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By Tajudeen Babamale

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The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has expressed his delight at the transformation taking place in the Nigeria Immigration Service (NIS) under the leadership of Comptroller-General Kemi Nanna Nandap, an alumna of the University.

Prof. Egbewole, made the remarks last Thursday (January 29, 2026) while receiving the new Comptroller of the Nigeria Immigration Service, Kwara State



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institution in Nigeria's security and administrative framework.

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VC charges POGSASS to embrace teamwork, ethical leadership

By Tajudeen Babamale and Bashir Dawodu

The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has urged members of the Postgraduate Students Association (POGSASS) of the University to

embrace teamwork, strengthen professional networks, and continually refine the leadership skills that will distinguish them as scholars and responsible citizens.

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Yusuf, ex-Dean UNILORIN PG School, passes on

By Abubakar Imam

.....Egbewole expresses shock

The death has been announced of a renowned Islamic scholar and Director, Linguistic Immersion Centre, University of Ilorin, Prof. Badmas Olanrewaju Yusuf.

Prof. Yusuf, who joined the services of the University in 1991, died

last Friday (January 30, 2026) after a brief illness at the age of 69. His remains were buried last Saturday (January 31, 2026) after a Janazah prayer led by the Imam Imale of Ilorin, Shaykh Abdullahi AbdulHameed at his ancestral home, Maimasa Compound, Oja-Gboro, Ilorin.

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■ Prof. Badmas

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Egbewole urges AATU to prioritise integrity over certificates

By Tajudeen Babamale

The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has admonished the management of Abdulrasaq Abubakar Toyin University (AATU), Ganmo, to place integrity at the centre of its academic and administrative operations, noting that the erosion of core values poses a serious threat to the nation's educational system and the society at large.

Prof. Egbewole, who made the appeal last Thursday (January 29, 2026) when he received the Vice Chancellor of AATU and his management team who were on a courtesy visit to him in his office, stated that universities must go beyond the pursuit of certificates and ensure that students are properly trained to be worthy in both character and learning.

According to him, the absence of clear and appropriate standards contributes to social vices such as drug abuse, cultism and other forms of misconduct, which have become prevalent among youths.

The Vice Chancellor, who is also the Secretary General of the Association of West Africa Universities (AWAU), explained that while private universities require financial sustainability, prioritising integrity and merit will ultimately attract credibility, value and long-term support. He added that the issue is not the number of first-class graduates produced but how well such degrees are genuinely earned.

Prof. Egbewole assured the new University of the continued support of



■ Prof. Ambali

the University of Ilorin, describing the relationship as a mutually beneficial partnership. He explained that staff involved in the collaboration gain valuable exposure to the operations of private universities, while also sharing experiences from the public university system, including established processes, protocols and procedures.

He further expressed confidence in the leadership of the institution, noting that Mr Emmanuel Dada Obafemi's background and deep understanding of Registry operations would contribute significantly to laying a solid foundation for the growth and stability of Abdulrasaq Abubakar Toyin University.

Speaking earlier, the Ag. Vice Chancellor of AATU, Ganmo, Prof. Abdulrauf Ambali, said the institution is seeking strong mentorship in order to position itself among the best universities, not only in Kwara State but across Africa.

He described the University of Ilorin as a pacesetter and leader among universities in Kwara State in all



■ Mr Obafemi

ramifications, noting that its track record in academic excellence, administration and institutional stability makes it a worthy mentor. Prof. Ambali affirmed that Abdulrasaq Abubakar Toyin University is ready to comply with all guidelines, standards and instructions laid down by the management of the University of Ilorin, following its designation as the mentoring institution by the National Universities Commission (NUC).

The Vice Chancellor expressed appreciation to the management of the University of Ilorin for releasing highly experienced and top-ranking staff from the Registry, Library and academic departments to support the take-off of the new university, adding that the deployment of these personnel has provided the institution with a solid foundation, strengthened its operational framework and enhanced its capacity to commence academic activities on a strong and credible footing.



Egbewole lauds NIS transformation

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Commending the professionalism and sense of responsibility of the NIS in the execution of its duties, the Vice Chancellor expressed satisfaction with the remarkable achievements of the University of Ilorin alumni serving in the Service. He noted that their progress reflects the high-quality training and core values instilled in them by the University.

Prof. Egbewole also highlighted the longstanding cordial relationship between the University and various institutions, pointing out that the Nigeria Immigration Service, in particular, has demonstrated exceptional professionalism and responsibility.

He expressed optimism that the partnership between the University and the NIS would continue to grow stronger,

fostering mutual collaboration, enhancing institutional capacity, and promoting excellence in service delivery across Nigeria.

Speaking earlier, the Comptroller of the Nigeria Immigration Service, Kwara State Command, Mr Hussaini Ibrahim, said that his visit was aimed at expressing appreciation to the University of Ilorin and strengthening a more cordial and mutually beneficial relationship with the institution.

Mr Ibrahim noted that the relationship between the Nigeria Immigration Service and the University has remained cordial over the years, describing the University as a key partner in human capacity development. He explained that the visit was also intended to further deepen collaboration and promote a friendlier engagement between

both institutions.

The Immigration Comptroller disclosed that a number of officers of the Nigeria Immigration Service are alumni of the University of Ilorin, while several others are currently enrolled in various academic programmes at the institution.

According to him, this longstanding academic connection has contributed significantly to the professional competence and discipline of officers serving in the Kwara State Command.

The Comptroller expressed optimism that the existing relationship would continue to grow stronger, adding that enhanced cooperation between the Nigeria Immigration Service and the University of Ilorin would further support institutional development, capacity building and effective service delivery.

Egbewole urges AATU to prioritise integrity over certificates

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Also in his remarks, the Registrar of AATU, Mr Emmanuel Dada Obafemi, stated that the institution is deliberately modelling its administrative and academic processes after the University of Ilorin in order to build a strong and sustainable system.

Mr Obafemi explained that at critical stages of the university's take-off, the management consistently sought

guidance and support from the University of Ilorin and received timely assistance. According to him, even when the statutory quota for University of Ilorin Registry staff on sabbatical had been exhausted, the Vice Chancellor and Registrar demonstrated uncommon commitment by approving additional support to ensure the smooth establishment of AATU.

The AATU Registrar, who is a former Registrar of the University of Ilorin, described the level of assistance received as

a clear demonstration of genuine mentorship, noting that beyond administrative support, the University of Ilorin also provided significant academic backing.

He stated that several scholars from the University of Ilorin offered guidance and support in sourcing and processing academic staff appointments, helping the new university to properly navigate recruitment procedures.

Egbewole praises UNILORIN-RUDN collaboration

By Abubakar Abdulquadri, Bashirat Omotosho
and Muizdeen Adewole

The Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has described the collaboration between the Peoples' Friendship University of Russia (RUDN University) and the University of Ilorin as an initiative designed to enhance digital teaching capacity of staff members of the University of Ilorin.

Prof. Egbewole, who was represented by the Director of the Centre for International Education (CIE), Prof. Lateef Onireti Ibraheem, stated this last Tuesday (January 27, 2026) at a training programme, themed "Digital Pedagogy and Higher Education Teachers.", held at the Mass Communication Board Room.

He noted that the training aligned with the University's vision of innovation-driven teaching and global best practices.

The Vice Chancellor pointed out that digital pedagogy has become central to effective knowledge delivery in modern universities, particularly in the face of rapidly evolving learning technologies.

Prof. Egbewole, therefore, called on participants to approach the training with commitment and openness, stressing that its success depends largely on how well the knowledge gained is applied in classrooms.

The Vice Chancellor further charged the participants to serve as



■ Prof. Egbewole

ambassadors of the programme by advocating wider awareness and participation whenever similar capacity-building opportunities arise.

