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The Vice Chancellor, University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Egbewole (2nd right); his Federal University of Technology, Akure (FUTA) counterpart, Prof. Temidayo Oladiji (4th right); and officials of the International Islamic University, Malaysia (IIUM), during a working visit to Malaysia last week. See more pictures on pages 5 and 6



Egbewole urges ITF to support graduates with startup funding

By Tajudeen Babamale



■ Prof. Egbewole

The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has appealed to the Industrial Trust Fund (ITF) to expand its interventions to include financial support for graduates who require startup capital to transform innovative ideas into viable enterprises.

Prof. Egbewole, represented

by the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Management Services), Prof. Adegboyega Adisa Fawole, made the appeal last Wednesday (January 14, 2026) while receiving a team from the ITF alongside officials of the University of Ilorin Students Industrial Work Experience Scheme (SIWES), who visited him ahead of the 2026 SIWES Annual Pre-Placement Orientation Programme.

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VC urges students to become employers, not job seekers

By Tajudeen Babamale

The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has encouraged students participating in the Unilorin Innovative Skills and Pioneering Entrepreneurship (U-INSPIRE) scheme to be deliberate in becoming future employers of labour rather than job seekers.

Prof. Egbewole made the call last Thursday (January 15, 2026) while speaking at the Orientation Programme of the U-INSPIRE Scheme for the 2025/2026 academic session, held at the Multi-Purpose Hall.

He explained that the initiative was designed to adequately prepare students for life after graduation by equipping them with relevant practical and entrepreneurial skills.

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■ Prof. Fawole

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Egbewole tasks staff on alternative research funding

By Tajudeen Babamale

The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has urged academic staff of the College of Health Sciences to explore and attract research funding from sources beyond the Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund).

Prof. Egbewole made the call last Wednesday (January 14, 2026) at the 2026 Annual Get-together of the College of Health Sciences, held at the New College Complex of the University of Ilorin.

Represented by the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Management Services), Prof. Adegboyega Adisa Fawole, the Vice-Chancellor noted that while TETFund remains a critical intervention agency, there are numerous local and international funding bodies available to support research and innovation.

While stating that the University leadership is committed to addressing the infrastructural and administrative challenges confronting the College, he said funding remains a major constraint, largely due to limitations associated with Federal Government allocations. "There are many research funding agencies across the globe aside from TETFund", he said, adding, "We hope that in the nearest future, the College will become one of the biggest benefactors to the University through the volume of research grants it attracts."

Reflecting on the significance of the annual get-together, the Vice Chancellor said the event underscored the core values cherished by the University of Ilorin, including unity, love, and mutual respect, saying that the University community continues to thrive on peaceful coexistence across religious, cultural, gender, and professional lines.

He cited examples of interfaith solidarity within the University, noting that Muslim staff traditionally visit their Christian colleagues during Christmas celebrations, while Christian staff reciprocate during the Ileya (Eid-el-Kabir) festivities.

According to him, this culture of



■ Prof. Alabi

unity in diversity, shared joy, and intellectual collaboration has continued to promote the University's academic, intellectual, social, and cultural advancement. "The University of Ilorin has a peculiar culture which you have demonstrated today. We mix together in joyfulness and interaction, creating a smooth and conducive environment that enables progress. At the end of the day, we are better off socially, mentally stronger, and physically united," he said.

Earlier in his address, the Provost of the College of Health Sciences, Prof. Sulyman Biodun Alabi, described the 2026 Annual Get-together as a historic occasion, noting that it would be his last as provost.

Reflecting on his tenure, particularly the cordial and productive relationship the College enjoyed with the Vice-Chancellor over the past three years, the Provost said the strong collaboration had translated into significant infrastructural and institutional developments.

While mentioning the ongoing construction of a 300-capacity Lecture Theatre at the New College Complex, which he said had reached about 48 per cent completion, the Provost also commended the Vice-Chancellor for approving the expansion of lecture theatres at the old College, an intervention he said had attracted commendation from various regulatory and accreditation bodies.

Prof. Alabi further appreciated the

University management for the provision of solar-powered lighting across key facilities in the College. He listed installations including 10KVA solar systems for the Provost's Office, the Dean of Clinical Sciences, the Basic Medical Sciences and Clinical Sciences buildings, the College Library, and the Anatomy Department, as well as 5KVA systems each for Lecture Halls A and B. He noted that these interventions had ensured reliable power supply across major service points within the College.

Beyond infrastructure, the Provost thanked the University management for the confidence reposed in him through his appointment, noting that the position made him eligible for election as Chairman of the Association of Provosts of Colleges of Medicine in Nigeria (APCOM).

According to him, his election to the national position has created opportunities to facilitate infrastructure development across selected Colleges of Health Sciences in Nigeria, and most recently, N110 Billion Medical Education Fund approved by President Tinubu for 18 universities, to target infrastructure upgrades in order to boost medical school capacity and address doctor shortages.

Prof. Alabi commended members of staff for their dedication and commitment to the growth of the College and gave special recognition to the Deputy Director of Works in charge of the College, Engr. Sunday Omale Aloga, for his honesty, faithfulness, and exemplary professionalism, which he said contributed immensely to the successful execution of projects within the College.

In their separate goodwill messages, the Dean of the Faculty of Clinical Sciences, Prof. Kolawole Wasiu Wahab; the Dean of the Faculty of Basic Clinical Sciences, Prof. Hannah Oluwayemisi Olawumi; and the Dean of the Faculty of Basic Medical Sciences, Prof. Luqman Aribidesi Olayaki, expressed appreciation to the Vice-Chancellor, the Provost, and their respective staff for their consistent support. They, however, used the occasion to present the challenges facing their faculties to the University Administration.



Egbewole urges ITF to support graduates with startup funding

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The Vice Chancellor acknowledged the importance of entrepreneurship education and practical skills acquisition, but stressed that such efforts must be complemented with post-graduation support to ensure sustainability.

He also expressed concern over the gap that often arises after graduation, when students who have acquired skills and developed viable ideas are unable to implement them due to lack of capital. He noted that without access to funding, many promising ideas are at risk of being abandoned.

Prof. Egbewole, therefore, urged the ITF to initiate programmes that would provide financial backing or startup grants for graduates, describing such support as essential to translating skills acquisition into tangible economic outcomes.

Speaking earlier, the Director of Student Industrial Work Experience Scheme (SIWES), University of Ilorin, Prof. Roland Monday Kayode, appreciated the University management for its continued support, particularly the approval of a proposal

submitted by the SIWES Centre by the Senate of the University. He pointed out that the new policy would significantly improve the assessment and grading process of students participating in the SIWES programme.

The Director said the revised grading system would integrate inputs from multiple stakeholders involved in the programme, which include assessments from industry-based supervisors, institution-based supervisors within the University, as well as lecturers directly in charge of SIWES students. He stated that the contributions from all these parties would be collated and harmonised to arrive at a final score for each student.

Meanwhile, the Head of Training of the Industrial Trust Fund (ITF), Mr Onipede Ibrahim, who led the ITF delegation, commended the University of Ilorin for its outstanding performance in the implementation of the Students Industrial Work Experience Scheme (SIWES).

