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Egbewole unveils CNG buses to tackle transportation challenges

By Tajudeen Babamale

The Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has reiterated the commitment of the University to resolving the transportation challenges on campus with the official unveiling of five new Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) buses and 20 electric tricycles.

Prof. Egbewole, who made this known last Friday (January 2, 2026) during the unveiling ceremony held at the New Park, explained that the transportation difficulties experienced in 2025 were largely a consequence of the relocation of the University Motor Park, a decision he described as deliberate, strategic, and necessary for the long-term development of the institution. *(Contd. on page 4)*



Prof. Egbewole commissioning the new buses

Tinubu names UNILORIN alumnus, Oyedepo, new DPPEgbewole hails appointment

By Abubakar Imam



President Tinubu



Mr Oyedepo

President Bola Ahmed Tinubu, GCFR, has approved the appointment of a distinguished alumnus of the University of Ilorin, Mr Rotimi Iseoluwa Oyedepo, SAN, as the new Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP).

Mr Oyedepo, a 2007 graduate of the Faculty of Law, University of Ilorin, is, by the appointment, being transferred from the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC) where he currently works, to the mainstream Federal Civil Service as DPP in the Federal Ministry of Justice

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VC projects brighter prospects for 2026 in New Year Message

By Tajudeen Babamale

The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has expressed strong confidence that the year 2026 will bring greater progress, more productivity, and prosperity to the University community and Nigerians in general.

In a New Year video message

shared with staff and students last Thursday (January 1, 2026), the Vice Chancellor thanked God for the gift of life and the opportunity to witness 2025 and 2026 in good health. He described 2025 as a "golden year" during which the institution positioned itself strategically in preparation for its centenary celebrations.

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Prof. Egbewole



Egbewole greets Abdulmalik on re-election as IEDPU Presidenthails Imam's impactful tenure

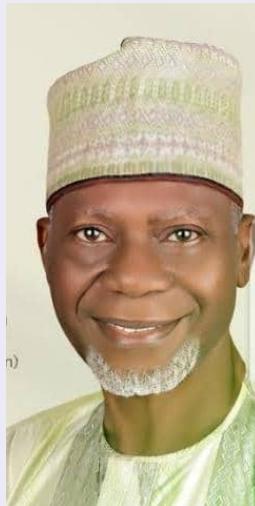
The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has congratulated a distinguished alumnus of the University, Alhaji Abdulmumini Ayo Abdulmalik, on his re-election as the National President of the Ilorin Emirate Descendants Progressive Union (IEDPU). He also congratulated a former Coordinator of the University's Department of Architecture, Mr Uthman Moyo on his emergence as the Union's new National Secretary.

Prof. Egbewole similarly rejoiced with the Deputy Editor of **UNILORIN Bulletin**, Mr Abubakar Imam, on the successful completion of his tenure as the National Secretary of the Union..

In a statement signed by the University's Director of Corporate Affairs, Mr Kunle Akogun, the Vice Chancellor said that the management, staff and students of the University were not surprised with the re-election of Alhaji Abdulmalik, going by the exemplary style with which he led the Union in the last two years.

Prof. Egbewole recalled that the tenure of Alhaji Abdulmalik led to the improvement in the cordial relationship between the Union and the University.

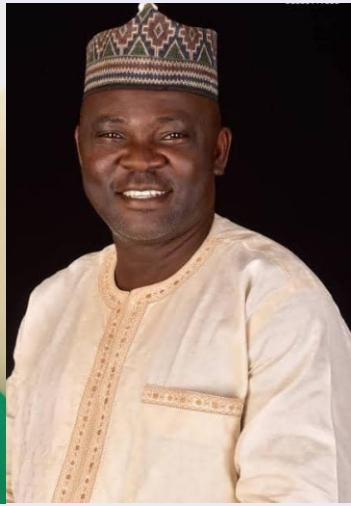
He explained that Alhaji



Mr Abdulmalik



Mr Uthman



Mr Imam

Abdulmalik, in the last two years, honoured countless invitations of the University to events as he said that the community leader made other deliberate efforts at sustaining the level of cordiality between the Union, and Ilorin Emirate community at large, and the University.

The Vice Chancellor similarly commended the immediate past National Secretary of the Union, Mr Abubakar Imam, for giving a good account of himself throughout his four-year tenure.

Prof. Egbewole described Mr Imam as a pride of the University who worked extensively for the Union in a

way that did not negatively affect the discharge of his duties as a staff member of the University. He wished the former IEDPU Chief Scribe success in his future endeavours.

The Vice Chancellor further expressed delight that the new National Secretary of the Union, Mr Uthman Moyo, is also a staff member of the University.

He expressed the hope that Mr Uthman would also use his new position to promote the good relationship between the IEDPU and the University of Ilorin as done by his predecessors. He wished him a very successful tenure.

We are proud of your achievements, Egbewole hails Arowona on radio unveiling

By Abubakar Imam

The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has congratulated a distinguished alumnus of the University, Dr AbdulAzeez Arowona, on the formal launch of his radio station, Emirate Radio, Ilorin, last Thursday (January 1, 2026).

In a statement signed by the University's Director of Corporate Affairs, Mr Kunle Akogun, the Vice Chancellor said that he and the entire members of the University community are delighted with the accomplishments of the veteran journalist over the years and particularly with the radio station he has just established.

