth, nurturing generations of leaders who have excelled in various fields.

The faith leader noted that Unilorin's diverse student population offers opportunities for ecumenical engagement and interfaith dialogue, enriching the community and promoting mutual understanding. He further explained that the Chaplaincy has played a vital role in nurturing the spiritual life of students, staff, and the wider community through regular prayers, meetings, spiritual retreats, and social ministry activities.

He stated that the Church at the University of Ilorin provides a space for worship, reflection, and community building, supporting students and staff in their spiritual journeys.

Fr. Emah expressed gratitude to the alumni of the University, saying, "they are a reflection of Unilorin's success. He urged them to continue to live out the values instilled in them by making a positive impact on all their endeavors."

## ILORIN BUSINESS SCHOOL

### NOTICE OF 2025/2026 PROFESSIONAL QUALIFYING ENTRANCE EXAMINATION

This is to inform all applicants seeking admission into Ilorin Business School Professional Postgraduate Programme and the general public, that the Qualifying Entrance Examinations for 2025/2026 Admissions (1<sup>st</sup> Batch) has been scheduled to be held as follows:

Date: Saturday, 6<sup>th</sup> December, 2025

Time: 10 a.m prompt

Venue: Ilorin Business School, Beside Institute of Education, University of Ilorin, Mini Campus.

Candidates are advised;

- to arrive at venue of the examination at least 30 minutes before the commencement of the examination;
- to bring to the Venue, photocopies of the application form, credentials and other supporting documents;
- not to come to the hall with the following, in line with

university of Ilorin examination Guidelines cell phone/handset, calculator/calculating machine, digital wristwatch, sunshade, food and drinks of any sort;

iv. to dress responsibly in line with the University of Ilorin approved "Dress Code"; and

v. to note that the University has Zero tolerance for examination malpractice, as culprit(s) would not be spared of the appropriate sanctions.

Your cooperation in this regard would be highly appreciated, Please.

Wishing you success.

O. A. Dopamu

Deputy Registrar/ Secretary, Ilorin Business School

## PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

### RENOVATION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ILORIN MAIN AUDITORIUM

The Management of the University of Ilorin wishes to inform the general public and the University community that renovation work on the University's Main Auditorium will commence on Monday, 1st December 2025, and will run until the end of December 2025.

During this period, the Main Auditorium will be closed to all activities, as it will not be available for use. All events, functions, or programmes earlier scheduled to hold in the Auditorium are hereby advised to move to alternative venues within the University.

The University Management regrets any inconvenience this temporary closure may cause and sincerely appreciates the understanding and cooperation of all stakeholders.

Thank you.

M.A. Alfania  
Registrar





## We've gained hands-on experience -- UNILORIN SWEP students

**\*\*\*Install signage, directional pole**

*By Mustafa Abubakar  
and Cecilia Samuel*

The 634 students across 10 Departments of the Faculty of Engineering and Technology, University of Ilorin, who are participating in the 2025 Students' Work Experience Programme (SWEP) have disclosed that the programme has given them hands-on experience.

Speaking with *UNILORIN Bulletin* last Tuesday (November 18, 2025), the leader of the programme, Titiloye Olanrewaju Abdulquadi, who also disclosed that the group executed practical projects, described the experience as more than just a course.

"SWEP is not just a course; it is a moment of experience, a moment of discipline. We really appreciate the knowledge and skills we gained while creating and installing the signage and directional pole, which will guide students and visitors across the Faculty," he said.

He said that during the nine-week programme, students carried out a variety of projects, which include general projects such as the repair of chairs in the New Engineering Lecture Theatre (NLT), using iron rods, provision of additional chairs for the New Graphics Hall (NGH), and repair of 27 chairs and two tables from the University Library, as well as repair and repainting of the Faculty Library as well as using paint produced by the students themselves.

Beyond furniture and signage, he said that the project included producing interlocking blocks, drainage filling near the NLT, and pothole fixing at the University Staff Quarters to ensure smooth movement within the campus.

Abdulquadi said, "Students were

also trained in vertical farming and the fabrication of simple farm tools, gaining practical skills from multiple Engineering disciplines, including Chemical, Electrical, Civil, and Food Engineering."