In her remarks, the Dean of the Faculty of Communication and Information Sciences (CIS), Prof. Saudat Salah Abdulbaqi, affirmed that the theme of the programme was carefully chosen to address the realities of contemporary higher education.

She stated that teaching contemporary students, who are digitally inclined, requires innovative and adaptive pedagogical approaches to effectively deliver lectures and the needed information to achieve target goals.

Prof. Abdulbaqi maintained that digital pedagogy is critical to sustaining students' engagement and

improving learning outcomes.

She commended the University management for prioritising staff development and appreciated RUDN University for the international partnership, noting that such collaborations strengthen academic excellence and institutional relevance.

The facilitator of the programme, Dr Mustapha Muhammad Jamiu, explained that digital pedagogy goes beyond the use of technology, stressing the need for intentional instructional design, interactive teaching methods, and effective use of digital tools.

Dr Jamiu enlightened participants through practical strategies for integrating technology into teaching, assessment, and academic communication. He added that higher education teachers must continuously upgrade their skills to remain effective in a global academic environment.

According to him, adopting digital pedagogy enhances flexibility, inclusiveness, and innovation in the learning process.

Responding on behalf of the participants, Mrs Muhammad from the Department of Information Technology expressed gratitude to the University management and RUDN University for the opportunity. She described the training as insightful and relevant, pledging to apply the knowledge gained to improve their teaching and student engagement.

Yusuf, ex-Dean UNILORIN PG School, passes on

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A distinguished Scholar of Islamic Studies, cleric, and versatile community leader, Prof. Yusuf also served as the Dean of the Postgraduate School. Prof. Yusuf, who was an expert in Quranic Studies, also served as the Chairman of the Ilorin Emirate Staff Association (IESA), University of Ilorin.

The late scholar, who served as the Chairman of the Kwara State Muslim Pilgrims Welfare Board from 1992 to 1995, was also a Provost of the Kwara State College of Arabic and

Islamic Legal Studies, Ilorin and erstwhile Commissioner at the National Hajj Commission of Nigeria (NAHCON).

Meanwhile, the Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has expressed shock and profound sadness on the death of the cleric-don. In a statement issued by the University's Director of Corporate Affairs, Mr Kunle Akogun, Prof. Egbewole said that the management, staff and students of the University are saddened by the demise of Prof. Yusuf.

He described the deceased as a hardworking and exemplary academic

and administrator who made his marks in the services of the University, Islam and humanity at large.

Prof. Egbewole sympathised with the relations, friends, colleagues, students and mentees of the renowned scholar as he urged them to take solace in the fact that he lived a good life worthy of emulation.

The Vice Chancellor prayed to Allah to overlook the shortcomings of Prof. Yusuf and reward his good deeds with Aljanat Fridaous.



Egbewole charges POGSASS to embrace teamwork, ethical leadership

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Prof. Egbewole, who gave the charge while declaring open the POGSASS Leadership Summit 2026, held at the Dam Resort, Ilorin, reiterated his Administration's consistent emphasis on ethical leadership, discipline, and the pursuit of excellence as core values for personal and institutional development.

Represented by the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Research, Technology and Innovation), Prof. Mukhtar Adeiza Etudaiye, the Vice Chancellor described the summit as timely and commendable, noting that leadership in the contemporary world requires integrity, vision, collaboration, and a strong commitment to service.

He stated that postgraduate students occupy a strategic position in the society, as they advance knowledge through rigorous research while preparing for leadership roles in academia, industry, governance, and other sectors. The Vice Chancellor said that the University of Ilorin remains proud of the sustained commitment of POGSASS to academic excellence, responsible leadership, and constructive engagement within and beyond the campus.

Prof. Egbewole added that initiatives such as the Leadership Summit provide valuable platforms for capacity building, mentorship, and the exchange of ideas, all of which strengthen the postgraduate community and contribute to the overall growth of the University.

In his keynote address, the Chairman, Board of Satcom Limited,

Brigadier-General Godwin Alabi Isama (rtd), told the postgraduate students that they are leaders of today, not tomorrow, urging them to begin solving societal problems immediately and to prioritise self-development.

Brig. General Isama, who is a civil war hero, emphasised the need to cultivate leadership traits from one's current position, build strong networks, and lead with integrity.

He encouraged the students to step out of their comfort zones in pursuit of success.

"You can't achieve success from your comfort zone; you must explore," he said.

General Isama also reflected on his military career, where he had opportunities to lead, and called on government to create enabling environments for the nation to function effectively.

Also speaking, the Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of Lahmad Concept, Mr Ahmad Lawal, described entrepreneurship as a viable pathway to navigating current economic challenges.

He stressed the importance of entrepreneurial skills, noting that individual success can have a positive ripple effect on the society.

"It's not all about 'japa'; you can also succeed here because there are many opportunities around you," he said.

Mr Lawal encouraged the students to start small, noting that success is not about perfection but the ability to identify and maximise opportunities others often ignore.

Earlier, the Dean of the Postgraduate School, University of Ilorin, Prof. Friday Onyekwere Nwosu, commended the postgraduate students for organising the leadership summit, describing leadership development as a critical need in society.

He said that the programme aligns with the Vision1-10-500 of the University, charging the students to conduct impactful research that will contribute to national development and to become leaders that will make the University proud.

In his welcome address, the President of POGSASS, Mr Hakeem Abodunde Kuranga, expressed gratitude to God for the successful organisation of the Summit, describing it as a platform aimed at addressing leadership challenges facing the country.

He noted that the programme was designed to nurture transparent and transformative leadership qualities among postgraduate students.

Also speaking, a comedian and actor, Mr Habeeb Olatunji, popularly known as Baba Kamo, urged the students to embrace consistency and good character as hallmarks of true leadership.

"Convert your talents into lasting influence. Be disciplined, be content with what you have, and always help those coming behind you," he advised.

Highlights of the event included the presentation of awards to the guest speakers and former presidents of POGSASS.

Yahya makes NUAP's TWG

By Abubakar Imam

The Director of the Advancement Centre, University of Ilorin, Prof. Waheed Babatunde Yahya, has been appointed Member of the Technical Working Group (TWG) on National University Advancement Program (NUAP).

Prof. Yahya, who teaches at the Department of Statistics, University of Ilorin, is representing all the universities operating in the North-Central region on the Committee.

The appointment of Prof. Yahya and others was the highlight of the launch of the National University Programme by the Minister of Education, Dr Maruf Tunji Alausa in Lagos last Monday (January 26, 2026).

While the Executive Director of the Nigeria Higher Education Foundation (NHEF), Dr Claire Jemide, emerged as the Chairman, other members are Dr Adetola Salau, who is representing the Minister of Education,



■ Prof. Yahya

and Dr Kareem, Department of University Education. Also on the Committee are the Director of Advancement Offices of the University of Lagos and the University of Ibadan, who are representing the South West; the Director of the University Advancement of the Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria (North West) and his counterparts from the University of Maiduguri (North

East), University of Port Harcourt (South South) and the University of Nigeria, Nsukka (South East).

Also on the Committee are Mr Adonye Wilcos of African Finance Corporation (AFC) and the Chairman of the Committee of Vice Chancellors of Nigerian Universities, Prof. Lawrence Ikechukwu Ezemonye.

Speaking at the event, the Minister of Education, Dr Alausa, urged universities to make effective use of their Advancement Centres for them to achieve the essence of their establishment.

The event, which brought together Vice Chancellors and Directors responsible for advancement-related functions across federal universities, deliberated on practical and actionable frameworks for alumni engagement, endowment management and transparent reporting systems and provision of structured operational guidance for the establishment and strengthening of Advancement Offices across Nigerian universities.

