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Egbewole reaffirms commitment to UNILORIN-German varsity collaboration

By Tajudeen Babamale

The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has reaffirmed the institution's commitment to strengthening its academic partnership with Friedrich Schiller University, Jena, Germany.

Prof. Egbewole gave this assurance last Monday (March 2, 2026) at the Vice Chancellor's Committee room when he received scholars from the German University who were at the University of Ilorin for the Public Lecture Series organised by the Centre for International Education (CIE).

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■ Prof. Egbewole (left) and Prof. Christoph Vatter during the visit

VC commends Unilorite for developing emergency App

...applauds TEC

By Tajudeen Babamale

The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has commanded a 400-level student of the Department of Criminology and Security Studies, Mr Pelumi Banabas, for developing a campus emergency response application, describing the innovation as timely and impactful. He also applauded the Technical and Entrepreneurship

Centre (TEC) of the institution for its effective mentorship that led to the successful development of the App.

Prof. Egbewole gave this commendation last Monday (March 2, 2026) while receiving winners of the 2026 TEC ASBE Innovation Summit in his office. The meeting was organised to formally introduce the Start-Up winners, the Scale-Up winner and the Talent Hunt winners to the University management. (Contd. on page 5)



■ Prof. Egbewole

Etejere urges stakeholders to embrace inclusiveness in educational setting

By Abubakar Imam

Former Head of the Department of Educational Management, University of Ilorin, Prof. Patricia Agnes Ovigueraye Etejere, has called for the establishment of a gender-responsive educational system in Nigeria in order to facilitate proper national development.

Prof. Etejere made the call last Thursday (March 5, 2026) while

delivering the 298th Inaugural Lecture of the University, titled "Two Wings, One Bird: Why Education Cannot Fly Without Gender Equality", at the University Auditorium.

The veteran teacher said that to ensure equality among members of the two sexes, universities, colleges, and secondary schools should be seen as inclusive spaces where access, participation, achievement, and leadership opportunities are equitably distributed. (Contd. on page 4)



■ Prof. Etejere

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Egbewole leads call for stronger research culture among W/African varsities

By Tajudeen Babamale

The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin and Chairman of the Steering Committee of the Association of West Africa Universities (AWAU), Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has led a renewed call on West African universities to strengthen research culture, embrace innovation, and deepen regional collaboration to advance development in the sub-region.

The call formed part of the resolutions at the 11th Annual Conference and 13th Annual General Meeting of the Association held from Tuesday, February 17, to Friday, February 20, 2026 at the Foreign Service Academy, Freetown, Sierra Leone.

The conference was declared open by the President of Sierra Leone, Julius Maada Bio, who was represented by the country's Minister for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Timothy Kabba.

The Sierra Leonean President commended the decision to grant the country the hosting rights and noted that the conference came at a time when the country is serving as the Chair of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS). He assured the Association of government support in advancing intellectual engagement on innovation and quality assurance.

In a communiqué issued at the end of the Conference, participants observed that many universities in West Africa remain heavily dependent on Western frameworks for initiating, validating and publishing research, a situation that often shapes research priorities and funding directions away from local development needs.

Another concern raised was the inadequate integration of indigenous knowledge systems into mainstream academic research despite their potential contributions to locally driven innovation and development.

Participants also noted that regulatory and accreditation differences across the region sometimes limit seamless collaboration and academic mobility among universities.

To address these challenges, the Conference resolved that universities in



■ Prof. Egbewole addressing the AWAU Conference

the region should strengthen research sovereignty by developing internationally recognised regional journals and improving local peer-review and quality assurance mechanisms.

Participants also called on universities to strategically integrate Artificial Intelligence (AI) into teaching, research and governance in order to support scientific advancement and economic development.

The Conference, which was chaired by Prof. Egbewole, also resolved that the linguistic, cultural and institutional diversity of West Africa should be embraced as a strength capable of enriching research collaboration and knowledge exchange among universities.

Regulatory bodies were also urged to harmonise qualification frameworks and accreditation systems in order to facilitate academic mobility and strengthen cross-border research partnerships.

In addition, the Conference explained the need to deepen the triple-helix model of collaboration involving universities, industry and government as a means of promoting innovation-driven development in the sub-region.

Participants were consequently charged to build sustainable research ecosystems, align innovation with robust quality assurance systems and promote Africa-led research agendas grounded in

indigenous knowledge and global best practices.

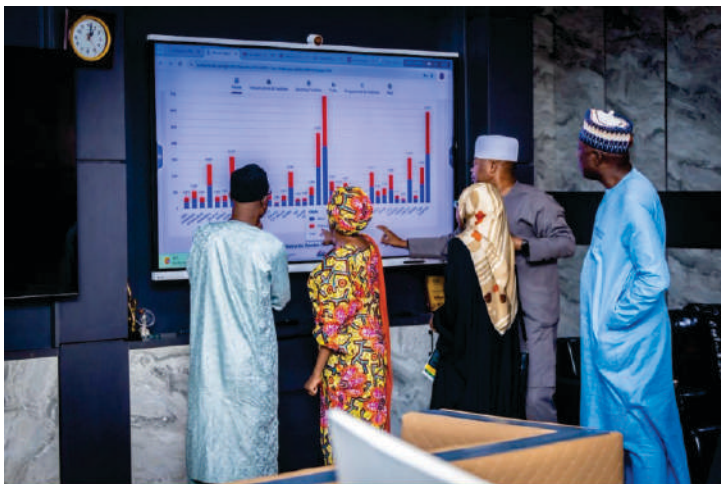
To advance these objectives, the leadership of the Association was mandated to seek an audience with the Chairman of the ECOWAS to consolidate its strategic plans aimed at strengthening regional cooperation in higher education and research.

The conference attracted participants from several countries, including Nigeria, Ghana, Sierra Leone, The Gambia and Morocco, with participants commending the Government of Sierra Leone and the Local Organising Committee for successfully hosting the Conference.

Goodwill messages were also delivered by several stakeholders in higher education, including the Registrar and Chief Executive of the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB), Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, who stressed the importance of strengthening quality assurance mechanisms and regional academic cooperation among universities in West Africa.

The Consortium of Kwara Universities (KU8+), represented by the Vice Chancellor of Kwara State University (KWASU), Malete, Prof. Shaykh Luqman Jimoh, as well as the representatives of the Association of African Universities (AAU), also presented solidarity messages.

VC's VISIT TO THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF THE UNIVERSAL BASIC EDUCATION COMMISSION, HAJIA AISHA GARBA, TO SOLICIT SUPPORT FOR THE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL, UNIVERSITY OF ILORIN



Egbewole tasks lawyers on nation-building

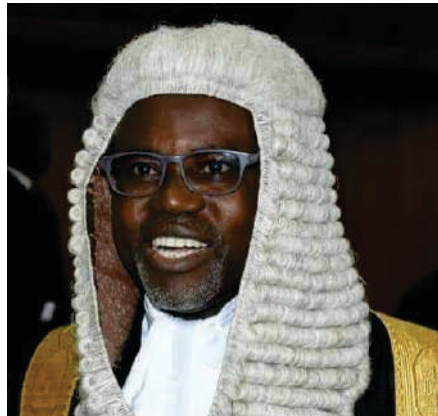
By Abubakar Imam

The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has encouraged legal practitioners across the country to always prioritise nation-building in the discharge of their responsibilities.

Prof. Egbewole gave this advice last Thursday (March 5, 2026) while delivering a keynote address at the 2026 Second Annual Lecture of the Body of Benchers held in Abuja.

The Vice Chancellor, who is a distinguished Professor of Jurisprudence and International Law, explained that the role of legal practitioners remains very significant in nation-building, particularly in an heterogeneous nation like Nigeria.

Prof. Egbewole urged lawyers to always go beyond courtroom advocacy by ensuring constant demonstration of



Prof. Egbewole integrity, courage and unwavering commitment to the rule of law.

The Vice Chancellor, who is also the Secretary-General of the Association of West African Universities (AWAU), said that public interest in the justice system depends largely on the ethical conduct of members of the profession.