The Vice Chancellor described Dr Arowona, who is a 2007 Political



Dr Arowona

Science graduate of the University, as an energetic, enterprising and prolific media professional who has been continuously

breaking new grounds in media enterprise and general leadership.

Prof. Egbewole said that the University has been following the career trajectory of Dr Arowona, who is also the Press Secretary to the Emir of Ilorin, Alhaji (Dr) Ibrahim Sulu-Gambari, CFR, over the years as he said that he is always impressed with what the celebrated journalist has achieved for himself and the society at large.

The Vice Chancellor, who is also the Secretary-General of the Association of West African Universities (AWAU), also thanked Dr Arowona for using his *RoyalNews* online newspaper to advance the cause of the University of Ilorin.

Prof. Egbewole wished the new radio station a resounding success as it makes inroads into global broadcasting terrain.



Tinubu names UNILORIN alumnus, Oyedepo, new DPP

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A letter dated December 23, 2025, signed by Omolabake Mafe, on behalf of the Chairman of the Federal Civil Service Commission, stated that Mr Oyedepo's appointment was made in the public interest.

According to a statement by Abiodun Oladunjoye, Director Information & Public Relations in the State House, as DPP, Mr Oyedepo will fill the vacancy created by the retirement of Mr Abubakar Babadoko, who attained the mandatory eight years as a Director on December 31, 2025.

Mr Oyedepo, who was called to

the Nigerian Bar in 2008, is expected to deploy his expertise to reduce reliance on external counsel for critical prosecutions and to ensure greater coherence and consistency in the Federal Government's legal strategies.

Before this appointment, Mr Oyedepo worked at the EFCC for over 15 years, specialising in the prosecution of complex economic and financial crimes. He also served as the Head of the anti-graft agency's Monitoring Unit.

Meanwhile, the Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has described

the appointment of Mr Oyedepo as "very befitting and a perfect New Year gift to our University".

In a statement signed by the University's Director of Corporate Affairs, Mr Kunle Akogun, the Vice Chancellor urged Mr Oyedepo to take his new role with his characteristic hardwork and integrity.

While assuring him of the prayers of the entire members of the University community, Prof. Egbewole wished Mr Oyedepo a very peaceful, successful and rewarding tenure.

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He assured students of continued priority attention to their welfare, interests, and opportunities for advancement, stressing that management remains committed to creating an enabling environment for academic and personal development.

Expressing optimism that the

New Year would resolve lingering challenges from the past year while strengthening the University's values and achievements, Prof. Egbewole reaffirmed the management's commitment to creating opportunities, and supporting staff across academic and non-teaching cadres to achieve their

goals.

While wishing all a "happy and prosperous 2026," the Vice Chancellor urged the entire University community to look forward to a year of collective advancement and renewed success.

UNILORIN Holdings lauds varsity management on CNG Bus initiative

By Mustafa Abubakar

The Management of UNILORIN Holdings Limited has expressed delight over its partnership with the University in driving a major transformation of campus transportation, following the official unveiling of five Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) buses and 20 electric tricycles last Friday (January 2, 2026).

In a statement released via the company's official Facebook handle last Friday, UNILORIN Holdings noted that the initiative, designed to significantly enhance mobility within the University community, underscores the strategic leadership of the Vice Chancellor and the collective resolve of the University management to prioritise student welfare, operational efficiency, and sustainable development.

The company further



Prof. Bashir Raji, Managing Director, Unilorin Holdings

described the project as a thoughtful and well-coordinated intervention aimed at addressing the long-standing transportation challenges on campus.

The statement read, "With the introduction of the CNG buses, the University of Ilorin has not only provided a practical solution to transportation constraints faced by

students and staff but has also demonstrated a strong commitment to environmentally responsible practices in line with global standards. The move reflects foresight, innovation, and a clear understanding of the everyday needs of the university community."

Meanwhile, students and staff, as well as regular commuters, have commended the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, members of his management team, and the Management of UNILORIN Holdings Limited on their proactive planning, visionary collaboration, and dedication to creating a more accessible, comfortable, and future-ready campus environment.

The development stands as a testament to purposeful governance, strong institutional synergy, and a shared commitment to continuous improvement at the University.



Egbewole unveils CNG buses to tackle transportation challenges

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While acknowledging that the decision initially came with challenges and resistance, the Vice-Chancellor explained that the relocation was undertaken to protect the Master Plan of the University and to position the institution on the path of becoming a world-class University with full control over its processes, systems, and procedures.

Prof. Egbewole, who is also the Secretary General of the Association of West Africa Universities (AWAU), expressed confidence that in the long run, members of the University community would be proud of the decision, adding that significant improvements had already been made at the new Park and that plans were in place to further develop the area, including the construction of a Shopping Mall within the park before the end of the year.

The Vice-Chancellor also attributed some of the transportation challenges to issues of attitude and coordination rather than the absence of vehicles, noting his personal commitment to monitoring operations at the Park, as he is often on ground as early as 6:00 a.m., to ensure compliance and efficiency.

He pointed out that the ultimate goal of the transport reform was to ensure total control over vehicles operating on campus, effective fleet management, and improved connectivity within the University. He added that under the new arrangement, transport operators would be brought under the University's supervision to guarantee punctuality and reliability, particularly during peak hours.

While appreciating the patience and cooperation of members of the University Community, especially the students, whom he described as among the best in the country in terms of maturity and commitment, Prof. Egbewole

applauded them for their orderliness and consistent support for the University system, noting that at no time did they exhibit any negative disposition towards the institution.