Mr Ibrahim described the SIWES Pre-Placement Orientation Programme as a routine but critical exercise designed to adequately prepare

students and all relevant stakeholders for effective participation in the scheme.

He noted that, based on available records, the University of Ilorin remains the best-performing institution in the execution of SIWES in Kwara State, describing the feat as commendable. He added that the consistency and professionalism of the University SIWES Unit have continued to set a standard worthy of emulation.

Mr Ibrahim specifically praised the SIWES Unit for its accessibility and responsiveness, noting that the Unit is always available to provide necessary information and guidance to students and stakeholders.

The ITF official further disclosed that the Fund has several intervention programmes aimed at supporting society through skills development and capacity building. He encouraged the University of Ilorin, particularly its Entrepreneurship Centre, to explore opportunities to key into some of these programmes for the benefit of students and the wider community.



VC urges students to become employers, not job seekers

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Represented by the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Management Services), Prof. Adegboyega Adisa Fawole, the Vice Chancellor stressed that beneficiaries of the programme should not be looking for paid employment after graduation, as the training and exposure provided are meant to empower them to create opportunities for themselves and others.

He noted that it always gladdens his heart to encounter young people who show genuine enthusiasm for entrepreneurship, describing such passion as a critical ingredient for personal success and national development, especially in the face of shrinking white-collar job opportunities.

Prof. Egbewole described the U-INSPIRE programme as a strategic intervention of the University aimed at complementing formal academic learning with hands-on skills acquisition. He explained that the programme focuses on ideation, vocational training, digital skills and entrepreneurship capacity development, thereby preparing students to compete effectively in today's dynamic economy.

The Vice Chancellor expressed concern over the disturbing trend of highly qualified graduates, including first-class degree holders as well as Master and PhD graduates, who still struggle to secure employment after graduation. He noted that this reality



■ Prof. Jimoh

underscores the need for students to think innovatively and embrace skills that promote self-employment.

While encouraging participants not to despise humble beginnings, Prof. Egbewole explained that many successful enterprises started small but grew into large ventures through commitment, consistency and hard work.

He, however, reaffirmed the commitment of the University of Ilorin to producing well-rounded graduates, stressing that the institution would continue to support programmes and initiatives that empower students with both academic knowledge and practical skills needed to thrive in an increasingly competitive global economy.

In a chat with *UNILORIN Bulletin*, the Director of the U-INSPIRE programme, Prof. Rasheed Jimoh, said

the orientation was aimed at familiarising students with the U-INSPIRE platform and enlightening them on the significance of the programme in shaping their minds for the demands of modern and innovative work environments.

While saying students are currently learning a wide range of skills, including leadership, graphic design, web development, among others, he revealed that starting next year, the U-INSPIRE programme will expand into a full-fledged curriculum that would allow students to register from 100 Level through 400 Level to enable them participate in the programme over one to four years, depending on their level, and gain sustained exposure to practical skills and company-based experiences.

Prof. Jimoh, however, stated that about 70% of students who participated in the maiden edition of the programme last session were able to meet the minimum requirements for certification, which qualifies them for further engagement through internships, adding that, Only the most outstanding students will be selected for a two-month internship, designed to ensure that serious and committed participants are recognised and given practical opportunities to apply their skills.

He added that during the internships, students are required to develop projects, compete with their peers, and collaborate with partner organisations.

Prof. Egbewole's Working Tour of the University of Technology, MARa (UITM), Malaysia; INTI International University, Malaysia; the International Islamic University, Malaysia (IIUM) and Sunway University, Malaysia



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Egbewole to chair inter-varsities' Quranic contest

By Abubakar Imam

The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, will on Monday (January 26, 2026) preside-over the grand finale of the 4th Inter-Universities Quranic Recitation Contest organised by Al-Hikmah University, Ilorin.

This was disclosed by the Director, Centre for Quranic Heritage, Al-Hikmah University, Ilorin, Dr Nafiu Arikewuyo, in a telephone chat with *UNILORIN Bulletin* last Wednesday (January 14, 2026).

Dr Arikewuyo, who is also an alumnus of the University of Ilorin, said that the event would be held at Al-Hikmah University Auditorium, beginning at 10:00am.

The Director added that the ceremony would also feature the conferment of the Distinguished Servant of the Quran on the proprietor of the Chaste Intellect International School, Mr Afees Jimoh; and the proprietor of Ar-



■ Prof. Egbewole

Raheem International School, Mandi, Ilorin, Mr Ibrahim Atanda, who is also a distinguished alumnus of the University of Ilorin.

Dr Arikewuyo further disclosed that 30 universities from all over Nigeria would participate in the competition put together by the University to promote

Islamic learning among Nigerian undergraduates and project its leadership as the leading Islamic-faith based University in Nigeria.

He added that each of the universities including the University of Ilorin would be represented by two contestants.

Dr Arikewuyo noted that the invitation extended to the University of Ilorin's Vice Chancellor was informed by his erudition and reputation as a distinguished Muslim.

He added that his choice was further informed by Prof. Egbewole's fascinating leadership in the comity of University administrators at national, regional and continental level.

Other dignitaries being expected at the event include the founder of the University, Chief AbdulRaheem Oladimeji, OFR; and the Grand Kadi of the Kwara State Sharia Court of Appeal, Justice Abdulateef Kamaldeen while the Vice Chancellor of the University, Prof. Lateef Folorunsho Oladimeji, would be the Chief Host.

Abdulbaqi emphasises power of photography in Journalism

By Abubakar Abdulquadri
and Bashir Dawodu

The Dean of the Faculty of Communication and Information Sciences (CIS), University of Ilorin, Prof. Saudat Salah Abdulbaqi, has charged 100-level Mass Communication students to utilise their photojournalism skills to capture impactful images that tell compelling stories to the world.

Prof. Abdulbaqi stated this during the 2026 Photo Exhibition, themed "Seeing Through the Smartphone Lens," held at the CIS Lecture Theatre last Tuesday (January 13, 2026).

The Dean stressed that a good photograph is a powerful communication tool, saying, "A picture speaks louder than a thousand words." She encouraged students to be patient, creative, and focused on achieving meaningful visual storytelling.

Prof. Abdulbaqi equally implored students to maximise every learning opportunity available to them to acquire innovative and relevant skills that could add value to their career progression.

She also warned exhibitors against seeing the challenges faced as setback but rather remain focused on their goals and as well learn from their failures

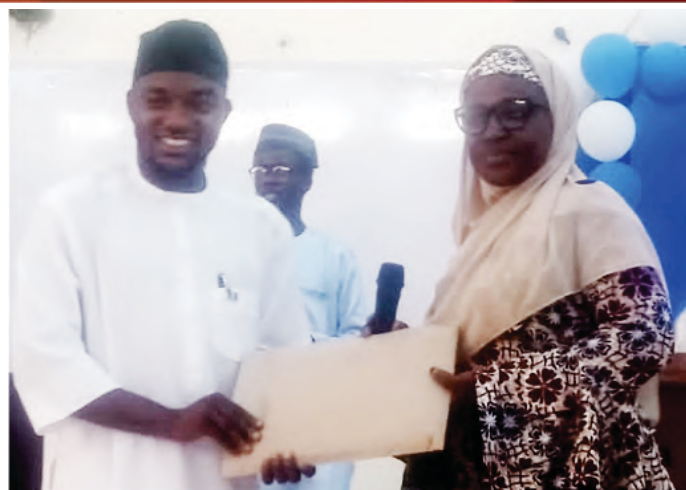
and strive for excellence in their disciplines.