UNILORIN named Awolola Ag. Director, Laboratory Services

By Mubarak Oladosu

Senior Chief Technologist at the Department of Anatomy, University of Ilorin, Mr Paul Olúwafemi Awolola, has been appointed the Ag. Director, Laboratory Services, University of Ilorin.

The appointment, which took effect from January 1, 2026, was announced through a letter dated January 26, 2026 and signed by the Registrar of the University, Mr Mansur Adeleke Alfanla.

The letter, which was sighted by **UNILORIN Bulletin**, reads in part, "I write to convey the Vice Chancellor's approval of your appointment as the Acting Director, Laboratory Services, for one (1) year with retroactive effect from 1st January, 2026 to 31st December, 2026."

In a chat with **UNILORIN Bulletin**, Mr Awolola, who is a



■ Mr Awolola

seasoned academic technologist with over two decades of cognate experience, expressed appreciation to the management of the University, for the confidence reposed in him.

While outlining his vision and mission in his new role as the Ag.

Director, Mr Awolola, who is also the Chairman of the University Chapter of the National Association of Academic Technologists (NAAT), disclosed that he envisioned a University Laboratory Services Unit that would be a world-class hub for innovative laboratory practices, research excellence and academic support, and thus drive the university to greater global recognition.

Similarly, Mr Awolola said that he looked forward to his Unit providing top-notch laboratory services and support to enhance research, teaching, and learning experiences.

He also intended to upgrade laboratory infrastructure and equipment to meet current international standards, develop and implement robust quality assurance and quality control systems, enhance staff training and development programmes, foster industry-academia partnerships for research and innovation and also improve laboratory safety and environmental sustainability practices.



UNILORIN drivers honour retired colleagues

By Bashir Dawodu

The University of Ilorin Drivers' Welfare Association has honoured its retired members in recognition of their commitment, dedication and sacrifices towards the growth of the institution.

The event, which was held penultimate Saturday (January 24, 2026) at the UNILORIN Pensioners' Hall, Mini Campus, was part of the Association's 2025 end-of-the-year activities.

Those honoured were Mr Raufu Amori, Mr Abdullahi Bello, Mr Oba Suleman, Mr Musiliu Yusuf, Mr Akeredolu Adams, Mr Tolorunleke Samuel and Mr Fatai Yahaya.

Speaking at the event, the Registrar of the University, Mr Mansur Adeleke Alfa, who was represented by the Deputy Registrar, Mr Kabir Adewoyin, congratulated the retirees for successfully completing their service.

He said, "The University management appreciates all your sacrifices, and you shall live to enjoy the fruits of your labour," adding that drivers

play a critical role in the University community.

The Registrar charged serving drivers to remain committed and professional in the discharge of their duties, stressing that appearance and conduct matter. "You will be addressed the way you are dressed," he noted.

In his remarks, the Director of Works, University of Ilorin, Mr Rahmon Amao, represented by a Deputy Director at the Department, Mr Tosin Obafemi, urged the drivers to maintain unity with other units under the Works Department, noting that collective efforts is key to progress.

Similarly, the Director of the Physical Planning Unit, Mr AbdulRahman Toyin Jimoh, advised the drivers to be good image makers and worthy ambassadors of the University, urging them to maintain confidentiality and professionalism at all times.

Also speaking, the Director of the University Health Services Unit, Dr Abdulrasheed Adekeye Odunola, encouraged the drivers to prioritise their health, stressing that good health is essential for productivity.

He advised them on regular

medical check-ups, healthy eating, exercise and warned them against smoking, excessive alcohol intake and hard drugs.

Speaking earlier, the Chairman of the Association, Mr Afolabi Samuel, congratulated the retirees as he wished those who are still in service a more rewarding career.

Mr Afolabi appreciated the University management, led by the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, for its continued support of the drivers' unit.

He further charged members to practise self-care, defensive driving, regular vehicle maintenance, and to remain calm, alert and professional while on duty.

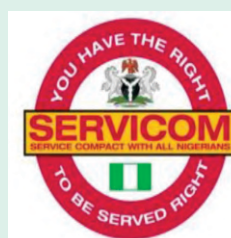
Responding on behalf of the retirees, Mr Amori expressed gratitude to the association and invited guests for the honour accorded them, while praying for the continued progress of the union.

Highlights of the event included the presentation of gifts to the retirees.

Among those in attendance were Mr Yusuf MKB of the Bursary Department, retired drivers and members of the association.

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Egbewole's wife bows out of UNILORIN in grace

By Abubakar Imam

The wife of the Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Mrs Muibat A. Egbewole, last Friday (January 30, 2026), retired from the services of the University.

Mrs Egbewole, who rose to the position of Deputy Registrar, retired after attaining the mandatory retirement age of 65 years.

To mark the retirement, several dignitaries gathered at the Vice Chancellor's official residence for a special prayer session led by renowned Muslim clerics.

Among those that attended the prayer session were the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN; the Director of the Joint Preliminary Examination Board (JUPEB) Foundation School, University of Ilorin, Prof. Ibrahim Kayode Adam; the Director, Centre for



■ Mrs Egbewole

Research Development and In-House Training (CREDIT), University of Ilorin, Prof. Abdulkareem Oloyede; the wife of a former Vice Chancellor of the University, Dr Raheemat Oloyede; and the proprietor of the IQRA Group of Schools, Ilorin, Mr

Aliu Alabi Badmus.

Meanwhile, the Senior Staff Association of Nigerian Universities (SSANU), University of Ilorin Branch, has paid glowing tributes to Mrs Egbewole, saying that the retired Deputy Registrar had an illustrious career.

In a statement by its Public Relations Officer, Mrs Damilola Afelumo, the Association said that Mrs Egbewole has been "a pillar of strength and inspiration to many" within and outside the University.

The statement added that "Mrs Egbewole's dedication, poise, and warmth have made a lasting impact on the University community."

While congratulating her on what it called "double celebration of her 65th birthday and retirement", the Association wished Mrs Egbewole "a retirement filled with joy, love, and fulfillment."

Prior to her retirement, Mrs Egbewole was the Deputy Registrar in-charge of UNILORIN JUPEB Foundation School.

UNILORIN students create more health awareness in Ilorin township

By Bashirat Omotosho

Postgraduate students of the Department of Health Promotion and Environmental Health Education, University of Ilorin, have taken health education beyond the classroom as they organised a community health awareness outreach for residents of Oloje community in Ilorin as part of their course requirements.

Declaring the programme open, Prof. Shuaib Olanrewaju Oniyangi, said the outreach was designed to bridge the gap between academic knowledge and community health needs.

He explained that the course emphasises practical engagement as he urged students to translate theoretical concepts into real-life solutions that can positively impact society, particularly underserved communities.

Prof. Oniyangi noted that community-based health education remains a vital tool in preventing diseases and promoting healthy lifestyles.

He commended the students for their commitment and professionalism, stressing that such initiatives align with the University's mandate of community service, research, and impactful teaching.

The programme was divided into various sections, with students addressing key public health concerns



such as Sexually Transmitted Infections (STIs), where participants were educated on modes of transmission, prevention strategies, and the importance of early testing and treatment to reduce stigma and complications.

Another segment addressed Female Genital Mutilation. This highlighted its health risks, psychological effects, and the need to discourage the practice through sustained awareness and community advocacy; family planning and child spacing, emphasising their roles in maternal health, economic stability, and improved quality of life; pregnancy, where students enlightened community members on antenatal care, nutrition during pregnancy, and the importance of skilled birth attendance to reduce maternal

and infant mortality.