Speaking earlier, the immediate

past Chief Justice of Nigeria, Justice Olukayode Ariwoola, pointed out that the gathering provided an opportunity for introspection and to chart a new path towards sustaining ethics and enhancing professionalism within the legal profession.

Also speaking, the Chief Justice of Nigeria, Justice Kudirat Kekere-Ekun, explained that the core responsibilities of the Body of Benchers include the preservation of discipline and protection of the integrity of the profession, which would help in shaping public confidence in the justice system.

The event was attended by many dignitaries including the Attorney-General of the Federation and Minister of Justice, Mr Lateef Olasunkanmi Fagbemi, SAN; the President of the Nigerian Bar Association, Mr Afam Osigwe, SAN, and several Senior Advocates of Nigeria.



VC urges private hostel owners to prioritise student welfare

By Tajudeen Babamale

The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has urged private hostel owners within the University campus to ensure that students are provided with quality services in line with agreements with the institution.

Prof. Egbewole made the call last Monday (March 2, 2026) during a meeting with the newly elected Executive Committee Members of the Private Hostel Owners held in his Office. The delegation was led by the Chairman, Mr William Adedeji.

While acknowledging the commercial nature of their investments, the Vice Chancellor stated that profit should

not compromise student welfare, saying that “students have been responsible, cooperative, and respectful of University regulations, therefore, hostels must not cut corners in ways that deny students the services they have rightfully paid for”.

The Vice Chancellor congratulated the new exco members on their election, noting that leadership reflects the confidence entrusted in them by their colleagues. He expressed optimism that the Executive Committee would take a proactive approach to ensure compliance with University agreements with private hostels, rather than reacting only when issues arise.

He also made it clear that the University would take appropriate action if hostel owners fail to meet the expected standards, stressing the importance of mutual

accountability in the partnership.

Prof. Egbewole, however, commended hostel owners who consistently exceed minimal expectations in service delivery and encouraged others to follow their example.

He also urged hostel owners to communicate openly with the University regarding areas where operational improvements or support may be needed, noting that student satisfaction is the most important measure of success and key to strengthening the working relationship between the University and private hostel owners.

Other members of the delegation included the Vice Chairman of the Association, Engr. Baruwa Olatunji, and the Financial Secretary, Mrs. Nofisat O. Ajibola.

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The team, led by a scholar of Intercultural Business Communication at Jena University, Prof. Christoph Vatter, also included the Head of International Office, Dr Claudia Hillinger, and a Professor of Intercultural Business Communication, Dr Nils-Christian Terp.

The Vice Chancellor acknowledged the existing cordial working relationship between the two universities, noting that the collaboration had already produced encouraging outcomes.

He expressed appreciation for the progress recorded so far, stating that the partnership was deliberately conceived and carefully nurtured, which explains the positive results being achieved.

Prof. Egbewole noted that the collaboration is expected to significantly reshape the nature of research at Unilorin, particularly in the areas of grant opportunities and expanded academic cooperation.

He added that both institutions stand to benefit mutually from the relationship and assured the visiting team that the University of Ilorin would continue to nurture the partnership to ensure even greater outcomes.

The Vice Chancellor also commended Prof. Vatter and his team for committing time and resources to visit Nigeria despite negative global perceptions, stressing that the engagement reflects the shared belief in the unity and interconnectedness of humanity.

Earlier, the Director of CIE, Prof.

Lateef Onireti Ibraheem, explained that the collaboration between the two universities was facilitated through Prof. Bola Clara Simeon Fayomi.

He disclosed that the German University has so far hosted two postgraduate

students from the University of Ilorin, with another two expected to travel to Germany soon.

According to him, the University is also preparing to receive two staff members from the German University on academic exchange.

Prof. Onireti said the visiting delegation was in Ilorin under the Erasmus+ programme framework to explore opportunities for joint research and deeper institutional engagement.

He thanked the Vice Chancellor for his sustained support in promoting internationalisation and collaborative initiatives within the University.

Speaking earlier, Chair of the Professorship of Intercultural Business Communication at Jena University and leader of the team from Germany, Prof. Christoph Vatter, described Friedrich Schiller University, Jena, as one of Germany's oldest universities, founded in



■ Dr Hillinger and Dr Terp

1558, and expressed pride in partnering with the University of Ilorin, which he described as one of the notable universities in Nigeria.

He noted that the two postgraduate students earlier received from UNILORIN performed excellently, adding that he looks forward to the next visit scheduled for May to further deepen the relationship.

Prof. Vatter explained that North-South academic cooperation remains very important, stressing the need for both institutions to co-construct knowledge in today's complex global environment.

He, therefore, called for sustained contact aimed at building a sustainable partnership anchored on peace, harmony, mutual understanding, co-learning and joint knowledge construction from an African perspective.

Egbewole commends Unilorite for developing emergency App

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Expressing satisfaction with the development, Prof. Egbewole directed the TEC management to tidy up all procedures and processes relating to the product, including the registration of the company.

Prof. Egbewole also constituted a committee headed by the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Research, Technology and Innovation) to engage TEC and other relevant stakeholders to conduct a pilot survey and testing of the application to ascertain its practical applicability within the University environment.

Earlier, the Director of TEC, Prof. Usman Adebimpe Raheem, explained that the visit was to present the winners of TEC ASBE Innovation Summit 2026 to the Vice

Chancellor and to present the App.

Prof. Raheem, who is also a former Chairman of the University of Ilorin Branch of the Academic Staff Union of Universities (ASUU), also announced the winners of the innovation summit.

According to him, the first position in the Scale-Up category went to Ajetola Faith Timothy, the second position was won by Olugbenga Israel Temitope, while the winner of the third position is Nwaenyi Stanley Uchena.

In the Start-Up category, Owolabi Temiloluwa Funmibi emerged winner while Abdulwahab Abdulrasaq took second place as Lawal Zainab Temitope came third.

For the Talent Hunt, the first position was awarded to Ariseloye Michael

Oreofe, the second to Abiola-Johnson Fowoke Cecilia, while Emmanuel John Oluwadamilare bagged the third position.

Prof. Raheem, who noted that the emergency response application was fully developed by the Unilorite under the mentorship of TEC, added that the app functions as a rapid alert system. He explained that in the event of a fire outbreak in a hostel or anywhere on campus, a user can simply send a message through the platform, which immediately alerts the fire service for prompt response.

He added that the system also integrates security, health and counselling units, with plans underway to expand the platform to other critical services within the University.

Etejere urges stakeholders to embrace inclusiveness in educational setting

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She noted that such institutions should be characterised by gender-sensitive curricula, inclusive leadership structures, and learning environments that actively challenge stereotypes rather than reinforce them.

Prof. Etejere, who is also a former Director of the Centre for Students With Special Needs (formerly known as the Centre for Supportive Services For the Deaf), said that gender-responsive policies must be clearly articulated, adequately funded, and rigorously monitored.

She explained that gender-disaggregated data should always inform educational planning, budgeting, recruitment, promotion, and leadership development, noting that the provision of facilities such as creches or daycare centres, nursing rooms, play areas or kids zones in academic institutions will go a long way to enhance the work of women in general.

Prof. Etejere specifically welcomed the pronouncement in the recent ASUU-FGN agreement that female academic staff will be allowed to go on six months maternity leave, pointing out that the policy is a right idea in the right direction.

The Inaugural Lecturer said that gender considerations should equally be integrated into curriculum design, pedagogy, teacher education, assessment, leadership training, and quality assurance processes to eliminate stereotypes and promote inclusivity. She said that accountability mechanisms must be established to assess compliance and impact.

Prof. Etejere also encouraged policymakers to prioritise targeted interventions such as scholarships for female postgraduate students, leadership development programmes for women, and ICT access initiatives that address digital gender gaps. These investments, according to her, are essential for building a robust pipeline of female academics and educational leaders.

Prof. Etejere, who attained the rank of Director in the Kwara State Teaching Service before joining the services of the University of Ilorin over two decades ago, acknowledged the roles being played by educational managers, including Principals, Departmental Heads,



■ *The representative of the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Bakare-Odunola (right), receiving the lecture notes from Prof. Etejere (left), last Thursday*

Deans, and Vice Chancellors, in translating policy into practice. She, therefore, encouraged them to cultivate inclusive institutional cultures that value diversity, fairness, and merit.