Also speaking, the Ag. Head of the Department of Mass Communication, University of Ilorin, Dr Patrick Udende, urged students to continuously improve their skills, noting that the media environment demands creativity and self-reliance. He said,

"There's no white-collar job awaiting anyone; photography can be a career on its own."

The Chief Executive Officer of Lenscraft Productions, Mr Sanni Abdullah, highlighted the potentials of smartphones in photojournalism, citing advantages like portability and ease of editing. He shared tips on improving skills, including regular practice and seeking feedback.

In his remarks, the General Manager of *UNILORIN FM*, Mr Idris Akintola Alooma, commended the organisers and encouraged the students to sustain the event annually.



Also speaking at the event, Dr Amos Bajeh and Dr Rasaan Adisa, highlighted the importance of skill acquisition and admonished the students not to take this exhibition talent showcase for granted but try to nurture their talents beyond the classroom and also to seek uniqueness by capturing unusual and compelling images.

The exhibition showcased students' photography talents, with Group 25 emerging as the overall winner, followed by Group 10 and Group 3. All participating groups received certificates and monetary awards.

No knowledge is wasted, Egbewole tells students

By Bashir Dawodu
and Bashirat Omotosho

The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has charged students of the University preparing for the Students' Industrial Work Experience Scheme (SIWES) to maximise every opportunity and knowledge gained during their industrial training, noting that no form of learning is ever wasted.

Prof. Egbewole gave the charge last Wednesday, (January 14, 2025) while declaring open the 2026 SIWES Pre-Placement Orientation Programme, held at the University Multipurpose Hall.

The Vice Chancellor, who was represented by the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Management Services), Prof. Adegboyega Adisa Fawole, urged the students to see the programme as a platform to develop their critical thinking skills that would enable them to contribute meaningfully to societal transformation and create value that could translate into economic benefits.

He congratulated the students for being privileged to participate in the SIWES programme, an opportunity, he noted, is not available to everyone. He encouraged them to seize the opportunity and make it count in their lives.

Prof. Egbewole further advised the students to manage their time wisely, stressing that time once lost can never be regained.

He also urged them to apply the knowledge acquired during the training to improve and modernise their family businesses, reaffirming the University's confidence in their abilities.

In his welcome address, the Director of the SIWES Unit, University of Ilorin, Prof. Rowland M. Kayode, disclosed that the University would be releasing 6,273 students from 12 Faculties, excluding those from affiliated institutions, for industrial training within and outside the country.

Prof. Rowland explained that the industrial training programme is designed to expose students to the

practical application of theories learned in the classroom, thereby bridging the gap between academic knowledge and industry practice.

"The most effective strategy for building manpower and resourcefulness among our graduates for industry is to promote knowledge sharing and technology transfer between academia and industry", he said.

Prof. Rowland appreciated the Vice Chancellor and the University Administration for their continued support of the SIWES Unit, and also acknowledged the cooperation of the Industrial Training Fund (ITF), Ilorin Area Office, and its headquarters in Jos.

He advised the students to conduct themselves responsibly during the training and to ensure proper documentation in their logbooks.

In her address, the Deputy Director and Area Manager of the Industrial Training Fund, Ilorin Area Office, Mrs Quadri Temitayo, commended the University of



■ Prof. Fawole (left) and Mr Onipe

Ilorin for organising what she described as a prestigious pre-orientation programme aimed at adequately preparing students for the future.

Represented by the Head of Training, ITF, Mr Ibrahim Onipe, the Area Manager outlined the objectives of the Industrial Work Experience Scheme, which include preparing students for industrial work after graduation, equipping them with relevant skills and experience, and exposing them to modern work methods and techniques.

She urged the students to be good ambassadors of the University wherever they are posted and to make effective use of the opportunity and time available to them.

Highlights of the event included training sessions on SIWES report writing guidelines, the use of SIWES documents, and procedures for the payment of allowances.

The programme was attended by members of the University management, lecturers, and students.

National Museum reaffirms partnership with UNILORIN FM

By Adewole Muizdeen

The Head of Human Resources at the National Museum, Ilorin, Dr Adewusi Adeola Abideen, has reaffirmed the partnership between the Museum and the UNILORIN 89.3FM.

Speaking on a UNILORIN FM programme, "Oro Tonlo," anchored by the Station Manager, Mr Idris Alooma, last Tuesday (January 13, 2026), Dr Abideen emphasised the importance of preserving African history and cultural heritage.

Dr Abideen noted that Africa has a rich history that must not be forgotten, citing the saying, "whoever forgets history is bound to be clueless." He explained that antiquities, artifacts, and artworks are essential in tracing people's



cultures and origins. "Language is as old as human existence itself," he added.

Dr Abideen classified museums

into different categories, including archeological museum, art museum, history museum, natural history museum, science and technology museum, and ethnology museum. He called on stakeholders to prioritise the preservation of Nigeria's cultural heritage, noting that it's "very sacrosanct".

He encouraged students from Departments like Languages, History, and International Studies, and Fine Arts to visit the National Museum for practical experiences.

Speaking on other related issues, Dr Abideen highlighted the significance of the World Museum Day, which is celebrated on May 18th every year. He urged Nigerians to mark the occasion as expected.



Egbewole, Emir of Ilorin, Al-Hikmah founder, others attend “Kuliyan Gari” book launch ...Abdulbaqi calls for responsible and productive citizenship

By Mustafa Abubakar

The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN; the Emir of Ilorin and Chairman of the Kwara State Council of Chiefs, Alhaji Ibrahim Sulu-Gambari; the founder of Al-Hikmah University, Chief AbdulRaheem Oladimeji; and other eminent personalities witnessed the public presentation of the book “*Kuliya of Ilorin: A Life of Purpose*” last Thursday (January 15, 2026), with a strong call on Nigerians to deliberately invest in mentoring young people in character formation and entrepreneurship for national development.

The book was written by a former National Auditor of the Nigeria Union of Journalists and former Chairman of the Kwara State Council of the Union, Comrade Abiodun Abdulkareem.

The event, which also featured the unveiling of the Kuliyan Gari of Ilorin Emirate National Youth Mentorship Summit, was held at Al-Hikmah University, Ilorin.

Speaking at the well-attended event, the Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, who was the Chairman of the occasion, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, described it as a celebration of exemplary leadership, service to humanity and the enduring values of mentorship.

He noted that the life and achievements of the Kuliyan Gari of Ilorin, Prof. Yusuf Olaolu-Ali, SAN, epitomise integrity, discipline and selfless service—virtues which, he said, universities and society must continue to instil in the younger generation.

Represented by the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Research, Technology and Innovation), Prof. Muhtar Etudaye, the Vice Chancellor commended the author,

Comrade Abdulkareem, for documenting a life of purpose and impact, describing the book as a valuable contribution to leadership literature and youth development discourse.

He added that the University of Ilorin was proud of the author as an alumnus and of the honouree whose achievements continue to inspire students and professionals across disciplines.