Reflecting on the personal gains from the programme, Abdulquadi said, "As a Chemical Engineering student, I gained experience from Electrical and Food Engineering. Now I can produce yogurt, bake cookies, repair electrical appliances like sockets or irons using PCB skills, and handle concrete mixing. We gained valuable skills from every unit we visited."

He also emphasised the importance of focus, discipline, and determination for future SWEP participants.

Regarding materials, Abdulquadi explained that while Accoboard was purchased, the design and assembly of signage were done by the students themselves.

"The metal components and castings were produced by SWEP students in the Metal and Machine Fabrication (MMF) unit, demonstrating technical skill and teamwork," he said.

He expressed gratitude to the University, noting that SWEP combines technical projects with social activities, including football matches and other community engagement events.

"All projects were primarily funded by the students themselves, with over 600 participants contributing to the success of exhibition projects, ensuring that their efforts were meaningful and recognised," he added.

In his remarks, the SWEP Coordinator, Dr Ibrahim Hassan Kobe, praised the programme for providing practical knowledge that complements classroom theory.

He highlighted that students visited nine engineering units, including Biomedical

Engineering, Metal and Wood Finishing/Welding, and Laundry units, gaining interdisciplinary skills and fostering collaboration across departments.

Dr Ibrahim said, "SWEP is an integral part of Engineering education. The students' performance, both in practical work and assessments, has been outstanding. We are grateful to the Dean, the technologists, and everyone who contributed to the success of this programme."

He said that SWEP 2025 is a testament to the dedication, teamwork, and practical skills of UNILORIN Engineering students.

The Dean of the Faculty, Prof. Joshua Olaoye, while appreciating the students, commended them for their impressive performance and discipline throughout the programme.

He described SWEP 2025 as a demonstration of the Faculty's commitment to producing competent and industry-ready engineers.

He expressed satisfaction with the quality of projects, especially the newly installed signage and directional pole, and applauded the students' creativity, teamwork, and problem-solving ability.

The Dean also acknowledged the technologists and coordinators for their guidance and encouraged continued institutional support to further enhance practical training in future editions.

With the completion of SWEP 2025, the participating students leave behind visible contributions, directional poles, repaired facilities, improved infrastructure, and new skillsets reflecting the essence of the programme: learning by doing, building by teamwork, and applying Engineering knowledge to real-life challenges.





UNIVERSITY OF ILORIN



# GOLDEN JUBILEE CELEBRATION PROGRAMME

Sunday 23rd Nov., 2025	<b>ANNIVERSARY SERVICE AND THANKSGIVING</b>	St Thomas Aquinas Chaplaincy Chapel of The Light	9:00am 10:00am
Monday 24th Nov., 2025	<b>UNILORIN @ 50 WALK WITH BRANDED T-SHIRTS (STAFF AND STUDENTS)</b> <b>VC DIALOGUE WITH ALL FORMER PRINCIPAL OFFICERS</b> <b>MOVIE PREMIERE (SON OF IRON)</b>	Starting from University Roundabout Dam site Auditorium	7:00am 1:00pm 4:00pm
Tuesday 25th Nov., 2025	<b>VICE CHANCELLOR'S PRESS BRIEFING</b> <b>COMMISSIONING OF SPACE RESEARCH CENTRE</b> <b>COURTESY VISITS &amp; CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY VISITS</b> <b>VICE CHANCELLOR'S MEETING WITH STUDENTS' UNION LEADERSHIP</b>	Auditorium and other sites   Auditorium	10:00am 12:00pm 1:00pm 4:30pm
Wednesday 26th Nov., 2025	<b>ALUMNI COLLOQUIUM &amp; SPECIAL PRESENTATION FROM NOTABLE ALUMNI</b> ▪ Presentation of Awards ▪ Fund Raising for Special Anniversary Project (Innovation and Transcript Hub) <b>COMMISSIONING OF ALUMNI SECRETARIAT</b> <b>ALUMNI LUNCHEON</b> <b>ANNIVERSARY PLAY – PERFORMING ARTS</b>	Auditorium and other sites  New Secretariat Multipurpose Hall Performing Arts Theatre	10:00am  2:00pm 2:30pm 6:00pm
Thursday 27th Nov., 2025	<b>50TH ANNIVERSARY GRAND FINALE CEREMONY</b> ▪ Anniversary Lecture by Professor PLO Lumumba ▪ Book presentation Unilorin@50 ▪ Special recognition Awards ▪ Special Launching for the Anniversary Project and N50billion Endowment Fund <b>COMMISSIONING OF JAMB HOSTEL</b> <b>ANNIVERSARY DINNER</b>	University Auditorium   Multi-purpose Hall	10:00am   2:30pm 7:00pm
Friday 28th Nov., 2025	<b>ANNIVERSARY JUMA'AT PRAYER</b>	Unilorin Mosque	1:30pm