Speaking on behalf of the Oloje community, the Magaji of Oloje, Mr Ibrahim Jimoh, expressed appreciation to the University of Ilorin and the students for choosing the community for the outreach. He described the programme as timely and educative, noting that the knowledge shared would contribute significantly to healthier living among residents.

He encouraged the students to continue engaging communities and prayed for the success of their academic pursuits.

Participants were given free condoms and free health consultations like blood pressure and blood sugar.

IEDPU rallies more support for CILS

By Abubakar Imam

The National President of Ilorin Emirate Descendants Progressive Union (IEDPU), Alhaji Abdulmumini Ayo Abdulmalik, has, again, appealed to the people of Ilorin Emirate and their friends to offer more support to the Centre for Ilorin Studies (CILS), University of Ilorin, for the Centre to deliver on its mandates.

Alhaji Abdulmalik made this appeal last Wednesday (January 28, 2026) while presenting some materials shared at the last edition of the annual conference of the Union to the Director of the Centre, Prof. Issa Olarongbe Sanusi, in his office.

The President, who was represented by the immediate past National Secretary of the Union, Mr Abubakar Imam, said that the CILS deserves the support of all to become a centre of attraction for all those who desire to know one thing or the other about the Ilorin Emirate.

Alhaji Abdulmalik said that the Centre deserves to have sufficient Ilorin-related materials, particularly since it is located within Ilorin where such are in abundance.

He assured the Director that the Union, as the Chief Marketer of the community, would continue to canvass support for the Centre from stakeholders.

Alhaji Abdulmalik, who is a

retired Assistant Comptroller-General of the Nigeria Immigration Service, encouraged the Centre to reserve a segment of its library for materials related to the Union. He said that such an arrangement would encourage members to donate past copies of the Union's annual calendar and other materials in their possession to the Centre.

Responding, Prof. Sanusi thanked the IEDPU for always showing positive and fraternal interest in the growth and survival of the Centre.

He recalled that the Union has not only made funds available to the Centre in the past but has also offered moral support to the Centre over the years.

The Director said that the Centre would welcome written documents including old letters, minutes of community development associations and groups's meetings as well as archival pictures and similar materials.

He said that donors of such



materials would not only be supporting the Centre but also immortalising themselves as their names and other relevant particulars would be written on such items, which would outlive them.

Prof. Sanusi assured the IEDPU that the materials donated by the Union and others will be properly preserved for the benefit of researchers who patronise the Centre from all over Nigeria and beyond.

UNILORIN NUJ appreciates members' cooperation

By Bashir Dawodu

The Chairman of the Nigeria Union of Journalists (NUJ), University of Ilorin Chapel, Mr Tijani Adewoyin, has expressed gratitude to members of the Chapel for their unwavering support and solidarity during the Executive Committee's first year in office.

Mr Adewoyin gave the commendation last Tuesday (January 27, 2026) while speaking at a meeting of the Chapel held at the Conference Room of the Directorate of Corporate Affairs.

While reflecting on the Exco's first year in Office, the Chairman highlighted key milestones and achievements recorded, attributing the successes to the collective efforts, dedication, and cooperation of members.

He noted that despite the challenges encountered during the year,



■ Mr Adewoyin

the Executive Council of the Chapel was able to navigate successfully, expressing appreciation for the trust and confidence reposed in the leadership by members of the Chapel.

Mr Adewoyin also commended the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo

Egbewole, SAN; the Registrar, Mr Mansur Adeleke Alfanla; the Director of Corporate Affairs, Mr Kunle Akogun; the General Manager of UNILORIN 89.3 FM, Mr Ibrahim Akintola Idris (Alooma); and other stakeholders for their support and contributions to the success of his administration.

Looking ahead to the second year, the Chairman outlined plans to prioritise members' welfare, strengthening of unity and professionalism, and promotion of high standards of journalism practice within the Directorate.

He appealed for continued support, prayers, and active participation from members.

Mr Adewoyin reaffirmed the commitment of the executive to serve the best interests of the Chapel and prayed for sustained growth, progress, and excellence for the UNILORIN NUJ Chapel.



Egbewole hails Qur'an memorisation contest

By Mustafa Abubakar

The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has described the 4th Inter-University Qur'an Memorisation Competition and the Merit Award for Distinguished Servants of the Qur'an organised by the Al-Hikmah University, Ilorin, as a moment of spiritual rejuvenation and intellectual refinement for Nigerian universities.

Speaking last Monday (January 26, 2026) at the event, Prof. Egbewole, represented by the Director of the Centre for International Education, Prof. Lateef Onireti, emphasised that the gathering was more than a ceremonial convergence, but a celebration of the Qur'an as a divine guidance, a moral compass, and a foundation for building upright individuals and a just society.

The Vice Chancellor noted that the

commitment of young men and women to memorising the Qur'an in contemporary times marked by moral distractions and material pressures was a beacon of hope for the future of the Muslim Ummah.

He added that universities are not only centres for the acquisition of worldly knowledge but also institutions for shaping character and values.

Prof. Egbewole commended Al-Hikmah University for sustaining an initiative that harmonises academic pursuit with spiritual growth and noted that the Distinguished Servants of the Qur'an Award symbolises society's appreciation of selfless individuals who have dedicated their resources, time, and energy to teaching, preserving, and propagating the Qur'an.

He urged parents, teachers, and religious institutions to continue providing enabling environments for youths to learn, memorise, and live by the

Qur'an, stressing that sincere effort attracts divine reward beyond material prizes.

Also speaking, the Vice Chancellor of Al-Hikmah University, Prof. Lateef Folorunsho Oladimeji, described the competition as a testament to the enduring importance of Qur'anic education in Nigerian universities.

Prof. Oladimeji pointed out that such initiatives nurture memorisation skills, cultivate discipline, resilience, and ethical awareness among students, and promote intellectual and spiritual enrichment. He praised the Centre for Islamic Heritage for reviving the competition after a six-year hiatus due to COVID-19 and commended the awardees for their exemplary contributions to Qur'anic memorisation and teaching across Nigeria.

Prof. Oladimeji urged other stakeholders—parents, educators, and religious institutions—to continue supporting initiatives that combine faith, scholarship, and moral development.

He added that recognising distinguished servants of the Qur'an inspires the younger generations to emulate their dedication and ensures the preservation and promotion of Islamic heritage.

Earlier, the Director of the Centre for Islamic Heritage, Al-Hikmah University, Dr Nafiu Ahmed Arikewuyo, welcomed participants and guests, expressing gratitude to Almighty Allah for the opportunity to host more than 20 universities from northern and southern Nigeria.

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Microbiology Dept. receives N100m materials to boost research on infectious disease

By Mustafa Abubakar

The Department of Microbiology, University of Ilorin, has received scientific consignment valued at €59,846.02 (approximately ₦100 million) for the xSTAR Project Nigeria. It also includes state-of-the-art laboratory equipment such as the Luminex MAGPIX® System, ultrasonic bath, microplate shakers, and other advanced instruments.

This was disclosed by the Principal Investigator of the xSTAR Project Nigeria and Team Lead of the Infectious Disease and Environmental Health Research Group, Prof. Olatunji Mathew Kolawole.

Speaking with *UNILORIN Bulletin* last Thursday (January 29, 2026), Prof. Kolawole expressed gratitude to God and the Vice Chancellor of the University, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, for creating an enabling environment for research, describing the grant as “one of the most significant research awards in Nigeria.”

The Principal Investigator also thanked collaborators from the Imperial College, London, and the Wellcome Trust for enabling the University to host a fully funded Ph.D. student, valued at £10,800 (₦19 million), calling it “outstanding and the first of its kind.”