Speaking on the theme of the programme, the Dean, Faculty of Communication and Information Sciences, University of Ilorin, Professor Saudat Salah Abdulbaqi, who described mentorship as a purposeful and intentional act of guiding the youth towards becoming good members of the society, noted that investing in youth mentorship is an investment in the future of the nation.

She explained that mentorship should begin at home, where young people are prepared for future responsibilities, adding that digital platforms could be effectively deployed to enrol youths for mentorship programmes, employment opportunities and entrepreneurial development.

The don urged young people to see mentorship initiatives provided for them as acts of charity and goodwill, encouraging them to take full advantage of such opportunities.

She further admonished the youth to always think about giving back to society, no matter how little, in order to improve the lives of the less privileged.

In his remarks, the Vice Chancellor of Al-Hikmah University, Prof. Lateef Folorunsho Oladimeji, who also represented the founder of the University, Chief AbdulRaheem Oladimeji, said the institution was proud to host a programme that celebrates excellence, integrity and service to humanity, describing Prof. Yusuf Ali, SAN, as a worthy role model whose life exemplifies the values of scholarship, philanthropy and moral uprightness.

Also speaking, the Vice Chancellor of Fountain University, Osogbo, Prof. Ramot Olayinka Karim, described the honouree as a rare blend of intellectual excellence, moral uprightness and uncommon generosity, noting that Prof. Yusuf Ali, SAN, has consistently used his knowledge, influence and resources to uplift humanity and promote education, peace and social harmony.

Prof. Joshua Kayode Olatoke, SAN, also said that the life of the Kuliyan Gari of Ilorin demonstrates that professional success must be complemented with compassion, humility and service to society, adding that the book is a timely reminder that true greatness lies in positively impacting lives.

Reviewing the book, a former Head of the Department of Mass Communication, University of Ilorin, and Proprietor/General Manager of Gari FM, Ilorin, Dr Mahmud Abdullaheem, described the presentation as apt and timely, saying that the life and contributions of the subject had been examined in a manner that vividly highlighted his immense impact on the growth and development of society and on the nurturing of young professionals.

A former Speaker of the Kwara State House of Assembly, Prof. Ali Ahmad, who represented the former President of the 8th Senate, Dr Bukola Saraki, said that instead of merely enjoying his resources, the senior lawyer had chosen to deploy them for the benefit of others.

“Students and young ones, if you find yourselves being mentored by Yusuf Ali, count yourselves lucky, not only in monetary terms but also in association. What is curious about him is that he is not the richest lawyer in Ilorin, Kwara State and Nigeria by extension, yet he never stops sparing a thought for others,” he said.

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We are proud of you, alma mater tells Omopupa

By Abubakar Imam

The Government High School, Ilorin Old Students Association has commended the University Librarian, University of Ilorin, Prof. Kamaldeen Tunde Omopupa, for always making the school very proud.

The National President of the Association, Mr Ahmed Ishola, gave the commendation last Tuesday (January 13, 2025) when he led a delegation of the Association on a working visit to the University Librarian in his office.

Mr Ishola said that the Association has been following the career of Prof. Omopupa before and since his

emergence as the 9th UNILORIN Chief Library Officer, saying that they have always been very pleased with his performance.

The President thanked Prof. Omopupa for being a good role-model to alumni of the school as well as his colleagues and the society at large.

He enjoined Prof. Omopupa to continue to support the school for it to produce more distinguished alumni in the mould of the University Librarian.

Responding, Prof. Omopupa thanked the Association for the visit, which he said was most unexpected.

Prof. Omopupa, who is the Chairman of the 1987 set of the 60 year-old

school, said the visit was the first he would receive in 2026, pointing out that it portends a good omen of a fulfilling year for him and the University Library and the entire University community.

While the University Librarian donated 20 copies of relevant texts in Mathematics and Science subjects to the school, Prof. Omopupa promised to offer assistance on the request tabled before him based on his capacity.

On the President's entourage were Mrs Toyin Ajayi and Mr Musiliu Lawal while Prof. Omopupa was joined in receiving the visitors by Dr Titilola Abdussalam and Mrs G. B. Olaniyan.

UNILORIN wins IAU Responsible Futures Grant

By Mubarak Oladosu

The University of Ilorin has won the 2025/2026 Responsible Futures Fee Waiver Grant awarded by the International Association of Universities (IAU).

According to a statement published on IAU's website, UNILORIN is the first Nigerian university to win the award, which focuses on impacting sustainability culture in the university environment. It was developed by Students Organising for Sustainability (SOS UK) in partnership with the IAU in 2023.

By winning this award, the University of Ilorin is expected to benefit from a structured framework to strengthen the integration of sustainability across curricula, enhance student leadership and engagement, and align teaching and learning with global sustainability



■ Prof. Omotesho

standards.

The coordination team, consisting of staff and students of the University, will join the regular cohort catchups with peers from the international and UK cohort in the

institution wide programme to support higher education institutions in mainstreaming Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) and advancing the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

The statement noted further that "The University of Ilorin's participation builds on its strong commitment to sustainable development aligned to a holistic approach, including interdisciplinary education and multidimensional research strategies. Guided by the SDGs, the University aligns its initiatives with global sustainability priorities.

This milestone further highlights the University's growing role as a leader in advancing sustainability in higher education in Nigeria and beyond."

The programme is anchored by Prof. Olubunmi Omotesho, who is the Project Manager, Sustainable Development Goals.

Unilorite makes history in AI Olympiad

By Abubakar Imam

An alumnus of the University of Ilorin, Mr AbdulAzeez Tajudeen, has attracted for Nigeria a ticket to participate in this year's edition of the International Olympiad in Artificial Intelligence (IOAI).

Mr AbdulAzeez, who obtained his first and second degrees in Anatomy from the University in 2015 and 2019, respectively, made this known last Tuesday (January 13, 2025) in a chat with *UNILORIN Bulletin*.

The international contest, according to Mr AbdulAzeez, is scheduled to hold between 2nd and 8th August, 2026, in Mohamed Bin Zayed University of Artificial Intelligence (MBZUAI), United Arab Emirates and will feature outstanding Secondary School students who would

compete in AI problem-solving, innovation and ethical reasoning.

He explained that the Olympiad would also draw participants, experts and partners from across Nigeria and beyond, creating opportunities for collaboration, mentorship and global exposure for young talents.

Mr AbdulAzeez said that this is the first time Nigeria will be participating at global level among other 26 countries.

He encouraged students, educators and industry stakeholders, and government, to come out in large numbers to be part of it.

With the contest, Mr AbdulAzeez has made history as Nigeria's first accredited Country and Territory Coordinator for the International Olympiad in Artificial Intelligence, positioning the University of Ilorin community and Nigeria at the forefront of global AI education and youth innovation.



Mr AbdulAzeez

UNILORIN Staff Amicable Cooperative Society elects new leaders

By Abubakar Abdulquadri and Bashirat Omotosho

The Amicable Cooperative Society, University of Ilorin, has elected a new set of leaders that would conduct its affairs for the next two years. All the new leaders were elected unopposed.

The election and consequent inauguration ceremony took place last Wednesday (January 14, 2026) at the Faculty of Education Lecture Theatre.