PROFESSOR  
**WAHAB OLASUPO  
EGBEWOLE, SAN**  
VICE CHANCELLOR



PROFESSOR  
**PATRICK  
LOCH OTIENO  
LUMUMBA**  
GUEST SPEAKER





# ALUMNI DAY & SECRETARIAT COMMISSIONING

ALUMNI COLLOQUIUM

AWARD & INVESTITURE;  
FUND RAISING

ALUMNI LUNCHEON

ANNIVERSARY  
PLAY

PANELISTS

- Prof. and Prof. Olufemi and Irene Durosaro
- Mr Tunde Olaoye
- Professor Zaid Ademola Aderolu
- Dr Mutiu O. Agboke
- Prof Adegboyega A. Fawole
- Prof Philip Egbe



Wed. 26th November, 2025 // 9:00am



Senator  
**Abdulfatai O.  
Buhari, CON**  
Chairman of the Day



His Excellency  
**Alh. Abdulfatai Ahmed**  
Guest Speaker  
Former Governor, Kwara State



Amb. Dr.  
**Nimota Nihilola  
Akanbi, OON**  
Guest Speaker



Dr.  
**Ademola Dada**  
Guest Speaker  
Former MD,  
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ICEDP 2025

THEME: POLICY REFORMS & SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Keynote Speaker

**PROF. LUIS ALBERIKO  
GIL ALAÑA**  
University of Navarra,  
Spain



Chief Host

**PROF. WAHAB OLASUPO  
EGBEWOLE (SAN)**  
Vice-Chancellor,  
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Lead Paper Presenter

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North-West University, South  
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9TH -10TH  
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9AM



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# UNILORIN WEEKLY FINANCIAL DIGEST

## FUND SOURCES AND UTILIZATION REPORT FROM 13<sup>TH</sup> TO 20<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2025