Prof. Kolawole said that the grant provides next-generation equipment for molecular research and methodological investigations, including instruments unique in Nigeria for virus detection for early outbreak response.



According to him, the Department of Microbiology will conduct studies in collaboration with 14 other African nations and UK institutions, strengthening the University's capacity for outbreak response and infectious disease surveillance.

“This is a big win not just for the University but also for Kwara State and Nigeria,” Prof. Kolawole said.

“The equipment and grant will support national surveillance, and the University of Ilorin will serve as a gateway for pandemic investigation and response. The grant also enables us to pilot an Infectious Disease Modelling Laboratory at the Department of Microbiology, to be pioneered by the fully funded Ph.D. student, further

strengthening our research profile,” he added.

While appreciating the gesture, the Head of the Department of Microbiology, Prof. Ismaila Olawale Sule, described the development as “very great and honourable,” expressing appreciation to Prof. Kolawole for bringing the programme to the Department during his tenure.

He noted that students from the Department and other allied faculties will also benefit from the project.

He added, “We are grateful to the founders of the project, Wellcome Trust, in collaboration with Imperial College London and the University of Ilorin, for giving us the right support from inception.

The partnerships with institutions in France, Senegal, and other African nations are also commendable.”

The consignment and associated Ph.D. programme mark a significant advancement in infectious disease research in Nigeria, positioning the University of Ilorin as a leading hub for virology, public health, and biomedical research in the country.





Egbewole hails Qur'an memorisation contest

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He noted that the competition, now in its 4th edition, included expanded participation and introduced the Distinguished Servant of the Qur'an Award, bestowed on Hon. Afees Adelowo Jimoh Onaara and Mr Ibrahim Atanda for their outstanding contributions to Qur'anic education.

The grand finale also celebrated the brilliance and devotion of the participants. A female medical student from Igbinedion University, Firdaws Idris, and an Engineering student of

Bayero University, Kano, Sodiq Ahmed AbdulRahman, emerged as winners of Categories A and B, respectively.

Other top performers included Abdulmuneen Abubakar Al-Imam (Al-Hikmah University), Ziyadatul Khayr Al-Ameen (University of Ilorin), Atukale AbdulQadir Olarewaju (University of Lagos), and Sheriffdeen AbdulRaheem Akin (University of Abuja).

The event was later attended by the Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, and other

Principal Officers of the University; the GrandKhadi of the Sharia Court, Kwara State, Justice Abdullateef Muhammad Kamaldeen; Deans, Directors of Centres, senior academics, Islamic scholars from Al-Hikmah University and other Islamic Schools; jurists, traditional rulers, parents, guardians, and representatives of the participating universities.

The grand finale blended scholarship, spirituality, and celebration, leaving participants and guests inspired by the power of the Qur'an to shape minds and morals across Nigeria's campuses.

New Appointments

NAME	FACULTY / DEPARTMENT	APPOINTMENT	EFFECTIVE DATE
P.O. Awolola	Basic Medical Sciences/Anatomy	Acting Director, Laboratory Services	1 st January, 2026
Dr Abdulrahman O. Otuoze	Engineering & Technology/Electrical and Electronics Engineering	Acting Head, Department of Electrical and Electronics Engineering	23 rd January, 2026

Open Ph.D. Theses Defence

S/NO	NAME	FACULTY/DEPARTMENT	TITLE	DATE & TIME	VENUE
1.	ADESINA, Ayodele Joshua	Engineering & Technology/Electrical and Electronics Engineering	Development of an on-premise Infrastructure as a Service (IaaS) Security Architecture for Multi-cloud Environment	Monday 9 th February, 2026	Conference Room (Department of Electrical Engineering)
2.	AKINGBADE, Akinsuyi James	Physical Sciences/Mathematics	Mathematical Modelling and Optimal Control of Avian Influenza and Avian Tuberculosis Transmissions from Birds to Humans	Monday 19 th January, 2026	PG Board Room, Postgraduate Building, Best Unilorin Dam (Virtual Presentation)



UNILORIN WEEKLY FINANCIAL DIGEST

FUND SOURCES AND UTILIZATION REPORT FROM 22ND TO 29TH JANUARY 2026

RECEIPTS:	AMOUNT
Academic Transcript	10,000.00
Sundry & Other Fees Student Charges	503,100.00
Sundry Other Incomes	453,725.92
Income from Verification /Screening	550,000.00
Staff I.D Cards	1,000.00
Student I.D Card	4,000.00
Administrative Charges Income	3,000.00
Clinic Registration (Staff)	146,000.00
Convocation Souvenir	127,900.00
Others	3,000.00
Income from Fitness Centre	2,000.00
Boarded Property	87,000.00
Rent on University Property	5,000.00
University of Ilorin -1000115 Fees	10,000.00
CODL-Undergraduate Charges	100,080.00
Undergraduate Transcript Payment	621,300.00
Undergraduate School Charges	119,674.00
Undergraduate Convocation Charges	40,400.00
Postgraduate School Charges	13,161,221.00
Postgraduate School Transcript Payment	235,700.00
Postgraduate Application Form	1,512,000.00
Postgraduate School Acceptance Payment	40,200.00
Postgraduate School Verification of Results	40,400.00
Remedial Application Form	15,200.00
Remedial Acceptance Payment	15,200.00
Remedial School Charges	457,800.00
Ilorin Business School Charges	199,800.00
Ilorin Business School Verification of Results	40,400.00
Ilorin Business School Application Form	50,400.00
Ilorin Business School Acceptance Payment	704,000.00
Institute of Education Hostel Accommodation	60,600.00
Institute of Education School Charges	105,540.40
Institute of Education Acceptance Payment	30,400.00
Institute of Education Application Form	15,200.00
JUPEB School Charges	1,546,000.00
Total Receipt for the Period	₦21,017,241.32
PAYMENTS	
PAYMENT TO CONTRACTORS/SUPPLIERS:	
Noab Global Concept Ltd Servicing of Generator	167,700.00
A.E. Sani & Co Hostel Facility Manager for 2025/2026	1,792,000.00
Nasat & Sons Nig Ltd Hostel Facility Manager for 2025/2026	8,960,000.00
Sulronhallmark Nig Ltd Hostel Facility Manager for 2025/2026	3,584,000.00
Generation Merchants Nig Ltd Hostel Facility Manager for 2025/2026	5,152,000.00
Sheylats Multiglobal Nig Ltd Hostel Facility Manager for 2025/2026	4,872,000.00
Kosemani face Venture Hostel Facility Manager for 2025/2026	3,136,000.00
Atlantic Height Apex Projects Hostel Facility Manager for 2025/2026	3,360,000.00
Famotrust Nig Ltd Hostel Facility Manager for 2025/2026	3,444,000.00
Turaklean Ent Hostel Facility Manager for 2025/2026	616,000.00
Ayeloja Engineering Ltd Construction of low Tension Line	4,857,684.98
Vintage Press Ltd Advertisement	328,355.25
Ibadan Electricity Distribution Coy (Baboko) Electricity bill for December 2025	544,374.00
Ibadan Electricity Distribution Coy (Challenge) Electricity bill for December 2025	154,566,273.43
OTHER PAYMENTS:	
Various Various i.e DTA, IMPREST, REFUND e.t.c	50,305,407.12
Purchase Advance Various	4,450,300.00
Unilorin Petrol Stations Supply of Fuel	2,631,154.70
Unilorin Researchers Lodges Hotel Expenses	1,156,400.00
Unilorin Guest House Catering Services	4,388,253.80
Unilorin Holding Ltd Supply of Fuel	2,767,275.00
Total TSA Charges Various	49,084.50
Total payment for the period	₦261,128,262.78