The Vice-Chancellor acknowledged the support of Starlink Global & Ideal Limited that provided a ₦200 million intervention to the University in July last year that was channelled towards addressing the transportation challenge. He also appreciated the Federal Government under the leadership of President Bola Ahmed Tinubu, GCFR, for supplying 20 electric tricycles to the institution through the Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund). He said that the University was still expecting the delivery of additional CNG buses as earlier promised.

He also commended the Works Unit and the Security Unit of the University for their dedication and steadfast commitment to the successful implementation of the new transport arrangement. In particular, the Vice-Chancellor singled out the Chairman of the National Association of Academic Technologists (NAAT), Unilorin Branch, Mr. Olufemi Awolola, for his consistency and unwavering support, noting that such cooperation from critical stakeholders had significantly contributed to the smooth operation and sustainability of the initiative.

He also commended the Chairman of ASUU and NASU for going beyond the call of duty in ensuring smooth operation of the new park.

Speaking earlier, the Ag. Dean of Student Affairs, Dr. Alex Akanmu, said the unveiling of the new transportation initiative formed part of the Vice-Chancellor's strategic plans for 2026, particularly in addressing longstanding transportation challenges on campus.

Dr. Akanmu recalled that in recent times, the University had faced

noticeable transport difficulties, which generated concerns and debates among staff and students. He explained that the new transport policy and the introduction of electric tricycles and other vehicles were deliberate steps aimed at improving the welfare of members of the University community and ensuring that promises made by the management were fulfilled.

According to him, commencing the year with such an initiative demonstrated management's resolve to put in place sustainable solutions and to establish full institutional control over the university's transport system. Adding that, the reform was designed to eliminate extortion and other unwholesome practices that had been experienced over the years, while promoting fairness, orderliness, and efficiency.

In a chat with UNILORIN Bulletin, the President of the Students' Union, Adelu Idris Ayomo, described the unveiling of the new transport facilities as a significant step in addressing the transportation challenges confronting the University community. He noted that the initiative reflected the Vice-Chancellor's commitment to placing the transport system on the right path through practical and measurable actions.

Comrade Adelu commended the University management for listening to the concerns of students and responding decisively by implementing sustainable solutions to long-standing issues, saying that the steps taken so far demonstrated clear progress and reassured students that the administration was genuinely committed to improving their welfare.

The Students' Union President also applauded the conduct of students throughout the period of transition, describing their calmness, responsiveness, and maturity as commendable, noting that similar situations in many institutions often result in unrest or disruption.

Emulate Salman, Alafara charges Unilorites

By Abubakar Imam

The immediate past Dean of the Faculty of Physical Sciences, University of Ilorin, Prof. Abdullahi Alafara Baba, has charged staff and students of the University to emulate the hardwork and humility of the pioneer Vice Chancellor of the Kwara State University of Education (KWASUED), Ilorin, Prof. Medinat Folorunso Salman, in order to sustain the good image of the University.

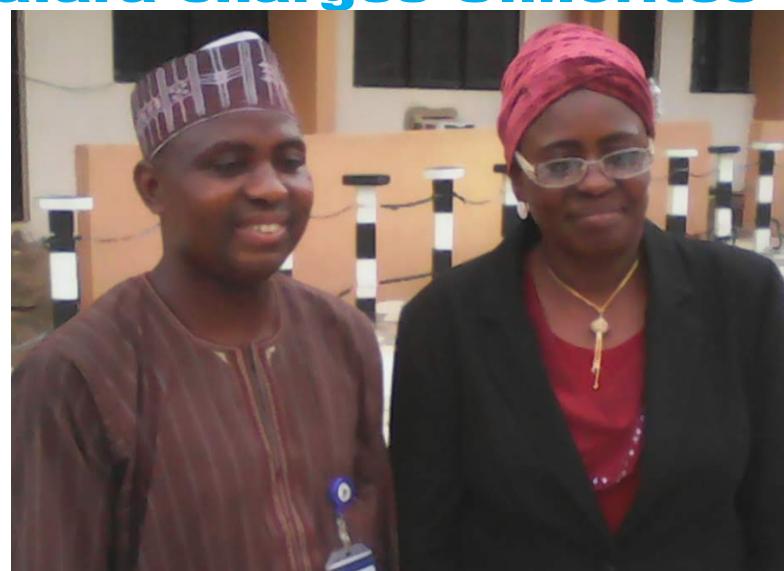
Prof. Alafara made this appeal last Wednesday (December 31, 2025) while speaking with **UNILORIN Bulletin** in his office.

The former Dean described Prof. Salman as an outstanding alumna and staff member of the University of Ilorin who has not only internalised but is also exhibiting its ethos.

Prof. Alafara also said that ever since he came to know Prof. Salman and most especially since her current appointment, the former Dean of the UNILORIN Faculty of Education has been serving as a good ambassador of the University.

He said that whoever emulates the fascinating leadership attributes of the KWASUED Chief Executive would go very far in life. He further applauded

Prof. Salman for the trust she reposed in him and "anything UNILORIN" for making him to chair the ceremonials committee, which planned and executed the maiden Matriculation Ceremony of the new University, which was held last month,



among other events.

The former Dean said that Prof. Salman is a very good alumna of the University of Ilorin, who has been moulding her new University in a way that it would become a great institution in no distant time.