RECEIPTS:	AMOUNT
Academic Transcript	40,000.00
Sundry & Other Fees Student Charges	666,450.00
Sundry Other Incomes	1,223,100.00
Convocation Souvenir	170,500.00
Income from Verification /Screening	600,000.00
Staff I.D Cards	5,000.00
Capitation NHIS	53,650.00
Student I.D Cards	1,000.00
Utility Income	38,500.00
Boarded Property	10,000.00
Contractors' Regiattration Fees	16,000.00
Income from Fitness Centre	2,000.00
Refund (Salary)	3,083,339.94
Refund of Unspent Staff Personal Advance	6,500,000.00
Refund	62,080.00
University of Ilorin- 1000115 Fees	41,000.00
CCSCA Clearance Charges	40,400.00
CODL- Clearance Charges	953,600.00
CODL- Form Processing Charges	197,400.00
CODL-Undergraduate Charges	4,699,820.00
Undergraduate Transcript Payment	832,200.00
Undergraduate School Charges	184,083,875.00
Undergraduate Post UTME Registration	25,200.00
Undergraduate Change of Course	20,400.00
Undergraduate Clearance Charges	4,513,800.00
Undergraduate Hostel Accommodation	5,011,800.00
Undergraduate Convocation Charges	417,000.00
Postgraduate School Charges	22,167,350.00
Postgraduate School Transcript Payment	140,000.00
Postgraduate Verification of Results	40,400.00
Postgraduate Acceptance Payment	160,800.00
Postgraduate Application Form	25,200.00
Remedial Application Form	258,400.00
Remedial Acceptance Payment	152,000.00
Remedial School Charges	1,403,400.00
Remedial IOE Hostel Accommodation	20,000.00
Ilorin Business School Application Form	100,800.00
Ilorin Business School Verification of Results	40,400.00
Ilorin Business School Charges	168,300.00
Institute of Education Hostel Accommodation	202,000.00
Institute of Education Application Form	15,200.00
Institute of Education School Charges	309,733.80
JUPEB Application Form	1,688,400.00
JUPEB Acceptance Payment	1,915,200.00
JUPEB School Charges	18,367,600.00
<b>Total Receipt for the Period</b>	<b>₦260,483,298.74</b>
PAYMENTS	
<b>PAYMENT TO CONTRACTORS/SUPPLIERS:</b>	
Cyteck Engineering Construction and Technology Construction and Furnishing of JAMB Merit Award Hostel	111,952,123.36
Segmaduk Ltd Supply and Installation of Lecture Room Equipment for 2025 Accreditation	24,110,000.00
Integrated Sunaf Nigeria Limited Supply of Physics Practical Apparatus	2,200,000.00
Himtayo Enterprices Urgent/Necessary Earth road Pothole Filling Leveling	1,267,210.00
Rajah Dynamic Printer Ltd Printing Jobs	1,160,000.00
Sinclair Hospitality Services Ltd Hotel Expenses	1,679,025.00
Raib Worldwide Interbiz Panel Reconnection and Extension of Inverter.	3,871,209.00
Leekym Nig Ltd Setup of Dark Room at the dept of Radiography & Radiation Sciences	24,200,400.00
Waziat Global Services Ltd Supply and Installation of office Equipment	24,870,125.00
Ultratech Engineering Consult Ltd Purchase of Solar Batteries	700,000.00
<b>OTHER PAYMENTS:</b>	
Various Various i.e DTA, IMPREST, REFUND e.t.c	71,360,910.07
Purchase Advance Various	4,279,392.94
Unilorin Petrol Station Supply of Fuel	12,729,708.00
Total TSA Charges Various	95,352.50
<b>Total payment for the period</b>	<b>₦284,475,455.87</b>