Signed
Abiodun Lawal FCNA
Bursar



S/N	NAME	DEPARTMENT	BIRTHDAY
1	ALABI RAPHAEL AYODELE	REGISTRY	01-Feb
2	OGUNTOYE STEPHEN OLUBUNMI	CHEMISTRY	01-Feb
3	ATOYEBOI JOEL ADEBARE	LINGUISTICS & NIGERIAN LANGUAGES	01-Feb
4	AWOYIOLA TAIWO	WORKS: ELECTRICAL/TELECOM	01-Feb
	OGUNYINKA FESTUS OLUBUNMI	DIRECTORATE OF CORPORATE AFFAIRS	01-Feb
5	AFOLABI TIMOTHY	SECURITY DIVISION	01-Feb
6	ALAMU AKITI GLORY	RELIGIONS	01-Feb
7	IBRAHIM ALIYU OLOWO	REGISTRY	01-Feb
8	OYENIYI OLATUNJI MICHAEL	REGISTRY	01-Feb
9	TUNDE VICTORIA LOLA	REGISTRY	01-Feb
10	SANNI-SULEIMAN AFSAT	FRENCH	01-Feb
11	BELLO YEKEEN	ARTS EDUCATION	02-Feb
12	LAWAL OLANREWAJU RIDWAN	HOME ECONOMICS & FOOD SCIENCE	02-Feb
13	BELLO KABIR OLAMILEKAN	BIOCHEMISTRY	02-Feb
14	AKOGUN IBRAHIM GANIYU KUNLE	DIRECTORATE OF CORPORATE AFFAIRS	02-Feb
15	ADEYEMI-ALE OLUTOMI ADEOLA	ZOOLOGY	02-Feb
16	OLAJOYE DAVID OLAYINKA	REGISTRY	02-Feb
17	ALABI SARAH OLUWAFUNMILAYO	WEB SUPPORT SERVICES	02-Feb
18	ADEJOYE ABDULRASHEED ABIODUN	THE PERFORMING ARTS	02-Feb
19	JIMOH YUSUF	UNILORIN ZOO	02-Feb
20	ADEBIYI GANIYU TAYO	SECURITY DIVISION	02-Feb
21	SALAWU RAIMI	SECURITY DIVISION	02-Feb
22	MUHAMMED IYABO	SECURITY DIVISION	02-Feb
23	OLAREWAJU AKANDE	SECURITY DIVISION	02-Feb
24	JIMOH ABDULRAHAMAN TOYIN	PHYSICAL PLANNING UNIT	02-Feb
25	ABDULRAHEEM RASHEEDAT BOLANLE	HEALTH SERVICES	02-Feb
26	ANNONGU AZOR AMOS	ANIMAL PRODUCTION	02-Feb
27	ABDULLAHI ADAMU NDAMAN	MEDICINE	02-Feb
28	OLANREWAJU TIMOTHY OLUSEGUN	MEDICINE	02-Feb
29	KURANGA FATAI OMOTOSHO	OPTOMETRY & VISION SCIENCE	02-Feb
30	ATTAHIR MUHAMMED JIMU	SECURITY DIVISION	02-Feb
31	ABDULRAZAQ OLANREWAJU MUTALIB	LIBRARY	02-Feb
32	SA'ADU SIMBIAT	REGISTRY	02-Feb
33	ABUBAKAR SIDIQ BABATUNDE	SECURITY DIVISION	02-Feb
34	MAHAMUD HAFEEZ OWOLABI	COMPUTER ENGINEERING	02-Feb
35	UMAR ABUBAKAR YARU	PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION	02-Feb
36	MOHAMMED KAFAYAT ABIOLA	REGISTRY	02-Feb
37	SULEIMAN YEKEEN ALARAN	SECURITY DIVISION	02-Feb
38	SHUAIB JAMIU	REGISTRY	02-Feb
39	ODUNOLA GANIYU TAIYE	BURSARY	02-Feb
40	SAADUDEEN ABDULRASHEED AJIBOLA	MASS COMMUNICATION	02-Feb
41	YUSUF SULAIMAN AL-GAMAWIY	ARABIC	02-Feb
42	IBRAHIM ABDULFATAH OLAREWAJU	REGISTRY	02-Feb
43	OLADEJO TAJUDEEN ABEFE	RELIGIONS	02-Feb
44	OYEYEMI BOLAJI FATAI	ZOOLOGY	02-Feb
45	SALIU BOLANLE KUDIRAT	MICROBIOLOGY	03-Feb
46	ISHOLA TAJUDEEN ABIODUN	AGRIC. & BIOSYSTEMS ENGINEERING	03-Feb
47	KATIBI IBRAHEEM ADEOLA	MEDICINE	03-Feb
48	OSEMENE OLUBUNMI FLORENCE	ACCOUNTING	03-Feb
49	SANNI RASHEED ISHOLA	WORKS: MECHANICAL	03-Feb
50	AYENI TIMOTHY	WORKS: WORKS/MAINT. OFFICE	03-Feb
51	MUSTAPHA FARIDAH	REGISTRY	03-Feb
52	ABDULLAHI FATIMOH BINTU	SECURITY DIVISION	03-Feb