Prof. Alafara, who is currently on sabbatical leave at the new University, said that he has observed the KWASUED Vice Chancellor pursuing her new job with diligence and integrity that only an alumnus of the UNILORIN is capable of doing.

The former Dean also observed that the new University is drawing great inspiration from the University of Ilorin as most members of its pioneering management team are drawn from the better by far University.

Prof. Alafara added that if KWASUED continues with the way it has started, the new University would replicate the service delivery, community impact and greatness that characterised the five decades history of the University of Ilorin.

UNILORIN student wins Moremi beauty, culture pageant at Ijakadi festival

By Mustafa Abubakar

A 300 level Biology Education student of the University of Ilorin, Hikmat Oyinkansola Tiamiyu, has emerged winner of the Moremi Beauty and Culture Pageant at the Ijakadi Festival 2025, held in Offa, Kwara State.

Miss Hikmat clinched the coveted crown after edging out 11 other contestants in a keenly contested event that combined beauty, intellect, confidence, and deep appreciation of Yoruba cultural values.

Her victory was widely celebrated as a reflection of the elegance, intelligence, and cultural consciousness of young women from Offa and beyond.

The Moremi pageant, a key highlight of the annual Ijakadi Festival, is designed to promote indigenous heritage, celebrate womanhood, and inspire youth participation in cultural preservation.

The Ijakadi Festival 2025 once again lived up to its reputation as a vibrant cultural showcase, attracting traditional leaders, youths, creative



Hikmat (middle) flanked by the first and second runners up

artists, and cultural enthusiasts, while reinforcing Offa's place as a custodian of Yoruba history and identity.

Highlights of the festival included procession led with grandeur by the Aare Bobajiroro of Offa Land, Chief Musbau,

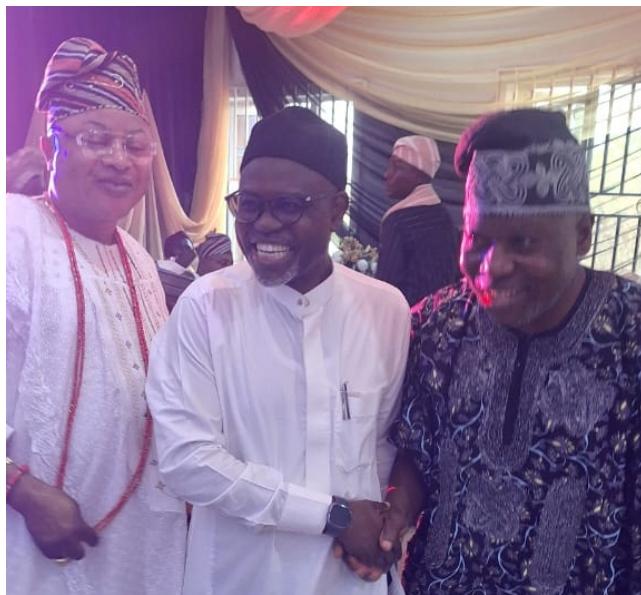
who drew admiration as he rode on horseback; adorned in full traditional regalia, which symbolised strength, dignity, and continuity of Offa's rich cultural heritage.



The Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Egbewole (middle), and members of the Management Team with officials of the Council of Legal Education during the Accreditation visit to the Faculty of Law last week



At the wedding of the son of Hon. Dipe, a member of the University Governing Council in Lagos recently



The Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Egbewole, with other members of the Zenith Club, Ile Ife, during the Club's end of the year Dinner in honour of their members who have just been elevated to the rank of Senior Advocate of Nigeria (SAN)



ACCREDITATION TEAM TO THE FACULTY OF LAW





UNILORIN marks 7th Annual Research Day

By Mustafa Abubakar

The Department of Surgery, University of Ilorin, has marked the 7th Annual Research Day to further consolidate the institutions' reputation as a centre of excellence in surgical research, innovation, and education.

The event, themed "Scalpel to Systems: Innovations in Global Surgical Care", was jointly hosted with the University of Ilorin Teaching Hospital (UITH) at the Conference Room, Senior Consultant Building, UITH. It attracted distinguished academics, clinicians, researchers, students, alumni, sponsors, and international partners.

In his remarks, the Dean of the Faculty of Clinical Sciences, Prof. K.W. Wahab, commended the Department of Surgery for sustaining the annual Research Day initiative, describing it as a strategic platform for nurturing young researchers, strengthening multidisciplinary collaboration, and aligning surgical training and practice with global best standards.

Delivering the keynote lecture, Prof. Aneel Bhangu, a Professor of Global Surgery and Consultant Colorectal Surgeon at the Institute of Applied Health Research, College of Medicine and Health, University of Birmingham, United Kingdom, challenged participants to rethink surgical care beyond individual technical excellence.

He stressed the importance of systems-level thinking, data-driven research, and global collaboration in improving surgical outcomes, particularly in low- and middle-income countries.

Prof. Bhangu highlighted his

extensive experience in building global research networks, mentoring young surgeons, and translating research evidence into policy and practice.

Also speaking, the Head of the Department of Surgery, Prof. Olayide Sulaiman Agodirin, described the Research Day as one of the Department's most anticipated academic traditions since its inauguration in 2019, under the leadership of Prof. Lukman Abdur-Rahman.

He noted that the Department has continued to record steady progress, particularly in digitalisation, artificial intelligence, and the adoption of advanced research methodologies.