The newly inaugurated executives are Dr AbdulAzeez Isiaka, President; Dr Akinsemoyin Omoshalewa Lasbat, Vice President; Dr Adeoye Sikiru Adewale, Secretary; Mr Emmanuel Ekemode, Assistant Secretary; and Dr Olawuni Olufemi, Treasurer.

The Loan/Credit Committee members are Mr George Ifeoluwa Temidayo, Mr Awojobi Omotayo Sunday, and Owolabi Shola Kehinde.

The Supervisory Committee members are Mrs Erofa Mary Olaniyi, Mr Suleiman Alaran.

Earlier in her welcome address, the outgoing President of the Society, Dr D. S. Daramola, thanked members for their support that contributed to the success recorded during her tenure.

She acknowledged the support of the Ministry of Business Innovation and Technology, particularly its immediate past Director, Mallam Opoye, and his team members who made significant sacrifices for the success of the exercise.



Dr Daramola disclosed that funds were seriously outstanding due to incomplete payment details, but with their support, these funds were traced and credited into the appropriate accounts.

She encouraged members to always visit the Cooperative Secretariat whenever they make payments and ensure their records are properly updated.

She also urged all members to uphold discipline, transparency, fairness, and adherence to the Cooperative laws, electoral processes, and resolutions of the committee members.

In his goodwill message, the President of all Unions of UNILORIN Co-operative Society, Mr. Toyin Alabi of the Audit Unit, advised the incoming Executive Committee members to ensure that the Cooperative's reserve fund is deposited in the bank. He stressed that in case of an emergency, this would help the Cooperative support its members.

He cited the example of Probitas Co-operative Society, which provided palliative support to its members during the

COVID-19 pandemic using 20% of its reserve fund.

In his remarks, the Commissioner of the Ministry for Business, Innovation and Technology, Hon. Damilola Yusuf Adelowun, represented by the Deputy Director, Mr Aduagba D. Yaqub, stated that the Amicable Cooperative Society is one of the strongest Cooperative Societies on campus in terms of liquidity. He charged the newly inaugurated executive Committee members to think outside the box and sustain the good legacies of the pioneer members of the Cooperative, investing in projects like hostels that could benefit current and future generations.

In his acceptance speech, the new President, Dr AbdulAzeez Isiaka, expressed gratitude to Almighty Allah, who by His mercy made him and his team members emerge as the new leaders of the Co-operative Society. He said the opportunity given to him to serve will not only benefit the society but also make the society proud.

Works Department honours Abidoeye, Banigbe, 15 others, as VC sends appreciation

By Mustafa Abubakar

The Works Department of the University of Ilorin has honoured a former Acting Director of Works, Mrs Amudalat Mopelola Abidoeye; and Chief Peter Banigbe, Electrical Unit, alongside 15 other staff members, on their retirement after years of meritorious service to the University.

The programme, tagged Works Department Annual Get-Together and Send-Forth 2024–2025, was held last Wednesday, January 14, 2026, at the University Multi-Purpose Hall.

Other retirees honoured include, Mr Ajiboye Joshua, Mr Musliu Jimoh, Mr Faruq Soliu, Mr Kamaldeen Salami, Mr Taiwo Gbenga, Mr Abdulsalam Haruna, Mr Agbale Theophilus, Mr David Iyanda, Mr Wahab Adeyemo, Mr Adefila Adeyinka, Mr Julius Amao, Mr Sasere Joseph, Mr Mohammed Bello, Mr Isiaka Ishola, and Mr Babatunde Yusuf.

In his remarks, the Chairman of the occasion and Vice Chancellor, University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, represented by the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Management Services), Prof Adegboyega Adisa Fawole, appreciated the retirees for their dedication and selfless service to the University.

He described them as quiet nation-builders whose technical expertise and loyalty had contributed immensely to the growth, safety and functionality of the institution.

The Vice Chancellor further noted that the Works Department remained one of the critical backbones of the University, whose efficiency determined the quality of teaching, learning and research environment.

He commended the retirees for upholding professionalism, discipline and commitment throughout their years of service, adding that their legacy of hard work would continue to guide younger officers.

In his lecture titled, “Without Good Health, Life Is Meaningless,” the Director of Health Services, Dr Rasheed Odunola, emphasised that “health is wealth,” and commended the Works Department for deliberately incorporating health education into its welfare programme.

Represented by Dr Caroline F Kolawole, the Director explained that health goes beyond the absence of illness and involves complete physical, mental, social and emotional wellbeing.

He urged staff, especially



retirees, to adopt healthy eating habits, drink adequate water, reduce intake of fried foods, alcohol and energy drinks, and engage in regular exercise such as walking.

Dr Odunola also stressed the importance of regular medical check-ups, including blood pressure, blood sugar, prostate screening for men, breast examination for women, and eye pressure tests to prevent glaucoma. He further encouraged stress management, workplace safety and continued access to healthcare through the National Health Insurance Authority (NHIA) after retirement, advising them to live within the limits of their health status and age.

In their separate goodwill messages, the Deputy Director, Estate Unit, Dr Kale Sahid Baba; the Deputy Director, Works, Mr Yunus Olanrewaju; the Deputy Director, Electrical, Mr J. S. Adebayo; the Head, Mechanical Unit, Mr Isa Haroon; and Head, Parks and Gardens, Mr Iwolodun Elesanmi, praised the retirees for their commitment, loyalty and technical competence, describing them as dependable officers who served with integrity and dedication.

Earlier in his remarks, the Director of Works, Engr Ramoni Kolawole Amoo, described the retirees as pillars of professionalism and commitment whose contributions greatly strengthened the University's physical and technical

infrastructure.

He thanked the Vice Chancellor and the University Management for their continuous support, noting that no leader succeeds alone and that the progress recorded in the Works Department was a product of teamwork, unity and collective responsibility.

Engr Amoo also appreciated staff for sustaining the departmental welfare scheme, which made the event possible, and charged them to improve in punctuality, prompt response to service calls and integrity in all dealings, stressing that the University community remained their primary customers.

Engr Amoo disclosed that the Department lost two staff during the year, Mr James Ajagbe; and Mr Adolphus, who were also expected to be one of the celebrants, and a minute of silence was observed in their honour.

The event also witnessed special recognition awards to: Mr Muritala Ibrahim, Civil/Building; Mr Musbau T Durijaiye, COHS-Works; Engr Lucky Azobu, Electrical; Mr Akeem Bakare, Estate; Mr Semiu Komolafe, Mechanical (Plant Operator); Mr Oloyede Waheed, Mechanical (Driver); and Mr Sunday Alabi, Parks and Gardens.

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UNILORIN Holdings charts new course for growth, accountability, institutional expansion

By Mustafa Abubakar

The University of Ilorin Holdings Limited has said that its creation marked a significant milestone in the history of the University.

Speaking at its inaugural general meeting, held penultimate Saturday (January 10, 2026), the Managing Director of the Holdings, Prof. Bashiru Raji, commended the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, and the entire management team for their vision and dedication in bringing the company into full operation.

The Managing Director recalled that although UNILORIN Holdings Limited was incorporated in 1984, its active operations effectively began in 2023, describing the development as a historic turning point.

Presenting the company's key performance indicators, the Managing Director stressed the importance of



impact-driven service, transparency, accountability, and collective responsibility.

He urged staff to align their duties with the organisation's strategic objectives and to play active roles in advancing its growth and sustainability.