She also urged them to implement flexible work arrangements, equitable workload distribution, and supportive welfare policies to address "work-life" balance challenges, particularly for women in the academia.

She also encouraged institutional leaders to invest in ICT infrastructure and digital capacity building. She added that they should ensure that all staff have equal access to tools that enhance teaching, research, and global engagement.

Families and communities, according to the Inaugural Lecturer, should continue to serve as powerful influence on educational participation and career choices, saying that sustainable gender equality in education requires a cultural shift that values education and leadership for both girls and boys.

Prof. Etejere urged parents, religious leaders, traditional authorities, and community organisations to actively challenge norms that restrict female education or leadership. She said that encouraging girls academic ambition, supporting women's career progression, and sharing domestic responsibilities are crucial steps towards creating an

enabling environment for educational success.

She also pointed out that community engagement initiatives, advocacy programmes, and partnerships between schools and local stakeholders can further reinforce positive attitudes towards gender equality and educational empowerment.

Prof. Etejere also encouraged the strengthening of the capacity-building programmes to equip educators and administrators with gender-sensitive teaching and leadership skills.

The Inaugural Lecturer said that gender balance in educational leadership and governance should be encouraged and promoted to enhance inclusive decision-making.

Prof. Etejere pointed out that stakeholders should endeavour to demonstrate and sustain political will and funding commitment to advance gender equality in education.

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



German scholar urges cultural reorientation in global academia

By **Tajudeen Babamale and Bashirat Omotosho**

A scholar of Intercultural Business Communications and Chair of the Professorship of Intercultural Business Communication, Friedrich Schiller University, Jena, Germany, Prof. Christoph Vatter, has urged educational institutions to rethink what internationalisation truly means, noting that it entails repositioning universities as spaces of dialogue rather than dominance.

Speaking at a Public Lecture organised by the Centre for International Education (CIE), University of Ilorin, at the Auditorium Basement last Tuesday, (March 3, 2026), Prof. Vatter emphasised that meaningful internationalisation must move beyond student mobility statistics and institutional rankings to embrace cultural knowledge systems particularly Indigenous knowledge as equal partners in global scholarship.

According to Prof. Vatter, internationalisation through culture is not simply about exporting Western academic models to the rest of the world but also involves creating reciprocal partnerships where Indigenous epistemologies, languages, and community based knowledge systems are recognised as vital contributors to research, teaching, and innovation.

He added that Indigenous knowledge systems carry generations of environmental stewardship, conflict resolution practices, health traditions, and philosophical insights that are deeply contextual yet globally relevant and integrating them into international research frameworks enriches scholarship and challenges the hierarchy that often privileges Western scientific paradigms.

He further elaborated that cultural internationalisation requires structural transformation within institutions. "True partnership means co-creation which involves shared research design, community consent, ethical engagement, and intellectual property recognition. Indigenous scholars and community leaders must not be treated as

data sources but as co-authors, co-investigators, and agenda-setters", he added.

Also speaking, the Head of the International Office, Dr Claudia Hillinger, who discussed "International Systems in Higher Education: The Facts, Funding and the Future", examined current data on cross border research networks, student mobility, and multilateral funding schemes, noting that global higher education systems are increasingly influenced by competitive funding landscapes and geopolitical dynamics.

She pointed to initiatives such as the Erasmus+ programme of the European Commission as critical instruments that have strengthened institutional partnerships while promoting academic mobility and intercultural exchange.

Dr Hillinger stressed that the future of international higher education depends on sustainable funding models and equitable collaboration frameworks, adding that universities must transition from short-term, mobility-driven engagements to long-term strategic alliances grounded in shared research priorities and inclusive governance.

According to her, institutions that align funding strategies with societal impact, digital innovation, and cross cultural competence will not only remain globally competitive but also contribute meaningfully to addressing complex global challenges.

Earlier in his welcome address, the Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, called for greater inclusiveness in cultural engagements as a pathway to strengthening global academic partnerships.

The Vice Chancellor said the theme of the lecture, "Internationalisation Through Culture: Harnessing Indigenous Knowledge in Global Academic Partnership", underlines the urgent need to pursue internationalisation through culture, especially in view of the diversity inherent in global cultural orientations. According to him, universities must deliberately promote inclusiveness in cultural orientation and reorientation within their academic

engagements, partnerships, and institutional linkages.

The Vice Chancellor also stressed the importance of indigenous knowledge systems, noting that every community possesses unique resources and intellectual traditions capable of driving its development and enriching global scholarship.

He applauded the Friedrich Schiller University, Jena for providing a viable platform through the Erasmus+ programme to deepen collaboration between both institutions. He noted that although Jena is not the only European university engaging with UNILORIN, it has demonstrated tremendous support and a clear willingness to sustain the partnership.

Prof. Egbewole also commended the leadership of the Centre for International Education for successfully organising the programme, stating that the Centre has demonstrated the capacity, commitment, and wherewithal to advance genuine internationalisation within the University.

In his opening remarks, the Director of the CIE, Prof. Lateef Onireti Ibraheem, said that the growing collaboration between the University of Ilorin and Friedrich Schiller University, Jena reflects the core objectives of the Erasmus+ programme.

Prof. Onireri noted that the partnership embodies the spirit of Erasmus+, which promotes academic mobility, mutual learning, intercultural understanding, and sustainable institutional cooperation.

According to the CIE Director, both institutions possess complementary strengths that position them for high-impact collaboration, noting that the University of Ilorin has continued to distinguish itself through strong research productivity, sustained academic stability, and innovation-driven scholarship.

By leveraging these strengths alongside the globally respected expertise of Friedrich Schiller University, Jena, he said the partnership is poised to generate research outcomes capable of delivering tangible societal benefits.



You make us better by far, Egbewole tells IESA

By Abubakar Imam
and Muizudeen Adewole

The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has commended the quality of service delivery of staff members of the University from the institution's host community, saying that indigenes of Ilorin Emirate working at the University also worked with others to make the University far better than its peers.

Prof. Egbewole stated this penultimate Sunday (March 1, 2026) while speaking at the 16th edition of the annual Ramadan programme of the Ilorin Emirate Staff Association (IESA), University of Ilorin, at the institution's mini-campus.

The Vice Chancellor, who was represented by the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Research, Technology and Innovation), Prof. Mukhtar Adeiza Etudaiye, thanked members of the IESA for their loyalty and cooperation with the successive management of the University.

Prof. Egbewole said that the University wouldn't have been better by far without the support of the members of the IESA who are working assiduously to ensure that the service delivery capacities of the University are greatly enhanced and thereby promoting the good image of the University.

The Vice Chancellor also thanked members of the Association who are holding key positions in the University for their efforts as he expressed the hope that his administration would continue to enjoy the prayers and

support of IESA members in its mission of leaving the University better than he met it.

Speaking earlier, the Chairman of the Association, Prof. Ibrahim Kayode Adam, said that the programme was anchored on the need to promote hardwork and patriotism among members and their friends from other socio-cultural backgrounds.

Prof. Adam, who is also the Director, Joint Universities Preliminary Examination Board (JUPEB) Foundation School, University of Ilorin, assured the University that members of the Association would continue to put up fascinating behaviours and serve as good ambassadors of the University's host community within and outside the University.

The two guest speakers at the event, Dr Abdulsalam Ambali of the Department of Arabic and Transnational Studies and Mr Lukman Mukhtar Isale-Koto of the Bursary Department, encouraged members of the Association to be disciplined and focused at all times.

The two scholars reminded their listeners of the need to be diligent and prioritise integrity at all times, saying that these qualities are not only needed for career progression but also divinely directed.