*Signed*  
**Abiodun Lawal (FCNA)**  
**Bursar**





S/N	NAME	DEPARTMENT	BIRTHDAY
1	ABDULKAREEM SULYMAN AGE	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	23-Nov
2	KOLAWOLE FOLASHADE CAROLINE	HEALTH SERVICES	23-Nov
3	RAHEEM TOYIN MOHAMMAD	ELECTRICAL & ELECTRONICS ENGINEERING	23-Nov
4	DOSUMU OMOTAYO OLUTOLA	INDUSTRIAL CHEMISTRY	23-Nov
5	ODUSOTE JAMIU KOLAWOLE	MATERIALS & METALLURGICAL ENGINEERING	23-Nov
6	AFOLAYAN RAZAQ BAYO	STATISTICS	23-Nov
7	ABDULRAHEEM MULIKAT	MARKETING	23-Nov
8	ABDULRAZQA BUKOLA FATIMOH	REGISTRY	23-Nov
9	AKOREDE GANIU JIMOH	VETERINARY PHARMACOLOGY & TOXICOLOGY	23-Nov
10	ASHAOLU MODUPE OLUREMI	REGISTRY	23-Nov
11	SIDIQ RAMAT BOBOOKIRI	VETERINARY ANATOMY	24-Nov
12	OYINLOYE OLALEKAN IBUKUN	RADIOLOGY	24-Nov
13	OGUNADE RAYMOND OLUTOYIN	RELIGIONS	24-Nov
14	ADEOYE TAIYE OLUSHOLA	GEOPHYSICS	24-Nov
15	HAROON-SULYMAN SHAKIRAT OLUWATOSIN	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	24-Nov
16	AHMED BAYO MUSA	MATHEMATICS	24-Nov
17	SULAIMAN ISMAIL OLAREWAJU	REGISTRY	24-Nov
18	OLAREWAJU SAMUEL ADEBISI	MATERIALS & METALLURGICAL ENGINEERING	24-Nov
19	FAMAKINDE OLUWASEUN SHERIFAT	REGISTRY	24-Nov
20	ABDULSALAM SEKINAT BUKOLA	VETERINARY PHYSIOLOGY & BIOCHEMISTRY	24-Nov
21	OLADIMEJI HALIMAT BOLANLE	ECONOMICS	24-Nov
22	AGBABIKA TOYIN OLAYEMI	MICROBIOLOGY	25-Nov
23	AREMU IDOWU OMODELE	SECURITY DIVISION	25-Nov
24	OJENEYE BAMIDELE	SECURITY DIVISION	25-Nov
25	OYEDEPO TITILAYO ADENIKE	REGISTRY	25-Nov
26	JENYO FAUSAT OLANIKE	REGISTRY	25-Nov
27	MUSA AMUDA KADIR	REGISTRY	25-Nov
28	ABDULHAMID MOSHOOD ABDULSALAM	PROCUREMENT & MAINTENANCE SUPORT	25-Nov
29	UYANNE ELIZABETH OBIAGELI	SOCIAL SCIENCE EDUCATION	25-Nov
30	ABDULFATAI AISHAT OMOTAYO	SECURITY DIVISION	25-Nov
31	ADENIYI OLAKIITAN IBUKUN	STATISTICS	25-Nov
32	AKERELE ELIZABETH	REGISTRY	25-Nov
33	MOMODU IBRAHIM GENTLE	REGISTRY	25-Nov
34	ORISAJI ELIZABETH ABIKE	REGISTRY	25-Nov
35	ADEKUNLE ADEBAYO SURAJUDEEN	MECHANICAL ENGINEERING	26-Nov
36	ADEKEYE HANAH OLUWATOYIN	WORKS: ELECTRICAL/TELECOM	26-Nov
37	AFOLABI KAYODE OJO	SCIENCE EDUCATION	26-Nov
38	OMOKANYE HABEEB KAYODELE	OTORHINOLARYNGOLOGY	26-Nov
39	OYEYEMI OMOTAYO ISAAC	REGISTRY	26-Nov
40	SANNI JEMEEL ADEDOTUN	ECONOMICS	26-Nov
41	ABDULLAHI RASQA MAITO	LIBRARY	26-Nov
42	ADEGUN ISAAC KAYODE	MECHANICAL ENGINEERING	27-Nov
43	OSENI OLUWAFEMI SAMUEL	SECURITY DIVISION	27-Nov
44	JOSHUA FLORENCE FUNSHO	REGISTRY	27-Nov
45	EWURUM MAUVEEN ONYEKACHI	HEALTH SERVICES	27-Nov
46	NWACHUKWU UKAMAKA MARY	REGISTRY	27-Nov
47	AHMED ABDULKADIR	REGISTRY	27-Nov
48	TIJANI SULEIMAN DARE	AGRONOMY	27-Nov
49	EMMAUNEL OLBUNMI MODUPE	REGISTRY	27-Nov
50	ADEBISI TAIBAT TUNRAYO	HOME ECONOMICS & FOOD SCIENCE	27-Nov
51	ADEDOJA RUTH OWOADE	REGISTRY	27-Nov
52	SOFOLUWE ABAYOMI OLUMIDE	EDUCATIONAL MANAGEMENT	28-Nov
53	BALOGUN OLUSEGUN SAMUEL	CROP PROTECTION	28-Nov
54	BALOGUN SAADUDEEN	WORKS: MECHANICAL	28-Nov
55	POPOOLA ABIOLA OLUWAGBEMIGA	PSYCHOLOGY	28-Nov
56	OJUBANIRE ABDULFATAI FUNSO	DIRECTORATE OF CORPORATE AFFAIRS	28-Nov
57	ADEYEMI OLUWATOYIN FUNKE	REGISTRY	28-Nov
58	BABALOLA MARIAM OLADUNNI	REGISTRY	28-Nov
59	DADA EMMANUEL OLATUNDE	WORKS: ELECTRICAL/TELECOM	28-Nov
60	YUSUF ABDULRAHMAN OLALEKAN	COMPUTER ENGINEERING	28-Nov
61	DAWODU BASHIR ABIOYE	DIRECTORATE OF CORPORATE AFFAIRS	28-Nov
62	FARUK IDIAT FOLAKE	REGISTRY	29-Nov
63	OBILODAN OMOTAYO OLABO	EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY	29-Nov
64	AMBALI ABDULGANIYU	VETERINARY MEDICINE	29-Nov
65	EZE SOLOMON CHIKA	BIOMEDICAL ENGINEERING	29-Nov
66	KAZEEM AISHAT AJIBOLA	REGISTRY	29-Nov