In their separate remarks, members of staff in their numbers expressed strong support for the management, pledging

commitment to teamwork and dedication towards the realisation of the company's goals and long-term vision.

The maiden general meeting, therefore, set a positive tone for the future of UNILORIN Holdings Limited, reinforcing a shared sense of purpose and laying a solid foundation for sustained progress.

Egbewole, Emir of Ilorin, Al-Hikmah founder, others attend “Kuliyan Gari” book launch

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In his remarks, the Emir of Ilorin, Alhaji Ibrahim Sulu-Gambari, expressed delight at the presentation of a book dedicated to teaching the values and principles of mentorship, noting that it would contribute significantly to educating youths on good conduct and responsible living within the society.

The monarch observed that the book launch also coincided with the celebration of the conferment of the title of Kuliya Ngari of Ilorin on Prof. Yusuf Ali, SAN, which was bestowed on him by the Emir last year.

Represented by the Balogun Alanamu of Ilorin, Dr Usman Atolagbe Jos, the Emir said the honouree had been exceptionally kind to the people of Ilorin.

“He has been so useful to both

Muslims and Christians in Ilorin. As he continues his kind gestures, we receive constant feedback at the palace. We appreciate him and pray that Almighty Allah guides and grants him long life,” he said.

Also speaking, an associate of the honouree, Mr Adebayo Adelodun, SAN, lauded the legendary generosity of his colleague towards mentees, institutions and individuals.

“He lives a life of purpose, dignity and discipline. His middle name is generosity—of spirit and of purse,” he said.

In his remarks, one of his mentees, Kehinde Eleja, SAN, said the honouree taught him the ABC of legal practice, describing him as “a mentor, supporter and carer. Someone I can rightly call my father. He has not only taught me how to catch fish, he still assists me in catching fish and treats me like a baby. That is very unusual,” he added.

Earlier in his address, the author of the book, Comrade Abdulkareem, represented by an Assistant Director of Information at the University of Ilorin and former Vice Chairman of the Kwara State NUJ, Mr Mustafa Abubakar, said the exemplary philosophical spirit and lifestyle of the awardee inspired him to write the book.

He explained that the publication is aimed at reawakening the consciousness of the public towards living purposeful lives and doing good for the benefit of society.

In his response, Mallam Yusuf Ali, SAN, said he would not take credit for his humanitarianism, ascribing everything to Allah.

“Any occasion people talk about me, I become confused and troubled, because nobody can make himself. It is only God who counts one kind-hearted in the eyes of humanity. I, therefore, consider myself very, very lucky,” he said.

The Kuliyan Gari of Ilorin further stated that every human being is destined to fulfil God's purpose in life, noting that the line between good and bad individuals is often very thin, and urged all to contribute their quota to societal growth and development.

Guests at the launch and the unveiling, through their representatives, praised the philanthropy of Yusuf Ali, SAN, and extolled his virtues of selflessness, compassion and unwavering commitment to youth development.



GNS Director lauds Egbewole-led Administration for support

By Adewole Muizdeen

The Director of the General Studies Division (GNS), University of Ilorin, Prof. Kayode Lambe Mustapha, has praised the Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole-led Administration for its unwavering support for the Division.

Speaking on *UNILORIN 89.3FM's* "Table Talk" programme jointly anchored by Mr Idris Alooma and Mr. Temitope Olawuyi, Prof. Mustafa highlighted the Administration's commitment to providing quality education and equipping students with essential life skills.

Prof. Mustapha emphasised the importance of media literacy and curriculum revamp in Nigerian universities, noting that the GNS Division is responsible for equipping students with essential life skills, including communication, citizenship education, and conflict resolution. He also noted that the National Universities Commission (NUC) has approved the unbundling of Mass Communication



■ Prof. Mustapha

courses into eight specialised programmes to better prepare students for the industry.

The Director stated that the GNS Division has introduced new courses, including Peace and Conflict Resolution, and Philosophy and Logic, to equip students with critical thinking and problem-solving skills.

Prof. Mustapha, who is also a

former Head of the Department of Mass Communication, emphasised the importance of media literacy, stating that it is crucial for Nigerians to critically evaluate information and avoid spreading misinformation.

The don called for the regulation of social media to prevent the spread of false information and protect national security.

The Director, however, noted that the GNS Division has received significant support from the Administration, enabling it to introduce new courses and programmes that benefit students.

Prof. Mustapha commended the University management on its efforts to improve infrastructure and resources, despite the challenges of underfunding in the education sector. He urged the government to increase funding for universities to support initiatives like the GNS Division.

He noted that the University of Ilorin GNS Division is one of the oldest in the University, as he is its 19th Director.

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Members of the Works Department Welfare Committee were equally commended for their dedication. They include Engr S.O. Aloga; Mrs F.F. Bello; Mrs G.F. Alabi; Mr Tunji Lawal; Engr Tosin Obafemi; Mr M.O. Luqman; Engr Abdullahi Sulaiman; and Engr Afusat Idowu.

In separate remarks, Engr Amudalat Mopelola Abidoye, who was the Guest of Honour, and Chief Peter Banigbe, expressed gratitude to the University Management and the Works Department for the honour, describing their years of service as fulfilling and praying for the continued growth and progress of the institution.

Engr Abidoye also reflected on her career journey, noting that the

challenges and successes she experienced enriched her knowledge and strengthened her resolve to serve the University with excellence. She encouraged younger staff to uphold integrity, perseverance, and professionalism, emphasising that these qualities were the foundation for lasting impact in any organisation.

She further stated that the mentorship and collaboration within the Works Department were invaluable in achieving collective goals, and she expressed hope that her contributions would inspire future generations of officers to continue building a strong, reliable and efficient department.

Chief Banigbe, in his additional remarks, recounted memorable experiences during his years of service, highlighting the importance of teamwork and dedication in

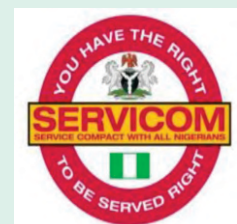
overcoming technical and operational challenges.

He urged the younger officers to take pride in their work, maintain high standards, and serve with loyalty and honesty to ensure the continued success of the University.

Present at the event were members of University Management, including the Deputy Vice Chancellor (RTI), Prof. Muhtar Etudaye; the University Librarian, Prof. Kamaldeen Tunde Omopupa; representatives of the Registrar, Mr Mansur Adeleke Alfa; the Deputy Registrar, Council Office, Mrs Mary Olayemi; the Director of Physical Planning Unit (PPU), Mr Toyin Jimoh; former Directors and Deputy Directors of Works, heads of units, colleagues, family members and friends of the retirees.

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Kemi Omotosho, UNILORIN alumna, appointed MultiChoice CEO

By Mubarak Oladosu

An alumna of the Department of Biochemistry, University of Ilorin, Kemi Omotosho, has been appointed the new Chief Executive Officer of MultiChoice, an international Pay-TV company.

The appointment was announced by the organisation last Tuesday (January 14, 2026) following the retirement of Omotosho's predecessor, John Ugbe.

According to Multichoice, which is the parent company of DSTV and GOTV, Omotosho has leadership experience across media, telecommunications and digital businesses in Nigeria, Central Africa and Southern Africa over the past 20 years.