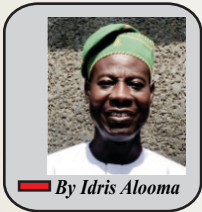
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S/N	NAME	DEPARTMENT	BIRTHDAY
53	OYEDEPO ADEOLA MARGARET	COMPUTER BASED TEST	03-Feb
54	OLADIPO IDOWU DAUDA	COMPUTER SCIENCE	03-Feb
55	WILLIAMS FELICIA ESEMEKIPHORARO	PHARMACEUTICAL MICROBIOLOGY & BIOTECHNOLOGY	03-Feb
56	OLAOYE ADELEKE TEMITOPE	NETWORK OPERATING CENTRE	03-Feb
57	AFOLAYAN JOEL ADELEKE	NURSING SCIENCE	03-Feb
58	LAWAL ABDULRASHEED KAYODE	VETERINARY PUBLIC HEALTH & PREVENTIVE MEDICINE	03-Feb
59	KUTI KAREEM BABATUNDE	REGISTRY	03-Feb
60	ADELABU JOY KIKELOMO	ARCHITECTURE	03-Feb
61	AKINYEMI JOSHUA KOLADE	WORKS: ELECTRICAL/TELECOM	04-Feb
62	OMOTOSO ASAKE ABIMBOLA	AGRONOMY	04-Feb
63	OLABANJI VICTORIA BOSEDE	CENTRE FOR INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION	04-Feb
64	KOLAWOLE ABIOLA	REGISTRY	04-Feb
65	ABDULLAHI MUTAIRU	WORKS: WORKS/MAINT. OFFICE	04-Feb
66	OMOLEKAN OLUSHOLA JOSHUA	BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION	04-Feb
67	ABDUL ABDULRAHEEM	CLINICAL PHARMACY & PHARMACY PRACTICE	04-Feb
68	SIDEEQ ABUBAKAR LUKMAN	VETERINARY PATHOLOGY	04-Feb
69	NWOKEH ASSUMPTA OGECHI	REGISTRY	04-Feb
70	ABDULRAHEEM NURUDEEN TOYIN	SURGERY	04-Feb
71	IBRAHEEM ISMAIL AREMU	WORKS: WORKS/MAINT. OFFICE	05-Feb
72	ADENIRAN SUNDAY ADEBUNMI	PLANT BIOLOGY	05-Feb
73	BABAFEMI GRACE OLABISI	LIBRARY	05-Feb
74	ABDULSALAM OYENIYI BILIAMIN	WORKS: ELECTRICAL/TELECOM	05-Feb
75	YAKUBU ALIYU	UNILORIN SUGAR RESEARCH INSTITUTE	05-Feb
76	BAMIDELE FOLAKE FLORENCE	REGISTRY	05-Feb
77	FALOWO OLUSHOLA NAHEEM	BURSARY	05-Feb
78	KIGIR ESTHER SOLOMON	VETERINARY ANATOMY	05-Feb
79	ABDULWAHAB KUDIRAT ADENIKE	CHEMISTRY	05-Feb
80	JINADU AJIBOLA WASIU	BURSARY	05-Feb
81	OLUMOH ISMAIL ADEBAYO	LIBRARY	05-Feb
82	ADESINA ADEDOYIN VICTORIA	REGISTRY	05-Feb
83	OLAWALE ABIMBOLA OMOTOJESI	REGISTRY	05-Feb
84	SAMINU SANI	BIOMEDICAL ENGINEERING	05-Feb
85	OMOTOSHO BASHIRAT AJOKI	DIRECTORATE OF CORPORATE AFFAIRS	05-Feb
86	ERNEST MONINUOLA ADEBUSOLA	DENTISTRY	05-Feb
87	AJOKPANIOVO MICHAEL	COUNSELLOR EDUCATION	06-Feb
88	BABA DARE ABUBAKAR	HEALTH PROMOTION & ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH EDU	06-Feb
89	BABATUNDE SHOLA TIMOTHY	ENGLISH	06-Feb
90	NUHU UMAR	SECURITY DIVISION	06-Feb
91	OLUNKA JOHN ALUNKA	REGISTRY	06-Feb
92	SAHEED MOHAMMED TUNDE	WORKS: CIVIL/BUILDING	06-Feb
93	HANAFI SULEIMAN OLESIN	WORKS: WORKS/MAINT. OFFICE	06-Feb
94	LAWAL-IBRAHIM FALILAT AYO	NURSING SCIENCE	06-Feb
95	IPADEOLA OYEDAPO ADEMUYIWA	SURVEYING & GEO-INFORMATICS	06-Feb
96	ABDULLAHI FATIMA ALABI	REGISTRY	06-Feb
97	AFOLABI KAFILAT ADEOLA	EDUCATIONAL MANAGEMENT	07-Feb
98	OMOIYA MARIDIYAT OMOWUMI	UNILORIN STAFF SCHOOL	07-Feb
99	DANMAIDUKA SALAMAT OMOTAYO	CENTRE FOR STUDENTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS	07-Feb
100	NMOM IKEOLA OLUFUNKE	HOME ECONOMICS & FOOD SCIENCE	07-Feb
101	OGUNBIYI OLATUNDE OYEWOLE	RELIGIONS	07-Feb
102	ADEMOLA OLAOLUWA JOHN	ZOOLOGY	07-Feb
103	MALIK NURUDEEN ADESOLA	GEOGRAPHY & ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT	07-Feb
104	SALMAN ABIOLA RAMAT	WEB SUPPORT SERVICES	07-Feb
105	YUSUF MUSILIU OLAWALE	WORKS: WORKS/MAINT. OFFICE	07-Feb
106	SALMAN MORADEKE BALIKIS	REGISTRY	07-Feb
107	AJIBOYE AYE TAIWO	COMPUTER ENGINEERING	07-Feb
108	SULYMAN RUMANAT ALAAYA	BURSARY	07-Feb

Transforming JAMB: Oloyede's roadmap to world-class excellence



As Emeritus Prof. Ishaq Olanrewaju Oloyede took the podium at the BON Hotel, Ikeja, Lagos, on Sunday, January

25, 2026, the anticipation was palpable. The gathering of media executives was eager to hear about the strides JAMB has made under his leadership. "The proof of the pudding is in the eating," and the address of the JAMB Registrar did not disappoint.

In his opening remarks, Emeritus Prof. Oloyede expressed his sincere appreciation for the unwavering support of the media, saying, "Your commitment to accurate, fair, and timely coverage has strengthened public understanding of our work." This statement echoed the African proverb, "If you want to go fast, go alone; if you want to go far, go together."

The purpose of the meeting was clear: to review JAMB's performance, highlight its achievements, and chart a course for the future. Prof. Oloyede's vision for JAMB is to become a world-class examination body, providing credible and reliable services. To achieve this, he has introduced innovative measures, such as Computer-Based Testing (CBT) and biometric verification, to curb examination malpractice.

One of the notable initiatives is the discontinuation of Trial-testing Mock Examination, which had become a conduit for malpractices. As Prof. Oloyede put it, "Fighting examination malpractice is a war, let's fight it together." The Board has also intensified its efforts to curb identity manipulation, with severe penalties for those found guilty.

Prof. Oloyede's vision for JAMB is a beacon of hope for Nigeria's education sector, and his commitment to transparency and accountability is a breath of fresh air. His leadership has injected much-needed transparency into JAMB's operations, making him a deserving recipient of kudos.

The introduction of CBT and biometric verification has curbed examination malpractice, and JAMB's efforts to curb identity manipulation are commendable. The discontinuation of Trial-testing Mock Examination is a step in the right direction, and the accreditation of 924 CBT centers is a testament to JAMB's commitment to



■ Emeritus Prof. Oloyede

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excellence.

The 2026 registration exercise has commenced with Prof. Oloyede emphasising the importance of transparency, stating, "All centers participating in the UTME registration exercise would be monitored live from JAMB Headquarters." Candidates are advised to register early, as spaces in preferred examination towns may be limited.

Prof. Oloyede's roadmap for JAMB is clear: innovation, transparency, and accountability. With these guiding principles, JAMB is poised to become a world-class examination body, providing credible and reliable services to Nigerians. JAMB's initiatives are a model for other examination bodies to emulate, and Prof. Oloyede's leadership is a recipe for success.

As the saying goes, "A tree is known by its fruit," and JAMB's

achievements under Prof. Oloyede's stewardship are a testament to his commitment to excellence. He has indeed transformed JAMB, and his legacy will continue to inspire generations to come.

Prof. Oloyede's tenure as JAMB Registrar has been marked by transformative achievements and unwavering commitment to excellence. Appointed in 2016 and reappointed for a second term in 2021, Prof. Oloyede has driven innovation, introducing Computer-Based Testing (CBT) and biometric verification to curb examination malpractice. His leadership has earned him national recognition, including prestigious awards such as the Commander of the Order of the Niger (CON) in 2022, Officer of the Order of the Federal Republic (OFR) in 2014, and National Productivity Order of Merit (NPOM) Award in 2019.

In recognition of his outstanding contributions, Prof. Oloyede has received numerous honors, including the Nigeria Excellence Award in Public Service (Education Category) in 2022, Integrity Public Servant Personality of the Year (2021), and Icon of Education Transformation and Peace in 2023.

The University of Ilorin has conferred upon him the well-deserved and merited title of Emeritus Professor, acknowledging his exceptional scholarship and academic prowess. As Chairman of the Committee on Eradication of Examination Malpractice, appointed by the Minister of Education, Dr. Maruf Olatunji Alausa, Prof. Oloyede is spearheading efforts to restore integrity in Nigeria's education system. His initiatives, such as the National Tertiary Admissions' Performance-Merit Award (NATAP-M), promote merit and best practices in admissions. With his visionary leadership, Prof. Oloyede continues to shape Nigeria's education sector, inspiring generations to come.

His commitment to transparency and accountability has made JAMB a model for other examination bodies, earning him praise from former and present Education Ministers Adamu Adamu and Dr. Maruf Olatunji Alausa.