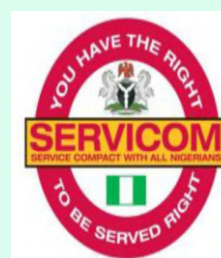




- While delivering the 292nd Inaugural Lecture of the University of Ilorin, titled "Leveraging The Expertise of Chemists in Environmental Management and Material Fields", Prof. Hussein Okoro, has stressed the need for the Federal Government to sponsor a bill for an act that will prohibit the importation and use of anti-fouling agents in Nigeria's marine system. ("Don To FG: Ban Importation Of Anti-Fouling Agents", <https://newtelegraphng.com>).
- The University of Ilorin has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Maripha Empowerment Foundation (MEF) and a US-based non-profit organisation promoting sustainable development and empowerment programmes across Africa, Passion of Hope International (PHI) to launch the Farmer Entrepreneurship and Ecosystem Development (FEED) initiative aimed at strengthening food security in Nigeria. ("Unilorin signs MoU with US firm to boost food security in Nigeria", <https://Theguardian.com>).
- The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Egbewole (SAN), has announced the institution's plan to purchase 100 electric vehicles to facilitate the movement of students, while also commending the students for remaining calm and responsible in the face of the transportation challenge. ("UNILORIN To Purchase 100 Electric Vehicles", <https://leadership.ng>; "UNILORIN Set to Purchase 100 Vehicles Amidst Transport Challenge" <https://highprofilenews.com.ng>).
- The Medical and Dental Council of Nigeria (MDCN) has inducted 150 fresh medical graduates of the University of Ilorin into the medical profession ("UNILORIN produces 5,082 medical doctors in 48 years as MDCN inducts 150", <https://blueprint.ng>; "UNILORIN produces 5,082 doctors in 48;years , MDCN inducts 150", *Blueprint*, Monday, November 17, 2025, p.17)
- The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has said that the authorities of the University will welcome the participation of every stakeholder in the upcoming 50th anniversary of the University, while receiving a delegation of the Ilorin Emirate Staff Association (IESA), Unilorin branch in his office. ("UNILORIN @ 50: We Welcome All Participation – Egbewole", <https://highprofilenews.com.ng>).
- The University of Ilorin has strengthened its hostel allocation process with a transparent, online system aimed at ensuring fairness for both new and returning students, even as it calls for more partnerships to expand accommodation on campus. ("Unilorin Tackles Hostels Shortage with Tech-Driven Allocation, Eyes New Partnerships", <https://theheraldnews.ng>)
- In an opinion article, the Director of Corporate Affairs, University of Ilorin, Mr Kunle Akogun, has likened the University to an acorn planted 50 years ago, which has now blossomed into a full grown oak, becoming the flagship of Nigeria's University system, and shattering the records of academic excellence, cutting edge research endeavours and scintillating community service. ("UNILORIN @50: Exciting story of a golden trail blazer", *The Herald*, Friday, November 21, 2025, p.11)
- The University Librarian, University of Ilorin, Prof. K. T. Omopupa, has called for the establishment of a Ministry of Library and Cultural Development at both federal and state levels across Nigeria. ("University of Ilorin Librarian Calls for Creation of Ministry of Library and Cultural Development", <https://www.facebook.com/share/p/19xZ414spB>)

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# UNILORIN @ 50: Exciting story of a golden trail blazer

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In fulfilment of one leg of its tripodal mandates, the University of Ilorin is a veritable research hub where impactful, life-changing and national development-targeted researches are regularly churned out. Successive administrations of the University made the pursuit of excellence in research endeavours one of their cardinal priorities. And this commitment had handsomely paid off as many of the University's researchers have secured official patents for some of their research outputs. The University currently has 36 patents with the National Office of Technology Acquisition and Promotion.