The event, which was jointly presided-over by the Chairman of the Kwara State Universal Education Board, Prof. Raheem Shehu Adaramaja, and the Executive Secretary of the Kwara State Primary Healthcare Development Agency, Prof. Nusirat Elelu, was attended by several dignitaries including the Emir of Ilorin, Alhaji (Dr) Ibrahim Sulu-Gambari, CFR, who was represented by the Balogun

Alanamu of Ilorin, Dr Usman Abubakar Jos; the Registrar of the University, Mr Mansur Adeleke Alfanla; the sixth and ninth Vice Chancellors of the University, Prof. Shuaibu Oba AbdulRaheem, OFR, and Prof. AbdulGaniyu Ambali, OON, respectively and the Vice Chancellor of the Kwara State University of Education, Ilorin, Prof. Medinat Folorunso Salman, who was represented by the wife of the ninth Vice Chancellor, Prof. Hassanat Taiwo Ambali.

Others were the National President of the Ilorin Emirate Descendants Progressive Union (IEDPU), Alhaji Abdulmumini Ayo Abdulmalik; the University Librarian, University of Ilorin, Prof. Kamaldeen Tunde Omopupa; a former University Librarian, Prof. Abdulwahab Olanrewaju Issa; the Director, Physical Planning Unit, Mr AbdulRahman Toyin Jimoh, a Deputy Director, Academic Planning Unit, Mr AbdulRasheed Gidado Dauda; the Provost, College of Health Sciences, Kwara State University, Malete, Prof. Salihu Moyosore Ajao; the Director, Central Research Laboratory, University of Ilorin and Wakilin Likitochi of Ilorin, Prof. Ibraheem Adeola Katibi and the Director, Technical and Entrepreneurship Centre, University of Ilorin, Prof. Usman Adebimpe Raheem; the Director of Sports, University of Ilorin, Prof. Tajudeen Olanrewaju Ibraheem as well as the National Financial Secretary of the Senior Staff Association of Nigerian Universities (SSANU), Mr Muhammad Jimoh Akanbi, among several others.

Alfanla counsels new Registry staff on professionalism

By Temitope Omoniyi

The Registrar of the University of Ilorin, Mr Mansur Adeleke Alfanla, has called on newly recruited staff of the University Registry to prioritise discipline, professional conduct, and a deep understanding of the institution's regulations.

Speaking at a special training session held at the Auditorium Basement last Thursday (March 5, 2026), Mr Alfanla emphasised that the Registry serves as the administrative backbone of the University. He charged the new appointees to be diligent, maintain a positive work attitude, and strictly adhere to punctuality.

"Professionalism begins with the basics: dressing appropriately, arriving on time, and mastering the



■ **Mr Alfanla**

conditions of service that govern your employment," the Registrar stated, adding that staff must perform their duties with

the utmost discretion and loyalty to the institution.

The Registrar further hinted that an orientation for all the newly recruited staff members of the University will soon be organised by the management team led by the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Egbewole, SAN.

To provide a comprehensive orientation, several Deputy Registrars shared their expertise on the various facets of University administration. They include Mrs Azeezat Quadri Ibrahim (Office of the Vice Chancellor); Mr John Aiyedun (Human Resources–Academic); Mr Abdulrahman Abdulfatah (Human Resources–Junior Staff Section); and Mr Kabir Adewoyin (Human Resources–Non-Teaching).

Saraki hails Gbodofu on international award

By Abubakar Imam

A former President of the Senate, Dr Abubakar Bukola Saraki, CON, has welcomed the 2025 Sheikh Hamad Award for Translation and International Understanding conferred on a Professor at the Department of Arabic and Transnational Studies, University of Ilorin, Khalilulahi Muhammad Uthman Gbodofu.

Dr Saraki stated this penultimate Sunday (March 1, 2026) while receiving Prof. Gbodofu, who paid him a courtesy visit, at his GRA Ilorin residence.

The former Senate President, who is also the Waziri of Ilorin, said that he was very delighted when he learnt about the award, saying that it is a mark of the intellectual excellence of Prof. Gbodofu.

Dr Saraki appealed to Prof. Gbodofu and his contemporaries in the field of Arabic and Islamic learning to ensure that younger ones are adequately mentored towards intellectual and professional excellence for them to also deserve that kind of honour in future.

Responding, Prof. Gbodofu said that the purpose of the visit was to



thank Dr Saraki for identifying with him immediately the award was made public, saying that the Chairman of the 8th National Assembly was one of the first group of well-wishers who celebrated him and the award.

Prof. Gbodofu added that the visit was made to personally present the award to Dr Saraki in his capacity as one of the leaders of the Ilorin community from where he hails.

The award-winning scholar assured the former two-terms Governor of Kwara State that he would not relent in his efforts to ensure that more competent scholars of Arabic and Islamic Studies, who would promote peace and understanding among the divergent people of the world, are produced.

Shuaib-Babaita emerges North-Central Scout's ACC

By Abubakar Imam

A former Head of the Department of Materials and Metallurgical Engineering, University of Ilorin, Prof. Yusuf Lanre Shuaib-Babaita, has been appointed an Assistant Chief Commissioner (ACC), North Central Zone of the Scout Association of Nigeria.

The appointment of Prof. Shuaib-Babaita was contained in a letter dated February 28, 2026 signed by Dr Zack Ekanola, the Chief Commissioner of Scout in Nigeria, a copy of which was made available to *UNILORIN Bulletin*.

With the appointment, Prof. Shuaib-Babaita is placed in-charge of



■ Prof. Shuaib-Babaita

members of Scout and their official operations in all the states of the North-

Central geopolitical zone.

Speaking to *UNILORIN Bulletin* on the development, Prof. Shuaib-Babaita described the appointment as a great honour and a privilege to further serve humanity.

The don, who received all his degrees from the Better by far University, also thanked the authorities of the University for the privilege he is given to remain a functional member of the Nigerian Scout movement.

Prof. Shuaib-Babaita urged other Unilorites to join the Scout Movement as he promised to continue to use the platform of his membership of the movement to further polish and project the image of the University to the outside world.

UNILORIN FM hails students' support

By Abubakar Imam

The General Manager of UNILORIN 89.3 FM radio station, Mr Idris Alooma, has expressed gratitude to a group of students from the Technical and Entrepreneurship Center (TEC) for donating a roll-up banner and stickers to the station. He explained that the materials would go a long way in increasing the popularity and visibility of the station.

Mr Alooma gave this commendation last Tuesday (March 3, 2026) while receiving the items from the donors in his office.

The renowned broadcaster charged students to prepare for the unknown future by acquiring skills and mastering them before graduating from the University.

He emphasised that University education is about solving societal problems and encouraged students to be job creators rather than job seekers.

Mr Alooma also urged students to take advantage of the radio station's training schemes, which have benefited over 5,000 of their past and



current colleagues through learning, practice, and certification.

Speaking earlier, the leader of the team, Taiwo Eniola Solace, who is a 300-level Mass Communication student, said that they decided to donate to the station so as to increase its visibility.

She expressed appreciation to Mr Alooma and his team for the good job the station is doing in the realms of

information, education, and entertainment as she also encouraged students to listen to the radio, participate in its activities, and bring in advertisements to support the station.

The Unilorite also advised her colleagues across the various Faculties of the University to learn at least one skill for them to become self-reliant.

UNILORIN Business School records increased student enrolment

By Isaac Lewu

The University of Ilorin Business School has recorded improved student intake and strengthened its academic offerings for the 2025/2026 academic session, further consolidating its position as a leading centre for postgraduate professional education in Nigeria.

The new academic session commenced with returning students resuming on January 5, 2026, while fresh students began lectures on January 19, 2026.

Academic activities have progressed smoothly, with lecturers fully engaged and students actively participating in their various programmes.

This was disclosed by a Principal Assistant Registrar attached to the School, Mrs Bosede Ademola, while speaking to **UNILORIN Bulletin** penultimate Thursday (February 26, 2026), in her office.

Mrs Ademola said that the management of the School has been deliberate and strategic in repositioning its academic structures to meet emerging industry and societal needs.

According to her, a series of



■ Mrs Ademola

management meetings were held at the beginning of the year to develop new academic programmes designed to align with contemporary professional demands.

The proposals have since been forwarded to the University Management for necessary consideration and approval. She expressed optimism that after due deliberations, the University Management would grant favourable approval to the proposed programmes. She expressed confidence in the institution's tradition of supporting innovation and growth.