In conclusion, Prof. Oloyede's vision, leadership, and commitment to excellence have earned him the respect and admiration of Nigerians. Kudos to Prof. Oloyede for a job well done! His roadmap to world class excellence is a beacon of hope for a brighter future in Nigeria's education sector.



- In an opinion article, the General Manager of UNILORIN FM, Radio station, and Deputy Director, Corporate Affairs, University of Ilorin, Mr. Idris Alooma, has said that the University has highlighted the vision of the Registrar of the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB), Emeritus Professor Is'haq Oloyede to turn JAMB into a world-class examination body.
("OPINION: Transforming JAMB: Prof. Oloyede's Roadmap to World-class Excellence", <https://toowritersmagazine.wordpress.com>; "OPINION: Transforming JAMB: Prof. Oloyede's Roadmap to World-class Excellence", <https://solidmedia974482984.wordpress.com>; "OPINION: Transforming JAMB: Prof. Oloyede's Roadmap to World-class Excellence", <https://theidealnewsworld.blogspot.com>; "OPINION: Transforming JAMB: Prof. Oloyede's Roadmap to World-class Excellence", <https://theproximaneews.blogspot.com>)
- The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has expressed shock over the death of the Director of the Linguistics Immersion Centre, University of Ilorin, Prof. Badmas Olanrewaju Yusuf

("UNILORIN VC, varsity mourn death of renowned Islamic scholar", <https://punchng.com>; "Egbewole expresses shock over Prof. Yusuf's death", <https://newtekegeaphng.com>; "Egbewole expresses shock over Prof. Yusuf's death", <http://www.dailytopic.com>; "Unilorin VC mourns Islamic scholar, Yusuf", <https://decency.home.blog>; Ekir of Ilorin, VC Unilorin Egbewole mourns Professor Lanre Badmas, <https://peoplevoiceng.blogspot.com>; "Egbewole expresses shock over Prof. Yusuf's death", <https://royalnews.com.ng>; "Egbewole expresses shock over Prof. Yusuf's death", <https://dailylinks.ng>; "Egbewole expresses shock over Prof. Yusuf's death", <https://theproximaneews.blogspot.com>; "Egbewole expresses shock over Prof. Yusuf's death", <https://choicereporters.com>; "Egbewole expresses shock over Prof. Yusuf's death", <https://www.windgatenews.ng>; "Egbewole expresses shock over Prof. Yusuf's death", <https://www.factualnaija.com>; "Egbewole expresses shock over Prof. Yusuf's death", <https://radionigeriaharmonyfm.com>; "Egbewole expresses shock over Prof. Yusuf's death", <https://www.dailyinfolink24.wordpress.com>



Ku8+ VCs commend Egbewole's leadership

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The Registrar of the University of Ilorin, Mr. Mansur Adeleke Alfaola, lauded the Chairman's hands-on leadership style and the collective commitment of KU8+ members in translating ideas into measurable achievements.

Mr Alfaola observed that the success of the Consortium was driven by prompt institutional responses, dedication of staff, especially staff of the University of Ilorin, and a shared determination to make KU8+ a national model that could be adopted as policy across states.

The Director of Administration of KU8+, Mr John Aiyedun, described his engagement

with the Consortium as a rare professional learning opportunity that broadened his exposure through close interaction with university chief executives.

He acknowledged the capacity-building benefits of the platform and advocated the deliberate inclusion of Registry and non-teaching staff in future KU8+ international conferences to encourage wider participation and institutional learning.

In his view, the Vice Chancellor of Ojaja University, Ilorin, Prof. Jelil Ojuade, commended the Chairman of KU8+ and Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, for initiating and nurturing an idea that has grown into a model of inter-university collaboration

admired within and outside Nigeria. He noted that the vision introduced at the formative stage of the Consortium has translated into practical benefits that have made administration, research collaboration, and capacity development easier for universities in Kwara State.

Prof. Ojuade also praised Prof. Egbewole for providing inclusive and selfless leadership that has mobilised the expertise of academics and administrators across disciplines in support of KU8+. He acknowledged the commitment of the Principal Officers and staff of the University of Ilorin, whose readiness to support the Consortium reflects the leadership example set by Prof. Egbewole and has been central to the sustained success and growing impact of KU8+.



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By Tajudeen Babamale

The Chairman of the Consortium of Universities in Kwara State (KU8+) and Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has been commended for his visionary leadership, commitment to collaboration, and sustained support for emerging universities in the state.

This was the consensus of the Vice Chancellors and Principal Officers of member institutions of the KU8+ in different goodwill messages delivered penultimate Saturday (January 24, 2026) at the 3rd anniversary celebration of KU8+. The event was held at the Council Chamber of the University of Ilorin, where they described the Consortium as a transformative initiative that has deepened inter-university cooperation, mentorship, and strategic resource sharing.

Leading the discussion, the Vice Chancellor of Kwara State University of Education (KWASUED), Ilorin, Prof. Medinat Folorunso Salman, expressed gratitude to the University of Ilorin for accepting her institution into the Consortium and for releasing her to serve at KWASUED.

Prof. Salman acknowledged the steady institutional backing she received from UNILORIN since her assumption of office, noting that the support was particularly evident during the successful conduct of the University's Matriculation.

She appealed to other member universities to continue to strengthen mutual assistance and solidarity as KU8+ continues to grow and consolidate its achievements.

On his part, the Ag. Vice Chancellor of Jimoh Babalola University, Ilorin, Prof. Muftau Adeniyi Ijaiya, praised the University of Ilorin for the extensive mentorship provided to his institution, especially in key areas such as resource verification, staff training, library development, and admission processes.

Prof. Ijaiya explained that the technical and professional guidance accessed through KU8+ significantly eased the early operational challenges of the University, adding that the Consortium had created a dependable framework for sustainable institutional development within Kwara State.

Also speaking, the Vice Chancellor of the African School of Economics, Abuja, who is also the pioneer Vice Chancellor of Ahman Patigi University (APU), Pategi, Prof. Mahfouz Adebola Adedimeji, described the establishment of

KU8+ as a landmark development within the Nigerian University system.

While noting that the collaborative model adopted by the Consortium has begun to inspire similar initiatives in other parts of the country, Prof. Adedimeji said the leadership provided by Prof. Egbewole had helped to reposition the universities as engines of access, capacity building, and national development through shared resources, friendship, and collective growth.

The Ag. Vice Chancellor of Abdurasaq Abubakar Toyin University, Ganmo, Prof. Abdulrauf Ambali, acknowledged the direct mentorship role assigned to the University of Ilorin by the National Universities Commission (NUC) over his University and other young ones.

While noting that the Registry support, staff deployment, and administrative guidance from UNILORIN were critical to stabilising the young institution during its formative stages, Prof. Ambali reaffirmed his University's commitment to learning from the KU8+ experience and sustaining the gains already recorded through continuous collaboration.

On his part, the Vice Chancellor of Muhammad Kamalud-Deen University, Ilorin, Prof. Rasheed Gbenga Jimoh, described the formation of KU8+ as a legacy initiative with far-reaching impact. He noted that the Consortium provided clarity, direction, and confidence for relatively young universities that initially faced daunting start-up challenges.

He stressed that many of the achievements recorded by his institution were directly linked to the mentorship, guidance, and leadership offered through the KU8+ platform.

Also speaking, the Vice Chancellor of Kwara State University, Malete, Prof. Shaykh-Luqman Alade Jimoh, applauded Prof. Egbewole for initiating the establishment of the group.

Prof. Jimoh recalled that the idea of inter-university collaboration in Kwara State had long been advocated by past leadership before it finally materialised under the current KU8+ structure.

He commended the strong culture of staff exchange among member universities, particularly through sabbatical appointments, and called for further strengthening of the initiative to enhance capacity development and knowledge transfer.

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