The culture of conscientious leadership and supportive followership is so contagious at the University of Ilorin that sundry staff unions have invariably become partners in progress with the management.

Prof. Egbewole, who is the University's 11<sup>th</sup> Vice Chancellor, has not only sustained the legacy of excellence bequeathed to him by his predecessors, he has also greatly improved on it since coming on board on 17<sup>th</sup> October 2022. The lynchpin of his Administration's

programme is the Vision 1 – 10 – 500, through which he hopes to make the University of Ilorin the best in Nigeria, one of the best 10 in Africa and one of the 500 top-notch universities in the world.

The three-year old Administration of Prof. Egbewole has recorded several landmark achievements in all spheres of the University's core mandates of teaching, research, and community service.

Some key areas in which the impact of this astute administrator has been felt are his humanistic approach to staff welfare, reinvention of the University's administrative superstructure, academic excellence and research breakthroughs, stellar students' performances in national and international outings, massive infrastructural development, collaboration and partnerships, rigorous internationalisation drive, as well as establishment, reinvention and revitalisation of academic centres to bolster the University's commitment to academic excellence and national development in general.

Prof Egbewole has returned Unilorin to global University convergence, driving its global visibility by reigniting its strategic membership commitment in the Association of West Africa Universities

(AWAU), where he was elected the Secretary General in 2023; the Consortium of Universities U6+, whose formation he spearheaded in 2023; the Association of African Universities (AAU), where the Vice-Chancellor was elected the Vice-President (Western Africa) early this year; the Association of Commonwealth Universities (ACU), and International Association of Universities (IAU).

Armed with his well thought-out and vigorously pursued 'Vision 1: 10: 500', Prof. Egbewole has steered the institution through a period of dynamic growth, academic innovation, and global engagement. His tenure has been marked by a commitment to excellence, transparency, and sustenance of the University's enduring motto: *Probitas Doctrina*— Learning and Character.

Fondly called 'Mr Efficiency' by his colleagues and associates, the Professor of Jurisprudence and International Law has launched a silent revolution that is steadily propelling the University to the topmost rank among its peers in Nigeria.

Indeed, UNILORIN is hugely blessed to have Prof. Egbewole at its helms of this golden period of its 50th anniversary.



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December 1, 2025

**Faculty Symposium**

@ AGLT-UNILORIN | 9AM

December 3, 2025

**Valedictory Lecture**

University Auditorium | 10AM

December 7, 2025

**Church Thanksgiving Service and a Birthday Reception**

Chapel of Redemption (COR) UMCA, Agba Road Gaa-Akanbi, Ilorin. | 9:30AM

Chief Host

Professor Wahab  
Olasupo Egbewole, SAN  
Vice-Chancellor

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## UNILORIN @ 50: Exciting story of a golden trail blazer

**L**ike an acorn planted 50 years ago, the University of Ilorin has now blossomed into a full grown oak, becoming the flagship of Nigeria's university system, shattering the records of most of its precursors and setting new standards of academic excellence, cutting-edge research endeavours, and scintillating community service.

Not only has the University been consistently rated the nation's Number one citadel of learning by several world-acclaimed higher institution ranking agencies, it has, since the 2013/2014 academic session, been the most sought-after institution by admission seekers, according to records released yearly by the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB) and the National Universities Commission (NUC).