Until her appointment as CEO of MultiChoice Nigeria, Omotosho was the company's Regional Director for Southern Africa, where she managed an annual 300 million dollars revenue portfolio covering seven English- and Portuguese-speaking countries in Africa.



■ **Kemi Omotosho**

The Multichoice Group noted that the University of Ilorin alumna is recognised within the MultiChoice Group

for her disciplined portfolio management and her ability to expand operational activities in challenging market environments.

Omotosho also built strong credentials for herself at Airtel Nigeria where she held roles in sales, enterprise accounts, postpaid usage and customer service between 2003 and 2013 before she joined MultiChoice in 2014.

Meanwhile, the Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has congratulated the new Multichoice CEO on her appointment.

In a statement issued on his behalf by the Director of Corporate Affairs, University of Ilorin, Mr Kunle Akogun, the Vice Chancellor described Kemi Omotosho as a role model for the younger generation of Unilorites, noting that she is another shining example of the dedication, erudition and excellence that products of the University are known for across the world.

The Deputy Vice Chancellor (Management Services, Prof. Adegoyega Adisa Fawole, represented the Vice Chancellor last Thursday to lay wreath, alongside other top government officials in Kwara State, in honour of the fallen Nigerian heroes





UNILORIN WEEKLY FINANCIAL DIGEST

FUND SOURCES AND UTILIZATION REPORT FROM 8TH TO 15TH JANUARY 2026

RECEIPTS:	AMOUNT
Academic Transcript	60,000.00
Sundry & Other Fees Student Charges	524,150.00
Sundry Other Incomes	685,620.75
Income from Verification /Screening	980,161.25
Staff I.D Cards	3,000.00
Student I.D Card	1,000.00
Students Hire of Gowns	3,000.00
Convocation Souvenir	125,550.00
Capitation NHIS	31,900.00
CCSCA- General payment fees	10,000.00
Others	20,000.00
Refund	2,082,493.00
Refund (Non Salary)	150,000.00
Refund of Unspent Staff Personnal	6,500,000.00
Refund (Salary)	900,000.00
Boarded Property	107,000.00
Utility Income	44,200.00
Rent on Staff Accommodation	10,788.50
Late Registration Surcharges	3,000.00
Disciplinary Fines	5,000.00
Electricity Charges from Shop,Kiosk etc	21,223,997.00
Hire of University Property	37,000.00
Income from Dental Clinic	143,138.75
Income from Diagnostic Centre	111,838.75
Clinic Registration (Staff)	8,000.00
CODL- Form Processing Charges	30,400.00
CODL-Undergraduate Charges	3,187,680.00
Undergraduate Transcript Payment	1,379,400.00
Undergraduate School Charges	148,702.00
Undergraduate Hostel Accommodation	500,800.00
Undergraduate Convocation Charges	282,800.00
Postgraduate School Charges	22,502,338.00
Postgraduate School Transcript Payment	250,200.00
Postgraduate Application Form	1,285,200.00
Postgraduate Verification of Results	40,400.00
Remedial Application Form	91,200.00
Remedial Acceptance Payment	136,800.00
Remedial School Charges	1,403,400.00
Ilorin Business School Charges	1,332,600.00
Ilorin Business School Application Form	302,400.00
Ilorin Business School Verification of Results	40,400.00
Institute of Education Hostel Accommodation	202,000.00
Institute of Education School Charges	321,786.01
Institute of Education Acceptance Payment	15,200.00
Institute of Education Application Form	30,400.00
JUPEB Acceptance Payment	25,200.00
JUPEB School Charges	3,769,400.00
Total Receipt for the Period	₦71,049,544.01
PAYMENTS	
PAYMENT TO CONTRACTORS/SUPPLIERS:	
Loat Nig Ltd Rehabilitation of Solar Grid for College of Health Science	12,669,909.13
Raib G. Nig Ltd Renovation of Office Space	4,035,743.69
Odrake and PHO Marketing Ltd Supply of Stationeries and Consumables	3,259,056.00
Julieron Enterprises Installation of 30KVA Solar	24,846,965.00
Istabaraquim Nig Ltd Supply of Alu minium Sulphate and HTH Chlorine for Water Treatment Plant	45,350,000.00
Deebstar Image Ventures Supply of Stationery Items	818,430.00
Kay Bee Global Solution Nig Ltd Renovation of Primary Education Building	7,909,817.86
Gadal Ventures Ltd Repair of Marcopollo Bus	28,075,076.25
Messrs Top -Notch Technologies and Consults Ltd Purchase of Ditigal and Analytical tools for Farm	5,799,000.00
Zaamb Integrated Services Ltd Supply of Spare parts for Low Lift Pump II at Dam	1,176,528.40
RockField Petroleum Products Ltd Supply of Fuel	678,900.00
Nikeykay Dynamic Enterprise Limited Repair of Air Conditioners	1,165,171.00
OTHER PAYMENTS:	
Various Various i.e DTA, IMPREST, REFUND e.t.c	242,848,704.45
Purchase Advance Various	5,005,100.00
Unilorin Petrol Stations Supply of Fuel	6,498,429.25
Unilorin Researchers Lodges Hotel Expenses	1,009,400.00
Unilorin Press Printing of Supervisor Assessment Booklets	987,700.00
Teaching Practice	
Staff Training Learned Conference Oversea Academic (CBNTETFUND)	27,813,124.00
Total TSA Charges Various	286,595.00
Total payment for the period	₦420,233,650.03