Prof. Agodirin explained that technological innovation within the Department began in 2022–2023 with the introduction of electronic script submission and an electronic operations register.

Since assuming office in January 2025, he said further strides have been made in digitising the departmental processes in line with the University-wide digital vision of the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole (SAN).

He disclosed that the Department has successfully piloted a chatbox and developed a machine-learning model for surgical examinations, with plans to deploy AI-powered workforce tools in the coming months.

The Head of Department expressed gratitude to the Vice Chancellor, the Chief Medical Director (CMD) and the hospital management, the Provost, Prof. B.S. Alabi, the Dean of Clinical Sciences, Prof. K.W. Wahab, former CMDs, former Heads of Department, sponsors, partners from Italy, and alumni in Nigeria and the Diaspora for their sustained support.

He also commended the Planning

Committee led by Prof. Abdulrasheed A. Nasir, noting the deliberate inclusion of younger members to ensure sustainability of the Research Day as a flagship academic event.

Earlier, in his remarks, the Chief Medical Director of UITH, Prof. Dasilva Yusuf, who was represented by the Chairman, Medical Advisory Committee (CMAC), Prof. Sikirullah Biliaminu, emphasised the importance of research in improving clinical outcomes, strengthening healthcare delivery, and positioning UITH as a leading teaching hospital within and beyond Nigeria.

The former Director of Academic Planning (DAP) and former Chief Medical Director, UITH, Prof. S.A. Kuranga, acknowledged the invaluable contributions of the Department to academic, institutional development, and the entrenchment of research culture within the University and the Teaching Hospital.

Highlights of the Research Day included four Students' Innovative Research presentations, ten Interesting Case Reports, five presentations on Global Surgery and Surgical Education, five presentations on Trauma and Gastro-Intestinal surgery, and five presentations on Surgical Oncology and Surgical Outcomes. There were also Products Presentations, Goodwill Messages, and a Special Presentation titled "Rare Practices in High-Income Countries," delivered by Prof. A. Iroatulam.

Awards for excellence were presented to high-ranking research papers in recognition of rigour, innovation, and impact.



Egbewole pledges support for 2026 ACTSON Conference

By Tajudeen Babamale

The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has pledged the support of the institution for the forthcoming conference of the Association of Cardiovascular and Thoracic Surgeons of Nigeria (ACTSON), Kwara State Branch. The Conference is scheduled to hold in February.

Prof. Egbewole, who gave the pledge last Wednesday (December 31, 2025) when he received members of the Association who visited him in his office, commended the group for securing the hosting right and described the development as a significant opportunity for the University and the state.

The Vice Chancellor affirmed the commitment of the University to collaborating with professional bodies to enhance knowledge creation and societal development, saying that his Administration would provide the necessary support to ensure the successful hosting of the Conference in Ilorin.

Earlier, the Chairman of the Local Organising Committee of the 8th



Prof. Egbewole

ACTSON Conference, Prof. Peter Oladapo Adeoye, noted that the choice of Ilorin as host city was influenced by the remarkable contributions of the University of Ilorin to the specialty.

He stated that cardiovascular and thoracic surgery is a demanding field with limited specialists nationwide, but the University has distinguished itself by providing an enabling environment that attracts trainees and encourages interest in the discipline. He also mentioned the presence of three senior registrars

currently undergoing fellowship training at the University as evidence of this commitment.

The cardiothoracic surgeon stated further that Ilorin has established the University Cardiovascular and Thoracic Studies Students' Interest Group, the first of its kind in Nigeria, adding that the initiative is already gaining national traction and inspiring similar groups in other institutions. This, among other achievements, contributed to the decision to grant Ilorin the hosting rights.

According to him, the 2026 conference will feature hands-on training sessions in cardiovascular surgery, including advanced procedures such as video-assisted surgery designed to remove portions of lumps without opening the chest. He said the programme is expected to attract experts, trainees, and stakeholders from across the country and will further strengthen the University's profile as a centre of excellence in specialised medical training.

He, however, sought institutional support in the areas of finance, accommodation, and transportation to host members of the Association.

Egbewole graces Malami Ubandoma of Ilorin's turbaning

By Abubakar Imam

The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, was among several dignitaries from far and near that witnessed the turbaning of a prominent Islamic scholar and one of the Imams of the National Mosque of Nigeria, Dr Abdulkadir Jumuah As-Salman Sholagberu, as the first Malami Ubandoma of Ilorin by the Emir of Ilorin and Chairman, Kwara State Council of Chiefs, Alhaji (Dr) Ibrahim Sulu-Gambari, CFR.

The event took place last Friday (January 2, 2026) at the ancient palace of the Emir of Ilorin.

The attendance of the turbaning ceremony by the Vice Chancellor, who is also the Vice President (West Africa), of the Association of African Universities (AAU), was targeted at promoting the existing cordial relationship between the University and the people of its host community.

The University, in pursuit of impacting more vigorously on its host community, established the Centre for Ilorin Studies (CILS) over 15 years ago to



Dr Solagberu

ensure the projection and preservation of the intellectual and cultural heritage of the people of the Ilorin Emirate and its environs.

Speaking with **UNILORIN Bulletin** on the sideline of the event, the Chairman of the Central Planning Committee of the ceremony, Dr Salihu Ahmed, commended Prof. Egbewole for his community friendly disposition.