Mrs Ademola also revealed that student intake into the Master's in Social

Development and Planning (MSDP), introduced last year, has witnessed a significant increase compared to its inaugural year, despite stiff competition in the postgraduate education sector.

The Principal Assistant Registrar added that many candidates still prefer the University of Ilorin because of its reputation for stability, academic excellence, and integrity, noting that certificates obtained from the University carry substantial value.

She further stated that the Business School currently runs several postgraduate programmes, including Master of Business Administration (MBA), Master in Social Development and Planning (MSDP), Master of Public Administration (MPA), Master in Industrial and Labour Relations, Postgraduate Diploma in Strategy Management (PGDSM), and other management-related Master degrees.

While commending the University Management on its consistent support and responsiveness, Mrs Ademola appealed for additional infrastructural assistance, particularly the provision of a solar power system and essential equipment, to enhance operational efficiency and ensure seamless day-to-day academic activities.

CPSS to drive practical solutions to Nigeria's security challenges—Prof. Animasawun

By Bashir Dawodu

The Director of the Centre for Peace and Strategic Studies (CPSS), University of Ilorin, Prof. Abdul-Jelil Gbemisola Animasawun, has said that the Centre is repositioning itself towards ensuring that peace and strategic studies extend beyond academic discourse to the deliverance of practical and transformative impact on the society.

Prof. Animasawun made this known during an interview with **UNILORIN Bulletin** in his office last Tuesday, (March 3, 2026).

According to him, the Centre is working to become a leading African centre of excellence in peace and strategic studies that would also serve as a trusted voice in policy discussions and decision-making processes on peace and security in Nigeria and across the continent.

He added that CPSS is determined to function as a bridge between academia, policymakers and practitioners.

The Director observed that



■ Prof. Animasawun

Nigeria and the wider African continent are grappling with complex security challenges, including terrorism, violent extremism, communal conflicts, governance deficits, climate-related insecurity and shifting global geopolitical dynamics.

“These challenges require not only practical solutions but also deep reflection, rigorous analysis and innovative strategies,” he said.

Prof. Animasawun disclosed that the Centre would be guided by four interlinked strategic priorities between 2025 and 2028, which are research excellence, visibility, sustainability, and capacity building.

He explained that CPSS plans to intensify community engagement through outreach programmes, dialogue platforms and peace education initiatives designed to foster grassroots participation in peacebuilding efforts.

The Centre will also strengthen its digital communication platforms by leveraging social media, hosting monthly dialogues and expanding its publications to reach broader audiences.

“We will increase the visibility of our research to non-academic audiences both in Africa and internationally,” Prof. Animasawun stated.

He reaffirmed the Centre's commitment to building a strong and resilient institution recognised not only for academic excellence but also for professionalism, inclusivity and the ability to deliver sustainable impact.



Abdulbaqi tasks Mass Comm. students on social change

By Abubakar Abdulquadri
and Bashir Dawodu

The Dean of the Faculty of Communication and Information Sciences, University of Ilorin, Prof. Saudat Salah Abdulbaqi, has urged students, particularly those in the Department of Mass Communication, to take a lead by always embarking on sensitisation campaigns aimed at identifying societal problems and becoming problem solvers.

Prof. Abdulbaqi made the call penultimate Friday (February 27, 2026) while speaking at the presentation of Development Communication Project (DPP) organised by the 300-level students of the Department of Mass Communication at the Faculty Lecture Theatre.

The Dean explained that DPP is aimed at effecting attitudinal changes and securing a better future. She noted that this is a collective responsibility of all because the project topics resonate with the current needs of the country that ought to be addressed.

She emphasised the essence of embarking on thorough research by the students, leveraging available resources, and assured them that when they are done with their research works and it requires financial support, the Faculty will come to their aid.

Prof. Abdulbaqi, who is also a lecturer in charge of Development Communication, said as students of Mass Communication they are expected to produce something marketable.

She equally encouraged them to collaborate with CISSA on the campaign of International Communication that Prof. Mustapha is driving and noted that one good

thing that has emerged was the adoption of the Faculty cleaning exercise by CISSA, as they equally carry out a faculty cleaning exercise quarterly, and the responsibility of the Faculty cleaning is not left alone to only students of Mass Communication.

"All students in the Faculty collectively generate refuse and all must be responsible for this", she said.

The Dean congratulated all the groups on their presentations, describing them as impactful and productive. She also encouraged them to improve on all areas where attention has been drawn in order to have a well-researched engagement for future purposes.

Speaking with *UNILORIN Bulletin*, the Ag. Head of the Department of Mass Communication, University of Ilorin, Dr Patrick Udende, said that project defence exercises in Communication for Development demonstrate students' ability to apply classroom knowledge to real-world challenges.

According to him, the defence highlights the practical application of theoretical teachings in Communication for Development, saying that the course draws inspiration from the Millennium Development Goals and focuses on communication strategies aimed at promoting societal change and sustainable development. He noted that the presentation focuses on communication strategies to promote societal change and sustainable development. He equally encouraged students to embrace a culture of sustainable living beyond the university environment.

Also speaking, the lecturer-in-charge of International Communication, Prof. Lambe Kayode Mustapha congratulated students of the Department

for their wonderful presentation.

Prof. Mustapha, who is also the Director of the General Studies Division, stressed that all they have done on this project is capable of pushing the frontier of development and helping the country achieve lofty goals.

He said the Faculty would not rest on its oars to ensure they are at the forefront of making the change they desire in the country, and that is why the Dean assured them they will be given the needed support and pushing frontier to the necessary agencies in order to secure a bay that will make them become solution providers as expected in the University.

Prof. Mustapha, who is also a former Head of the Department, added that he was very impressed about the "Keeping the Faculty Clean" exercise they had in the International Communication class and the beautification of the Faculty.

He, therefore, advised students to continue to make the exercise part of them for them to become agents of change wherever they find themselves.

In his remarks, a Visiting Lecturer from the Department of Mass Communication, Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria, Dr Ismail Olawale, urged students to continue to develop their skills in Development Communication and Community Intervention, as he also observed that expertise showcases their capacity to design and implement development projects effectively.

He added that it is part of the Department's and the University's corporate social responsibility to give back to the society by addressing pressing social problems.



Omo Ibile Igbomina inaugurates new exco for UNILORIN Chapter

By *Mustafa Abubakar*

The newly elected Executive Council of the University of Ilorin Chapter of Omo Ibile Igbomina has been inaugurated with a charge for renewed commitment to unity, cultural preservation and collective development among the Igbomina people.

The inauguration took place last Wednesday (March 4, 2026) at the Association's Secretariat along Ganmo-Ajase Ipo Road, where a cross section of members, stakeholders and invited guests gathered to witness the formal installation of the new leadership.

Members of the new executive committee of the Association are Prof. Lanre Tajudeen Ajibade, Chairman; Dr Tayo Simeon Arinde, Vice Chairman; Mr Murtala Olayinka Oyinloye, Secretary; Mr Akeem Bakare, Assistant Secretary; Mr Segun Alabi, Public Relations Officer; Mrs Beatrice Olufunmilayo Ishola, Women Coordinator; Mrs Olufunke Florence Gbadeyan, Treasurer; Mr Samuel Olatunde Ayanda, Financial Secretary; Mr Kamal Akanbi, Auditor I; Mr Akeem Woleola Adeolu, Auditor II; and Prof. Bashir Adeniyi Omipidan, Legal Adviser.

Others are Prof. Julius Olaniyi Aiyedun, Prof. Afusat Titilayo Alabi,

Prof. Amos Adedayo Adewara, Mr Musbau Olalekan Jimoh, Mr Olusegun Olanrewaju Adewuyi, Mr Stephen Kolawole Adefila and Mr Mustafa Abubakar, who are ex-officio members.

In his inaugural remarks, the new Chairman, Prof. Ajibade, expressed profound gratitude to members for the confidence reposed in him and his team.

He pledged to lead an inclusive administration, in collaboration with the national body, that will promote unity among Igbomina indigenes, strengthen mentorship between elders and youths, and support academic excellence and moral integrity within the University community.