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S/N	NAME	DEPARTMENT	BIRTHDAY
1	AHMED ZAINAB JUMOKE	SECURITY DIVISION	18-Jan
2	ABDULBAQI SAUDAT SALAH	MASS COMMUNICATION	18-Jan
3	LAMIDI KEHINDE OMOYENI	WORKS: WORKS/MAINT. OFFICE	18-Jan
4	ADEYINA ADEBISI OLUWATOBA	ANIMAL PRODUCTION	18-Jan
5	ASAJU-GBOLAGADE YISAT WURAOLA	COMPUTER SCIENCE	18-Jan
6	RAJI MASHOOD ABIOLA	VETERINARY MICROBIOLOGY	18-Jan
7	BABAMALE HAKEEM	UNILORIN STAFF SCHOOL	19-Jan
8	BAMIGBADE DAYO	ACCOUNTING	19-Jan
9	SANNI-MCIVER AHMED TOYIN	MEDICAL MICROBIOLOGY & PARASITOLOGY	19-Jan
10	KURANGA ABDULKADIR OLAYINKA	REGISTRY	19-Jan
11	AKINPELU LATEEF ABIOLA	PHARMACOLOGY & TOXICOLOGY	19-Jan
12	IBRAHEEM TAJUDEEN OLANREWAJU	HUMAN KINETICS & HEALTH EDUCATION	19-Jan
13	OWOLABI HENRY OLUWUYIWA	ADULT & PRIMARY EDUCATION	19-Jan
14	ADEOLA TAIYE SHOLA	THE PERFORMING ARTS	19-Jan
15	AROSANYIN JANET OMOLOLA	REGISTRY	19-Jan
16	OGUIKE GERALD IHEANYICHUKWU	FRENCH	19-Jan
17	ADEBIYI TAIBAT RANTI	QUANTITY SURVEYING	19-Jan
18	OLUDAIRO OLADAPO OYEDEJI	VETERINARY PUBLIC HEALTH & PREVENTIVE MEDICINE	19-Jan
19	AJIBOYE BUKOLA VERONICA	REGISTRY	19-Jan
20	JIMOH SHERIF OLANREWAJU	ACADEMIC PLANNING UNIT	19-Jan
21	SEKONI RAMAT RONKE	REGISTRY	19-Jan
22	AYINLA RAMAT OLUWABUNMI	ANIMAL PRODUCTION	19-Jan
23	ENIIBUKUN SAMUEL OLUWASEGUN	AGRONOMY	20-Jan
24	BAMIGBOLA OLABODE MATTHIAS	MATHEMATICS	20-Jan
25	OPAYEMI SUNDAY EMMANUEL	SECURITY DIVISION	20-Jan
26	AJAO ADELODUN MOHAMMED	REGISTRY	20-Jan
27	AJAGBE ABOSEDE	REGISTRY	20-Jan
28	OGUNLADE OYERONKE OLUFUNMILOLA	EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY	20-Jan
29	ADENIYI ADEMOLA JACOB	EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY	20-Jan
30	DAUDA RAFAT BUKOLA	UNILORIN STAFF SCHOOL	21-Jan
31	ISAH ABDULMUMIN	LIBRARY & INFORMATION SCIENCE	21-Jan
32	YUSUF ABDULGANIYU KAYODE	CIVIL ENGINEERING	21-Jan
33	ABDULSALAM NASIRU	CHEMISTRY	21-Jan
34	ADIO ABDULFATAI	SECURITY DIVISION	21-Jan
35	ADEJUMO RACHAEL OMOTAYO	REGISTRY	21-Jan
36	OLORUNSAIYE ESTHER FEHINTOLA	COMPUTER BASE TEST	21-Jan
37	ADEBAYO JOSEPH SUNDAY	WORKS: ELECTRICAL/TELECOM	21-Jan
38	USMAN BILIKIS FUNMILAYO	CENTRE FOR OPEN & DISTANCE LEARNING	21-Jan
39	ISIAKA MONSURAT	CRIMINOLOGY & SECURITY STUDIES	21-Jan
40	ABDULWAHAB RASHEEDAT ARIKEWUYO	COMPUTER ENGINEERING	21-Jan
41	MUHAMMAD FAUSAT DOYIN	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	21-Jan
42	DABUL EZEKIEL SUNDAY	WORKS: WORKS/MAINT. OFFICE	22-Jan
43	OLAWETO KEHINDE GABRIEL	PLANT BIOLOGY	22-Jan
44	OLUBIYI ADEOLA TAIYE	REGISTRY	22-Jan
45	ADEYEMI KAYODE	REGISTRY	22-Jan
46	OMOTOSO AYODELE BABATUNDE	MEDICINE	22-Jan
47	BAKARE AKEEM ADEKUNLE	REGISTRY	22-Jan
48	ISSA BABA AWOYE	BEHAVIOURAL SCIENCE	22-Jan
49	FAKUADE ABEL GBENGA	LINGUISTICS & NIGERIAN LANGUAGES	22-Jan
50	IBRAHIM SULAIMAN TOYIN	REGISTRY	22-Jan
51	EMMANUEL ADUKE RACHAEL	REGISTRY	22-Jan
52	SALAMI BINTU BOLA	LIBRARY	22-Jan
53	BABAYEJU ADESHOLA AJOKI	HOME ECONOMICS & FOOD SCIENCE	23-Jan
54	SALAMI RUKAYAT FOLAKE	PORTAL SERVICES	23-Jan
55	ABDULRAHEEM ZAINAB KEHINDE	REGISTRY	23-Jan
56	EKUNDAYO OMOLARA MOTUNRAYO	REGISTRY	23-Jan
57	ADEBISI OLUSOJI OLUSEGUN	MICROBIOLOGY	24-Jan
58	IGUNNU ADEDOYIN	BIOCHEMISTRY	24-Jan
59	OPALEKE DEBORAH OLUYEMISI	HOME ECONOMICS & FOOD SCIENCE	24-Jan
60	AWOJOBI OMOTAYO SUNDAY	MATERIALS & METALLURGICAL ENGINEERING	24-Jan
61	DUROSINMI WASIU AYOBAMI	ESTATE MANAGEMENT	24-Jan
62	GARUBA MOHAMMED TAYO	FIRE SERVICES UNIT	24-Jan
63	OLOSASA AMINAT ADUKE	BURSARY	24-Jan
64	SULEIMAN ABDUL-RAHMAN ADEBAYO	HISTORY & INTERNATIONAL STUDIES	24-Jan
65	OLADELE OLUWABUNMI TITILOPE	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	24-Jan



UNILORIN ASUU welcomes new agreement with FG

By Abubakar Imam

The Chairman of the University of Ilorin Branch of the Academic Staff Union of Universities (ASUU), Dr Alex Morenikeji Akanmu, has welcomed the new agreement the Union's national body signed with the Federal Government last Wednesday (January 14, 2026) in Abuja.

Dr Akanmu described the agreement as not just a landmark

event but a historic episode that would have far reaching impact on the nation's university system.

Speaking with *UNILORIN Bulletin* in a telephone chat, Dr Akanmu, who is also the Ag. Director of Student Affairs, said that what is left is the anticipated full implementation of the agreement, which had hitherto taken the two parties several years and efforts to attain.

While saying that it is not yet uhuru, Dr Akanmu expressed the conviction that the implementation of the agreement would bring about peace on the nation's university campuses at least for the next few years.

Dr Akanmu, who commended his colleagues for their patience over the years, expressed the hope that the agreement would be fully implemented.

He noted that the whole world is aware of the latest development and that there should be no reneging on the agreement by either of the parties, particularly the Federal Government, which is its implementor.

Dr Akanmu was particularly delighted with the new pension model for those that would retire in the rank of Professor, saying that it would have significant positive impact on the lives of those who are devoting all they have to generating new leaders.

The Minister of Education, Dr Tunji Alausa, had earlier unveiled the signed agreement between the Federal Government and ASUU, which concludes the renegotiation of the 2009 FGN-ASUU Agreement.



■ President Tinubu



■ Dr Akanmu

The key highlights of the agreement include 40% salary increase for academic staff and improvement in pension benefits, which would see professors earn pension equivalent of their annual salary at their retirement age of 70.

The agreement also covers better university funding models with dedicated allocations for research, libraries, labs equipment, and staff development and the establishment of a proposed National Research Council (NRC) to fund research with at least 1% of the country's GDP

Also included in the agreement is specific arrangement that would promote stronger university autonomy and academic freedom among lecturers as it also says that eligibility for academic leadership positions such as Deans of Faculties and Provosts of Colleges of Medicine/Health Sciences would be open to only those who have attained the rank of Professor.

The agreement took effect from January 1, 2026, and it is subject to review after three years.

It was also resolved that there would be no victimisation of anyone involved in the struggle during the course of drafting the new agreement.

The event was attended by several dignitaries, particularly Principal Officers of Federal Government-owned universities, including the Registrar of the University of Ilorin, Mr Mansur Adeleke Alfanla.