Dr Ahmed, a retired Permanent

Secretary in the Kwara State Civil Service and an alumnus of the University, said that honouring invitations to community-related events would enhance the fraternity between the University and the Ilorin Emirate.

Among other dignitaries that attended the ceremony were the Sultan of Sokoto and President-General of the Nigerian Supreme Council for Islamic Affairs, Alhaji Muhammad Saad Abubakar, III, CFR, who was represented by the Galadima of Sokoto; the Etsu Nupe and Chairman of the Niger State Council of Chiefs, Alhaji Yahaya Abubakar; and many traditional and religious leaders from all over Nigeria.

Also in attendance were the 8th Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin and current Registrar/Chief Executive of the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB), Prof. Ishaq Olanrewaju Oloyede, CON; the Vice Chancellor of Al-Hikmah University, Ilorin, Prof. Lateef Folorunsho Oladimeji; the Kuliyan of Ilorin, Prof. Yusuf Olaolu Ali, SAN and the former National Legal Adviser of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP), Mr Kamaldeen Ajibade, SAN, among several others.



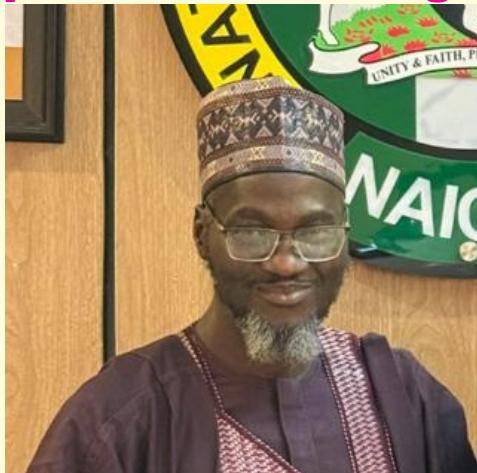
Alaro canvasses proper understanding of Islamic Insurance

By Abubakar Imam

A former Head of the Department of Islamic Law, University of Ilorin, Prof. AbdulRazzaq AbdulMajeed Alaro, mni, has called for the proper understanding of the tenets, principles and practice of Islamic Insurance, otherwise known as Takaful insurance.

Prof. Alaro, who is also the Director of Quality Assurance Unit at the University, made this plea recently when he led a delegation of the Takaful Advisory Council (TAC) on a courtesy visit to the management of the National Insurance Commission (NAICOM), on a mission to engage the Commission on issues relating to the growth and development of the Takaful insurance business in Nigeria.

The renowned cleric-don described the meeting as the first of its kind, saying that such a meeting would



Prof. Alaro

promote exchange of ideas and perspectives between NAICOM management and the TAC.

Prof. Alaro, who is an expert in Islamic finance and Chairman of TAC,

called on NAICOM, in its capacity as the industry regulator, to continue to support awareness creation for Takaful insurance, which he identified as a major challenge facing the sector.

Welcoming Members of the Council, the Commissioner for Insurance, Mr. Olusegun Ayo Omosehin, commended TAC for its commitment and contributions to the development of Takaful insurance in the country.

He described the meeting as an interactive session aimed at identifying areas for expansion and improvement within the Takaful insurance sub-sector.

Mr Omosehin noted that Nigeria's population of over 200 million people presents a significant opportunity for the growth of Takaful insurance, stressing that the market potential cuts across religious boundaries.

UNILORIN alumnus, Usman, secures full scholarship at Russian Journalism Contest

By Mustafa Abubakar

A 2023/2024 graduate of Mass Communication from the University of Ilorin, Mr Usman Adeyinka Adebayo, has secured a full scholarship to study at a Russian university following his outstanding presentation at the New Day Education International Journalistic Competition in Russia, where his final project also attracted over 1.1 million views.

Mr Adebayo's final project emerged among the 11 finalists worldwide, following his outstanding performance in a highly competitive preliminary round that attracted over 500 participants from across the globe.

The achievement marks Adebayo's second international recognition in Russia, following his representation of Nigeria at the World Youth Festival in 2024, further establishing him as a globally competitive young journalist.

In a chat with **UNILORIN Bulletin**, Mr Adebayo said participants in a series of Master classes aimed at



Mr Adebayo

enhancing their journalistic, storytelling, and media production skills.

He said, "Each finalist was required to submit media projects across four thematic areas. I focused on how Nigerian and Russian education systems can collaborate to nurture scholars capable of making significant contributions to

global development and knowledge exchange."

His project was widely lauded for its creativity and insight.

"Following the competition's conclusion on November 21, 2025, my final video recorded 1.1 million views, placing me among the most widely viewed and impactful participants and positioning me strongly for the scholarship," he added.

A major highlight of the competition was a tour of four major Russian cities, during which participants visited one leading university in each location. The institutions included RUDN University in Moscow, Far Eastern Federal University in Vladivostok, Kazan Federal University in Kazan, and Herzen University in St. Petersburg.

According to Mr Adebayo, the tour provided opportunities for finalists to interact with academics, students, and researchers.

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- (ii) Candidates are advised to **PRINT** out the advertisement and **STUDY** thoroughly before **COMMENCING** the application procedure.
- (iii) Applicants are to note that the University will not be liable or responsible for any mistake made arising from a wrong application.
- (iv) The Postgraduate academic session for Postgraduate programmes is 12 calendar months, commencing on 2nd October and ending on 31st August of the following year. The 12 calendar months start to count automatically from the date of first registration. The rain semester session shall however commence on 7th April.
- (v) Applicants are to note that programmes automatically lapse at the expiration of the prescribed maximum duration for each programme. A candidate may, however, apply for an extension of not more than 12 months, in the first instance, subject to a maximum of two such extensions.