Prof. Ajibade emphasised that the UNILORIN Chapter of the Association would serve as a platform for networking, cultural reawakening and community driven initiatives aimed at empowering members socially and intellectually.

According to him, the Executives committee would align its programmes with the broader aspirations of Egbe Omo Ibile Igbomina, which include fostering solidarity, advancing education, encouraging responsible leadership and contributing meaningfully to societal development.

In his remarks, the National President of the Association, Comrade Bisi Fakayode, congratulated the new Executive Committee and urged them to

lead members of the Association with integrity, transparency and a deep sense of responsibility.

Comrade Fakayode described the establishment and consolidation of the UNILORIN Chapter as a strategic milestone that will ensure that the values, heritage and collective vision of the Igbomina people are sustained among the younger generation across Igbomina land.

Appreciating members for their dedication and service to the Association, the National President acknowledged the invaluable contributions of the immediate past executives, noting that their efforts laid a solid foundation for continuity, growth and greater participation of Igbomina sons and daughters in intellectual and community engagements.

He further encouraged members to remain committed to the ideals of unity, mutual support and community advancement, stressing that the Association belongs to all Igbomina sons and daughters and thrives on collective participation.

Stakeholders present at the event described the inauguration as a significant step towards strengthening the presence of the Association within the academic community.

Ekiti govt. names UNILORIN alumnus monarch

By Mubarak Oladosu

The Ekiti State Government has announced the appointment of a distinguished alumnus of the University of Ilorin, Mr Adewole Oluwatosin Adewale, as the new Owa of Ayegbaju-Ekiti in Oye Local Government Area of the State.

The appointment of the UNILORIN alumnus was announced consequent upon its approval by the Ekiti State Executive Council on Wednesday (February 18,2026).

The new monarch was appointed to fill the stool, which became vacant on February 15, 2024 following the passing of Oba Solomon Adeyoye.

Oba Adewale was born on October 28, 1994. He bagged a Bachelor of Science degree in Social Work from the Better by far University in 2021.

Meanwhile, the Vice Chancellor Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has congratulated the new royal father on his well-deserved appointment.

Prof. Egbewole, in a statement signed by the Director of Corporate Affairs,

University of Ilorin, Mr Kunle Akogun, said that the entire members of the University community were delighted on the news, saying that Oba Adewale has joined the league of alumni of the University who have mounted the stool of their illustrious forebears.

Prof. Egbewole, who expressed conviction that the ex-Unilorite would lead his people into greatness, wished Oba Adewale a very long, peaceful and rewarding reign.

Olaoye elected into Academy of Engineering

By Mubarak Oladosu

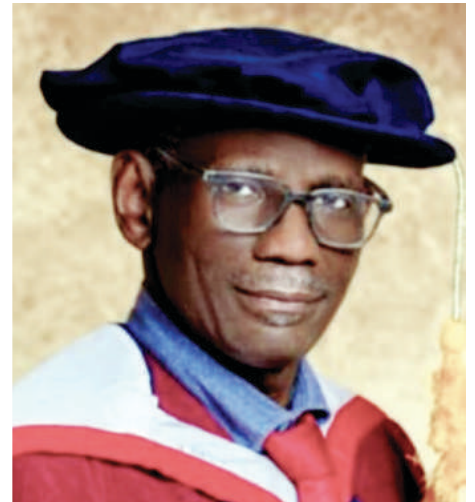
The Dean of the Faculty of Engineering and Technology, University of Ilorin, Prof. Joshua Olanrewaju Olaoye, has been elected into the Nigerian Academy of Engineering. The Academy is the apex Think Tank of leading professionals from all branches of Engineering in Nigeria and it provides leadership in promoting Science, Technology and Innovation in Nigeria and also engages in comprehensive studies on a variety of subjects to advise government in making the right policies.

Prof. Olaoye was elected into the Academy at the body's Council Meeting

held on February 24, 2026 and he would be inducted as a member on Thursday June 25,2026 in Lagos.

Meanwhile, the management of the University has congratulated Prof. Olaoye on the Fellowship election.

In a letter sent to him by the Registrar, Mr Alfanla, the management said, "This remarkable feat reflects your unwavering commitment to academic excellence, exemplary leadership, and professionalism. It stands as a distinguished testament not only to you but also to the University of Ilorin, recognising your dedication to best practices and the advancement of professional engineering."



■ Prof. Olaoye

Okoro urges muslims to uphold piety

By Mustafa Abubakar

Professor at the Department of Industrial Chemistry, University of Ilorin Hussein Kehinde Okoro, has called on Muslims to uphold genuine piety.

Prof. Okoro made the call last Monday(March 2, 2026) at the Annual Ramadan Lecture of the Association of Muslim Elites (Al-Ameen) Owo, Ondo State, broadcasted on Alalaye Sunshine 96.5 FM, Akure, Ondo State.

The don described piety as the bedrock of Islamic spirituality and moral consciousness as he explained that fasting in Ramadan is divinely prescribed and not merely abstinence from food and drink, but the cultivation of Allah consciousness and strengthening of moral discipline.

Prof. Okoro identified different levels of fasting, including physical fasting, moral fasting that restrains the limbs from sinful acts, and spiritual fasting that purifies the heart from envy, hatred and hypocrisy.

Drawing from scholarly



■ Prof. Okoro

perspectives, Prof. Okoro said that piety is the effort targeted at building a protective shield between oneself and Allah's displeasure through obedience and

avoidance of sin.

Speaking on the components of piety, the renowned academic highlighted sincerity, patience, gratitude, humility, trust in Allah, and self-accountability as essential virtues that shape morally upright individuals and responsible societies.

He also outlined the virtues and benefits of piety, noting that it attracts divine guidance, forgiveness, blessings, inner peace, and success in this world and the hereafter.

According to him, Ramadan serves as a spiritual training ground designed to nurture and strengthen these qualities.

Prof. Okoro urged Muslims to demonstrate piety in practical terms through integrity in leadership, honesty in business, fairness in governance, and compassion in interpersonal relationships.

He reminded participants that piety is a lifelong commitment that must extend beyond the month of Ramadan.

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POSTGRADUATE SCHOOL**CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR ADMISSIONS INTO POSTGRADUATE PROGRAMMES
IN THE 2026/2027 ACADEMIC SESSION (GENERAL ADVERT)**

Applications are invited from suitably qualified candidates for admission into various Postgraduate degree programmes at the University of Ilorin.

IMPORTANT NOTICE:

- (i) Only courses available for the session are advertised, and as such, candidates are advised to select courses available in this advertisement.
- (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 30th September of the following year. The 12 calendar months start to count automatically from the date of first registration.
- (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**1. Ph.D. Degree Programmes**

These are available to holders of M.A.; M.Ed.; M.Eng.; M.Sc.; LL.M; and M.P.H 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.

2. M.Phil./Ph.D. Degree Programmes

Candidates who scored between 55.00 and 59.99 percent or 3.50 – 3.99 CGPA score on a 5-point scale can apply for admission into the Master of Philosophy (M.Phil./Ph.D.) degree programme. The M.Phil./Ph.D. degree programme is available only to full-time candidates. It runs for a minimum period of 12 calendar months and a maximum period of 24 calendar months, and a **Dissertation** is produced after the research work. Candidates in this category are eligible for conversion to Ph.D. programme, following a progress assessment report to be made by a Panel of Examiners at the end of the first session of registration. To be eligible for conversion to the Ph.D. program, candidates are expected to score not less than 60% (aggregate) at the end of the first session.

3. M.Phil. Degree Programmes

Candidates who scored between 50.00 and 54.99 percent or 3.00 – 3.49 CGPA score on a 5-point scale, can apply for admission into the Master of Philosophy (M.Phil.) degree programme. The M.Phil. degree programme is available only to full-time candidates. It runs for a minimum period of 18 calendar months and a maximum period of 24 calendar months on a full-time basis, and a **Dissertation** is produced after the research work.

4. Master Degree Programmes

M.A.; M.Ed.; M.Eng.; M.Sc.; LL.M and M.P.H. degrees run for a minimum period of 18 calendar months and a maximum period of 24 calendar months for full-time candidates OR a minimum period of 36 calendar months and a maximum period of 48 calendar months for part-time candidates. All Master degree programmes are by course work. This is in addition to a research report at the end of which a **Dissertation** is produced.