Established by the Federal Government in August 1975, the University of Ilorin is one of the seven second generation universities in the country. Others in the second-generation league are, the University of Jos, the University of Port Harcourt, the University of Calabar, Ado Bayero University, Kano, the University of Maiduguri, and the University of Sokoto, UNILORIN took off in October 1975 as a University College, affiliated to the University of Ibadan with the late Prof. Tekena Tamuno as its pioneer Head. Designated as Principal, Prof. Tamuno was succeeded, in December 1975 by Prof. Oladipo Akinkugbe. When the University College became a full-fledged University in October 1977, Prof. Akinkugbe became its first Vice-Chancellor and he held that position until October 1978.

Other Vice-Chancellors who have administered the University were: Prof. A.O. Adesola, 1978 - 1981; Prof. S.A. Toye, 1981 - 1985; Prof. A. Adeniyi, 1985 - 1992; Prof. J. O. Oyinloye, 1992 -1997; Prof. S.O. AbdulRaheem, 1997 - 2002; Prof. S.O.O. Amali, 2002 - 2007; Prof. Emeritus Is-Haq O. Oloyede, CON, 2007 - 2012; Professor AbdulGaniyu Ambali, OON, 2012 - 2017; Prof. Sulyman Age Abdulkareem, 2017 - 2022; and the incumbent, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN.

At inception, the University started with three Faculties (Arts, Education and Science). Now, it is a 16-Faculty citadel of learning. In addition to the three foundation Faculties, the University now has the following Faculties: Basic Medical Sciences, Basic Clinical Sciences, Clinical Sciences, Engineering and Technology, Social Sciences, Management Sciences, Agriculture, Law, Life Sciences, Physical Sciences, Communication and Information Sciences, Environmental Sciences, Pharmaceutical Sciences, and Veterinary Medicine. And between the 16 Faculties, the University now has a total of 108 academic Departments.

There are presently about 50, 000 students while the University's staff strength is about 3, 476. Since the 2013/2014 academic session consecutively, the University of Ilorin has maintained a reputation of being the most sought-after University by admission seekers. Many factors are responsible for this feat. These include the good name the University has made for itself, the high quality of its graduates, its tradition of maintaining stable academic calendar, high moral standard of its students and graduates coupled with academic excellence and its beautiful and serene environment.

The University attracts both academic and non-teaching staff from virtually every part of Nigeria probably because of its central geographical location and the deliberate efforts of its successive Administrations in attracting its workforce. Its Centre for International Education (CIE) plays a crucial role in attracting international staff and students in a deliberate and sustained effort at internationalisation.

In pursuit of its vision to be "an international centre of excellence in learning, research, probity and service to humanity", the University of Ilorin has contributed in several ways to the socio-economic and political development of the country. Not only has it produced high level manpower for the various sectors of the nation's economy since its establishment 50 years ago, the better by far citadel has also produced several graduates who have been active participants in the country's political space. Through an excellent Town and Gown relationship, the University has also advanced the overall development of its host community in particular and the nation in general.

The modest efforts of the University on internationalisation have yielded many gains, which include placing the University on the global map of higher institutions of repute, affording the University the opportunity to partner many reputable universities all over the world, affording the University access to facilities that are not available within the country, promoting internationalisation, thereby exposing staff and students to international opportunities such as American Council for Learned Society (ACLS), and Fulbright Fellowship, participating in the programmes of international organisations of which the University is a member, such as the Association of African Universities (AAU) and the Association of West African Universities (AWAU).

At the University of Ilorin, student unionism is a tool for progressive transformation of the lives and status of the generality of the institution's student populace. The sort of synergy that exists between the student body and the University administration is such that engenders mutual trust in a no-hold barred atmosphere of openness. The prevailing harmony at the University of Ilorin is not as a result of lack of conflicts between the students' body and the University management but it is a function of the deployment of effective mechanisms for prompt resolution of sprouting conflicts.

The University of Ilorin has become a fertile stable for head-hunters looking for best brains to poach either to pioneer the establishment of new universities or to assist in consolidating on the achievements of existing ones or even to help in retrieving flailing institutions from a certain abyss of decline in fortunes into which they might have been pushed by past administrative inadequacies.

At the University of Ilorin, the process of request and issuance of academic transcripts to former students has been entirely digitised to promote efficient service delivery with the institutionalisation of online application for transcripts as against the old manual application.

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