A. POSTGRADUATE PROGRAMMES OFFERED

Ph.D. Degree Programmes

These are available to holders of M.A.; M.Ed.; M.Eng.; M.Sc.; LL.M; and MPH degrees, with a minimum score of 60% or a minimum of 4 points on a 5 points Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA) scale in their Master degree programmes. A Ph.D. degree programme runs for a minimum period of 36 calendar months and a maximum period of 60 calendar months for full-time candidates OR a minimum period of 48 calendar months and a maximum period of 72 calendar months for part-time candidates. Relevant Courses will be taken for the Ph.D. studies where prescribed, and a Thesis is required at the end of the Ph.D. programme.

B. ELIGIBILITY FOR ACADEMIC PROGRAMMES

General Requirements:

- i. All entry certificate requirements shall be available at the point of purchasing the application form. ***The National Youth Service Corp Discharge Certificate OR Exemption Certificate*** should be dated and presented on or before January 5th, 2026.
- ii. Applicants are expected to submit their application forms online, together with scanned copies of their credentials.
- iii. After the submission of the application forms online, as stated in (i) above, all supporting documents in (i) above and the hard copy of the application form should be forwarded to the Secretary, Postgraduate School, University of Ilorin, Ilorin, Nigeria between **Monday, 12th January 2026 and Friday, 23rd January 2026**, while the submission of **Transcripts of Academic Records** should be addressed and forwarded to the **Head of Department where the admission is being sought**. The Postgraduate School will not be held liable for any misdirected transcript.
- iv. All applicants must have 5 O/L Credit passes in the relevant subjects, which must include English Language and Mathematics. In line with Senate directives, applicants who had their O/L results before the year 2015, may have a pass in English or Mathematics depending on the programme applied for.

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- v. Applicants for the Ph.D. degree programme shall have obtained a relevant Master degree of the University of Ilorin or from other recognized Universities, with an average weighted score of at least 60% or a 4.0 points CGPA on a 5-point scale. Short-listed applicants would be required to satisfy the Postgraduate School in the qualifying interviews and assessments by the relevant Department. **Applicants are, therefore, expected to interact with the department to which they have applied to ascertain the interview date for the Ph.D. degree programme.** Regardless of the institution where the Master degree was obtained, all candidates must apply early for the official copy of their **academic transcripts to be sent to the Head of Department where the admission is being sought** for the purpose of this admission and before the expiration of the stated deadline. Applicants must note that the Postgraduate School will not be responsible for any misdirected transcript.
- vi. All Higher Degree applicants that attended foreign Universities, where English language is not the medium of instruction, should submit to the Head of Department where the admission is being sought, evidence of their English Language proficiency, e.g. TOEFL or IELTS scores obtained within the validity period of such certifications.
- vii. International applicants (who are domiciled outside Nigeria and non-Nigerians applying from outside the country) shall be exempted from the qualifying examination irrespective of the class of degree. All applicants are requested to submit a proposal of not more than 5 pages, giving details of their intended areas of research interests. This should be sent electronically to pgschool@unilorin.edu.ng no later than Friday 30th January 2026.
- viii. Applicants applying for any of the full-time programmes of the University are expected to present a letter of release from their employers at the point of registration.

APPLICATION FEES

The non-refundable application fee for all programmes is **N25,000.00** (Twenty-five Thousand Naira) only for applicants within Nigeria OR **\$200.00** only for international applicants.

PLEASE NOTE:

While this advertisement serves as an invitation for the Qualifying Interview at a date to be communicated by the respective Departments, all applicants are strongly advised to provide their functional GSM number and e-mail addresses for further information and necessary communication. The University shall not be held responsible for any disappointment occasioned by wrong information on the part of applicants. You are hereby required to be checking your e-mails and phones frequently.

METHOD OF APPLICATION

Application forms are to be completed online and **will close on Friday January 23rd 2026**. Note that the latest date for receipt of supporting documents is **Friday, 30th January 2026**. Successful applicants will be notified through their University of Ilorin application portal.

Interested applicants are advised to check the University website: www.unilorin.edu.ng for details on available programmes.

**M. A. Alfanla
Registrar**

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The University Board of Health encourages you to visit the University Health Services for medical check-up on your birthday. Thanks



- The Management of the University of Ilorin has expelled six of its students, just as it rusticated another six due to various acts of misconducts committed by the erring students.
(UNILORIN expels, rusticates 12 students over misconducts", <https://blueprint.ng>)
- A socio-cultural organisation, under the aegis of Kwara South Consultative Forum, has disagreed with the call by the Emir of Ilorin, Alhaji Ibrahim Sulu-Gambari, to rename the University of Ilorin (UNILORIN) after Sheikh Alimi of the Alimi dynasty, Ilorin, Kwara State Capital.
("Group rejects call to rename UNILORIN after Sheikh Alimi", <https://blueprint.ng>)
- In a statement signed by the University's Director of Corporate Affairs, Mr Kunle Akogun, the Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has congratulated an alumnus of the University, Alhaji Abdulmumini Ayo Abdulmalik, on his re-election as the National President of the Ilorin Emirate Descendants Progressive Union (IEDPU). He also congratulated a former

Coordinator of the University's Department of Architecture, Mr Uthman Moyo on his emergence as the Union's new National Secretary.