5. Postgraduate Diploma Degree Programmes

Postgraduate Diploma degrees are available to candidates with Third Class (honours) degrees.

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 September 30th, 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 (ii) 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, 1st June 2026 and Friday, 5th June 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.
- v. Applicants for the Master degree programmes who are graduates of the University of Ilorin and other recognized universities must have a minimum of Second Class Honours Degree (Lower Division) and must be applying for programmes in which they had their first degrees. However, applicants with Second Class Honours Degree (Lower Division) and those with higher classes of degrees seeking admissions into programmes outside those in which they had their first degrees may be admitted, provided they satisfy the University of Ilorin Senate's requirements in a qualifying examination to be conducted. The least class of first Degree for all academic programme applicants is **Second Class Honours Degree (Lower Division). The Bachelor degrees should be obtained from the University of Ilorin or any other University recognised by the Senate of the University of Ilorin.** ALL applicants shall apply early for their official Bachelor degree transcript to be sent to the **Head of Department** where the admission is being sought, before the expiration of the stated deadline in B (iii) above. Again, the Postgraduate School will not be held liable or responsible for any misdirected transcript.
- vi. 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.
- vii. 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



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such certifications.

- viii. Applicants for the Postgraduate Diploma and Master Degree Programmes will be subjected to a qualifying examination, irrespective of the class of degree obtained. However, applicants from the University of Ilorin with a First Class or a Second Class, Upper Division (Honours), provided such applicant is not applying to a department that is different from the one in which he/she graduated from at the undergraduate level, will be exempted from the qualifying examination.
- ix. 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, 8th May, 2026.
- x. 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 the invitation for the Qualifying Examination, which will be held on Saturday, 13th June, 2025, 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, 22nd May, 2026. Note that the latest date for receipt of supporting documents is Friday, 5th June 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. Alfaola
Registrar

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	Use trash bins.		Recycle paper, can & plastic.
	Do not cross the lawn.		Be Clean Be Green!

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UNILORIN WEEKLY FINANCIAL DIGEST

FUND SOURCES AND UTILIZATION REPORT FROM 26TH February TO 5TH MARCH 2026

RECEIPTS:	AMOUNT
Academic Transcript	25,661.25
Sundry & Other Fees Student Charges	117,700.00
Sundry Other Incomes	595,800.00
Income from Verification /Screening	370,000.00
Staff I.D Cards	1,000.00
Student I.D Cards	1,000.00
Clinic Registration (Staff)	10,000.00
Convocation Souvenir	56,200.00
Capitation NHIS	17,400.00
Others	48,500.00
Utility Income	20,250.00
CCSCA General Payment Fees	10,500.00
Refund (Salary)	3,648,131.82
Refund	8,200.00
Rent on University Property	383,200.00
CODL-Undergraduate Charges	442,560.00
Undergraduate Transcript Payment	558,600.00
Undergraduate Hostel Accommodation	75,200.00
Undergraduate Convocation Charges	141,400.00
Postgraduate School Charges	11,534,680.00
Postgraduate School Transcript Payment	80,500.00
Postgraduate School Verification of Results	20,200.00
Remedial School Charges	2,329,000.00
Remedial Acceptance Payment	60,800.00
Remedial Application Form	15,200.00
Ilorin Business School Charges	694,400.00
Ilorin Business School Application Form	151,200.00
Ilorin Business School Acceptance Payment	387,200.00
Institute of Education Hostel Accommodation	40,400.00
Institute of Education Acceptance Payment	15,200.00
Institute of Education Application Form	526,400.00
JUPEB School Charges	336,600.00
Total Receipt for the Period	₦22,723,083.07
PAYMENTS	
PAYMENT TO CONTRACTORS/SUPPLIERS:	
Ribodek Intergrated Services Ltd Construction of Reinforcement Concrete bed at new car park phase 1	30,891,791.25
Top Notch Technologies and Consults Internet Connection	5,798,000.00
Fanon Brand Ltd Production of Unilorin T Shirt	1,092,500.00
Fab Medicals Limited Teaching Materials	14,382,000.00
Segmaduk Ltd Repair of 5MVA, 33/11KV Transformer (CBNTETFUND)	14,250,028.85
Ribodek Integrated Services Ltd Rehabilitation of Communication and Information Science Building (CBNTETFUND)	14,287,538.57
Ribodek Integrated Services Ltd Rehabilitation of needs Assessment hostel (CBNTETFUND)	26,802,455.63
Zaamb Integrated Services Ltd Renovation of Rear Walkways Between Faculty Buildings Block 5-10 (CBNTETFUND)	5,897,088.56
Habraib Global Resources Ltd Supply of Furniture for Faculty of Law (CBNTETFUND)	3,951,968.75
Rastag Global Ltd Rehabilitation of Pharmacy Lecture Theatre (CBNTETFUND)	4,269,338.92
Fofun Consult Ltd Rehabilitation of Common room at Kwara Donated Hostel block (CBNTETFUND)	7,202,837.86
Highly Effective Nigeria Ltd Rehabilitation of Faculty of Arts Professional Suite (CBNTETFUND)	2,506,274.62
Messrs Idreday Global Service Replacement of Four Tyres and Brake pads	4,617,315.55
Ibrahab Global Resources Ltd Supply of Classroom Seat	9,861,598.50
Noab Global Concept Ltd Replacement of Collapsed Shutdown Valve	301,000.00
Luke Gbenle Jolayemi Nigeria Ltd Rehabilitation of dept of Architecture for Professional Accreditation	298,823.80
OTHER PAYMENTS:	
Various Various i.e DTA, IMPREST, REFUND e.t.c	75,013,311.57
Purchase Advance Various	3,102,400.00
Palmgrove Estate Resident Association Annual Dues	516,000.00
Vigilante Group of Nigeria Salary for February 2026	2,916,000.00
University Scholars Payment for 2024/2025 Academic Session	25,790,100.00
Unilorin Holding Ltd (Press) Printing Jobs	7,800,000.00
Unilorin Petrol Station/Unilorin Holding Ltd Supply of Fuel	8,925,412.20
Total TSA Charges Various	94,600.00
Total payment for the period	₦270,568,384.63