("Egbewole greets Abdulmalik on re-election as IEDPU President", <https://choicereporter.com>)

- The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has congratulated a distinguished alumnus of the University, Dr AbdulAzeez Arowona, on the formal launch of his radio station, Emirate Radio, Ilorin, last Thursday (January 1, 2026).
("Egbewole hails Arowona on radio unveiling, we're proud of your achievements", <https://choicereporter.com>; "Unilorin VC hails Arowona on radio unveiling", <https://decency.home.blog>)
- A student at the University of Ilorin, Moyosore Shittu, has shared her experience regarding the ray of hope from the Nigerian Education Loan Fund (NELFUND)
("Our New Year hopes, others, by students", The Nation, Thursday, January 1, 2026, p.17)



The Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Egbewole (middle), with representatives of the Federal Character Commission at the University's recruitment interview process recently



The Federal Character Commission representatives with members of the University Management Team after the interview process.

Soetan delivers 295th Inaugural Lecture Jan. 8

The Vice Chancellor, University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, invites members of the University community and the general public to the Two hundred and ninety-fifth (295th) Inaugural Lecture of the University, scheduled as follows:

Lecturer: Professor Aderonke Kofo Soetan
NCE Fine and Applied Arts (Ondo), B.Ed., M.Ed., Ph.D.
Educational Technology (Ilorin)

Department: Educational Technology,
Faculty: Education,
Topic: "Unlocking Learning Potentials: The

Right Language and Instructional Resources"

Date: Thursday, 8th January, 2026
Time: 5.00 p.m.

Venue: Multipurpose Hall,
Main Campus, University of Ilorin

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

Mr Mansur Adeleke Alfanla
Registrar



Prof. Soetan



UNILORIN signs affiliation MoUs with KwaraPoly, TPA, others

By Tajudeen Babamale

The University of Ilorin has expanded its academic partnerships with tertiary institutions across Nigeria following the formal signing of Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) with five institutions covering the establishment of new Bachelor's degree and Diploma programmes.

The agreements, which were concluded last Tuesday (December 30, 2025) at the Vice Chancellor's Committee Room, were witnessed by the University's Principal Officers and delegations from the partner institutions.

The institutions entering into affiliation with UNILORIN include the Kwara State Polytechnic, Ilorin; The Polytechnic, Aran-Orin; Imam Malik College (IMC), Ibadan; Dalul Khayr Centre for Arts and Islamic Sciences (DKHCAIS), Ibadan; and the Ansar-ud-Deen College of Education (ADCOED), Isolo, Lagos State.

In his remarks, the Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, implored all the new accredited institutions not to see the affiliation as merely an administrative process but a serious academic commitment that requires strict adherence to the University's quality assurance standards.

Prof. Egbewole noted that graduates who complete their studies under the affiliated programmes will receive University of Ilorin certificates, and as such must be thoroughly trained to reflect the institution's values. He said that all affiliated institutions must ensure that their students meet the University's expectations of excellence and remain worthy in both character and learning.

The Vice Chancellor further stated that the University of Ilorin would continue to heighten its oversight functions, including regular monitoring, evaluation, and resource verification exercises, to maintain uniform academic standards across all affiliated institutions.

On his part, the Director of the Centre for Affiliated Institutions, University of Ilorin, Prof. Yahya Oyewole Imam, commended the diligence, patience, and commitment demonstrated by the management teams of all partner institutions throughout the affiliation process.

He noted that the journey to securing affiliation is often rigorous and demanding because it requires institutions to upgrade facilities, strengthen staffing, and align their academic structures with the University's regulatory framework.

The Director, however, expressed confidence that the newly formalised partnerships would deliver long-term academic value, enhance teaching and learning, and further deepen the capacity of higher education institutions across Kwara, Oyo, and Lagos States.

According to Prof. Imam, the collaboration signifies the University's dedication to supporting national development by ensuring that more Nigerians have access to credible and globally competitive degree programmes, adding that, the Centre for Affiliated Institutions will continue to provide guidance, support, and quality assurance to uphold the standards



for which the University of Ilorin is widely recognised.

Kwara State Polytechnic received approval to run nine Bachelor's degree programmes. These are Mechanical Engineering, Agricultural and Bio-Systems Engineering, Chemistry, Physics, Statistics, Computer Science, Mathematics, Business Administration, and Sociology.

Similarly, The Polytechnic, Aran-Orin (TPA), a private institution in Kwara State, secured affiliation to run four Bachelor's degree programmes in Business Administration, Computer Science, Electrical/Electronic Engineering, and Statistics.

In Oyo State, Imam Malik College (IMC), Ibadan, obtained approval for affiliation with UNILORIN to offer a Bachelor's degree in Islamic Studies.

Also in Ibadan, the Daalul Khayr Centre for Arts and Islamic Sciences (DKHCAIS) entered into an MoU with UNILORIN for the affiliation of its Diploma in Arabic and Islamic Studies programme.

Ansar-ud-Deen College of Education (ADCOED), Isolo, Lagos, formalised its request for affiliation and received approval to run nine Bachelor's degree programmes in Biology Education, Educational Management, Computer Science Education, Economics Education, English Language Education, Islamic Studies Education, Arabic Language Education, Social Studies Education, and Mathematics Education.