Signed
Abiodun Lawal FCNA
Bursar



S/N	NAME	DEPARTMENT	BIRTHDAY
1	ISIAQ ABDULLATEEF	CENTRAL RESEARCH LABORATORIES	08-Mar
2	ONIYE SHERIFAT TINUKE	CENTRE FOR COUNSELLING & HUMAN DEVELOPMENT	08-Mar
3	OSENI OLAYINKA	SIWES UNIT	08-Mar
4	ALEBIOSU EMMANUEL OLANIYI	BURSARY	08-Mar
5	AKOSEWA JOSEPH ADELEKE	BIOCHEMISTRY	08-Mar
6	AKINOLA OLUWOLE BUSAYO	ANATOMY	08-Mar
7	BABALOLA FOLARANMI DAPO	FOREST RESOURCES MANAGEMENT	08-Mar
8	ILORI DAVID OJO	REGISTRY	08-Mar
9	AYINLA ALLY YEKETI	MATHEMATICS	08-Mar
10	AJIDE VICTOR JACOB	WORKS: MECHANICAL	09-Mar
11	ABDULKAREEM RISIKAT JUMAI	REGISTRY	09-Mar
12	SAKA KAMALDEEN DAGBO	NETWORK OPERATING CENTRE	09-Mar
13	ABUBAKAR FATIMAH ALUKO	BIOCHEMISTRY	09-Mar
14	JOLAYEMI OLUSEUN	REGISTRY	09-Mar
15	ANNOR PATRICIA OMIOGUELE	CENTRE FOR COUNSELLING & HUMAN DEVELOPMENT	09-Mar
16	FARUK AISHAT OLARUNDARE	LIBRARY	09-Mar
17	ABAJO GRACE OMOTOLA	UNILORIN STAFF SCHOOL	10-Mar
18	GIWA ABDUL-HAKEEM	REGISTRY	10-Mar
19	LAWAL ABIODUN	BURSARY	10-Mar
20	OLOWU SURU OLADIMEJI	WORKS: WORKS/MAINTENANCE OFFICE	10-Mar
21	SULAIMAN OBA	WORKS: WORKS/MAINTENANCE OFFICE	10-Mar
22	MOHAMMED SAFI	REGISTRY	10-Mar
23	AKANBI BASHIR OMOTOSHO	HEALTH SERVICES	10-Mar
24	ADEKEYE OLABISI ADELEYE	GEOLOGY & MINERAL SCIENCE	10-Mar
25	ADEDAYO BIMPE SIDIQAT	BURSARY	10-Mar
26	TIAMIYU BASHIR BOLAJI	PLANT BIOLOGY	10-Mar
27	OMOSIDI ABDULRAHMAN SUYUTI	EDUCATIONAL MANAGEMENT	10-Mar
28	JOSEPH OLUWATOYIN MARY	REGISTRY	10-Mar
29	BABAMALE TAJUDEEN OLANREWAJU	REGISTRY	10-Mar
30	ONI FELICIA BOSEDE	REGISTRY	10-Mar
31	OYEDEPO RISIKAT OLUFUNKE	REGISTRY	10-Mar
32	ADEGUNJU KABIRU ADEWALE	COUNSELLOR EDUCATION	11-Mar
32	ISARINADE JULIUS OLAOLU	CENTRE FOR STUDENTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS	11-Mar
33	SALAMI ANTHONY DAUDA	SECURITY DIVISION	11-Mar
34	GANIYU ALAO BUSARI	SECURITY DIVISION	11-Mar
35	OJO AYODELE AUGUSTINE	REGISTRY	11-Mar
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39	ABDULRAHMAN SADIYA	REGISTRY	11-Mar
40	ANIMASAUN ADEDAYO DAVID	PLANT BIOLOGY	12-Mar
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42	AJAO GARUBA OLAIYA	WORKS: MECHANICAL	12-Mar
43	FATIKU KEHINDE	REGISTRY	12-Mar
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45	ADEBAYO ABDULRAUF	WORKS: WORKS/MAINTENANCE OFFICE	12-Mar
46	RAHEEM ISIAQ ABOLANLE	REGISTRY	12-Mar
47	KADIR ENIOLA RISIKAT	ANATOMY	13-Mar
48	ADEYEMI KAZEEM DAUDA	ANIMAL PRODUCTION	13-Mar
49	OYELABI OLUSEGUN ADELEKE	FRENCH	13-Mar
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UNILORIN FM hails ex-volunteer on JP appointment

By dris Alooma

The General Manager of UNILORIN 89.3 FM, Mr Idris Alooma, has congratulated Mr Ogunsina Tobiloba Gbadeyanka, a former student volunteer with the radio station, on his appointment as Justice of Peace by the Governor of Oyo State, Engr Seyi Makinde.

Mr Alooma extolled Mr Ogunsina's virtues as a diligent and impactful individual, noting his active involvement during his volunteering tenure from 2012 to 2016, saying that

he contributed immensely to the growth of the radio station.

The ace broadcaster described the appointment as a well-deserved one, saying that it reflects Mr Ogunsina's commitment to community service.

The UNILORIN FM's Manager said that, apart from Mr Ogunsina, the station has produced many notable alumni, including ace broadcasters, frontline journalists, world record breakers, student leaders, and award-winning professionals.



■ Mr Ogunsina

The BIG STORY

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Prof. Adekunle observed that there were no cameras, drones and more in the olden days' practice of agricultural extension. He stated that the training will provide them with opportunities to combine the latest communication innovation, drones, highlighting that drones can be piloted from anywhere to the farm and that the farmer will be able to monitor exactly what is going on on the farm.

The renowned agriculturist added that the training was very important and that the initial concept of agricultural extension has now become global.

According to him, the skills acquired during the training will enable participants to function as extensionists in any setting. He appreciated the Head of the



■ Prof. Ogunlade

Department, Prof. Omotesho, for the significant role she is playing in the development of the Department.

Some of the lecturers present at

the training expressed delight. Mrs Halimah Egbewole highlighted the importance of practicalising classroom teaching to reinforce learning beyond theoretical methods.

"I believe practical experience helps students understand better and retain knowledge longer rather than just paperwork," she said, urging colleagues to adopt more innovative and applied teaching approaches.

Also present at the training were Prof. R. S. Adisa, Prof. L. L. Adefalu, Prof. Sidiqat Abdulwahab-Aderinoye, Prof. Sijuwade Adebayo Dr Ajoke O. Kayode, Dr A. K. Daudu, Dr O. W. Kareem, Dr Tawakalitu Dolapo, Dr Mobolaji Musa, Dr O. P. Olabanji, Dr K.K. Azeez, Mrs Asake Omotoso, Mr Sulyman, and students selected across different levels in the Faculty.

Staff Development Award

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Agric. Dept. launches drone, digital skills training for staff, students

By *Abubakar Abdulquadri and Bashir Dawodu*

The Department of Agricultural Extension and Rural Development, University of Ilorin, has organised a week-long training to equip staff and students with the innovative skills needed to operate digital tools for agricultural extension service delivery.

The training session, which began last Monday (March 2, 2026) at the Sasakawa Seminar Room, took both the facilitator and the trainees to various spots on the campus for practical sessions.

In his opening remarks, the Dean of the Faculty of Agriculture,



Prof. Israel Ogunlade, urged agricultural extension practitioners to embrace specialisation as he declared that the era of general extension practice was over.

The Dean stressed the growing demand for experts in specific fields such as horticulture and poultry, rather than generalists.

Prof. Ogunlade encouraged participants to strive for mastery in particular areas of agriculture for them to remain relevant in an evolving sector.

The Dean charged attendees to improve their competence through continuous learning and constant practice as he also emphasised the importance of leveraging digital tools to record observations and document professional activities.

Prof. Ogunlade commended the Head of the Department of Agricultural Extension and Rural Development for initiating what he described as a unique and forward-thinking training programme. He also expressed confidence in her capacity to advance the Department further and contribute meaningfully to the overall development of the University.

The Guest Speaker, Mr Balogun Arisekola Azeez of Africa Media Concept, explained that the training would be in three parts. He stated that the training will cover the use of drones, the handling of digital cameras, and the editing of pictures and videos. He stated that after the training, participants will be able to use the digital tools.

Mr Azeez, who is a seasoned media consultant, took the participants through the basics of the parts, accessories, and functioning of digital cameras and drones. He explained that there are two types of cameras, the Cam-Coder and the Digital Single Lens Reflex (DSLR) camera. He added that the Cam-Coder camera has two memory cards that can be swapped.

He also trained participants on different types of shots, such as close-up, medium, and wide-angle, saying that such may be required in different situations on farms. He emphasised

the importance of self-confidence in using digital tools, particularly the drones.

In an interview with UNILORIN Bulletin, the Head of the Department, Prof. Kemi F. Omotesho, explained that the primary objective of the workshop was to modernise students' Farm Practical Training (FPT) by transitioning from manual to digital extension service delivery methods. She noted that the training covered drone operation, digital photography, editing, and content creation.

"We are ensuring that every student who passes through our Department is able to fly drones, create agriculture-related contents, and use digital cameras to capture activities on the farm," she said.

Prof. Omotesho explained that digital tools enhance remote communication with farmers through the exchange of pictures and videos, thereby enabling timely feedback. She added that digital extension has become especially critical in light of security challenges that limit physical visits to rural communities.

Prof. Omotesho commended the University administration for providing funds to procure drones, digital cameras, and other accessories, noting that these resources would benefit both staff and students and also contribute to broader societal development.

She also appreciated the resource person, Mr Azeez, who trained the staff and students as part of the corporate social responsibility of his organisation. She particularly recognised the need for consistent training of the lecturers to enable them to cascade the training to their students.

Also speaking at the event, Prof. Oluwasegun Adekunle said the training marks a turning point for the Department, explaining that he used to be an old-fashioned Professor of Extension Services but is about to transition to a Gen Z Professor.

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